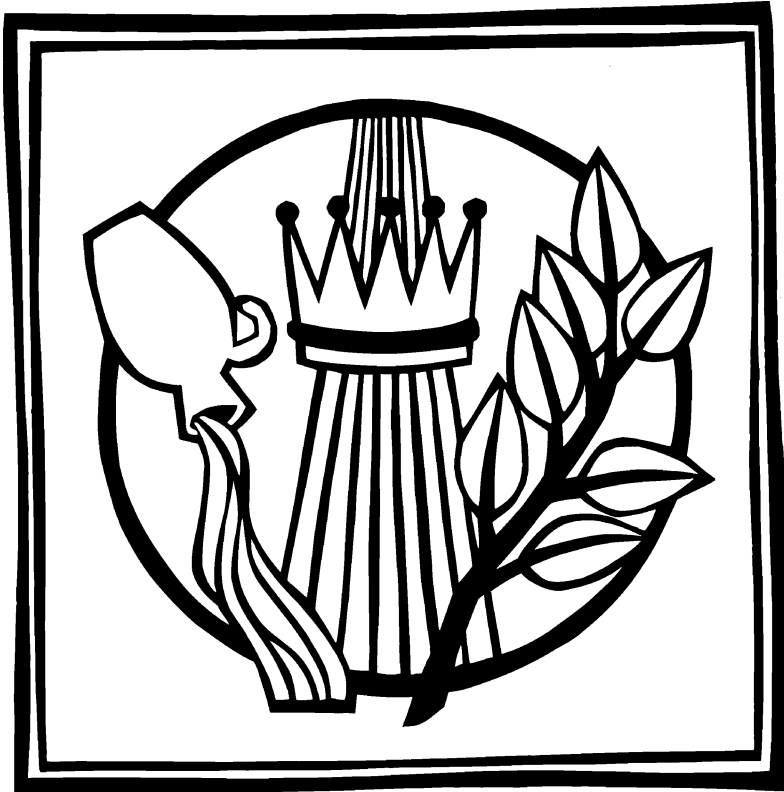


# *17th Sunday after Pentecost*

*September 15, 2024*



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# Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church

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*To all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church opens its arms and bids you **welcome!***

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **NOISY OFFERING**

### **GATHERING**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us  
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first  
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.  
Draw near to us with grace in time of need,  
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity  
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,  
the source of eternal healing,  
your sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **GATHERING SONG *O Jesus, I Have Promised* (ELW 810)**

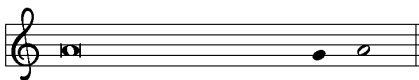
## **GREETING**

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



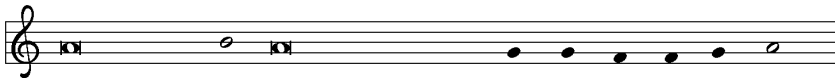
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A - men.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

**O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

*The reading may be announced:*

A reading from Isaiah.

*The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.*

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

*The reading may be concluded:*

The word of the Lord.

*The assembly responds:*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 116:1-9**

I will walk in the presence of the LORD. (*Ps. 116:9*)

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,  
and listened to my | supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given | ear to me  
whenev- | er I called.**

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;  
I came to | grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.” R**

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the | LORD and righteous;  
our God is full | of compassion.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD watches o- | ver the innocent;  
I was brought low, | and God saved me.**

<sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, | O my soul.  
for the LORD has dealt | well with you.

<sup>8</sup>**For you have rescued my | life from death,  
my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling;**

<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence | of the LORD  
in the land | of the living. **R**

### **SECOND READING: James 3:1-12**

*The reading may be announced:*

A reading from James.

*This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.*

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

*The reading may be concluded:*

The word of the Lord.

*The assembly responds:*

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

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



## **GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38**

*The gospel is announced.*

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.*

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Lift High the Cross* (ELW 660)

## **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.**

## **PRAYER**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Protect lands at risk of wildfire and heal dying forests. Where fire brings destruction, raise up new growth. Guide us in tending precarious ecosystems. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who govern nations, tribes, and cities. Open them to the cries of people in need. Direct them in shaping policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and housing insecurity. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve (*especially*). Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for teachers, professors, librarians, school administrators, staff, and all who support the education of young people. Sustain them as they shape learning communities, rooted in equity and authenticity. We pray for children of all ages in their learning. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We remember our beloved dead (*especially*), who with the great cloud of witnesses bear witness to your saving grace. Accompany us in our pilgrimage of faith, that we too place our hope and trust in you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

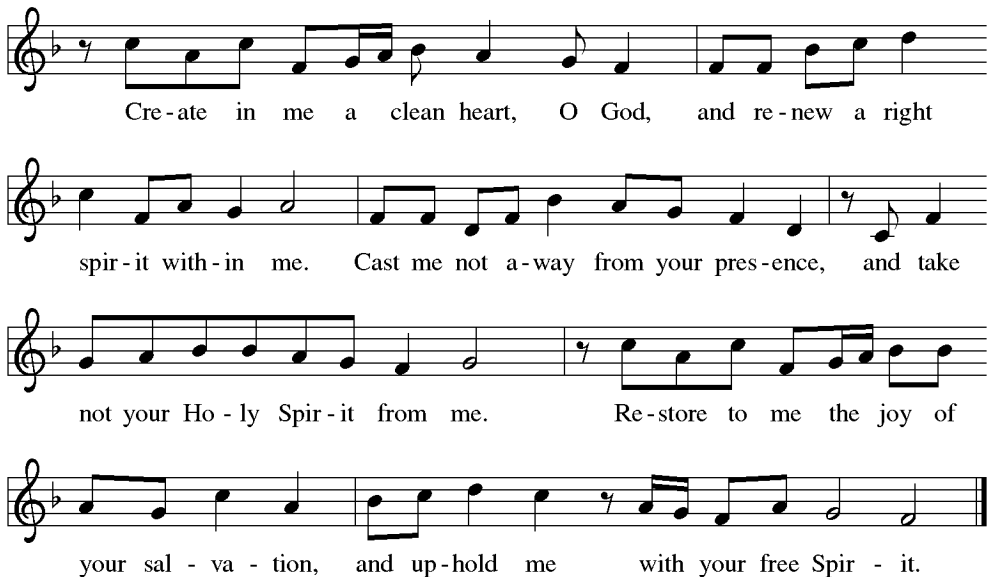
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

## OFFERING

### Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God,  
source of every gift of your creation.  
By these gifts and with our lives,  
help us to serve one another and all in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING

### INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

#### BLESSING

God all mighty,

God most merciful

✠ bless you, keep you,  
and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* (ELW 774)

#### DISMISSAL

The worship has ended, let the service begin.

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### ***DINKEY MEMORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS***

***September 15, 2024***

***The Altar Flowers*** are not sponsored today.

***The Bulletins*** are sponsored today by Irene Wenner in memory of husband, Jim Wenner.

Flower and bulletin charts for **2024** are on the bulletin board above the stairs. You may either sign up on the charts or by calling the office at 610-377-4242. It is appreciated if you pay for your sponsorship by the end of the month that you have sponsored. **All weeks are open for the Memorial Bowl. It is very important for flower sponsors to return the cans and plastic gold bowls that they take the flowers home in. Thank you very much for your cooperation.**

**Office Hours:**

Monday, Thursday, Friday 9:00AM to 2:00PM  
(610)377-4242

**The Week Ahead:**

Today	9:00AM	17th Sunday after Pentecost Worship
Wednesday	9:00AM	Morning Prayer
	6:30PM	Council Meeting
Thursday	9:30AM	Bible Study
	3:30PM	Community Food Pantry
	6:30PM	Dinner & Discussion (SJ)
	6:30PM	Choir
	7:30PM	Chime Choir
Sunday	9:00AM	18th Sunday after Pentecost Worship

Noisy Offering to benefit CROP Walk.

Pastor Tony will be on vacation from September 20, 2024 through September 28, 2024. Please contact Pastor Randy Lentz (570)386-3870 for pastoral needs during Pastor’s vacation.

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY! September 15 to September 21***

09/15 Logan Pagotto	09/19 Alyssa Frey
09/15 Nikele Schleicher	09/19 Shelby Heater
09/16 Jason Hand	09/19 Daniel Kephart
09/16 Harold Reinheimer	09/19 George Schleicher
09/17 Scott Borger	09/20 Kelsey McCandless
09/17 Crue Christman	09/20 Lavona Schleicher
09/18 Cory Miller	09/20 Savannah Stuckley
09/18 Linda Miller	09/21 Terri Andrews

**Anniversary Celebration:** In 2026 Dinkey Memorial will be celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the congregation in 1851. A team is being formed to coordinate the celebration and we are looking for people interested in sharing the history of the congregation and having some fun while doing so. If you are interested, please speak with Pr. Tony for more information.

**Giant Gift Cards:** If you would like to purchase any Giant Gift Cards please see Kathy Steigerwalt. We receive 5% from each gift card sold.

**Fundraising:** Dinkey is selling Streak free cloths; \$5 each. Please see Jan in the office if interested. Dinkey is also selling Zook's frozen meat pies; chicken & sausage are \$7, beef is \$8; pick up every Sunday from 10:00 – 11:30 in the social hall.

**Choir & Chime Choir:** Rehearsal began on September 12, 2024 at 6:30 PM for Choir and 7:30 PM for Chime Choir. Everyone welcome.

**Sunday School:** There will be Sunday School Teacher Installation at the 9:00AM service.

**Confirmation Orientation:** Confirmation orientation today from 12:30 – 1:30 PM for anyone in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or higher who are not yet confirmed.

**Fall Festival:** Ben Salem UCC will be having their Fall Festival & Basket Raffle on Friday, September 27, 2024 from 5:00 – 7:30 PM and Saturday, September 28, 2024 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

**Campfire:** Dinkey will be hosting a campfire on Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 5:00; hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls & drinks provided. Come join in the fun & fellowship.

**Blessing of the Animals:** Will be held on September 29, 2024 at 12:00 PM at St John's Mahoning.

**Sunday School Rally Day:** St John's will be having Rally Day on Monday, September 30, 2024 5:30 – 7:30 PM at Yenser's Tree Farm. Dinkey's Sunday School children and parents are invited to join in the fun.

**Fall Bazaar:** St John's will be having their Fall Bazaar/ candy sale on Friday, October 4, 2024 from 5:00 – 7:30 PM and Saturday, October 5, 2024 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Forms for the candy are at the back of the church.

**Fall Basket Social:** Emmanuel UCC Church in Bowmanstown will be having a Fall Basket Social on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

***MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM OR ASSOCIATED WITH DINKEY MEMORIAL***  
SSgt. Noah K. Kunkel 379 ECES/CEE Unit 61205 APO AE 09309-1205  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Benjamin Cordova, 9300 Valencia St., Tucson, AZ 85747

***HOMEBOUND MEMBERS***

Pinky Green	Ruth Keck	Debbie Strohl
Tess Hinger	Debbie Meckel	

***SICK/HOSPITALIZED/SPECIAL NEEDS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS***

Eli Bowland	Pinky Green	Kenny Schleicher
Willard Doll	Sonny Hack	Lukas Schleicher
Lauren Dugan	Stephen Hoffman	Todd Schleicher
Candy Everett	Joe Kluk	Madalin Smale
Family of Edward	Deb Lilly	Sherry Smith
Finney	Brian Schell	Patti Walck
Joseph Gorman	Gordon Scherer	Karen Wetzel

**We are in need of volunteers as greeters/ushers, lectors, communion assistants and altar guild. Please let the office know if you are willing to volunteer.**

***WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS***

<b><u>Ministers:</u></b>	The Congregation
<b><u>Pastor:</u></b>	Reverend Anthony Pagotto
<b><u>Music Director:</u></b>	Bridgette Gorman
<b><u>Greeters:</u></b>	Everett
<b><u>Acolytes:</u></b>	Derek Spitzer
<b><u>Lector:</u></b>	Brad Kuehn
Worship Participants for September 22, 2024:	
<b><u>Greeters:</u></b>	Frey
<b><u>Lector:</u></b>	Trell Schleicher
<b><u>Acolytes:</u></b>	Addisyn Kirkendall



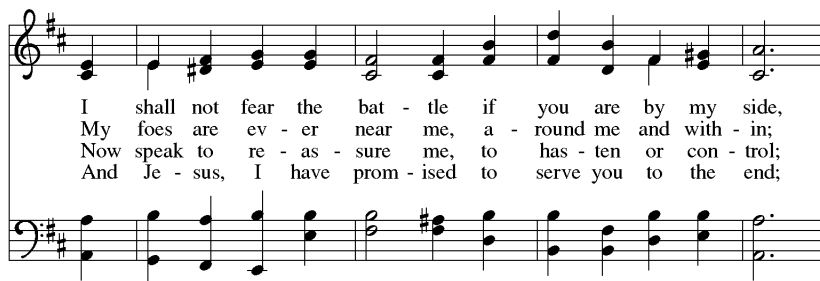
## O Jesus, I Have Promised



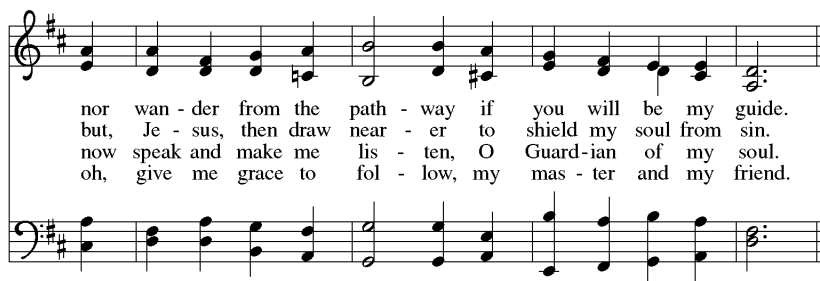
1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

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# Lift High the Cross

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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# What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

## *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?

what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

*Refrain*

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;  
 Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.  
 lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

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