

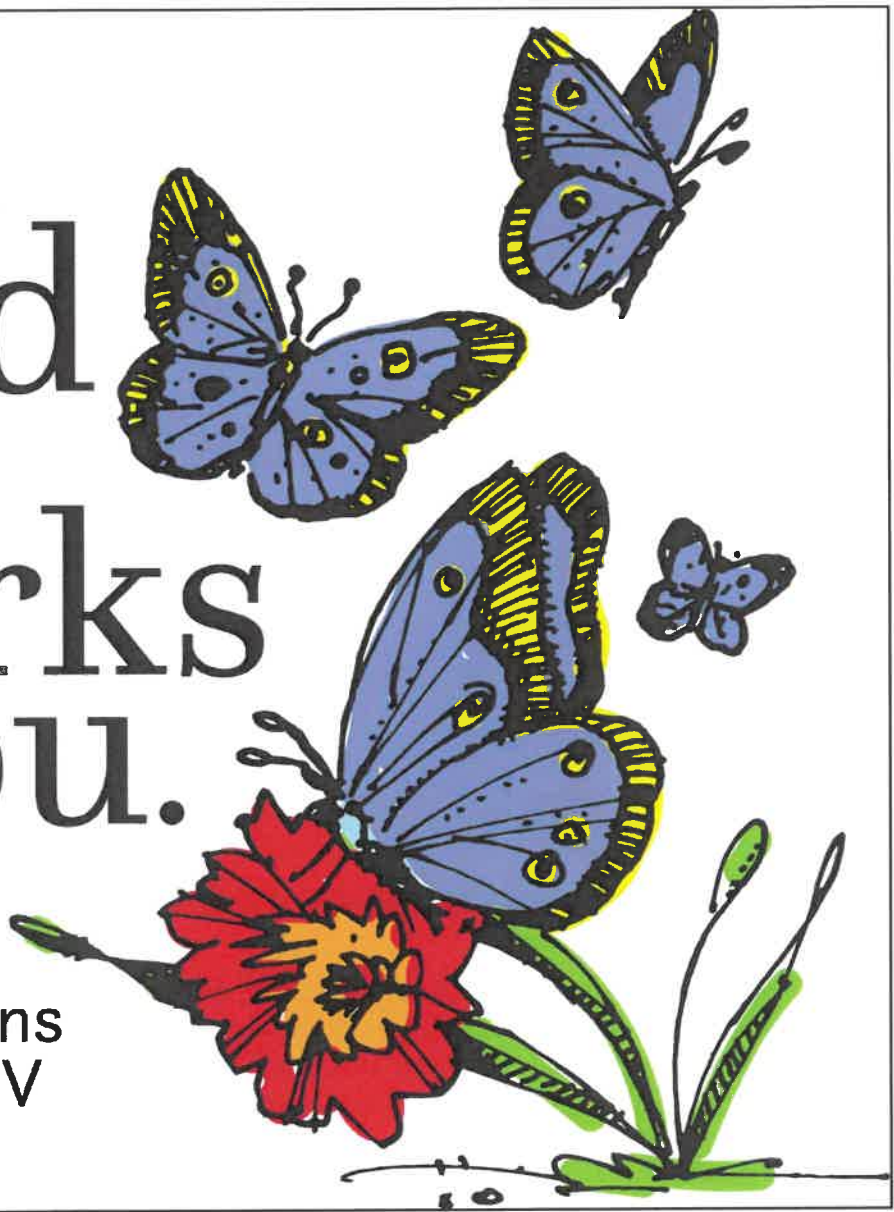
Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

It is
God
who
works
in you.

Philippians
2:13, ESV





**Welcome to Valley of Peace.
We are glad you are here.**

We give thanks to God for all people and want all people to feel comfortable participating in worship. If you need any assistance, please let our Ushers know. We are happy to offer hearing assistance devices, move chairs to make worship feel more accessible for you, and offer any other support that would be meaningful for you in this space.

All ages are welcome to worship at Valley of Peace and we give thanks for the voices of our littlest ones. If you feel that your little one is wiggly, you are welcome to go with them to stretch their legs in the Narthex where there is a small area with books and toys and you can hear the worship service. There are also bags available for you to put toys and books in and bring them into the sanctuary space.

And again, welcome to worship this day. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Interested in becoming a Member? Let Pastor Ashley know by **October 5, 2026**.

Our next New Member Class is: Sunday, October 11, 2026 after worship.



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

STAFF

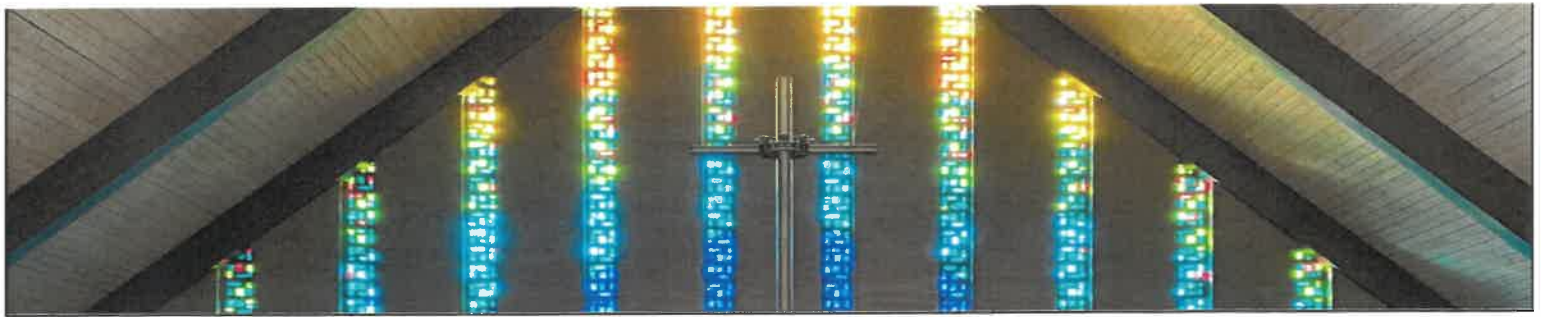
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Valley of Peace Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we live and worship near waters and on land taken from the Wahpekute band of the Santee Dakota Nation, who were the original inhabitants of this area. We honor their wise stewardship of this place and the recognition that we are all part of the same creation.

The injustice and trauma experienced by Native civilizations, with the arrival of the Europeans in America, have had a lasting impact on these nations. We are responsible to recognize and counter the historical and contemporary injustices that continue in our time.

We honor with gratitude the spirit of the peoples from long ago, the spirit of the Native people who live among us today, and the spirit filled people of Valley of Peace, united in this place.



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May 17, 2026

10:15 am

*You are invited to participate in worship by reading the **BOLD** print. When you see +, please stand in body or in spirit.
ELW is the red hymnal and ACS is the purple hymnal, both located in the bottom of the pew in front of you.
If you need any assistance, please ask an usher.*

GATHERING MUSIC

Prayer of the Morning

Gerald Peterson

WORDS OF WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRELUDE

+CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to this place as walking contradictions,
Joyful, sorrowful, humble, proud, kind, frustrated.
God sees, knows, and loves us as we are.
We praise our God for God's loving grace.

+OPENING HYMN

RED ELW #416 *At the Name of Jesus*

+THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, saves, and sends us with love that lives forever. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we give thanks for the Great Exchange, the mercy and forgiveness that wrap our true selves in sacred belonging and purpose.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For a word at the dawn of creation, which spoke water and life into being.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the great flood that revealed nature's power and God's commitment to life after death.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the river that carried Moses safely, building a bridge between mothers and nations.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the rock split open in the desert, spilling water for those thirsting for freedom.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the One who turned water to wine and met a woman at the well with living water.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the gift of holy baptism, which declares there are no more godforsaken places, and nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus. For Christ is risen!
Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

God of life, we rejoice with the waters that cover creation; our songs of praise echo their dancing tides and streams. Pour out your Holy Spirit on this community and all of creation. Cleanse our fears. Drown our divisions. Give us mercy and grace to drink so that our whole lives are signs of death defeated and thirst quenched thanks to the risen Jesus, the Son of God. **Amen.**

+GREETING

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

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Exalted God, you set aside your glory and became one of us; not just a human being, but one who chose to live a life of poverty on the margins of society, and who ultimately died by state violence. In so humbling yourself, you destroyed sin and death and utterly transformed all creation. Keep us ever mindful of your incomprehensible act of love and mercy for the sake of us all. **Amen.**

CHILDREN

Do Lord

I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun, (3X)

Look away beyond the blue.

Do Lord, oh, do Lord, oh, do remember me, (3X)

Look away beyond the blue.

FAITH MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING.....Philippians 2:1-13

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

PURPLE ACS #1024 *Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand*

+APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of Heaven and Earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day, he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the
Father,
and he will come 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response- God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

+SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY

SPECIAL MUSIC

In That Great Gettin' Up Mornin'

arr. Fettke & Grassi

In that great gettin' up mornin', fare thee well, fare thee well.

*I'm gonna tell you 'bout the comin' of the judgement;
Fare thee well, fare thee well!*

*I'm gonna tell you 'bout the comin' of the judgement; fare thee well.
There's a better day a comin', Fare thee well, fare thee well!*

Oh, in that great, gettin' up mornin', fare thee well, fare thee well.

In that great gettin' up mornin', fare thee well, fare thee well.

When you see the lightnin' flashin', Fare thee well, fare thee well!

When you hear that thunder crashin', fare thee well, fare thee well!

When you see the stars a fallin'; Fare thee well, fare thee well!

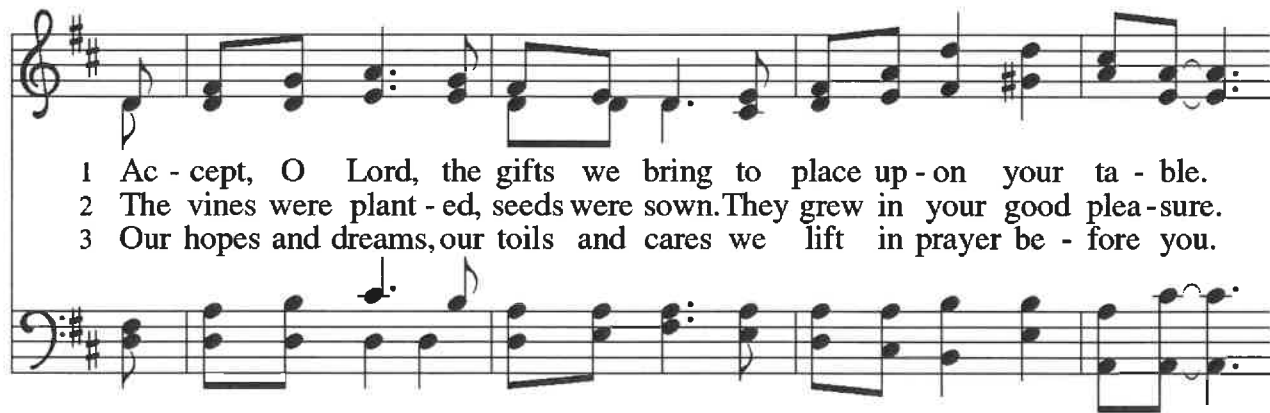
When you hear the chariot's callin'; fare thee well!

Good news, chariot's a comin', Chariot's a comin' and I don't wanna be left out!

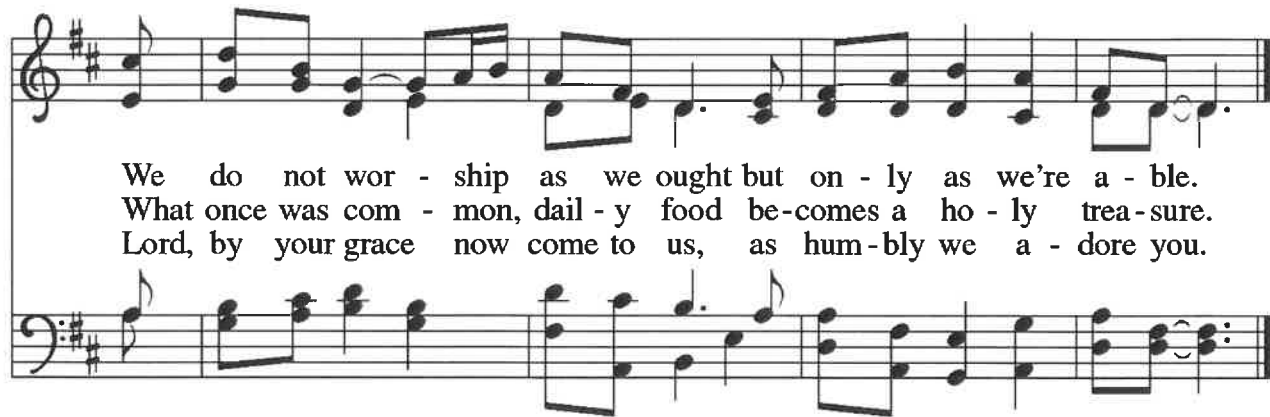
In that great gettin' up mornin' Yes, fare thee well, fare thee well.

Hallelujah!

+OFFERTORY RESPONSE (vs. 1 only)



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

No offering can equal your own, O Christ, when you gave yourself completely on our behalf. We humbly ask that you would accept what we can offer out of the gratitude of our hearts. Bless these gifts and our service in your name. Amen.

+HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.

Above all, we praise you for the new life you give in Jesus Christ.
In the resurrection, you break open what was sealed by fear.
You meet your disciples behind locked doors,
speaking peace where there was anxiety,
breathing your Spirit where there was doubt.

You call unlikely people into your service;
the questioning and the faithful,
the persecutor and the disciple,
the imprisoned and the free:
gathering them into a living community of grace.

In Christ, you turn hearts, open minds, and set people free.
You bring life out of death, courage out of fear,
and hope out of what seemed lost.
And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

Holy God,
you are the giver of life,
and in the resurrection of Jesus
you have begun a new creation.
Your risen Son came among his followers
with peace, showing his wounds and
offering his presence.

He met Thomas in his doubt and called
him into deeper faith.
He turned Saul's life around and sent him
into the world with good news.
He was present in prisons and places of
suffering, bringing freedom and joy even
there.

He was proclaimed among strangers and
seekers, made known where he had not
yet been named.
He formed communities of love and
partnership, calling people to share in the
work of the gospel with humility and
hope.

In every time and place,
your risen life continues to meet us,
call us, and send us.

On the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
saying:

Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

Remembering, therefore, his death and
resurrection,
we trust that Christ is alive among us;
**still speaking peace, still transforming
lives, still drawing the world into your
redeeming love.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and
upon these gifts of bread and wine.
Breathe your life into this meal,
that it may be for us the body and blood
of Christ.

And breathe your Spirit into us,
that we may be a people made new:
a people who trust even in our doubt,
who answer your call with courage,
who bring good news into places of need,
and who live as partners in your gospel.

Send us out as witnesses to resurrection
Life, bearing your peace into the world.
Amen.

+LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus first taught us:

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever.

Amen.

+INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ invites you to this table.
Here, there is a place for the doubting and the believing,
for the weary and the hopeful.

Come and receive the gift of new life.
Come and taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS

All are welcome to receive communion at Valley of Peace. We serve communion every Sunday by intinction. After the pastor speaks the words of distribution to online worshipers, the ushers will then invite worshipers physically present to receive communion.

If you are receiving communion by intinction, there will be bread and gluten-free wafers available. As you come forward to receive communion, a communion server will serve you your preference. Please take the bread or wafer and dip it into your preference or either wine or juice. The first chalice will contain red wine and the second chalice will contain white grape juice.

If you prefer to not receive communion by intinction there are pre-packaged communion kits with a gluten-free wafer and grape juice. You may pick this up on your way to communion. If you prefer not to receive communion at all, please come forward with your hands across your chest and you will receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward or do not want to be visible on the live-stream, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.

PURPLE ACS #966 *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

PURPLE ACS #967 *This is Christ's Body*

+POST COMMUNION BLESSING

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

+SPECIAL MUSIC

Den Stor Hvide Flok

+BLESSING

+SENDING HYMN

PURPLE ACS #991 *Go to the World*

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Hornpipe

Samuel Wesley



Worship Volunteers

	<u>Sun. May 17, 2026 at 10:15 am</u> Annual Meeting after Worship	<u>Sun. May 24, 2026 at 9:30 am</u> 4-The-Kids Worship Service
Presider/Preacher	Pastor Ashley Osborn	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Opener/Closer	Craig Franz	Paul Mikelson
Greeter	Barb Mikelson	Paul Mikelson
CYF Greeter	OPEN	n/a
Welcome Center	Anna Halvorson	Sally Daniels Herron
Ushers	Heidi Boesen, Erik Daniels, Ann Dybvig & Andy Dybvig	<i>Assigned at Worship</i>
Worship Assistant	Tara Kuckkan	Elizabeth Hermeier
Reader	Pat Hoyt	<i>Assigned at Worship</i>
Communion Servers	Mary Hovden, Paul Mikelson, Anna Campbell, Dan Miller	Carolyn Rask, Ruth Larson, Laurie Eaton & Dan Miller
Faith Moment	Darcie Rodman	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Special Music	VOP Kids Chancel Choir Dan Miller Paul Mikelson	Chancel Choir
Technology	Naomi Dybvig	Steve Collin
Coffee Cart	Nancy Rogness	Abby Stetler, Matthew Stetler & Audrey Stetler
Altar Care	Linda Franz	Linda Franz



Reconciling In Christ Statement

We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God and, by grace, is called a child of God, without exception and regardless of gender, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, age, station in life, or political affiliation.

For more information and a calendar of activities visit www.valleyofpeace.org

At the Name of Jesus

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1 At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
 2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,
 3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name
 4 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
 5 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him king of glo - ry now.
 all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true.
 on the clouds of glo - ry, with his an - gel train;



It is God's good plea - sure we should call him Lord,
 thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last;
 Crown him as your cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.
 brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.
 let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.
 and our hearts con - fess him king of glo - ry now.

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

Refrain

Kwa - ke *Ye - su na - si - ma - ma,* *ndi - ye*
 Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the

mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma. *Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -*
 sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my

ma, *ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma.*
 life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.

1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the
 2 It is not the work of my hands that has
 3 When my days on this earth are done, and I

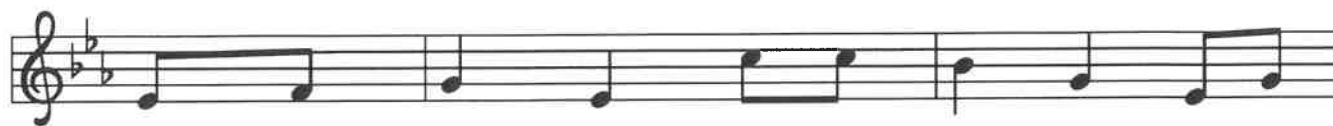
storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the
 washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my
 stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y

Refrain

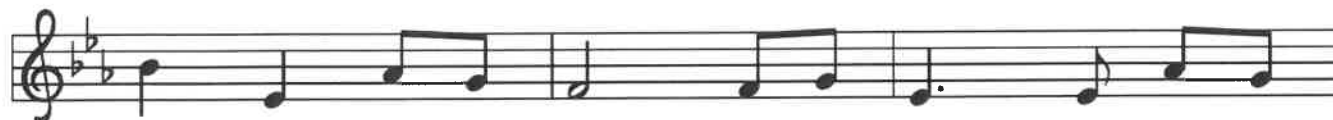
flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.
 days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.
 fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

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 Music: KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA, Kenyan melody; adapt. Greg Scheer
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Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

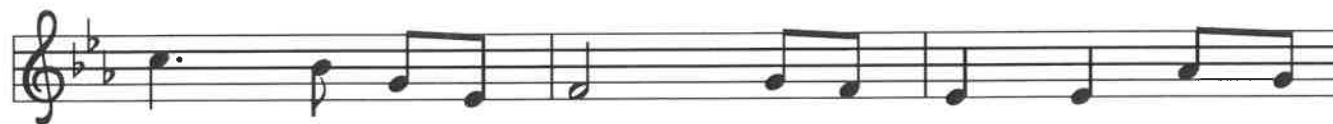


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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This Is Christ's Body

This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody of quarter and eighth notes, with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,
with mer - cy and love.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. It features a long note with a slur in the treble staff, spanning across the lyrics 'mer-cy and love.' and 'We are Christ's bod - y,'.

bro-ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a long note and a slur, and the bass staff provides a final accompaniment.

Text: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960

Music: BROKEN AND BLESSED, Anne Krentz Organ

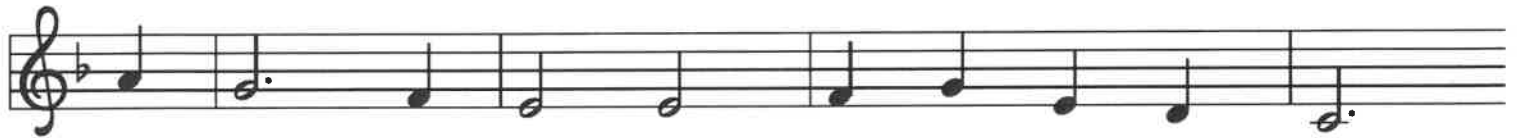
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Go to the World!



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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