



Concordia Lutheran Church  
4210 Johnson Ave NW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52405  
Second Sunday of Lent  
February 25, 2024

# Announcements for February 25, 2024

Sunday (25)	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class 3:30 Youth Group to CR Rough Riders vs Madison
Monday (26)	4:30 pm Irish Class
Tuesday (27)	9:00 am Holy Chair Yoga
Wednesday (28)	5:30-6:30 pm STEPP Up & Confirmation 6:00-6:45 pm Bells 7:00 pm Midweek Lenten Service
<b>Saturday (2)</b>	<b>6:00 pm Trivia Night &amp; Chili Cook Off</b>
Sunday (3)	8:30 am Worship & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class 6:30-8:30 pm Youth Group

**Last week at Concordia: Attendance: 59 Planned Returning: \$3,051 Actual Returning: \$1,106 YTD: \$6,761**

**Welcome Concordia members & guests – please be sure to fill out the attendance/communion cards located in each pew. Thank you!**

**Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser – Cans & Bottle Drive** – please save your recyclable cans & bottles. Drop off at Concordia at 9:00 am on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Mark your Calendars! Saturday, March 2nd at 6:00 pm** for the annual **Trivia & Chili cook-off night**. Want to test your knowledge at trivia or just have a fun night with friends? Bring your neighbor or entire family for this fun filled night hosted by the Concordia youth group. There will be prizes for the winning trivia team and winning soup/chili. Signup sheets will be on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you sign up as an individual, you are more than welcome to join a team that night. The cost is \$10 per person. Please contact Wes for more information or questions.

**Please join us for Easter breakfast** hosted by the Youth Group following the worship service on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet for attendance, breakfast ingredients donations, and pastries. If you can help with any of these things, it would be greatly appreciated.

**Reminder – Midweek Lenten services on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm during Lent. Please join us for the Lenten series “Be Gracious to Me”**

Please join us - **Theatre Cedar Rapids** is hosting a **Celebration of Life Brunch** in loving memory of **Jody Lippmann** on March 10, 2024, 11am – 2 pm at Theatre Cedar Rapids, 102 Third Street SE, Cedar Rapids.

**EASTER LILIES - We are now taking orders for Easter Lilies to help decorate the church for Easter. Lilies are \$10 each and forms are on the Welcome Desk. Orders & payments are due by March 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**GriefShare – Coming Monday, March 11** – If you have experienced the loss of a spouse, child, parent, or friend, or are struggling from an unresolved grief, I invite you to consider attending GriefShare sessions starting on Monday, March 11 at 10:00 am at King of Kings Lutheran Church in the Fireside Room. This support group uses the worldwide Christian based curriculum that consist of 11 weekly lessons that meet for around 2 hours. Each week we watch a 40-minute video with the presenters being pastors, counselor, psychologist, and lay people that have experienced the death of a spouse, child, parent or friend or an unresolved death. The presenters give advice on how they dealt with grief and how to manage your life and feelings after your loss. GriefShare is a Bible based support group that gives emotional and spiritual guidance as you walk through your life ahead without your loved one(s). Grief is difficult for everyone impacted by a death of a loved one. Plan to attend this helpful support group of GriefShare, invite a friend or neighbor that is struggling. Contact Darlene Wood at 319-270-126 [darlenewood42@gmail.com](mailto:darlenewood42@gmail.com) or Peggy Liske at 319-350-2550 [peggyliske@gmail.com](mailto:peggyliske@gmail.com)

**Building Healthy Families:** Remember the old Sunday School song that starts, *“Oh be careful little eyes what you see...”*? As simple as these lyrics may be, they hold a profound truth for us. Many of the things our little eyes see today aren't good for us and aren't God-pleasing. Our hearts and minds are imprinted with images and messages that negatively influence how we think and feel about ourselves and others. Be careful to avoid experiences, relationships, web sites, TV shows and song lyrics that don't reflect God's good will for you, His beloved child. His designs and plans for you are oh so much better! *“Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.” Psalm 119:37* **Lutheran Family Service** [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

## Divine Service Setting Two p.167

### 904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

- 1 **Blessèd Jesus, at Your Word**  
We are gathered all to hear You.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
Now to seek and love and fear You,  
By Your teachings, sweet and holy,  
Drawn from earth to love You solely.
- 2 **All our knowledge, sense, and sight**  
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
Till Your Spirit breaks our night  
With the beams of truth unclouded.  
You alone to God can win us;  
You must work all good within us.
- 3 **Gracious Savior, good and kind,**  
Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
Open now our heart and mind;  
Help us by Your Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry Your Church now raises;  
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.
- △ 4 **Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,**  
Praise to You and adoration!  
Grant that we may trust Your Word,  
Confident of our salvation,  
While we here below must wander,  
Till we sing Your praises yonder.

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## Confession and Absolution

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

- P** In the name of the Father and of the + 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.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- 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.

## Service of the Word

## Introit

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
**for they have been from of old.**

You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!  
**He is their help and their shield.**

The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;  
**he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;**

he will bless those who fear the LORD,  
**both the small and the great.**

We will bless the LORD  
**from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
**for they have been from of old.**

## Kyrie

LSB 168

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**P** Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

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## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16*

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup>that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.”

<sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

<sup>15</sup>And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Jubilate Bells: “Canon of Grace”

### Gradual

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

**the founder and perfecter of our faith,**

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

**and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

### Epistle

*Romans 5:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

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## Holy Gospel

*Mark 8:27–38*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

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

<sup>27</sup>And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup>And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

<sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>34</sup>And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his life? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

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

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### 693 O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace

- 1 O Holy Spirit, grant us grace  
That we our Lord and Savior  
In faith and fervent love embrace  
And truly serve Him ever.  
The hour of death cannot bring loss  
When we are sheltered by the cross  
That canceled our transgressions.
- 2 Help us that we Thy saving Word  
In faithful hearts may treasure;  
Let e’er that Bread of Life afford  
New grace in richest measure.  
O make us die to ev’ry sin,  
Each day create new life within,  
That fruits of faith may flourish.
- 3 And when our earthly race is run,  
Death’s bitter hour impending,  
Then may Thy work in us begun  
Continue till life’s ending,  
Until we gladly may commend  
Our souls into our Savior’s hand,  
The crown of life obtaining.

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### Sermon

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### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church (each petition after ends)

...let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

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### Offering

#### 784 Take My Life and Let It Be v. 1-2, 5-6

- 1 Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee,  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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### Offertory



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-

va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my

vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the

courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 177

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

LSB 178

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of

pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.



Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Proclamation of Christ

**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 Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### Lord's Prayer

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

### Pax Domini

*LSB 180*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei

*LSB 180*



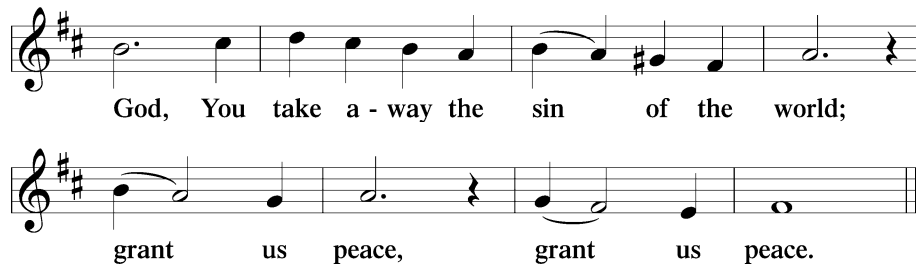
**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of



*Sit*

### Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.  
Depart + in peace.

**C** **Amen.**

### 563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

- 1 **Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.**
- 2 **Bold shall I stand in that great day,  
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
Fully absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**
- 3 **Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,  
Which at the mercy seat of God  
Pleads for the captives' liberty,  
Was also shed in love for me.**
- 4 **Lord, I believe, were sinners more  
Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,  
For all a full atonement made.**
- 5 **When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.**
- 6 **Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.**

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### 524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

- 1 **How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
And drives away our fear.**

- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole  
And calms the heart's unrest;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul  
And to the weary, rest.
- 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build,  
My shield and hiding place;  
My never-failing treasury filled  
With boundless stores of grace.
- 4 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,  
My Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my life, my way, my end,  
Accept the praise I bring.
- 5 How weak the effort of my heart,  
How cold my warmest thought!  
But when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.
- 6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
With ev'ry fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name  
Refresh my soul in death!

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## 706 Love in Christ is Strong and Living

- 1 Love in Christ is strong and living,  
Binding faithful hearts in one;  
Love in Christ is true and giving.  
May His will in us be done.
- 2 Love is patient and forbearing,  
Clothed in Christ's humility,  
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,  
Reaching out in charity.
- 3 Love in Christ abides forever,  
Fainting not when ills attend;  
Love, forgiving and forgiven,  
Shall endure until life's end.

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*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 182

Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared 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.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

### Post-Communion Collect

- P** Let us pray.  
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

### Benediction

LSB 183

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

### 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,  
 Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
 Let us each, Your love possessing,  
 Triumph in redeeming grace.  
 O refresh us; O refresh us,  
 Trav'ling through this wilderness.
- 2 Thanks we give and adoration  
 For Your Gospel's joyful sound.  
 May the fruits of Your salvation  
 In our hearts and lives abound.  
 Ever faithful, ever faithful  
 To Your truth may we be found.
- 3 Savior, when Your love shall call us  
 From our struggling pilgrim way,  
 Let not fear of death appall us,  
 Glad Your summons to obey.  
 May we ever, may we ever  
 Reign with You in endless day.

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