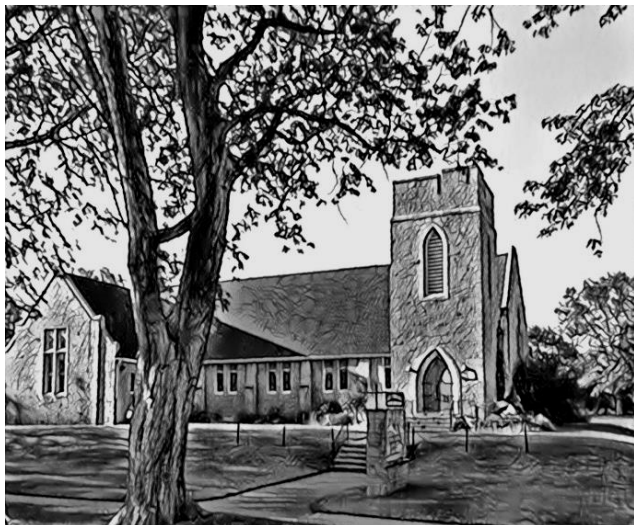


**Christ Lutheran Church  
St. Catharines, ON**

The 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024





**Christ Lutheran Church**  
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**Romans 10:15 - - *How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!***

**Office Hours:** Tuesday to Friday – 9 a.m. to 12 noon

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Rev. Noel Richard, Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary Colloquy Student Fieldworker

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## **WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

**We're glad you've joined us for worship!**

Please be aware that our Worship Services are ***recorded and posted on YouTube and Facebook.*** There is, although very slight, a possibility that your image might be posted. If you have any concerns, please either speak to the Elder on duty or alternatively seat yourself more towards the back of the sanctuary or along either of the outside aisles. May our gracious and loving Lord bless you as you worship Him. We pray we all remain safe and healthy.

## **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIPPING**

Thank you for giving us courage to face all the questions that arise in human life and for accepting us again and again when we come to you. You know what lies before us. You know the mountains that have to be moved. You know all the things that frustrate us and try to wear us out, and you will take them away. Amen..

**Musician** – Promise Band + **Reader** – Chris Mason

**DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS**

Monday: Acts 6:1-17  
Tuesday: Acts 7:9-16

Wed: Mark 8: 14-21  
Thurs: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Friday: Romans 13:11-14  
Saturday: Luke 11:5-13

**ALSO HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN**

Monday: 7 PM – Parish Ed Zoom Meeting  
8:30 PM – Youth Committee Meeting  
Tuesday 7 PM – BOD / Council / Bylaw Committee Meeting  
Sunday: 10 AM – Communion – Rev. Dr. James Kellerman & Noel Richards

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**August 2024 Worship Schedule**



August 25<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost 14 LSB Setting 1 Communion  
(Rev. Dr. Kellerman & Pastor Noel Richards)

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*Flowers have been placed on the altar this morning by Heather Turner to the glory of God and for past and present friends.*



***A donation has been made to Christ Lutheran Church in memory of Tammy Granton by Frank & Ivy Parkhouse.***

**PASTOR TODD** will be on vacation for the entire month of August.  
Rev. David Hamp, our regional circuit counsellor from Concordia Lutheran in Fonthill, will be the emergency contact at 905-892-8877 or e-mail at david.m.hamp@gmail.com.  
For any non urgent matters please phone the office and leave a message.

August 18 – Seminary Student Pastor Noel      August 25 – Rev. Dr. James Kellerman (& Noel)

**LWML-C/MARY MARTHA EVENTS**

Christ Lutheran is full of wonderful people and God has made each of us to serve in different ways. (Many thanks to those who have served or are still serving). Look in your heart to see if you would be willing to serve in our ladies' group. We are in need of a Secretary and a Member Development Chair! Lorraine K. would love to hear from you by text or call 905-964-5837 if you are interested.



***"Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others. Be good servants of God's various gifts of grace".***

**ARE YOU GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE?**

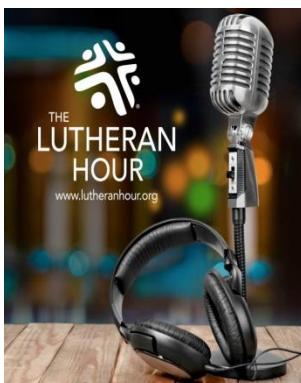


**Grieving with the Saints** is a new group bereavement program being offered at Grace Lutheran Church, 213 Linwell Road, St. Catharines. Christians dealing with grief receive support with one another through Holy Scripture, hymns and other aids. The group is offered in an informal setting in the Grace library Monday evenings, from 7 to 8:30. The program goes from Sept. 9 to Oct. 28. Space is limited, so preregistration is required by Wed., Sept. 4. To preregister, call (905)646-0113 or send an email to [pastor@gracelutheranstcath.com](mailto:pastor@gracelutheranstcath.com).

**Last Sunday's Attendance – August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024: 69**

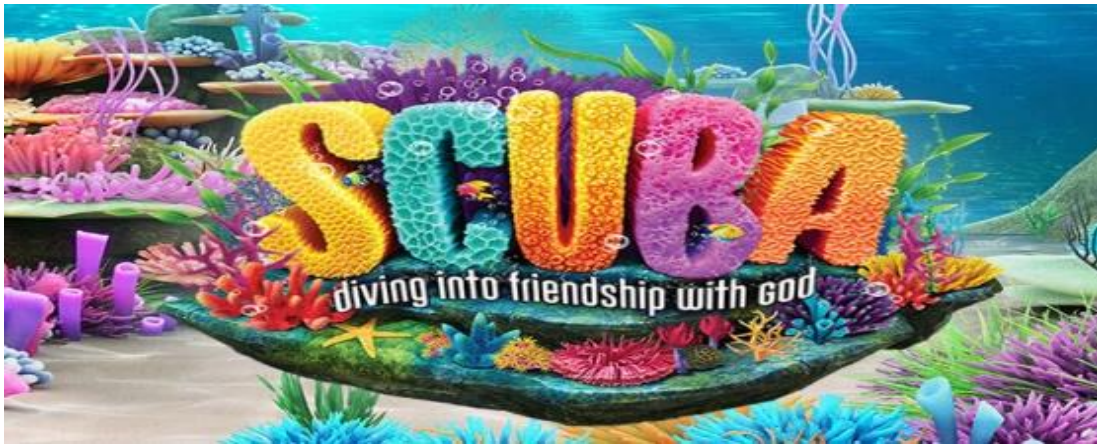
**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Weekly need</b>	<b>Last Sunday</b>	<b>2024-08-11</b>	
				<b>YTD</b>	<b>+ / (-)</b>
Current	303,899.00	5,844.21	1,500.00	117,778.84	(75,080.14)
LCC Missions	17,500.00	336.54	269.00	13,413.36	2,307.59
Property Improvements			19.00	3,334.00	



**Lutheran Hour Ministry Sermons:** *These highly regarded sermons are broadcast each Sunday morning on 99.5 FM WDCX, Buffalo, at 10:30 A.M. Check the website for participating stations or you can listen any time to a podcast or MP3 or read the text at [www.ill.ca](http://www.ill.ca).*

*They are a worthwhile addition to your regular observance of the Lord's Day and a particularly helpful alternative if you know you will be unable to attend our regular Worship Service at Christ Lutheran Church for any reason. The Lutheran Hour speaker is Rev. D. Michael Zeigler.*



**SPECIAL VBS THANK YOU:** This and next week there will be a video showing bits of our July VBS. Unfortunately we no longer have our beloved Naomi who was so diligent at taking photos at VBS; so many active people are missing. It was such an exciting week and we thank members of Christ Lutheran for your support, donations and prayers throughout. A special thank you to the Starks again this year providing us with the colourful lawn signs encouraging families to sign up for VBS. Please continue to pray for students and their families that God continue to work in their lives. The following was the staff responsible for such a fabulous morning VBS and extended afternoon VBS..

***All praise to God who did His amazing work through us!***

***'For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.'***

Nursery/Kindergarten: Judy, Wood, Shayla Mc Creadie, Iris Whittard,

Gr 1-3: Wendy Shook, Karen Brunch, Lana Regier, Grace Rapp

Gr 4-6: John Gondosch, Brody

Bible Memory: Marge Stark

Crafts: Heather Simons, Catherine Trudeau

Recreation: Kyle McCumber, Noah Rapp, Hunter Cadieux

Kitchen: Christina Coghlan, Linda Sowrey, Elvira Zernikel

Floater: Janice Mueller

Registration: Christina Coghlan, Heike Mazzarella, Wendy Hyatt

Greeter/Power point: Tom Bailey

Power point Production: Kim Zacharuk

Bible Lessons: Pastor John Makey, Louise Gondosch

Friday Closing BBQ: Paul & Judy Mason, Tim and Elly Reck, Jeff

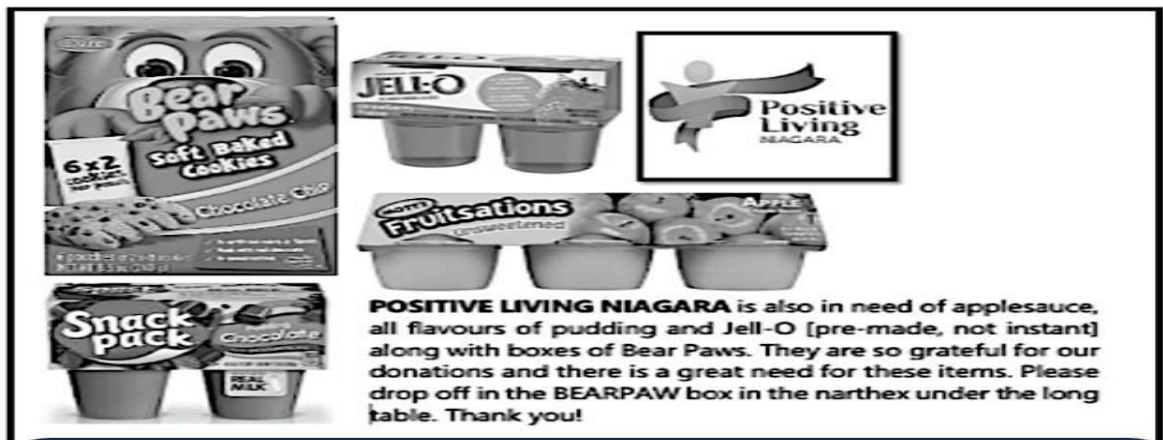
***Others I might have forgotten and those that request to be 'behind the scenes' THANK YOU!***





**FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION** – It is time for those who obtained their Food Handler Certification in September, 2019 to update their certification. Currently there are 13 members who have completed their certification. There are 2 options available for re-certification. One is to review the Food Handler’s Training Manual and attend a Refresher course with exam and the other is to do a self-study of the Food Handler’s Training Manual and an in-person exam at the Region office.

In order for a representative of Niagara Region Public Health to attend at the church, and do the refresher course and exam, participation of 15 people is required. The cost for either option is \$25 per person. Please advise Judy Slingerland as soon as possible of your intention to participate as which option we intend to use to complete the Refresher course will be discussed at the Mary Martha meeting in September. Information is available should anyone who has never been certified wish to complete the full course.



**POSITIVE LIVING NIAGARA** is also in need of applesauce, all flavours of pudding and Jell-O [pre-made, not instant] along with boxes of Bear Paws. They are so grateful for our donations and there is a great need for these items. Please drop off in the BEARPAW box in the narthex under the long table. Thank you!

**Positive Living** is also in need of the following items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, socks, mittens [for male and female], small cans of cat or dog food. Pastor Todd will have another box in the narthex table to hold these items. Thank you. [Notice their response of thanks on Pastor Todd’s Facebook posting]



# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Scripture & Song Service

THE 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*August 18, 2024 + 10 AM Worship*

*Worship leader & Preacher: Seminarian Pastor Noel Richards*

### GATHERING

BEGINNING SONG "*Just As I Am*" [www.godtube.com/popular-hymns/just-as-i-am/](http://www.godtube.com/popular-hymns/just-as-i-am/)

**Just as I am - without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee, -O Lamb of God, I come! I come!**

**Just as I am - though toss'd about, with many-a conflict, many-a doubt,  
Fight-ings and fears within, without, -O Lamb of God, I come! I come!**

**Just as I am - Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe, -O Lamb of God, I come! I come!**

**Just as I am - Thy love unknown, has broken every barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, -O Lamb of God, I come! I come!**

*Words: Charlotte Elliott, 1835*

### WE BEGIN IN GOD'S NAME

In the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

I was glad when they said to me,

**Let us go to the House of the Lord!**

Unless the Lord builds the House,

**In vain do the builders labour.**

Surely the Lord is in this place.

**This is the House of God, this is the Gate of Heaven!**

You are gracious and merciful, O God,

**Slow to anger, rich in love.**

Receive our prayers and worship as You have promised

**And uphold us by Your Spirit,**

Until all things, mended by Your mercy,

**Are made whole and well in You,**

Through Jesus Christ

**Our healer and our hope. Amen.**

## KYRIE--PRAYING FOR MERCY

John Newton, 1779

arr. Edwin O. Excell (1851-1921), alt.

Have mer - cy on Your peo -- ple, Lord; have  
mer - cy Je -- sus Christ; have mer --- cy on Your  
peo --- ple, Lord; have mer - cy grant us peace.

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## CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS

To You, O Lord God,

**All hearts are open, to You all desires are fully known. We come to You, moved by Your Word and Spirit, as sinners, confessing our sins. Forgive us in Your mercy. Remember us in Your love. Show us Your way, teach us Your path, lead us in truth and faithfulness, for the sake of our neighbour and for Your sake, O Lord God, in the hope of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

By water, Word and Spirit, our God gives you new birth and through the death and resurrection of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in His name and in His stead, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

When the Son sets you free, you are free indeed!

**Praise be to God!**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Shout To The Lord"*

**My Jesus, my Saviour -- Lord there is none like You  
All of my days I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love  
My comfort, my shelter -- Tower of refuge and strength  
Let ev'ry breath all that I am -- never cease to worship You**

*Chorus*

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth -- let us sing  
Power and majesty -- Praise to the King  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar**



**At the sound of Your name  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray to the Lord: Almighty and merciful God, since You give Your faithful people grace to offer You true and acceptable service: give unto us so that we may faithfully serve You in this life and never fail to finally obtain Your Heavenly promises; we ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Old Testament** *Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18*

Then all the tribes of Israel met together at Shechem. Joshua called them all together there. Then he called the elders, heads of families, judges and officers of Israel. These men stood before God. Then Joshua spoke to all the people. He said, "Here's what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to you...." Now you have heard the Lord's words. So you must respect the Lord and serve him fully and sincerely. Throw away the false gods that your people worshiped. That happened on the other side of the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Now you must serve the Lord. But maybe you don't want to serve the Lord. You must choose for yourselves today. You must decide whom you will serve. You may serve the gods that your people worshiped when they lived on the other side of the Euphrates River. Or you may serve the gods of the Amorites who lived in this land. As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord. Then the people answered, "No! We will never stop following the Lord. We will never serve other gods! We know it was the Lord our God who brought our people out of Egypt. We were slaves in that land. But the Lord did great things for us there. He

brought us out. He protected us while we traveled through other lands. Then he helped us defeat the people living in these lands. He helped us defeat the Amorites who lived here. So we will continue to serve the Lord because he is our God.”

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle** *Ephesians 5:6-21*

[St. Paul writes:] Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore, do not be associated with them. For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says, ‘Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.’ Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Spoken Gospel Verse**

*[Ps 62:5-7a; International Children's Bible]*

**I wait patiently for God to save me. Only he gives me hope.**

**He is my rock, who saves me. He protects me like a strong, walled city.**

**I will not be defeated. My honour and salvation come from God.**

### **Holy Gospel** *St. John 6: 51-69*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter:

#### **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus says:] I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.’ The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ So Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.’ He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, ‘This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?’ But Jesus, being aware that his

disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'" This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess the faith.

**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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL SONG

*"Living Hope"*

♩ = 72

1. How great the cha - sm that lay be -  
 tween us. How high the moun - tain I could not climb. In des - per - a - tion I turned to  
 heav - en and spoke Your name in - to the night. Then through the dark - ness Your lov - ing -

14  $E\flat$  Cm7  $B\flat(4)$   $E\flat$   
 kind - ness tore through the shad - ows of my soul. The work is fin - ished, the end is

**VERSE 2**

18  $B\flat$ sus  $A\flat 2$   $B\flat$ sus  $E\flat$   $A\flat 2$   $E\flat$   
 writ - ten. Je - sus Christ, my liv - ing hope. 2. Who could im - ag - ine so great a

23  $B\flat$ sus  $A\flat 2$  Cm7  $B\flat$ sus  
 mer - cy? What heart could fath - om such bound - less grace? The God of

26  $E\flat$   $B\flat$ sus  $A\flat 2$   $B\flat$ sus  $E\flat$   
 ag - es stepped down from glo - ry to wear my sin and bear my shame. The cross has

30  $A\flat 2$   $E\flat$  Cm7  $B\flat(4)$   
 spo - ken; I am for - giv - en. The King of kings calls me His own. Beau - ti - ful

34  $E\flat$   $B\flat$ sus  $A\flat 2$   $B\flat$ sus  $E\flat$   
 Sav - ior, I'm Yours for - ev - er. Je - sus Christ, my liv - ing hope. Hal - le -

**CHORUS**

$A\flat 2$   $E\flat$   $B\flat$  Cm7  $A\flat 2$   $E\flat$   
 lu - jah, praise the One who set me free! Hal - le - lu - jah, death has

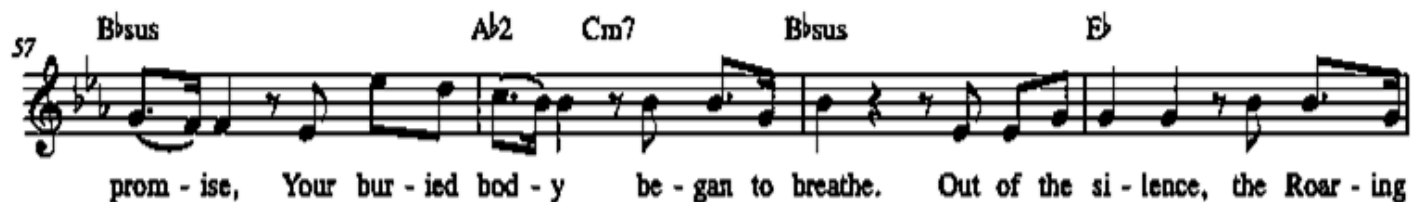
41  $B\flat$  Cm7  $A\flat 2$   $E\flat$   $B\flat$  Cm7  $E\flat/B\flat$   
 lost its grip on me! You have bro - ken ev - 'ry chain. There's sal - va - tion in Your name. Je - sus

44  $A\flat 2$   $B\flat$ sus  $B\flat$   $E\flat$   $E\flat$   $E\flat$   
 Christ, my liv - ing hope. Hal - le hope. 3. Then came the morn - ing that sealed the

49  $B\flat$ sus  $A\flat 2$  Cm7  $B\flat$ sus  $E\flat$   
 prom - ise, Your bur - ied bod - y be - gan to breathe. Out of the si - lence, the Roar - ing

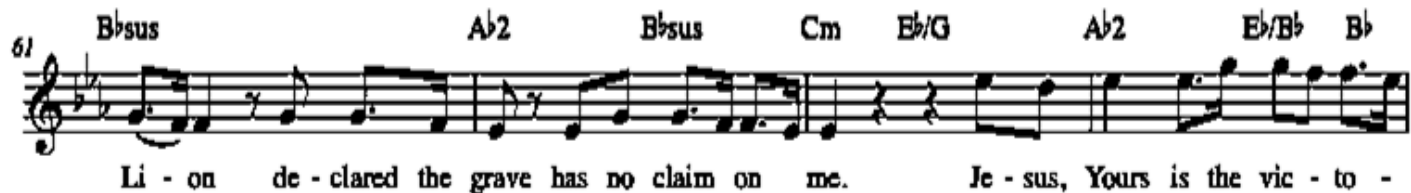
53  $B\flat$ sus  $A\flat 2$   $B\flat$ sus  $E\flat$   $E\flat$   
 Li - on de - clared the grave has no claim on me. Then came the morn - ing that sealed the

57 *Bbsus* *A $\flat$ 2* *Cm7* *Bbsus* *E $\flat$*



prom - ise, Your bur - ied bod - y be - gan to breathe. Out of the si - lence, the Roar - ing

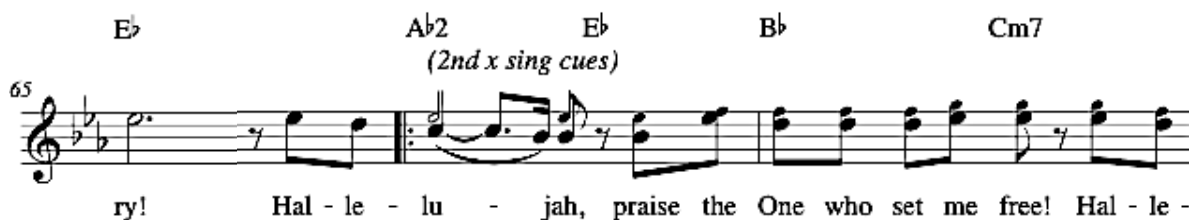
61 *Bbsus* *A $\flat$ 2* *Bbsus* *Cm* *E $\flat$ /G* *A $\flat$ 2* *E $\flat$ /B $\flat$*  *B $\flat$*



Li - on de - clared the grave has no claim on me. Je - sus, Yours is the vic - to -

*E $\flat$*  *A $\flat$ 2* *E $\flat$*  *B $\flat$*  *Cm7*  
(2nd x sing cues)

65



ry! Hal - le - lu - jah, praise the One who set me free! Hal - le -

*A $\flat$ 2* *E $\flat$*  *B $\flat$*  *Cm7* *A $\flat$ 2* *E $\flat$*

69



lu - jah, death has lost its grip on me! You have bro - ken ev - 'ry chain. There's sal -

*B $\flat$*  *Cm7* *E $\flat$ /B $\flat$*  *A $\flat$ 2* *Bbsus* *B $\flat$*  *E $\flat$*  *Cm* *E $\flat$ /G*

72



va - tion in Your name. Je - sus Christ, my liv - ing hope. Hal - le hope. Je - sus

**ENDING**

*A $\flat$ 2* *Bbsus* *B $\flat$*  *Cm* *E $\flat$ /G* *E $\flat$ /B $\flat$*  *A $\flat$ 2* *E $\flat$ /B $\flat$*  *B $\flat$*  *E $\flat$*



Christ, my liv - ing hope. O God, You are my liv - ing hope.

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**MESSAGE**

**THE OFFERINGS *are gathered.***

OFFERING SONG. "Gratitude"

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**VERSE**

♩ = 52

All my words fall short; I got noth - ing new. How could  
 I could) sing these songs, as I oft - en do, but ev - 'ry  
 I've got) one re - sponse, I've got just one move: with my

5

I ex - press all my gra - ti - tude? I could So I  
 song must end and You nev - er do.  
 arms stretched wide I will wor - ship You.

throw up my hands and praise You a - gain and a - gain, 'cause all that I have is a hal - le -

15

lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah. And I know it's not much, but I've noth - ing else fit for a king

20

ex - cept for a heart sing - ing, "Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -

26

jah." lu - jah."

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**THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

## THE PRAYERS

### RESPONSIVE PETITIONS

In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the Holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who labour, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

We pray especially for...*[specific petitions offered now...]*: let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord. Have mercy.**

Blessed Lord God, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Help us so that we may hear, read, mark, learn and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, Who lives and reigns with You, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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. 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**

## CLOSING PRAYER FOR THE WORD

**Blessed Lord God, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Help us so that we may hear, read, mark, learn and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, Who with the Father and Spirit You rule and reign as one God, now and forevermore. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

Jesus is the great Shepherd of the sheep. May you hear His voice and keep His Word.

**Amen, thanks be to God.**

Jesus is the Pathway that leads to life. May You follow in His narrow way.

**Amen, praise be to God.**

Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches. May you be rooted and grounded in His Word and love.

**Amen. Glory to our God.**

May the Almighty God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us now and always.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

### *"Thy Word"*

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path;**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.**

**1. When I feel afraid, and think I've lost my way**

**Still You're there right beside me;**

**Nothing will I fear, as long as You are near**

**Please be near me to the end—**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path;**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.**

**2. I will not forget Your love for me and yet**

**My heart forever is wandering;**

**Jesus be my guide, and hold me to Your side**

**I will love You to the end.**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path;**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.**

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