



# ASH WEDNESDAY

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## **ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)**

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### Mission Statement

*“Empowered by God’s Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.”*

### Vision Statement

*“We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”*

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## **SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER – MAY)**

✠ Divine Service w/Holy Communion:

○ 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

✠ Sunday School: 10:15 am and Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.

**Pastor:** Michael J. Grannis

**Mobile Phone:** 952-686-3046

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- **Nursery available:** For families with small children, there is a designated room in the basement (down the hall, on the right, from the old Parish Hall). You will find a changing table, crib, a few books and toys. Please feel free to use anytime during the worship service.
- **Radio Broadcast:** Today's broadcast (KOWZ 1170 AM or 106.3 FM) is dedicated to the glory of God.
- **Lutheran Hour:** The Lutheran Hour can be heard on radio stations WCCO 830AM, Sunday, 6:05 AM; and KDHL920 AM, Faribault, Sunday, 6:00 PM.
- **Sunday School:** We will meet every Sunday at 10:15am in the Parish Hall for snacks, and then go downstairs for music and a lesson.
  - **WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in our visitor's book located at the back of church at the visitor's desk. We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.
  - **Individual or Family Pastoral Care:** Please remember that Private devotion and Holy Communion are available for individuals or couples that are homebound, at greater risk for COVID, or in times of emergency. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 to schedule an appointment when needed.
  - **Any guest wishing to receive communion here at St Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or the Elder on duty prior to the church service.** Thank you.
  - **Preparing for Holy Communion, please refer to the section in the bulletin "Service of the Sacrament".**
  - **Live Streaming on Facebook** for the 9:00 worship service for your convenience.
  - **Pork chop dinner ticket sales begin** Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and on Ash Wednesday. Diner is on Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11am. ONLY 175 tickets will be sold.
  - **CONGRATULATIONS** to Nic and Erin Rudolph as they welcome their new baby boy, Elijah Allen Rudolph born February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
  - The **Handicap Entrance construction** will resume soon, anyone wishing to contribute to this project should write Handicap Entrance on their envelopes. Thank you
  - If anyone wants to send a card to **Pastor Zimmer**, call the church office for his address. He is settling in with his daughter and son-in-law and would enjoy hearing from you.
  - **Women's Bible Study** plans to meet Wednesdays, Feb. 7 and Feb. 21, 9:30-10:45 in the old basement parish hall. All women are welcome to join us. We watch a video of a Bible lesson, read it in the Bible, and discuss what we learned.
  - Camp Omega is holding a fundraising event "Camp Omega Plunge". Check out bulletin board for more details.
  - **ATTENTION YOUTH:** There is a lock-in scheduled in Chatfield, MN for Friday Feb. 23-24<sup>th</sup>. Transportation is provided. Please RSVP by Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> so I can get a permission slip to you to fill out and return. Thanks Aimee

**Our Unity with Christ – Christ’s Unity with Us**

How close is your relationship with Jesus? According to Paul, “all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death,” and “if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His” (Romans 6:3, 5). Your Baptism has brought you so close to Jesus that you share death, life, and all things with Him. Therefore, when David said of Jesus in Psalm 41:1, “Blessed is the one who considers the poor,” he was also speaking of you. Your blessed Lord Jesus considers you—a poor, miserable sinner—and He will surely deliver you in the day of trouble so that you, too, will be “called blessed in the land” (Psalm 41:2).

**Ash Wednesday**

**Address**

**P** Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it life and hope.

Let us pray that our dear Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lententide for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

**Litany**

*LSB 288*

- L** O Lord,
- C** **have mercy.**
- L** O Christ,
- C** **have mercy.**
- L** O Lord,
- C** **have mercy.**
- L** O Christ,
- C** **hear us.**
- L** God the Father in heaven,
- C** **have mercy.**

- L** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
**C** **have mercy.**
- L** God the Holy Spirit,  
**C** **have mercy.**
- L** Be gracious to us.  
**C** **Spare us, good Lord.**
- L** Be gracious to us.  
**C** **Help us, good Lord.**
- L** From all sin, from all error, from all evil;  
 From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;  
 From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;  
 From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:
- C** **Good Lord, deliver us.**
- L** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;  
 By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat;  
 by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;  
 By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:
- C** **Help us, good Lord.**
- L** In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:
- C** **Help us, good Lord.**
- L** We poor sinners implore You  
**C** **to hear us, O Lord.**
- L** To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;  
 To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;  
 To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- L** To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted and the distressed:
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**L** To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need; To direct and defend our [*president/queen/king*] and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people; To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel; To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them; To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

**C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**L** To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

**C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**L** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C** **we implore You to hear us.**

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** **have mercy.**

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** **have mercy.**

**L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** **grant us Your peace.**

**L** O Christ,

**C** **hear us.**

**L** O Lord,

**C** **have mercy.**

**L** O Christ,

**C** **have mercy.**

**L** O Lord,

**C** **have mercy. Amen.**

### **Concluding Collect**

**P** O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return.

Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### *The Imposition of Ashes*

Hymn: Savior, When in Dust to Thee

*LSB 419*

Corporate Confession and Absolution

*LSB 290*

Confession of Sins

*LSB 291*

Blessing

**P** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in † peace.

**C** Amen.

Service of the Word

Salutation and Collect of the Day

*LSB 189*

Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 22:1–18*

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, chapter 22.  
<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>2</sup>He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.



found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Verse

*Joel 2:13b*

**P** Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,

**C** slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>5</sup>“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. . . . <sup>16</sup>“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret



will reward you. <sup>19</sup>“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**Nicene Creed**

*LSB 191*

**Hymn of the Day: Jesus, I Will Ponder Now**

*LSB 440*

**Sermon**

**Offering Music**

**Offertory**

*LSB 192*

**Preface**

*LSB 194*

**Sanctus**

*LSB 195*

**Lord's Prayer**

**The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 197*

**Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 198*

***Service of the Sacrament***

**Preparing for Holy Communion:** To assist in a time of preparation, prayers are located in the front cover and on pages 329-330 of your hymnal. For anyone with alcohol concerns, diluted cups are located in the center of the tray. Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request.

**The Lord's Supper**

- ✠ We believe, teach, and confess in accordance with Holy Scripture that the Lord's Supper is a precious gift from God, in which Christ gives us His true body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.
- ✠ The Bible teaches that this sacrament may also be spiritually harmful when misused, (*For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore, whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason, many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. 1 Corinthians 11:26-30*)
- ✠ The Lord's Supper is a testimony of the unity in faith. We ask that only those who have been instructed and who are in fellowship with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod come with a contrite and joyful heart to the Lord's Table. (**Acts 2:42** *And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers*)
- ✠ Any guest wishing to receive communion here at St. Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or the Elder on duty, prior to the church service. Thank you

**Distribution**

**Hymn: I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table**

***LSB 618***

**Hymn: Today Your Mercy Calls Us**

***LSB 915***

**Hymn: Your Table I Approach**

***LSB 628***

**Nunc Dimittis**

***LSB 199***

**Thanksgiving**

***LSB 200***

**Benediction**

***LSB 202***

**Hymn to Depart: Abide with Me**

***LSB 878 sts. 1, 6***

**OUR PRAYERS:**

**Called Home:** Millie Gerlach, Helen Boese, Lucille Gregor, and Gary Ross

**Cancer Treatment:** Debbie Pehrson

**Hospitalized:** Bernita Kohnert

**Prayer for Comfort at the end of life:** Anita Hildebrandt

**Treatment and continued recovery:** Judy Graper

**Prayer for continued recovery and healing and Thanksgiving:** Jacob Williams, Bonnie Ross, Kirsten Tharp, Randy Gehring, Stan Stiernagle, Giles Zimmer,

**Medical Procedure:** Karen Thompson

**Illness:** Cindy Kuschel, Glenda Pooley (sister of Gary Paulson), Beverly Schroeder

**Treatment:** Terry George, Dixie Flitter, Tim Andree

**Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.**

**All the service men & women who are serving in the military:** Gavin Doering, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson

**Waseca Circuit Missionaries:** Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan) & John Wolff (Kenya)



Please contact the church office if you wish to speak with Pastor Grannis and Aimee will be happy to put you on his calendar during his office hours. Thank you

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**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:**

**Worship Attendance on:**

Monday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024: 113    Bible Study: 20    Sunday School: 17

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$2,704.85

Handicap Entrance Fund:

Offering Fund:

Improvement Fund: \$125.00

Pastor Discretionary Fund:

Youth Conference Higher Things: \$75.00

Radio Broadcast: Organ Fund: \$20.00 and also \$10.00 in memory of Helen Boese

Other:

## **THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: February 11<sup>th</sup> - February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

### **Sunday (11<sup>th</sup>):**

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)  
10:15 am Coffee hour and Adult Bible Study and Sunday School

### **Monday (12<sup>th</sup>):**

10am Prayer Team

### **Tuesday (13<sup>th</sup>):**

1pm Quilters

\*\*\* Newsletter Articles Due\*\*\*\*

### **Wednesday (14<sup>th</sup>): ASH WEDNESDAY**

3:30p- 5:00p 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8th grade Confirmation

4:30p – 5:45p Lenten Supper {Mission Team: Stuffed Pasta, Salad Garlic toast}

6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

7:00 pm Senior Choir and Contemp. Ensemble

### **Thursday (15<sup>th</sup>):**

6 am Bible Breakfast @ Jonnie Beans

### **Friday (16<sup>th</sup>):**

### **Saturday (17<sup>th</sup>):**

### **Sunday (18<sup>th</sup>):**

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:15 a.m. Coffee hour and Adult Bible Study and Sunday School

## **SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:**

### **THIS WEEK: February 11th, 2024:**

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood

**ACOLYTE:** Owen Arndt

**ELDER/DEACON:** Joe Schumacher/Jim Wyffels

**RADIO MONITOR:** Ron Wood

**FACEBOOK:** Cindy Gilmore

### **NEXT WEEK: February 18<sup>th</sup>:**

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood

**ACOLYTE:** Nalyce Quillen

**ELDER/DEACON:** Joe Schumacher/Jim Wyffels

**RADIO MONITOR:** Kathy Flogstad

**FACEBOOK:** Cindy Gillmore

### **Ash Wednesday February 14th, 2024:**

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood

**ACOLYTE:** Mason Precher

**ELDER/DEACON:** Joe Schumacher/Jim Wyffels

**FACEBOOK:** Geri Kuschel



## What is Ash Wednesday all about?

You may see something strange happening in church on Ash Wednesday. You'll see your family and friends go forward to receive the sign of the cross on their foreheads. The strange part about all of this is that it will be done with the ashes from last year's Palm Sunday palm branches.

## Why do we do this?

Usually when someone gets dirty they know they need water to get clean. The ashes that are put on our foreheads remind us that in sin we are dirty and need to be cleaned. It also helps us to remember the first time the sign of the cross was made on us at our Baptism. In the waters of Baptism, we are cleaned and the dirt of sin is washed away. Ash Wednesday helps to remind us of this.



**Parents:** At home after the service, when your children are washing the ashes off, remind them once again that we are washed clean of sin at our Baptism. Jesus did all of this for us through His death on the cross which we prepare for during Lent. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of this time of preparation.



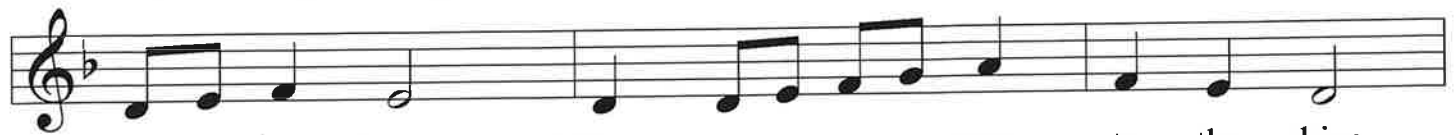


# Hymn: Savior, When in Dust to Thee

LSB 419



1 Sav - ior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow the a -  
2 By Thy help - less in - fant years, By Thy life of  
3 By Thine hour of dire de - spair, By Thine ag - o -  
4 By Thy deep ex - pir - ing groan, By the sad se -



dor - ing knee; When, re - pen - tant, to the skies  
want and tears, By Thy days of deep dis - tress  
ny of prayer, By the cross, the nail, the thorn,  
pul - chral stone, By the vault whose dark a - bode



Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes; O, by all Thy  
In the sav - age wil - der - ness, By the dread, mys -  
Pierc - ing spear, and tor - turing scorn, By the gloom that  
Held in vain the ris - ing God, O, from earth to



pains and woe Suf - fered once for us be - low, Bend - ing  
te - rious hour Of the in - sult - ing tempt - er's pow'r, Turn, O  
veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - fice, Lis - ten  
heav'n re - stored, Might - y, re - as - cend - ed Lord, Bend - ing



from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
turn a fa - v'ring eye; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
to our hum - ble sigh; Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!  
from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - i - ten - tial cry!

## Hymn of the Day: Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

LSB 440



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;  
2 Make me see Your great dis - tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,  
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone Make me see Your pas - sion,  
4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.  
Bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;  
But its cause to me make known And its ter - mi - na - tion.  
Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish  
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,  
Ah! I al - so and my sin Wrought Your deep af - flic - tion;  
How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.  
How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.  
This in - deed the cause has been Of Your cru - ci - fix - ion.  
Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

5 If my sins give me alarm  
And my conscience grieve me,  
Let Your cross my fear disarm;  
Peace of conscience give me.  
Help me see forgiveness won  
By Your holy passion.  
If for me He slays His Son,  
God must have compassion!

6 Graciously my faith renew;  
Help me bear my crosses,  
Learning humbleness from You,  
Peace mid pain and losses.  
May I give You love for love!  
Hear me, O my Savior,  
That I may in heav'n above  
Sing Your praise forever.



# Distribution Hymn: I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

LSB 618



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in  
have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -  
bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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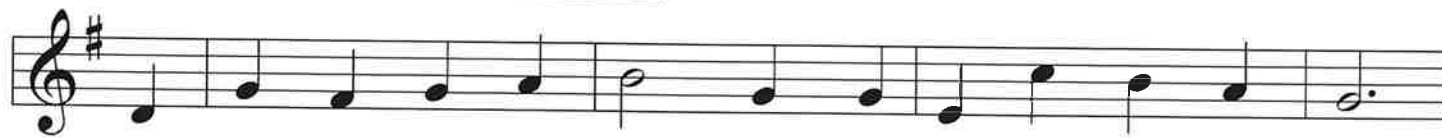
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# Hymn: Today Your Mercy Calls Us

LSB 915



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

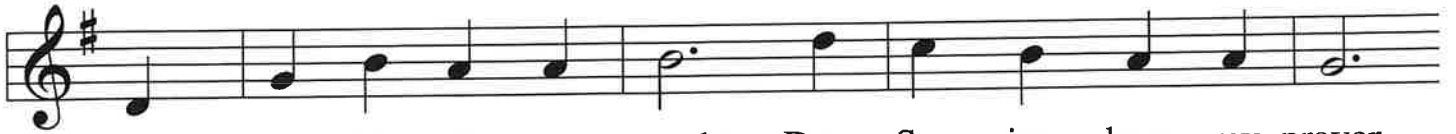
Text: Oswald Allen, 1816-78, alt.

Tune: Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812-after 1857

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## Distribution Hymn: Your Table I Approach

LSB 628



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;  
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.  
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.  
God can ac - com - pish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

Text: Gerhard Wolter Molanus, 1633–1722; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.  
Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois  
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## Hymn to Depart: Abide with Me

LSB 878 sts. 1, 6



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, alt.

Tune: William H. Monk, 1823–89

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