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REFLECTIONS

Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
Isaiah 35:4–6

The healing of the lame man is itself a sign foreshadowing the full restoration of all things as anticipated in Isaiah 35. It is a sign of the ending of the human exile from God's presence caused by our sin. It is a sign of the ending of all sickness, pain, sorrow, and suffering, of the ending even of the last enemy, death itself. When this same Jesus returns to earth in triumph, then indeed God's purpose of blessing for the whole world through the seed of Abraham will finally reach its fruition (Acts 3:25).
Iain Duguid

In an age when churches seek the biggest personalities, Acts reminds us growth comes from and through the word. The apostles were amazing; their clothes healed people. But they are all dead. Only their message continues. A revival in the church will stop looking at leaders and begin looking more to the word. The power is in the message. Renewal begins with a retrieval of the centrality of the word.
Patrick Schreiner

The kingdom of Christ is only begun, and the perfection of the world is deferred until the last day... If we see many things confused in the world, let this hope keep us on our feet and refresh us, that Christ shall come that he may restore all things.
John Calvin

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October 11, 2026 | **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

▲ **Congregation Stands**
▼ **Congregation Sits**

Hearing-assisted headsets are available through the Sound Technician.
For a large-print edition of the bulletin, please call the church office.

Collect for the Day

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

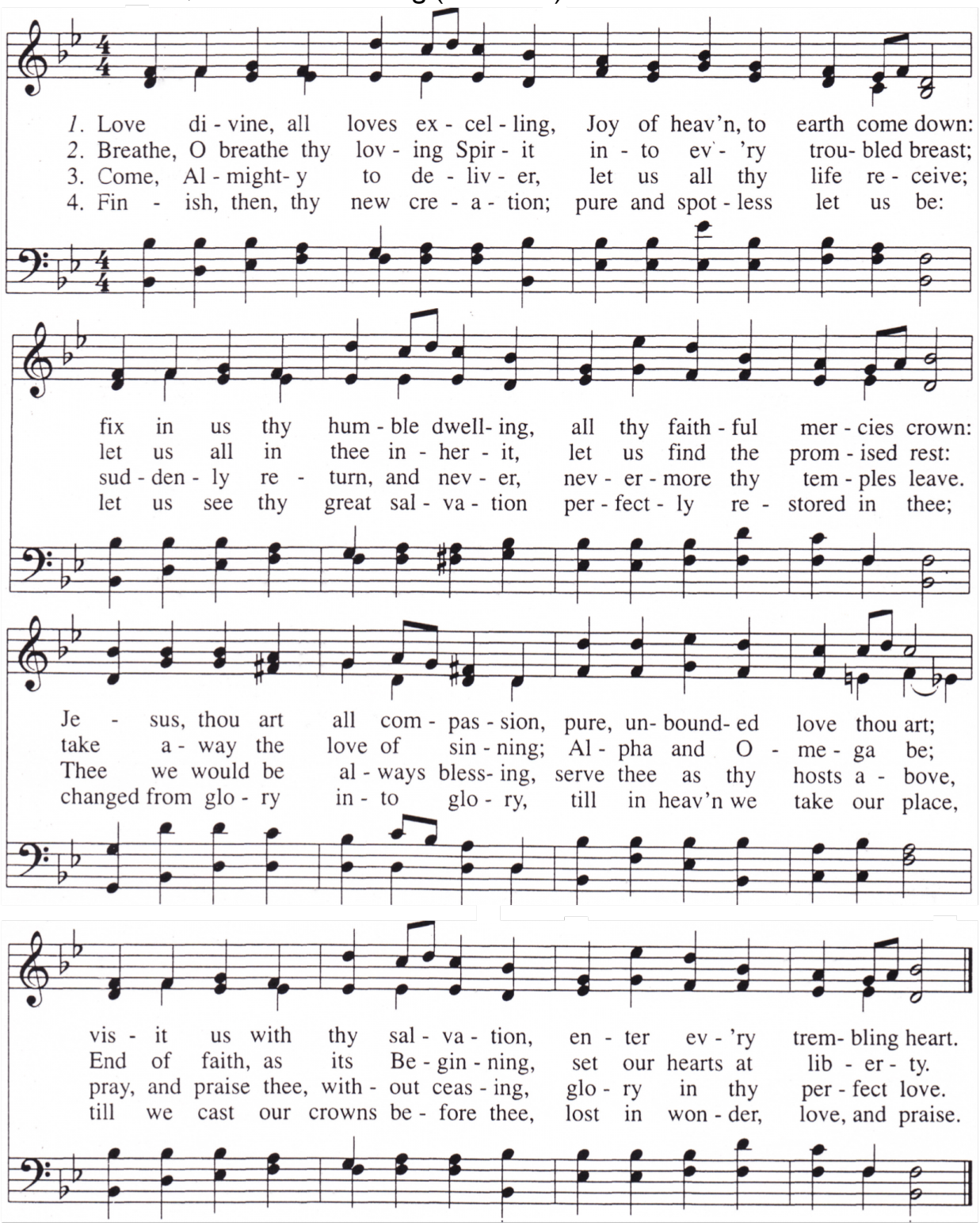
▼ PRELUDE

▲ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 33:1, 3–4

Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;
People: It is fitting for the upright to praise him.
Leader: Sing to him a new song;
People: Play skillfully, and shout for joy.
Leader: For the word of the LORD is right and true;
People: He is faithful in all he does.

▲ Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (v. 1 and 2)



▼ CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God together by praying—
People: We sinners appeal to you to hear us, LORD.
Give us true repentance, forgive us all our sins,
and endue us with the grace of the Holy Spirit
to amend our lives according to your holy Word;
Leader: Son of God, hear us.
People: Son of God, hear us.
Leader: Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world:
Have mercy upon us.
People: Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world:
Grant us your peace. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your individual sins.

▼ Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:8–11

Leader: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.
Men: He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;
Women: he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.
Unison: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him.

▲ Thanksgiving

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

▲ Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (v. 3 and 4)

▲ GOSPEL

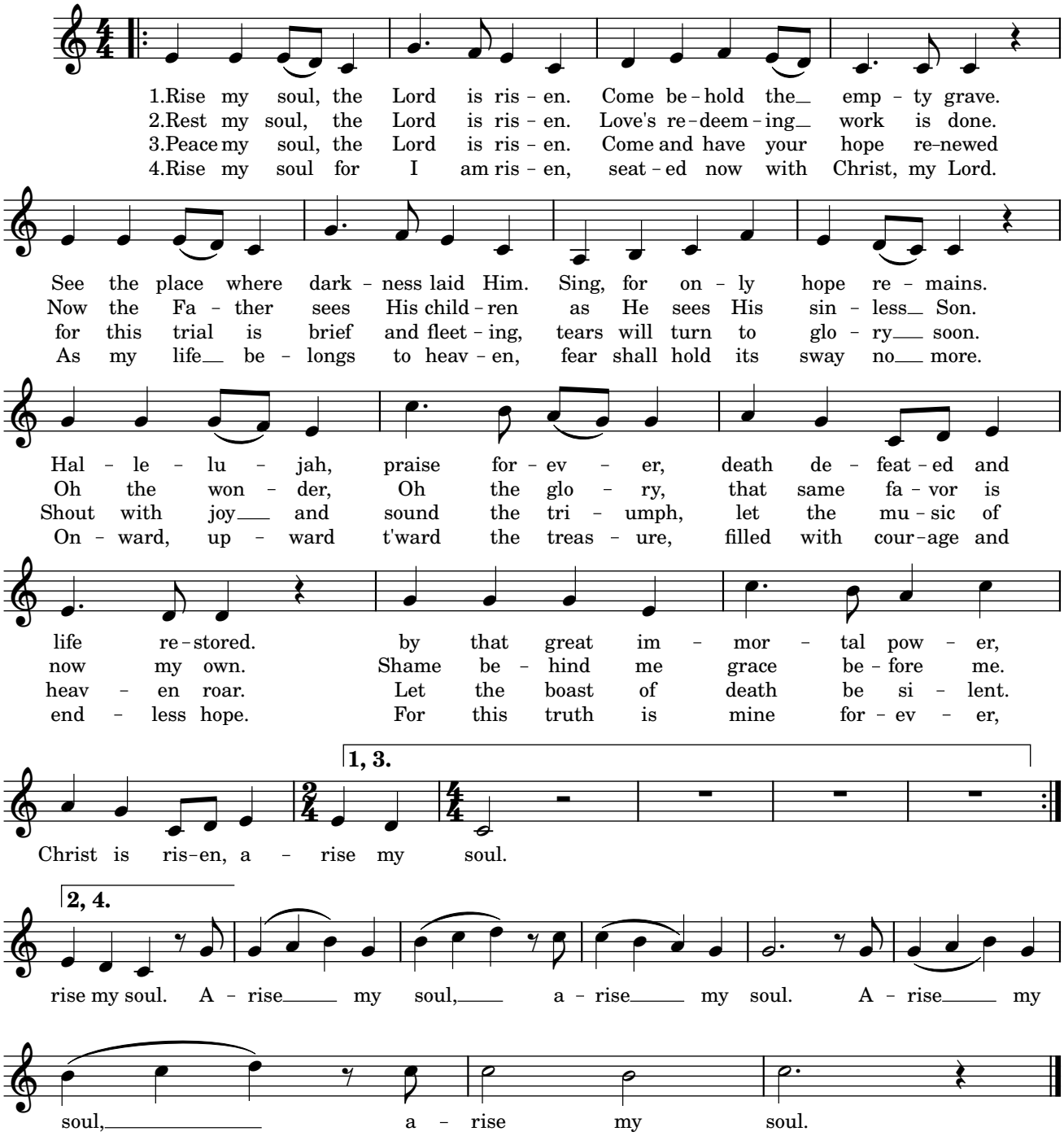
Matthew 22:1–14

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."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

▲ Rise My Soul, the Lord is Risen



▲ CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Leader: Do you believe in God the Son?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

Leader: Do you believe in the physical resurrection of Jesus?

People: I believe on the third day he rose again
and that he showed himself to his followers
over a period of forty days.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Church everywhere and in every time;
the spiritual union of all Christians living and the dead;
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of our bodies,
and the life everlasting.

Leader: This is the faith of the Church.

People: This is our faith. We believe and trust in this one God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

▼ PRAYER

Using short sentence prayers, thank God for inviting us to the great Wedding Feast and for giving us the righteousness of Christ to wear as our clothes.

▼ OFFERING

1 Chronicles 29:13–14

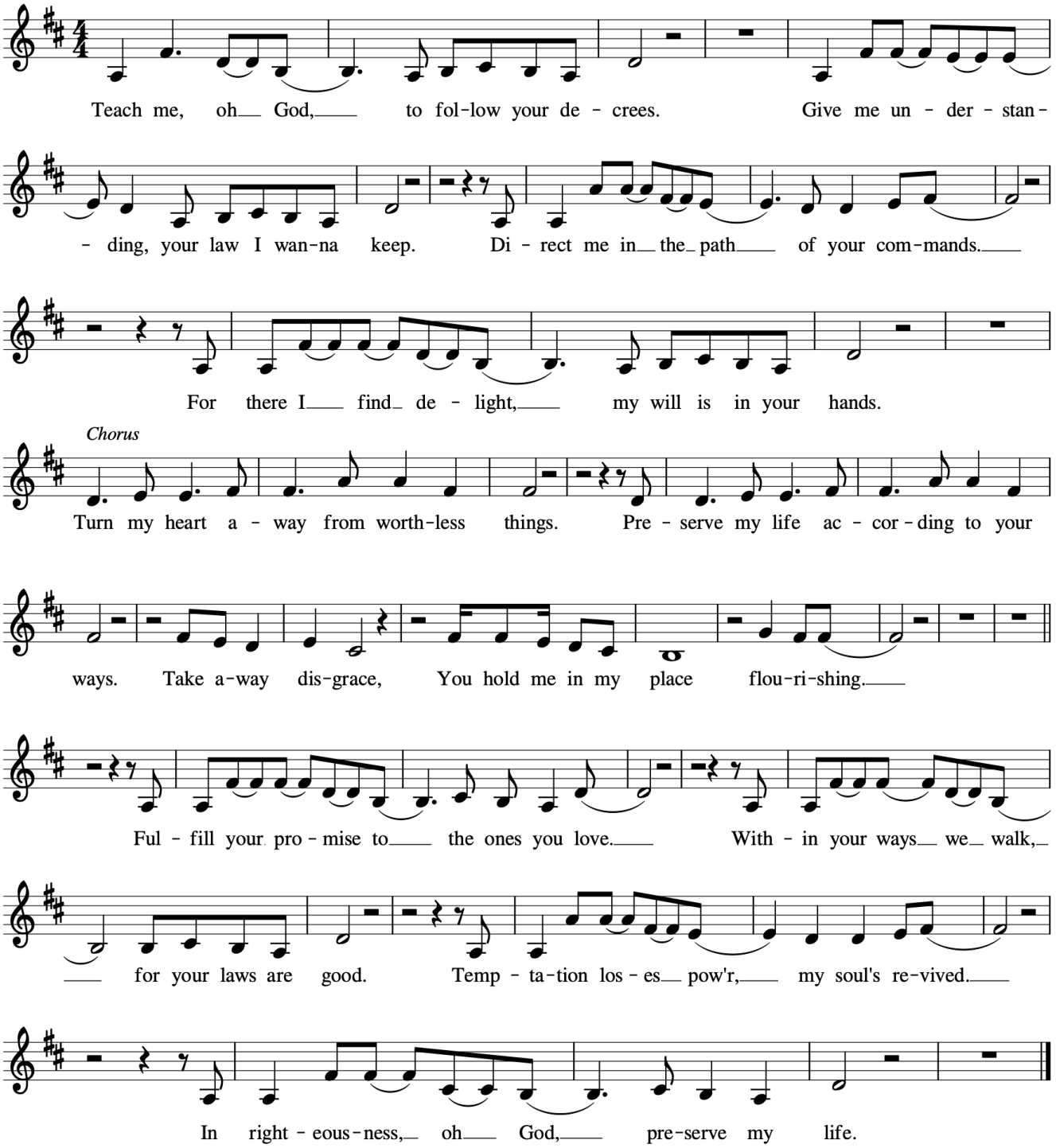
Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.
"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this?
Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."

Children, ages 3 -5 years, are dismissed for Children's Worship Training.
Children will be served a small snack: please alert volunteers to any allergies.

Please fill in the attendance pad, pass it down the pew and then back.

If you are able to continue to give, you may do so online at www.wheatlandpca.org/give or by mail.
If you are struggling financially, please contact our diaconate at Diaconate@Wheatlandpca.org.

▼ Flourishing



▼ PROCLAMATION

Acts 3:1-26

1 Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. 2 And a
man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is
called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. 3 Seeing Peter and John about
to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. 4 And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John,
and said, "Look at us." 5 And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something
from them. 6 But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the
name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" 7 And he took him by the right hand and
raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. 8 And leaping up, he stood
and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.
9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God, 10 and recognized him as the one who
sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and
amazement at what had happened to him.

11 While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them
in the portico called Solomon's. 12 And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of
Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or
piety we have made him walk? 13 The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,
the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the
presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. 14 But you denied the Holy and
Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15 and you killed the Author of
life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 16 And his name—by faith in his
name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus
has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

17 "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18 But what
God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.
19 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, 20 that times of refreshing
may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you,
Jesus, 21 whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God
spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. 22 Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for
you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you.

[23] And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.' [24] And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days. [25] You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.' [26] God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

▼ Healing at the Temple Gate

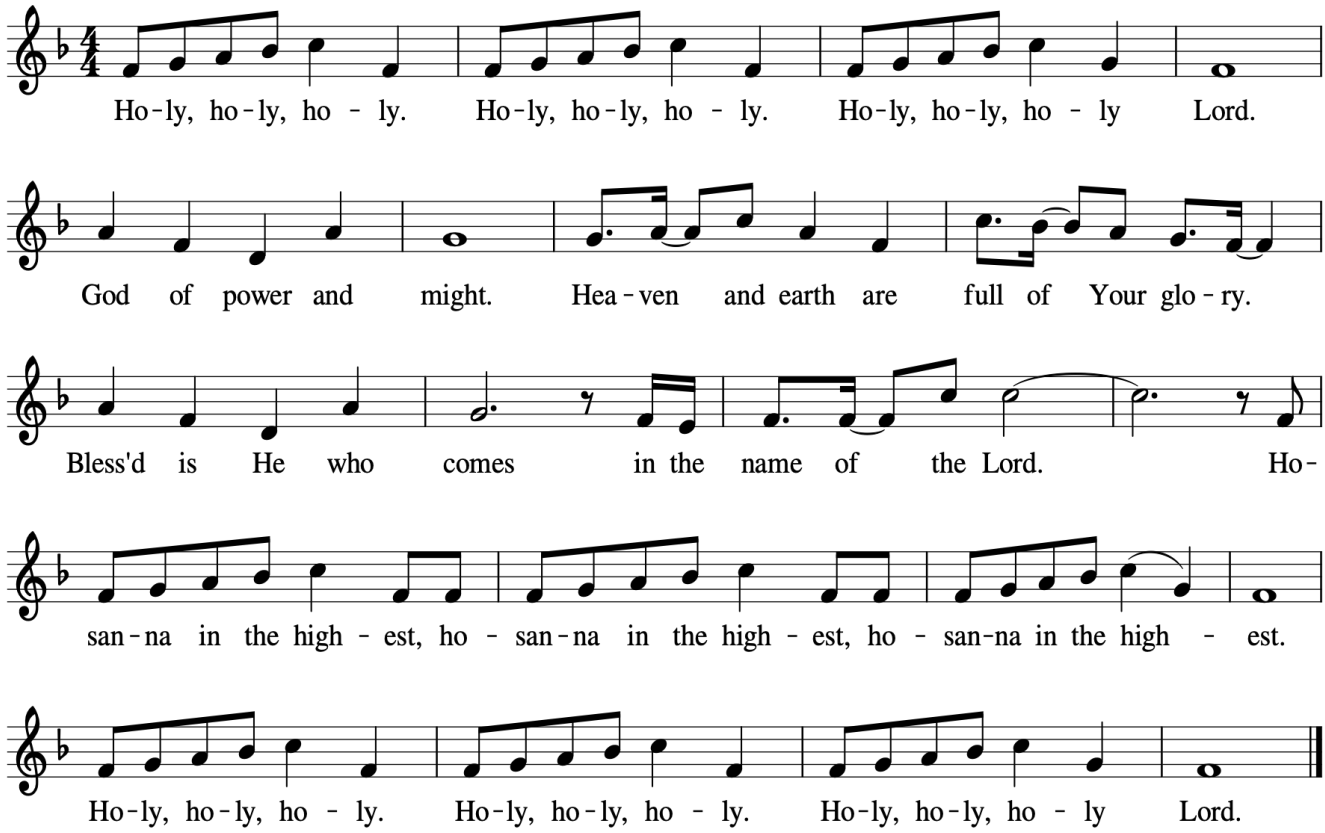
Rev. Luke D. Le Duc

Manuscripts of the sermon are available in the Narthex.

▲ THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor: The Lord be with you!
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts!
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
People: It is right to give him our thanks and praise.
Pastor: It is a right, good, proper, and joyful thing, at all times, and in all places to give you thanks, Lord God. We join our voices with the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven who forever sing:

▲ Sanctus



Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:
People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. *Hallelujah!*
Pastor: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us. *Hallelujah!*
People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.
Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

▼ Invitation and Prayer

Pastor: This Table is a place of nourishment for followers of Jesus Christ. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone, are in good standing with a church that embraces the Gospel, live at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully are welcome to eat this meal with us. But examine yourself, for Scripture reminds us that whoever eats the Bread or drinks the Cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the Body and Blood of the Lord. And while none of us are worthy apart from Christ, to even gather up the crumbs from this Table, we eagerly eat this meal with faith in Christ and gratitude to God for his salvation.
Unison: We do not presume to come to your Table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your great mercies. Amen.

▼ Words of Institution

Pastor: And it was in mercy towards us that our heavenly Father gave his only Son to suffer death on the Cross for our redemption.

As it is written: On the night Christ was betrayed he took Bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then in the same way, after supper Jesus took the Cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

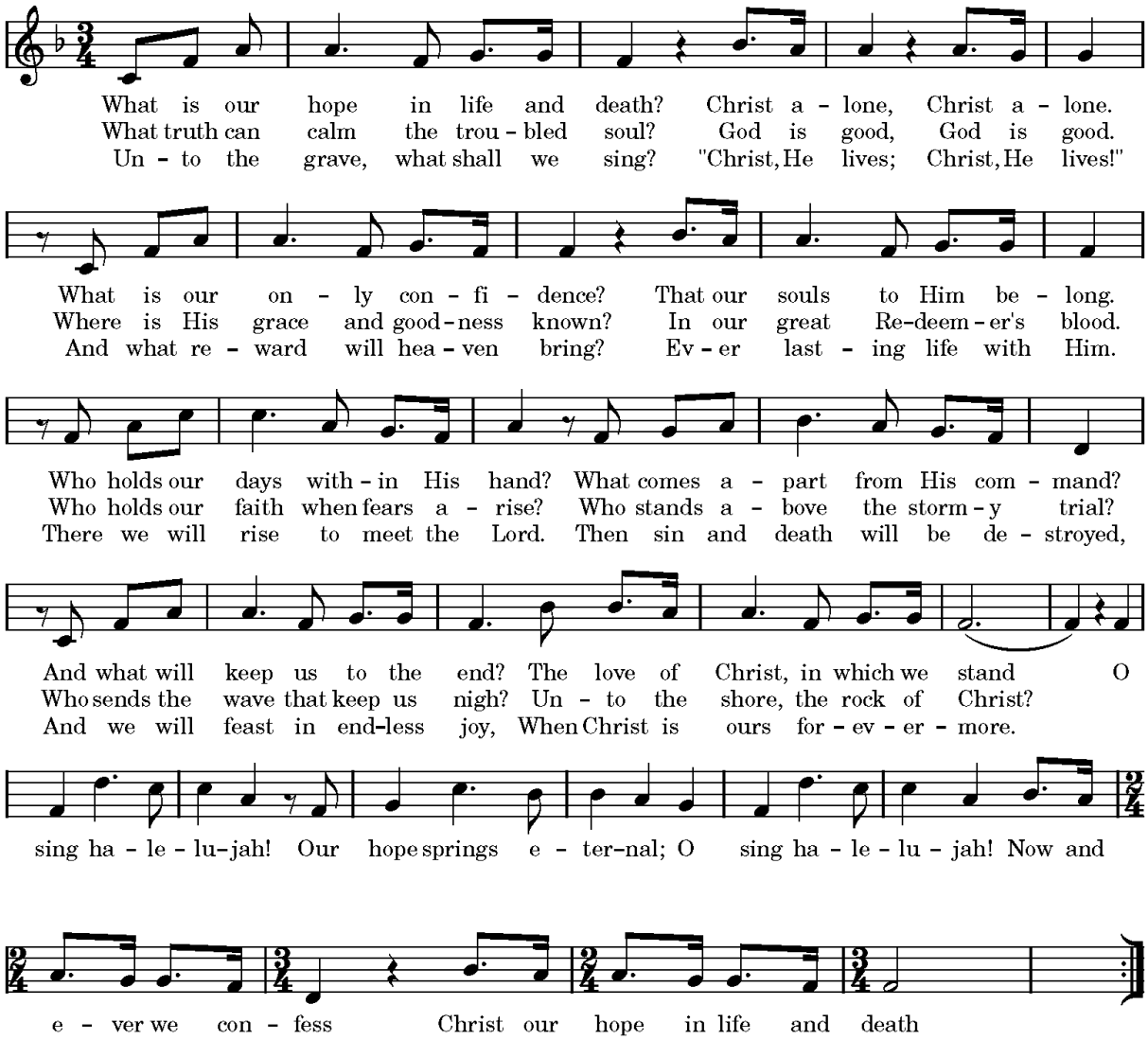
▼ Coming to the Table

You will be invited forward up the center aisle and you will return down the outside aisle.
If you are unable to come to the front to take communion, remain in your seat and it will be brought to you. The bread is homemade and gluten free. Wine is in the clear cups and grape juice is in the purple cups.

If you are not eating the Supper with us today, you may come forward with your hands clasped together to receive prayer, or you may spend this time in prayer at your seat using the communion prayers printed in the back of the bulletin. We welcome our children to come forward to the Table for prayer *(see Children and Communion at the back of this order of worship).*

Please hold the bread and the cup until invited to eat and drink.

▼ Christ Our Hope in Life and Death



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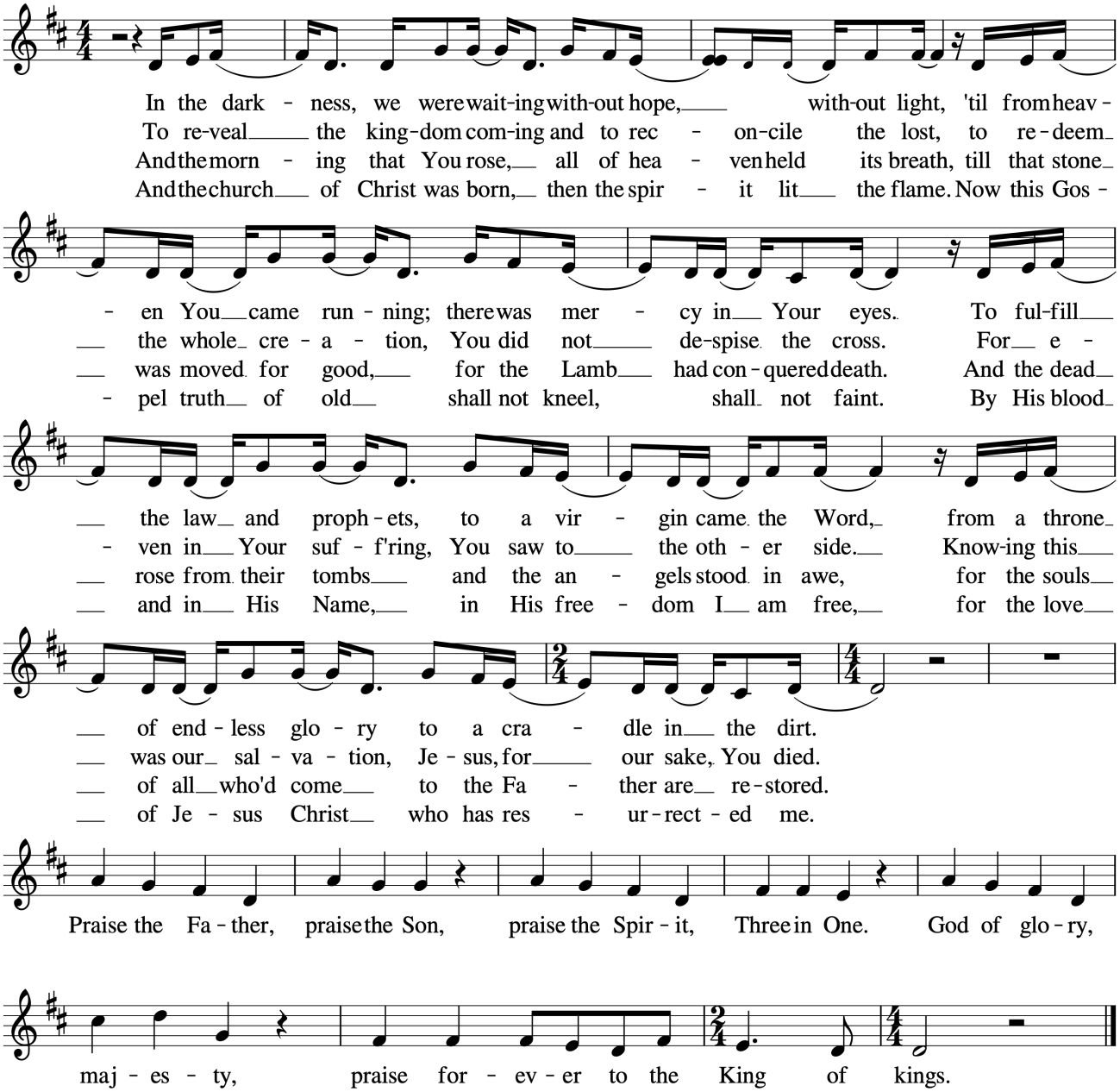

▲ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Unison: Everliving God, thank you for feeding us with these holy mysteries—
the spiritual food of the Body and Blood of your Son.
Heavenly Father, please assist us with your grace,
that we may continue in holy fellowship with you,
and do all such good works that you have prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

▲ Psalm of Praise

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
People: All that is within me, bless his holy name.
Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
People: and forget not all his benefits
Pastor: who forgives all your iniquity,
People: who heals all your diseases,
Pastor: who redeems your life from the pit,
People: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.
Pastor: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
People: nor repay us according to our iniquities.
Pastor: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
People: so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
Pastor: as far as the east is from the west,
People: so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
Pastor: As a father has compassion for his children,
People: so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.
Pastor: For he knows our frame;
People: he remembers that we are dust.

▲ Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

▲ BENEDICTION

Ephesians 3:20–21

Now to him who is able to do
immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,
according to his power that is at work within us,
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

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LIFE TOGETHER

THIS WEEK AT WHEATLAND

Sunday, Oct 11
8:30 & 11:15am Worship
10:15am Sunday Classes
1:00pm Young Adult Lunch
6:30pm Roots Youth Group

Tuesday, Oct 13
7:30am Prayer on Zoom
7:00pm Young Adult Game Night

Wednesday, Oct 14
9:30am Women's Bible Study
7:00pm ESL Classes

Thursday, Oct 15
7:00pm Men's Discipleship
7:00pmWomen's Bible Study
7:00pm Young Adult Book Study

Sunday, Oct 18
8:30 & 11:15am Worship
10:15am Sunday Classes
6:30pm Roots Youth Group

LOOKING AHEAD
Sunday, Nov 1 All Saints Day Service
Sunday, Nov 15 Thanksgiving Praise Service
Sunday, Nov 29 Advent Fellowship Event
Saturday, Jan 17 Family Evening Game Night
Saturday, March 20 Family Morning Egg Hunt
June 13-17 Wheatland Vacation Bible School

ADULT SUNDAY CLASS

Covenant Theology
Keith Winder | Sanctuary

CURRENT VOLUNTEER NEEDS
- Greeters (1st & 2nd Service)
- Ushers (1st & 2nd Service)
- Children's Worship Training Volunteers
- ESL Conversation Partners/Tutors

ESL VOLUNTEER NEEDS
Our ESL program has two volunteer needs:
1. A conversation partner for a male student in Level 4 (higher level of English)
2. Two tutors for female students who would like help with reading and writing.

For both needs, meeting frequency, time, and location are to be determined by the volunteer and student.

DISABILITY MINISTRY
Wheatland's Disability Ministry strives to enfold attendees of all ability levels into the life of our church. We are currently looking for more volunteers to serve as Buddies. Contact Cori Haughery at cori.haughery@gmail.com to learn how to get involved, or to let us know about an individual or family we could support.

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NEW MEMBER CLASS

For those of you new to Wheatland, interested in learning more about our church, or would like to consider membership, come to our New Member Class. These classes will be held in Room 10 next to the Fellowship Hall and will run from **Oct 18** through Nov 22 during the Sunday Class hour. If you have any questions about membership or Wheatland in general, contact Luke Le Duc at lleduc@wheatlandpca.org or Keith Winder at kwinder@wheatlandpca.org.

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

Fall Bible Studies

- Wednesday Morning: This study meets weekly at the church from 9:15-11:00am and is studying the epistle to the Hebrews. Childcare is provided. Contact Beth Slough at baslough@gmail.com for more information.
- Thursday Night: This study meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at the Biers' house from 7:00-8:30pm, studying Genesis using Jen Wilkin's *God of Creation* study. For more info, or to register email Erin Quillen equillen@wheatlandpca.org.
- Saturday Morning: This study meets 2x/month at the church from 8:00-9:30am and is studying 1 & 2 Samuel using the *Knowing the Bible s*eries. Contact Catherine Achor at Kitkatvt85@gmail.com.

Moms' Book Group |We are reading and discussing *Like Our Father: How God Parents Us and Why That Matters for Our Parenting* by Christina Fox. For location and schedule, contact Becca Detweiler at bodine.rebecca@gmail.com.

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

Monday Bible Study – Meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays at 7pm in the Augustine Room. Contact Keith at kwinder@wheatlandpca.org for details.

Thursday Morning Study – Meets virtually at 6:30am weekly to study a book of the Bible. Grab a cup of coffee and your favorite commentary and join us. Contact Steve Osborne at 717-693-6816 for more information.

Weekly Discipleship Group – Meets on Thursday evenings in Room 10 at the church from 7:00-8:30pm. Contact Edmund Byne at 404-583-4253 or Edmund.byne@agriteer.ag for details.

Men's Retreat - The Wheatland Men's Retreat will be on **November 6-8** at Kenbrook Bible Camp in Lebanon. The retreat will start on Friday evening and end early on Sunday afternoon. Our theme for the weekend will be *"Free to Fight: Putting Sin to Death."* All men ages 18 and up are encouraged to come. The cost for the retreat is $250, paid upon (or sometime after) registration. If that cost would keep you from joining us, Wheatland is able to subsidize some cost and reduce it to $150. You can register and pay through this QR code or on our website (under "grow" and "adult" tab) More details will be coming soon, but if you have any questions about cost, schedule, or anything else, please contact Keith Winder at KWinder@wheatlandpca.org.

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YOUNG ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

If you fall into the early 20's to early 30's age group, check out Wheatland's Young Adult ministry! If you have questions, contact Samuel at (717) 847-3559 or SSpatola@wheatlandpca.org.

Young Adult Game Nights are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm for a time of fellowship and fun at the Newswanger's home. The next Game Night will be **October 27.**

Young Adult Sunday Lunches happen on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 1:00pm. A text or email RSVP to Samuel is requested. Our next lunch is **today**!

Young Adult Fall Book Group will read Tish Harrison Warren's *What Grows in Weary Lands: On Christian Resilience*. We will gather on 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 7:00pm at Kristen Vieldhouse's home. Let Kristen kjvieldhouse@gmail.com or Samuel SSpatola@wheatlandpca.org know if you plan to participate.

DISCIPLESHIP: TRIADS

Triads are gatherings of three men or three women who seek to grow more into the image of Jesus Christ. Triads meet regularly (weekly, 2x a month, or monthly) to study the Scriptures, read through a book, pray, and deepen our fellowship with one another. Create your own triad with some fellow Wheatlanders or contact Keith Winder kwinder@wheatlandpca.org for help.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Session invites congregation members to submit names of men to consider for nomination to the office of Elder or Deacon. Officer nomination forms are in the narthex. Return the form by **November 1** to Pastor Luke Le Duc's folder in the wall file holder in the narthex usher closet.

AVOID PARKING ON GRASS

Please avoid parking on the grass when the ground is soft. This also includes parking along the pavement with tires on one side of the car in the grass. In addition to our church parking lot, we have permission to park at the Creisher Dental parking lot at 1059 Columbia Ave. Street parking is available on Wheatland Ave. Please be considerate of allowing on-site parking for visitors and for those for whom walking the extra distance would be challenging.

WHEATLAND COMMUNICATIONS

Are you receiving email communications from the church? If not, and you would like to, please contact Erin at equillen@wheatlandpca.org. and we will add your name to the list.

WHEATLAND RECORDINGS

Recordings of the sermons are available on the website, www.wheatlandpca.org. Recordings of personal testimonies given during the worship service and adult Sunday classes are also on the website.

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Ruling Elders
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Dennis Bracken
Jon Bush
Greg Chalfant
Joe Hunter

Deacons
Bill Bradley
Mark Broomell
Justin Harbin
Peter Horning
Joseph Kiehl
Nate Long
Jesse Sanders
Dave Smith
Dain Zimmerman

Deaconesses
Nickie Brackbill
Judy Braymer
Crista Bush
Kim Byne
Ari Dykshoorn
Teresa Maier
Beth Slough
Diane Wolgemuth

WHEATLAND DIACONATE
The Diaconate at Wheatland work to manage property upkeep and to facilitate mercy ministries of sympathy and service among our members and regular attenders. If you have a concern about the property, a mercy-need, or want to get in touch with a deacon or deaconess, you can reach out personally (contact information is in Elexio) or email Diaconate@WheatlandPCA.org.

CARE GROUPS
Our congregation is organized geographically into Care Groups. These groups meet 2x/month to share meals and deepen fellowship with each other. Care Groups are organized as follows:

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Wheatland Missionary Spotlight

Jeremy & Stephanie Seep serving in Traiskirchen, Austria with International Teams Austria

The Seeps are serving refugees from all over the world at The Oasis: an international team partnering with local and global churches. They walk alongside refugees, offering them the Living Water of Jesus Christ and moving with them toward an intimate relationship with Him and His people.

How to pray for the Seeps:

- Praise God for an Iranian couple who recently came to faith and were baptized.
- Praise God that He is bringing more long term staff members to our Oasis team.
- Please pray for Elisa, who has joined the team but is still awaiting visa approval.
- Please pray for Anja, who is in conversations with her church leadership about joining our team.
- Please pray for the hearts of refugees to be open to the gospel and to receiving God's Word in their language.

For more information or to partner with the Seeps, visit www.actioninternational.org/fw/seep.

Contact Jeremy and Stephanie directly via email at jerseep@gmail.com or stephanie.seep@gmail.com.

Communion Prayers

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, compelling, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Trusting that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.

Children and Communion

Our baptized children are covenant children of our church, a rich part of our life together at Wheatland, and we long to see them eating with us at the Table. As a denomination (Presbyterian Church in America), we do not practice giving communion to children before they profess their faith to the Elders of our church and undertake the obligations and duties of a communing member. However, it is a deep joy to gather them with us at this Table so that we might pray for them. Our prayer is that they will grow in their faith and love of Jesus and his gospel and in due time will profess their faith publicly to our Elders and join us to eat this meal of grace.

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