

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Thank you for worshipping with us this day.

If you are visiting with us today, please sign the guest book  
located in the Narthex.

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Calendar of Events

Happening Today! Food Items available for purchase
Free Ice Cream!

Sun. 9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary
7/26

Mon. (7/27) - Thur. (7/30) 6-8 p.m. Vacation Bible School
"Rainforest Falls" (Info page 14)

Fri. (7/31) Reading Phillies Game (Info page 15)

Sun. VBS Closing Sunday
8/2 9:00AM Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall

Mon. (8/3) 6:30PM Fundraising Committee Meeting

Sun. Holy Communion
8/9 9:00AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary

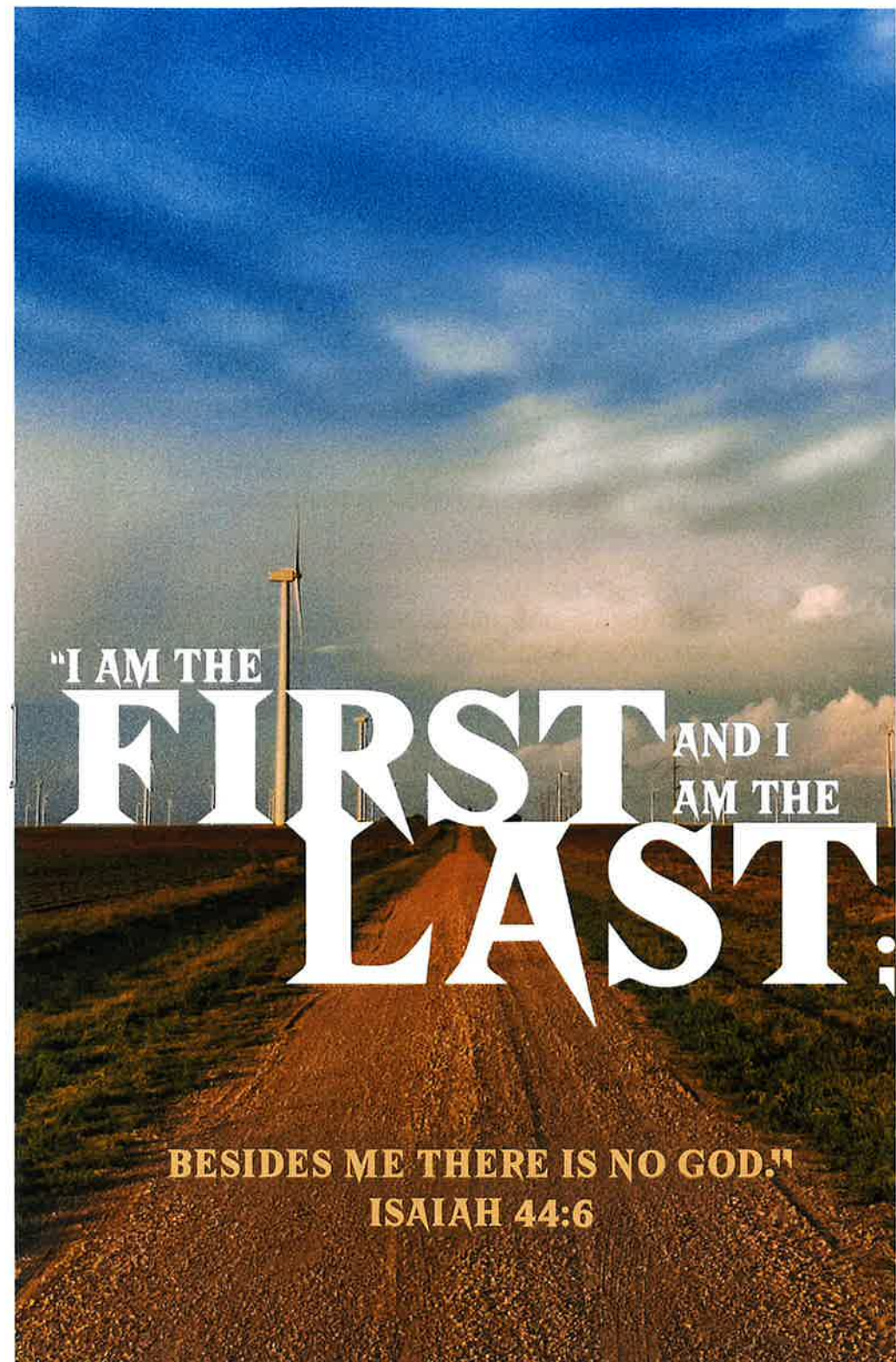
Sat. 8:00AM–Noon SV Food Pantry @Trinity Leesport
8/15 (Bellemans' Month to serve)

Sun. Bluegrass Sunday
8/16 9:00AM Worship Service in the Grove

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We welcome you to Salem (Belleman's) Church.

We are a shared ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and the United Church of Christ.

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Church: 610-926-0461  
Church Office: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Summer Sunday Worship Time is at 9:00 a.m.

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*Children's Bulletins are available in the
pink crate in the entrance of the church.*

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#### **Mission Statement:**

**With the strength of our combined traditions  
We strive to be unified through CHRIST as...  
A community that reaches out and welcomes  
individuals of various ages and faith  
backgrounds... offering a diversity of  
opportunities in worship and service... so that  
we are spiritually enriched by the power,  
promise and presence of the Holy Spirit.**

#### *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

*July 19, 2026*

*It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, he humbly places our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.*

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Welcome and Announcements

Prayers for Healing

Mark Zipp, Peggy Hartman, Maya Hein, Dorothy Dougherty,
Richard Hartman, Richard Bausher, Livia Kiwak, Sindy Bachman,
Mathew Machmer, Xavier Shaffer, Larry Blatt, Brenda Anderson,
Joe Barton Sr., John Geib, Donna Rueppel, Robert Elliott,
Batdorf Family, Laura Schoeller, Deb Steffey,
Lester and Gloria Gambler, Dennis Linderman,
Rick Phillips, Shirley Felix, Dave Reager, Donna Newhall

Note: Please know that not all hospitals notify the church when a parishioner has been admitted. Please make the office or Pastor Kevin aware if anyone from our Belleman's family has been hospitalized. Thank you!

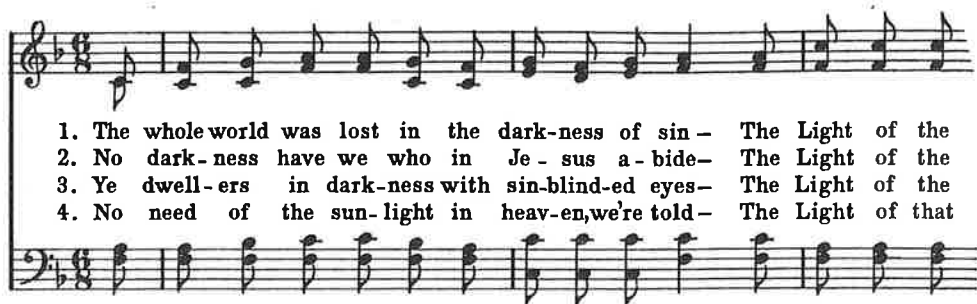
Military

Alfred Cross, Bradley Hoppes, John R. Wesner,
Phillip Spatz, Cydney Lawrence, CWO2 Josh Linderman,
Andrew Cichowicz, J. Michael Fluck, David Peterman,
MSgt Kevin Mohn, Nathan P. Stump, Andrew D. Potts,
Anthony Butt, Alex Hoffman, Dakotah Dailey, MAJ Michael Kufro,
SSgt. Matthew Wurster, Dustin Spatz and all men and
women serving our country.

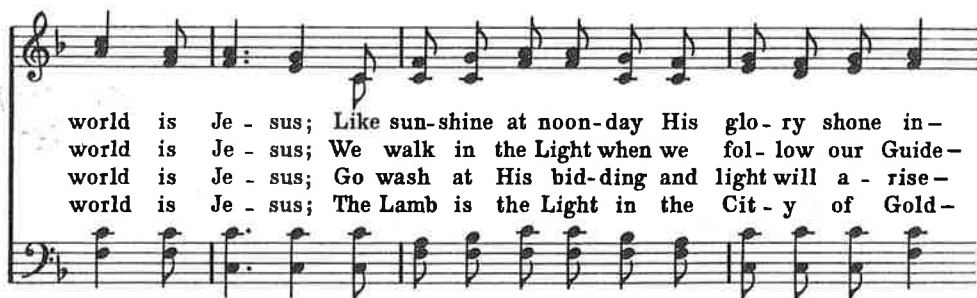
Prelude

** Please stand if you are able.*

**Gathering Hymn*



1. The whole world was lost in the dark-ness of sin - The Light of the
2. No dark-ness have we who in Je - sus a - bide - The Light of the
3. Ye dwell - ers in dark-ness with sin-blind-ed eyes - The Light of the
4. No need of the sun-light in heav-en, we're told - The Light of that

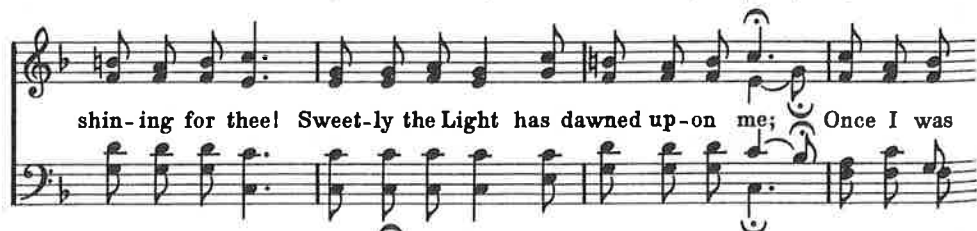


world is Je - sus; Like sun-shine at noon-day His glo - ry shone in -
world is Je - sus; We walk in the Light when we fol - low our Guide -
world is Je - sus; Go wash at His bid-ding and light will a - rise -
world is Je - sus; The Lamb is the Light in the Cit - y of Gold -



CHORUS

The Light of the world is Je - sus.
The Light of the world is Je - sus. Come to the Light, 'tis
The Light of the world is Je - sus.
The Light of that world is Je - sus.



shin-ing for thee! Sweet-ly the Light has dawned up-on me; Once I was



blind, but now I can see - The Light of the world is Je - sus.

**Call to Worship*

We look at this world, focusing on the pain and confusion,
the fears and hatred which seem to abound.

For what can we hope?

We wait breathlessly for the goodness of creation to be made
manifest in all the world, for this is the promise of God.

**God is always with us, guiding, rescuing, healing,
restoring us.**

Get ready, dear friends, the promises of God are true.

**Lord, quiet our spirits and open our hearts. Bring us hope
and peace.**

** Call to Confession*

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, in the fields of our lives, we strive to be
fruitful, but we fall short. We get so comfortable that we
sleep when we need to be vigilant about the errors in our
own lives and the injustices around us. We are so casual
about wrongdoing that it creeps into our lives
and threatens to overwhelm the good we do. We do not
pay attention to the unjust systems which shape our lives,
that we must work to transform so that your Beloved
Community may come to be. Forgive us. Keep us awake
so that we can produce the lives you call us to live.

**Acknowledgment of God's Forgiveness*

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and
the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

*Share a sign of God's peace with those around you!
(The sharing of hands/hugs are optional.)*

**Praise Hymn (Sung)*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.**

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**And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us."
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us."
Give thanks, give thanks.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

**Holy One, you know us already. Help us to know you
better. Let us see you all around us. Fill our worship with
your Spirit so that we may learn to recognize your
presence in all places.**

Proclaiming The Word - Read by Mica Kornfeind

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ "This is what the LORD says, Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: "I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. ⁷ Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come, yes, let them foretell what will come. ⁸ Do not tremble, do not be

afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."

PSALM 86:11-17

¹¹ Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.

¹² **I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.**

¹³ For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths, from the realm of the dead.

¹⁴ **Arrogant foes are attacking me, O God; ruthless people are trying to kill me, they have no regard for you.**

¹⁵ But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mercy on me; show your strength in behalf of your servant; save me, because I serve you just as my mother did.**

¹⁷ Give me a sign of your goodness, that my enemies may see it and be put to shame, for you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:18-25

18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

*The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th Chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

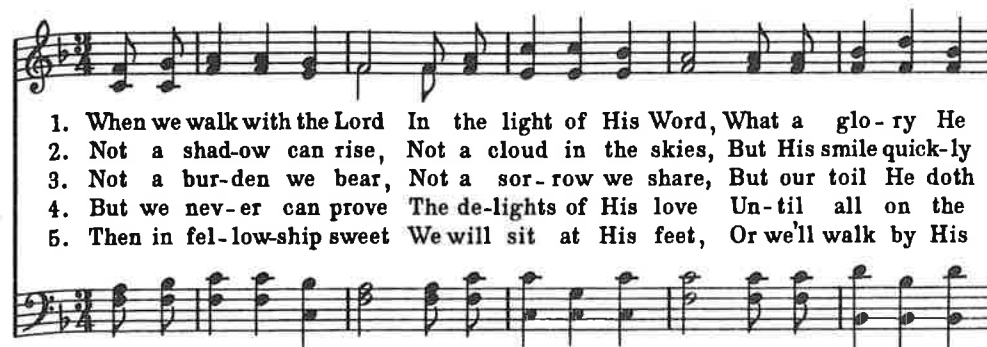
²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. ²⁷ "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' ²⁸ "An enemy did this," he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' ²⁹ "No," he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'" ³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. ⁴⁰ "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

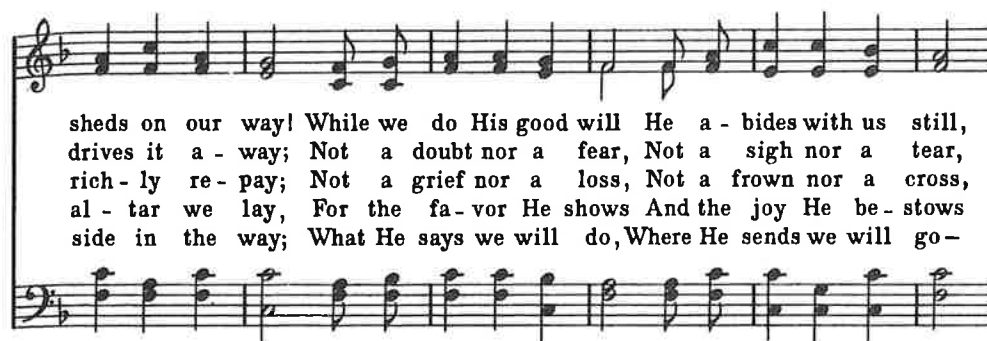
Children's Message

Jingle Offering: Reid Schrack and Family

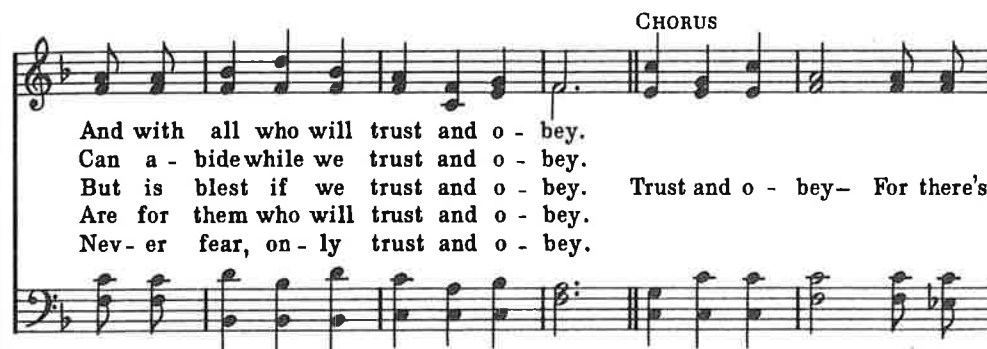
Hymn



1. When we walk with the Lord In the light of His Word, What a glo- ry He
2. Not a shad-ow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quick-ly
3. Not a bur-den we bear, Not a sor- row we share, But our toil He doth
4. But we nev-er can prove The de-lights of His love Un-til all on the
5. Then in fel-low-ship sweet We will sit at His feet, Or we'll walk by His



sheds on our way! While we do His good will He a - bides with us still,
drives it a - way; Not a doubt nor a fear, Not a sigh nor a tear,
rich - ly re - pay; Not a grief nor a loss, Not a frown nor a cross,
al - tar we lay, For the fa - vor He shows And the joy He be - stows
side in the way; What He says we will do, Where He sends we will go -



CHORUS

And with all who will trust and o - bey.
Can a - bidewhile we trust and o - bey.
But is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey- For there's
Are for them who will trust and o - bey.
Nev-er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.



no oth - er way To be hap-py in Je-sus But to trust and o - bey.

Sermon

**A New Creed—United Church of Canada*

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Offering

Offertory Selection

**Offering Response (Sung)*

**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.**

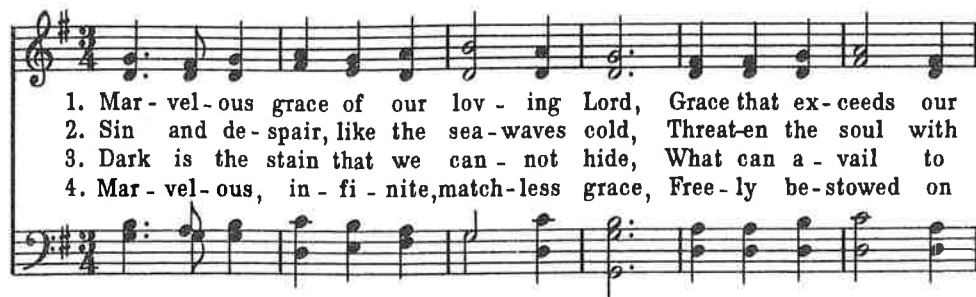
Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer*

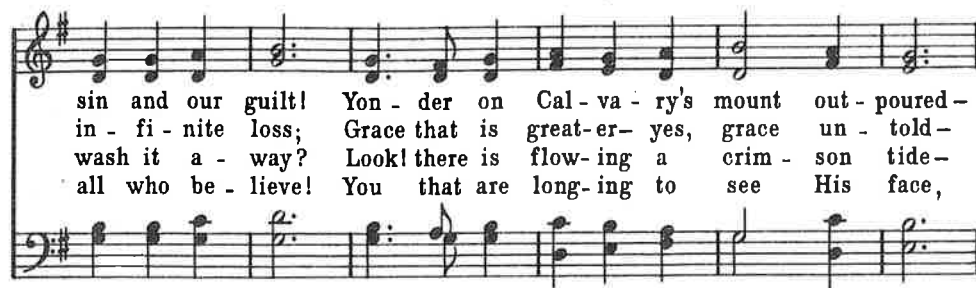
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom,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

**The Benediction*

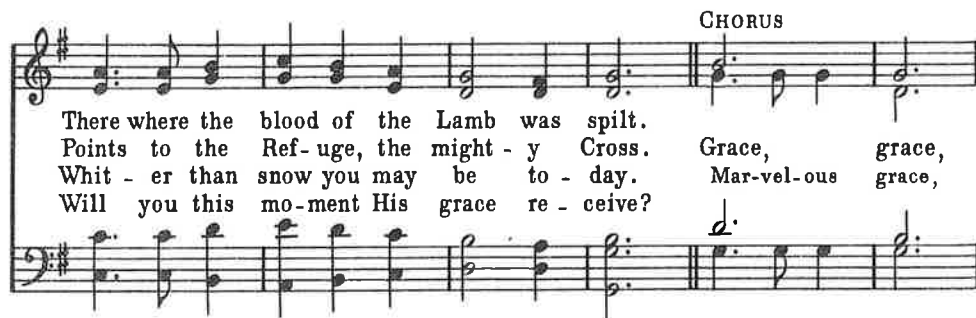
*Sending Hymn



1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord, Grace that ex - ceeds our
2. Sin and de - spair, like the sea - waves cold, Threat - en the soul with
3. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide, What can a - vail to
4. Mar - vel - ous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace, Free - ly be - stowed on

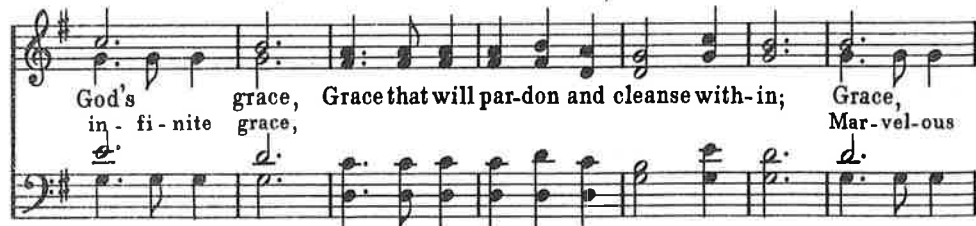


sin and our guilt! Yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured -
in - fi - nite loss; Grace that is great - er - yes, grace un - told -
wash it a - way? Look! there is flow - ing a crim - son tide -
all who be - lieve! You that are long - ing to see His face,

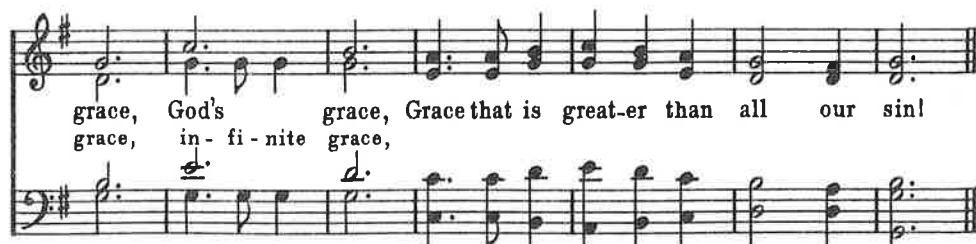


CHORUS

There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.
Points to the Ref - uge, the might - y Cross. Grace, grace,
Whit - er than snow you may be to - day. Mar - vel - ous grace,
Will you this mo - ment His grace re - ceive?



God's grace, Grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in; Grace,
in - fi - nite grace, Mar - vel - ous



grace, God's grace, Grace that is great - er than all our sin!
grace, in - fi - nite grace,