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# The Steeple





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

# Thank you!

St. Luke's should be on a thank you band wagon this week for several reasons...

**Thank You No. 2:** The vestry, acting as our search committee, continues to make encouraging progress in the discernment process that will lead to our priest in charge. At this point, we feel optimistic that God is lighting our path and guiding our footsteps. Please continue to keep the vestry and St. Luke's in your prayers. We're also thankful for the advice and counsel of the diocese, particularly our primary contact, Canon Eric, who checks on our progress every week.

**Thank You No. 3:** We appreciate our supply priests who have helped us maintain a reasonably normal worship schedule, including regular opportunities for Communion, over the last several months. Thank you to Fr. Noel Doherty, Fr. Jason Boyd, and – this coming Sunday – Fr. Mark Wood. By way of introduction, there's a brief profile and photo of Fr. Mark on page 4 of this Steeple. Supply priests are busy folks because their numbers are limited, so we're grateful for the Sundays they share with us.

**Thank You No. 4:** This appreciation is for all of YOU! Last Monday evening your vestry, meeting through Zoom, reviewed the financial status of the church. More details will be published in next week's Steeple, but suffice it to say that despite all the challenges we're dealing with this year, our financial picture is healthy because the pledged giving of our members has remained strong. This is so important. Not only are we showing a dollars-and-cents commitment to the well-being of St. Luke's, we are demonstrating to prospective priest in charge candidates that we care deeply about "our home" – even when circumstances make it difficult to be there as often as want. It's a wonderful validation of our faith in God and in each other.

Dan Droege, Senior Warden On behalf of the vestry

# Christmas Star Update

After a conversation with Debbie Jabben, our contact with DHS, we have decided that our Star Tree gift program cannot be accomplished this year due to a number of factors. But, as a way to continue in the St. Luke's tradition of providing Christmas gifts to children in need in our community, we are going to partner with the Salvation Army in their Angel Tree program. We will provide more details in the coming weeks. Thanks to all for your past support and we hope we can provide joy to children in the coming Christmas season.

-- Steve and Cheryl VanAken

## 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 the following:

- Blankets and pillows
- Underwear and socks
- A pair of gloves and a winter hat for each participant
- Toothbrush and toothpaste for each participant
- Gently used or new items for our students to give as gifts to their parents/grandparents
- Processing of selfies with Santa, Mrs. Claus and Peppermint, the Elf
- Christmas gift bags to wrap presents for family members

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 cunninghamkl@bps-ok.org or Melinda Butterfield at 918-331-6407

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#### Office Hours

Roseanne's Office Hours 9:30 – 1:30. Please note that even during office hours, the doors are locked per COVID19 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.

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

#### Thursday, Nov. 12:

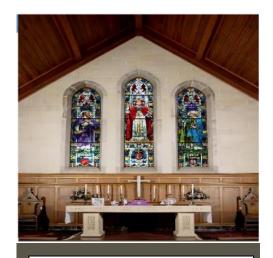
9-1 1am: Jeanne Julstrom, Becky Liehr 10:45am – 1pm: Kris Bonner, Rita Childers, Becky Liehr,

Kathy Zervas, Dolores McCreary 1:00 – 2:45pm: Peter Julstrom, Miriam Petrovich, Wendy Hall

#### **Bereavement Team 1**

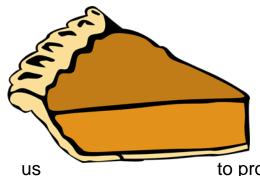
Susie Clark, Nancy Woods, Sally Lindsey, Georgia Gates, Jeanne Julstrom

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Please keep the following persons in your prayers: Juanita, Shellie. Lynetta, Milton, Elizabeth, Georgia, Millie, Suzanne, Linda, Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy, Michelle, Catherine, Thelma, Sudney, Ed, Cheri, Rhonda, Liz, Evan, Joseph, Belinda, Mary, Emily, Madelyn, Maxwell, Bruce, Clara, Ann, 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 office@episcopalbartlesville.



## IT'S PIE TIME!

For many years, St. Luke's has provided pies for the Thanksgiving dinners distributed by CONCERN to people who otherwise wouldn't have a dinner. This year, CONCERN has asked to provide 150 pies which will cost about \$750.00. We

will not take donations of actual pies, but if you would like to help out, please put an envelope or check in the plate offering or send it to St. Luke's BY NOV. 4<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to indicate "CONCERN Pies" on the memo line.

Thank you for your continued support of CONCERN.

# Introducing the Priest for Oct. 25

Conducting the service and delivering the homily this Sunday will be Fr. Mark Wood. St. Luke's is delighted to have him join with our other supply priests over the last several months in leading us in celebration of the Eucharist. Here's a little more about Fr. Wood...

The Rev. Mark Raymond Wood has served parishes in his Texas, Connecticut, Switzerland, France and New York. He is happy to be participating in God's Oklahoma mission for more than a year now. Mark is also an attorney, licensed in Massachusetts and New York. He lives in Tulsa with his tiny rescue dog,



Roman. Mark enjoys baking and opera. Fr. Wood has emailed us that he is looking forward to preaching the Good News and celebrating the Holy Mysteries with the people of St Luke's.

#### ONLINE GIVING THROUGH TITHE.LY

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> (<a href="https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app">https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app</a>). Complete instructions for using this convenience are provided on the home page of the <u>St. Luke's</u> website (<a href="http://episcopalbartlesville.org">http://episcopalbartlesville.org</a>) or by picking Online Giving in the right-side menu.

# 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.

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#### Birthdays & Anniversaries October 20 - 31

#### **Birthdays**

Lida May, Oct. 20 Brian Olsen, Oct. 20 Bob Wesneski, Oct. 21 Ruth Todd, Oct. 23 Kate Carroll, Oct. 23 Mallory Jackson, Oct. 23 Kate Carroll, Oct. 23 Grayson Ellis, Oct. 29 Amy Borg, Oct. 29 Elaine Ryan, Oct. 30

#### **Anniversaries**

Glenn & Thelma Blackburn, Oct. 16 Fr. Sean & Nicol Ekberg, Oct. 20 Frank & Nancy Vanduker, Oct. 22 Dan & Linda Maloney, Oct. 23 Scott & Jen Peterson, Oct. 25



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To learn various ways to connect at St. Luke's, visit our website at: <a href="http://episcopalbartlesville.org/">http://episcopalbartlesville.org/</a>

# The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost Proper 25

October 25, 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

Opening Hymn: "God is Love"

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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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

#### A Reading from Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain -- that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees -- as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab,

opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge \* from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, \* from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, \* "Go back, O child of the earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, \* and like a watch in the night.
  - 5 You sweep us away like a dream; \* we fade away suddenly like the grass.
  - 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; \* in the evening it is dried up and withered.

- 13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? \* be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \*
  so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us \* and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works \* and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; \*
  - prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

#### A Reading from I Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children.

So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

Hymn: "The Word of God"

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# The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 22:34-46

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?"

No one was able to give him an answer, nor from

that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise 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, Ann 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

#### Announcements

#### THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Hymn: "I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord"

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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"

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#### **Dismissal**

**Usher:** Brian Ferguson **Layreader:** Dan Droege

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- 1 Here in Christ we gath er,
- 2 When we Chris-tians gath er,
- 3 Grant us love's ful fill ment,

love of Christ our call - ing.

mem-bers of one Bo - dy, joy with all the bless - ed,



Christ, our love, is with let there be in us when we see your face,

us, no O glad-ness be his greet - ing. dis-cord but one spi - rit. Sa-vior, in its glo - ry.



Let us fear and love him, Ban-ished now be an - ger, Shine on us, O pur - est

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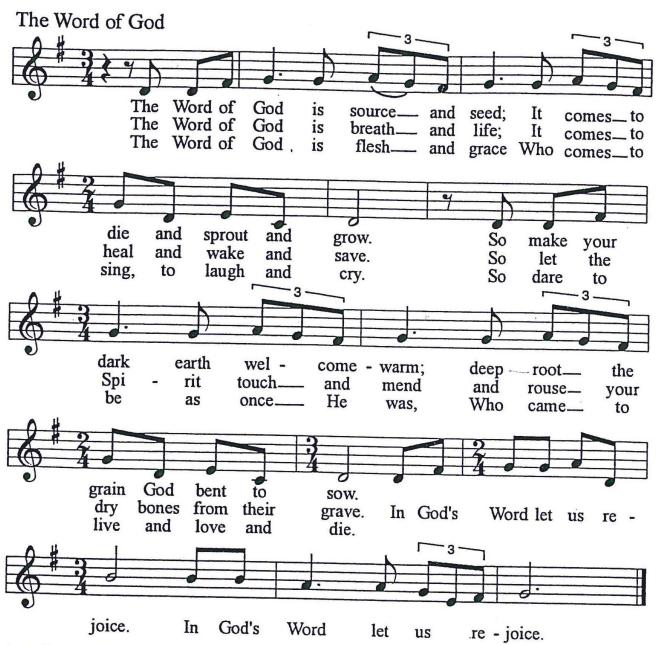
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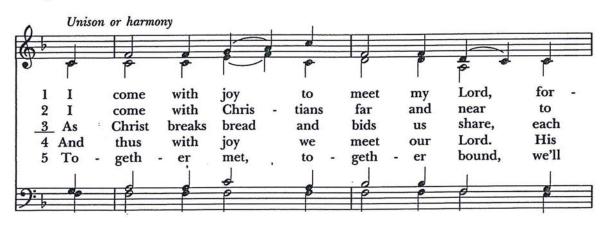
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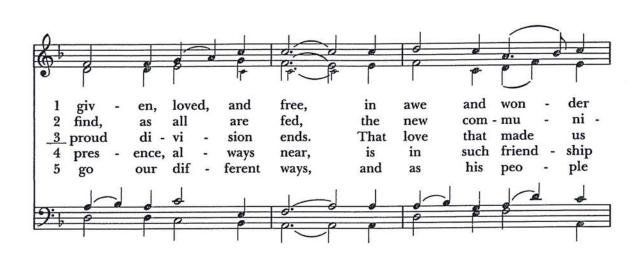
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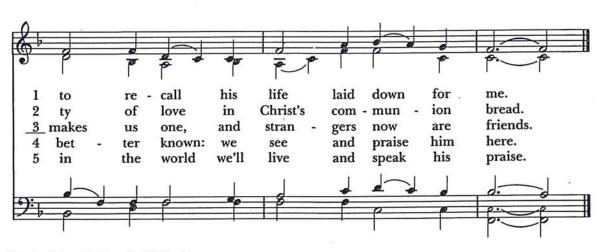
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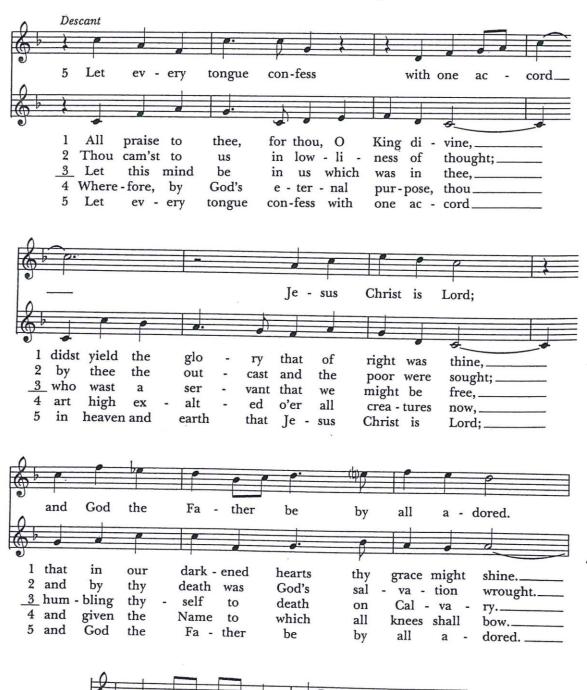






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