

*May 31, 2026 | The Holy Trinity*

## **Welcome!**

On this Lord's Day, you will be blessed because God is present with us here with His Word and His love. Today you will hear about Jesus, His death, resurrection, and reign over the world. You will be encouraged to trust in His Word, the Bible, as your source of life and light.

### **If you are new**

Today might be your first time coming to St. Paul. If so, we are so glad you are here! If you have been to church many times but are new to the Missouri Synod (our church body), some things will be very familiar and some things will be new. The way we worship is not new, but actually very old. Our Scripture readings, although modified, were decided 1,200 years ago. They are based on the Christian calendar, which points us to the story of Jesus and His Church each year.

### **If you have children**

Thank you for bringing your kids to St. Paul today! We know that it is not easy to get out the door on a Sunday morning and bring your kids to church, but this is the very best place to bring them. If they make some noise or move around, please don't worry. Our pastor has six kids and was a middle school teacher. He won't even notice. But God gladly notices and is pleased you are here. Where else would He want them on a Sunday morning?

### **Membership and Communion**

Holy Communion, which we celebrate each Sunday, is a sharing in the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Because of its seriousness and reality, we serve Holy Communion only to members of St. Paul or members in good standing of other Missouri Synod congregations who are in fellowship with our congregation and our pastors. We are accountable to one another, and our pastors are accountable to God for this church (Hebrews 13:17). If this is your first visit with us and you are not a member, please refrain from Holy Communion. Our pastors will be in contact with you about joining our fellowship in Christian faith and life.

### **Pre-Service Prayer**

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship you in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

# CALLED BY CHRIST TO LIVE THE 5G LIFE: GATHER, GROUP, GROW, GIVE & GO

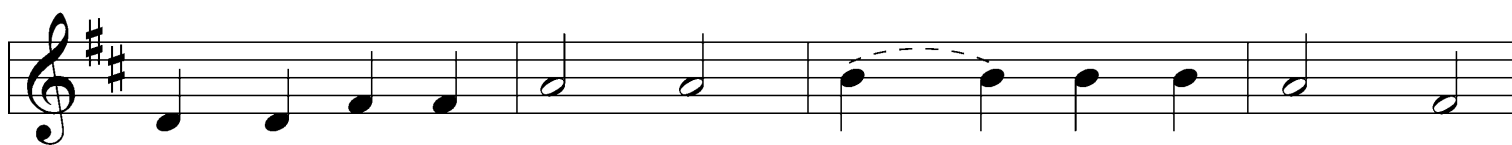
*Today we embark on a reflection of the amazing spread of the God-spiel of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The gospel – news that the real Lord of the cosmos is at work to return everything to himself – is shown clearly in the Epistle to the Romans, and to us. It is a great adventure, and in the Lord Jesus Christ, we are brought into the story of everything.*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

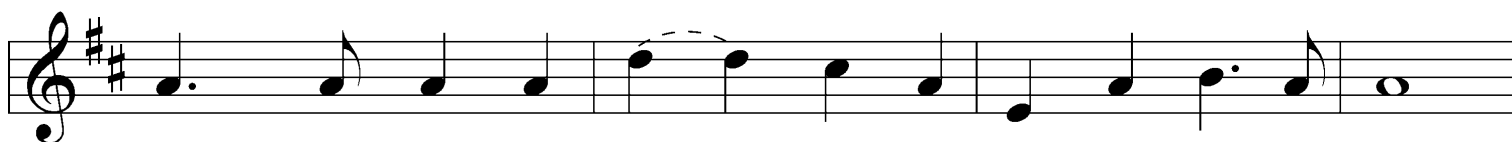
In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

LSB 507



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

# ✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

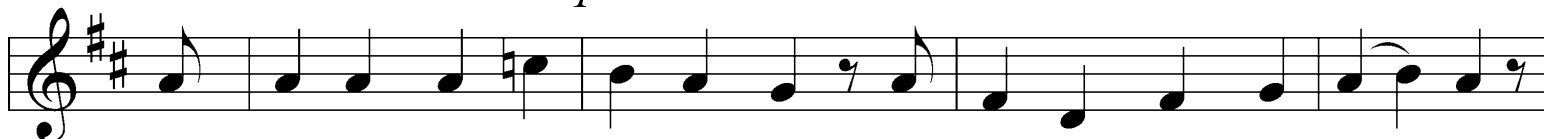


O almighty God, merciful Father,

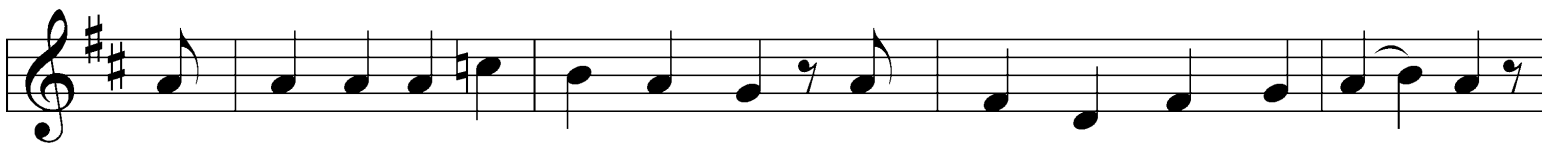
**I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and to rise for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

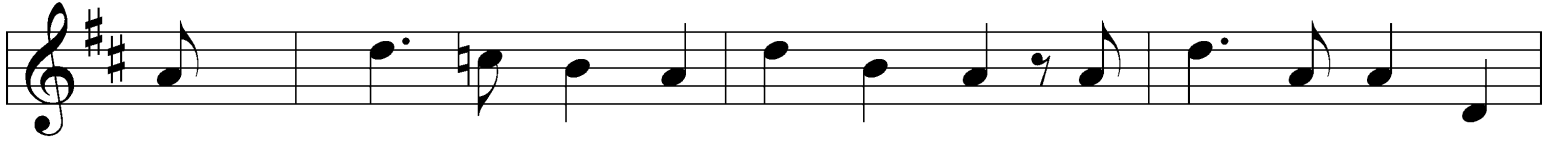
*All Who Believe and Are Baptized LSB 601*



1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized Shall see the Lord's sal - va - tion;  
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Ho - ly Spir - it.



Bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new cre - a - tion.  
Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it.



Through Christ's re-demp-tion they shall stand A - mong the glo-rious,  
Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -



heav'n - ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.  
ment we may E - ter - nal life in - her - it.

*Kyrie*

*LSB 186*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

The Lord be with you.

**And with your Spirit.**

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup>And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so.

<sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup>And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day

and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

<sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. <sup>24</sup>And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup>And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” <sup>29</sup>And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of

life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.

<sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God.***

*Epistle*

*Romans 1:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup>concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, <sup>6</sup>including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

<sup>7</sup>To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God.***

*Alleluia and Verse*

*LSB 173*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Holy Gospel*

*Matthew 28:16–20*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.



1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our  
 2 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en, Good - ness un -  
 3 Mak - er of all things, all Thy crea - tures praise Thee; All for Thy  
 Δ 4 Lord God Al - might - y, un - to Thee be glo - ry, One in three



Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,  
 bound - ed, ver - y God of heav - en, Light of the an - gels,  
 wor - ship were and are cre - at - ed; Now, as we al - so  
 per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer,



ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, Light nev - er wan - ing;  
 joy of those for - sak - en, Hope of all liv - ing,  
 wor - ship Thee de - vout - ly, Hear Thou our voic - es.  
 praise Thee and a - dore Thee, Now and for - ev - er.

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*Sermon*

*Athanasian Creed*

Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

**Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

And the catholic faith is this,

**that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

**But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

**the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**  
the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;  
**the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,  
**just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one  
Uncreated and one Infinite.**

In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit  
almighty;

**and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.**

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

**and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

**and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each  
distinct person as God and Lord,

**so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there  
are three Gods or Lords.**

The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

**Men: The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the  
Father alone.**

**Women: The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither  
made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**

Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one  
Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

**Men: And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is  
greater or less than another;**

**Women: but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and  
coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above,  
the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.**

**All: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about  
the Trinity.**

But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe  
the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**

**Men: He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages;**

**Women: and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:**

**All: perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**

equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

**Men: Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**

**Women: one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;**

**All: one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**

For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

**who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**

ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**

And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

**This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

✠ **Prayer of the Church** ✠

...let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

✠ **Sharing of the Peace of Christ & Offertory** ✠

After the gifts have been presented:

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## ✠ Liturgy of the Lord's Supper ✠

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 Him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good, right, and salutary...

*Sanctus: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*      *LSB 940 sts. 1, 5*



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we  
△ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,  
three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy  
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.  
bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

*The Lord's Prayer* **Our Father...**

*(Printed on the back inside cover of the Lutheran Service Book.)*

## *Words of Our Lord*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and gave thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

**Amen. Even so, Come, Lord Jesus.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

### *Agnus Dei Lamb of God LSB 550 sts. 1, ref*



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have  
sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y  
sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

*Glory Be to God the Father*

*LSB 506*

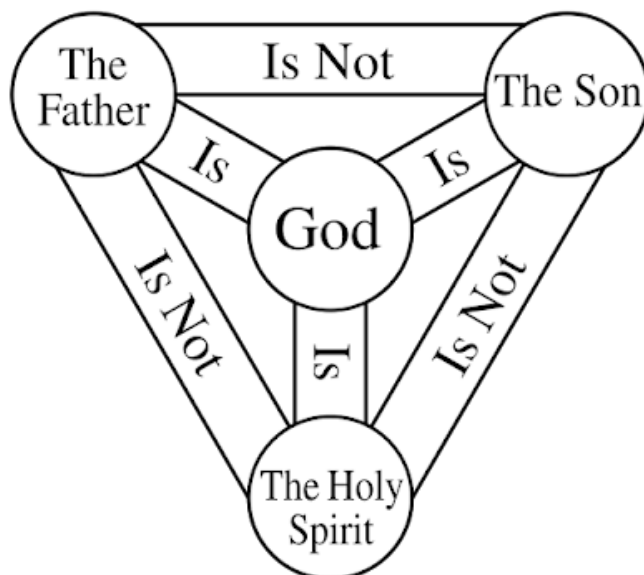
*We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God*

*LSB 941*

*Almighty Father, Bless the Word*

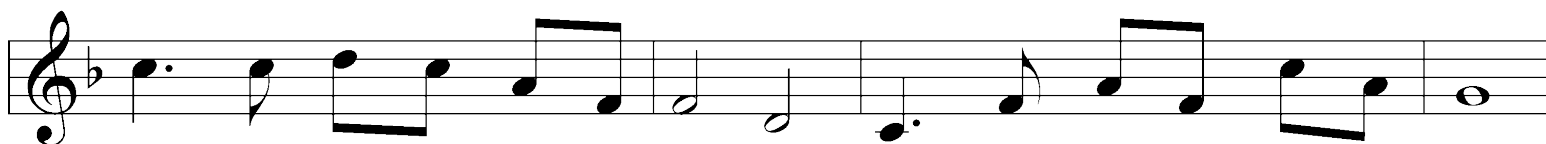
*LSB 923*

**We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

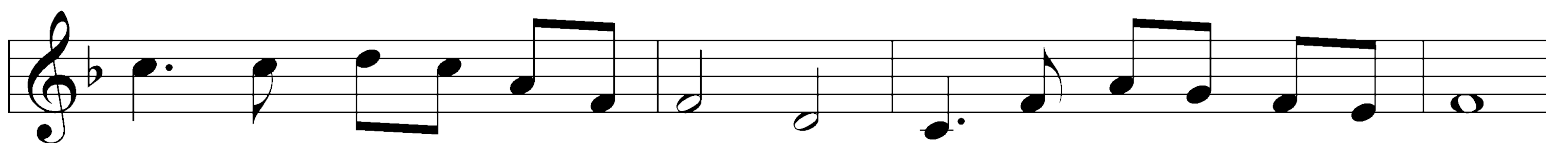


# *Blessing of the Lord & Blessing from the Lord*

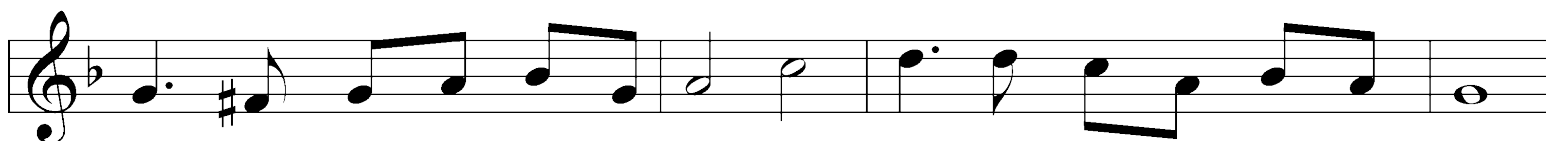
## *What a Friend We Have in Jesus (Strings band) LSB 770*



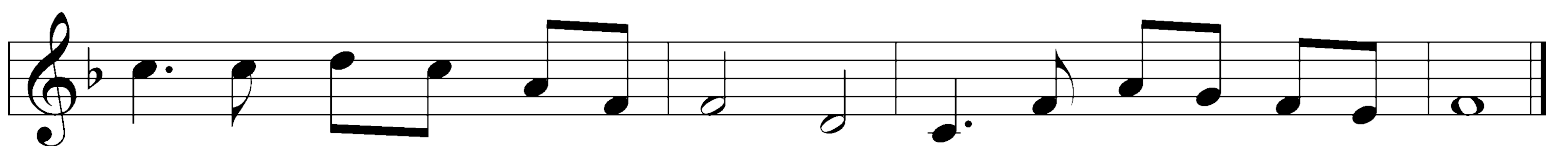
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

*Cover: "The Evangelist" by James Tissot*