

SALT *and* LIGHT

MATTHEW 5:13

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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Church Office Hours (Mon-Fri): 9am-1pm Email: stpaulwa@hickorytech.net

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.”

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER – MAY)

- ✠ Divine Service w/Holy Communion: 9:00 a.m.
(Also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
 - 10:15 – 11:15 am Sunday School
 - 10:30 am Adult Bible Study and Coffee Hour

Pastor: Rev. Bob Lund (Vacancy Pastor)

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ANNOUNCEMENT'S:

- *Welcome* **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.
- **Live Streaming on Facebook** for the 9:00 worship service for your convenience.
- **Church Offering Envelopes for 2023** are ready to be picked up in the Back of the Church.
- **Looking for VOLUNTEERS:** we need people who are willing to be at the West door to assist people into the building and across the ice and snow on Sunday mornings starting at 8:30am. Please see sign up sheet on bulletin board by elevator if you are able to help.
- **Women's Bible study** will meet February 15th from 9:30am to 10:45 am. Everyone Welcome
- **Mite Boxes** will be set out Sunday February 12th. All donations are appreciated.
- **Thank you** to everyone who donated to Rachel's Hope. It is greatly appreciated.
- The Active Aging Programs, Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota, is offering **Powerful Tools for Caregivers**. This free group workshop is designed to help family caregivers take care of themselves while caring for a relative or friend. Whether you are helping a parent, spouse, or friend who lives at home, in assisted living, or in a nursing home, you will benefit from the tools presented in this program. You will learn strategies to better handle the unique caregiver challenges you face, as well as how to reduce stress, communicate more effectively, make tough decisions, and reduce feelings of guilt, anger, and depression. Powerful Tools for Caregivers will meet at the Waseca Area Caregivers Services, 113 2nd Street NE, Waseca, for **SIX consecutive Tuesdays starting February 28, 2023** from 1:00 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. Please pre-register by February 21 as seats are limited. Call or email Marlene at 507-450-1518, mlevine@ccsommn.org
- The **Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center** has built a new Food Shelf to assist the Community and the surrounding area. We are holding a Fundraiser Dinner on February 11th from 5 pm - 7:30 pm at the Waseca American Legion. You will have your choice between a Turkey or Ham Dinner at a cost of \$9.00 for adults and \$7.00 for Children under 12. Takeout meals will be available. In addition to the meal, we will have a Bake Sale; a Silent Auction and Meat Raffles. Please join us for an enjoyable evening out.
- On January 17th, the Board of Stewardship delivered **23 pounds** of food from church to the Neighborhood Service Center. Thank you for your donations.
- **"MAN UP!"** a men's retreat (Men from LCMS MN South District are invited to a 24-hour retreat, Fellowship and Recreation. Bible Studies will be on Psalms) March 3-4 at Camp Omega. Must register online by February 24th. See bulletin board for more information.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

The Light of the Cross

February 5, 2023

AS WE GATHER

As the liturgical year tells the story of Jesus' earthly ministry, with Christmas still fresh in our memory, it may seem too soon to begin talking about the cross, that instrument of death for the rejected Christ. But as the mysterious star drew the Wise Men to the newborn King of the Jews, so a light draws us to the goal of His mission, the glory of salvation found only in the crucified King of the Jews. How strange it must sound to those who have not heard or who do not yet believe when we sing "In the Cross of Christ I Glory." Only God the Holy Spirit can enlighten a person with the spiritual wisdom of faith. And He does give and strengthen that faith through the preached Word and the Sacraments administered according to Christ's institution. Today, that faith enlightened by the cross of our Lord produces a life of love and good works in all we say and do.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN: "O Savior, Precious Savior"

[LSB 527]

INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: People of God, praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, all nations!

People: Extol Him, all peoples!

Pastor: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

People: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. *Psalm 117:1-2a*

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

People: bring an offering, and come into His courts! *Psalm 96:8*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Matthew 5:16*

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for

them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

☩ **WORD** ☩

PSALM *Psalm 119:9–16;*

⁹ How can a young man keep his way pure?*

By guarding it according to your word.

¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek you;*

let me not wander from your commandments!

¹¹ I have stored up your word in my heart,*

that I might not sin against you.

¹² Blessed are you, O LORD;*

teach me your statutes!

¹³ With my lips I declare*

all the rules^[c] of your mouth.

¹⁴ In the way of your testimonies I delight*

as much as in all riches.

¹⁵ I will meditate on your precepts*

and fix my eyes on your ways.

¹⁶ I will delight in your statutes;*

I will not forget your word.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, by Your light of grace shining in our hearts and enlightened by the cross of our Savior, Jesus Christ, inspire in us a faith that is alive and glorifies You in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 58:3–9* (True fasting, true faith)

³ ‘Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’ Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers.⁴ Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high.⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD?⁶ “Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?⁸ Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’ If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: *1 Corinthians 2:1–9* (God’s wisdom revealed by the Spirit)

2 And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.⁶ Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷ But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”—

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Matthew 5:16b*

Alleluia, alleluia. Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 5:13–20* (The fulfillment of the Law)

¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. ¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to Thee, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”

[LSB 577]

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED [Please rise]

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Almighty God, we give You thanks ...that we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

...trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; who came that the light of Your salvation might shine through His cross to the whole world, in order that whoever follows Him will never walk in darkness but have the light of life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

LSB #457 (Verses 1&2)

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

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 forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ...

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

LSB #457 (Verses 3&4)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

[Reusable Song Sheet]

"Just as I am, without One Plea"

[LSB 570]

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

[LSB 427]

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Thanks and praise be to You, almighty God, for in Your Son's very body and blood You have increased in us the gracious light of saving faith. Help us that this saving light may shine through us in our world in all that we say

and do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN: "All Creatures Of Our God and King]

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam!

Refrain: O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice! (Refrain)

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, Make music for thy Lord to hear,
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright, That givest man both warmth and light. (Refrain)

And all ye men of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and on Him cast your care! (Refrain)

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One! (Refrain)

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Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

IN OUR PRAYERS:

- ***Called Home:*** Darlene Larson
 - ***Hospitalized:*** Loy Spies (Son of Lois Spies)
 - ***Hospice:***
 - ***Medical Procedure:*** Karen Thompson (Kathy Flogstad’s Sister) waiting for available kidney,
 - ***Illness:*** Cindy Kuschel, Pastor Loeslie from Bethlehem Lutheran Morristown
 - ***Up Coming Surgeries:*** Fern Seewald
 - ***Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery:*** Anita Risto, Judy Graper, Tony Jelinek (son in law to Vivian Bohmbach)
 - ***Treatment:*** Tim Andree (friend of Matt Klinger), Dixie Flitter (sister of Shirley Bluhm)
 - ***For those with Covid-19***
 - ***Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.***
 - ***All the service men & women who are serving in the military:*** Noah Berg, Matthew Gilmore, 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)
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St. Paul Lutheran Church

- **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.
- **Facebook Live-stream and Radio Broadcasts:** Our worship service is live-streamed on Facebook each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. (in Facebook search for: @stpaulwaseca to locate our Facebook page.) Our worship service is also Radio Broadcast each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. on Radio 1170 AM or 106.3 FM, and www.newstalk1170.com
- **Prayer Chain:** If you would like to add someone or something to the prayer chain, please call the church office at 835-2647.
- **Sunday School:** please join us for Sunday School at 10:15-11:15, for ages 3 through grade 8.

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.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: February 5th, 2023 - February 12th, 2023

Sunday (5th):

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:15 am Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

Monday (6th):

10:00 am Prayer Team

Tuesday (7th):

1:00 pm Quilters
3:30 – 4:30 pm Adult Confirmation
6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting
6:00 PM Elders Meeting

Wednesday (8th):

9:30– 10:15 am Women's Bible Study
3:30 – 4:30 pm Confirmation 6th – 8th grade
7:00 pm Senior Choir and Contemporary Ensemble practice

Thursday (9th):

6:00 a.m. Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Bean
1:00 PM Cotta Guild

Friday(10th):

Saturday (11th):

Sunday (12th):

9:00 am Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:15 am Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: February 5th, 2023:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Ton Bethke

ELDER/DEACON: Joe Schumacher and Jim Wyffels

RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad

FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel

READER: Bill Kuschel

NEXT WEEK: February 12th, 2023:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood

ACOLYTE: Nalyce Quillen

RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore

FACEBOOK: Kathy Flogstad

READER: Doug Draeger

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on Sunday January 29th: 101 Voters Mtg: 41 Sunday School: 8

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$ 2,310.00

Improvement Fund: \$300.00

Radio Broadcast: \$

Other:

Decorating Fund:

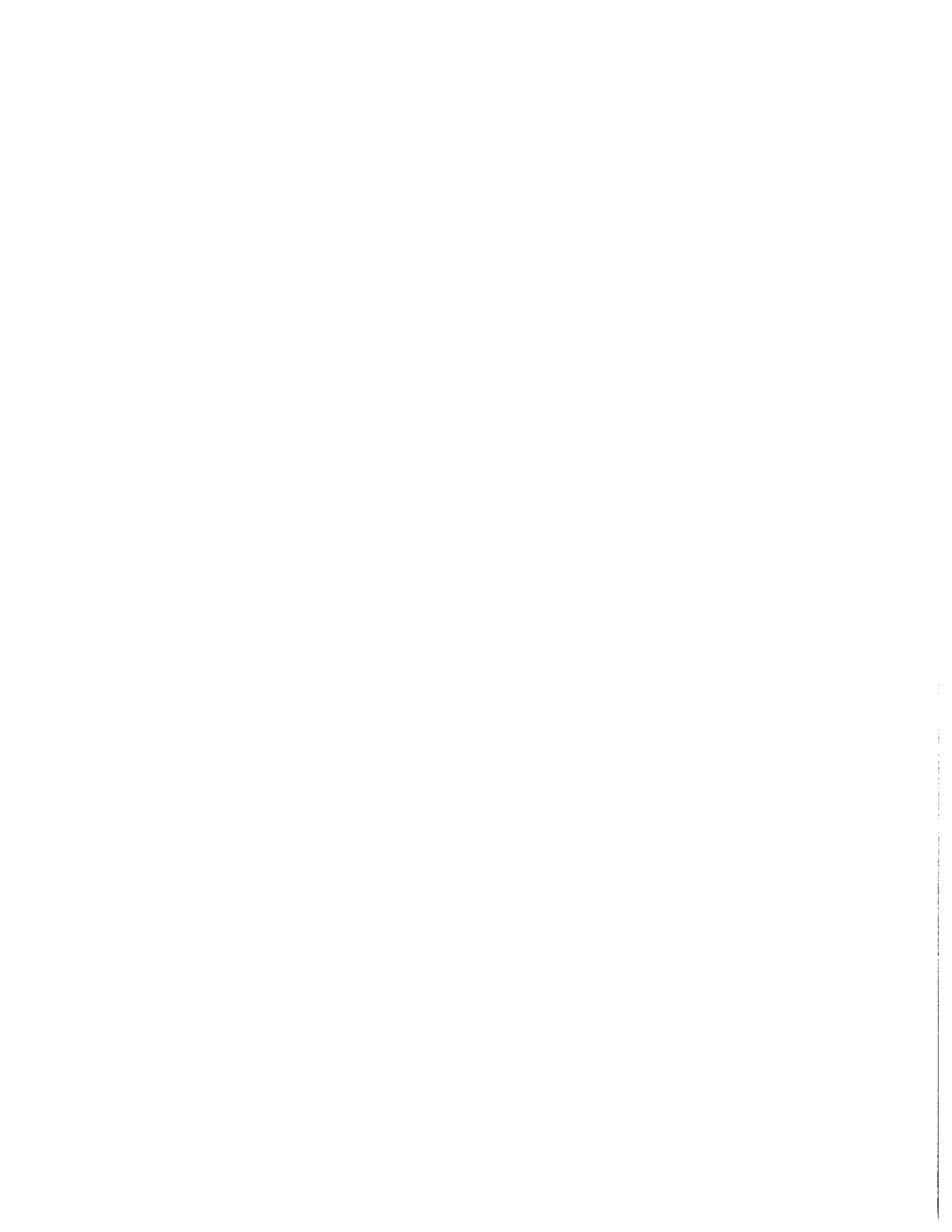
***** Needed each week to make budget: \$ 3,000.00 *****

- 1 O Savior, precious Savior,
Whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor,
All other names above,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our holy Lord and King.

- 2 O bringer of salvation,
Who wondrously hast wrought
Thyself the revelation
Of love beyond our thought,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our gracious Lord and King.

- 3 In Thee all fullness dwelleth,
All grace and pow'r divine;
The glory that excelleth,
O Son of God, is Thine.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our glorious Lord and King.

- 4 O grant the consummation
Of this our song above
In endless adoration
And everlasting love;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee
Where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess Thee,
Our Savior and our King!



- 1 Almighty God, Your Word is cast
Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend
And righteous fruits abound.

- 2 Let not the sly satanic foe
This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart
To bring forth fruits of love.

- 3 Let not the world's deceitful cares
The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold
The fruits of peace and joy.

- 4 So when the precious seed is sown,
Life-giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive
Its saving pow'r may know.

EASTER

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- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

- 3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

- Δ4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Words and Music by
Stuart Townend

♩ = 64

VERSE

G Am G/B C G/B G/D D

1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all meas - ure that
 (2. Be) - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
 (3. I) will not boast in an - y - thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But

3 G Am G/B C G/B D G

He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How
 -shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

5 Am G/B C G/B Em D

great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
 was my sin that held - Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
 should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But

7 G Am G/B C G/B D

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo -
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin -
 this I know with all my heart: His words have paid my ran -

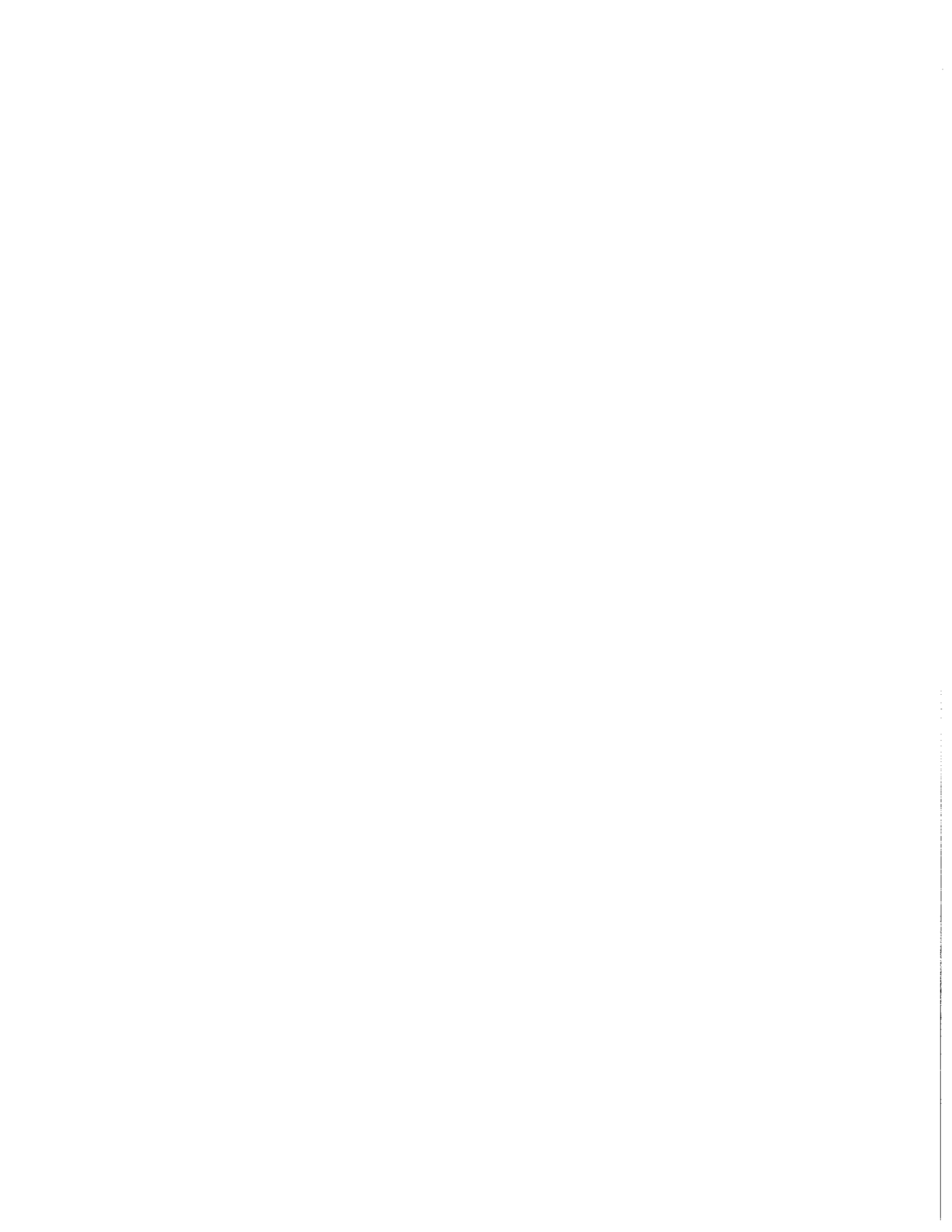
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2. Be -
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- 1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O
Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many-a conflict, many-a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

Man Up!

men's retreat

Camp Omega • Waterville, MN

March 3-4

Men from churches in the LCMS Minnesota South District are invited to attend a 24-hour retreat where faith will be strengthened, and spirits renewed by God's Word. Bible studies will focus on the Psalms of David, acknowledging his flawed nature as well as his kingly faith in the almighty God who gives salvation to His people.

At this retreat, there will be time for fellowship and recreational opportunities at the camp, a nearby lake, or Ahlman's outdoor shooting range. Retreat participants are invited to bring their gear for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing, and target shooting. Recreational equipment will not be provided by the camp. We encourage men to bring a boardgame or a snack to share as well.

The registration cost includes three meals and lodging in hotel-style (double occupancy) rooms of the new Omega Lodge or bunkhouse-style shared lodging. Those who stay in Omega Lodge will have beds with sheets and a pillow provided. Those who stay in the other shared lodging need to bring their own sleeping bag and pillow.

Register online by February 24
campomega.org/event/manup

Retreat info: 507-633-2253

