

9:30 A.M. WORSHIP

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA

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THOSE
WHO DO
WHAT IS
TRUE
COME TO
THE
LIGHT...



JOHN 3:21, NRSV

MARCH 10, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY
IN LENT

All Are Welcome!

All who have come to worship are heartily welcomed. Let us joyfully open our hearts to God and to one another.

You are encouraged to participate in all that Shepherd of the Glades has to offer and to make Shepherd of the Glades your spiritual home.

All are invited and welcome to partake of the sacrament of Holy Communion by kneeling or standing at the altar rail. For your safety and convenience, you will have a choice of coming to the altar rail or taking communion in your pew in an individually sealed container. If, for any reason, you are not comfortable receiving communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms, indicating you wish to receive a blessing. The Eucharist is celebrated by intinction. Our Altar Guild at all communion services offers grape juice (lighter color), as well as wine (darker color), for intinction, the dipping of wafer into the wine or juice. One chalice will hold both wine and grape juice. Communion is continuous with kneeling or standing. Note: Gluten free wafers are now offered as well.

If you have an offering for the church, the offering plates are located at the entrance of the church.

If Shepherd of the Glades can be of service to you, please so indicate on the pew welcome sheet. The office phone number and Pastor Jeff's cell phone number are on the cover of the bulletin.

Ministries for Today

Presiding: Rev. Bishop Pedro Suarez

Altar Assistant: Rev. Bob Hoffman,
Rev. Douglas Wahlberg,
Deacon Aura Saurez

Lector: Rev. Bob Hoffman,
Rev. Carl Kelly,
Rev. Douglas Wahlberg

Altar Guild: Lynn Karle

Ushers: Rich & Becky McDanel
& Judy Ripke

A/V Technicians: Abraham Ungs
Kelli Ungs

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024, 9:30 A.M. Worship - Setting 10

+ Indicates Please Stand

Bold Indicates Congregation Joins In

PRELUDE

“I Believe”

Sung by: Pat Cooper

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Arr. by: Stan Pethel

(Elizabeth Cianflone, violin; Megan Cianflone, piano;

Chloe Dority, cello; Carlos Mejia, cello; and Alyla Tucker, violin)

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C Amen.

P Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P Holy God,

C **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

P Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

+ OPENING HYMN

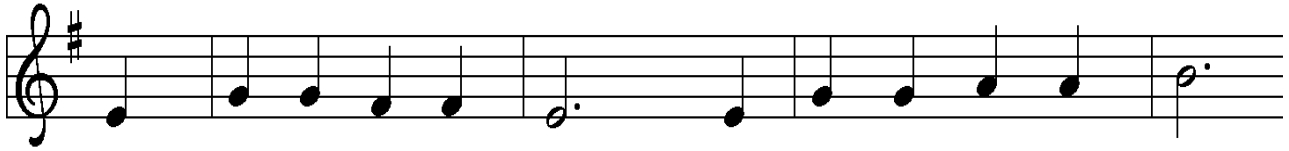
“Lift High the Cross”

ELW 660

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Numbers 21: 4-9

⁴From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.”

⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22 (Read responsively)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷**Some were fools and took rebellious paths;
through their sins they were afflicted.**

¹⁸They loathed all manner of food
and drew near to death's door.

¹⁹**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD
and you delivered them from their distress.**

²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them
and rescued them from the grave.

²¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.**

²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving
and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2: 1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

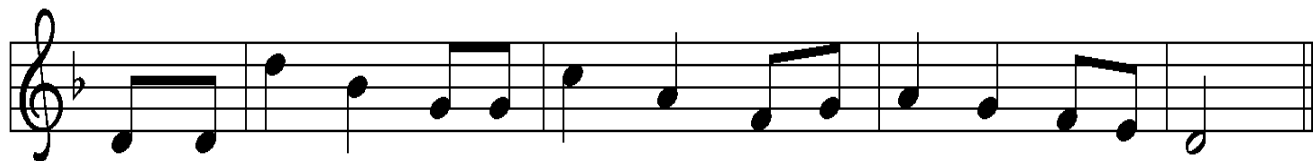
A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

+ LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL according to: **John 3: 14-21**

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ

+ **SERMON**

Bishop Pedro Suarez

Text: Lessons of the Day

+ **HYMN OF THE DAY** “*Give to Our God Immortal Praise*” **ELW 848**

A Let us proclaim our trust in the presence and power of God in our lives with the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

+ **APOSTLES’ CREED**

ELW 105

**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 life everlasting.
Amen.**

+ THE PRAYERS

A Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

A Gracious God, your love unites. Give vision to the global church and foster cooperation in mission. Increase inter-religious understanding and ecumenical dialog. Make your church a sanctuary for all fleeing persecution, disaster, and war. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Creating God, your love enlivens. Restore balance to the earth's fragile habitats. Preserve wilderness lands, rainforests, and wildlife. Cleanse oceans and rivers. Make us good stewards of the earth. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Righteous God, your love liberates. We give thanks for those who courageously witness to your liberating love. Free all people from the evils of racism, religious strife, and hatred. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Merciful God, your love heals. Care tenderly for all whose loved ones perished from pandemic disease in every nation. Strengthen health care workers, first responders, and caregivers. Relieve all who live with chronic illness and pain, especially: Bishop Pedro Suarez, Family of Carl Bueger, Sandra Frederking, Ed Michel, Dianna Myers, Brenda Charleston, David Nilemo, Brian Feeney, Family of Alan Espersen, Valerie Becker, Millie, Family of Charlie Hoffman, Donna, Dennis, Bob Koostra, Phyllis Kunzel, Richard Jonas, Steven Jungerberg, Raymond Swaby, Rod Barikmo, Elaine Sima, Nick & Anita Lehr, and Micah Smith. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Incarnate God, your love enlightens. Open our hearts and minds to fresh understandings of our faith. Deepen our love for you and for one another. Teach us to pray for our enemies. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A We give you thanks, oh God, for the celebration of birthdays and anniversaries in our faith community. Today we pray for Ken Drum, Lorna Gauthier, and Lisa Willman. We also pray for Arvid and Marlous Prickett as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Abiding God, your love saves. Those who died in the faith are made alive in Christ. Today we especially pray for Douglas Denisen, our former music director, who passed away Saturday, March 2, 2024. We give thanks for your promise that we also will be raised to newness of life. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

+ **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

+ **WE SHARE OUR GIFTS & TITHES**

+ **OFFERTORY**

+ **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

ELW 107

A Let us pray.

C **Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

+ **PROPER PREFACE**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Spoken)*

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

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.**

+ **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

MUSICAL OFFERING *“My Soul Rejoice” & Miracle of Life*
(Sung By: John Sherman)

+ **COMMUNION BLESSING**

P Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C **Amen.**

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Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

+ **THE BLESSING**

P Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed.

God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace.

C **Amen.**

+ **SENDING HYMN**

“Amazing Grace”

ELW 779

+ **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Share your bread.

C Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the chancel this morning are given by our Church Council in recognition and celebration of Pastor Jeff Unga's 25 years of ministry.

HOSPITALIZATIONS

Local hospitals are no longer calling church offices to advise of the hospitalizations of parishioners. If you are hospitalized, or know of someone that is hospitalized, please let the church office know so that we may keep you/them in our prayers and provide pastoral support.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Marcia Schacht has agreed to lead the Bible Study class and she has chosen "Women of the Bible" as the topic. Classes will be held on the fourth Friday of the month, and will begin at 10:00 a.m. So, mark your calendars and plan to attend!

LENTEN SERVICES

There will be a Lenten service every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. during Lent with a soup supper to follow until Holy Week.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Passion/Palm Sunday, Sunday, March 24, 2024 - 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024 - 5:30 p.m. worship service.

Good Friday, March 29, 2024 - 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae service.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Shepherd of the Glades will have three (3) worship services this Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024. The Sunrise worship service will be held outside in the courtyard at 7:00 a.m. Services at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. will be held in the sanctuary.

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN BREAKFAST!

The Fellowship committee is planning a farewell breakfast for Sunday, April 7, 2024, immediately following our worship service. The breakfast will be served in Hanson Hall. The committee needs to know how much food to prepare, so if you are planning to attend, please register on the signup sheets in the Narthex.

NEW MEMBERS SUNDAY

If you would like to make Shepherd of the Glades your church home, we are planning a "New Member" Sunday, April 7, 2024. For more information you can call the office at (239) 775-0696 during regular business hours.

THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES:

The office is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Please call the church office or Pastor Jeff's cell phone if you have pastoral needs.

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 10, 2024, 9:30 a.m., public worship with Bishop Pedro Saurez. Worship will also be live streamed on YouTube, or you can access on our website. See website for details - www.sotgweb.org.

Sunday, March 10th, Shepherd of the Glade's 50th Anniversary celebration beginning at 9:30 a.m. with a special worship service.

Monday, March 11th & Wednesday, March 13th, Bone Builders from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 12th, Sew-Sew Quilters from 8:30—11:00 a.m. in Hanson Hall.

Tuesday, March 12th, Church Council meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13th, Pastor Jeff's Bible study, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 13th, Lenten Service beginning at 5:30 p.m. followed by soup supper in Hanson Hall.

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 17, 2024, 9:30 a.m., public worship with Pastor Jeff Unga. Worship will also be live streamed on YouTube, or you can access on our website. See website for details -www.sotgweb.org.

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Our Mission is "Transforming lives through the Living Word of God."

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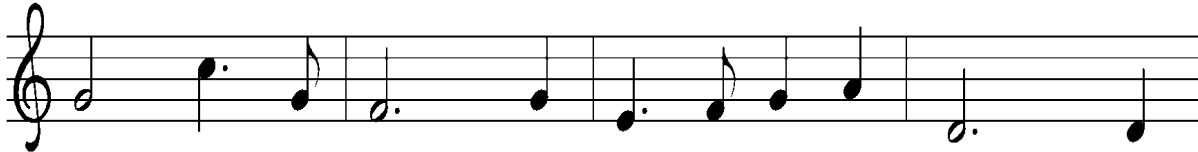
Administrative Assistants to the Pastor

Lynn Dickerman and Linda Tidmore

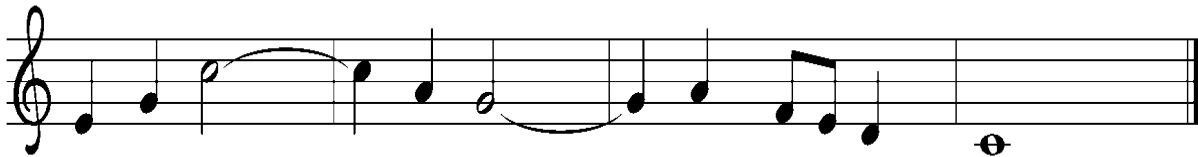
Pastor Emeritus

Rev. H. Peter Lyberg

Lift High the Cross



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

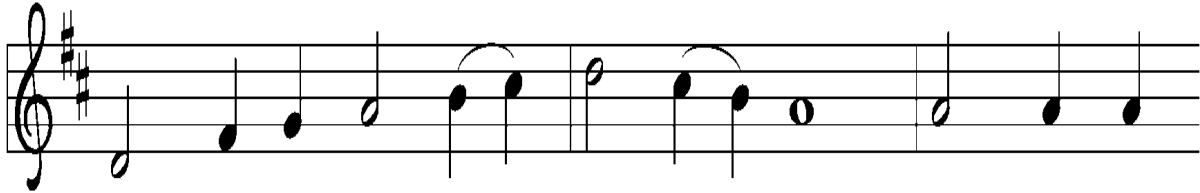
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Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

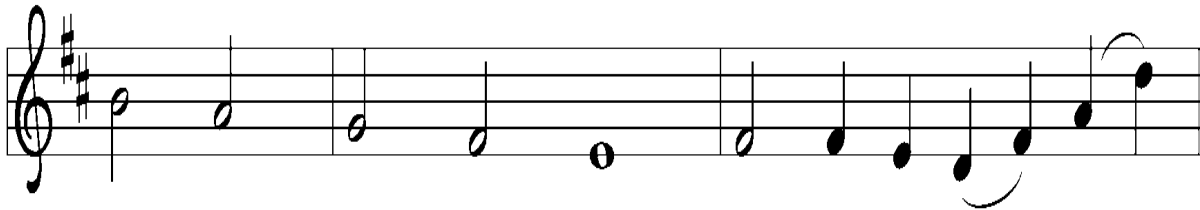
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Give to Our God Immortal Praise!



1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of



truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er



God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

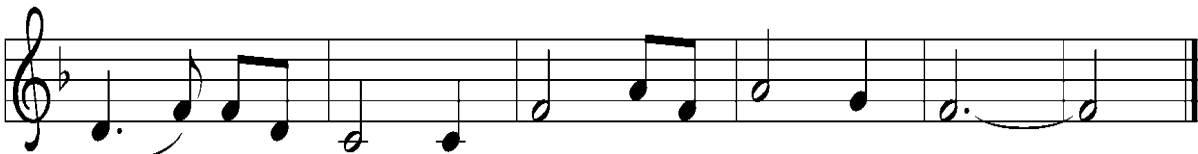
Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.