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**Worship:**

Saturday: 6:15 p.m.

Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. *(Located in the church basement)*

Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

**Office Hours:**

Monday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.;

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; *(12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch)*

Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

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## From the Pastor

Grace, mercy and peace to you all from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

I pray that you all are well and safe. Continue practicing patience during this confusing time. Keep watch and stay in contact with family, friends and fellow workers. Simply stay busy doing that which is good and pleasing in the sight of God.

I am including activities and learning suggestions for you and your children of all ages. I hope this will deepen your appreciation and understand of the Divine Service.

### For younger children

*Word Search: Pray/Prayer*

*[Underline or highlight this word or phrase throughout the Divine Service]*

A Sunday School lesson can be found at our website: [www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org](http://www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org)

5<sup>th</sup> graders and older: Mark the service with directional arrows [ ↗ ] as to show what direction the interaction between God, us and with each other is taking place.

The coloring page can be saved in Paint 3D for your children and you to color on the computer screen.

Also, have those who can read, answer the questions found throughout the Divine Service. They can highlight or underline the answers usually found above the questions.

### For older children especially those who are in or have in the past studied Luther's Small Catechism

Where is this found in the Luther's Small Catechism? Put *LSC* in the margin and the section [*Ten Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Office of the Keys, or the Lord's Supper*] of the catechism where this teaching can be found. [*ex: LSC-Baptism*]

A Bible Study on one of the lessons can be found at our website:  
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### Adults/parents

You may find this helpful to do the above also, even the drawing and coloring. For the youngest of your children, draw a cross or a picture, if your talent so allows, anywhere in the Divine Service and let your little ones color them.

Another excise you can do is to journal your thoughts on the Word and the following service. Each day read through a section and journal your thoughts and/or insights you may have. If you know to insert and use “Text Box” that is a good way to do it. You may also go to “References” and use “Foot Note” to record your thoughts or insight.

God bless, keep and increase your faith in Christ as you now read, mark and inwardly digest His Word.

## **Pass It On**

*In preparation for Proper 11 – July 19, 2020*

Take a look at the state of things in our country and in our world. We see a world infected with plague, with division, with violence, with injustice. It may seem as if one thing that has been completely wiped out is hope. We see a world filled with suffering.

The Bible doesn't dance around the difficult question of suffering. It says that sin's deep roots within mankind reach out to entangle the entire creation. Sin causes us to groan, eagerly anticipating relief from all this darkness.

Those who believe in Jesus do not escape suffering. However, Christians see suffering as following where Jesus once walked, enduring with patience while holding firm to their hope of eternal salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus calls Christians, as those who have been saved and who have been given the “firstfruits of the Spirit” (Romans 8:23), to spread their fruits throughout the world. The greatest of those fruits are faith, hope, and love (1 Corinthians 13:13).

The Bible adds that the Holy Spirit given to Christians by Jesus intercedes on their behalf. When they experience burdens on their shoulders and hearts, the Spirit prays with “groanings too deep for words” (Romans 8:26).

All in all: the world may suggest that suffering reigns supreme, yet the Bible presents a different message in where hope comes out on top. It says that “the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us” (Romans 8:18).

In Jesus, Christians are nourished and sustained to endure this world of suffering and to spread the faith they have, the love they have been given, and the everlasting hope that they eagerly anticipate. We invite you to hear more about the hope found in Jesus this Sunday at our church service.

## WORSHIP FOLDER

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 11

Then the Righteous Will Shine

July 18 & 19, 2020

### As We Gather

Why must we endure the questions, the challenges, and the things that are not as they should be? The disciples long ago wondered about this too. Why are there weeds in God's field and what can be done about it? The seed was good, but God has enemies, and so do you. It is not given to us to resolve this until the Lord's time, when He will separate the weeds from the wheat. It is enough for us to know that God knows the hearts of people and that this tension will not endure. When Jesus comes in His glory, the angels will gather out of His kingdom all who do not belong. Then the righteous shall shine like the sun, so take heart, people of God.



### ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE *IV LSB 203*

#### Opening Hymn **LSB 575** “*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*”

- 1        My hope is built on nothing less  
          Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
          No merit of my own I claim  
          But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain
- ref        On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
          All other ground is sinking sand.
- 2        When darkness veils His lovely face,  
          I rest on His unchanging grace;  
          In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
          My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain
- 3        His oath, His covenant and blood  
          Support me in the raging flood;  
          When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
          He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain
- 4        When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
          Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
          Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
          Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

*Does God keep a record of sin?*

*What did He do with your sin?*

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

### **Introit**

C **Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;**

**listen to my plea for grace.**

**Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;**

**unite my heart to fear your name.**

**I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,**

**and I will glorify your name forever.**

**For great is your steadfast love toward me;**

**you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

**O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my**

life,  
**and they do not set you before them.**  
**But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,**  
**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**  
**and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning,**  
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
**Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;**  
**listen to my plea for grace.**

*When we have a problem, we can ask God to do what?*

**Kyrie** *LSB 204*

- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
A For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
A For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
A For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
A For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
A For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
A For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
A For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
A For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**Gloria in Excelsis** *LSB 204*

- C **1 To God on high be glory**  
**And peace to all the earth;**  
**Goodwill from God in heaven**

**Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy;  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

**Collect of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*We ask God to do what for us?*

**Old Testament Reading Isaiah 44:6–8**

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. <sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. <sup>8</sup>Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*What are we to say about our God?*

**Psalm Heth**

- C <sup>57</sup>The LORD is my portion;  
I promise to keep your words.  
<sup>58</sup>I entreat your favor with all my heart;  
be gracious to me according to your promise.  
<sup>59</sup>When I think on my ways,  
I turn my feet to your testimonies;  
<sup>60</sup>I hasten and do not delay  
to keep your commandments.  
<sup>61</sup>Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,  
I do not forget your law.  
<sup>62</sup>At midnight I rise to praise you,  
because of your just and righteous decrees.  
<sup>63</sup>I am a companion of all who fear you,  
of those who keep your precepts.  
<sup>64</sup>The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love;  
teach me your statutes!

*Because God loves us, we ask Him to do what for us?*

**Epistle Romans 8:18–27**

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. <sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

*Who prays for us when we don't know what to say?*

**Alleluia and Verse**

- C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup>And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ <sup>28</sup>He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup>But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup>He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

*If you have these, then you can hear God’s Word.*

*Throughout this service folder, mark any and all the places where God hears of our prayers. Mark it with the letters, ” YHH” (Yes, He Hears).*

**Apostles’ Creed**

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life T everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” *LSB 892***

- 1      Come, ye thankful people, come;  
        Raise the song of harvest home.  
        All be safely gathered in  
        Ere the winter storms begin;  
        God, our maker, doth provide  
        For our wants to be supplied.  
        Come to God’s own temple, come;  
        Raise the song of harvest home.
  
- 2      All the world is God’s own field,  
        Fruit unto His praise to yield;  
        Wheat and tares together sown,  
        Unto joy or sorrow grown.  
        First the blade and then the ear,  
        Then the full corn shall appear.  
        Lord of harvest, grant that we  
        Wholesome grain and pure may be.
  
- 3      For the Lord, our God, shall come  
        And shall take His harvest home,  
        From His field shall in that day  
        All offenses purge away,  
        Give His angels charge at last  
        In the fire the tares to cast,  
        But the fruitful ears to store  
        In His garner evermore.
  
- 4      Even so, Lord, quickly come  
        To Thy final harvest home;  
        Gather Thou Thy people in,

Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified,  
In Thy garner to abide:  
Come with all Thine angels, come,  
Raise the glorious harvest home.

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**SERMON:** *“Know the World In Which We Live”*

Romans 8:18–27

Introduction:

One of the characteristics of Christianity is that we do not try to escape from this world. Christianity is not another transcendental meditation type of religion. It is not like Buddhism, Hinduism and other branches of these religions. Many of these religions’ goals are to escape from this world. It is to be free of the world even now and in the future. It is a technique in which one escapes this world by emptying the mind.

Christ never did this. When He stepped away from the hassle and bustle of this world, He went to talk, pray to His Father in heaven. He took His Sabbath rest by going to the Father. And so are we to do the same in handling this world in which we live.

I. We look to Christ

This world is a hard place to live. And we know why. It was because of the sin of Adam and Eve. When they fell into sin, they dragged this old world in with them. The curse of sin was death. This brought pandemics, sickness, epidemics, injuries, sniffles, coughing, hatred, racism, wars, injustices, and so on and so on. Anything and everything which remind us we are returning to dust.

The ground was cursed on account of Adam’s sin. This makes life hard and difficult. This is what wears us down mentally, emotionally and physically. Women understand why child bearing is so hard on the body, the mind and the emotions. It was the sin of our first mother who brought this upon us.

The world suffers because of the sin of man. It may be why the world sees nature as being innocent. Some activists may go overboard in protecting it, making nature more of a god than a creation which reflects a good and gracious God.

This world suffers because of man and it groans. It looks forward to the revelation of the Children of God. It looks forward to the day Christ will return and when all evil will be cast away.

And this is what God calls us to do. We are look at our suffering in comparison to this day when Christ returns. We are to meditate on the glories that await us in the presence of Christ.

We are to concentrate on what Christ has prepared for us. We are to look at what He has done to bring the peace of God to us. Gifts such as the forgiveness of sin; deliverance from sin, death and the power of the devil; the resurrection from the dead; the gift of eternal life; and a new body that will not suffer sickness nor death nor sin. We are to ponder the glories that far outweigh the suffering we face on earth.

This is not a method to escape the world. It is our daily Sabbath rest in the Lord. We are not to empty our minds so that Satan can come and lead us away from Christ. We are to ponder these things and go to Him in prayer, calling on Him in the day of trouble, praising Him for His deliverance.

## II. We look to the Holy Spirit

And this is not easy. It is easier to empty our minds and not think about what is happening in this world and in our lives. It is easier to try to escape than it is to deal with life. And there are times when this world crashes down on us and the curse of sin overwhelms us. We are not able to and cannot find the words or the strength to begin to pray.

God reassures us that the Holy Spirit is already at work praying for and with us. He speaks to the Father on our behalf. His prayers go deeper into the heart of God than we could ever imagine. He knows the mind of the Father. He knows what we are facing and how hard it is to live in this old world. He knows our minds more than we could ever hope to know. He speaks to the Father in groans deeper than any words could express.

He makes our prayers the greatest expression of faith in Christ and the Father when we say, "God, help me."

Knowing this about the Holy Spirit leads us to understand that we are not escaping this world when we pray. It is just the opposite. We are dealing with the world. We are dealing with God. We are taking our Sabbath rest and are placing all things in the hands of our good and gracious God.

And God blesses us. He gives us family, friends, neighbors and even strangers who support and help us. He gives us work and tasks to distract our minds from the agony of this world. He gives us other whom we can serve and in doing so serve God.

### Conclusion:

This old world is a hard place in which to live. Yet, knowing the world and why it is a hard place moves us to seek the aid and help of God our heavenly Father, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and the Comforter, the Holy Spirit.

Schools and work places encourage a person to empty their mind. They say, "Put all your troubles away. Go to your happy place." God says, "Call upon me and I will give you rest." Teach your children to ponder the glories that await them and to consider these glories greater

than any suffering here on earth. In this way, their minds are set on God where the true rest is found.

T AMEN T

**Prayer of the Church**

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, You have been the refuge and strength of Your people from generation to generation. Give to us the comfort of Your presence in time of trouble, Your grace to forgive our sins, and Your peace to govern our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, Your power holds all things together, in heaven and on earth. Give wisdom to those who lead our nation and guidance to those who make, administer, and judge our laws, so that life be protected and justice administered. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, Your Word speaks hope and life. Open our ears to hear Your voice and our hearts to believe in Jesus Christ and follow Him as Savior and Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, Your Church lives by the grace You bestow through Word and Sacrament. Bless the pastors who preach to us this Gospel and the church workers who serve us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, Your mercy extends to all our needs and Your grace gives healing according to Your will. Hear us on behalf of [*names*, and] all who stand in need. Grant to them grace sufficient for all their needs and sustain them in the hour of trial. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, You give us new lives in baptismal water, and Your Spirit opens our hearts to faith. Help us to live out fully our vocation as Your children in the places where we live and work and do the good works You desire. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, You have granted us a place at the Table of Your Son. Help us to receive His body and blood with repentance and faith and to keep in holy lives the precious gift we will receive upon our lips. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, You have given us the encouragement of the mighty saints of old and those who taught us the faith. Help us to leave a legacy of faithfulness to those who follow us, and sustain us in hope until we join the saints in Christ's eternal presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

*Local concerns may be added here.*

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### **Lord's Prayer**

C **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.**

### **Hymns**

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” *LSB 761*

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure:  
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2 Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring;  
Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,

When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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“How Firm a Foundation” **LSB 728**

- 1       How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
          Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
          What more can He say than to you He has said  
          Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
  
- 2       “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
          For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
          I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
          Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
  
- 3       “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
          I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
          That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
          I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!
  
- 4       “When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,  
          My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.  
          The flames will not hurt you; I only design  
          Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
  
- 5       “Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove  
          My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
          And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
          Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

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**Nunc Dimittis** **LSB 211**

- C   1   O Lord, now let Your servant  
          Depart in heav’nly peace,  
          For I have seen the glory  
          Of Your redeeming grace:  
          A light to lead the Gentiles  
          Unto Your holy hill,  
          The glory of Your people,  
          Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.**

**Benediction**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.  
**C Amen.**

**Hymn** “On What Has Now Been Sown” *LSB 921*

1 On what has now been sown  
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;  
The pow’r is Thine alone  
To make it sprout and grow.  
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,  
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!

2 To Thee our wants are known,  
From Thee are all our pow’rs;  
Accept what is Thine own  
And pardon what is ours.  
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,  
And to Thy Word a blessing give.

3 O grant that each of us,  
Now met before Thee here,  
May meet together thus  
When Thou and Thine appear  
And follow Thee to heav’n, our home.  
E’en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

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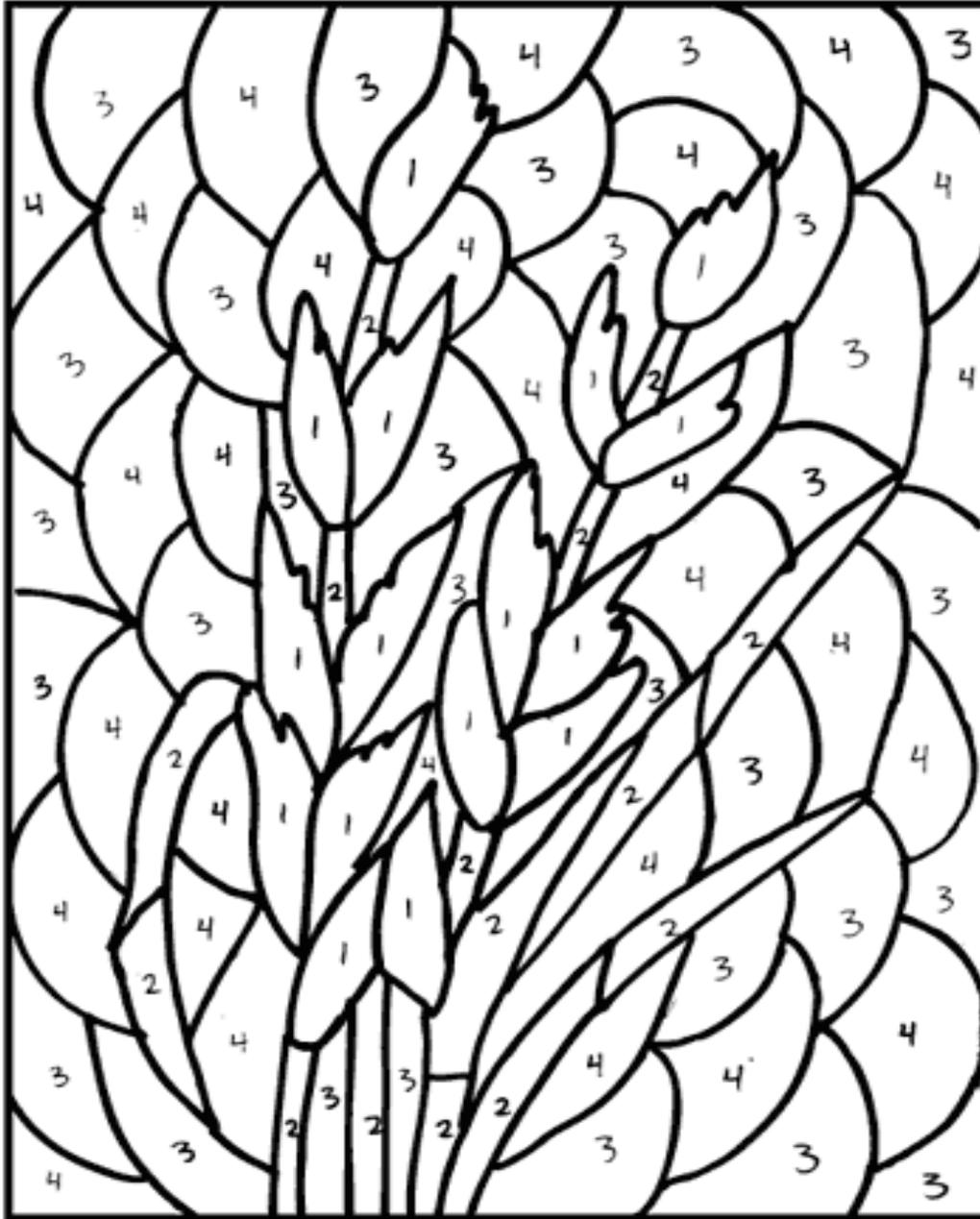
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