Sunday June 19, 2022 Second Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion

* stand +kneel

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE This Is My Father's World Franklin L. Sheppard arr. Mark Hayes

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, whose steadfast love endures forever.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

ELW # 843

♦ *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.

♦ *HYMN OF PRAISE

"Glory be to God in Heaven"



♦ *PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

¹I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. ²I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; ⁵who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. ⁶See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. ⁸Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

Psalm: Psalm 22:19-28 (responsive)

¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not [|] far away;

O my help, hasten [|] to my aid.

²⁰Deliver me[|] from the sword,

my life from the power | of the dog.

²¹Save me from the [|] lion's mouth!

From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.

²²I will declare your name to my people;

in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's [|] line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off-[|] spring of Israel.

²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hid-¹ den from them;

but when they cry out, ¹ the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the ¹ great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

- ²⁶The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,
 - Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!
- ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs | to the LORD,

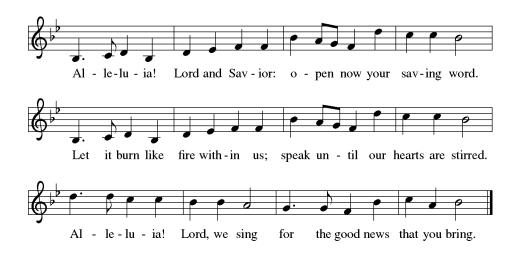
who rules o- | ver the nations.

Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

♦ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

The gospel is announced. The holy gospel according to Luke, the 8th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁶Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹"Return to

your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

♦ SERMON

• *HYMN OF THE DAY Oh, Praise the Gracious Power

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♦*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.

♦ +THE PRAYERS

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you hear the cries of those who seek you. Equip your church with evangelists who reveal the continuous call of your outstretched hands and your promises of a home in you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You hear the cries of the earth. Restore places where land, air, and waterways have been harmed. Guide us to develop and implement sources of energy and food production that do not destroy the earth. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You hear the cries of those who are marginalized or cast out. On this Juneteenth observance, guide us continually toward the end of oppression in all its forms, especially white supremacy. Bring true freedom and human flourishing to all your beloved children. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You hear the cries of those who suffer. Come to the aid of all who are homeless, naked, hungry, and sick (*especially*). Bring peace to any experiencing mental illness, that they can clearly recognize your loving presence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of those who celebrate and those who grieve on this Father's Day. Nurture mutual love and tender care in all relationships. Comfort those for whom this day brings sadness or longing. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the faithful departed whose lives proclaimed all you had done for them (*especially*). At the last, unite us with them as we make our home in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

♦ THE 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.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with

you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated. OFFERING An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set.

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands ***OFFERTORY**

Now Thank We All Our God (ELW 840)

 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

♦ *OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

MEAL_

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

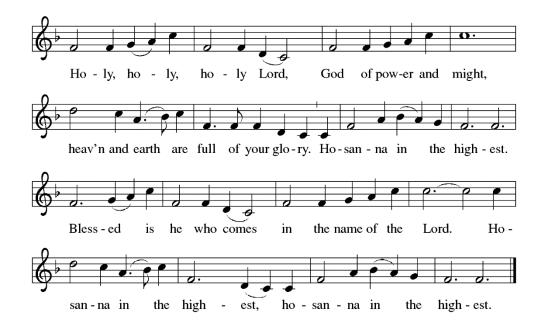
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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. 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.

*LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet. Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table

COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Lord's Table. Beginning with the lectern side of the church, please come down the center aisle, and take a glass as you come forward. Receive the bread from the pastor then the wine from the communion assistant, and return to your seat by the side aisle, placing your used glass in the tray at the side aisle. Children who do not yet receive communion and those who do not wish to receive, may come forward for a blessing.

***COMMUNION SONG**



***TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. Amen.

• *SENDING HYMN Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Gavotte Arthur Marchment

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Bulletins are dedicated in honor of the wedding anniversary of Holly and Confey Maldonado, Sr. by their loving family.

One vase of altar flowers has been placed to the Glory of God and in memory of and in honor of all fathers by Faye Williams.

One vase of altar flowers has been placed in honor of Logan Rollman's 16th Birthday presented by his grandparents Glenn & Helen Miller.

Important Please sign the Friendship Register in your pew. Members with a change of address or visitors should complete the address section and telephone number. Visitors should also include the name and address of their home church so your home church can be notified that you received communion.

Prayer Requests – Please email or call the church office with your prayer requests. First names only will be used in our worship service that is livestreamed. You may give names to Pastor Eileen prior to start of service. Please direct Pastoral care requests in the same way.

Pastoral Coverage –Please call Linda in the Church Office with your request.

Covid Update: The church council has decided to go back to distributing communion only via continuous line as a result of the spike in cases in Schuylkill county. At this time, there will be no other changes regarding masking and seating policies during our worship services. If you happen to feel ill or are at high risk, there are always masks available at the back of the sanctuary.

It's time to update the church directory! Please fill out the insert with the information you would like included. We would also like members to submit a digital photo for the new directory. You can email them to the church office (<u>stpaulsummerhill@gmail.com</u>) or talk to Pastor Eileen or a member of the Tech Committee if you need assistance. All information and photos should be submitted by September 4, 2022 (Labor Day weekend.)

Weekly Bulk Mailing of the Bulletin has stopped. The bulletin will continue to be posted on the website and sent via an email blast. If you wish to continue to receive a paper copy of the bulletin, please call the church office. We'd be more than happy to mail you a copy.

Reminder: Hospital visits -The church is NOT informed when someone is in the hospital by the hospital. The person hospitalized or a family member must call the church to let us know they want a pastoral visit. If leaving a message on the answering machine, please remember to leave the hospital name and the room number. Some hospitals will not give the room number to a

visitor, expecting you to know that.

Attendance for June 12, 2022 53 physically present, 80 views online, 1 share as of June 13, 2022.

Sponsoring bulletins and flowers is a great way to honor a special event in your loved ones' lives or to remember a loved one who has died. (Please only two vases of flowers per week.) Flowers are now \$15.00 a vase. If flowers are not sponsored, this is an added cost to the church. The charts are on the bulletin board for 2022. There are many empty spaces on the charts.

Attention please: Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to donate food and/or drinks for snack time during VBS. Thank you!

The church is starting a new program of checking on people who currently live alone. If any persons are interested, or know of anyone interested, in receiving a daily check-in phone call, please contact the office. We are also looking for any persons who would be interested in doing the calling.

Anyone who completed grades 1-12 that are interested in going to Bear Creek Camp in the summer please contact Leah Mullins Bowman.

Attention please: Retired and looking for some fellowship? Can you tie knots? Consider joining the Jolly Quilter's on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 12:30 pm. in the church. No sewing experience necessary. If you can't join them during these days, please consider taking a quilt or two home to tie knots. Good way to keep your hands busy while watching TV at night. Contact the office to make arrangements to learn what to do. Any questions, please see Betty Strauch. This is a vital ministry of Lutheran World Relief and we may have to cease this ministry here at St. Paul's. We need you!

Welcome Rev. Robert Reier and thank you for leading services this weekend. Please give Rev. Reier a warm St. Paul's welcome!

A treasurer is needed for the Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches. Knowledge of Quicken and basic accounting is helpful. The treasurer offers an essential ministry as a community volunteer, ensuring the food pantry, blood bank, and emergency utility needs are met. 5-10 hours per month. Contact the Rev. Ms. Shawn D. Van Dyke for more information at 570-385-2049 or <u>firstuccpastor@verizon.net</u>.

There will be a Stewardship Meeting on **TODAY** after the worship service.

A large tree will be removed from near the Pavilion in June. The wood will be available to anyone who has a use for it. You will need to pick up and cut pieces. Please contact Earl Paxson or the church office if interested.

The quilts that are on display in the sanctuary are on sale until they are packed to send to Lutheran World Relief. The large quilts are \$50.00 and the baby quilts are \$40.00. Please see Betty Strauch if you are interested in making a purchase.

Foster Families Assistance: Bridge 127 is a volunteer group which works with Schuylkill County foster families, donating needed items to families for free. Presently, they need twin mattresses, beds, and bedding of any kind. Please contact Paula Weinert at 570-573-3613. Bridge 127 is located at 19 N. Centre St., Pottsville. They will arrange for pickup at your home.

Soup Kitchen Cooks/Servers Needed. Provide a welcoming, respectful environment for the homeless and those in need. Individuals are needed to serve a meal at the Pottsville Area Kitchen once a month. Meals are served Monday through Thursday from 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. and Sundays at 12:00 P.M. Currently, we are providing grab and go meals and follow CDC guidelines. All volunteers must complete background checks, trainings and forms. For more information, please contact Terry Alexander 570-617-2957 terry-pak@comcast.net_or Bob Olney at 610-435-1541 ext. 327 rolney@allentowndiocese.org

This year 74 health kits are being sent to Lutheran World Relief from the donations during the Lenten Season. As always, thank you for your generous contributions to make this project possible.

Zo Martin passed away May 18th, 2022. Please remember her family in your prayers.

On Thursday June 16th instead of Saturday, June 11th, we welcomed into the Fellowship of the Christian Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Matthew Lee Krammes, Jr. Parents are Jillian M. Krammes (Emerich) and Matthew Lee Krammes, Sr. Baptismal sponsors are Brandy Emerich and Cody Ditzler. We also welcomed into the Fellowship of the Christian Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism Jayde Faith Krammes. Parents are Jillian M. Krammes (Emerich) and Matthew Lee Krammes, Sr. Baptismal sponsors are Courtney Creque and Jacob Emerich. We welcomed into the Fellowship of the Christian Church by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism Jyllina Lee Neidlinger. Mother is Jacqueline Lee Geist. Baptismal sponsor is Sharon Emerich.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FROM LAST WEEK:

Synod/ELCA Benevolence	\$46.00
Local Benevolence	\$429.65
Current	\$1041.79
Capital Building Fund	\$10.00
Plate Offering	\$25.00
Initial	\$3.00
Children's Offering	\$2.00
Total Received	<u>\$1557.44</u>

"THE WEEK AT A GLANCE"

<u>Today:</u> 9 am Holy Communion Service Stewardship Meeting after worship <u>Monday:</u> 10 am Prayer Shawl 7 pm Zoom Bible Study <u>Tuesday:</u> 12:30 pm Jolly Quilters <u>Friday:</u> OFFICE CLOSED <u>Saturday:</u> 5 pm Spoken Service with Holy Communion <u>Next Sunday:</u> 9 am Holy Communion Service

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon: Psalm 64; Job 18:1-21; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Tues: Psalm 64; Job 19:1-22; Ephesians 2:11-22 Wed: Psalm 64; Ezekiel 32:1-10; Luke 9:37-43a Thu: Psalm 16; Leviticus 9:22—10:11; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10 Fri: Psalm 16; 2 Kings 1:1-16; Galatians 4:8-20 Sat: Psalm 16; Deuteronomy 32:15-27, 39-43; Luke 9:21-27

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

Greeter: 9 am Paul Fabian Acolyte: 5 pm Chase Maley 9 am Lector: 5 pm Holly Maldonado 9 am Marlene Troxell Ushers: 9 am Mike Troxell, Troy Hollenbach Counting Team: Jennie Raudenbush, Marlene Troxell Council Greeter: 5 pm Wendy Reber 9 am Troy Hollenbach Communion Assistants: 5 pm Wendy Reber 9 am Troy Hollenbach

Church Office Hours: 9 am - 3pm Monday - Friday Office closed for lunch 12 pm until 12:30 pm Church Telephone 570-754-7350 www.SummerHillLutheran.org – Church's website Facebook: St Paul Lutheran Church, Summer Hill Student Loan Committee email: stpaulsummerhill.studentloan@gmail.com

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Keep in your prayers: Richard Paxson, Dennis Ryan, Ron Boris, Jr., Gary & Shirley Krammes, Irene Peiffer, Arlene Lickman, Betty Freeman, Thelma Brensinger, Chester Johnson, Shirley Fessler, Barbara Pennypacker, Angie Lewis, Mark Fidler, Hayley Moyer, Helen Runkle, Eleanor Jamison, Adam Brink, Arlene Moyer, Charles Wernert, Stephen Curtis, Brayden Crews, John Strauch, Jr., Dianna Curry, Fern Staller, Rosemary

Meade, Ray Yeich, David Axtt, Greg Phillips, Gaylene Ebling, Connie Klinger, Stacey Rao, Betty Strauch and John Strauch, Sr., Nancy Vargas, Jerry Heffleger, Kathy Robinson, Beverly Trumbo, Irma Fessler, Brian Hunsberger, Randy Ney and Robert & Joyce Zeledonis. Those serving in the military: Brandon Felty, Karen Hall, Tyler Weller, Edward Hossler, Nick Lentz, Jake Schaeffer, Scott Aungst, Tyler Wolfe, Michael Hamilton, Kristian Svenson, Mark Weinus, Jr., Justin Weller, Jeremy Weaver, Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, Timothy Bast, Ryan Bast, and Donald Legarht.



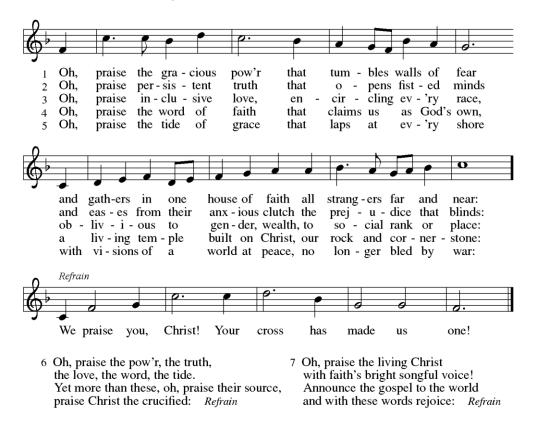
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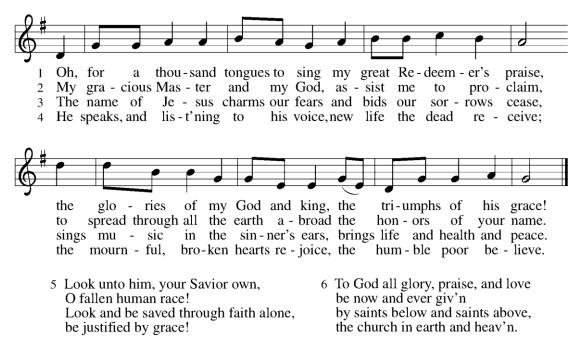
Oh, Praise the Gracious Power



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Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



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