



**Messiah**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL  
*Church of the Lutheran Confession*

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Easter 5

*Welcome to our visitors! We appreciate your joining our worship family this morning, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor at 414-427-9337.*

**Sunday family worship...8:00 and 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday school...9:15 a.m. Bible class...9:30 a.m.**

### Today's Worship

*"For the word of God is living and active" (Heb. 4:12).*

### Greeting and prayer:

#### Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Hymn: *With High Delight Let Us Unite***



## Announcements

### Sunday Bible class

When was the last time you thought about your Baptism? Does Baptism really matter? Is Baptism something we do for God, or is it something God does for us? We'll be discussing these and other questions in the Sunday Bible class as we review Luther's Large Catechism. Everyone is welcome!

### You're invited...

All are invited to the school fun night at 6:30 p.m. this Tuesday. The closing service for the school year is Thursday at 11:30 a.m. Join us as we thank the Lord for the priceless blessings of Christian education over the past year.

### Midweek Bible class

Our Wednesday Bible class will resume this week. We will continue our study of 2 Corinthians which deals especially with the public ministry of the Word. This week we will focus on chapter 6 in which Paul speaks of positive blessings under negative circumstances and warns of stumbling blocks to the gospel. Everyone is welcome either in-person or via Zoom: (Meeting ID: 829 4059 1217 Passcode: 157427). Study guides will be emailed to those who have participated in the past. If you would like to be added to the list, email Pastor at meichsta@gmail.com.

### Concluding activities at Immanuel

Friday, May 20, will be the final day of classes at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary. In giving the LORD God glory for the various achievements by students and student groups, class day will be held at 3 pm. The band will play during this event. At 7:30 pm there will be a concert of sacred music sung by the mass choir and tour choir at Messiah Lutheran Church. On Saturday, May 21, there will be the concluding graduation worship service at 10 am at the ILC fieldhouse. We pray that the students will take what they have learned from the Word of God and treasure the Gospel by expressing their gratitude to the LORD Immanuel in their daily walk with Him.

### Time to look ahead

The academic year for our Christian day school ends this week, but preparations are already underway for this fall. By God's grace we are able to offer an elementary education centered on the eternal truths of God's Word which prepares and equips students not only for their earthly wellbeing, but gives them a solid grounding in the Word so that they may remain strong in faith and follow the Good Shepherd all the way to our heavenly home. We pray that all our member children may receive the blessings of our school. We also have room for non-members. If you know of non-members who would benefit from the school, encourage them to contact Principal Tiefel as soon as possible.

### The grass is green and growing

Mowing help is appreciated. Check the list posted on the cupboard doors.

## Looking Ahead...

- ♣**Today:**  
12:00 P.M.: Public school confirmation class.
- ♣**Tuesday:**  
11:00 A.M.: New Perspective service, Franklin.  
6:30 P.M.: School Fun Night.
- ♣**Wednesday:**  
6:30 P.M.: Bible class (in-person and Zoom).  
7:30 P.M.: Choir.
- ♣**Thursday:**  
11:30 A.M.: School closing service.  
6:00 P.M.: Council meeting.
- ♣**May 26th:**  
6:30 P.M.: Ascension Day service.

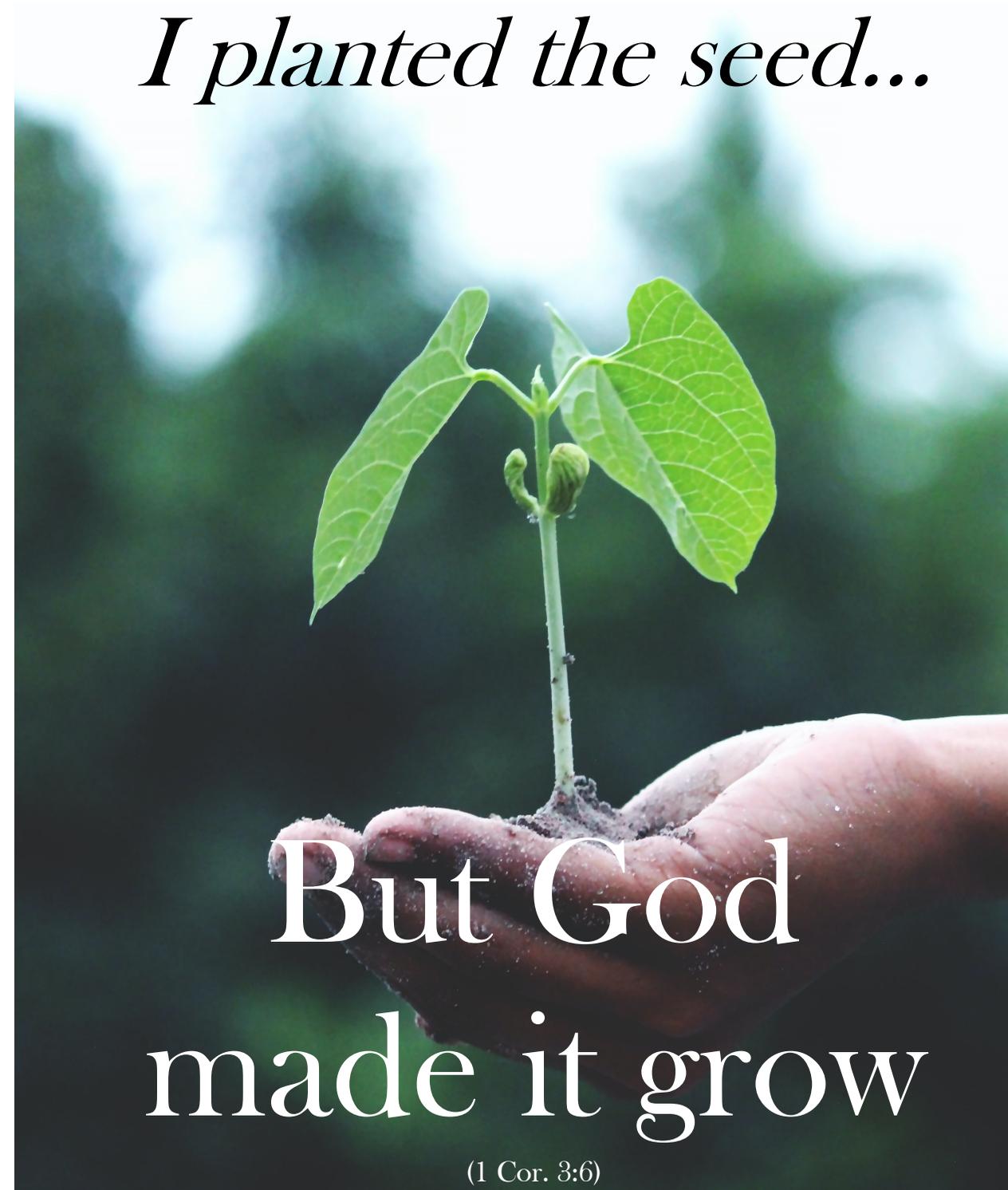
Bible Readings:	
5/15	Nm 16 Ps 52-54 Is 6 Heb 13
5/16	Nm 17-18 Ps 55 Is 7 Jas 1
5/17	Nm 19 Ps. 56-57 Is 8:1-9:7 Jas 2
5/18	Nm 20 Ps. 58-59 Is 9:8-10-10:4 Jas 3
5/19	Nm 21 Ps 60-61 Is 10:5-34 Jas 4
5/20	Nm 22 Ps 62-63 Is 11-12 Jas 5
5/21	Nm 23 Ps 64-65 Is 13 Pt 1

May Ushers		Cleaning Teams 5/21-5/27	
1st service:	A. Brown K. Ackerman	Church:	Eichstadt, Ackerman, Reim
2nd service:	M. Rentas T. Blue	School:	B/D Blue, O. Albrecht
Ascension (26th):	K. Abrahamson, M. Cutler		

Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings:	\$6,603.00	\$353,990.00
Budgetary Needs:	\$7,973.00	\$358,785.00
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$1,370.00)	\$3,178.00
Missions:	\$0.00	\$9,025.00
MDF:	\$35.00	\$1,210.00
Kinship:	\$20.00	\$8,170.00
ILCSAF:	\$100.00	\$1,575.00
Benevolence Fund:	\$50.00	

Attendance Last Sunday: 55,49

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*I planted the seed...*

But God

made it grow

(1 Cor. 3:6)

## CLC Financial Report - April

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2021	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 10 Month	Balance 4/30/2022
<b>General Fund</b>	0	864,224	1,019,318	1,050,000	- 155,094
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,347,168	1,218,019	1,206,000	129,149
<b>Auxiliary Funds</b>					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF) **	124,590	388,767	295,976		217,381
ILC Building Projects **	1,096,716	202,854	14,295		1,285,275
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	132,313	176,022	107,881		200,454
Kinship	182,119	163,585	138,673		207,031
Church Extension Fund (CEF) **	3,527,885	260,760	1,219,314		2,569,331
Student Aid Fund (SAF) **	133,585	77,917	93,717		117,785
CLC Reserve Fund**(YTDgains/losses)	300,222	- 2,921	0		297,301
<b>Auxiliary Funds Totals</b>	<b>\$5,497,430</b>	<b>\$1,266,984</b>	<b>\$1,869,856</b>		<b>\$4,894,558</b>

**General Fund – April** offerings were \$112,996 (incl \$5,100 special) **VS** disbursements of \$93,476, a **positive** monthly cash flow of \$19,520, reducing the General Fund deficit to – \$155,094. After 10 months, YTD budget offerings shortfall is: \$185,776, but YTD budget expenses underspent \$30,682. Two months remain in this fiscal year for the boards to hold their budget line & for all of us to remove the General Fund deficit, trusting our Lord to bless our best efforts. The Coordinating Council & Boards recently set FY23 budgets, trying to hold the budget line on proposals for June Convention. The Convention Prospectus will be available soon to see specifics of the budgets & work of the CLC. *“Do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”* (Heb 13:16<sup>NCV</sup>)

**ILC Operations – April** revenue was \$104,7854 (\$61,667 subsidy) **VS** disbursements of \$128,698 (wages/benefits \$77,255), a negative cash flow of – \$23,912, but still a positive balance of \$129,149.

**IIF – April** revenue: \$2,968 (\$2,453/mo bequest), **VS** \$0 disbursed. Div/Int income YTD: \$3,087.

**ILC Bldg Projects – April** revenue: \$4,098 (\$2,453/mo bequest) **VS** \$0. Div/Int income YTD: \$39,400.

**CEF – April** revenue: \$36,521 loan repayments, \$40 offerings **VS** disbursements: \$3,969 Admin. Div/Int income YTD: \$64,123.

**MDF – April** offerings \$27,033 (\$16,000 Mission Helper Trip) **VS** disbursements \$6,434 (\$4,500 Togo Vehicle; \$822, Seminary equipment; \$1,111 for admin expenses).

**SAF – April** receipts: \$8,462 (\$5,220 loan repayments, \$2,976 special gift) **VS** \$7,590 disbursed for student grants. Div/Int income YTD: **SAF**: \$48,165; **PMP grant**: \$59,087; **Scholarship Fund**: \$3,902.

**Kinship – April receipts**: \$20,518 offerings/sponsors **VS** disbursed: \$11,785 (\$10,000, Bibles & textbooks for Kenya schools-Etago & Mois Bridge; \$1,000 Medical Aid; \$855, orphans & widows).

\*\* Positive & negative fluctuations in the chart revenue column for the ILC Building Projects, IIF, CEF, SAF, & Reserve Fund reflect gains & losses in portfolio values from market fluctuations each month.

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

## Confession and Absolution:

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: God’s grace knows no bounds! Through the sacrifice of His Son, the Bridegroom of the Church, He makes us His holy bride. Anticipating the heavenly wedding feast, let us seek God’s grace now and call on Him for forgiveness and mercy.

C: **Almighty God, have mercy on us, for we cannot help ourselves. Forgive us all that we have done in the past, give us grace in this present time, and lead us to serve You and love one another in the future and on into the eternity You have promised.**

P: Jesus told the disciples, “Your sorrow will turn into joy,” and He promises “the spring of the water of life without payment.” As a called servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled  
 is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.  
 My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -  
 rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.  
 O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,  
 Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

**Prayer:**

P: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

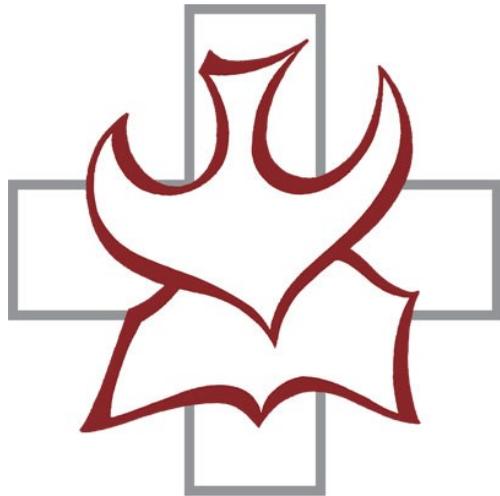
**The Lord's Prayer:****First lesson:**

**Revelation 21:1-6....What could possibly be better than to have God Himself wipe away every tear and welcome us into the new home He has prepared for us?**

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts."



home to familiar surroundings and the love of family and friends. **Above all, comfort her and her family with Your Word of promise and help.**

May we glorify You with our offerings. May they help in our ministries of Christian education and outreach. **Give us wisdom to be good stewards of all You provide to us as families and a congregation.**

No matter what this week may bring, fill us with the joy of knowing we are Your forgiven, beloved children in Christ and heirs of heaven. **In His name we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn:** *Christ, the Word of God Incarnate*

**Closing prayer:**

P: Dear Father in heaven, thank You for enlightening our hearts and lifting our spirits today with Your Word of truth. Help us going forward to put our full trust in You for forgiveness, salvation, and daily direction for our lives. In Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

**Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

**Closing hymn (49):** *Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast*

Hymn verse (283): *God's Word is Our Great Heritage*

*God's Word is our great heritage  
And shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age  
Shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way,  
In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,  
We keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations.*



**Prayer of the Church**

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Dear Lord God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth for the wellbeing of Christ's body, the Church: **We praise You for the saving, life-giving power of Your Word.** By it You have created faith in our hearts already at our baptism. **By it You daily preserve and strengthen love and trust in You.** Protect us from Satan's attacks and anything which would cause us to reject Your Word in unbelief. **Call those who have fallen away. Bring them back to You through repentance and assure them of forgiveness and peace with You.**

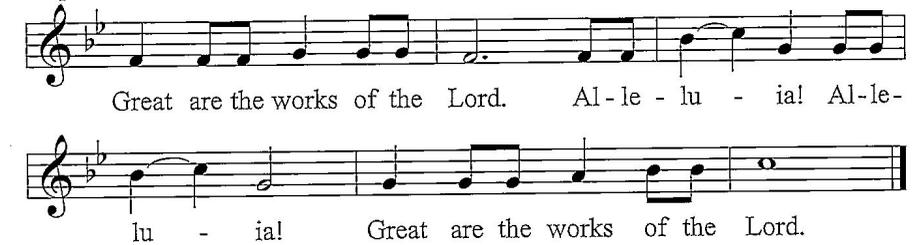
We thank You for the apostles, missionaries, pastors, teachers, and countless others who have brought us the good news of the crucified and risen Christ. May the Holy Spirit continue to gather Your elect into the Holy Christian Church during this time of grace. **Open doors for each of us, as well, to experience the joy of telling family, friends, co-workers, and others that Jesus is their Savior too.**

It is truly frightening to hear about and see the widespread violence and unrest throughout the world and even in our own country and communities. **Protect us from all evil which would threaten body or soul.** Bless us with good, honest, capable leaders who will govern wisely according to Your will. **Prosper their efforts in maintaining order and justice, that we may live in peace and freely proclaim Your Word without hindrance.**

There are many who are sick, many who struggle daily with the frailties of age, and many who are fearful, troubled, and discouraged. Comfort, heal, and provide for them as You know best. **May we always be ready to help as You give us opportunity.** We pray especially for four-year-old Evelyn Bacon, a member of Bryon Nelson's extended family, who is a patient in a hospital ICU. **Bless the work of the doctors, nurses, and others who are treating her.** Restore her health and strength that she may return

WHY DO THE NATIONS RAGE

Antiphon



Psalm Tone



Why do the nations rage\*  
And the people plot a vain thing?  
The kings of the earth set themselves,  
And the rulers take counsel together,\*  
Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,  
"Let us break Their bonds in pieces\*  
And cast away Their cords from us."  
He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;\*  
The LORD shall hold them in derision.

Antiphon

"I will declare the decree: the LORD has said to Me,\*  
"You are My Son, today I have begotten You.  
Ask of Me, and I will give You  
The nations for Your inheritance,\*  
And the ends of the earth for Your possession."  
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.

Antiphon

## Gospel lesson:

**John 13:31-35....Jesus is glorified through His saving work. God is glorified in Jesus' obedience. May we give God glory by loving one another as He has loved us in Jesus.**

So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately.

"Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you.

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

## The Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.**

## Hymn: *God Has Spoken by His Prophets*

### Sermon: Acts 13:44-52

On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God. But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul.

Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us: *'I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.'*"

Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region. But the Jews

stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and came to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

### THE WORD WORKS!

- I. In the message of the risen Christ
- II. Through the opposition of unbelief
- III. For Spirit-filled joy



## Offering

C: 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. Take not Your Ho - ly  
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.