

Candlelight Service
Nelsonville Lutheran Church

April 3, 2025



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who redeems us in Christ Jesus,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we have sinned against you
and our neighbors.**

**We have ignored voices
that call for your justice.**

**We have neglected actions
that witness to your righteousness.**

**We have spoken and acted
in ways that disrupt your beloved community.**

**We truly repent of things we have done
and left undone.**

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Restore our troubled spirits,
so that we may live in newness,**

**follow the way of the Spirit,
and build up the body of Christ.**

Amen.

Pastor: Rejoice and be glad!

You are set free and restored to life through the death and resurrection of
Jesus Christ.

I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,

and of the ☩ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Absolution

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5 **Pastor:** God has

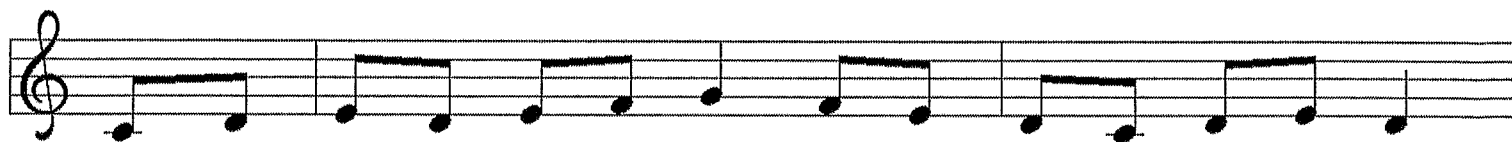
9 set you free **All:** we are free in - deed He has

13 paid the price for ³ us all. _____ God has

set us free we are free in - deed. A - men! _____

OPENING HYMN

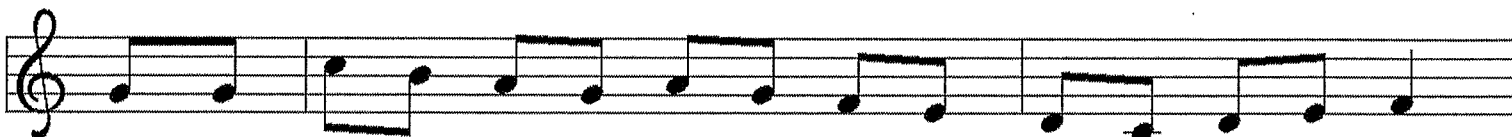
Thine the Amen



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.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

ALL: Lord, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself. Through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us to seek the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READINGS AND REFLECTION

Pastor Gretchen Anderson

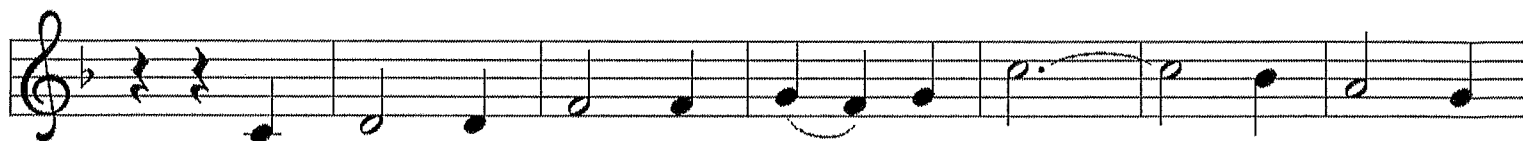
(Two minutes of silence)

A bell will mark the beginning, the middle and the end of this time.

May God guide your thoughts and bless your meditations.

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Word of God Is Source and Seed



1 The Word of God is source and seed; it comes to
2 The Word of God is breath and life; it comes to
3 The Word of God is flesh and grace, who comes to



die and sprout and grow.
heal and wake and save.
sing, to laugh and cry.

So make your dark earth
So let the Spir - it
So dare to be as



wel - come warm; root deep the grain God bent to sow.
touch and mend and rouse your dry bones from their grave.
Je - sus was, who came to live and love and die.

Refrain



Gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no, gau - de - a - mus Do - mi - no,
In the Lord let us re - jice, in the Lord let us re - jice,



gau - de - a - mus Do mi - no!
in the Lord let us re - jice!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GAUDEAMUS DOMINO, David Hurd, b. 1950

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OFFERING

(As a spiritual discipline, ask the Holy Spirit to nudge you in offering yourself and a portion of God's many blessings God has given you for God's use in the church and world. A collection plate is available in the narthex of the church. To support the ministries during this pandemic time and as a response to God's love for you, consider using electronic giving at www.trchurch.org/electronic-giving.)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PASTOR ENDS EACH PETITION WITH: MERCIFUL GOD

CONGREGATION RESPONDS WITH: WHOSE GOODNESS FAILETH NEVER

Prayers of the Church

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Pastor: The

9

King of love your shep - herd is whose

good - ness fail - eth ³ ne - ver.

13

(Pastor's prayers & petitions)

(P: Merciful God.)

19

repeat to m.13 as necessary

All: whose good - ness fail - eth ³ ne - ver.

24

After Last Petition

28

Pastor: The King of love your shep - herd

32

is whose good - ness fail - eth ne - ver

37

you noth - ing lack if you are his **All:** and

he is ours for - ev - er.

HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: Tonight we affirm and proclaim in the words of institution the truth ... One body. One cup. One Body of Christ. Please look for those responses within the breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(A note about Holy Communion: Communion will be distributed to you where you sit. There is one cup divided with a small wafer on one end and the wine on the other. Instructions will be provided for each step.)

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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.

All: One body.

P: 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.

All: One cup.

P: Holy God, reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world, equipped to embody justice, peace and love.

All: One Body.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

PASTOR: Remove the foil and receive ... the Body of Christ for you
Remove the foil and receive ... the Blood of Christ for you

Lamb of God

7 All: Lamb of God you take a -

11 way the sin of the world have mer -

15 cy u - pon us. Lamb of God you

19 take a - way the sin of the world

— you grant us peace.

Benediction

6 Pastor: God bless - es

10 — and keeps you. See the bless - ings

14 — be - side you. God lifts up your

head and now smiles on you.

Amen

5

All: A -

9 men A - men A - men A - men A -

13 men A - men. A -

men.