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AS WE GATHER - THE JOY OF THE ANGELS

The charge against Jesus was always the same, He keeps the wrong company. But Jesus has come for sinners, and if you are not a sinner, He does not have anything for you. To emphasize why He has come, our Lord tells the stories of ninety-nine sheep left behind to find one who is lost and a woman who rejoices over finding one lost coin. You are that lost sheep and lost coin for whom Christ has come and in whom heaven rejoices. Jesus has come for you and for you He has offered Himself upon the cross and been laid in the tomb. This is the heavenly joy of the angels above, and it is our earthly joy as well. Christ came for us!

+ PREPARATION +





INVOCATION

PIn the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

GAmen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

PFor truly I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there," and it will move,

Cand nothing will be impossible for you.

PO Lord, my God, I cry to You for help.

CHeal and restore me, O Lord.

PMost holy and merciful Father,

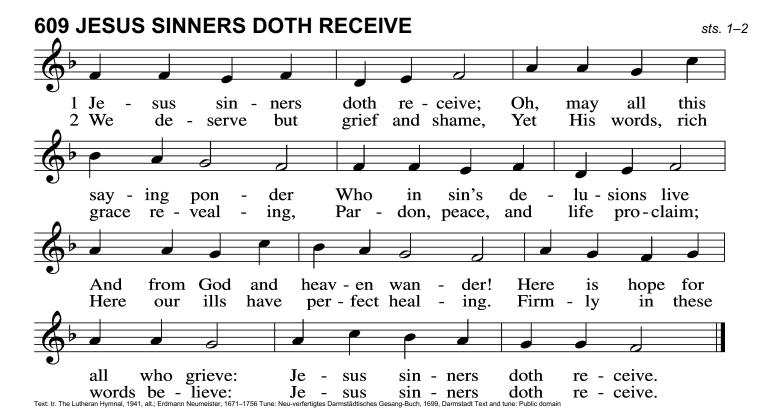
- Glike sheep, O Lord, we have strayed and wandered from You. We have sinned against You and one another. We have done the evil You forbid, and we have not done the good You desire. There is no health in us. O merciful and divine Shepherd, cover our sins with Your forgiveness, clothe us with Your perfect righteousness, and preserve us in this faith and fear, that we may be kept to the day when Your Son comes to judge all people. Have mercy, O Lord, and fulfill Your Word to us in Christ, our Savior. Amen.
- PAlmighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CAmen.

PHe who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. His peace be with you.

CAnd also with you.

+ WORD +



INTROIT

- LYou have turned for me my mourning into dancing; O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever! O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- LYou have turned for me my mourning into dancing; O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

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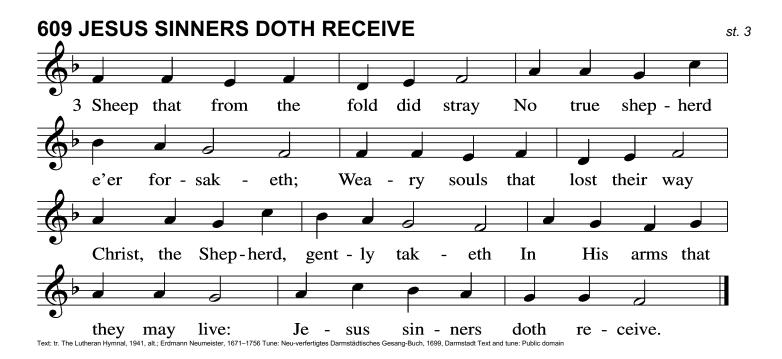
PThe Lord be with you. C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

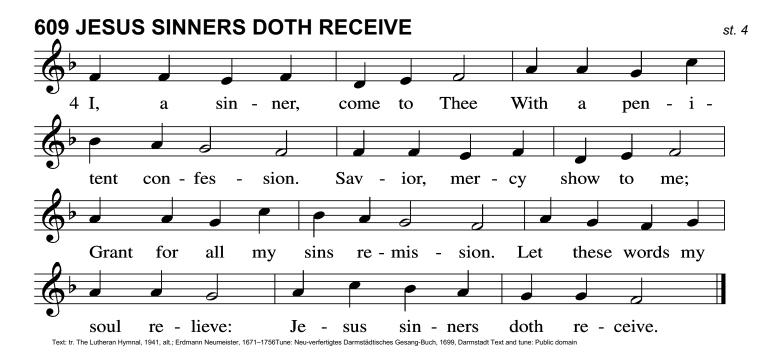
PLet us pray. Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.

(Children, please come forward for the Children's Message.)



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34:11-24

¹¹"For thus says the Lord GoD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land.

And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

¹⁷"As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GoD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

²⁰"Therefore, thus says the Lord GoD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

IThis is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Timothy 1:5–17

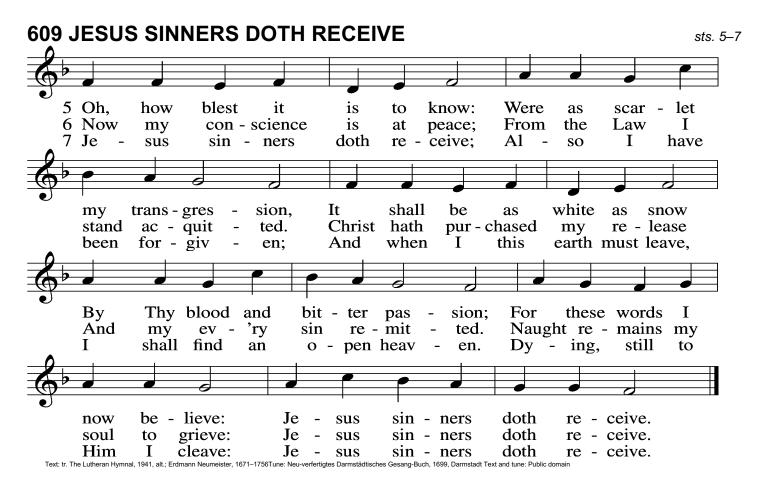
⁵The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, ⁷desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

⁸Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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HOLY GOSPEL
Luke 15:1–10

PThe Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found

it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

PThis is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

SERMON

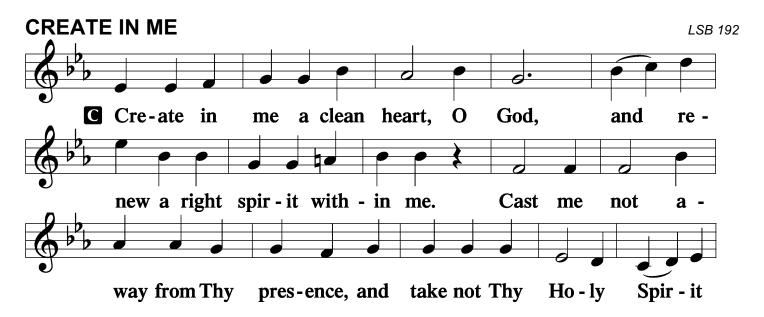
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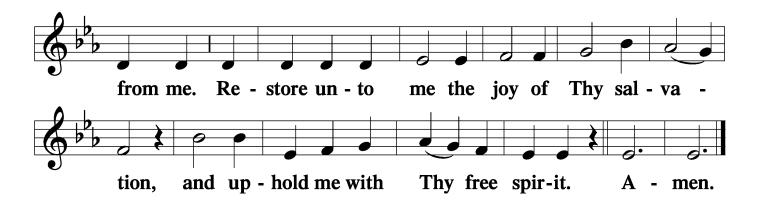
l believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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.

OFFERING AND VIDEO

(At this time, please fill out the attendance sheet in the colored bulletin and place in the offering plate. Also at this time, on the back of the attendance slip, please refresh your thoughts or read what we believe, as you prepare to come to receive the Lord's Body & Blood or as you come forward to receive a blessing.)





PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PLet us pray for ourselves and for all people as they have need.

O merciful Shepherd, You came into the world to save sinners. Grant to us forgiveness of our sins, renewal of our lost lives, and the grace to serve You in willing obedience all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

Chear our prayer.

PO merciful Shepherd, grant us grace that we know Your Word as the sound of Your voice. Grant to us faithful pastors who will rightly divide Your Word of truth and bless all church workers and those in training to serve us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

Chear our prayer.

PO merciful Shepherd, guard against all false doctrine and against those who teach in conflict with Your Word that the sheep of Your flock be preserved in faith to know and believe rightly by the power of Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

Chear our prayer.

PO merciful Shepherd, give us good and faithful leaders who will govern us according to Your will and lead us and all nations in the ways of peace, justice, and virtue, that we live good, holy, and upright lives without fear or threat. Lord, in Your mercy,

Chear our prayer.

PO merciful Shepherd, You do not abandon Your sheep even when they are wounded and infirm. Deliver the weak, the suffering, the troubled in mind, and those with hearts weighed low with grief. We pray that they be healed and comforted according to Your will and delivered from all that afflicts them on the day when You raise Your people to everlasting life. Guide our leadership and bless our building and Early Childhood Education Committees as they plan for expanded ministry in the future. Lord, in Your mercy,

Chear our prayer.

PO merciful Shepherd, You daily and richly supply all things good and beneficial to us and guard us against the evil one. Give us a discerning mind and a generous heart that as You have done for us, we do for others in Your name. Give us generous hearts as we seek to grow our ministry expansion campaign for greater outreach to our community. Bless us with a generous buyer to purchase our current property as we ask you to bless our plans to move into a new facility. Lord, in Your mercy,

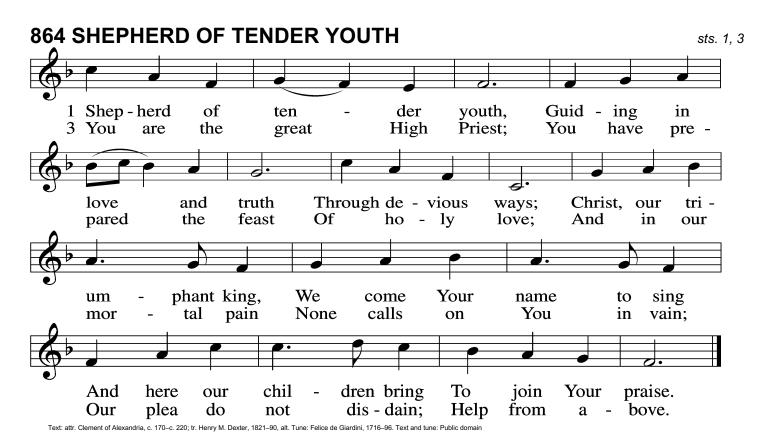
Chear our prayer.

- PO merciful Shepherd, You set Your Table before us in the presence of our enemies. Grant to all who commune this day repentance and faith that they receive this holy food for their good and keep us united as one in doctrine and life. Lord, in Your mercy, Chear our prayer.
- PO merciful Shepherd, hear us and grant us all things beneficial to us and profitable for our salvation, but keep from us all things harmful. Lord, in Your mercy,

Chear our prayer.

Silence for meditation.

Plnto Your hands, O merciful Shepherd, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, and confident that You will hear and answers us, O Lord. **CAmen.**



+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

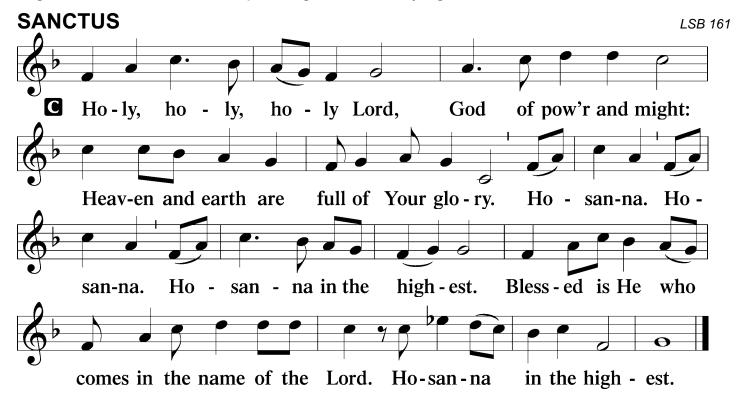
PThe Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

PLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.

CIt is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

PIt is truly good, 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, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PBlessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit.

Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

POur 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."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- PAs often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- CAmen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- PO Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

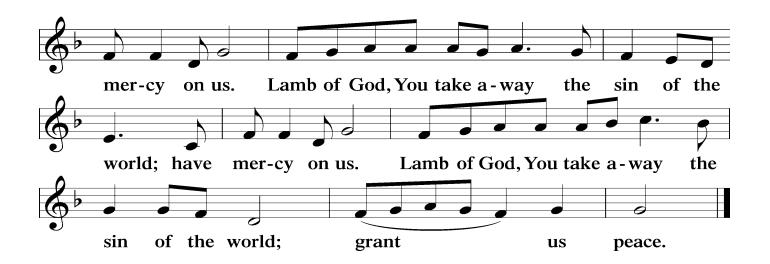
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PAX DOMINI

PThe peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** Amen.





+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

THAT'S MY KING (video)

CeCe Winans

I wish I could tell you, Wish I could describe it But I can't contain it, can't keep it to myself There aren't enough colors, To paint the whole picture Not enough words to ever say what I found

Wonderful and beautiful, And glorious and holy He is merciful and powerful, Who we talkin' about? That's my King We declare the glory, Give Him all the honor, Altogether worthy Who we talkin' about? That's my King

There's no one before You, Yes, we will adore You All of this is for you, Who we talkin' about? That's my King Jesus, you're my King, hey

I'm not letting the rocks cry, Without joining the chorus
There aren't enough notes to make the harmony
It's the song of the angels (angels), Through all of the ages (ages)
It's all of the earth and heaven's symphony

Wonderful and beautiful, And glorious and holy He is merciful and powerful, Who we talkin' about? That's my King We declare the glory, Give Him all the honor, Altogether worthy Who we talkin' about? That's my King

There's no one before You, Yes, we will adore You All of this is for You, Who we talkin' about? That's my King, That's my King, That's my God, That's my Shepherd, My Protector That's my King, That's my Rock, That's my Anchor, My Defender

That's my King, That's my God, That's my Shepherd, My Protector That's my King, That's my Rock, That's my Anchor, My Defender Who we talkin' about? That's my King

We declare the glory, Give Him all the honor, Altogether worthy Who we talkin' about? That's my King We declare the glory, yeah, Give Him all the honor, Altogether worthy Who we talkin' about? That's my King

There's no one before You, Yes, we will adore You All of this is for You, Who, who we talkin' about? That's my King

Who we talkin' about? That's my King Who we talkin' about? That's my King Who we talkin' about? That's my King Who we talkin' about? That's my King

Who we talkin' about? King of kings Who we talkin' about? King forever Who we talkin' about? God will reign Who we talkin' about? That's my King

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RESCUE (video)

Jordan St. Cyr

Oh, I've been desperate, Cried those loud prayers Like Job on his knees, Sayin', "Lord, I need more than a little help" I've been surrounded, Felt fear on all sides Like Daniel and the lions, I know when I fight I don't fight by myself

When I needed rescue, Jesus, You came through Oh, in my hardest season Your promise held true And every time I've given in, Lord, You've proven again That You're still my Savior now Jesus, You came through When I needed rescue

It's just in Your nature to step in and save Because of You, Jesus, When I've been defeated I know You'll pull me out of my grave

When I needed rescue, Jesus, You came through Oh, in my hardest season Your promise held true And every time I've given in, Lord, You've proven again That You're still my Savior now Jesus, You came through When I needed rescue

You are peace within disaster, You are calm inside the storm I have seen You move, and I believe You will do what You did before You are peace within disaster, You are calm inside the storm I have seen You move, and I believe You will do what You did before

When I needed rescue, Jesus, You came through Oh, in my hardest season Your promise held true And every time I've given in, Lord, You've proven again That You're still my Savior now, Jesus, You came through When I needed rescue, Jesus, You came through

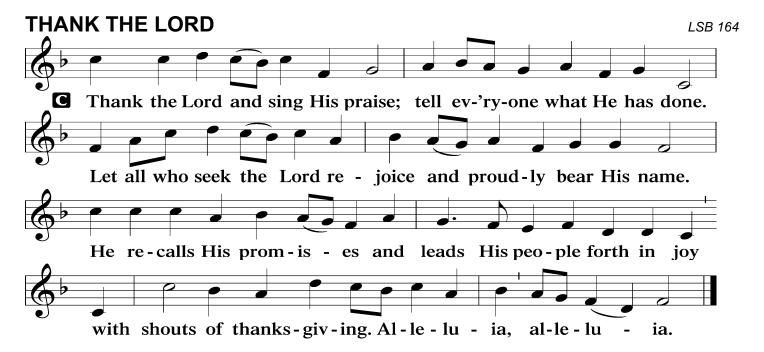
When I needed rescue, When I needed rescue, Oh, Jesus, You came through, When I needed rescue

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POST-COMMUNION DISMISSAL

PThe body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

CAmen.



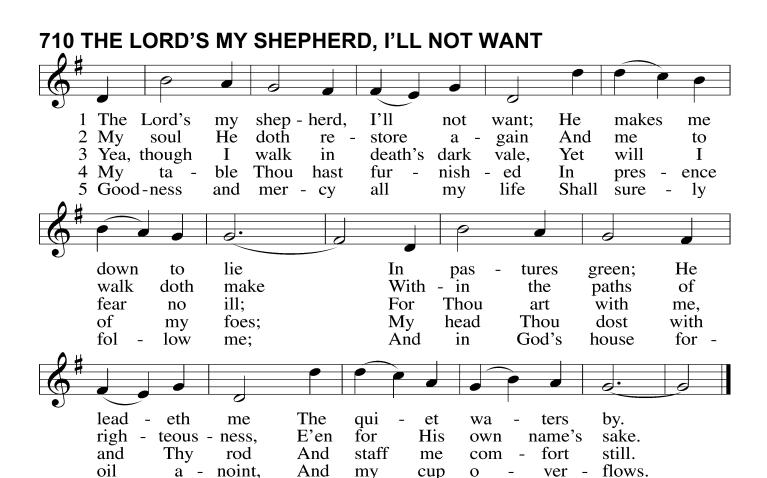
BENEDICTION

PThe Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

GAmen.



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CLOSING PEACE

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LGo in Peace as you serve the Lord.

CThanks be to God.

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