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# The Steeple



Sept. 23, 2020

#### The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

# **Dilbert and Family Promise**

I don't know about you, but I'm a big fan of the Dilbert comic strip. Maybe it's because I worked within big companies for years before retirement and have some first-hand familiarity with the workplace ironies and foibles that are often the center of Dilbert's message. In fact, probably anyone who has been a part of an organization or large group effort would identify with the narrative that appeared in a strip last week.

For copyright reasons, we can't run the strip itself, but here is the gist:

Frame 1: The pointy-haired boss confides to Dilbert that the fact that the company's income has doubled during a pandemic "isn't a good look."

Frame 2: The boss goes on to suggest that the company should undertake some "insincere effort" to show it cares about people who are suffering.

Frame 3: Dilbert responds that, as an alternative, the company could do something that would "actually help people." Taken back, the boss replies that he was thinking of something "more along the lines of a sign in the foyer."

About the same time I was chuckling at this, I was thinking about St. Luke's future involvement in Family Promise. There appeared to be a connection, at least in my mind.

Family Promise has always been a challenge because it is such a volunteer-intensive effort. And it's been a particular challenge for Jen Peterson, as our Family Promise coordinator, who several times a year must engage a team of church members to provide meals, companionship and overnight coverage for a week. Who could blame her when Jen told me recently that she was ready to pass the reigns to a new coordinator after five years in the saddle? Yes, St. Luke's has been a stalwart in the program for that long...since its beginning in fact! Jen has done a wonderful job in arranging for the 20 or more volunteers needed every three months or so to meet our commitment to the program. We're incredibly grateful for her dedication over a long period, and we love her for it.

Now it's time to find a new St. Luke's coordinator, just as committed as Jen has been. I may have to "persuade" someone into this role, but it would be so much more appropriate if one of you voluntarily stepped forward. Think about it seriously and prayerfully. If you're interested, let me know, and feel free to talk to Jen to learn more about the responsibilities as well. Our last scheduled week in 2020 is coming up Nov. 15-22, and it's likely to be a meals-only need, given Covid restrictions.

St. Luke's believes itself to be a church with it "Arms Wide Open." And there's plenty of proof that we are. But at junctures like this one, we have to ask ourselves: Are we, like the pointy-haired boss, willing to settle for just a sign in the foyer? Or are we ready to re-commit to "do something that actually helps people"?

Dan Droege, Sr. Warden On behalf of the Vestry

# The Canon is Coming!



St. Luke's will have the honor this Sunday, Sept. 27, of having Canon to the Ordinary Eric Cooter officiate at the 10 am service including delivering the sermon. Canon Eric has come to know us well over the last few months as our primary Diocesan contact for the priest in charge recruitment process. Joining him on his first visit to St. Luke's will be his wife Terri.

During Sunday morning with us, Canon Eric also will meet with the vestry as members continue to narrow of the field of candidates and map out the next steps in the evaluation process including

contacting references and virtual interviews. At some point, the top candidate or two will be visiting Bartlesville.

Because Covid restrictions make casual socializing so difficult, here's some background about Canon Eric so you'll know him a little better if don't get a chance to meet him in person.

Prior to his joining the Oklahoma Diocesan staff in July 1 of this year, Canon Eric served as the rector of St. Monica's Episcopal Church in Naples, FL, and was the Dean of Naples Deanery, a member of standing committee, and previously served on Diocesan Council. He also served as a deputy to the 2018 General Convention and was a member of the evangelism and church planting committee. He also has served as President of the Board for the Conference of Diocesan Executives.

Prior to service with St. Monica's, he was on the Bishop's staff of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida as Canon for Ministry Development. His roles included Diocesan Transitions Minister and staff resource for the ordination/discernment process. Prior to diocesan service, Cooter served as the rector of St. David's Episcopal Church in Englewood, FL.

Canon Eric graduated from East Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration and he received a Master of Divinity from the University of the South, Sewanee, where he served as Student Body President. Before ordination he was as a retail executive with two major national retailers, and later founded and managed his own aviation business.

Canon Eric wife Terri has a career background in retail buying, store management, and administration. They have an adult daughter Erica, who is the Associate Band Director at Baron Collier High School, Naples, FL.

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

Roseanne's Office Hours 9:30 – 2:30 Roseanne's fall schedule is to work 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. with an hour lunch break somewhere. 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.

**Chapel Schedule**: Closed until the new lock has been installed. The Chapel lock is worn out. A new one is on back order from Indian Lock & Key. Roseanne checks order status regularly.

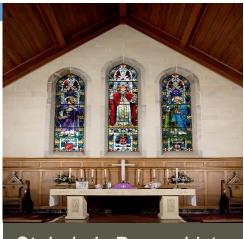
#### **Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule**

#### Thursday, Sept. 24:

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

#### Thursday, Oct. 8:

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



# St. Luke's Prayer List

Please keep the following persons in your prayers:

Milton, Elizabeth, Georgia,
Millie, Bryson, Suzanne, Linda,
Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy,
Michelle, Catherine, Thelma,
Sydney, Ed, Cheri, Rhonda, Liz,
Evan, Joseph, Belinda, Mary,
Emily, Madelyn, Maxwell, 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 office@episcopalbartlesville.org.

#### Bereavement Team 1

Susie Clark, Nancy Woods, Sally Lindsey, Georgia Gates, Jeanne Julstrom.

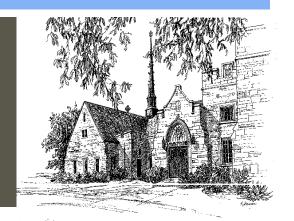
#### Online & Mobile Giving Available

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.

# Other thoughts...

 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 September 17 – 30 Birthdays

Michael McElyea, Sept. 20 Stefanie Tedstrom, Sept. 20 Penny Blankinship, Sept. 20 Nick Olsen, Sept. 21 Doris D.J. Nezam, Sept. 22 Anna Oliphant, Sept. 22 Steve VanAken, Sept. 24 Shari Eslick, Sept. 24 Mary Jo Peterson, Sept. 25 Melinda Droege, Sept. 26 Pam Pierce, Sept. 27 Brian Megee, Sept. 28

Anniversaries - none



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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/



# Churches United for Community CONCERN, Inc. ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

In lieu of an in-person group fundraiser, Concern's annual fundraiser will be conducted via meal deliver with a chance to win a prize from a local vendor. Harvest of Hope – TO GO – A delicious meal from Luigi's delivered to your door on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:00 pm – Luigi's famous dinner rolls, salad, tiramisu and your choice of lasagna, chicken alfredo or cheese tortellini.

The cost of the dinner is \$40 per dinner. Please order tickets by September 27, 2020 at <a href="www.concerncares.com">www.concerncares.com</a> or call Marie Cubbage at 918-397-3665.

The St. Luke's office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 28. The office will re-open on Tuesday, Sept. 29.



# The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 21

September 27, 2020 10:30 a.m.



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

210 Southeast Ninth Street Bartlesville, Oklahoma

#### THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II

Canon to the Ordinary The Very Reverend Eric Cooter, Celebrant

#### Organ Prelude

Opening Hymn: "Gracious Spirit, Give Your Servants" WLP #782

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#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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*.

#### Glory to God

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

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* 

#### A Reading from the Book of Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \* incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*
  I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, \* we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, \* and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \* in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; \* he made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, \* and all the night through with a glow of fire.

- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \* and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, \* and the waters gushed out like rivers.

#### A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Hymn: "Praise the God of All Creation" G #71

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## The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 21:23-32

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

# Homily Canon to the Ordinary The Very Reverend Eric Cooter

#### 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, Bryson, Suzanne, Linda, Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy, Michelle, Catherine, Thelma, Sydney, Ed, Cheri, Rhonda, Liz, Evan, Joseph, Belinda, Mary, Emily, Madelyn and Maxwell.

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### **Announcements**

#### THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

#### Hymn: "Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless" #343

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## The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It 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: "All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine" #477

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#### **Dismissal**

**Usher:** Nancy Megee **Layreader:** Darian Kedy

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# 782 Gracious Spirit, give your servants



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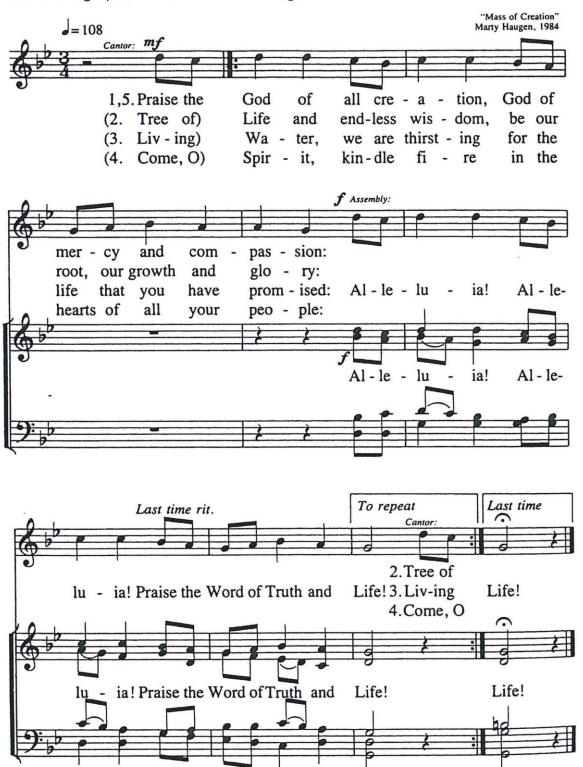
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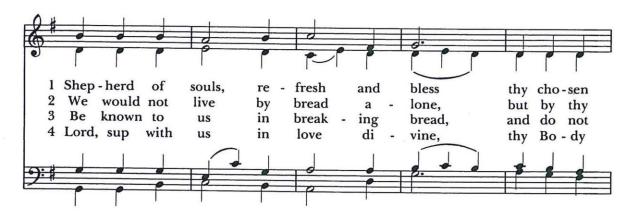
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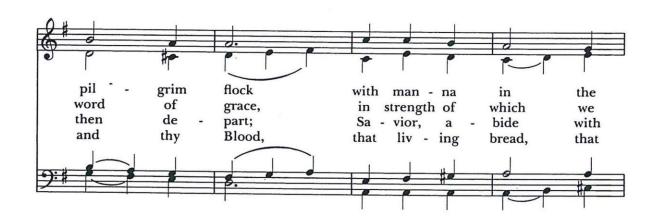
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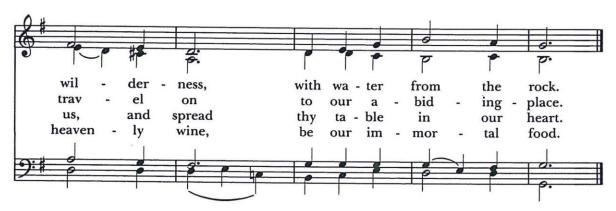


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# Holy Eucharist







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