

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

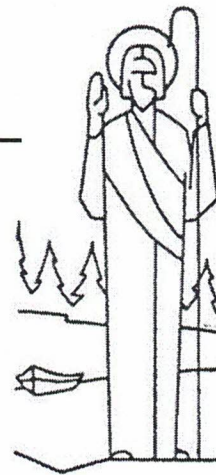
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Church Services are held on Sundays at 9:00 am.

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WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to sign our guest book and/or complete a visitor card to help us remember you. Please let us know if we can serve you in any way. Everyone is welcome to Holy Communion at Shepherd of the Lakes. Come forward as ushers direct, receive the wafer in your hand and move to the wine which is served in individual portions. We offer grape juice as an alternative to wine. Gluten-free wafers are also available at your request from communion servers when you partake.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit and rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are a loving community that follows Jesus & seeks to hear the Word of God and practice it in our daily lives.

Recorded Services:

All Sunday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are recorded and put on You Tube. Go to the Church website at

www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org

and look for the  symbol.

Click on this symbol to take you to the Church's YouTube site.

Readings for May 2, 2021:

First Reading	Acts 8:26-40
Psalm	22:25-31
Second Reading	1 John 4:7-21
Holy Gospel	John 15:1-8

Life Laid Down

How does faith in the risen Christ call one to live? What shape does one's life take?

The readings for this fourth Sunday of Easter are rich in their imagery, and at the center is the image of the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep. Five times in eight short verses Jesus mentions laying down his life for the sake of the sheep.

The First Letter of John picks up the same theme: "We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?" (1 John 3:16-17). Laying down one's life for another might take many forms, but it at least means this: extending help, as much as you are able, when another is in need.

A friend tells the story of her grandfather, a faithful man who earned a modest income. Each year when tax time rolled around, he was audited. According to tax records he earned so little and gave away so much. The astounded auditors questioned him, wondering why he gave so much of his income to the church. Incredulous, he responded, "You can't outgive God."

The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep, and joined to the risen life of Christ, the lives of the baptized are shaped by generosity and sacrifice. Giving one's life, resources, gifts, or whatever one holds most dear for the sake of another is both a witness to the love we have first been shown and an act of faith. Hearing Jesus' words in this Easter season reminds us that laying down one's life is not an act to be feared; rather, it is an act that defies death, as we trust that, washed in the waters of baptism, we already live in the resurrected life of Christ.



PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please note: "Current issue" listings remain in the bulletin for three weeks and then are removed unless instructions are received to move that listing to the "ongoing health issues" list.)

Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Larry & Joanie and Family, Rich, Gus, Dee, Ray, Joan, Laurie & the Trinity Lutheran Church in Fountain Hills, AZ, Lois, Lyn, Mike, and Tom & Carol.

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

Jeff, Brian, Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Noah, and Zachary.

Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Mel & Barb and Elisabeth.

Pray for the families of those who have passed:

Family of Kathryn

Please email Bill Wendorf at pastor@SOTLsayner.com or text to 715-617-6477 or email Jean Maines at secretary@SOTLsayner.com or text to 715-542-3344 if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list. Prayer requests are sent out via email.

***If anyone is interested in being the contact person for the prayer chain,
please contact Bill Wendorf or Bill Sima.***

CHURCH SERVICES:

Regular Sunday morning services at 9:00 am.

Masks while not required, however are greatly encouraged in the sanctuary for the services. All are welcome. The service will be live-streamed and recorded and available for viewing on YouTube later on Sundays.

OFFERINGS:

You can give your offering in church, mail your offering, or use the online giving through **PayPal** on the church website. As always, your generosity to this church and our missions, is overwhelming. In a time when so many churches are suffering, the health and well-being of your church and our missions is humbling.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

Please join us for a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 2, 2021 after Sunday morning service. The topic of the meeting will be the Landscaping project.

CONFIRMATION:

May 9, 2021 – Sophie will be confirmed!

SEASON OF EASTER

April 25, 2021

Prelude

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

We begin our confession in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and
of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us
confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our
sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by
what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted
you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another as you have
loved us. In your compassion, forgive our sin and so uphold us by your
Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus
Christ, our light and our truth. Amen**

With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love,
forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life + in Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Gathering Hymn "Good Christian Friends" ELW 385 vrs. 1 - 3.

(Please Stand as you are comfortable)

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joyce and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this - day; death's might - y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joyce and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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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.

Kyrie

- 1) *Leader:* In peace, in peace . . .
- 2) *Leader:* For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . .
- 3) *Leader:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, . . .
- 4) *Leader:* Help, save, and defend us, O God. . . .

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff begins with a whole rest for four measures, followed by a repeat sign and the notes G4, A4, B4, G4. The lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy," are aligned with these notes. The second staff continues with the notes G4, A4, B4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, with lyrics "Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy." The third staff starts with a whole note G4, marked with a fermata and the letter "A". It then transitions to a 3/8 time signature with the notes G4, A4, B4, G4, and ends with a fermata over a whole note G4, with the lyrics "men." below it. An optional segue is indicated by a double bar line and the text "Optional segue to 'Now the Feast' or 'Glory to God'" below the staff.

Hymn of Praise

Now the Feast and Celebration



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



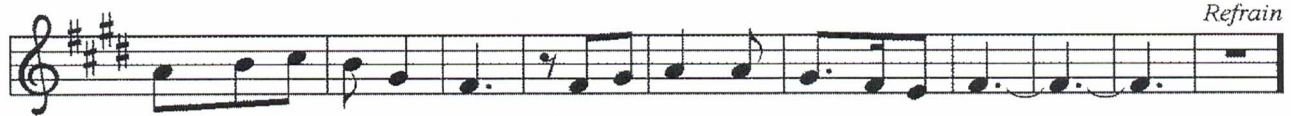
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



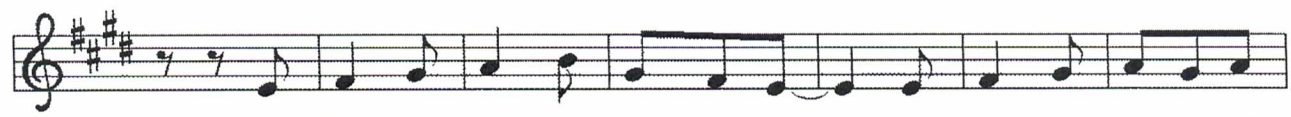
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



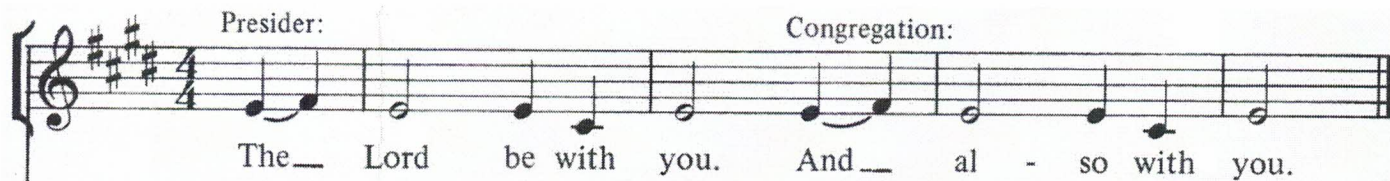
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.



Prayer of the Day

(Please be seated following the prayer)

Scripture Readings

First Reading Acts 4:5-12

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

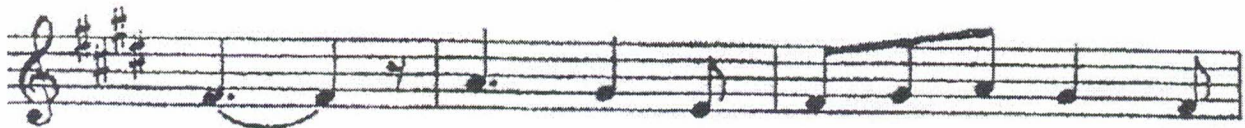
²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

(Please stand as you are comfortable for the Gospel Acclamation)

Gospel Acclamation



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! —

Reading of the Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel According to....

Glory to you, O Lord

John 10:11-18

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

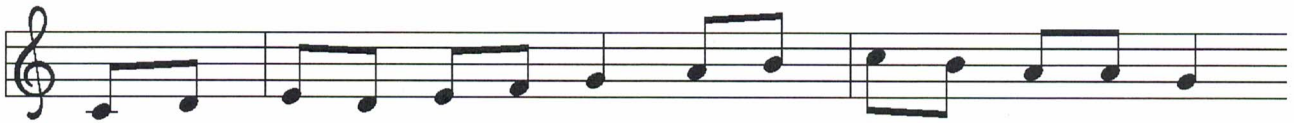
Hymn of the Day "Thine The Amen" ELW 826 vrs. 1,4,5.

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

Thine the Amen



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

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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

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please greet your neighbor from where you are standing, and then be seated)

Offering

“Due to these extraordinary times, our offering is no longer received in the traditional manner. For those of you worshipping in church, as you enter or leave the sanctuary, you will find an offering plate located at each entrance. If you wish, you may place your offering there.”

For those of you worshipping with us at home -

You can mail your donations to:

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

2903 State Hwy 155

Sayner, WI 54560

Or on the church website www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org

You can donate through our PayPal account.

“Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together.”

As the Lord's table is prepared, please join in singing:

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" ELW 752

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The musical score is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;" and "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace." The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

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Prayer

Holy God,

gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: Congregation:

The_ Lord be with you. And_ al- so with you.

Presider: Congregation: Presider:

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation:

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

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy,....

.... praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Introduction when preface is spoken.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly are you, God of pow-er and

might; — Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your

name. — Ho - san-na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Eucharistic Prayer

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

On the night in which he was betrayed . . .

Remembering his command to love one another, his life and his glorious resurrection, we pray:

Presider sings first time, Congregation sings second time:

Presider:
A - men, Come, Lord Je-sus, A - men, Come, Lord Je-sus.

Congregation:
A - men, Come, Lord Je-sus; A - men. Come, Lord Je-sus. —

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The Presider's part begins with a quarter rest followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The Congregation's part follows the same melody but includes a final quarter rest.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation. Empower us by that same Spirit, to love and forgive that our lives may anticipate that day when you will make all things new. We pray:

Presider sings first time, Congregation sings second time:

Presider:
A - men. Come, Ho-ly Spir-it; A - men. Come, Ho-ly Spir-it.

Congregation:
A - men. Come, Ho-ly Spir-it; A - men. Come, Ho-ly Spir-it. —

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The Presider's part begins with a quarter rest followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The Congregation's part follows the same melody but includes a final quarter rest.

This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and friend.

Amen

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is
yours, O God, (Lord,) now and for - ev - er,
A - men. A - men.

Lord Jesus, remember us in your Kingdom, and teach us to pray...

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.**

Distribution

*As the ushers direct people to communion, please be seated.
All are Welcome*

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION:

“Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us. *Final time:* Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Lord, Be Glorified

1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;
2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;
3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;
4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;

in my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
in our song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
in your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
in your world, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

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Eat This Bread

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
 OR *Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.*

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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Come and Fill Our Hearts

Confitemini Domino

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
 Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

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1* F Gm C F 2 Gm

1 Fa - ther,
 2 Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be -
 3 Spir - it,

C F 3 Gm C F

fore you; how I love you.

(Please stand as you are able for the remainder of the service.)

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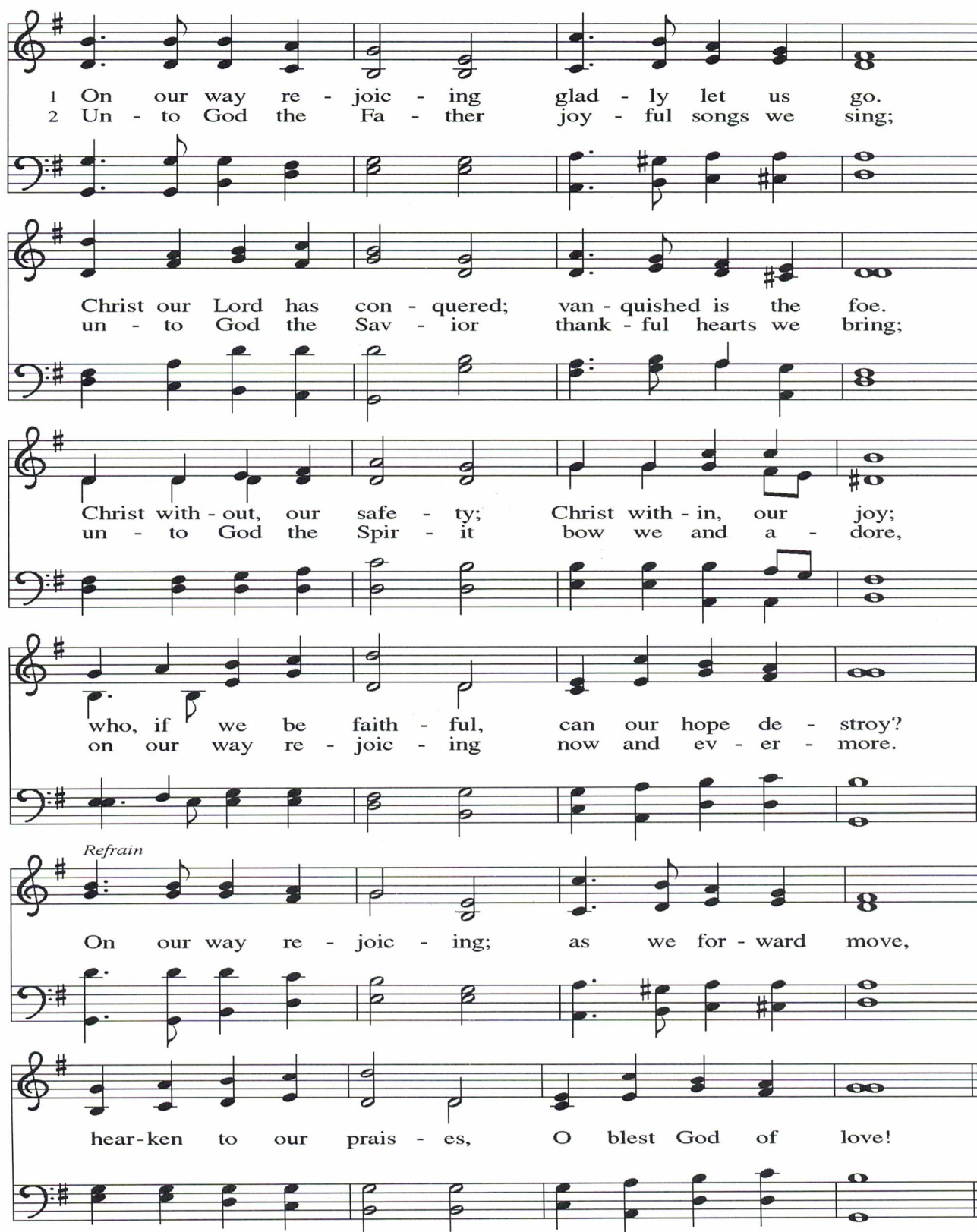
May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which you have now received, strengthen and keep you in his grace.

Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

On Our Way Rejoicing



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain
On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,
hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Sending

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

*Please be sure to join us for coffee and fellowship after the service
in the community room.*

*Due to the upcoming landscaping project, our church sign will be removed and replaced with
an electronic sign. During the time that we are without a sign, please be sure to check this
space in the worship guide and the church website for worship times and events.*

Website: www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org

**DON'T FORGET WE WILL BE HAVING A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER THE
CHURCH SERVICE ON MAY 2, 2021.**