



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Called to proclaim and celebrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we are nurtured, prepared, and sent to be the light of Christ in our world.

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 8, 2021

Pastor Ryan Rouse

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

L = Leader; C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 793 “*Be Thou My Vision*” (pg. 6 of bulletin)

APOSTOLIC GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Call to Worship: *All may make the sign of the cross ✠, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Leader: We come to worship God, who has made us and knows us;

People: We come to celebrate God's presence among us!

Leader: We come to follow Jesus, who leads us into a New Life;

People: We come with joy, knowing in Christ we have eternal life!

Leader: Come, brothers and sisters. Everyone is welcome here.

People: God's people are many -- of every land and race, of every age and every condition.

Leader: We gather to celebrate God's mercy and revelation to us in Jesus Christ..

People: Through God, we are one big family.

Leader: Let us praise and worship our God.

People: For in God we live and move and have our being. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray, Gracious God,

C: your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD SPEAK TO US

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:4-8

First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the LORD is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

⁴[Elijah] went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.”⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.”⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.”⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.



PSALM Psalm 34:1-8

- ¹I will bless the LORD¹ at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be ¹ in my mouth.
- ²**I will glory ¹ in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear ¹ and rejoice.
- ³Proclaim with me the greatness ¹ of the LORD;
let us exalt God’s ¹ name together.
- ⁴**I sought the LORD, who ¹ answered me**
and delivered me from ¹ all my terrors.
- ⁵Look upon the LORD¹ and be radiant,
and let not your faces ¹ be ashamed.
- ⁶**I called in my affliction, and ¹ the LORD heard me**
and saved me from ¹ all my troubles.
- ⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who ¹ fear the LORD
and de- ¹ livers them.
- ⁸**Taste and see that the ¹ LORD is good;**
happy are they who take ref- ¹ uge in God!

SECOND READING Ephesians 4:25--5:2

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

GOSPEL ALLELUIA

HOLY GOSPEL: L: The holy gospel according to John **C:** Glory to you, O Lord.

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat optional

John 6:35, 41-51

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” ⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

L: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON (DRIVE-UP)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 488 "*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*" (Pg. 7 of the bulletin)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WE GATHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

OFFERING

Offering Hymn ELW 692 "*We are an Offering*" (x2) (Pg. 8 of the bulletin)

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray,

C: Gracious God, we joyously place before you our offerings. May these gifts support our ministry so that others may gather in your name and follow your path of love and peace. We, your beloved children, seek to be "imitators of You, Gracious God" and to live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

RECEIVE CHRIST IN BREAD AND WINE/GRAPE JUICE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray... Living God,

**C: you have greeted us in our brokenness
and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.
Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love
into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WE SEND TO SERVE

SENDING BENEDICTION:

L: Jesus said that he came so that we might have life and have it abundantly. Go, therefore, and live -- and give -- as those who serve the Creator, the Maker and Ruler of heaven and Earth, whose love and blessings know no limit.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 802 *“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus “* (vs. 1,2,4) (Bulletin Pg. 9)

DISMISSAL L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL COMPARISONS REPORT			
FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH	July 2020 *Actual Amounts	July 2021	July 2021 Budget
Total Income	126,437.22	128,138.12	153,828.64
Total Expenses	138,245.72	137,973.36	167,709.01
Income compared to Expenses	(11,808.50)	(9,835.24)	

Thank you for all you give to FELC. As of July 2021, we received a total of \$128,138.12 and spent \$137,973.36 so the balance is negative -\$9,835.24. Through your generosity, we have been able to meet all obligations but are continuing in a negative balance. Anything you are able to give will be greatly appreciated so we can meet our monthly benevolences and expenses.

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Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



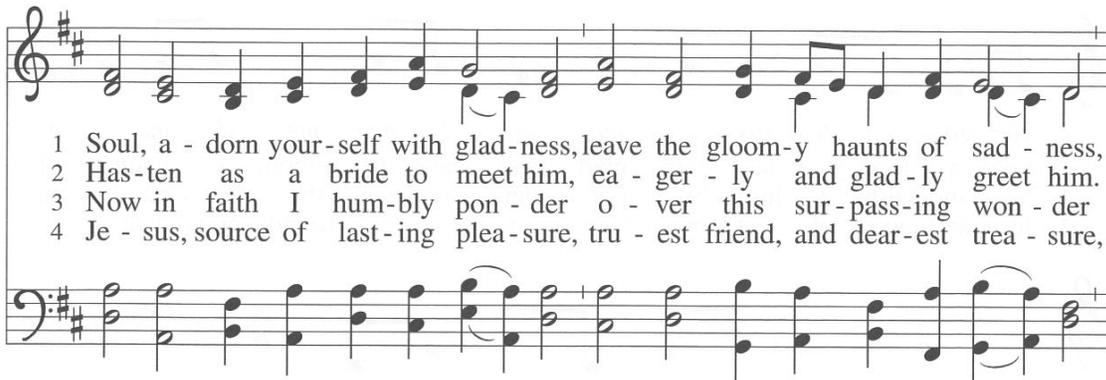
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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 Music: Irish traditional

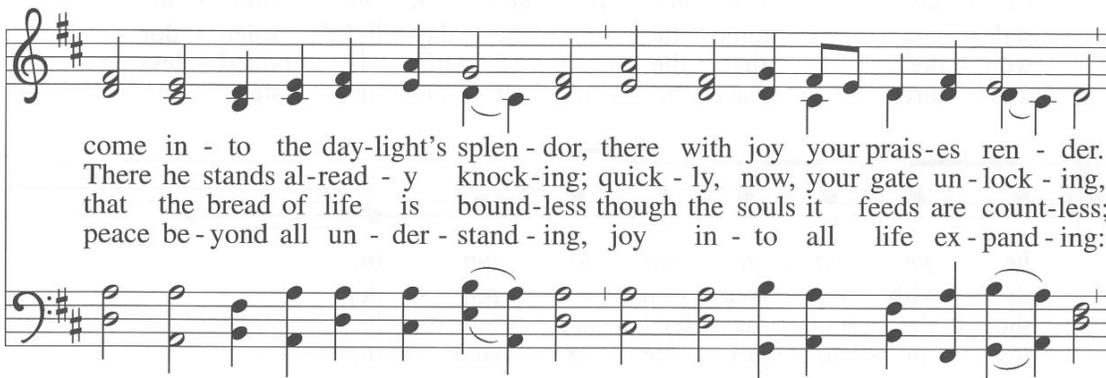
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Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

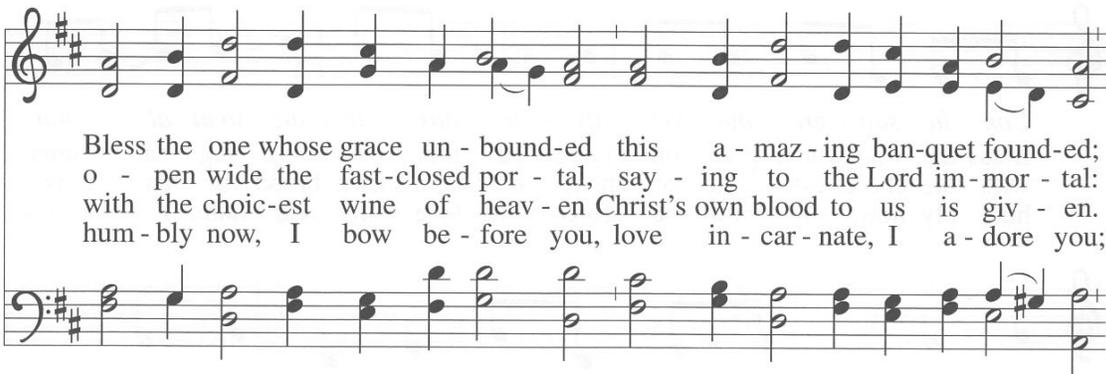
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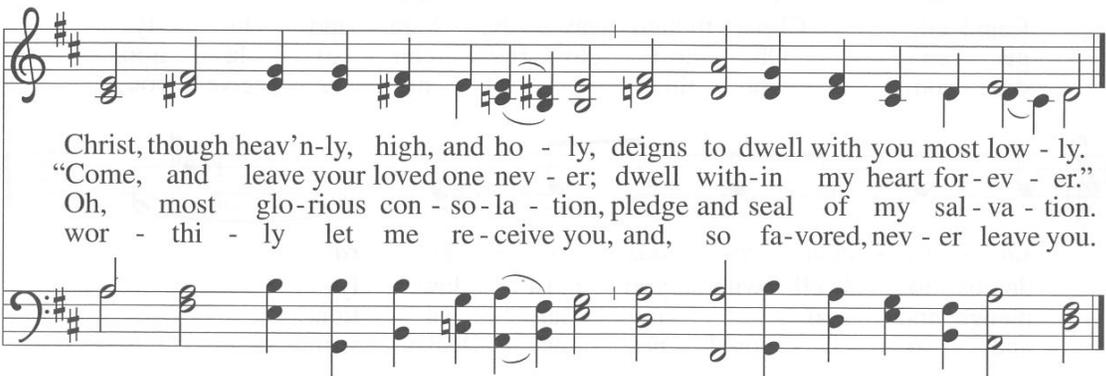
1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y haunts of sad - ness,
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing won - der,
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est trea - sure,



come in - to the day - light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais - es ren - der.
There he stands al - read - y knock - ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,
that the bread of life is bound - less though the souls it feeds are count - less;
peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:



Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed;
o - pen wide the fast - closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:
with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



Christ, though heav'n - ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
"Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
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We Are an Offering

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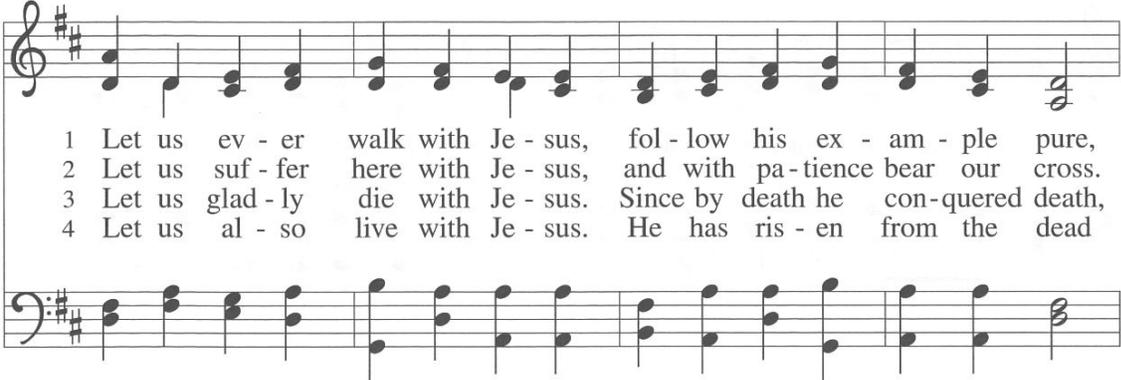
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We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
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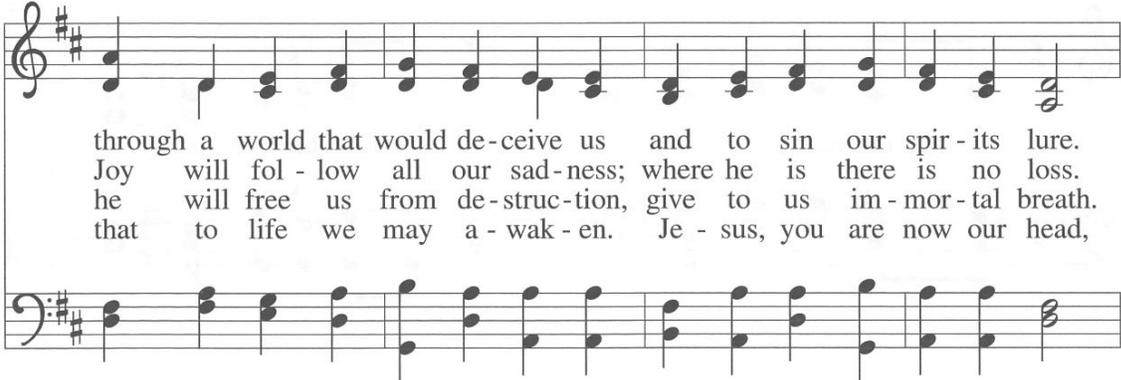
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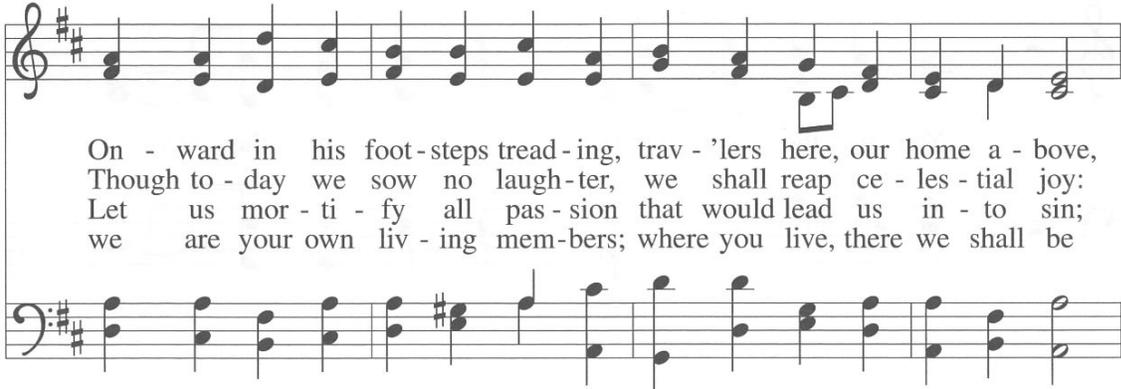
Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



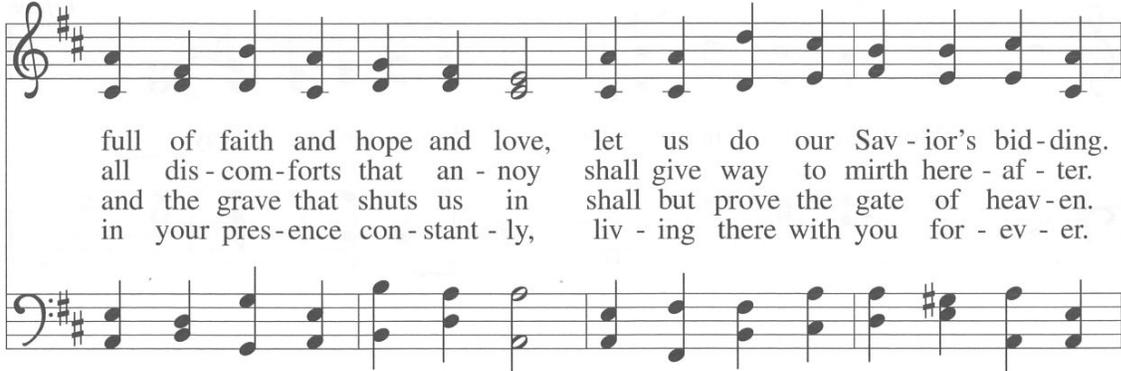
1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.

Music: Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.

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