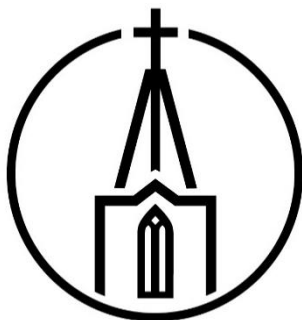


Saturday & Sunday, November 23 & 24, 2024
Christ the King Sunday



CHRIST THE KING



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Worship at St. Paul's!!

We hope that you all feel welcome as part of our church family. It's our prayer that today's worship and message be a blessing to you, and if you don't have a current church home, please feel free to call Pastor Hirsch if you have any questions or would like a visit. Jesus died for the sins of all people, so we here at St. Paul's, pastor, teachers and members, are here to serve all with that message of forgiveness through our Lord and Savior.

St. Paul's has been growing in and sharing the Gospel of Jesus here in Norfolk since 1866. Our mission is to strengthen the faith of current members, as well as to reach out into the community and the world with this Gospel! We believe and teach...

- That the Bible is the perfect and infallible Word of God, the only foundation for Christian faith and life;
- That in the Bible, the Lord God revealed, through the prophets and apostles, that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit is the true and living God;
- That all people have disobeyed and sinned against God's holy will, fall short of keeping His commands, and therefore deserve eternal punishment in hell;
- That Jesus Christ came into the world to deliver all people from this guilt and punishment of sin, and that He lived and died as the only perfect Substitute for all people;
- That there will be a "Last Day" when Jesus will return to judge all people, those alive as well as those who've died. He will take all those who trust in Him to eternal life.

As members of St. Paul's, we join with over 1200 congregations of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), and through our collective offerings with them, carry on a world-wide Gospel ministry in all 50 states and 26 countries.

TODAY'S SERVICE THEME...

Jesus Christ the King leads and prepares us for His second advent/coming on Judgment Day.

Opening Hymn #373 "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"

Worship Dialogue Verses from Psalm 29

P: ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C: ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

P: ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,

C: the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

P: ⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.

C: ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever.

P: ¹¹ The LORD gives strength to his people;

C: the LORD blesses his people with peace.

P: Let us join and pray to our King of Kings.

ALL: Lord Jesus Christ, by Your victory on the cross, You have broken the power of the Satan. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will recognize You as the King of kings and Lord of lords; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn #341 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Please watch the screen and join with video!

Responsive Dialogue

P: Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

C: Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths.

P: I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips.

C: Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me Your paths.

P: My soul will boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

C: Show me Your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths.

P: Let us pray to our Lord and King.

ALL: Lord Jesus Christ, by Your victory on the cross, You have broken the power of the Satan. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will recognize you as the King of kings and Lord of lords; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We Confess Our Sins and are Forgiven

P: Dear friends, sad to say, not all of our worship service is filled with joy. It is very humiliating to be in the presence of our holy God as we think back to the many times we have insulted God with our selfish disobedience to His holy commands. So let us approach our holy God and humbly beg for His attention. Let us confess our sins to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

ALL: Jesus Christ, my Lord and King, my sinful nature bristles at the idea of any kind of king ruling over my life and my decisions. I like to think that I know what is best for me and those around me. Yet there are so many things in my life I have created that rule over me and my actions: social media and my cell phone, a favorite sports team, my shopping list, a crowded calendar, my to-do list, appointments and bills to pay. Too often I have agreed to serve just about anything and anybody except for You! Dear Jesus, forgive me for my selfish

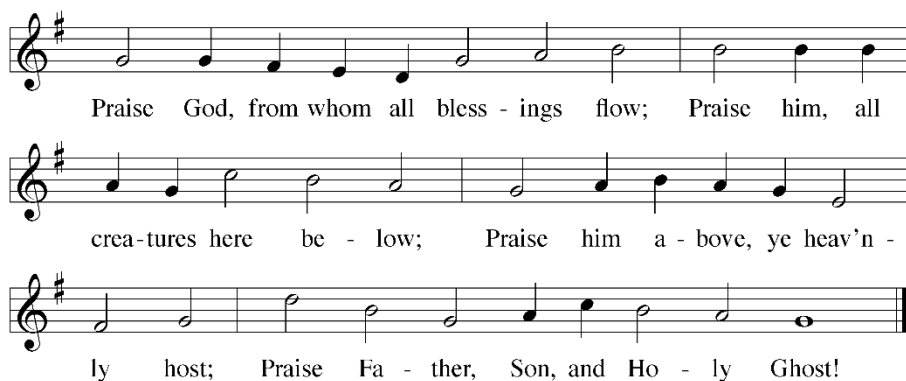
priorities. May Your kingdom rule and grow in my heart through Your Gospel, and strengthen me to surrender my will to Yours.

P: Our heavenly Father does hear and accept our humble confessions, and has been merciful to us. He has sent His Son to die for our sins. He is faithful to His promises and forgives all those who repent. Therefore I announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Through God's gift of faith, let us now strive to stop those sins which we just confessed!

ALL: I promise to do this through God's help. Dear Lord, help me to walk as a child of Your light in all that I do at home, at work, and wherever I may be!

We Respond to God's Grace!

#334 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all
crea-tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n -
ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

The First Scripture Lesson Isaiah 9:1-7

Isaiah prophecies about the future Messiah/King, Jesus.

¹ There will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

- ³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.
- ⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.
- ⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.
- ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- ⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

P: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: We thank Him for the Truth of this Word!

Praise Choir (Sunday) "Only a Holy God"

The congregation is asked to join the choir singing the multiple REFRAINS. Please watch and follow on the screen!

The Second Scripture Lesson Revelation 1:1-8

The Apostle John introduces the vision he received concerning the end-times as well as the King of Kings who will come to judge all people.

¹ The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ² who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. ³ Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

⁴ John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

⁷“Look, he is coming with the clouds,” and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him”; and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.” So shall it be! Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

P: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: We thank Him for the Truth of this Word!

Children’s Message (Sunday)

The Public Declaration Of Our Saving Faith

The Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed & Luther’s explanation.

I believe in Jesus Christ , His 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is sitting at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with His holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death. All this He did that I should be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as He has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

Hymn #94 “O Jesus, King of Glory”

The Sermon Mark 13:24-31

KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD!

²¹ At that time if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or, ‘Look, there he is!’ do not believe it. ²² For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. ²³ So be on your guard; I have told you everything ahead of time.

²⁴ “But in those days, following that distress, “The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; ²⁵ the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’

²⁶ “At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

²⁸ “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Hymn #272 “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

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.



Our Thank-Offerings Are Gathered

Our financial offerings are one way we give back to God in response for ALL He has done for us! As members of St. Paul's, we now gather our thank-offerings which are used to support Gospel ministry locally, nationally and internationally. Scanning this QR code works too! Thanks for your generous gifts! God blesses a cheerful giver!



II Corinthians 9:7

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Our Responsive Prayer

P: Dear Jesus, King of Kings as we draw to the end of another church year, we are reminded of Your mercy and so many material and spiritual blessings.

C: There are dangers and spiritual traps all around us, so we join in thanking You for giving us the biggest blessing of Your grace. Bless the work being done by doctors, hospitals and medicines, and give healing to all dealing with weak health.

P: You have given us Your Gospel which has brought us to faith. You have given us a family of believers we call St. Paul's, and we ask that You continue to bless us and keep us as a family of believers through the faithful use of Your Word and sacraments.

C: Always encourage us all to keep our eyes open to see the opportunities of inviting more and more lost sheep to hear Your Word so that they too may reach Your heavenly kingdom.

P: Dear Jesus, Christ the King, we ask for Your blessings and protection as we transition from a fall to winter season. Thank You for the regular daily bread of clothing food, and shelter You give and which we too often take for granted.

C: Guard and guide all of us with the power of Your holy Word, so that our lives humbly and faithfully serve You and the people around us.

P: Give us faith to remember all that Your love has accomplished for us, and to devote our lives to the proclaiming of Your love for all mankind.

C: Fill us with the Spirit's power that our lives become a testimony to Your amazing grace.

P: Bless our nation and its leaders. Give Your people the desire and power to proclaim the honor of Your name. Protect Your Church from divisions and anything that would prevent or hinder the Gospel.

C: Encourage our church's missionaries around the world as they are separated by many miles from their friends and families. Bless their ministries in the Gospel as they work where we cannot go.

P: Dear Jesus, Christ the King, hear us as we bring You our private prayers thanking You for blessings You've already given, and asking for even more, according to Your perfect wisdom.

Silent private prayers.

P: Dear Jesus, Christ the King, the end is near when You will return to judge all people. Strengthen all of us through Your Gospel so that we are prepared.

C: We ask these and all things in Your name, because You have also taught us to pray... *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.*

The Blessing

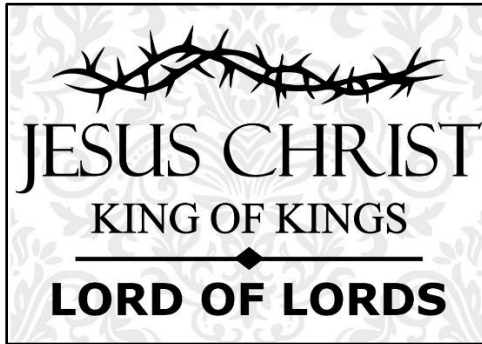
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

Closing Hymn #326 “May the Grace of Christ Our Savior”

WELS Connection



Serving this Week

Worship Leader: Pastor Hirsch **Organist:** Shannon Spreeman
11/27 Karen Pufahl TG eve

Elder: Jeff Sperry/11/27 Joel Wiedeman **Usher:** Zach Kruse

Radio Broadcasters: Joel & Kathy Wiedeman 11/24,27

Video Tech: Chad Moyer

Power Point: Weinrichs - 11/23 Nelle Prang - 11/24
TG Eve Micah Brown - 11/27

Serving Next Week Nov. 30th/ Dec. 1st

Worship Leader: Pastor Hirsch **Organist:** Diane Herbolzheimer

Elder: Joe Myers **Usher:** Gary Johnson/Don Lau

Radio Broadcasters: Joel & Kathy Wiedeman

Video Tech: Darol Dusseau

Power Point: Jett Leuthold - 11/30 Flor Koizan - 12/1

Upcoming Holiday Worship Information

School Kids' Services:

Wednesday, December 18, 2:30 & 6:30 PM

Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24, 6:30 PM

Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25, 9:00 AM

New Year's Eve: Tuesday, December 31, 6:30 PM

Worshipping the Lord

Last Week's Attendance:

Saturday – 43 Sunday – 119 **Total: 162**

Sunday Bible Class – NA Wednesday Bible Class – 19

Sisters in Faith – 18 Donnerstag – 9

St. Paul's General Fund – November 16 & 17

Yearly Needed: \$479,710.00

YTD Need: \$163,011.77

YTD Offerings: \$161,631.06

YTD Need vs Offerings: -\$1,380.71

Last Week Received: \$7,741.41

Weekly Need: \$9,412.43

Difference: -\$1,671.02

Building Project Update 11/21/2024



PRIDE FAITH
IN OUR PAST IN OUR FUTURE

Project Cost: \$4.2 million

Pledged Amount: **\$1,915,621**

Pledges Received: \$1,584,803.36

CEF Loan Amount: \$3.9 million

Total Paid to CEF: \$1,185,658

Debt Incurred: \$705,934

4.32% interest-only payments on debt incurred until February, 2026.

SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) **FOOD DRIVE!!** Through November, and in connection with upcoming Thanksgiving, might we gather some non-perishable food items here at church to donate to the local food pantry?! Bring and leave the donated items on the table by the north church door.
- 2) **CHRISTMAS MEAL @ NELHS** As members of the NELHS Association, we (St. Paul's) are asked to contribute toward a meal to be served in connection with the Christmas concert to be held there at NELHS on **Sunday, December 8, 4:00 PM**. Instead of preparing and transporting a meal down there, we're simply asked to help support a catered meal along with seven other congregations in the association. This will be the last weekend for this.
- 3) **WORSHIP TRANSPORTATION** Might we be able to get a group of folks willing and able to transport some of our shut-ins that are still able and want to join us live, in-person for weekend services?? I'm not sure how that works whether it's a Saturday eve or Sunday morn, but it'd be great to start by getting a list of folks who'd be willing to transport.
- 4) For the **Bible Class Sundays in November (11/24) and December (12/1,8,22)** we'll be looking at a series that encourages and trains us as individuals in our personal evangelism called "One By One."
- 5) **LADIES ADVENT FELLOWSHIP** Ladies - Please put Saturday, December 7th from 1:00-3:00 on your calendar. An Advent devotion, Christmas carols and a cookie exchange will held that afternoon in the church basement. This will replace Advent by Candlelight this year because Thanksgiving is so late. Please plan to bring 2 dozen cookies, a take home container, and your recipe. Feel free to bring friends, daughters, grand-daughters. A sign-up sheet will be coming soon.
- 6) **SCRIP Cards for Christmas Gifts!!** We have a wide variety of cards available to order - Cabelas, Scheels, Old Navy, Maurice's, Chipotle, Olive Garden, Omaha Steaks, prepaid

Visa cards, hotels, and many other clothing and restaurant options. We will try to keep the on hand cards well stocked - Lou's, HyVee, Walmart, Target, Amazon, Bath and Body, Starbucks and many other local locations. Stop by the scrip table to get more information. You can pay by check or cash. The money generated helps with tuition assistance or will go to the school. Thanks.

- 7) There will be **NO** Donnerstag Group held in December.
- 8) If it's helpful for your travelling schedule, Shepherd of Peace is having their **Thanksgiving service** on Tuesday, November 26, 6:30 PM. Our service here at SP's will be Wednesday, November 27, 6:30 PM.
- 9) Pastor Lindke will be **has started a new topic for the Wednesday morning Bible Class. It's called "13 Lies From Satan."** Information about this class is posted on the bulletin board at the Communication Center.
- 10) If you didn't see it in announcement #2...the **NELHS Christmas concert** will be held on Sunday, December 8, 4:00 PM, in the south gym.
- 11) Can we get some help **moving Christmas trees after the Thanksgiving service...**Wednesday, November 27?!
- 12) A very enthusiastic **visiting group** is currently going around and visiting shut-ins and others. Might you be interested in joining the fun?? Talk to Laura Norris or Pastor Hirsch.
- 13) **Carolyn Bader's mother recently went home to heaven.** The funeral service for Mrs. Vernells (Klug) Claus will be on Tuesday, November 26, 11:00 AM, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (4800 S. Southeastern Ave) in Sioux Falls, SD.

Upcoming synod convention to look at the past and the future

The 68th biennial convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will be held at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn., July 21-24, 2025. About 400 voting delegates from around the country will attend the convention. The theme of the 2025 synod convention is “Christ through us.” This theme highlights both God’s blessings to the synod as it celebrates its 175th anniversary in 2025 as well as God’s continued work through WELS in years to come. A new strategic plan that establishes synodical, congregational, and individual objectives and strategies will be introduced at the convention.

“The convention provides grassroots input to the plans and priorities of the work we do together as a synod,” says WELS President Rev. Mark Schroeder. “I think that past delegates will tell you that attending a synod convention is an informative, uplifting, and memorable experience. Delegates hear reports from all areas of the synod’s ministries and gain a new appreciation for the opportunities and blessings that God provides.”

The *Book of Reports and Memorials*, which will be available in May 2025, details information and items of business that will be discussed at the convention, including any memorials. A memorial is a formal request to the convention to take action on a specific matter or proposal. Synodical entities (boards, commissions, and other duly constituted groups); congregations; circuits; conferences; districts; pastors; male professors, teachers, or staff ministers; and voting members of WELS congregations may submit a memorial to be considered for inclusion in the printed *Book of Reports and Memorials*; the deadline is Jan. 15, 2025. Memorials submitted after Jan. 15 and approved for convention consideration will be posted on the convention website if they are received by June 15, 2025. Find more information and submission details at welsconvention.net.

The synod in convention also will elect qualified individuals for various synod boards and commissions. A nomination alert for potential candidates for the synod Nominating Committee to consider for the ballot is currently open. All nominations must be received by Nov. 30, 2024. The list of candidates will be posted online by May 15, 2025. Keep up to date with synod convention updates at welsconvention.net.

Upcoming Events This Week:

- Sunday, 11/24** Worship Service WELS Conn., 9:00 AM
PRAISE Choir Sings., 10:00 AM
Biblestudy w/ coffee & donuts., 10:15 AM
EPIC Open Gym, 2-4 PM
Adult Fellowship, 6:00 PM
- Monday, 11/25** Sisters in Faith, 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, 11/27** No School/Thanksgiving Break 27th-29th
Bible Class, 10:00 AM
Thanksgiving Service, 6:30 PM
Adult Choir Sings, 6:30 PM
- Thursday, 11/28** ***Blessings on your Thanksgiving***
- Saturday, 11/30** Worship Service w/ HC 6:30 PM
- Sunday, 12/1** Worship Service w/ HC, 9:00 AM
Sunday School, 10:00 AM
Bible Study w/ coffee & donuts, 10:15 AM

Church Cleaning Teams

Weeks of November 24th & December 1st Team #3

Loren & Marianne Bloomquist, Jim & Diane Herbolsheimer,
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O Jesus, King Most Wonderful



1 O Je - sus, King most won - der - ful,
 2 When once you vis - it dark - ened hearts,
 3 O Je - sus, Light of all be - low,
 4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess your name,
 5 Oh, may our tongues for - ev - er bless



O Maj - es - ty re - nowned, O Con - quer - or in -
 Then truth be - gins to shine, Then earth - ly van - i -
 O Fount of life and fire, Sur - pass - ing all the
 For - ev - er you a - dore, En - kin - dled with the
 And hon - or you a - lone, And may we in our



vin - ci - ble, In whom all joys are found,
 ty de - parts, Then kin - dles love di - vine.
 joys we know, All that we can de - sire,
 Spir - it's flame To love you more and more.
 lives ex - press The im - age of your own!

O Jesus, King of Glory



1 O Je - sus, King of glo - ry, Both Da - vid's
 2 The east - ern Ma - gi, com - ing Their gifts of
 3 You are a might - y mon - arch, As by your
 4 Oh, look on me with pit - y Though I am
 5 Then let your Word with - in me Shine as the



Lord and son! Your rule en - dures for - ev - er;
 love to bring, Bear wit - ness to your glo - ry
 Word is told, And yet you care but lit - tle
 weak and poor; Ad - mit me to your king - dom
 fair - est star; Keep sin and all false doc - trine



In heav - en is your throne. Help that in earth's do -
 And wor - ship you, their King. To you the star is
 For earth - ly goods or gold. You do not come dis -
 To dwell there, blest and sure. I pray, Lord, guide and
 For - ev - er from me far. Help me con - fess you



min - ions, From pole to farth - est pole, Your reign may
 point - ing And the pro - phet - ic Word; So joy - ous -
 play - ing Your pow - er and re - nown. You dwell in
 keep me Safe from my bit - ter foes, From sin and
 tru - ly And with all Chris - ten - dom Here hail you



spread sal - va - tion To each be - night - ed soul.
 ly we hail you: Our Sav - ior and our Lord.
 no high cas - tle; You wear no jew - eled crown.
 death and Sa - tan; Free me from all my woes.
 King and Sav - ior And in the world to come.

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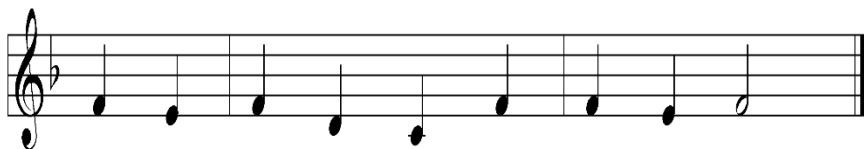
May the Grace of Christ Our Savior



1 May the grace of Christ our Sav - ior And the
2 So may we a - bide in un - ion With each
3 Now with all the saints in heav - en Thanks and



Fa - ther's bound - less love With the Ho - ly Spir - it's
oth - er and the Lord, Gath - ered here in blest com -
praise to you we sing, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



fa - vor Rest up - on us from a - bove.
mun - ion By the pow - er of his Word.
Spir - it, Three in One, our tri - une King.