WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 3/2 8:00 WORSHIP 9:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 Practice for Stations of the Cross 10:45 Worship 6:00 DINNER CHURCH WITH SHROVE SUNDAY CELEBRATION WITH PANCAKES AND SAUSAGE, BURNING OF THE PALMS NOON: SEWING BELL CHOIR PADS IN THE MILLER PARLOR Monday, 3/3 6:00 PRAYER GROUP 7:00 BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY, 3/4 7:00 PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, 3/5 ASH WEDNESDAY, ASHES TO GO 7:30-11:30, 3:00-5:00 7:00AM SERVICE **NOON SERVICE** 7:00PM SERVICE 8:00 CHOIR REHEARSAL THURSDAY, 3/6 NOON BIBLE STUDY IRWIN CHILI WING COOK OFF 3/7 7:00pm Seton Hill Chamber Choir Concert at HTLC FRIDAY, SATURDAY, 3/8 8:00AM MEN'S BREAKFAST AT HTLC

SUNDAY, 3/9 8:00 WORSHIP
9:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30 YOUNG AT HEART MEET IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
10:45 WORSHIP

CONGREGATIONAL OFFERING FEBRUARY 23, 2025				
<u> 2025 вирдет</u>	<u>BUDGET NEEDS</u> <u>WEEKLY</u>	LAST WEEK'S OFFERING		
\$392,407.00	<i>\$7,547.00</i>	\$4,685.35		
IMPROVEMENT FUND	WEEKLY GOAL	LAST WEEK'S OFFERING		
\$24,000.00	\$461.00	\$3,656.85		
<u>ORGAN FUND</u> \$93,000		Last Week's Offering \$3,696.45		

Welcome Members and Visitors today!

Shrove Sunday Event/ Dinner Church..... TODAY at 6:00pm

Join us for Dinner Church and Table Worship TODAY, March 2, at 6:00 PM. In addition to our Table Communion and supper, we will also join in the burning of our palms to prepare for Lent which begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5. Plan to attend! All are welcome!

Youth please arrive at 4:30. Thank you!

Welcome to our New Members last Sunday!!

Donna and Jim Reyes Kimberly Rogers and Robert Billstone JoAnne Turnbull Eric and Kelly Keiser, children Justin, Sean, Isaac Kayte Hughes Clifford and Carol Hockensmith

Concert at Holy Trinity.....On Friday, March 7th, 7:00pm Seton Hill Choir will be here at Holy Trinity for a concert. All are welcome! Members and friends included!

Mens' Breakfast Meeting ...Saturday, March 8 at 8:00am. Meeting here at Holy Trinity!
Sign up in the Narthex

Womens' Faith and Friendship....No meeting in March.

OUR MISSION Worship God, Grow in Faith, Serve with Love

Volunteers needed..... The beautiful fabric for the bell pad covers has arrived. Volunteers are welcome to begin cutting and sewing tomorrow, during the afternoon in the Miller parlor. See Anne Coiner for details. Future meeting times will vary to meet individual availability. Thank you!

Sunday School classeswill be singing at 10:45 on Eastery. Rehearsals will be in late March and early April.

Bible Studies Monday night Bible Study will focus on the villains of Lent.

Thursday Bible at Noon continues each week. We meet in the Miller Parlor. Attend when you can! All are welcome to join us as your schedule allows.

Holy Trinity is participating in the Norwin Rotary Chili Cookoff & Wing Thing again this year on March 6th! We will be in the basement of the Methodist Church.

Norwin Rotary, through this project, provides children with backpacks full of nutritional, kid-friendly food and gift cards at Aldi's that will sustain them for an entire weekend. This is the Norwin Rotary's primary fundraiser to provide financial support for this project. The People's Choice award for the best chili goes to the participant that raises the most money for this wonderful event!

We will be collecting in the narthex after both services on March 2ndl

We would also love support at the event on March 6 from 5-8 PM! Hope to see you there!!

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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		8:15	10:45
	Assisting Minister	Heather Newell	Jennifer Fitzgerald
	Communion Assistants	Jaden Brittingham Connie Berg	Lisa Lucotch Jeffrey Horvath
	Lector	Angela Brittingham	Debbie Rominksi
	Acolyte	Jericho Brittingham	Grace Darby
	Greeters		Susan Richardson Sandy Tomko
	Altar Guild		Salluy TOTTIKO

Altar Guild

Set-up Saturday, March 1		Lori Thomas	
Sunday, March 2	8:15	Lois Brown and Debbie Reed	
	10:45	Zack and Samantha Tinsley	
Set-up Saturday, March 8		Lori Thomas (also Ash Wednesday)	
Sunday, March 9 8:15		Lori Thomas	
	10:45	Nina Saccamano and Debbie Curtis	

Food Pantry

2025 Distribution Dates:

April 12, June 21, August 9, October 11, Dec. 13

Items needed for the April distribution:

Canned ham Canned pineapple rings Scallop potato mix Egg coloring Easter candy Paper towels Shampoo and conditioner Yellow cake mix

Maraschino cherries (small jar)

Items always requested:

Mac & cheese/pasta Applesauce Baked beans Cake/muffin/ brownie mix Canned fruit Canned tuna Cereal Granola bars Pasta Sauce Oatmeal Paper towels Peanut butter & Jelly Potato/rice mix **Pudding Cups**

Many thanks for the generous donations to date! If you would like to donate money, please mark "food pantry" in the subject line on your check or you may use one of the pew envelopes. Food pantry contact: Jodi Waugaman at 724-516-9680 or waugawoman86@comast.net

Worship Plan for Sunday, March 2, 2025

Transfiguration
Transfiguration of Our Lord / Last Sunday after Epiphany
ELW Holy Communion Setting Two
Sunday, March 2, 2025

Introduction to the day

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In + Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

*GATHERING SONG Jesus on the Mountain Peak #317

Jesus on the Mountain Peak



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Music: BETHOLD, Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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*GREETING Pastor

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.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day. Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. He had the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands. His face was shining because he had spoken with the LORD. But he didn't realize it. ³⁰ Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses. His face was shining. So they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called out to them. So Aaron and all the leaders of the community came to him. And Moses spoke to them. ³² After that, all the Israelites came near him. And he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

³³ Moses finished speaking to them. Then he covered his face with a veil. ³⁴ But when he would go to speak with the LORD, he would remove the veil. He would keep it off until he came out. Then he would tell the people what the LORD had commanded. ³⁵ They would see that his face was shining. So Moses would cover his face with the veil again. He would keep it on until he went in again to speak with the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 99

- ¹ The LORD rules. Let the nations tremble. He sits on his throne between the cherubim. Let the earth shake.
- ² Great is the LORD in Zion. He is honored over all the nations.
- ³ Let them praise his great and wonderful name. He is holy.
- ⁴ The King is mighty and loves justice. He has set up the rules for fairness. He has done what is right and fair for the people of Jacob.
- ⁵ Honor the LORD our God. Worship at his feet. He is holy.
- ⁶ Moses and Aaron were two of his priests. Samuel was one of those who worshiped him. They called out to the LORD. And he answered them.
- ⁷ He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud.
 - They obeyed his laws and the orders he gave them.
- ⁸ LORD our God, you answered them. You showed Israel that you are a God who forgives. But when they did wrong, you punished them.
- ⁹ Honor the LORD our God. Worship at his holy mountain. The LORD our God is holy.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

¹² Since we have that kind of hope, we are very bold. ¹³ We are not like Moses. He used to cover his face with a veil. That was to keep the people of Israel from seeing the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴ But their minds were made stubborn. To this day, the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. The veil has not been removed. Only faith in Christ can take it away. ¹⁵ To this day, when the Law of Moses is read, a veil covers the minds of those who hear it. ¹⁶ But when anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Holy Spirit. And where the Spirit of the Lord is, freedom is also there. ¹⁸ None of our faces are covered with a veil. All of us can see the Lord's glory and think deeply about it. So we are being changed to become more like him so that we have more and more glory. And this glory comes from the Lord, who is the Holy Spirit.

⁴ So because of God's mercy, we have work to do. He has given it to us. And we don't give up. ² Instead, we have given up doing secret and shameful things. We don't twist God's word. In fact, we do just the opposite. We present the truth plainly. In the sight of God, we make our appeal to everyone's sense of what is right and wrong.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

*GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

The holy gospel according to



The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. 30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

[³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸ Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹ Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." ⁴¹ Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." ⁴² While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a} And all were astounded at the greatness of God.] The gospel of the Lord.



CHILDRENS' SERMON

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day The Church of Christ in Every Age #729

The Church of Christ, in Every Age



Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768
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*Apostles' Creed I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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 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 INTERCESSION assisting minister

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Transfiguring God, through the glory of your presence, you transform us. Move the church from complacency to boldness in sharing the good news with others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in leadership, especially for those who lead states, counties, and town. Give them wisdom so that all will flourish both now and in the years to come. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Bring your healing grace to those who feel distant from you. Speak comfort to those who need your words of mercy. We pray for those close to our communities and in our hearts (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of our past, present, and future, lead us into new beginnings, trusting in the promise of new life in Christ. Accompany congregations needing to close, and give courage to congregations starting new ministries. God of grace, hear our prayer. Here other intercessions may be offered.

Renewing God, the saints who have gone before us witnessed to the ways you transform your church and people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Pastor

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

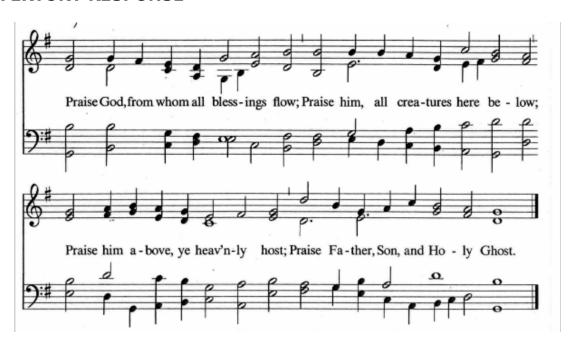
*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

OFFERING

Choir Anthem: Shine Jesus Shine

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



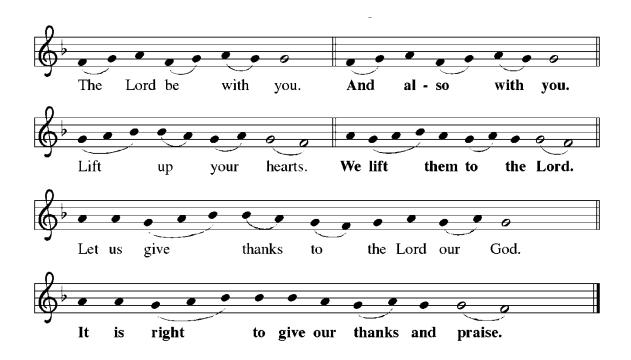
*OFFERING PRAYER assisting minister

Let us pray.

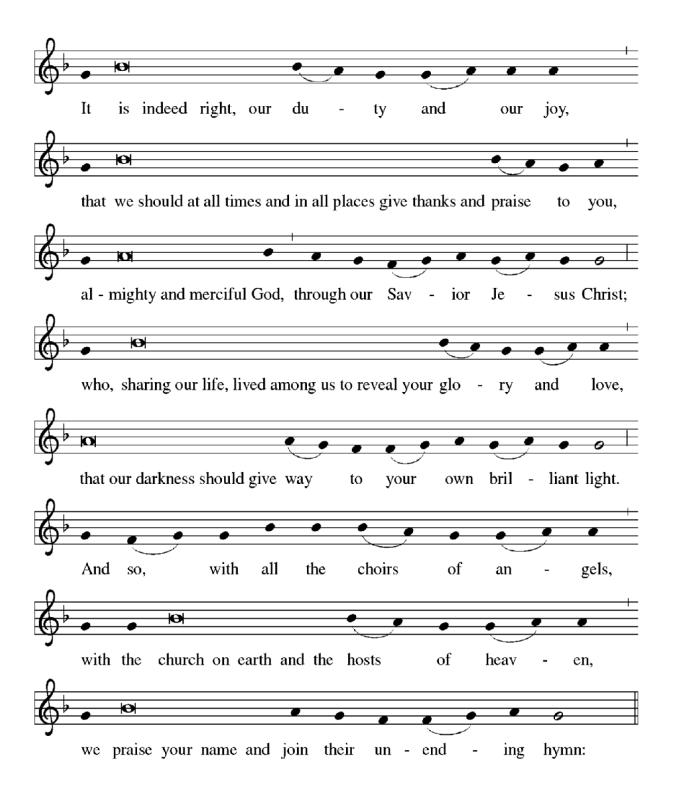
God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

Amen.

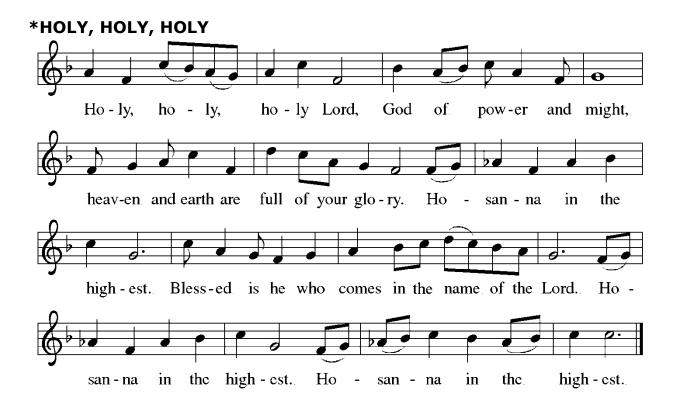
*DIALOGUE Pastor



*PREFACE



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*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



*LORD'S PRAYER Pastor

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

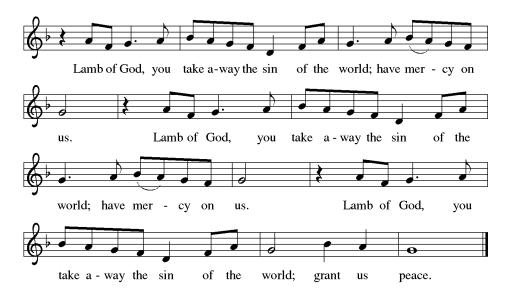
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION Pastor

The joy of the Lord is our strength.

Come, eat this meal of gladness.

COMMUNION SONG



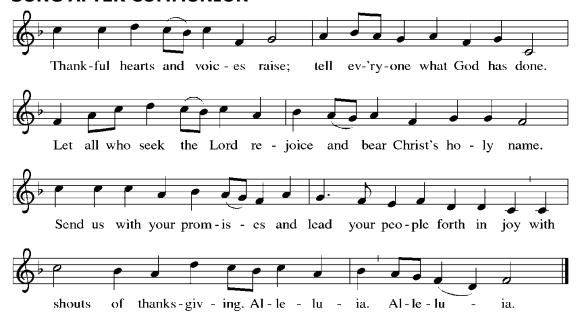
Communion

Hymn During Communion: Come Beloved of the Maker #306

*COMMUNION BLESSING Pastor

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

***SONG AFTER COMMUNION**



*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION assisting minister

Let us pray.

Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.

Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,

Amen.

*BURYING THE ALLELUIAS Pastor

We are an Easter people.

And Alleluia is our song.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

We heard an angel speak to Mary, and we sang "alleluia."

We saw Jesus heal a leper, and his gasp was "alleluia."

We have seen grace. We have seen good. We have shouted "alleluia!" **But alleluia cannot always be our song.**

We see Jesus betrayed and broken, and we hear no alleluia.

We see ourselves betrayed and broken, and we have no alleluia.

We know suffering. We see sadness. We shout out in silence.

Alleluia cannot always be our song.

In Lent, we journey towards the cross, and we leave behind our "alleluia." **Today, we bury our alleluias, and silence fills its place.**

(The Alleluias are buried)

Silence will not always be our song.

On Easter, we will once again claim our "alleluia!"
We will hear that the tomb is empty, and we will shout out "alleluia!"
We will see our risen Lord, and he will look like "alleluia."
But alleluia cannot always be our song.

Today, we bury our alleluias, and silence fills its place.

*BENEDICTION: Pastor

The Spirit of the triune God
bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

Amen.

*Recessional Hymn Alleluia, Song of Gladness #318

Alleluia, Song of Gladness



Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

*DISMISSAL assisting minister

Go in peace. Live in hope. Thanks be to God.