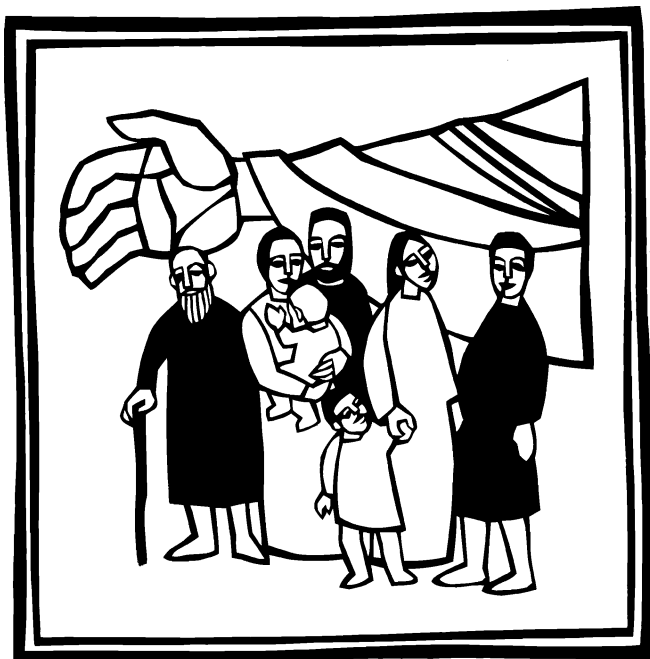


Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025



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God's work. Our hands.

*To all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church opens its arms and bids you **welcome!***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOISY OFFERING - TO BENEFIT CARE NET

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.**

We oppress others,

**even though you have set us free again and again.
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In + Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

GATHERING SONG *The God of Abraham Praise* (ELW 831, vs 1-4)

GREETING

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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

And also with you.

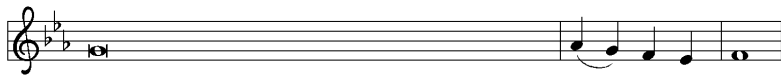
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



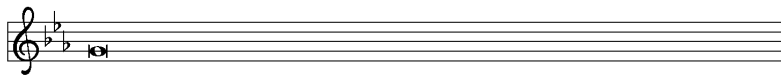
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



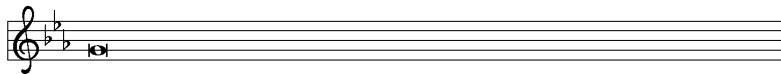
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Genesis.

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸ But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram,

saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 27

In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter. (*Ps. 27:5*)

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

² **When evildoers close in against me to de- | vour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- | ble and fall.**

³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart | will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will | not be shaken.

⁴ **One thing I ask of the LORD; one | thing I seek;**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon
the beauty of the LORD and to seek God | in the temple. R**

⁵ For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- | on a rock.

⁶ **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will
sing and make music | to the LORD.**

⁷ Hear my voice, O LORD, | when I call;

have mercy on me and | answer me.

⁸ **My heart speaks your message— | “Seek my face.”**

Your face, O LORD, | I will seek. R

⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- | vant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of | my
salvation.

¹⁰ **Though my father and my moth- | er forsake me,
the LORD will | take me in.**

¹¹ Teach me your | way, O LORD;

lead me on a level path, because of | my oppressors.

¹² **Subject me not to the will | of my foes,**

for they rise up against me, false witnesses | breathing violence.

¹³ This I believe—that I will see the goodness | of the LORD

in the land | of the living!

¹⁴ **Wait for the LORD¹ and be strong.
Take heart and wait¹ for the LORD! R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17—4:1

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Philippians.

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

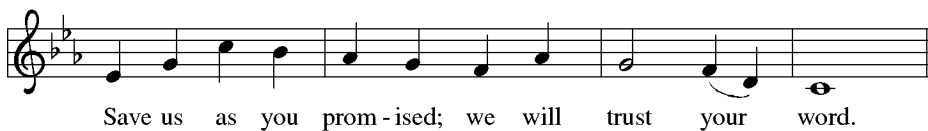
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.' ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (ELW 834)

APOSTLES CREED

**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.**

PRAYER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you long to gather your church under your wings. Bless the churches of Jerusalem, and all persecuted churches, that your people may take heart and stand firm as they witness and minister in your name. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy God, you give shelter to living things as numerous as the stars. Strengthen the voice of prophets who call humanity to faithful care for the planet, that they would not be silenced but heeded as your messengers. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy God, you raised up leaders like Abram, Sarai, and Paul to show your people what it means to rely on your promises. Guide today's leaders to work for justice and safeguard the world for future generations. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy God, you are the stronghold of our life. Care tenderly for those who are ill in body or mind, and for people living in fear or need (*especially*). May all know they are not alone. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy God, you offer us citizenship in heaven. Unite communities of faith who are divided over earthly things, that following the way of your Son, they may set aside grudges and serve their neighbors with generosity and love. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Holy God, you are our light and our salvation. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Help us to trust in you as they did and to live according to their example. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

MUSICAL SELECTION

OFFERING

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,

God the reconciling Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG *God of Grace and God of Glory* (ELW 705)

DISMISSAL

The worship has ended, let the service begin.
Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
Thanks be to God.

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DINKEY MEMORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
March 16, 2025

The Altar Flowers are not sponsored today.

The Bulletins are not sponsored today.

Flower and bulletin charts for **2025** are on the bulletin board above the stairs. You may either sign up on the charts or by calling the office at 610-377-4242. It is appreciated if you pay for your sponsorship by the end of the month that you have sponsored. **All weeks are open for the Memorial Bowl. It is very important for flower sponsors to return the cans and plastic gold bowls that they take the flowers home in. Thank you very much for your cooperation.**

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00- 2:00
(610)377-4242

The Week Ahead:

Today	9:00AM	2nd Sunday in Lent Worship
	10:15AM	Sunday School
	12:30PM	Confirmation (SJ)
Monday	6:30PM	Anniversary Celebration meeting
Tuesday	6:30PM	Council Meeting

Wednesday	9:00AM	Morning Prayer
	7:00PM	Lenten Worship (St Peter's)
Thursday	9:30AM	Bible Study
	3:30PM	Community Food Pantry
	6:30PM	Choir
	7:30PM	Chime Choir
Sunday	9:00AM	3rd Sunday in Lent Worship
	10:15AM	Sunday School

HAPPY BIRTHDAY March 16 to March 22

03/18 Lisa Roos

03/19 Joseph Kluk Jr

03/19 Travis Steigerwalt

03/20 Madisynn Hawk

03/22 Melani Bowman

03/22 Daniel Kobal

Giant Gift Cards: If you would like to purchase any Giant Gift Cards please see Kathy Steigerwalt. We receive 5% from each gift card sold.

Anniversary Celebration: In 2026 Dinkey Memorial will be celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the founding of the congregation in 1851. A team is being formed to coordinate the celebration and we are looking for people interested in sharing the history of the congregation and having some fun while doing so. If you are interested, the team will be meeting on March 17, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

Altar Guild: We are in need of people willing to help with the altar guild. Responsibilities include setting up and cleaning up communion, refilling candles, updating the hymn boards, and changing paraments. Our goal is to form altar guild teams that will rotate on a monthly basis. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pr. Tony (610-377-4242 or prdinklc@ptd.net).

Fundraising: Dinkey is selling Rita's cards for 10% off your purchase, cost is \$5.00. Please see Karen Schleicher (610)390-1125. Dinkey is also selling Streak free cloths; \$5 each. Please contact Jan in the office if interest

Vacation Bible School: The time is now for us to plan VBS for Summer 2025, however, we are in need of help. If you are able to help in any way with coordinating, teaching, assisting in the classroom, planning snacks or games, or teaching music, please speak with Pr. Tony. Let's make this VBS another wonderful experience for our children!

Stained Glass Windows: Help preserve our stained glass windows by making a donation today. Your support will help us complete the work necessary to repair and upgrade the windows and preserve them for the future. You can donate by marking "Stained Glass Windows" on your envelope and memo line of your check, or by scanning the QR code to download the Vanco Mobile app. Thank you for your support and commitment to this project.



Mamma Mia!: The Leighton drama club is presenting Mamma Mia on March 27, 2025 – March 29, 2025. Doors open at 6:30 PM; Show begins at 7:00 PM; Cost is \$15/ Adults, \$10/ Seniors, \$5/ Students.

Spring Bazaar: Ben Salem UCC in Leighton will be having their Spring Bazaar on Friday, April 4, 2025 from 5:00 -7:30 PM and Saturday, April 5, 2025 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

Spring Bazaar: St John's Mahoning will be having their Spring Bazaar on Friday, April 11, 2025 from 5:00 – 7:30 PM and Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM OR ASSOCIATED WITH DINKEY MEMORIAL
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HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Tess Hinger
Ruth Keck

Debbie Meckel
Gordon Scherer

Alice Scitney
Debbie Strohl

SICK/HOSPITALIZED/SPECIAL NEEDS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Alexis	Dick German	Mary Scanlon
Faith Beck	Joseph Gorman	Kenny Schleicher
Eli Bowland	Sonny Hack	Lukas Schleicher
Sherri Bowman	Stephen Hoffman	Todd Schleicher
Willard Doll	Doug Keller	Trisha Schleicher
Lauren Dugan	Joe Kluk	Patti Walck
Candy Everett	Deb Lilly	Sandy Walter
Ann German	Family of Dan Oswald	Betty Weber

March newsletters are available in the back of the church.

We are in need of volunteers as greeters/ushers, lectors, communion assistants and altar guild. Please let the office know if you are willing to volunteer.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

<u>Ministers:</u>	The Congregation
<u>Pastor:</u>	Reverend Anthony Pagotto
<u>Music Director:</u>	Bridgette Gorman
<u>Greeters:</u>	Wetzel
<u>Acolytes:</u>	Bryn Schleicher
<u>Lector:</u>	Jim Koch

Worship Participants for March 23, 2025:

<u>Greeters:</u>	Bierman
<u>Acolytes:</u>	Colby Solt
<u>Lector</u>	Nora Oswald

2025 Lent and Easter Schedule

Midweek Lenten Worship at 7:00PM on the following dates:

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at

St. John's Lutheran Church, 826 Mahoning Drive West, Lehighton

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at

St. Peter's Church, 184 St. Peter's Road, Tamaqua, PA 18252

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at

Zion Stone Church, 45 Cemetery Road, New Ringgold, PA 17960

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at

Ben Salem UCC, 1965 Church Hill Road, Lehighton, PA 18235

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at

Dinkey Memorial Lutheran Church, 1825 Dinkey Road, Lehighton

Spring Bazaar at St. John's LC, Mahoning

Friday, April 11, 2025, 5:00 – 7:30PM

Saturday, April 12, 2025, 9:00AM – 2:00PM

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday at 11:00AM

Maunder Thursday, April 17, 2025

7:00PM at St. Peter's Church, Tamaqua

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

7:00PM at Ben Salem UCC, Lehighton



Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

6:30AM Sunrise worship in Dinkey Memorial Cemetery

7:00AM Breakfast at Dinkey Memorial LC

9:00AM Worship at Dinkey Memorial LC

10:15AM Easter Egg Hunt in Dinkey Memorial Cemetery

10:45AM Worship at St. John's LC, Mahoning



The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
 2 The God of A-br'ham praise! At your su-preme com-mand
 3 The God of A-br'ham praise! Your all - suf - fi - cient grace
 4 Your prom-ise you have sworn; I on your oath de - pend.

An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love—
 from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand—
 shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.
 I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.

"I Am the One I Am"— by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 I all on earth for - sake— its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r—
 You deign to call me friend; you call your - self my God!
 I shall be - hold your face; I shall your pow'r a - dore,

I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.
 and you my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
 And you will save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.
 and sing the won - ders of your grace for - ev - er - more.

5 Though nature's strength decay,
 and earth and hell withstand,
 to Canaan's bounds I urge my way
 at your command.
 The wat'ry deep I pass,
 with Jesus in my view,
 and through the howling wilderness
 my way pursue.

6 The goodly land I see,
 with peace and plenty blest;
 a land of sacred liberty,
 and endless rest.
 There milk and honey flow,
 and oil and wine abound,
 and trees of life forever grow
 with mercy crowned.

7 Before the great Three-One
 the saints exulting stand
 and tell the wonders God has done
 through all their land.
 The list'ning spheres attend
 and swell the growing fame
 and sing the songs which never end,
 the wondrous name.

8 The whole triumphant host
 give thanks to God on high.
 "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"
 they ever cry.
 Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!
 I join the heav'nly lays:
 to you be glory, might divine,
 and endless praise!

Text: Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799, alt., based on the *Yigdal*, c. 14th cent.
 Music: YIGDAL, Jewish melody; arr. Meyer Lyon, 1751–1797

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876

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God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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