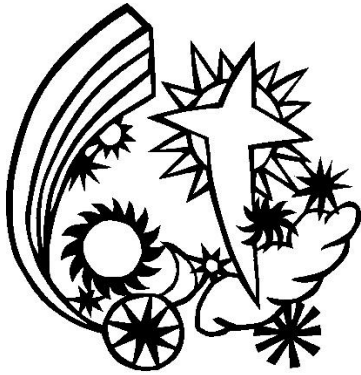




Atonement Lutheran Church

November 16, 2025
Time after Pentecost

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Serving in Worship

Pastor Mark Vance
Assisting Minister..... Bob Fischer
Reader..... Julie Backman
Interim Choir Director..... Gwen Freeman
Pianist..... Youlee Duray
Altar Guild/Counters..... Johanne Smith and Mary Wudel

Remote Worship Access

Use this link to join the service on a computer, tablet, or smart phone:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84490589512> . You may have to wait for the host to admit you to the service.

To call in for sound only, the telephone number is (669) 900 6833. When you are prompted to enter a Meeting ID, the number is 844 9058 9512. If you are asked for a passcode (you may not be), it is 750450.

Those worshipping remotely are invited to share in communion. Please have a small portion of bread and wine/juice ready before the service.

If you have a prayer request, please enter it in the “chat” feature and we will include it during today’s Prayers of the People.

Welcome!

**Whether you are worshipping in-person or remotely,
we're glad you have joined us.**

Atonement is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and is also a Reconciled in Christ (RIC) congregation. This means that we are an inclusive congregation that welcomes and encourages all people, regardless of race, language, previous denominational affiliation, gender identity, or sexual orientation to worship with us so that we may enjoy all the spiritual gifts that God gives to all God's people.

At Atonement, we embrace the Richard Feynman quote that has been so popular on social media: *"I would rather have questions that can't be answered than answers that can't be questioned."* Questions are welcome here, even the questions we can't answer, even if you're questioning your faith (don't we all sometimes?). Whatever your questions, we would love to walk with you so we can learn from each other.

This bulletin contains all the music and responses you will need for today's service. If you are not familiar with the liturgical form of worship, please let the spirit of the service carry you along.

- Congregational responses are in **bold face type**.
- **Songs** are printed in the back of the bulletin.
- At various times during the service, you will be invited to **stand**. Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer to worship in this way.

We celebrate **Holy Communion** every week. You do not need to be a member, or a Lutheran, to participate. Everyone is welcome at God's table. If this meal is meaningful to you, please come. If you are not able to come forward, we will bring communion to you. Please let an usher know.

The "ALC Guest" wifi password is ALC9242! As a courtesy to others, please put your devices on "silent" before worship begins.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude..... Youlee Duray

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ In Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

Amen.

Gathering Song How Firm a Foundation (pg. 21)

Greeting

The grace of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, the love of God our Creator, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise (*Please stand in body or spirit.*) This is the Feast

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and
Refrain
hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-
le-lu-ia. 2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Greeting/ Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend.

Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture, sermon, and song.

Choir Anthem..... Lamb of God (Christiansen)

Welcoming God's Word

*The children (and those young at heart)
are invited to come forward and help the Pastor welcome God's Word.*



First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 98

*We chant the Psalm responsively. The Assisting Minister begins
and we respond with the **Bold Face Verses**.*



- ¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.
- ² **O LORD, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**
- ³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.
- ⁴ **Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.**
- ⁵ Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.
- ⁶ **With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**
- ⁷ Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.
- ⁸ **Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge
the earth.**
- ⁹ The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity.

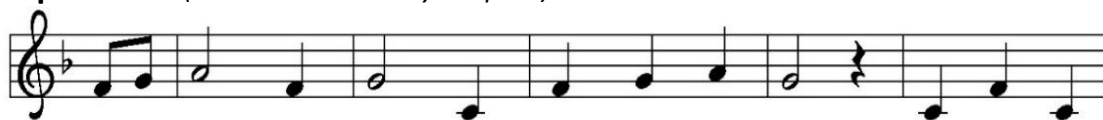
Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Verse *(Please stand in body or spirit.)*..... Alleluia



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Today's Message..... Pastor Mark Vance

Silence for Reflection

Song of the Day *(Please stand in body or spirit.)*

..... If You But Trust in God to Guide You (pg. 22)

The Apostles' Creed

Please remain standing as we confess our faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.

I believe in God, eternal, almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of all, the Only Begotten One; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, lived and loved among us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; who descended into hell, and on the third day rose from the dead; Jesus, Our Savior, ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of the loving God, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People *(please be seated)*

Each petition will end: Hear us, O God

Please respond: Your mercy is great

Greetings of Peace *(Please stand in body or spirit.)*

The passing of the peace is already part of the worship in the New Testament. This action embodies our belief that we are reconciled to one another through our faith in Christ. Greet your neighbor with a handshake, a hug, or a bow with palms pressed together. As we seek to form a community of consent, please be sensitive to the other person's desired level of physical contact.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Collection of the Offering

Offering Song My Lord, What a Morning (pg. 23)

Offering Prayer *(Please stand in body or spirit.)*

Let us pray together:

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.

We Gather at God's Table

May God be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to
our God most High.

And also with you.
We lift them up to God.
It is right to give our
thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy..... Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty, and merciful God, heaven and earth are filled with your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.

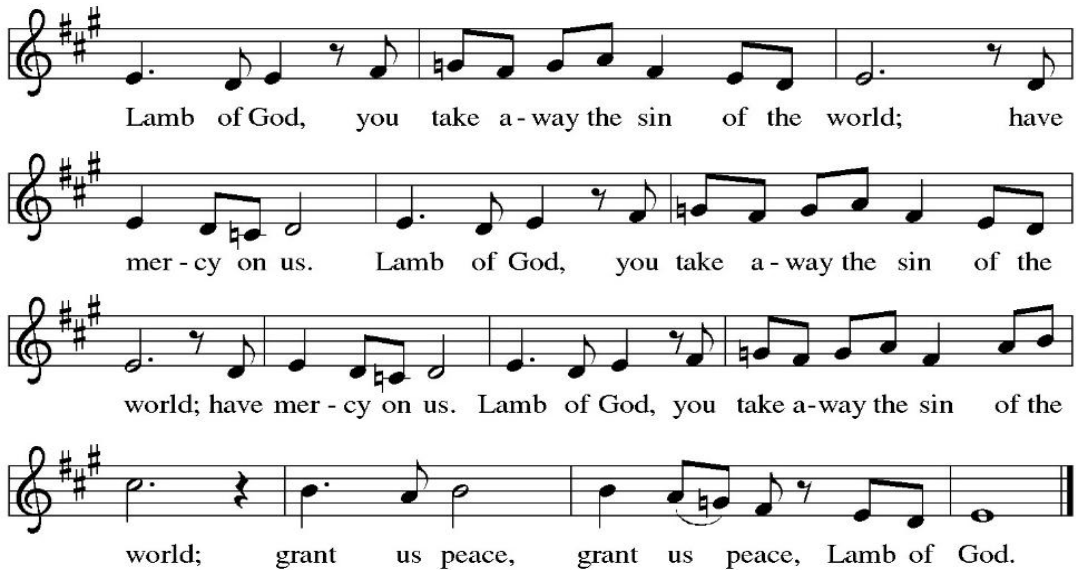
Please feel free to offer this prayer in whatever language or translation speaks most deeply to your heart.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Blessing *(after all have been served)*

(Please stand in body or spirit.)

The body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ ✠, strengthen and keep you,
now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us
with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the
body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Benediction

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless
you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song..... O God, Our Help in Ages Past (pg. 24)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude Youlee Duray

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October Offerings

	Offerings	Missions, Usage, Flowers, Special, Other	Total Income
November 2	940.00	1155.00	2095.00
November 9	1480.00	3080.00	4560.00
November 16			
November 23			
November 30			
Total			

Next Week’s Readings:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

Parish Notes

Altar Flowers today are offered for the Glory of God.

Our Prayer Concerns (Please ask the permission of the person for whom you are requesting prayers through the Prayer Chain or the pastor to publish their name and their request.)

Christopher Turner (Julie's Nephew) Jeff Temple and his husband Alonso (Former Members) Friends and family of Jolene Philp (Donna's sister-in-law), Eric Adversalo, Sr. and family (Mari Woodard's Son- Lucy's friend). Norma Stein (Barb's friend),The Guidi Family (Youlee Duray's Neighbor), Jennifer Smith (Johanne Smith's Daughter-in-Law), Bodil Drucker, Abby Ewbank (Carson's Goddaughter), Mark Montgomery, Joan Witt (Lucy's Friend), Faith (Lucy's Friend), Bob Grosse (Kathy Chance's father), Bob (Mary Wudel's brother), Christopher Chance (Kathy's son), Nina Haskett (friend of Barb), Beverly Olson, Sedona (Lucy's friend), Lauri Snyder, Curt Hanson, Carolyn Hanley, Ron Geirhan, Jody Koch, Lisa Berumen, Mary Lechner, Lonee Martinez, Dennis Tagawa (Barb's friend), Dan and Kathy, Judi Phelps, John Studybaker. All countries experiencing conflict, the many places recovering from natural disasters, all those caught up in the epidemic of violence in the US. Our local congregations and synod staff, especially Grace American Lutheran Church, Calvary Lutheran Church, Bishop Jeff Johnson

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This Week at Atonement

Sunday, November 16

10:00 Worship

11:15 Fellowship

11:30 Council meeting

Thursday, November 20

7:00pm-8:30pm Choir Practice

Sunday, November 23

10:00 Worship

11:15 Fellowship.

11:30 Manna and Mercy

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Tuesday, November 25

1:00 Handcrafters

Sunday, November 30

Advent Begins

Sunday, December 14

Annual Congregational Meeting

Bits N Pieces of Information

Adult Discussion Time: Our discussion group on Manna and Mercy continues November 23.

Atonement Church History Booklet: This winter, work will move forward on putting together an engaging, photo-rich booklet documenting the Atonement Church history. Basic information has been gathered but what is missing are your photos of confirmations, weddings, and church anniversary gatherings. Please share them with Carson, the History Book Coordinator. He can scan them and return the originals to you promptly. Email: Canderson@yahoo.com. Mobile Phone: (916) 882-8792.

Rosemont Christmas Parade and Toy Drive: The toy drive and parade will be held Tuesday, 12/9 and Wednesday 12/10.

Congregation Meeting on Sunday, 12/14: Church members, please mark your calendars for the “congregational meeting” to be held on 12/14 immediately following church service.

Name Badges: During November/December and beyond, members are asked to wear name badges that are now available in the Narthex entry into the Sanctuary. This will help our pastoral pulpit supply filling in during Pastor Holly’s recent departure.

Interim Pastor: The council is working to identify an interim pastor to start in early 2026. Patience is appreciated during this period.

Pastoral call committee: Shirl Fischer (shirl.fischer@gmail.com) invites Atonement members to email with interest in participating in this 12–18-month commitment, by **11/30**. This is an opportunity for members to provide valuable influence on the future of Atonement spiritual leadership.

Food for the hungry: Thank you to all members and Rosemont community who have stepped up to fill the Atonement Food Closet during this period of greater need. The Atonement office has seen an increase in need from the community. In addition, the Central Downtown Food Basket donation is held on the third Tuesday 10:00 – 12:00. Additional volunteers are always encouraged.

2025 Congregation Council

President	Shirl Fischer
Vice President	Vacant
Secretary	Linda Cancio
Treasurer	Johanne Smith
Financial Secretary	Mireya Citron-Ortiz
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Gathering Song How Firm a Foundation (ELW 796)

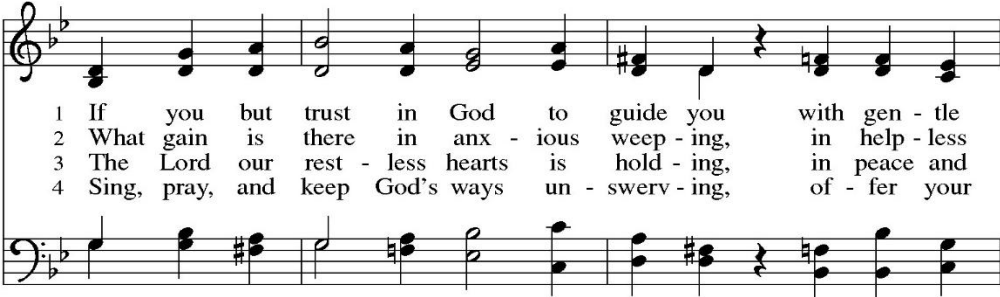
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

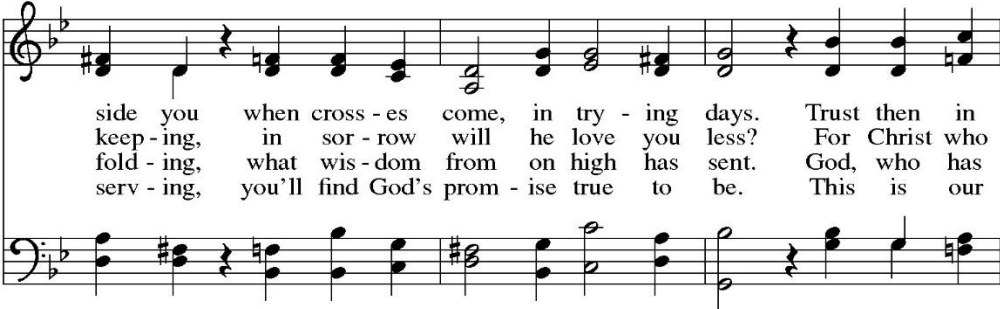
Song of the Day..... If You But Trust in God to Guide You (ELW 769)



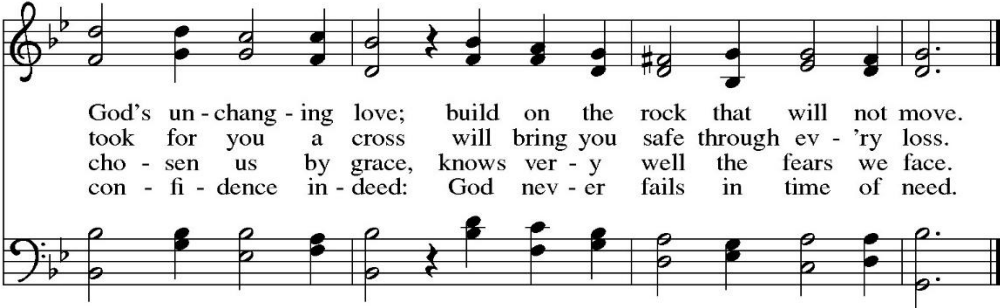
1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



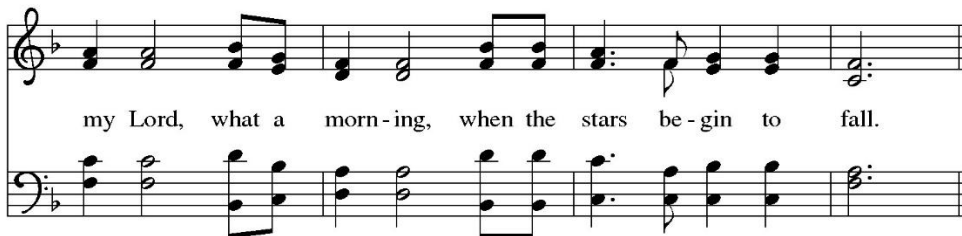
God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

Offering Song My Lord, What a Morning (ELW 438)

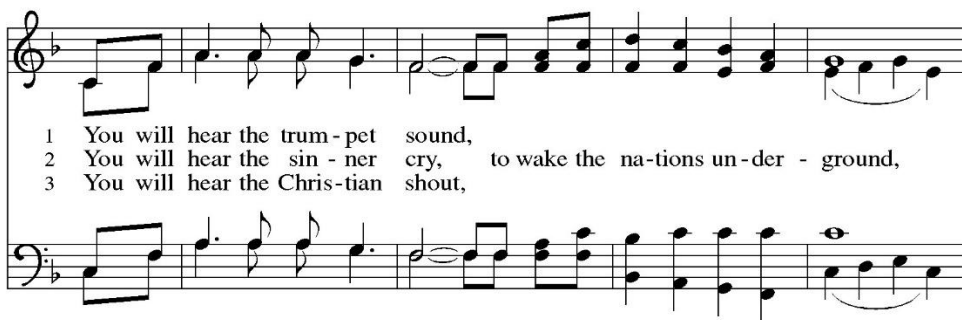
Refrain



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

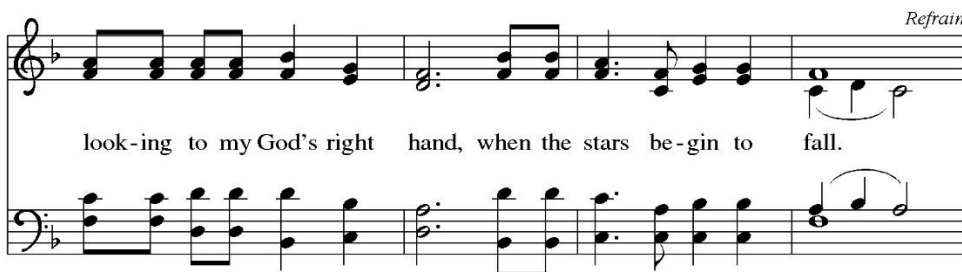


my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.



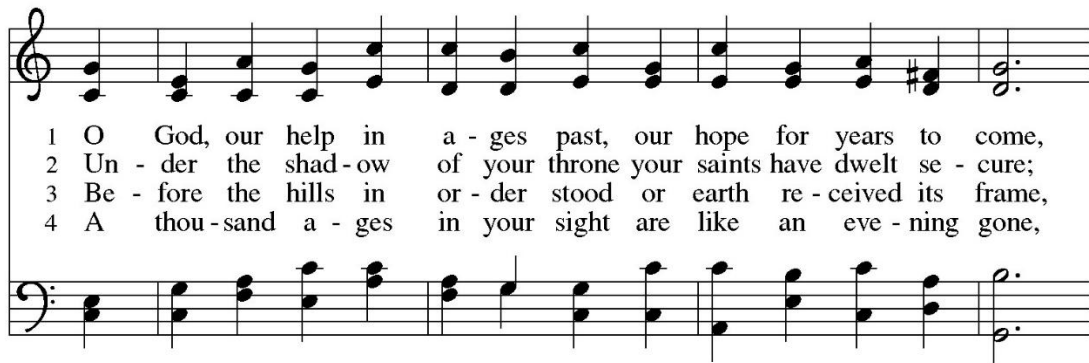
1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,
2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

Refrain

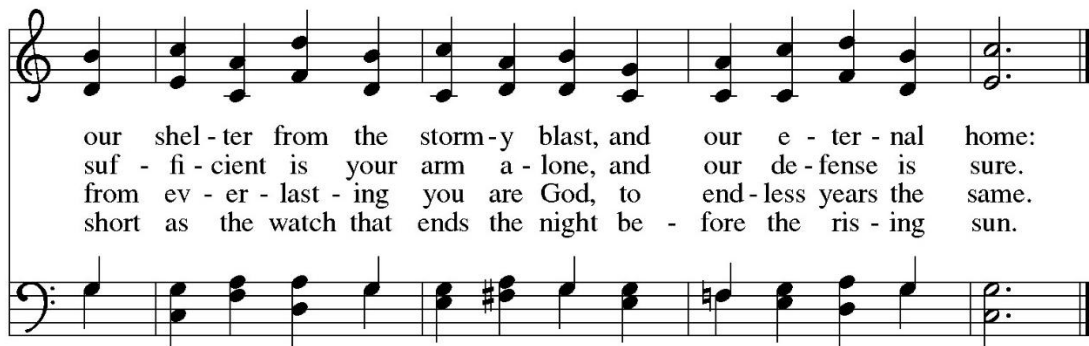


look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Sending Song..... Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past vs. 1-6 (ELW632)



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 we fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 still be our guard while troubles last
 and our eternal home!