

Zion Lutheran

**Mission: Creating Community Through
God's Love and Guidance**



Transfiguration of Our Lord
March 2, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

(The assembly speaks the bold print)

PRELUDE

Please respect this time before worship for those who want to pray quietly in the sanctuary. Once the prelude begins, please use that time to listen to the music and prepare for worship. Thank you for your cooperation.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN#800

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, One God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,
you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.
Show us your lovingkindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.
Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine."
In Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.
Amen

GREETING

The grace of our 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

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Exodus 34:29-35

A reading from Exodus.

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face;

³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

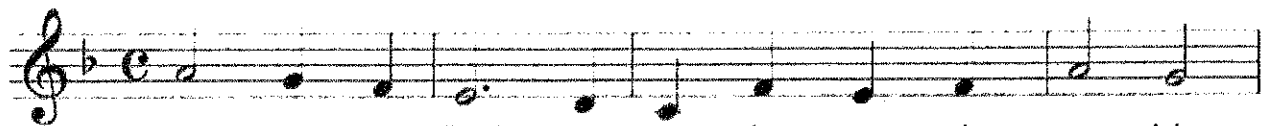
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 99

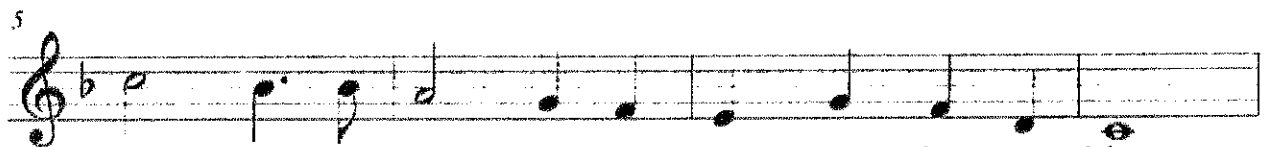
"O Wondrous God"

O Wondrous God

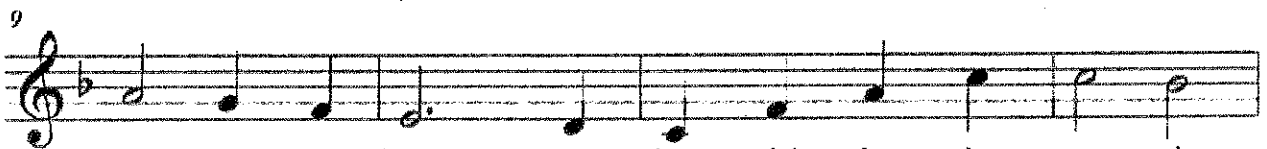
Psalm 99



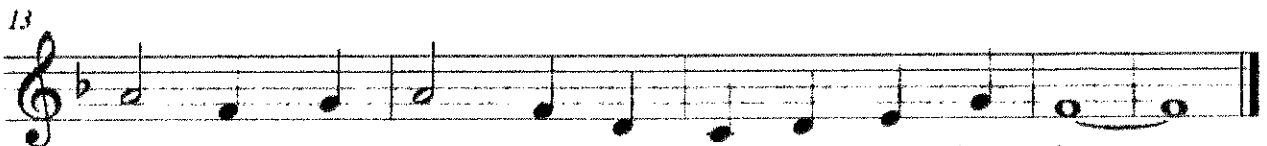
1. O Lord, our God, you see the peo - ple trem - ble
2. Priests of the peo - ple, Mos - es, Aaron and Sam - uel,
3. O Lord, our God, why do you al - ways an - swer?
4. O won - drous God, O lov - er of the peo - ple,



5 from high a - bove the re - splen - dent cher - u - bim.
those who be - lieved in the might - y God of heav'n,
You've been a great and for - giv - ing God to us.
let truth and jus - tice pre - vail from shore to shore.



9 Ev - 'ry - one knows you're there with - in the tem - ple;
cried out to you, and from the cloud - ed sen - t'nel,
We have dis - pleased you with our e - vil man - ner,
O won - drous God, the one who con - quers e - vil,



13 there - fore, to - geth - er we'll sing your glo - rious hymn. ____
you an - swered them, for they all had been for - giv'n. ____
for you a - lone can con - tain all right - eous - ness. ____
let good - ness rule in our land for - ev - er - more. ____

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside.

¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. ^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting 5



GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. [³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸ Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹ Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹ Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴² While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a} And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Karen Jewell

HYMN OF THE DAY#316

"Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair"

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 INTERCESSION

God of grace, hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

CHOIR

"How Shall I Sing That Majesty"

OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

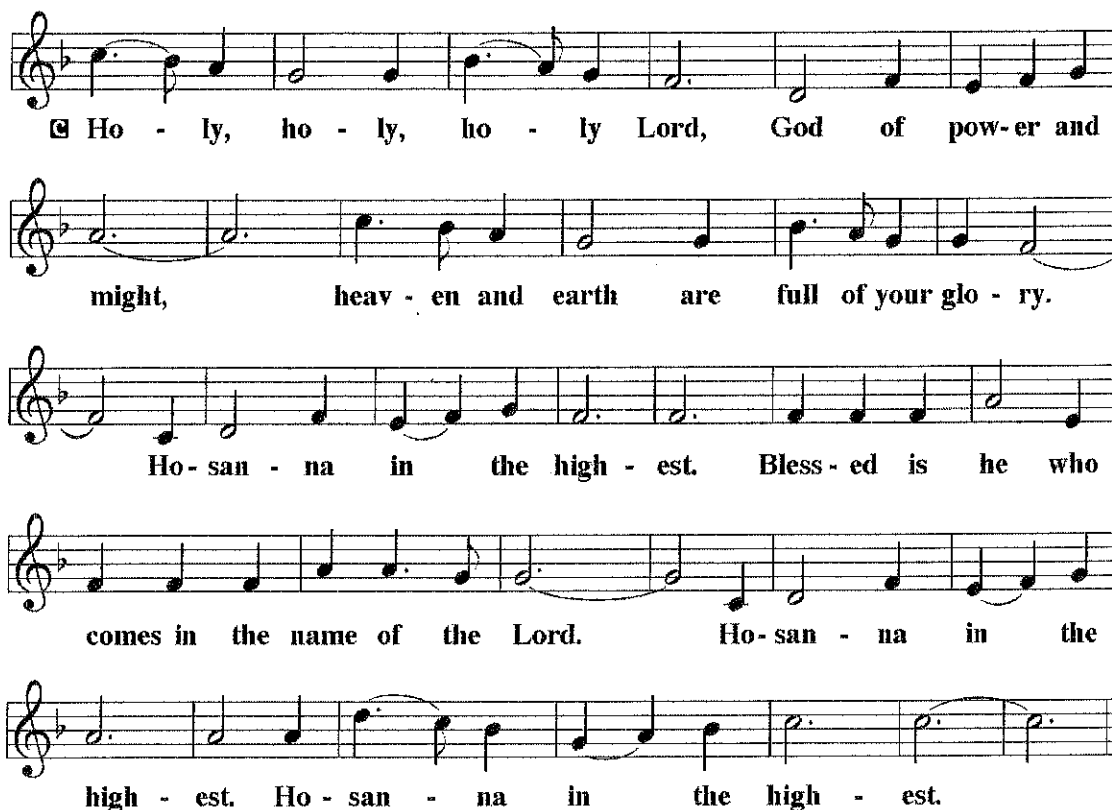
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Setting 5



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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

LAMB OF GOD

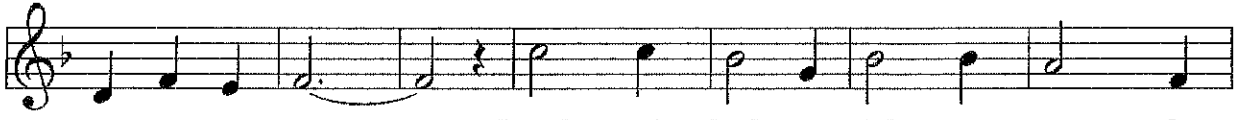
Setting 5



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN#477

“I Received the Living God”

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,
Amen.

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God
bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.

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thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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Welcome!

We invite visitors to complete the card in the pew and put it in the collection basket. Thank You!

Attendance:

Last Week: 82

Announcements!

Each week a Daily Discipleship, which is a take home Bible Study, will be on the tables at the back of sanctuary for you to take with you. It will also be on the website in the section where the weekly bulletin is.

Ash Wednesday service is this Wednesday at 6:30pm.

Lenten Study Booklets are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. You are welcome to take one home with you.

Lenten Soup Suppers will be March 12, March 19, April 2 & April 9. It will be from 5:00pm-6:15pm with the service to follow at 6:30pm. There is a signup sheet in the narthex for help with setup, cleanup & desserts.

If you are interested in being a greeter contact Lynn Walter.

Today is our first educational session with Jean from Linwood Community. It will be held from 10:15-11:00 in the chapel. The topic for today is "Financial Assistance for Older Adults & Scam Prevention". March 9 the topic is "Safety at home for Older Adults" & March 16 the topic is "When Independent Living No Longer Works for Older Adults".

91.9 FM Fox Cities together with FOX 11 presents Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive. They will be collecting NEW hygiene and cleaning items for local Fox Cities and New London crisis agencies. The Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive runs from now through March 16. Please place your donations in the Help for the Homeless collection box located in the back of the sanctuary by March 16, or make a secure financial donation for the purchase of supplies that will stay in our community. Some of the most urgently needed items are bathroom tissue, cleaning supplies, dental care, deodorant, diapers/baby care, face/bath soap, feminine care, hair care, laundry detergent, paper towels, razors, and trash bags. Your donations will remain in this community. Thank you!

If you always received the messenger by email you need to go to our website, zionappleton.org to find it. It is listed under Ministries. There are past messenger if you want to read them.

Columbus school is having open gym at Zion on Thursdays from Feb. 20 through March 20. It is from 6pm-7pm. The bowling alley, ark & gym will be open. All are welcome. The only thing they ask is if you are bringing a child an adult needs to accompany them.

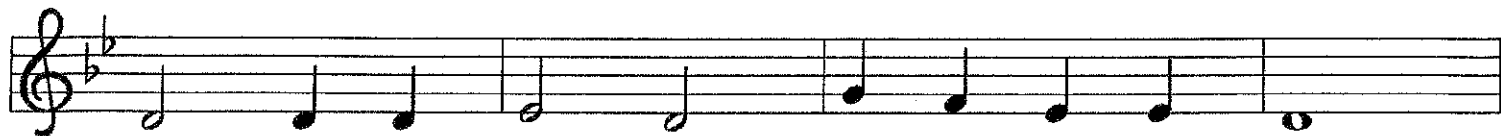
Linwood Community: A Ministry of Fox Valley Lutheran Homes

March 2025 Services: Join us in the Linwood Commons for worship services during Lent. Wednesday, March 5, 1:30 PM, Pastor Eric Roth leading us in worship. (No Lunch), Wednesday, March 12, 1:30 PM, Pastor Eric Roth leading us in worship. (Lunch served at 12:30. Please RSVP to lynnann.fvlhomes@gmail.com if you would like to join us for food and fellowship before worship.) Wednesday, March 26, 1:00 PM, Pastor Amy Engebose leading us in worship. (Lunch served at 12:00. Please RSVP to lynnann.fvlhomes@gmail.com if you would like to join us for food and fellowship before worship.)

Educational Opportunities at Linwood: Memory Loss-Thursday, March 6th, at 11:00, their Wellness Coordinator Yon will share information about Memory Loss and Dementia. Yon will cover lifestyle changes that may help slow down memory problems and resources available to you in our community. **Are You Safe Driver?**-Thursday, April 10th, they will be hosting Refresh Your Driving Skills from 10:00-2:45. This is also known as the AARP Smart Driver Course and is designed to refresh your driving skills. Advanced registration is required and the cost will be \$10 per person. You can register by calling Yon Abel, Wellness Coordinator, at 920-850-3623 or by emailing our resource advocate Jean George at Resource.fvlhomes@gmail.com. Space is limited. Lunch will be provided. Some insurance companies give a discount to people who have successfully completed this course.

Sunday, March 2 Exod 34:29-35, Ps 99, 2 Cor 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a] Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am Worship Service 9:00 am Followed by Coffee Hour Sunday School & Confirmation Educational Session 10:15-11	Transfiguration of Our Lord Pastor Karen Jewell Assisting Minister: Tricia Staedt Reader: JoAnn Salm Acolyte: Charlee Weiland Musician: William Surtees Opens and Closes: Jim Schley "Financial Assistance for Older Adults and Scam Prevention"
Wednesday, March 5 Ps 51:1-17; 2 Cor5:20b-6:10 Matt 6:1-6, 16-21 Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15pm Worship Service 6:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Pastor Karen Jewell Assisting Minister: Deb Reis Musician: Heather Watney Acolyte: Freya Budde Opens: Jim Schley Closes: Gwen Schwandt
Sunday, March 9 Deut 26:1-11; Ps 91:1-2, 9-16 Rom 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13 Choir Rehearsal 8-8:45 am Worship Service 9:00 am Followed by Coffee Hour Sunday School & Confirmation Educational Session 10:15-11	1st Sunday of Lent Pastor Jan LaVake Assisting Minister: Deb Reis Reader: Jim Schley Acolyte: Lily Gruselle Musician: William Surtees Opens and Closes: Gwen Schwandt "Safety at Home for Older Adults"

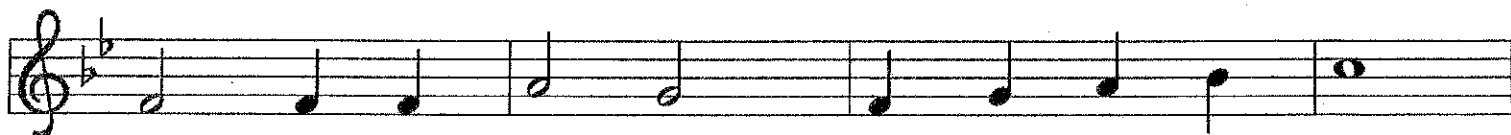
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



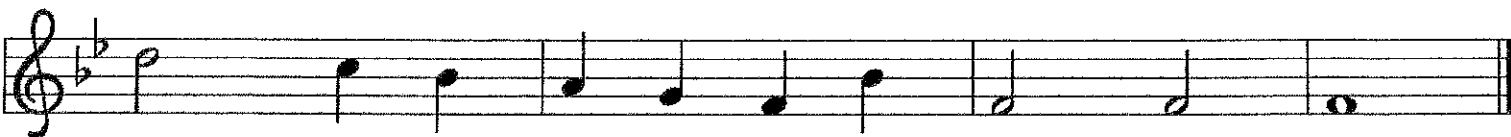
1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

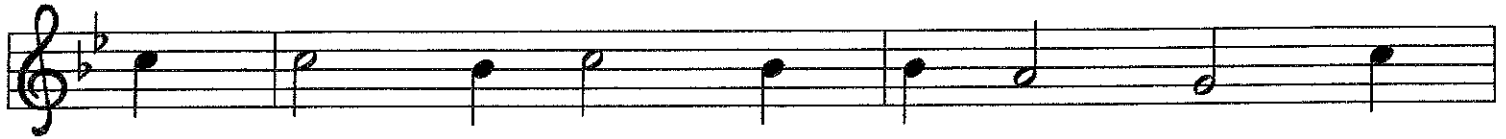


and make me love you as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860

Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-189

Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair



1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the
 car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the
 deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 Ho - ly One says, "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

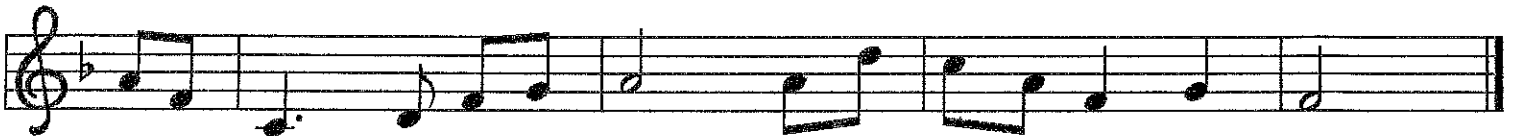
Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
 Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

I Received the Living God

Refrain



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



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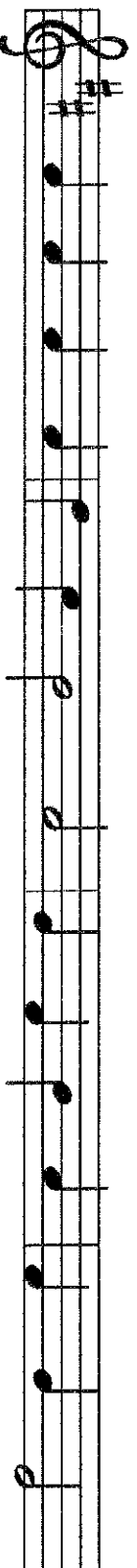
- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,

Refrain

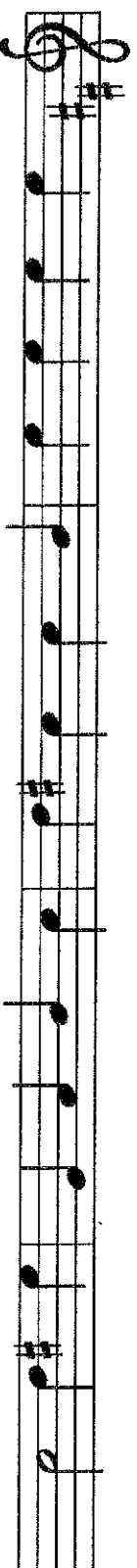


you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

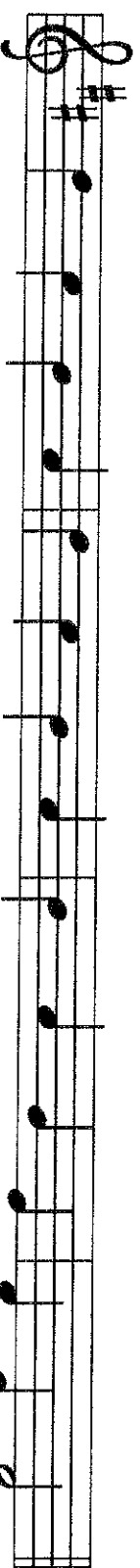
Alleluia, Song of Gladness



- 1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
- 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
- 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
- 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
 al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
 al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
 at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
 for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
 there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800-1880