

# Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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**Eighteenth in Pentecost**

**September 22, 2024**

**Welcome and Announcements** *(Please pass the attendance pad along the pew. If you are a visitor, please include your mailing address.)*

**Sharing the Peace**

**Opening Hymn:** "Thy Holy Wings" (ELW ) (On Back Page)

## **\*Confession & Forgiveness**

*The assembly stands.*

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.**

## **\*Prayer of the Day:**

**O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20**

<sup>18</sup> It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their deeds.

<sup>19</sup> But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit;  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

<sup>20</sup> But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,

let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

**Psalm 54**

<sup>1</sup> Save me, O God, by your name,  
and vindicate me by your might.

<sup>2</sup> **Hear my prayer, O God;  
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup> For the insolent have risen against me;  
the ruthless seek my life;  
they do not set God before them.

<sup>4</sup> **But surely, God is my helper;  
the Lord is the upholder of <sup>[a]</sup> my life.**

<sup>5</sup> He will repay my enemies for their evil.  
In your faithfulness, put an end to them.

<sup>6</sup> **With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;  
I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it  
is good.**

<sup>7</sup> For he has delivered me from every trouble,  
and my eye has looked in triumph on my  
enemies.

**Second Reading James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a**

<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and knowledgeable among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be arrogant and lie about the truth. <sup>15</sup> This is not wisdom that comes down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup> For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup> And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. <sup>1</sup> Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup> You want something and do not have it, so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it, so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

**\*Gospel Announcement**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel:** Mark 9:30-37

<sup>30</sup> They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it, <sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

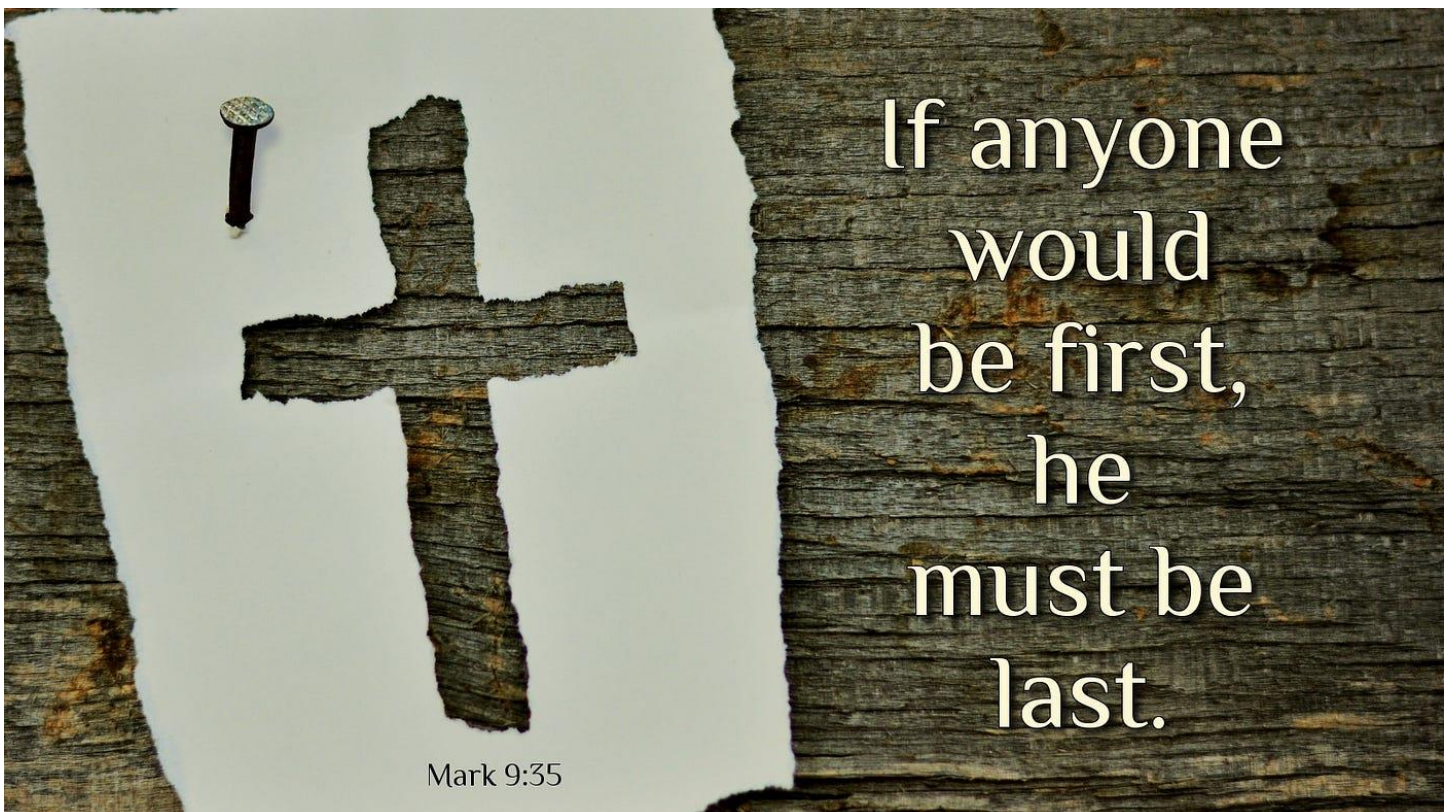
<sup>33</sup> Then they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” <sup>34</sup> But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup> Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, <sup>37</sup> “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message  
**NOISY OFFERING**  
Sermon- “FIRST”

Pastor Hans Anderson

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Song of the Day: "Children of the Heavenly Father" (ELW 781)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Children of the Heavenly Father". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system covers the first four lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the remaining lines. The music is a simple, folk-like melody with a steady bass accompaniment.

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.  
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: Swedish folk tune

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**\*Statement of Faith – The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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 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.*

Loving God, you welcome all at your table of grace. Instill in your church a spirit of humility and curiosity, that we embrace all who seek you. We pray especially for ministries of hospitality and faith formation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, you shape the world so there is more than enough for all. Curb our habits of overuse, and guide us toward more sustainable sources of energy, food, and water. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, your peace brings justice and solidarity. Encourage peace among peoples, tribes, and nations; heal divisions in our country and local communities, that together we might cooperate for the good of all. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Faithful God, you draw near to you all who are in need. Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer. Transform economic, political, and social systems that oppress vulnerable people, especially systems of structural racism and generational poverty. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Transforming God, you accompany all through changes and transitions. Help us to see where you are calling this community to new ways of living the gospel promise; assure us that even as change brings loss, it also brings hope and life. 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.**

## Offering

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of quarter note = 100. The first system has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "Ev - 'ry - bod - y's got some - thing to of - fer; young and old, the". The second system starts with a measure rest (4) and continues with the lyrics: "prince and the pau - per. Ev - 'ry - bod - y's got some - thing to of - fer in the name of the Lord." The score includes treble and bass clefs, notes, rests, and chord symbols (N.C., F, G, C, Am, F, G).

**\*Offertory Prayer**

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.

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*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;  
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.

† Communion †

*All who believe in the death and resurrection as given in this bread and wine are welcome to the table today.  
Please follow usher's guidance to come forward to receive communion and then return to your seat.  
Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available from the communion server upon request.  
You are welcome to this Table of our Lord.*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Holy Communion Distribution

### \*Post Communion Prayer

Holy God,  
you have welcomed us to this meal  
and fed us with dignity at your table.  
Send us now to welcome others  
and to be at peace with one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### Babies N Bibles & Club 45 go to Fellowship Hall

#### \*Blessing:

God all mighty,  
God most merciful  
✠ bless you, keep you,  
and give you peace.

Amen.

#### \*Sending Hymn: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (ELW )

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the  
day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the  
cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

\*Dismissal:

Alleluia! Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude



<b>Reader:</b>	Penny Siewert
<b>Communion Assistants:</b>	
<b>Zoom:</b>	Cora Hohnstadt
<b>Sound:</b>	Chuck Brasel
<b>Ushers:</b>	Paul Pearson & Peter Moeller
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Donna Swenson & Jodi Perry
<b>Counter:</b>	Owen Johnson
<b>Coffee &amp; Fellowship</b>	Owen & Nancy Johnson, Chair

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, September 22, 2024

*Eighteenth Sunday in Pentecost/Noisy Offering*

Worship Service (*in-person & Zoom*) 9:00 AM

Babies n Bibles, Club 45 **immediately following communion**

Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 AM

100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for Grace Anderson

### Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Bible Study 10:00 AM

WOW 3:30 PM

Community Meal 5:00 PM

Chosen Video 6:00 PM

Confirmation 6:00 PM

### Sunday, September 29, 2024

*Nineteenth Sunday in Pentecost/Annual Meeting*

Worship Service (*in-person & Zoom*) 9:00 AM

Annual Meeting 10:00 AM

## Announcements

To view **Sunday Services** via Zoom, go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) and select the blue “Join a Meeting” link at the top center of your screen. Type in the following Meeting ID number and click the blue “Join” button.

Sunday worship, 9:00 a.m. – Meeting ID 852-6256-7424 Passcode 680145.

**Bulletins** can be sponsored for \$25.00 per week. This week’s bulletin is sponsored by Marlen and Jane Orth. The sign-up sheet is on the *Called to Serve* bulletin board in the Narthex.

First Lutheran Church’s Annual meeting is Next Sunday, following worship. Please plan to attend!



Today's **Noisy Offering** will be going to Bridges of Hope. Bridges of Hope links families to community supports and resources. It creates partnerships within the broader community to help strengthen, stabilize, and support families in the Lakes area, sending a message of hope and empowering families to thrive.

**"Quiet Activity Bags"** are available for children's use during worship. They are at the back of the sanctuary on the right-hand side

Lord of Life in Baxter will host the **Women's Heartland Conference Fall Gathering** on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30AM to noon. Cost is \$10. The speaker will be Dr. Steve Newcom.

## Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

### Those with medical concerns...

Caleb Prushek, great nephew of Jane Orth

Cleone Hoplin

Lars Larson

Clifford, great grandson of Leonard and Jan Nelson

Bonnie Bandy, sister of Shirley Schmidt

Denny Aleckson

Harvey and Marion Kelley

Gordon Greenwald, friend of Cora Hohnstadt

Roz Diogivanni

Bill Schroeder

### Those in the service...

SMSgt Bradford, son of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

Captain A.J. Depman, nephew of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

Sgt Christopher Krecklau, son of Mary & Randy Krecklau

E-6 Nathaniel & E-6 Amanda Mitchell, nephew of Mary & Randy Krecklau

#### ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024                      Attendance: 80

#### Offering:

Sept. 15, 2024	\$1,821.41	Weekly Budget:	\$3,301.40
Direct Deposit:	\$ 75.00		
Total Offerings:	\$1,896.41		

#### Year-to-Date (Fiscal year starts September 1)

2024-2025 Giving:	\$9,536.41	Expenses:	\$4,277.16
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#### Income less Expenses for August:

\$12,383.00 - \$13,734.95 = (\$1,351.95)

If you would like a visit from pastor or have a pastoral care need, please contact Pastor Hans Anderson at 218-820-2969 or email him at [pastorhanspineriver@gmail.com](mailto:pastorhanspineriver@gmail.com)

# WOW!

## Wednesday After School Program

6-week session beginning

September 25<sup>th</sup>

at 3:30 PM

at First Lutheran Church

### SCHEDULE

3:30 PM Snack, Video, & Game

4:00 PM Craft or Science Project

4:30 PM Story or Drama

5:00 PM Meal

6:00 PM Confirmation

6:00 PM Chosen Video Series

Register online or call

218-587-2316 for more information

\$5 per family

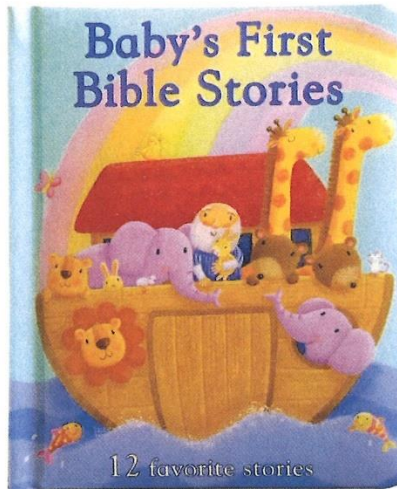
Per week

First through

Sixth Grade

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**STARTS September 22**



## **Babies & Bibles**

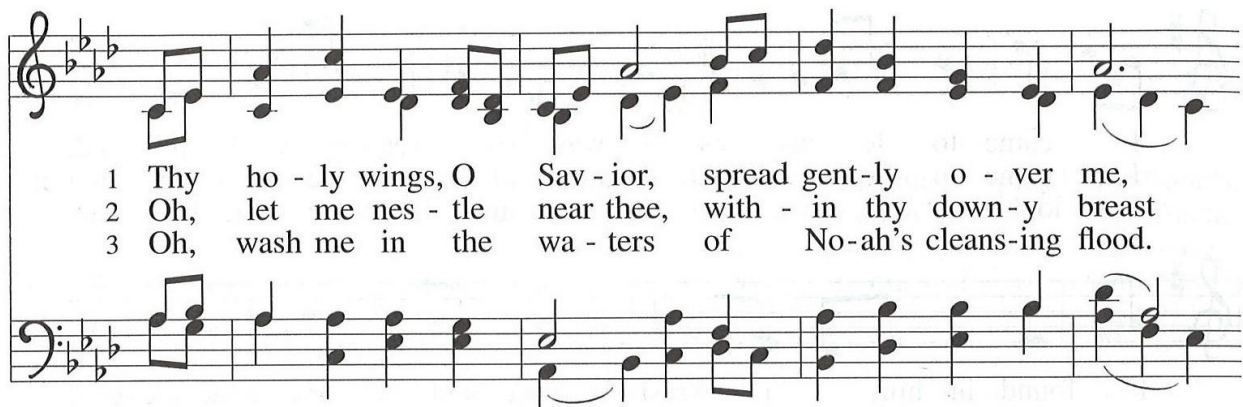
Will meet Sundays following communion, across the hall from the nursery. This will be for parents with infants up to age three.

## **Club 45**

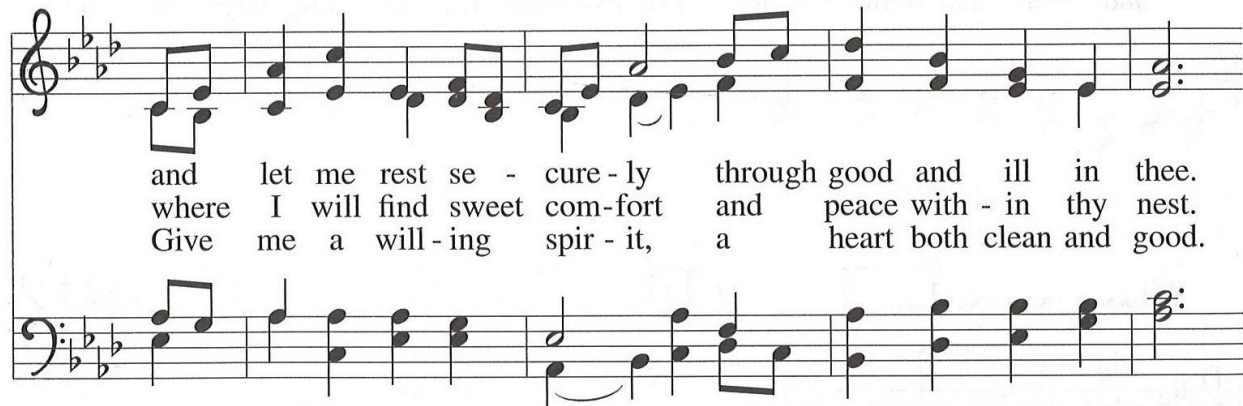
Will be for 4- and 5-year-olds. They will also meet right after communion, in the nursery upstairs, for some play and fellowship. Parents are also included.



Opening Hymn: "Thy Holy Wings" (ELW 613)



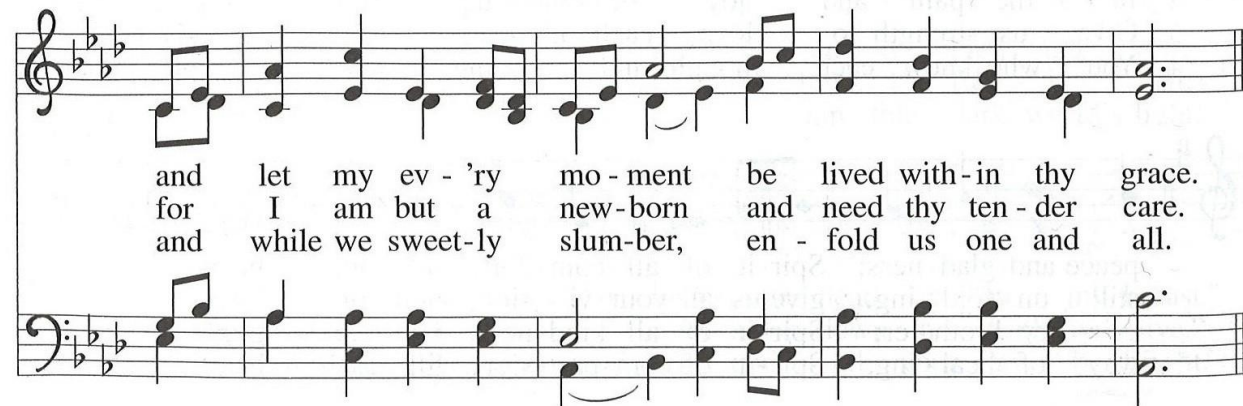
1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,  
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.  
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.