

Joy Lutheran Church



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 14, 2024
10:30 am

Serving Today

Pastor: Bruce Booher
Deacon: Chris St. Clair
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Assistant Director of Music Ministries: Jonathan Reid
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Assisting Minister: TBD *Greeter:* B Fleck
Acolyte: Lucas *Reader:* A Strong *Ushers:* A Strong,
Gift Bearers: St. Clair *Video:* L Beverage
Communion Assistants: R&N Berg, B Fleck

Flowers: Given by Scoot & Melissa Zeitz in honor of their 29th wedding anniversary.

We are glad you chose to worship at Joy Lutheran Church today. Please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or give it to one of the Ushers.

7.14.24
10:30

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Address _____

Phone _____

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Children, their ages and grades in school:

Please check:

_____ First time visitor _____ Add me to your mailing
_____ Regular visitor _____ Add me to your email
_____ I desire a visit from the Pastor
_____ Interested in membership

Welcome to Joy Lutheran Church

July 14, 2024

WELCOME TO JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We hope that you experience God in a wonderful way as you worship here today. If you are visiting with us for the first time, we are happy to have you here with us. Please fill out the guest card and place in the offering plate so we can stay connected.

JOY WORSHIP BAGS FOR CHILDREN are located on the rack below the name tag tree in the gathering area.

NURSERY: There is a nursery provided for children under 3. You may pick up your children for Communion. We welcome children of all ages to join us in worship.

Please turn off all cellular devices during the service.

*As we prepare for Worship,
please maintain silence for prayer and meditation.*

HEARING DEVICES: We have hearing assist devices available for those who wish to use them during worship. Please see an usher for assistance with this service.



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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship together,
Different people, different lives, different histories,

Yet all children of the same Parent,
Created lovingly by the Source of all life!

We gather to reconnect with one another,
Different people, different lives, different histories,

Yet all are disciples of one Teacher.
Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.

We gather with different joys and sorrows,
different hopes and fears.....
Different people, different lives, different histories,

Yet one people with one God, one faith, one baptism.
Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us, among us, and through us.

GATHERING HYMN "Love Divine, Love All Excelling"

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

God, our provider,
help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

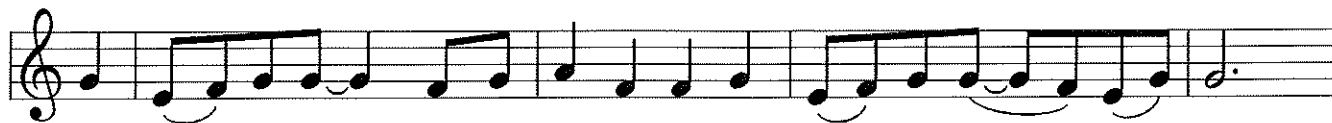
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:

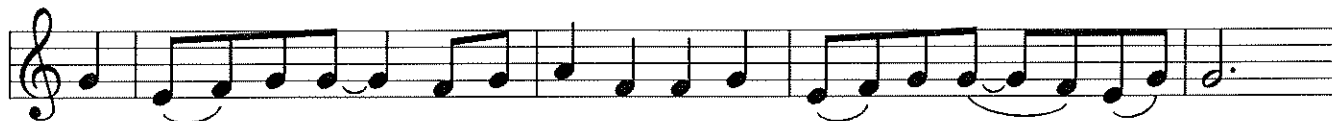
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

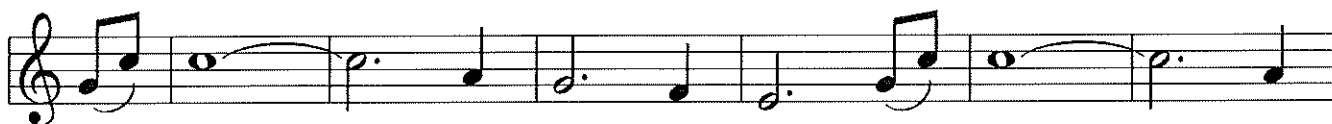
HYMN OF PRAISE “How Majestic Is Your Name”



O Lord, our Lord, how ma-jes-tic is your name in all the earth!



O Lord, our Lord, how ma-jes-tic is your name in all the earth!



O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we



mag-ni-fy your name, Prince of Peace, might-y God, O



Lord God Al - might - y.

Text: Michael W. Smith

Music: HOW MAJESTIC, Michael W. Smith

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE FIRST LESSON

Amos 7:7-15

This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

THE SECOND LESSON

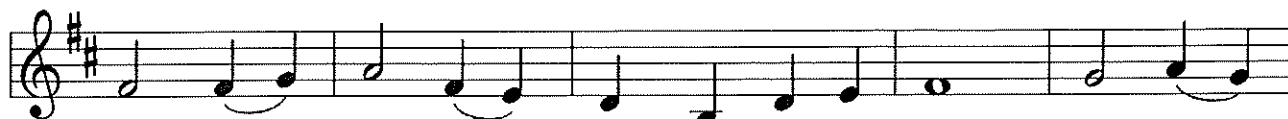
Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
“Seek Ye First”
(Verse 1 Only)



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and



righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
you shall find; knock and the door shall be



add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Matthew 6:33, 7:7; adapt. Karen Lafferty, b. 1948
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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(Seek Ye Frist Verse 2)

(Please be seated.)

THE SERMON
Pastor Bruce Booher

(Stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Amazing Grace”

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt. Public Domain

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power
of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He 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 the life everlasting.
Amen.**

**or He descended to the dead.*

*** or church universal.*

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

(A moment of silence for prayer and meditation)

Each petition ends:

*In your mercy,
hear our prayer.*

Concluding petition:

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(Please be seated.)

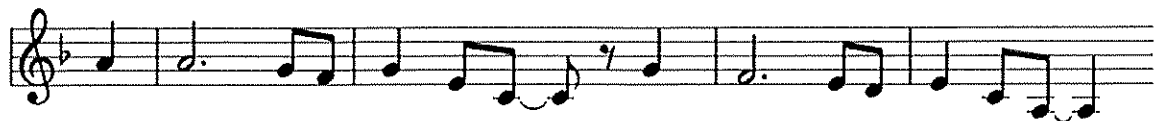
SPECIAL MUSIC JOY MEN'S CHOIR

During this time, if you haven't already, you may place your offering in the offering plate located on the baptismal font.

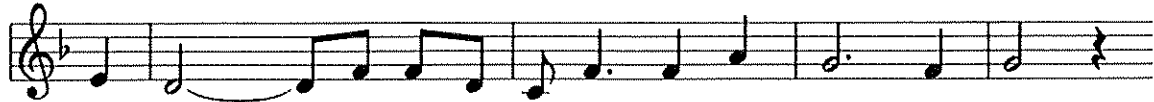
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THE OFFERING HYMN

“Give Thanks”



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



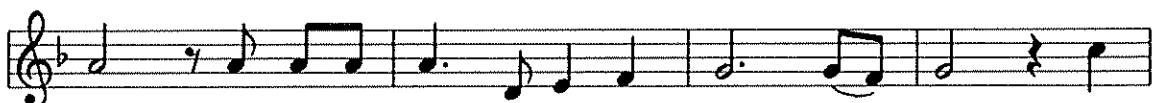
Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am



rich,” be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am



rich,” be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Text: Henry Smith

Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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THE OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.
Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Come to the table of Jesus our Redeemer!
Jesus invites us here as the people of God.
Come to His table humbly.

We come not because we have earned a place here,
but because we need mercy, help and grace.

We come because we love God,
and want to love God more.

We come because Jesus first loved us,
and gave himself for us.

We come because we want to be filled
with the Holy Spirit.

We come because we want to experience
the mystery of God's grace.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now we pray the prayer of Jesus we learned as children:

**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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

(Please be seated.)

COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome at the table of the Lord. Please follow the directions of the ushers. The bread and the wine will be distributed by intinction or there is a pre-sealed bread and wine option in the middle aisle if you prefer.

COMMUNION SONG

"I am the Bread of Life"

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 3 Yes, Lord, We be - lieve that

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 I am the life. If you be -
 you are the Christ, the

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 lieve in me, e - ven . . . though you
 Son of God, who has

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world.

Refrain
 All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
 and I will raise you up on the last day."

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 Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, *ISM*
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(Please stand as you are able.)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

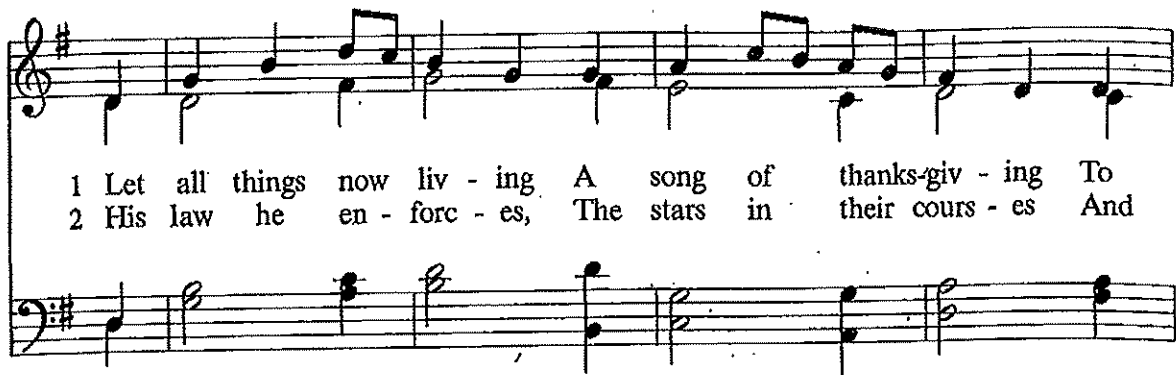
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BENEDICTION

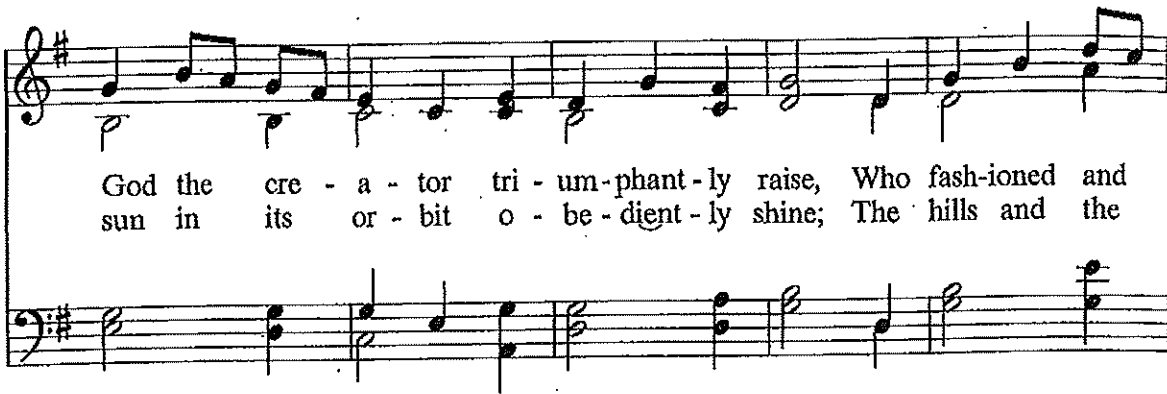
The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

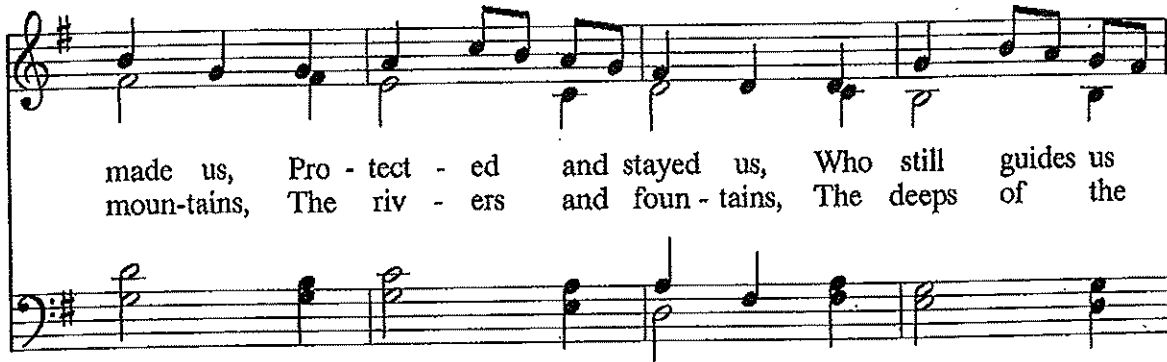
SENDING SONG "All Things Now Living"



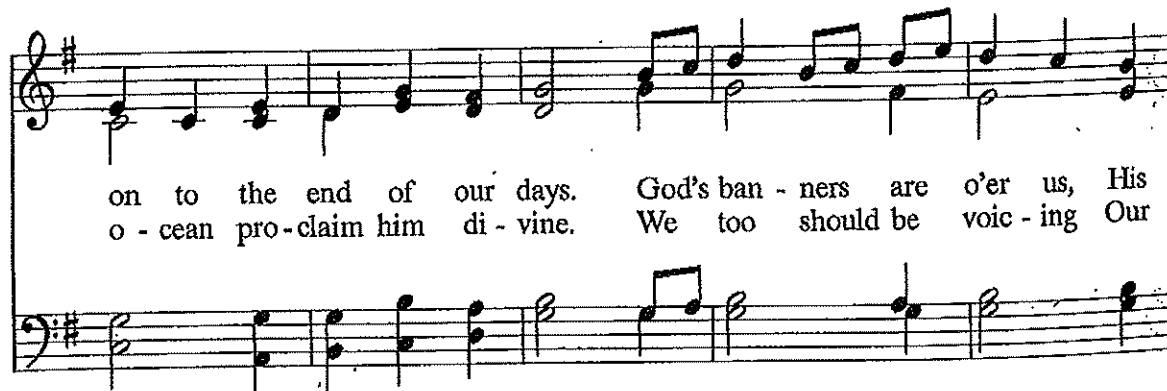
1 Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks-giv - ing To
2 His law he en - forc - es, The stars in their cours - es And



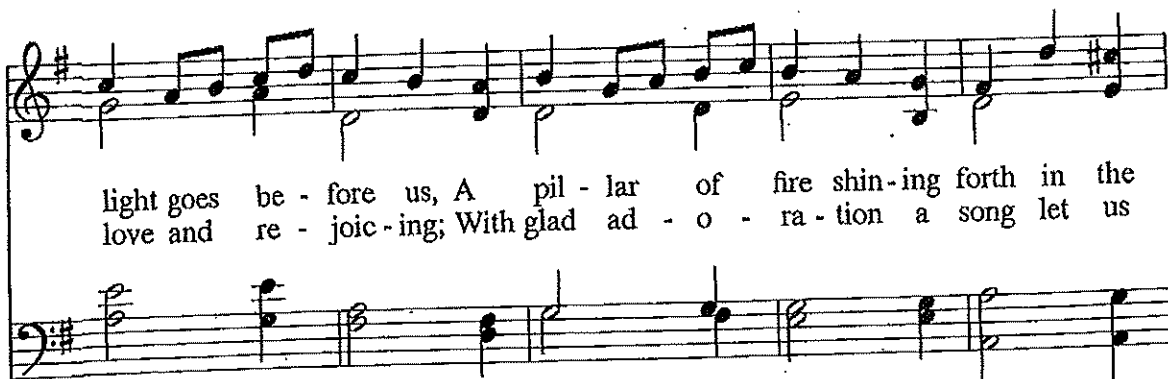
God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, Who fash - ioned and
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; The hills and the



made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us, Who still guides us
moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains, The deeps of the



on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, His
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We too should be voic - ing Our



light goes be - fore us, A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the
love and re - joic - ing; With glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us

night, Till shad - ows have van - ished And dark - ness is
raise Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks -

ban-ished, As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
giv - ing: "To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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Tune: Welsh folk tune

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ON OUR WAY REJOICING

Go in peace! You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God!