

Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

February 24, 2019

Leap of Faith



*For every house is built by someone, but God is
the builder of everything. Hebrews 3:4*



Seventh Sunday After The Epiphany



Communion Statement

We will be celebrating Holy Communion at this service

We consider this to be a family meal partaken in and with the Real Presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The term “Communion” describes the relationship between the participants, certainly between each person and our Savior whose meal it is, but also with all who come together to consume Christ’s body and blood in and with the bread and wine. To properly celebrate Communion all participants should be in communion, sharing the same confession of faith as is taught by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). **We welcome all those who regularly confess this faith as members or regular attenders of Lamb of God. Those who belong to another LCMS congregation and wish to join with us as fellow family members are asked to speak to an Elder prior to the beginning of service. Those who are visiting but not members of an LCMS congregation may approach the communion rail and receive a blessing with their arms folded in front of their chest, or remain seated.**

This has been the practice of the Church from the beginning, which according to earliest records would dismiss all those not baptized and confirmed before the Lord’s Supper was celebrated. We are celebrating this Sacrament in keeping with this tradition. If you are from outside the LCMS confession, please know that we are not judging you or your faith. We are not implying that you are not a Christian or worthy of the gifts Christ won for you on the cross. We are simply acknowledging that since you do not have the same confession as we do you are not “in communion” with us. If you still desire to participate in Holy Communion in the future at Lamb of God please speak with Pastor Mark after the service. Thank you for honoring our celebration of Holy Communion. There are gluten free wafers available.

2 *** Note: For those concerned about consuming alcohol-the individual cups in the center of each tray contain diluted wine. (1 drop of wine in water)*

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Who witness, have fellowship & show compassion

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**10:00 AM
HOLY COMMUNION**

Divine Service I

*Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
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Fellowship Register

Please sign the register that you will find in the book holder and pass it on to the others sitting in your pew. Guests are invited to sign the register and please include your address. Thank you.

Pre-Service Music

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing of the Peace




The Peace of the Lord be with you always.




And also with you.

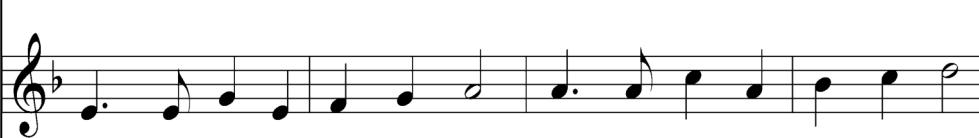
Opening Hymn + LSB 394
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
And at Ca - na wed-ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo-rious sign;
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
Man - i - fest in gra-cious will, Ev - er bring-ing good from ill;
All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap-pear;
That we might be-come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - them's be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 An - them's be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 An - them's be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 Thou by all wilt be con-fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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Please stand, as able.

Confession and Absolution

- P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus**

Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Psalm + Psalm 103:1-13

P Bless the LORD, O my soul,
C **and all that is within me, bless his |holy name!**
P Bless the LORD, O my soul,
C **and forget not all his benefits,**
P who forgives all your iniquity,
C **who heals all your diseases,**
P who redeems your life from the pit,
C **who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**
P who satisfies you with good
C **so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**
P The LORD works righteousness
C **and justice for all who are oppressed.**
P He made known his ways to Moses,
C **his acts to the people of Israel.**
P The LORD is merciful and gracious,
C **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
P He will not always chide,
C **nor will he keep his anger forever.**
P He does not deal with us according to our sins,

C nor repay us according to our iniquities.

P For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

C so great is his steadfast love toward those who
fear him;



P as far as the east is from
the west,

C Lord, have mer - cy.

C so far does he re-
move our transgressions from us.

P As a father shows compassion to his children,

C so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear



C Lord, have mer - cy.

him.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the
Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now,



C Lord, have mer - cy.

and will be forever. Amen.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

Kyrie + LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Hymn
Praise
LSB



of
+
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vs 1, 3-4

O Bless the Lord, My Soul


1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join 3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain; 4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;

And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine. 'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain. He that re - deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you,**
- P** O God, the Strength of all who put their trust in You,
mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended

against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

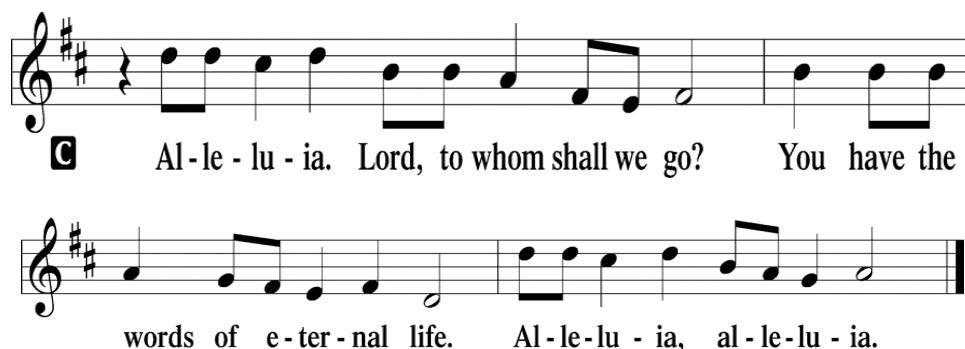
Old Testament Reading + Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph Provides for His Brothers and Family

¹Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, “Make everyone go out from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with your-

selves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.



P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

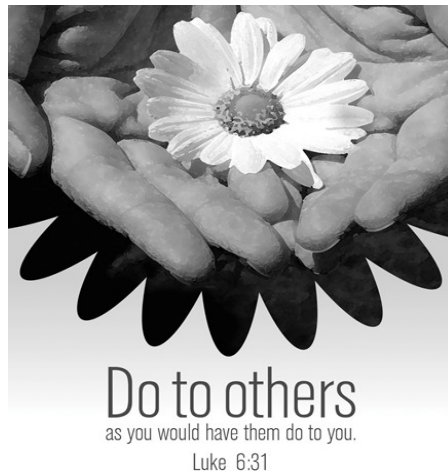
Epistle + 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . . ³⁰Why am I in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." ³³Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." ³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning.

For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

³⁵But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.



P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able.
Alleluia and Verse + LSB 156

Holy Gospel + Luke 6:27-38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter.

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

²⁷[Jesus said:] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³²“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good

to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

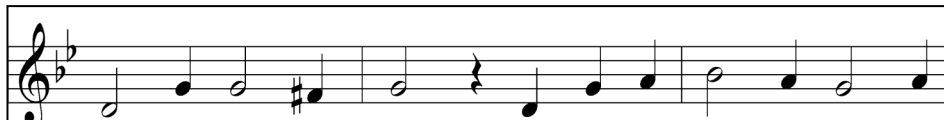
C Praise to You, O Christ.

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Hymn of the Day + LSB 719
I Leave All Things to God's Direction



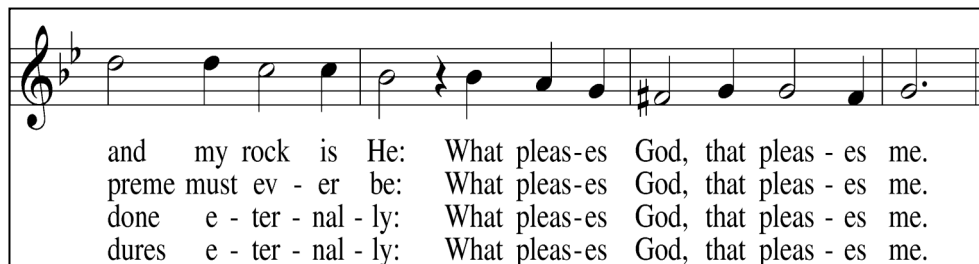
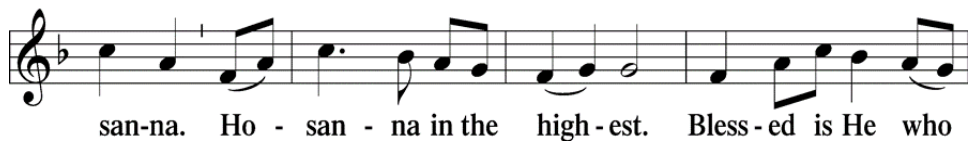
1	I	leave	all	things	to	God's	di -	rec -	tion;	He	loves	me
2	God	knows	what	must	be	done	to	save	me;	His	love	for
3	My	God	de -	sires	the	soul's	sal -	va -	tion;	My	soul	He,
4	My	God	has	all	things	in	His	keep -	ing;	He	is	the



both	in	joy	and	woe.	His	will	is	good,	sure	His	af -
me	will	nev -	er	cease.	Up -	on	His	hands	He	did	en -
too,	de -	sires	to	save.	There -	fore	with	Chris -	tian	res -	ig -
ev -	er	faith -	ful	friend.	He	gives	me	laugh -	ter	af -	ter



fec - tion;	His ten - der	love is true,	I know.	My for-tress
grave me	With pur - est	gold of lov - ing	grace.	His will su -
na - tion	All earth - ly	trou - bles I	will brave.	His will be
weep-ing,	And all His	ways in bless - ings	end.	His love en -



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Sermon + Genesis 45:5-8
"God Works Despite Our Errors"

Please stand, as able.

Apostle's Creed

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 everlasting. Amen.





Please be seated.

We receive our Tithes and Offerings.

Offering Verse

*"Bless the Lord, O my
is within me, bless
Bless the Lord, O my
not all His benefits."*



Psalm 103:1-2
*soul, and all that
His holy name!
soul, and forget*

Offertory + LSB 814 sts. 2, 5-6

O Bless the Lord, My Soul

- 2 O bless the Lord, my soul,
Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness
And without praises die!
- 5 He fills the poor with good;
He gives the suff'ers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud
And justice for the oppressed.
- 6 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His beloved Son.

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Prayer of the Church + (each petition will conclude:)

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

Brief silence

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** We pray, Lord, to grant us these and all things good and
wholesome and profitable to our salvation, through the
merits and mercies of Jesus Christ, our Savior, in union
with You and the Holy Spirit, the one eternal God, now
and forever

C **Amen.**

Please stand, as able.

Preface + LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Be merciful,
JUST AS YOUR FATHER
is merciful.
LUKE 6:36

Pref-

*Proper
ace +*

Pastor

It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus + LSB 161
Prayer of Thanksgiving

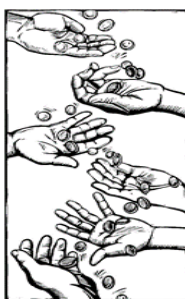
Word's of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ + LSB 162

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus
Father, in giving us
blood to eat and to
remember and
cross and passion,
Your rest in the tomb,
from the dead,
heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember



**GIVE,
AND
IT
WILL
BE
GIVEN
TO
YOU**

Luke 6:38

Christ, only Son of the
Your body and
drink, You lead us to
confess Your holy
Your blessed death,
Your resurrection
Your ascension into
So remember

us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

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

Pax Domini + LSB 163


P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Agnus Dei + LSB 163

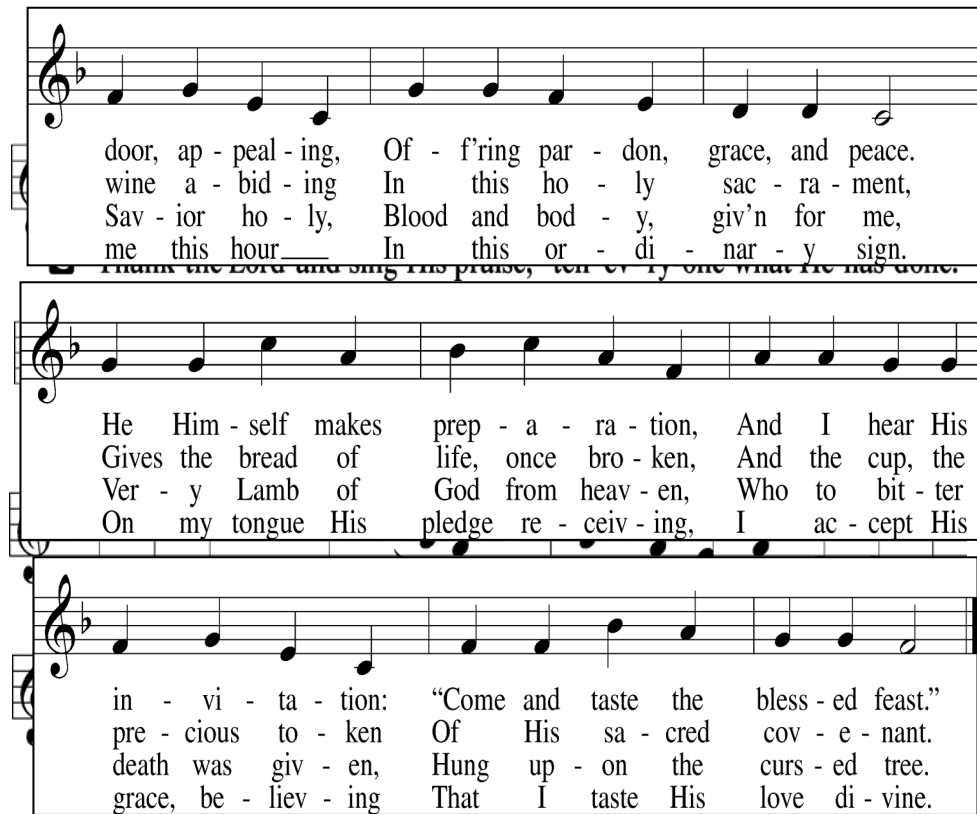
Please be seated.

+ Distribution of the Blessed Sacrament +

Distribution Hymn + LSB 620
Jesus Comes Today with Healing


1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to





door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
 me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.
 Thank the Lord and sing His praise, tell ev'ry one what He has done.

He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His

in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

The hymn continues on next page.

- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
 Whose own feast of love I savor,
 Bidden by His gracious call.
 Wedding garments He provides me,
 With a robe of white He hides me,
 Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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Distribution Hymn + LSB 761
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Musical notation (treble clef, key signature of two flats) and four lines of lyrics:

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;
3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,

God sent me before
you to preserve for
you a remnant on
earth, and to keep
alive for you many
survivors,



Genesis 45:7, NRSV