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many are called, but few are chosen.
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Faith Lutheran Church

Naples, Florida

20th Weekend after Pentecost

October 10 & 11, 2026

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AS WE GATHER

What is more difficult to believe: a fable about a man defeating a deadly dragon by eating it or a prophet's prediction that the Creator God would defeat death itself by swallowing it? What does Isaiah, the prophet, mean by saying God "will swallow up death forever" (Isaiah 25:8)? Does God eat?

The mighty, eternal, creator God is life Himself and has no need for sustenance. In order to "swallow death," God took on our human form. We die because of the corruption of sin. To "swallow death," the incarnate Savior "ate," or consumed, death by taking the sin of the world onto Himself on the cross of Calvary. Jesus did not die for Himself. Jesus died your death for your sin. So it is that when a sinner is baptized into Christ Jesus, he or she is "baptized into His death" (Romans 6:3). Thereby, "you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3).

Even with saving faith in Christ, we still have Christian funerals. But by faith we wait, hope, and fully expect to be raised in the resurrection to eternal life, to be present at the great feast of salvation. In Christ, the enemy, death itself, has been transformed for us by God now to be but His divine remedy, freeing us from sin and eternal death. Therefore, by faith in Christ we no longer need to fear death but rather can see it as a peaceful sleep from which we are promised to be awakened to eternal life and the wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom.

· PRELUDE

"Be Thou My Vision"

by Steven Wenthe

· ANNOUNCEMENTS

· MOMENT FOR MISSION VIDEO

Rev. Jay & Julie Dass

October Mission of the Month

· CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

(The congregation stands at the ringing of the bell.)

OPENING HYMN

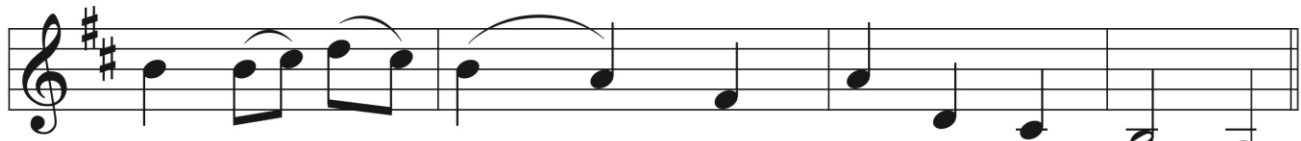
"Be Thou My Vision"



1 Be Thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be Thou my Wis - dom, and Thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, or man's emp - ty praise,
 4 High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



Thou my best thought, — by day or by night, —
 Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son, —
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart, —
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall, —



Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
 High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
 Still be my Vi - sion, O rul - er of all.

INVOCATION

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Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Service of the Word

| CHANTING THE PSALM

Psalm 23



Pastor: The Lord is my | shepherd;*
I | shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green | pastures.*
He leads me beside still | waters.

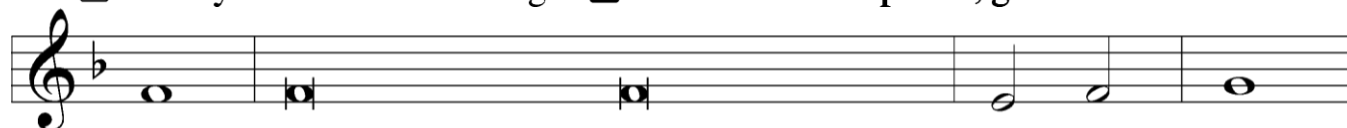
People: **He re- | stores my soul.***
He leads me in paths of righteousness for His | name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for You are | with me;*
Your rod and Your staff, they | comfort me.

Pastor: You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my | enemies;*
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup | overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days | of my life,*
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for- | ever.

*All: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* And to the Holy | Spirit;**
As it was in the be- | ginning, * is now, and will be forever. | Amen.*



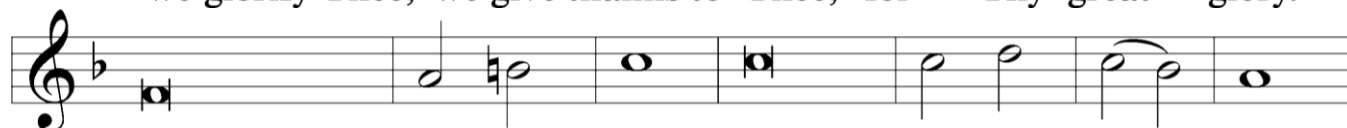
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



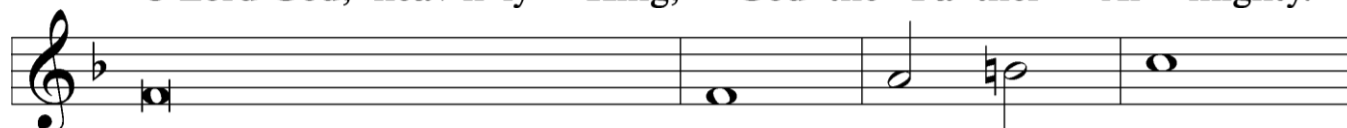
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



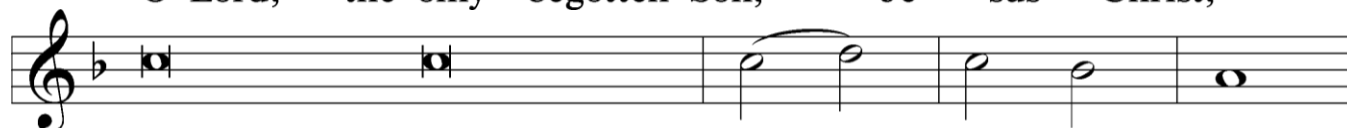
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



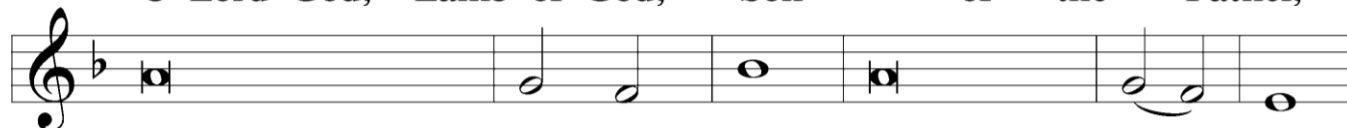
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



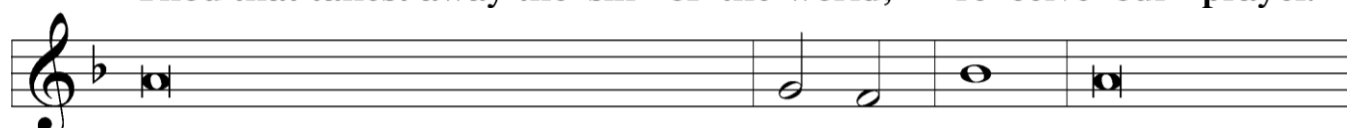
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



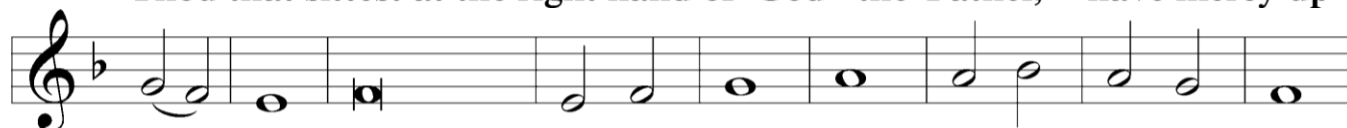
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



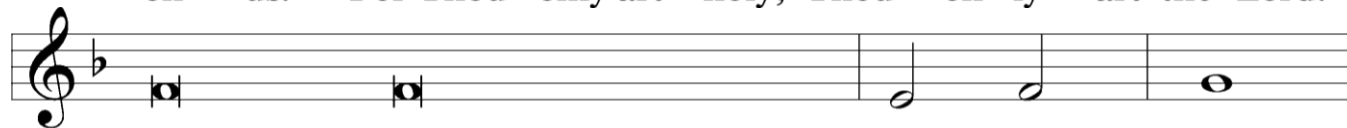
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

| SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

· OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

· EPISTLE READING

Philippians 4:4-13

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have

learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

| ALLELUIA

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| HOLY GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.



Matthew 22:1-14

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast."' But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.





1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo-ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
 Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
 Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

SERMON

"The Ultimate Feast"

Pastor Bradford Hildebrandt

Text: Matthew 22:1-14

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

*We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
 All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

Prayer Requests: Please print prayer requests on the blue "Prayer" card and hand it to an usher during this time.

OFFERTORY MEDITATION

"The King of Love my Shepherd Is"

by Michael D. Costello

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

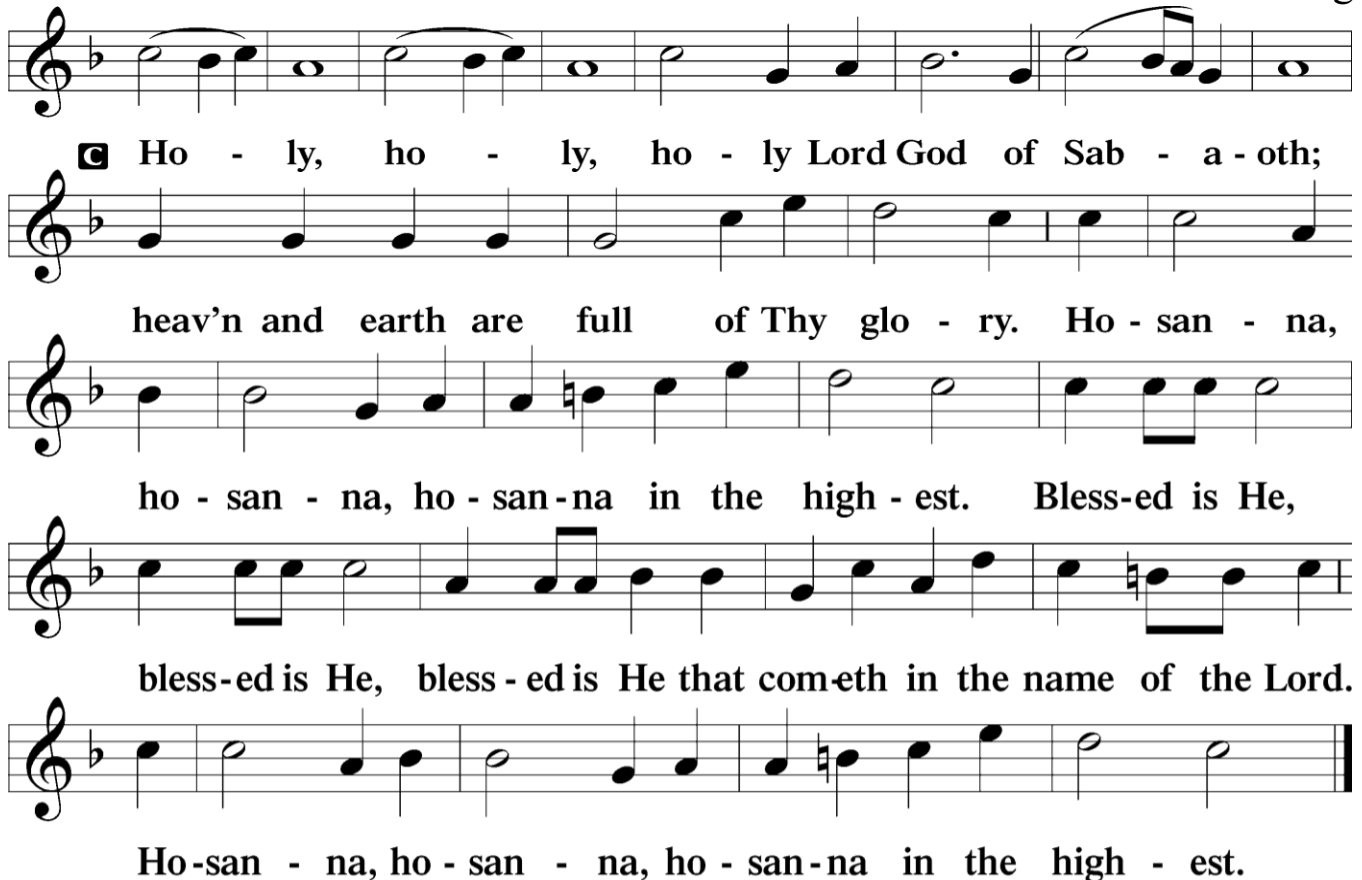
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

PAX DOMINI

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Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

(Please review our statement of faith inserted into the front of the hymnal.)

At this time we invite you to come up to commune. Please note that whoever takes Holy Communion here confesses the teachings of this congregation (1 Co. 11:26). If you do not agree with or do not know what we teach, you may still come to the rail—simply cross your arms as a sign that you do not wish to commune at this time and you will receive a blessing.



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace
 2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -
 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free
 4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,
 ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,
 re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight
 would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well
 Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -
 In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,
 O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,
 ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,
 Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,
 this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,

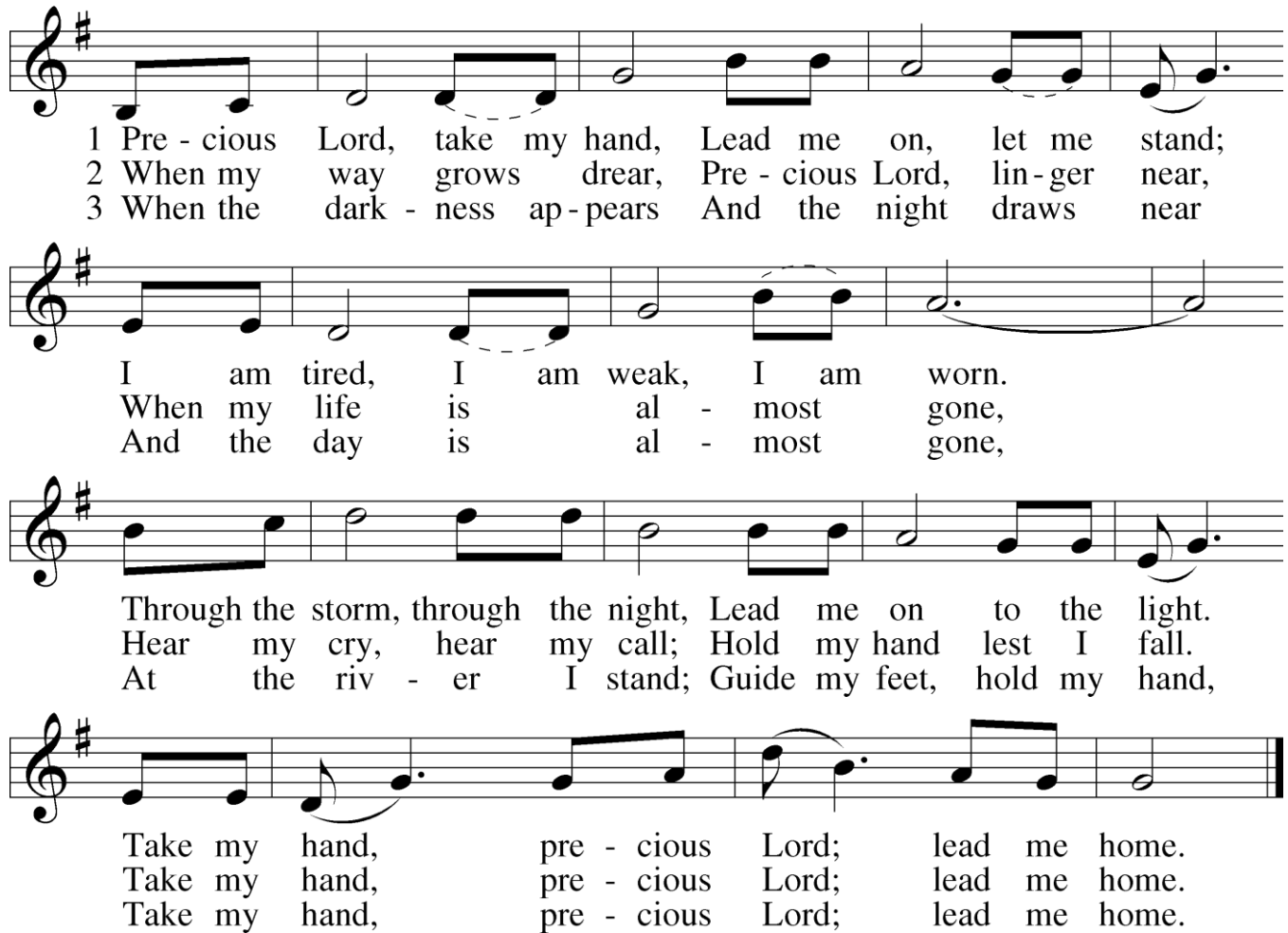


Give me Your grace and mer - cy.
 To share Your cup of heal - ing.
 As - sured of Your full par - don.
 O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless You and keep you; the LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD look on you in favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
 2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 When my life is al - most gone,
 And the day is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
 Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.
 At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.

POSTLUDE

OFFERTORY INFORMATION

Psalm 23 is the most familiar of all the Psalms. For centuries, many composers have set the Shepherd's Psalm to music with many different styles and forms. The words so beautifully express the Lord's role in shepherding His sheep, and Christians find much comfort in them. “*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*,” based on Psalm 23, was written by Sir Henry Baker in 1868. The structure of the hymn in six stanzas corresponds to the six verses of the Psalm. The opening stanza makes special use of word inversion (“my shepherd is,” “I nothing lack”), otherwise the text flows according to normal speech rhythms. In Latin, the word “regit” as in “Dominus regit me” (“The Lord rules/guides me”) is closely associated with “rex” (“king”) or “regis” (“of the king”), thus Baker likely drew on his classical education, either consciously or subconsciously, to inject kingship into the first line; not to mention, the Latin incipit appeared in copies of the *Book of Common Prayer* at the time. In this hymn, we contemplate the good care that our Good Shepherd gives. Even as we acknowledge that we are often “perverse and foolish,” and obviously do not deserve His kindness, God surrounds us with symbols of His loving care. Truly “Thy goodness faileth never.”