

JESUS ANSWERED A TRICK QUESTION

Matthew 22:15-22



Sunday, October 18, 2026
Faith Lutheran Church
Everett, WA

21st Sunday after Pentecost October 18, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

- Everyone is welcome here in the name of Jesus Christ -

We're a liturgical church. Liturgy comes from the Greek word meaning, "Work of the people". We use rituals to worship God, we pray together out loud, we stand up, sit down, and participate together in many ways.

Bold: Congregation repeats. Please stand as you're able when you see this symbol +

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

+ Call to Worship *(Bell is rung to signal beginning of worship)*

+ Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through + Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

We Are Called



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 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
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Refrain
 We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



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Text: David Haas, b. 1957

Music: WE ARE CALLED, David Haas

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+ Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.



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



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

P: Sovereign God,

C: **raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron; ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

R: The Word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God

The Psalm *(All read together)*

Psalm 96:1-13

¹**Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.**

²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³**Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.**

⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵**As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.**

⁶**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷**Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.**

⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

⁹**Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.**

¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**

¹¹**Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.**

¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,
for you come to judge the earth.**

¹³**You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.**

Second Reading

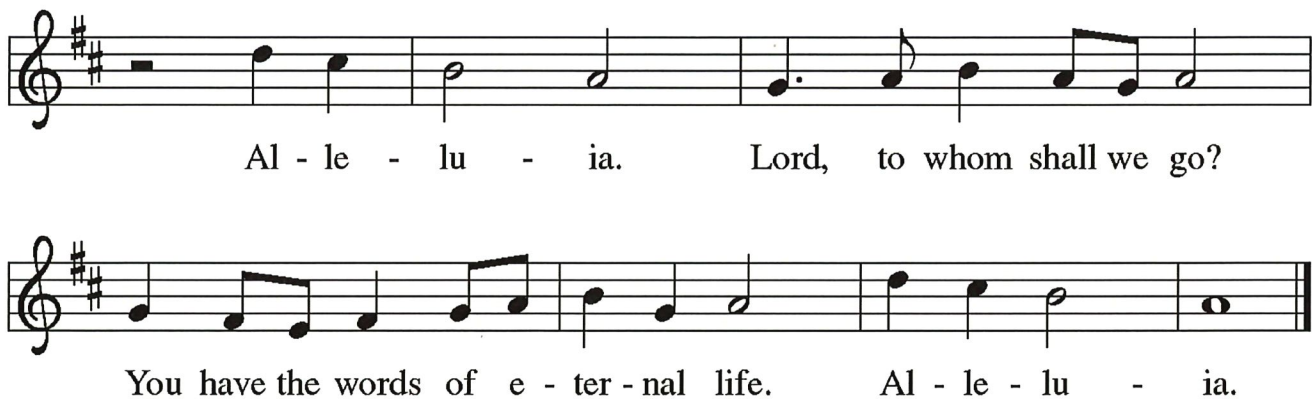
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

R: The Word of the Lord C: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

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† The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

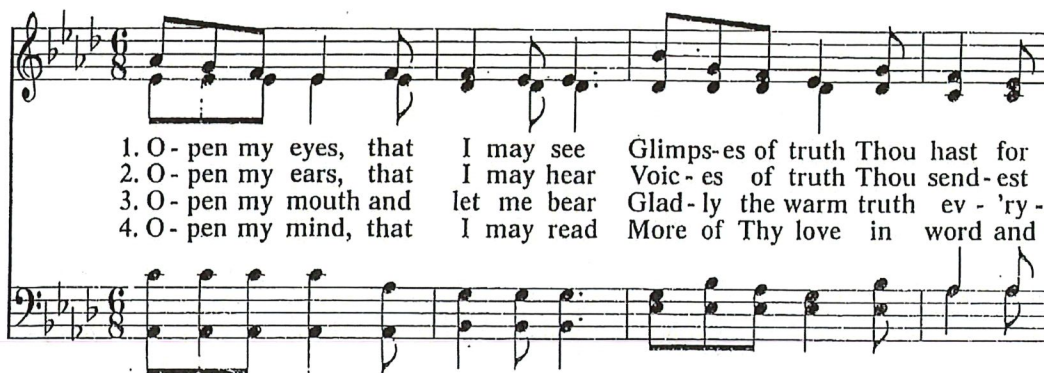
P: The Gospel of the Lord C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Message

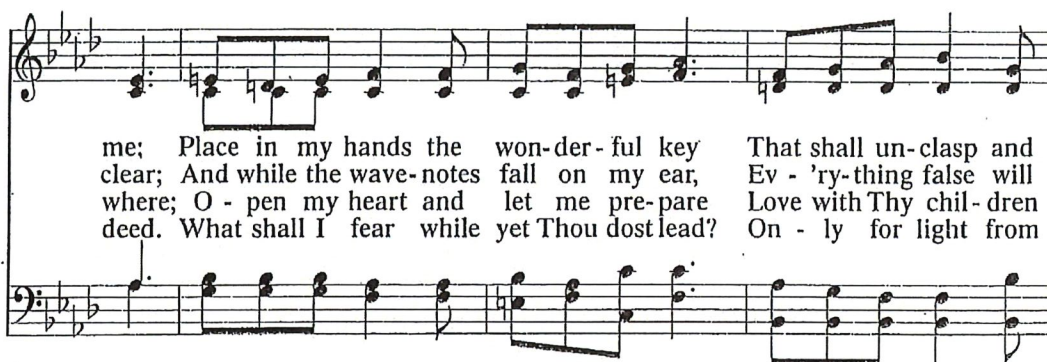
Ginny Wegenast

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law. Psalm 119:18

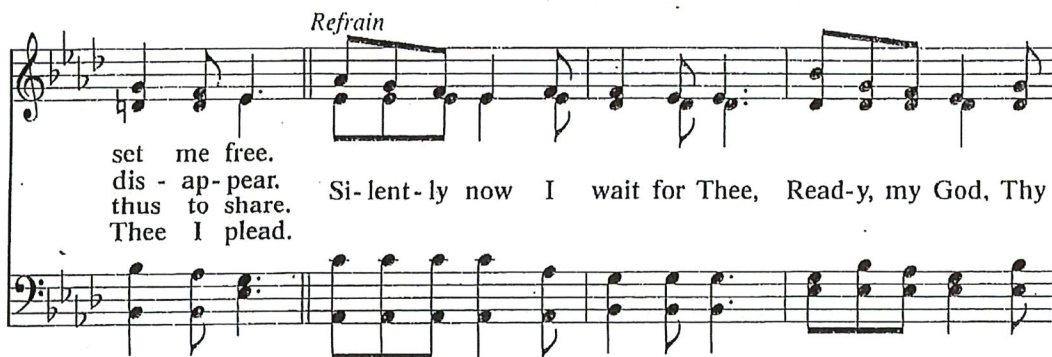


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 4. O - pen my mind, that I may read More of Thy love in word and



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 clear; And while the wave-notes fall on my ear, Ev - 'ry-thing false will
 where; O - pen my heart and let me pre-pare Love with Thy chil-dren
 deed. What shall I fear while yet Thou dost lead? On - ly for light from

Refrain



set me free.
 dis - ap-pear.
 thus to share.
 Thee I plead.
 Si-lent-ly now I wait for Thee, Read-y, my God, Thy



will to see. O - pen my eyes;
 ears, il - lu-mine me, Spir - it di - vine.
 heart,
 mind,

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The Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

A: 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 *(Sung before and after the prayers)*

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Lord, Listen to your Children Praying. Lord send your spirit to this place.

Lord, Listen to your Children Praying. Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

R: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

† Sharing the Peace of Christ

P: The peace of the Lord be with you! C: And also with you!

Offering

In This Feast of Love



Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, *täs - sä*
 1 In this feast of love, in this
 2 In this bread and wine, in this
 3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us



pöy - däs - sä *syn - ti - sil - le*
 feast of love, Lord, you share your
 bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
 peace, O Lord; fill us with the



it - se - si an - nat, *Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!*
 blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
 Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
 joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

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Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray: God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C: Amen.

✝ Thanksgiving for the Word

P: Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

P: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

P: O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: Amen.

✝ The Lord's Prayer (Sing)

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be thy name. Thy king-dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav-en.

Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres-pass-es,

as we for-give those who tres-pass a-against us,

and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil, For thine is the king-dom the po-wer and the glo-ry, for-ev-er and ev-er more. A-men.

✝ Blessing

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The God of grace ✝ bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

God of Grace and God of Glory



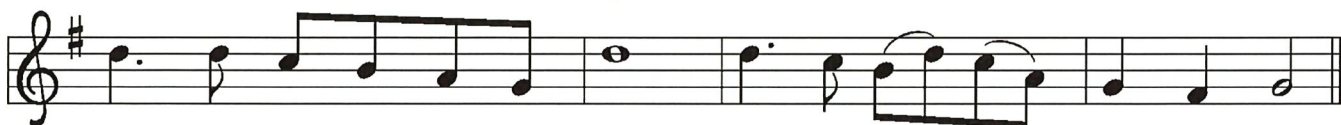
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

✦ The Dismissal

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

The members of Faith Lutheran Church have a tradition of singing “God Be With You Till We Meet Again” after the service has concluded. Please feel free to depart or join in the singing.

GOD BE WITH YOU

1. God be with you till we meet again; by His counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. (CHORUS)
2. God be with you till we meet again; ‘neath His wings protecting hide you, daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again. (CHORUS)

CHORUS:

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet (till we meet);
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

WORDS: Jeremiah E. Rankin (1828-1904)

MUSIC: William Tomer (1833-1896)

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Vision Statement

Faith Lutheran Church of Everett is a dynamic force in its neighborhood, community and the world beyond due to its people, programs and facilities. The church is a youth-friendly place that welcomes people of all backgrounds resulting in a constantly growing congregation that people want to join and spread the word of Jesus here and around the world.

Mission Statement

The mission of Faith Lutheran Church is to utilize the rich blend of God's people, programs and facilities to spread the word of Jesus, through witness and service, in our neighborhood, community and around the world.

Prayer Requests:

Pastor: Contact Pastor Pam at (425) 870-5335 or email: pastorpam.faithlutheran@gmail.com

Confidential Prayer Chain: contact Ella Tuininga at (425) 231-2072 or email: getuininga@gmail.com

Serving in Worship

	TODAY – Oct 18	NEXT SUNDAY – Oct 25
Presiding Minister:	Message by Ginny W.	Pastor Pam Karas
Assisting Minister:	David	Mary
Accompanist:	Ben Kromholtz	Ben Kromholtz
Altar Guild:	Ginny W.	Susan
Ushers:	Roger	Susan
Counters:	Jennifer/Roger	Holly/Debbie
Streamer:	Jennifer	Roger
Coffee Host:	Debbie	Holly
Deacon	David	Roger
Music Assistants:	Paul, Holly & Ginny W.	Paul, Holly & Ginny W.

Weekly Calendar of Events

Sun. 10/18: 10:30am-Worship Service (S); 3-7pm-Fountain of Truth (S)

Tues. 10/20: 10am-2pm-Office Hours; **10am-Newsletter Articles Due**

Wed. 10/21: 11:30-Worship Plan Mtg. (L); 12:30pm-Bible Study (FH); 5:30pm-Madison Adv. Mtg. (FH);
7-9pm-Fountain of Truth (S)

Thurs. 10/22: 7-9pm-Fountain of Truth

Sun. 10/25: 10:30am-Worship Service (S); 3-7pm-Fountain of Truth (S)

*Office is open Tuesdays – However, times can vary so please call first (425) 353-4758.
Pastor Pam will be in the office on Tuesdays. Her email is pastorpam.faithlutheran@gmail.com
Hours may vary; please call first.*

Faith Announcements

All Saints Sunday – November 1st

We will be remembering those who have passed since last All Saints Sunday.
If you would like a loved family member or friend remembered, use the back
of your attendance form to write the name.



Quilters & Bible Study Schedule:

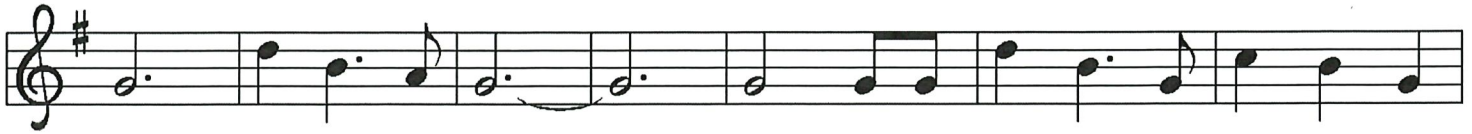
Quilters and Bible Study are meeting on the 1st & 3rd Thursday's

Quilters 9:00am - Noon, 12:00pm - 12:30pm Lunch, 12:30pm - 1:30pm Bible Study

Lessons for October 25, 2026

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36;

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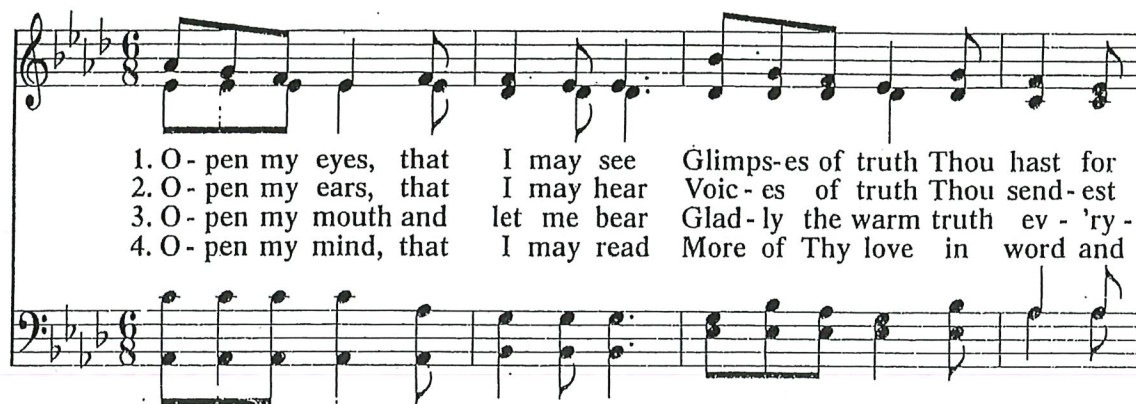
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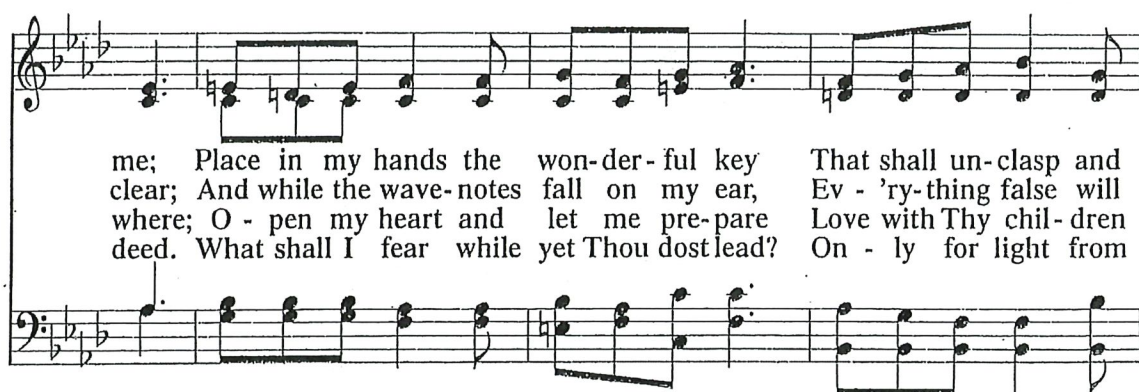
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pöy - däs - sä *syn - ti - sil - le*
 feast of love, Lord, you share your
 bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
 peace, O Lord; fill us with the



it - se - si an - nat, *Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!*
 blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
 Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
 joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

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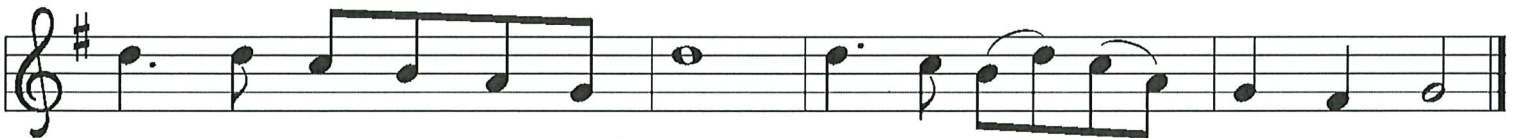
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