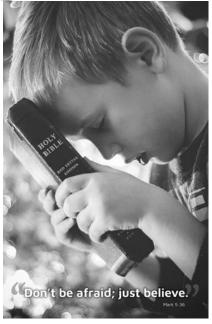
# "Growing God's Kingdom"



# THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 **MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**TODAY'S INTRODUCTION:** A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

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## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST June 27, 2021 – 9:15 a.m.

\*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

#### **PREPARATION**

**CHIMES** 

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

PRELUDE:

[Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.]

#### \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.
- C Amen.
- P Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

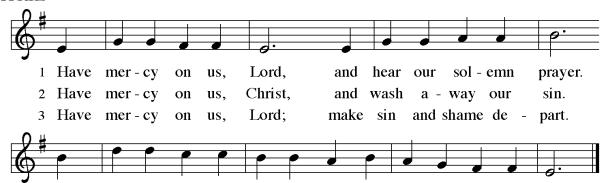
- P Reconciling God,
- C we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.
- P Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### **GATHERING**

- \* GATHERING HYMN
- "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
- bulletin, pg. 12

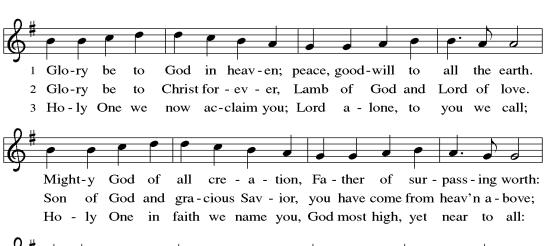
- \* GREETING
  - P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
  - C And also with you.

#### \* KYRIE



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!

#### \* CANTICLE OF PRAISE



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

- \* PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)
  - P Let us pray...
  - C Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **WORD**

The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

<sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. <sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. <sup>27</sup>It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, <sup>28</sup>to sit alone in silence when the LORD has imposed it, <sup>29</sup>to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), <sup>30</sup>to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.

<sup>31</sup>For the LORD will not reject forever. <sup>32</sup>Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; <sup>33</sup>for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

- L: The word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 30 (Responsively)

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

<sup>4</sup>Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.

<sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

<sup>6</sup>While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.

<sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains. "Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

8I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

9"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup>Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

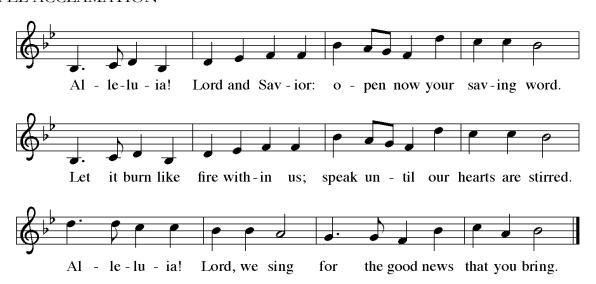
<sup>12</sup>Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

<sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—<sup>11</sup>now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup>I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup>your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup>As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

- L: The word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.
- \* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

- - P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the  $5^{th}$  chapter.
  - C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." <sup>24</sup>So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." <sup>29</sup>Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?" <sup>32</sup>He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

<sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" <sup>36</sup>But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." <sup>37</sup>He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.

<sup>38</sup>When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup>He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

SERMON Vicar Leister HYMN OF THE DAY "I Know that My Redeemer Lives!" (vss. 1-4) bulletin, pg. 13

\* APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)

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 the life everlasting. Amen.

- \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
  - P Lord, in your mercy,
  - C hear our prayer.

#### OFFERING PRESENTATION

#### \* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

#### \* OFFERING PRAYER

- P Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life,
- C you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

#### \* HOLY COMMUNION

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 your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

#### C Amen.

#### \* THE LORD'S PRAYER (all)

- P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:
- 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.

- P The Body of Christ given for you. (Wafer)
- P The Blood of Christ shed for you. (Juice)

#### \* COMMUNION BLESSING

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

#### \* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray,

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### **SENDING**

- \* BLESSING
  - P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
  - C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)
- \* SENDING HYMN "I Know that My Redeemer Lives!"

(vss. 5-8) bulletin, pg. 13

- \* DISMISSAL
  - P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
  - C Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

#### PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN WITH YOU AND DISPOSE OF AT HOME!

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Haley Mummah

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD - Linda Clark & Chris Martin (6/28/21—8/1/21)

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTE - Nick Reed

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING PRESENTER – Hannah Ehrisman

#### **WELCOME TO ALL!**

JUST A THOUGHT – Roswell C. Long, Christian Thinker: Worship liberates the personality by giving a new perspective to life.

#### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

#### **NEW!!** -- MASKING UPDATE FOR MESSIAH

After nearly 17 months of masking, social distancing, deep cleaning, keeping aware of those around us, getting vaccinated, and staying at home as much as possible, restrictions are starting to be lifted in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As of June 28th, Governor Wolf and Pennsylvania's state legislature has agreed that the masking mandate that has been in effect for our state since March of 2020 will be a thing of the past, hopefully for a long time to come. But even with the order lifted, and all restrictions lifted earlier in the month, the Department of Health says people will still have to follow CDC guidance for wearing masks, like wearing one when a business requires it or wearing one on public transportation.

With all of this in mind, beginning on <u>Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup></u>, Messiah will begin to follow these lifted restrictions. Both masking and social distancing will be **OPTIONAL** unless restrictions are re-issued. However, we will continue to print the hymns in the bulletins as well as continue with our current communion cup combo (wafer/juice) until September 5<sup>th</sup>, when we return to 10:30 services. At this point, we hope to have all hymnals back in place as well as the use of the wafer and wine, as well as manna bread, ready for full communion once again. Also in September, we will continue with senior choir rehearsals (get your singing voices ready!!) as well as junior church and Sunday School! So plan on slowly getting back to "normal"..... and we thank God for guiding us through these past 17 months (not 17 years like the cicadas!).

## THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS <u>THURSDAY NOON</u>.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Vicar Leister at sleister@gmail.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for <u>one month</u>. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact the church office at 436-6213 or <u>mlchurchoffice@gmail.com</u>. If you have anyone who is a "last minute" addition after the bulletin has been printed on Fridays, please fill out an orange prayer card in the pew and lay it on the stand where the gluten free wafers are placed PRIOR to the morning worship service.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE for any change in addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or for any requests for building usage. There are a lot of activities and some coordination is needed so events are not "overbooked" in any specific areas of the church (this also applies to church groups who meet in the church). Please contact the office at 436-6213 or email <a href="mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com">mlchurchoffice@gmail.com</a> for any changes or requests.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY NEEDS OR CONCERNS, please contact Vicar Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Vicar Leister know. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at <a href="mailto:sleister@gmail.com">sleister@gmail.com</a>.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION - We will be using communion kits that are pre-packaged and sealed that include a wafer and grape juice. Each person desiring to share in the meal will take a packaged kit when you receive a bulletin.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING 2020 AND 2021 SENIORS: Zane Hazard (2020), son of Bob and Tina Hazard; Marina Holderman (2020), daughter of Bill and Christie Holderman; Garrett Berry (2020), son of Steve and Jean Berry; Tai Kepler (2021), son of Marc and Nasreen Kepler; Drew Lauver (2021), son of Andy and Rachael Lauver; Nathan Swailes (2021), son of Kevin and Kate Swailes; and Jace White (2021), son of John and Kim White.

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, Messiah congregational splash party at Central Juniata Park Pool in Mifflin. More information will follow.

ANYONE WITH CHILDREN entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade or higher in the fall of 2021 who would like to register their child for the upcoming confirmation class (and is not already registered) are asked to contact Vicar Leister or the church office.

JUNE'S "MISSION OF THE MONTH" at Messiah will be for the Hockenberry Family of East Waterford who not only lost everything in a house fire on May 17<sup>th</sup>, but also lost their mother and grandmother due to that fire. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to the Hockenberry Family for this cause. In addition to your generosity, the PPC allocated funds to match congregational donations up to \$1,000.00. This is just one way in which we can continue to extend our mission in Christ's love beyond the walls of our church building.

#### WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT:

June 13, 2021 Attendance – 42

		Other Fund	Other Funds	
Total Offering	\$3,105.00	Benevolence	\$ 145.00	
Other Funds	<u>494.00</u>	Building Fund	100.00	
General Fund	\$2,611.00	Fire Victims	175.00	
		World Hunger	50.00	
		Flowers	24.00	
		Total	\$ 494.00	

OUR WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE AT MESSIAH has begun talks about possibly changing the starting times of all Sunday services to an earlier time. Discussion centered around possibly starting services at 10 AM at the beginning of 2022, with the Sunday School hour then being adjusted as well. HOWEVER, we need your input!! Is 10 AM a time which would seem a good time to have all Sunday services? (Please remember that we now have air conditioning in our building. The lack of A/C in the past was a huge reason why we started having summer services at 9:15 AM). What do YOU think about a 10 AM start time? Would you prefer another, earlier time? What time would you like to see the Sunday School "portion" of the morning to begin?? Again, WE NEED YOUR INPUT! Please take the time to talk to any of our Worship & Music Committee members – Vicar Sam, Bob St. Clair, Diana Wise, Michelle Stoner, Andrea Cameron, or Jamie Miller – and share any ideas you may have concerning our start time in 2022. Remember, whatever time is selected will be that same start time all year round. But, as you may have heard, WE NEED YOUR INPUT!! Reach out to one of the committee members today!

COPIES OF MARCH 21, 2021 PPC MINUTES are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

#### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Friday – 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

#### **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

NEW BATH-SIZE BARS OF SOAP (4 oz. to 5 oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) is continuously collected as an on-going project for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the basket on the blue table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

#### **COMMUNITY**

#### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JUNE:**

CLEANING SUPPLIES & PERSONAL CARE ITEMS. **BACKPACK PROGRAM:** SINGLE SERVE FRUIT CUPS. JELL-O CUPS, NON-CHOCOLATE PUDDING, & SINGLE SERVE MEALS.

#### THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

**Today:** -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion.

**Monday:** -7:00 p.m., AA in Youth Area.

Wednesday: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion.

#### PRAYER LIST

Shirley Aumiller
Donna Barton
Donna Bell
Andy Berrier
Roxanne Boyer
Wanda Boyer
Dan Brown
Charlotte Burd
Andrea Cameron
Pam Campbell
Ron Chambers
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Curtis Clark
Randy Clark
Terry Coder

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Shirley Miller Jim Minick Claire Mummah Ken Mummah Darve Nace Paul Ogden Austin Parker Noel Peachey Rick & Audrey Peters Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine Dave Phelan **Butch & Sandy Pines** Cheryl Pinkerton & family Betty Ranck Keith Ranck Mike Rhoades Bill & Claudette Satzler Mackenzie Shearer Ron & Arlene Shearer Mike Sparks Andy Spigelmyer Bob & Jeanette St. Clair Dorothy Towsey Erma Williamson Jim Woltman Mackenzie Wray

George Zimmerman

Linda Zimmerman

#### **PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS**

Ray Bramm Ruth Cisney

Max Ernest

Paul Goss Margaret Guss

Mona Lawson

Minnie Minick Edith Nipple

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Ken Stuck

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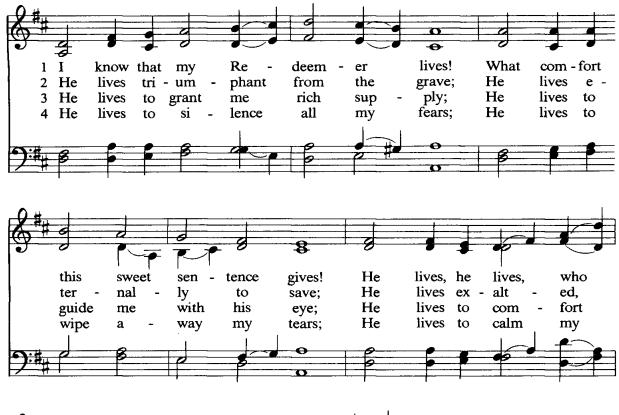
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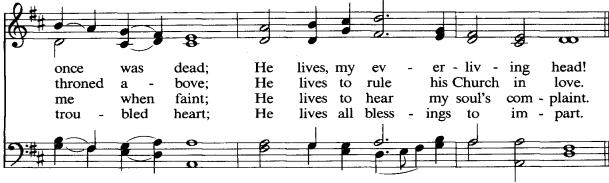
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### I Know that My Redeemer Lives!

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- 5 He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to plead for me above; He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; What joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!