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The Steeple





The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Look for the Helpers. You will always find people who are helping. - Fred Rogers

As the pandemic began to sweep across the country earlier this year, these words from the beloved Mr. Rogers were recalled again and again. In times of uncertainty and anxiety, his mother had always told him, "look for the helpers" for strength, perseverance and hope.

The past several months have given us all a profound appreciation of all the helpers that surround us in our nation, in our community and within St. Luke's itself. Indeed, *you* all have been helpers in keeping each other safe by taking considerate actions such as wearing facemasks and avoiding close contacts in order to avoid spread of the virus. These small, though inconvenient, actions are indeed helping.

We also are mindful of the groups within our congregation that have kept St. Luke's vital during these trying times. We are grateful to the worship team that plans each Sunday service. We're appreciative of the supply priests who have made it possible for us to celebrate communion regularly, and to the readers and lay leaders who have assisted at every service. We give thanks for the altar guild that prepares and adorns the altar each Sunday, then shares the joy of our altar flowers with the stay-at-home members of our congregation.

This month in particular we're grateful to vestry, which has stepped forward to provide the meals next week for our Family Promise family (a mom, dad and 11-month infant) staying at Anchor House. We're grateful to all the members who answered Ada Grillot's request and quickly

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volunteered to provide meals throughout November for the Blackburns. And speaking of the Grillots, we are extremely thankful to Jim for the many hours he spent diagnosing and repairing a complicated water faucet problem in the courtyard. And Jim has the photos to prove it! These are just a few examples our own St. Luke's helpers.

At this writing on Veterans Day, we also are mindful of all the families within our congregation who have served in the defense of our nation, directly and through family members and close friends. We remember and give thanks for their service in the past. And for those now serving, we pray for their continued safety and their unswerving commitment to the cause of freedom.

Take care, my friends, and continue to be helpers that God calls us to be.

Dan Droege, Sr. Warden On behalf of the Vestry

# Santa Shop at Jane Phillips Elementary

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Santa Shop at Jane Phillips Elementary will be held Dec. 19, 9-11 a.m. Due to COVID-19, this year's Santa Shop will be a drive-through "Winter Wonderland, Where Your Dreams Come True."

Monetary donations mailed to Jane Phillips at 1500 S. Rogers, Bartlesville, OK 74003, are requested by Nov. 30 to help purchase: blankets, pillows, underwear, socks, gloves, winter hats, toothbrushes, toothpaste, gently used items for students to give to parents/grandparents, processing selfies with Santa, Mrs. Claus and Peppermint, the Elf, Christmas gift bags.

Last year 320+ students and their families were touched by the outpouring of community support. This year parents will pre-select a new toy for each of their children to be gifted to them on Christmas, and the children will receive a new outfit that has been purchased by a member of the community, and a Christmas dinner bag will be given to each family.

If you have questions, call Santa Shop Committee members Karla Cunningham at 918-519-0223 or via email at <u>cunninghamkl@bps-ok.org</u> or Melinda Butterfield at 918-331-6407 or via email at butterfieldml@bps-ok.org.



At Emily's recent hearing in Noble County, the judge enforced the existing visitation order -- with extra to make up for visits denied. Emily had her first visitation with Wyatt & Harley Nov. 6-8.

# Angel Tree Tags

The tree is up in the narthex. There are needs and wish items on each Angel Tree tag. Please purchase one or more items for each tag, box or bag with the tag attached and return to St. Luke's by Dec. 8 for delivery to Salvation Army.

Donations will also be gladly accepted this year. Make checks to St. Luke's and put Angel Tree on memo.

Part of the donations will go for Christmas gifts and clothing for Emily's two children.

Please call Steve or Cheryl Van Aken with questions at 918-914-9041.

#### **Information from Roseanne, Office Manager:**

**If this week's Steeple arrives late**, it is likely due to the Veteran's Day holiday – when the post office was closed. Several things have delayed the Steeple recently for the following reasons: the week of Oct. 19 it was not mailed while Roseanne was on vacation; the week of Oct. 26 the ice storm delayed the worship committee's meeting by a day and last week the election delayed the worship committee's meeting by a day. This problem should not recur during 2020.

Roseanne's Updated Office Hours 9:30 - 1:30. Please note that even during office hours, the doors are locked per COVID-19 protocol. If you need to come in, just ring the north entrance bell or call the office at 918-336-1212 or Roseanne's cell 918-287-8784.

#### Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule

<u>Thursday, Nov. 12:</u> 9-11am: Jeanne Julstrom, Becky Liehr 10:45am – 1pm: Kris Bonner, Rita Childers, Becky Liehr, Kathy Zervas, Dolores McCreary 1:00 – 2:45pm: Peter Julstrom, Miriam Petrovich, Wendy Hall

# Thursday, Nov. 26:

9-11am: Jim Liehr 10:45am – 1pm: Jeff Birk, Dean Zervas Glenda Garrison, Darian Kedy, Jen Peterson, 1:00 – 2:45pm: Carol Murphy, Radomir Petrovich, Becky Olsen



# St. Luke's Prayer List

Please keep the following persons in your prayers: Milton, Elizabeth, Georgia, Millie, Suzanne, Linda, Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy, Michelle, Catherine, Thelma, Sydney, Ed, Cheri, Rhonda, Liz, Evan, Joseph, Belinda, Mary, Emily, Madelyn, Maxwell, Bruce, Clara, Juanita, Lynetta, Shellie, Ann, Mike, Bill, Doug, Paul, Lysa, Marty and all members of our armed forces and their families. If you have a prayer request, contact the church office at 918-336-1212 or

**Bereavement Team 1** Susie Clark, Nancy Woods, Sally Lindsey, Georgia Gates, Jeanne Julstrom.

#### **Online & Mobile Giving Available**

Online giving application is now available to St. Luke's members through the Tithe.ly mobile application or directly online from your home device. You can utilize either method of giving by going to this <u>Tithe.ly web page</u> (https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app). Complete instructions for using this convenience are provided on the home page of the <u>St. Luke's website</u>

(http://episcopalbartlesville.org) or by picking Online Giving in the right-side menu.

Regardless of whether you can manage all or some of your normal giving, please continue to support our community of faith. And if you're not comfortable with virtual giving, you can always mail a check to the church office: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 210 E 9th St, Bartlesville, OK 74003 *or* drop a check into our locked mail slot near north entrance.

# Alert on solicitations...

• Be aware – No one from St. Luke's will request gift cards or other monetary support through email. If you receive such a message in your email, it is spam. All financial requests/special appeals at St. Luke's go through normal channels and any special requests will be made by phone or in person.

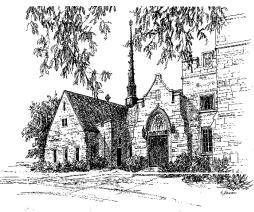
#### **Birthdays and Anniversaries November 11 - 21**

#### **Birthdays**

Nancy Vanduker, Nov. 11 Steve Clarkm Nov. 13 Wendy Hall, Nov. 13 Claire Hood, Nov. 15 Nicki Ingram, Nov. 15 Josephine McIver, Nov. 15 Penny Williams, Nov. 15 Nate Bonham, Nov. 17 Mary Miller, Nov. 17 Melissa Sutton, Nov. 17 Tonya Thurman, Nov. 18 Marlo Alexander, Nov. 21

#### Anniversaries

Bob & Melinda Wesneski, Nov. 10 Russell & Shari Eslick, Nov. 15 Peter & Jeanne Julstrom, Nov. 17





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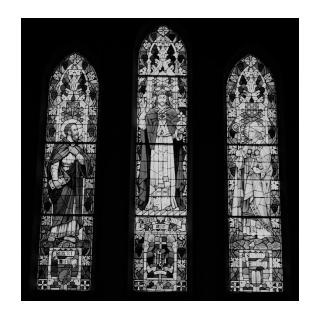
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#### **Connecting with St. Luke's**

To learn various ways to connect at St. Luke's, visit our website at: http://episcopalbartlesville.org/

# The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 28

November 15, 2020 10:00 a.m.



# St. Luke's Episcopal Church

210 Southeast Ninth Street Bartlesville, Oklahoma

#### **THE HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II** The Rev. Mark Wood, Celebrant

#### **Organ Prelude**

- Please stand when the bell rings
- Opening hymn will be played during procession

**Opening Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" #550** 

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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

| Celebrant | Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.                       |
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| People    | And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.                |
| Celebrant | Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and   |
|           | from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts    |
|           | by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love |
|           | you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our       |
|           | Lord. Amen.  |

# Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, And peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, We worship you, we give you thanks, We praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: Receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father. Amen. Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

# Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* 

# First Lesson: a Reading from Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.People**Thanks be to God.** 

# Psalm 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, \* to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \* and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, \* until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, \* for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \* and of the derision of the proud.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:\* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.* 

#### Second Lesson: a Reading from I Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn: "Help Me, O Lord, to Learn" #628 See page 16

#### The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 25:14-30

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.** 

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts

with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

#### Homily The Reverend Mark Wood

#### The Nicene Creed

(Please stand as you are able)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. One the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# The Prayers of the People Form III

Lay Reader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

### That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; *That your Name may be glorified by all people.* 

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

# That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

### That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

### That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

### Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others especially: Milton, Elizabeth, Georgia, Millie, Suzanne, Linda, Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy, Michelle, Catherine, Thelma, Sydney, Ed, Cheri, Rhonda, Liz, Evan, Joseph, Belinda, Mary, Emily, Madelyn, Maxwell, Bruce, Clara, Juanita, Lynetta, Shellie, Ann, Mike, Bill, Doug, Paul, Lysa, and Marty.

We pray also for the candidates who have been presented for consideration as our Priest in Charge. We pray that through your grace and by seeking your wisdom and discernment, our Vestry, keeping their eyes upon you, will be directed to the priest you have chosen for St. Luke's.

# May your word give a lamp to their feet, and a light to their path. Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

Celebrant and People

Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

# Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.* 

# The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

# Announcements: Dan Droege, Senior Warden

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

# Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord" G#291

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# The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.CelebrantLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.PeopleIt is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

### The people stand or kneel.

### Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive his holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.* 

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People 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, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

# The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

### People Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for You, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, With thanksgiving.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the people will receive the bread only.

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

#### Blessing

#### Dismissal Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign" #544

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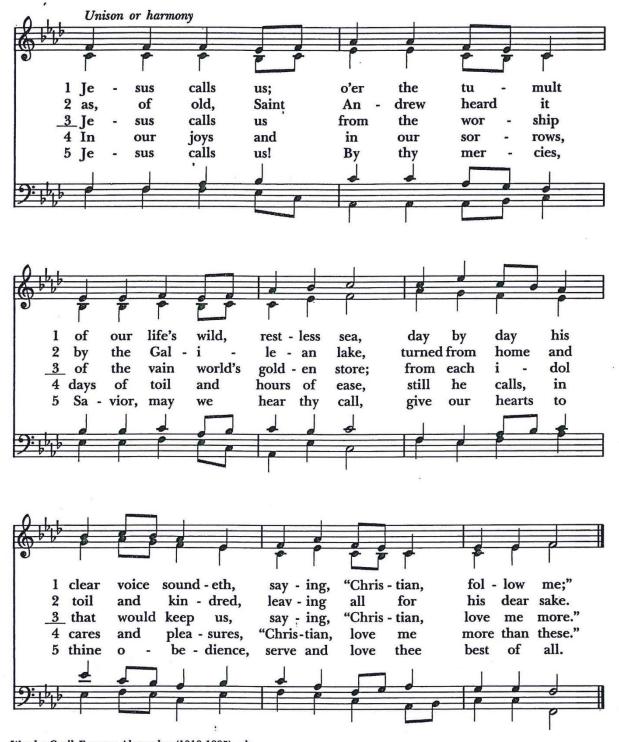
### Dismissal

The altar flowers are given today by John & Becky Liehr in loving memory of John & Emily Sapp and John & Emily Liehr

**Usher:** Glenn Bonner **Layreader:** Darian Kedy

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# Christian Vocation and Pilgrimage



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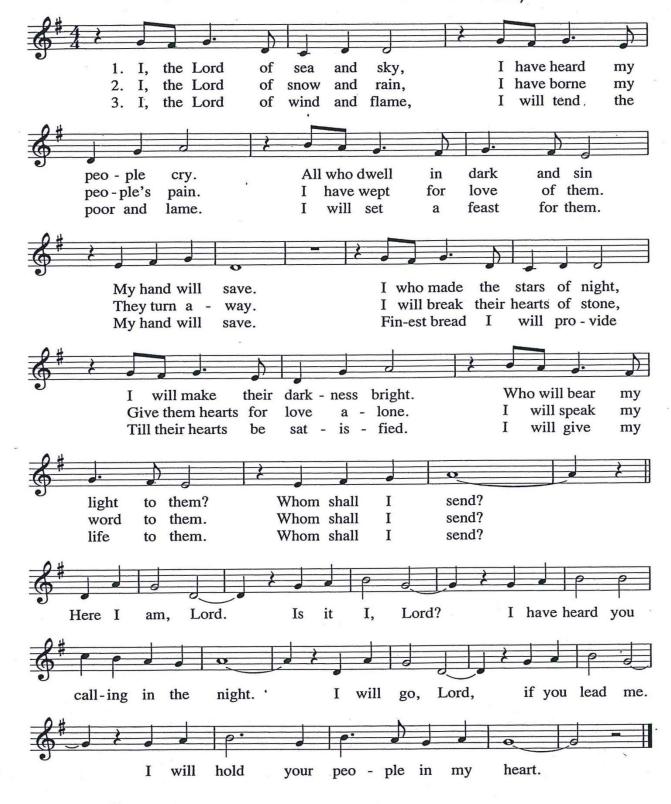
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