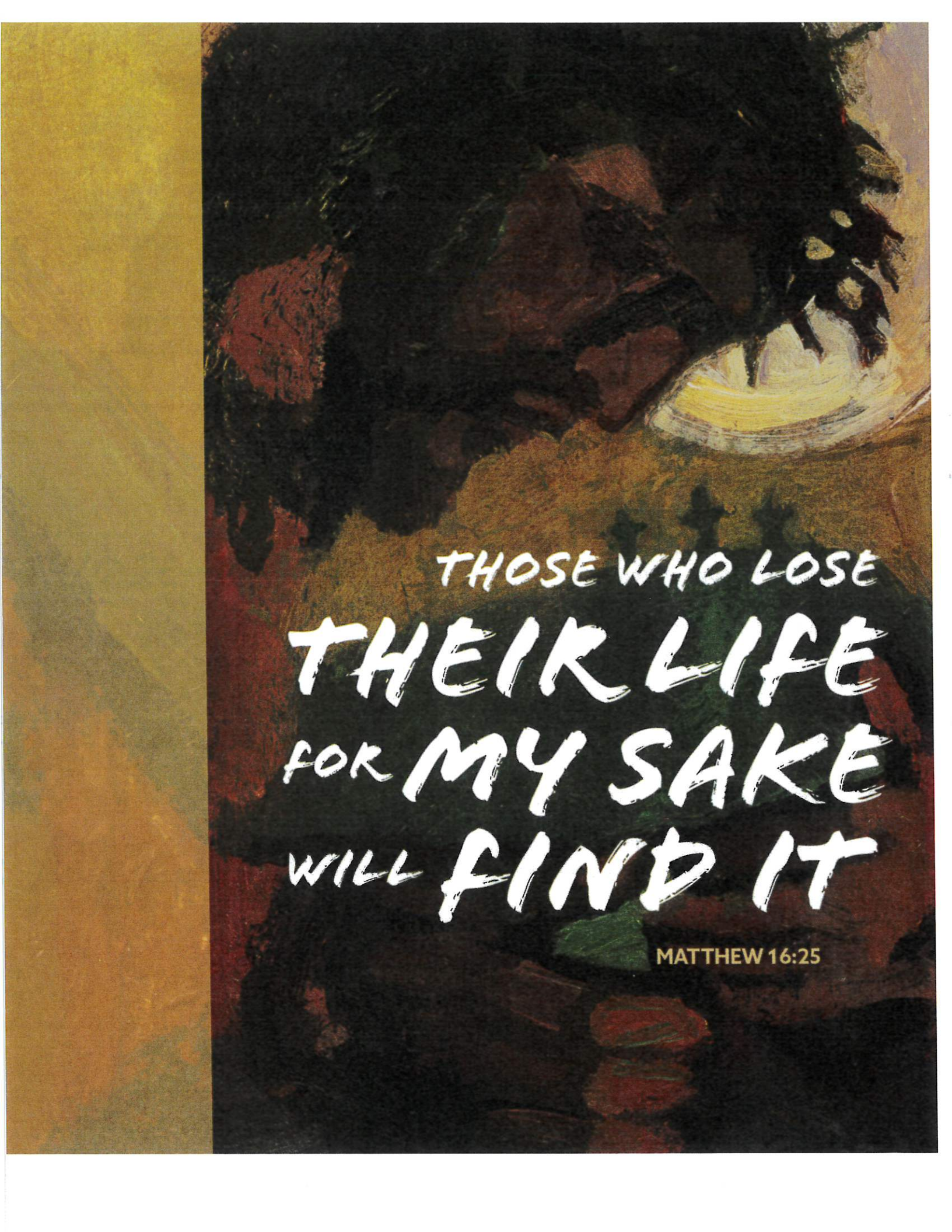
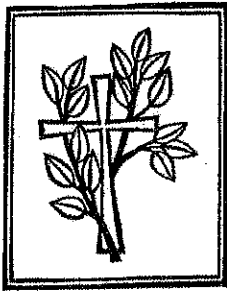




THOSE WHO LOSE
THEIR LIFE
FOR MY SAKE
WILL FIND IT

MATTHEW 16:25



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Bulletin Insert

Saturday, August 29, 2026 ~ 5:00 pm
Sunday, August 30, 2026 ~ 9:00 am

GATHERING SONG

"Earth and All Stars!"*

ELW #654

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹⁵ O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

²⁰ And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.

²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 26:1-8

¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

² **Test me, O LORD, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.**

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴ **I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶ **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸ **LORD, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

A reading from Romans.

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

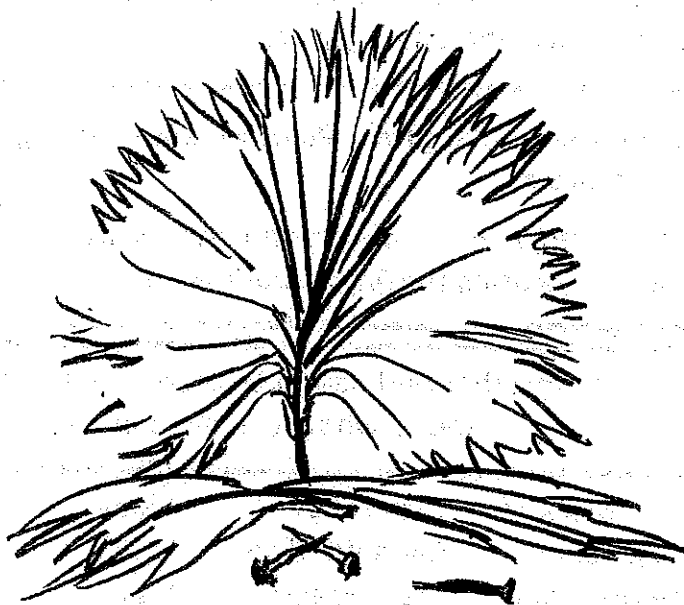
²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

HYMN OF THE DAY	"Spirit, Open My Heart"*	See Insert
COMMUNION HYMNS	"I Love To Tell the Story"* "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"	ELW #661 ELW #659
SENDING SONG	"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"	ELW #656

* Hymns were requested as a favorite.



Thank you to those who share in our worship services!

	<u>Saturday Evening Service</u>	<u>Sunday Morning Service</u>
Ushers	The Mess Family	Kenny & Sue Oetzmann
Reader	Tom Bauer	Mary Moore
Communion Assistants	Kelly Goldsmith	Donna Gruenhagen
Counters	Kelly Goldsmith & Carol Kuehl	Kenny & Sue Oetzmann
Organist	Susan Becker	
Online Streaming Team: Craig Bloomingdale, Lucas Golinghorst, Scott La Plante & Kevin Zidarich		

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CALLED TO SHARE, SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Today we gather to celebrate God's love and grace as revealed to us through Jesus Christ. For those that might be interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities of the congregation there are some printed materials available for you to take. The materials are located on the counter just inside the east entrance of this building. You can also find more information through the church website at faithlutheranelldridge.com.

CHILDREN are always welcome in worship. Special children's bulletins are available for their use.

VISITOR? CHANGE OF ADDRESS? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES? HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? Please feel free to complete the information card located in front of you next to the hymnals and place the card in the offering plate.



Flowers This Week

The flowers on the altar are from Paula Bryant in loving memory of her parents, Henry and Lois Lamp.

If you are interested in providing altar flowers, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, or by using the link on our web site.



Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these people and all who are in need in our prayers.

Steve Mixdorf	Meyer Mixdorf	Judy Feller	Cindy	Jerry
Patty Denner	Cheryl Torey	Carla Whitlock	Thad	Kathy
Kathy Stoltz	June Mephram	Steve Eggert	Dave	Jeanne
Ron Arp	Rebecca Casson	Marilyn	Linda	
Jan Goettsch	Cherri Grimes	Kelly	Janet	
Barb Conklen	Judy Rigg	James	Paul	



PASTORAL CARE
& COUNSELING

Pastor Carrie and Pastor Heather are available for Pastoral Care, but we need your help to know when and where that is needed. Even though the medical facilities might ask about notifying your church, they do not actually contact us unless a situation is dire. Please contact us at the church office at (563) 285-4501. For after-hour emergencies, please contact Pastor Carrie at (641) 275-1326 or Pastor Heather at (563) 639-9606.



This weekend we will be collecting a "noisy" offering for ELCA World Hunger. Please drop any change into the cans and make a joyful noise to the Lord!



SOLES4SOULS

Turning shoes and clothing into opportunity

The Eldridge Lions Club is collecting new and gently used shoes **August 10 through September 11, 2026**. The Soles4Souls program turns unwanted shoes into opportunity, in the United

States and around the world, by keeping them from going to waste and putting them to good use - providing relief, creating jobs, and empowering people to break the cycle of poverty. Here's an opportunity to clean out that closet and drop your gently used shoes in the Soles4Souls orange box. And just like that, you've made someone's life better.

WEEKLY *Sneak Peek*

Saturday, August 29

5:00 pm Worship In Sanctuary &
 Online

Sunday, August 30

9:00 am Worship in Sanctuary
10:15 am Fellowship

Monday, August 31 *Office Closed*

Tuesday, September 1

1:00 pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Food Pantry
6:30 pm VFW
6:30 pm Jubilation

Wednesday, September 2

10:45 am Resounding Joy
5:15 pm Confirmation Meal
5:45 pm Confirmation Conversations
6:00 pm People of Praise
7:00 pm High School Youth

Thursday September 3

6:30 pm Team Night
7:30 pm Exec Team Mtg.

Friday, September 4

9:30 am Food Pantry

Saturday, September 5

5:00 pm Worship In Sanctuary &
 Online

Sunday, September 6

9:00 am Worship at Outdoor Chapel
10:15 am Fellowship



Worship at the Outdoor Chapel is coming to a close for the year. Join us for our final outdoor worship service on Sunday, September 6. If the weather does not cooperate, we will move worship inside. Please bring a lawn chair and join us outside on **September 6**.



August 22 & 23 - 5:00 pm: 52, 9:00 am: 87, Online: 35, Total: 174

Take Up Your Cross

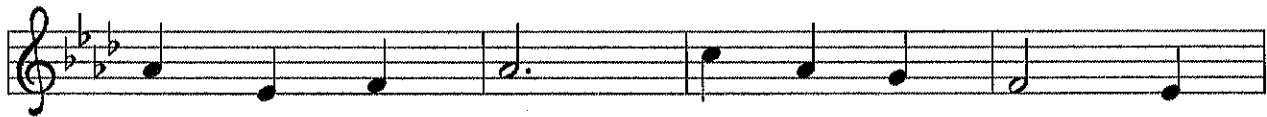
Jesus issues a difficult invitation to his disciples: “Take up [your] cross and follow me” (Matthew 16:24). While the disciples may have hoped for a Messiah who would set the world right through satisfying displays of force and strength, Jesus offers them a different vision. His new kingdom or reign will not be built on traditional concepts of power and glory. It is instead a kingdom centered on the cross.

Today we, too, may long for a mighty Messiah to put the world back in order, throw down corrupt rulers from their thrones, and take away suffering once and for all. And like Peter, we may find ourselves crying out in disbelief, “God forbid it, Lord!” (v. 22) when Jesus redirects our gaze to the cross.

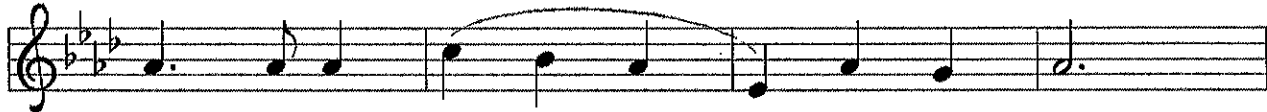
The cross reminds us that following Jesus requires nothing less than our whole lives. To follow Jesus is to love our neighbors with a self-sacrificing love, to sit in the discomfort of another’s struggle, and to be willing to lay down our own power and privilege to see the world from our neighbor’s point of view. Following Jesus requires practicing courage as we show up for one another in the least glamorous moments of life: in the hospital room, at the gravesite, in the living rooms of the brokenhearted, in the streets marching for justice. To follow Jesus is to open our hearts to the world’s pain and to practice loving others with God’s generous love, trusting that there is always more than enough.

Putting love of God and neighbor above power, prestige, and comfort is countercultural. It might even get us into trouble. But through Jesus’ own life, death, and resurrection, we are freed to enter into the world’s suffering, trusting that God’s love always gets the last word and that we will indeed be brought to new life through God’s resurrection power.

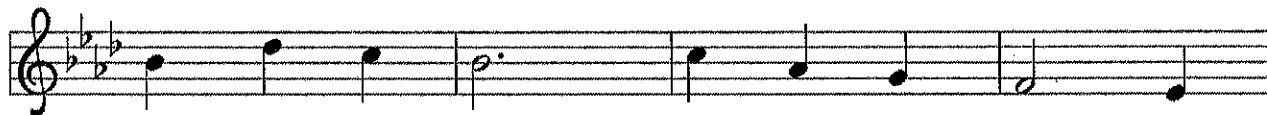
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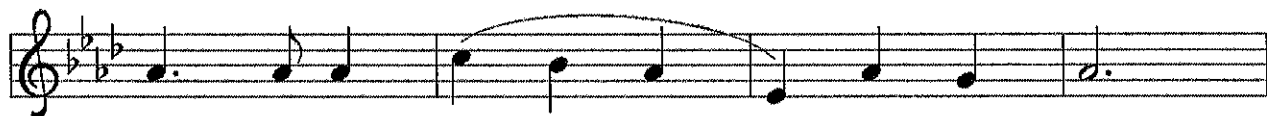
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2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



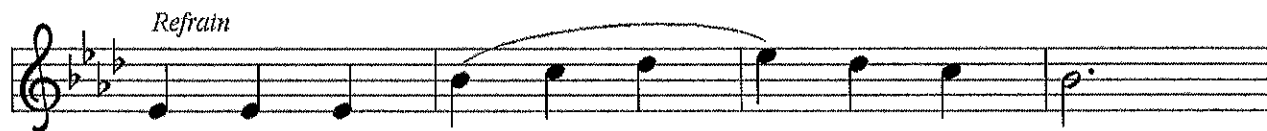
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Hail, wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp, lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!
Ath - lete	and	band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!
Daugh - ter	and	son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!

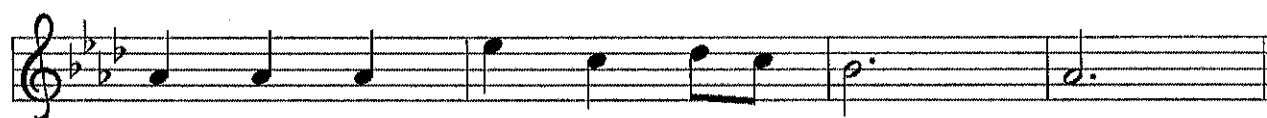


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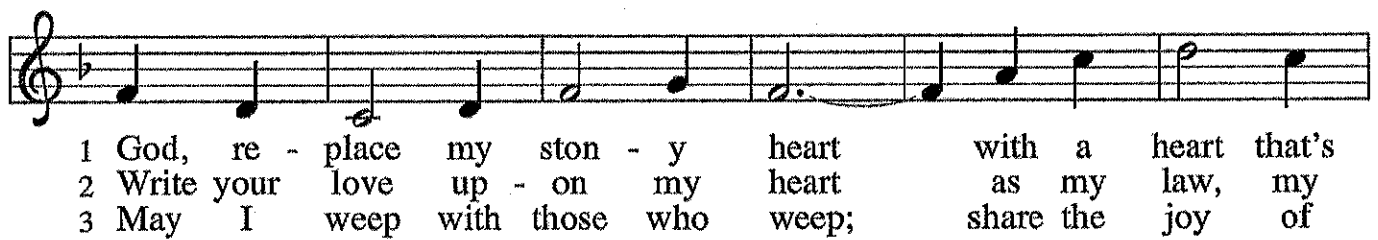
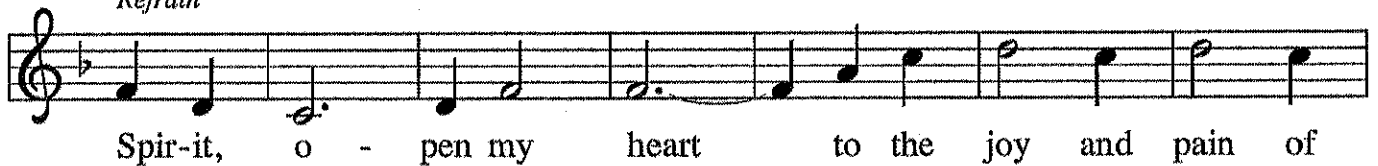
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Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain



Refrain



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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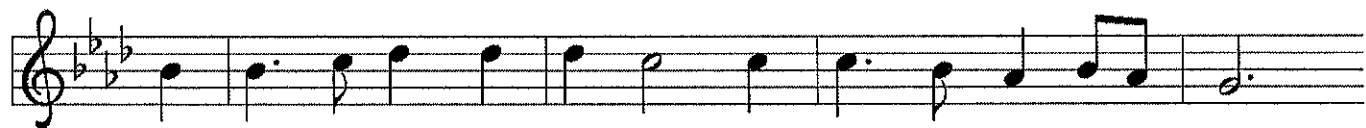
I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

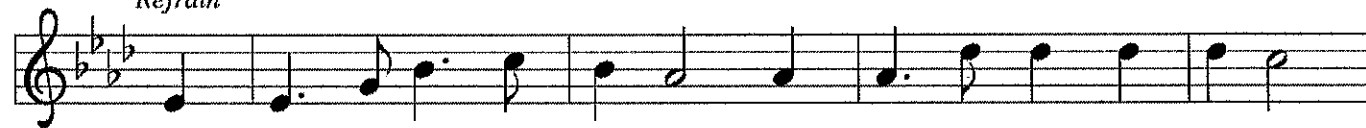


I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

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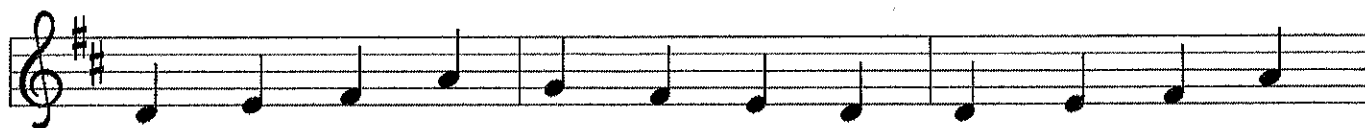


I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

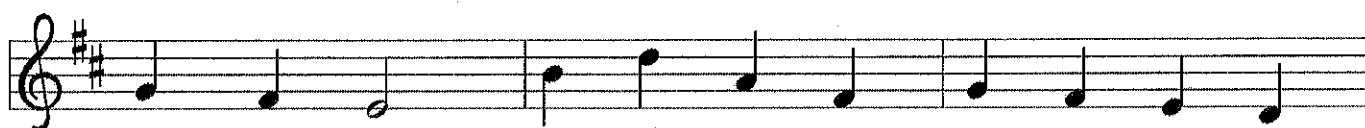


to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953

Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the lyrics, and the second system contains the remaining lines. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773-1836, adapt.



For the common things of everyday, God gave man speech in a common way.

For the deeper things men think and feel, He gave the poet words to reveal.

But for the heights and depths that know no reach, God gave man music, the soul's own speech.

Anonymous

Our music groups are starting up again soon! Resounding Joy Chime Choir will begin rehearsals at 10:45 am on Wednesday, September 2.

This group plays for a Sunday worship service about once a month. Individuals should be able to read music in order to play in this group. People of Praise Choir will begin rehearsals at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, September 2. There are no auditions required for participation in this group, and anyone high school age on up is welcome to attend. This group sings for the Sunday worship service about twice a month. All rehearsals are held in the sanctuary. Our music ministry is an avenue through which participants can bless the Lord, their church, and each other by offering their musical gifts as a part of our worship services. Much more than a group of enthusiastic singers or instrumentalists, each ensemble is a fellowship of caring friends who support and pray for each other in life's joys and concerns. We would love to have you come join us in this sacred calling. Please contact our Music Director, Susan Becker, if you have questions or would like additional information (susan.becker1995@gmail.com or 563-386-2896).



We are looking for Ushers, Readers and Communion Assistants to serve during September. Please contact Linda Golinghorst or sign up online or on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you for helping our ministry.