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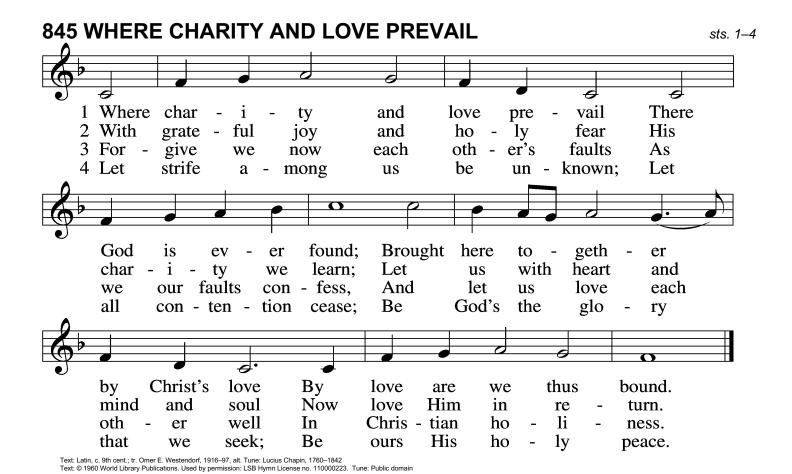
Commitment Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost October 12, 2025

## 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### AS WE GATHER - GUIDED BY FAITH

In our Readings today, we see not only where faith guides but also to whom it ultimately leads. In Ruth 1, we learn of Naomi's difficulties as she faced numerous instances of grief. Yet her faith remained in the Lord and His provision, which would lead her to Judah. Faithful to her mother-in-law, Ruth would be guided not only to a new land but also to the knowledge of the one true God. In 2 Timothy 2, even amid imprisonment and suffering, Paul points young Timothy and all hearers in faith to remember Jesus Christ, reminding of the One who remains faithful despite earthly troubles. In Luke 17, ten lepers encounter Jesus and beg for His mercy. Jesus heals them all and then affirms the faith of the cleansed Samaritan, making him well spiritually. As we are called, gathered, and enlightened by the Holy Spirit, who gives and sustains the gift of faith still, we are guided by Scripture and led through it to our Savior, Jesus, in whose name we worship in our prayer, our praise, and our thanksgiving for all He has done.

#### + PREPARATION +



## INVOCATION

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

CAmen.

#### **OPENING SENTENCES**

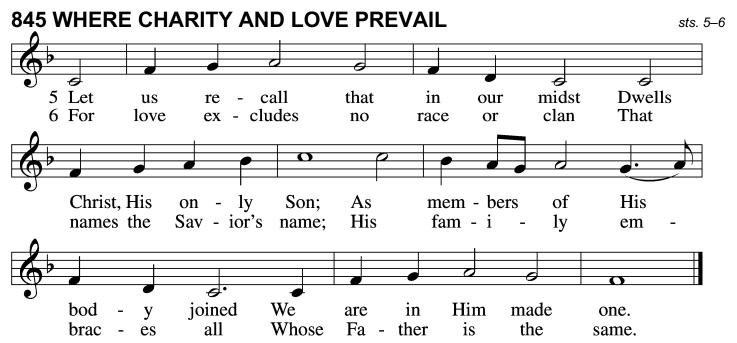
- Psalm 111:1-8
- PTruly I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there," and it will move,
- Can nothing will be impossible for you.
- PThe earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world, and those who dwell therein.
- **G**We worship You and bow down before You, O Lord, Our Maker! For You are our God, and we are the people of Your pasture.
- PYou withhold no good thing from us.
- **C**You richly provide us with everything to enjoy.
- PHelp us to acknowledge Your gifts and to give You thanks for Your goodness to us through our words and actions.
- **C**Let us not find our security in material wealth, but in You, O Lord.
- PTeach us as stewards who walk by grace "to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, and ready to share...
- Thus we may store up treasures for ourselves as a good foundation...that we may take hold of that which is truly life.
- **©**Dear Father, by Your Spirit help us to be faithful stewards who walk by grace.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- 2 Timothy 2:1, 3, 8a, 11–13; Psalm 111:9–10
- PAs we come before the Lord with humble and contrite hearts, we hear the words of encouragement from Paul to young Timothy: "You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus."
- God of grace, we ask Your forgiveness for the times we seek strength away from where You promise to be present with Your Word and in Your means of grace, and for the times we have not desired the grace found in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
- P"Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus."
- **@**We confess we have chosen the easy way out when our following and serving of Jesus becomes difficult for our lives, forsaking Your name and the name You have given us in Baptism.
- P"Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead."
- We confess we have not remembered the victory Jesus Christ has won for us over sin, death, and the devil, through His sacrificial death and rising from the dead. Because of this, we have not loved You with all our heart, soul, and strength, and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- PThe saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with Him,
- Gwe will also live with Him;
- Pif we endure, we will also reign with Him;
- **G**if we deny Him, He also will deny us;
- **P**if we are faithless,
- **@**He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.
- POur faithful God, the one almighty 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 sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.
- **C**Holy and awesome is His name!
- The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.
- **C**His praise endures forever!

#### + WORD +



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## **SALUTATION**

- PThe Lord be with you.
- CAnd also with you.

PSALM

Psalm 111; antiphon: v. 10

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. <sup>2</sup>Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. <sup>3</sup>Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. <sup>4</sup>He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. <sup>5</sup>He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. <sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. <sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; <sup>8</sup>they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

<sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! <sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

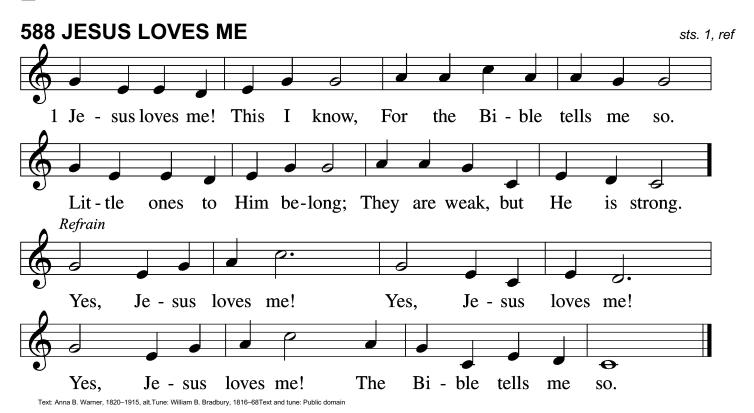
**L**This is the Word of the Lord.

**G**Thanks be to God.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

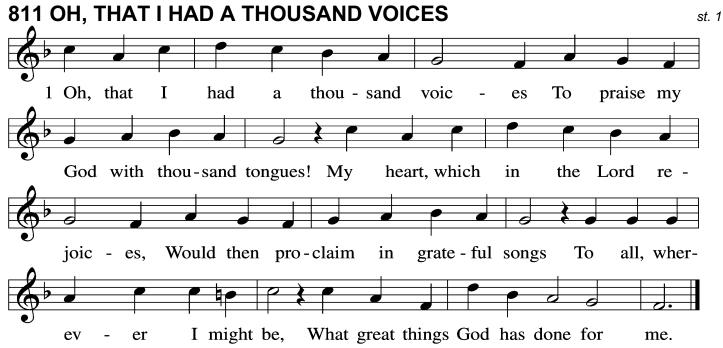
PLet us pray. Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.



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

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



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#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 36:1-7

¹"Bezalel and Oholiab and every craftsman in whom the LORD has put skill and intelligence to know how to do any work in the construction of the sanctuary shall work in accordance with all that the LORD has commanded." ²And Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab and every craftsman in whose mind the LORD had put skill, everyone whose heart stirred him up to come to do the work. ³And they received from Moses all the contribution that the people of Israel had brought for doing the work on the sanctuary. They still kept bringing him freewill offerings every morning, ⁴so that all the craftsmen who were doing every sort of task on the sanctuary came, each from the task that he was doing, ⁵and said to Moses, "The people bring much more than enough for doing the work that the LORD has commanded us to do." ⁵So Moses gave command, and word was proclaimed throughout the camp, "Let no man or woman do anything more for the contribution for the sanctuary." So the people were restrained from bringing, ¹for the material they had was sufficient to do all the work, and more.

**L**This is the Word of the Lord.

**C**Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** 2 Corinthians 9:6–12

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

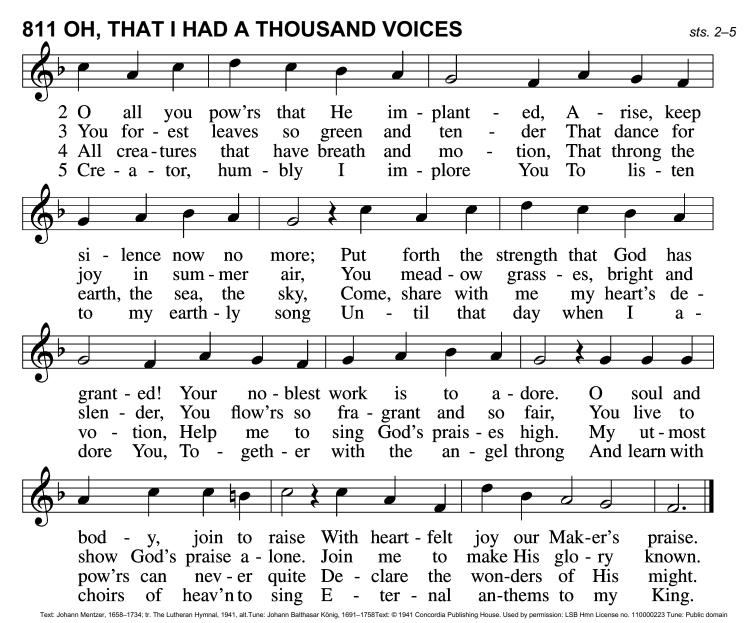
<sup>8</sup>And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

<sup>9</sup>As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

<sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. <sup>12</sup>For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

**L**This is the Word of the Lord.

**C**Thanks be to God.



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 26:6–13

PThe Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

## **G**lory to You, O Lord.

<sup>6</sup>Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, <sup>7</sup>a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. <sup>8</sup>And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? <sup>9</sup>For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor." <sup>10</sup>But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>11</sup>For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup>In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. <sup>13</sup>Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."

**P**This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **MUSICAL MEDITATION**

## **SERMON**

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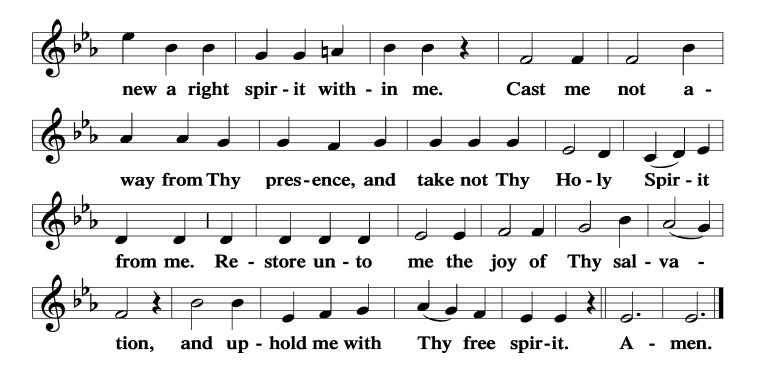
l believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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

2 Timothy 2:8, 13

Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for His church, and for all people according to their needs.

God of everlasting mercy, You offer Your salvation and redemption to all people with forgiveness assured through faith in Your Son. As You did for Your people of old, grant us trust in Your provision and direction, even amid trials we may face. Help us to endure and to also point others to the help and hope You offer and sustain by Your grace. As we remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,

Chear our prayer, for You remain faithful.

Lever-sustaining Lord, who strengthens by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, encourage us by Your servant Paul. As he endured persecution and prison for the sake of Your Gospel for the salvation of the world, sustain us in our faith and in our witness. Grant strength to endure the trials and sufferings in this world, and to remain firm in faith when we bear Your name as Your baptized and redeemed people. Soften hearts of those who reject Your Word and grace and pour out Your Spirit that many more may come to know Your mercy, which is known and shown through Your Son. As we remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,

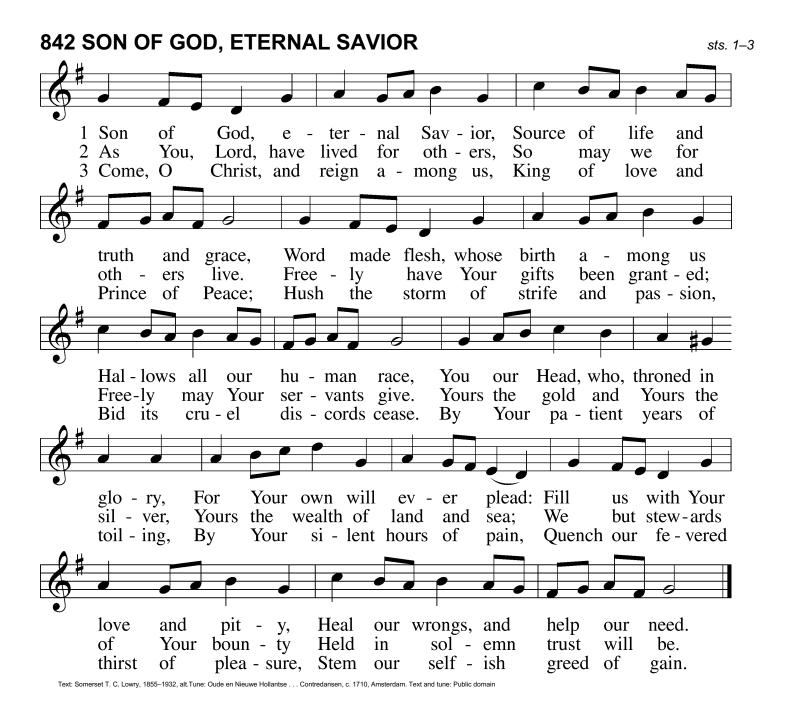
Chear our prayer, for You remain faithful.

Lillealing Lord, out of compassion, Jesus healed the ten lepers afflicted by disease. Be with those who suffer in body and mind with disease, diagnosis, and despair. We especially lift up to You those who have asked for our prayers. For those afflictions and ailments known only to You, grant the comfort of Your presence and healing according to Your will. We thank You for the healing of our greatest afflictions faced against the world, the devil, and our sinful flesh.

- ■Through hardships, as we remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,
  ©hear our prayer, for You remain faithful.
- Linto Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**G**Amen.

#### + SACRAMENT +



### **PREFACE**

PThe Lord be with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

• And also with you.

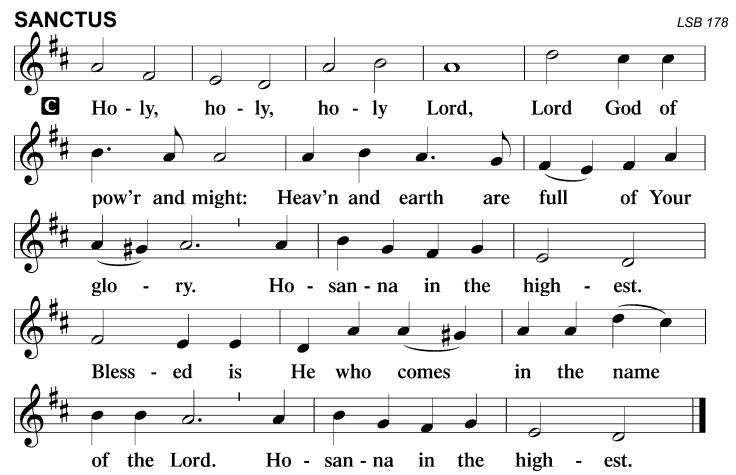
**©** We lift them to the Lord.

PLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C**It 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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.

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

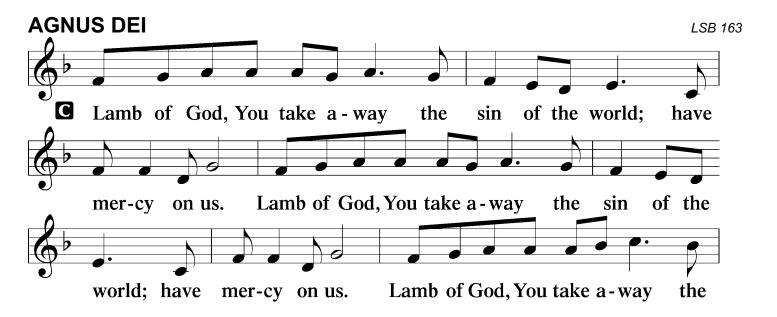
#### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- PAs often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. C Amen. 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 read; 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**





#### + DISTRIBUTION HYMN +

## HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD (video)

Chris Tomlin

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty Let all the Earth rejoice, All the Earth rejoice He wraps himself in light, And darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice, Trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me, How great is our God, and all will see How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands, And time is in His hands Beginning and the end, Beginning and the end The Godhead Three in One, Father Spirit and Son The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God, sing with me, How great is our God, and all will see How great, how great is our God

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing, How great is our God
You're the name above all names, You are worthy of all praise
And my heart will sing, How great is our God

How great is our God, sing with me, How great is our God, and all will see How great, how great is our God

How great is our God, How great is our God, How great, how great is our God How great is our God, How great is our God, How great is our God

## BLESSED ASSURANCE: My King is Coming (video)

Matthew West

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine, Oh what a foretaste of glory divine; Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His spirit, washed in his Blood.

This is my story. This is my song. Praising my Savior All the day long. This is my story. This is my song. Praising my Savior All the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest. I, in my Savior, am happy and blessed; Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His Love.

This is my story. This is my song. Praising my Savior All the day long.

This is my story. This is my song. Praising my Savior All the day long.

My King is coming soon. He will roll the clouds away. Light of Heaven bursting through, Oh what a glorious day! Yes, my King is coming soon. He will roll the clouds away. Light of Heaven bursting through, And until that glorious day,

This is my story. This is my song. Praising my Savior All the day long. This is my story. This is my song. Praising my Savior All the day long. This is my story. This is my song.

My King is coming soon. He will roll the clouds away, Light of Heaven bursting through, And until that glorious day! This is my story.\_\_. This is my story. This is my song.

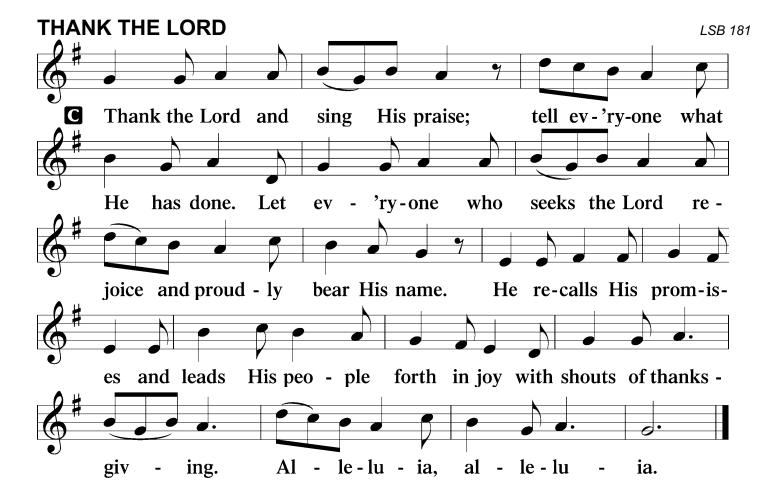
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The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

CAmen.



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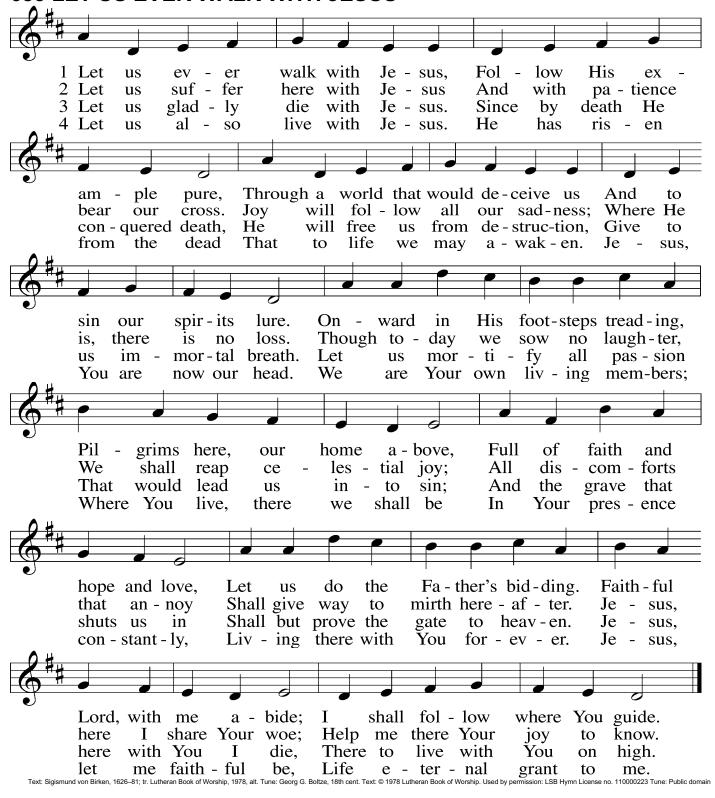
PThe Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

#### CAmen.

#### 685 LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS



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LGo in Peace as you serve the Lord.

CThanks be to God.

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