

METHUEN CATHOLIC

THE PARISHES OF ST. MONICA AND ST. LUCY

SEPT 07
2025



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.”

Luke 14:33

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, September 6

9:00am First Saturday Mass

4:00pm Arleen Larnard

Sunday, September 7

9:00am Charlie & Rose Hanafin
Connie & Albert Zampelli
Veronique Esperance

12:00pm For the faculty, staff, and students of
St. Monica School

5:00pm Por los feligreses de Santa Mónica y
Santa Lucía

Monday, September 8

9:00am Robert Ofedu (living)

5:00pm Por los feligreses de Santa Mónica y
Santa Lucía

Saturday, September 13

9:00am Antoinette & Nemetallah Khalife

4:00pm Arleen Larnard

Sunday, September 14

9:00am John McDermott

12:00pm Rhonda & Jack Calligandes,
Iris Castro
Mark Duncan
Richard Duncan
Valorie Duncan
Michael Lacroix

5:00pm Por los feligreses de Santa Mónica y
Santa Lucía

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, September 6

4:00pm For the Parishioners of St. Lucy &
St. Monica

Sunday, September 7

10:30am Michael Mansour
Joseph Rapazzo Jr.
Dan Stiehl
Tatiana Varney

Tuesday, September 9

9:00am Luisa & Pia Rea

Wednesday, September 10

9:00am For the Parishioners of St. Lucy &
St. Monica

Thursday, September 11

9:00am For the Parishioners of St. Lucy &
St. Monica

Friday, September 12

9:00am For the Parishioners of St. Lucy &
St. Monica

Saturday, September 13

4:00pm Marion & Harry Cunha
Joseph Moreau
John McDermott
Susan McGee
Deceased Members of the Cortese & Rizzo
Families
Robert Koralishn,
Michael Kenny, Jr.

Sunday, September 14

10:30am For the Parishioners of St. Lucy &
St. Monica

Faith and prayer

do not resolve problems, but enable one to address

them with a new light and strength. • Pope Benedict XVI



INSTALLATION MASS

*You are invited to join us as we celebrate
the Installation Masses
of Fr. Marcos Peña Portillo as Pastor of St.
Lucy and St. Monica Parishes.*

Saturday October 11, 2025

***4:00 pm Installation Mass
at St. Monica Church***

AND

Sunday, October 12, 2025

***10:30am Installation Mass
at St. Lucy Church***

***Celebrated by Bishop Robert Hennessey
Refreshments to follow***

MISA DE INSTALACIÓN

*Les invitamos a acompañarnos en la cele-
bración de la Misa de Instalación
del Padre Marcos Peña Portillo como Pár-
roco de las Parroquias de Santa Lucía y San-
ta Mónica.*

Sábado 11 de octubre de 2025

***Misa de Instalación a las 4:00 pm
en la Iglesia de Santa Mónica***

Y

Domingo 12 de octubre de 2025

***Misa de Instalación a las 10:30 am
en la Iglesia de Santa Lucía***

***Celebrada por el Obispo Robert Hennessey
A continuación, habrá un refrigerio***

ST. MONICA

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

- SATURDAYS - 4:00pm (Vigil)
- SUNDAYS - 9:00 am & 12:00pm
- SUNDAYS - 5:00 pm (Spanish)

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

- MONDAYS - 9:00 am
- MONDAYS - 6:00 pm (Spanish)
- SATURDAYS - 9:00 am

ADORATION

- MONDAYS - 6:30 pm (following Mass)
- SATURDAYS - 9:30 -2:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

- MONDAYS - 6:30 pm
- SATURDAYS - 9:30 -10:30 am
- SATURDAYS - 3:00 - 3:45 pm

BAPTISMS

- 2nd Sunday of the month | 2:00 pm
- 1st Sunday of the month in Spanish | 2:00 pm

ST. LUCY

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

- SATURDAYS - 4:00pm (Vigil)
- SUNDAYS - 10:30am

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

- TUESDAYS - 9:00 am
- WEDNESDAYS - 9:00 am
- THURSDAYS - 9:00 am
- FRIDAYS - 9:00 am

ADORATION

- WEDNESDAYS - 6:00-7:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

- WEDNESDAYS - 6:00-6:45 pm
- SATURDAYS - 3:00 - 3:45 pm

BAPTISMS

- 3rd Sunday of the month | 2:00 pm

(Please call the Parish Offices at least 2 months in advance to schedule Baptisms.)

MARRIAGES Please call the Parish Offices at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall.

FAITH FORMATION / EVANGELIZATION

St. Lucy & St. Monica Parish

DON BOSCO After-School PROGRAM

A safe, joyful, and faith-filled space for middle school youth (Grades 6-8) to grow, learn, and belong!



Each week, we bring Don Bosco's spirit to life.

- **Active Play** - Team games and outdoor fun
- **Creative Projects** - Crafts, and hands-on activities
- **Faith & Friendship** - Engaging lessons, prayer, and positive role models
- **Homework** - Receive help when needed

Join Us!

- **When** - Mondays 2-5 pm during school year (except holidays and vacations)
- **Where** - St. Monica Ranch (former rectory)
- **Cost** - \$25/month per youth
- **Limited Space** - 20 Youth Max
- **Learn More** - Sept 7th after 12 pm Mass at the St. Monica Ranch (former rectory)
- **Start Date** - Sept 22nd, 2025



Call the Parish Office at (978) 683 - 1193 or Attend the Open House on Sept 7th to Sign Up!



Be Part of the Joy – Volunteer with Us!

Join our Don Bosco After-School Program team, inspired by St. John Bosco's belief in the transformative power of joy, friendship, and faith. Caring adults, college students, and high school junior and senior helpers can contribute their time and talents to help youth grow in faith, character, and joy.

WAYS TO HELP

- Activity Leaders
- Homework Helpers
- Faith Mentors
- Creative Helpers
- Sports Enthusiasts
- Welcomers
- Encouragers
- Parent Liaisons
- Snack Coordinators
- Set-Up/Tear-Down Crew
- Sign-In/Sign-Out Support

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT

- **Time:** Choose a role that fits your availability — weekly, biweekly, or occasional.
- **Duration:** Program runs every Monday 2-5 pm from Sept to June (school calendar year)
- **Training:** Attend an orientation and complete parish requirements (e.g., CORI, VIRTUS).
- **Teamwork:** Arrive on time, work with other volunteers, and follow program guidelines.
- **Heart for Youth:** Bring a positive attitude and a willingness to engage with our middle school youth.

IF YOU CAN'T COMMIT YOUR TIME, YOU CAN STILL MAKE A BIG IMPACT!

Your donation can help us provide snacks, supplies, and activities that keep our program running strong. Donations can be made at the parish office.

NOT SURE WHAT ROLE FITS YOU?

Come to our **Volunteer Info Session on Sept 6th St. Monica Ranch (former rectory) at 10 am** to learn more, meet the team, and explore ways you can help —big or small.

Call the Parish Office at (978) 683 - 1193 or Attend the Volunteer Info Session on Sept 6th to Sign Up!

FAITH FORMATION / EVANGELIZATION

In Remembrance of our Unborn Brothers and Sisters
National Day of Remembrance of Aborted Children
Holy Mass for Aborted Children
Saturday, September 13, 2025 @ 10:00 am



On September 13, Pro-Life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies & other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the annual National Day of Remembrance of Aborted Children. Solemn prayer vigils & Masses will be held at these sites to commemorate the more than 60 million children who have lost their lives to legal abortion since 1973, and to remind our society of the humanity of the unborn child.

WHAT: Holy Mass

WHEN: Saturday, September 13, 2025 @ 10:00

WHERE: Knights of Columbus Memorial for the Unborn
St. Mary's Cemetery 29 Barker Street Lawrence, MA

Knights of Columbus councils throughout the Order pay tribute to the millions of children killed by abortion by erecting memorials in Catholic cemeteries, council hall grounds, and on parish grounds throughout the United States. Event will be held rain or shine.

Memorial donated by local Knights of Columbus Council

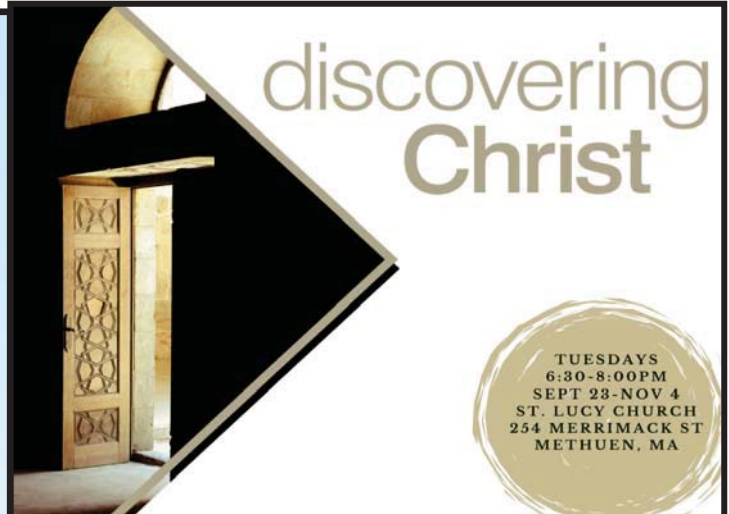
ATTENTION, PARISH VOLUNTEERS!

All Parish volunteers must complete their annual CORI form as a requirement for ministry.

This Sunday (9/7/25) our CORI Coordinator will be stationed at the main entrance of our churches in order to begin this process. Please stop by her table.

She will be at St. Lucy's 4pm the following Saturday, Sept 13 and at St. Monica's 4pm on October 4.

Thank you for your continuing service to the Church!



CHRIST LIFE: DISCOVERING CHRIST

If you would like to learn more or register for Discovering Christ, please contact Karl in the Office at 978-683-1193 or via email at faithformation.stlm@gmail.com

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Saturday, September 27, 2025
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Monthly Rosary for St. Monica School Parents

The Monthly Rosary for St. Monica School Parents will begin **Wednesday September 10th** in the **GETHSEMANE CHAPEL AT ST. MONICA CHURCH**

We will continue to pray each second Wednesday of the month from September through May and on the first Wednesday in June. **All parents, grandparents and friends of students are welcome** to attend prior to picking up their children from school.

The Rosary, led by the Knights of Columbus, will **begin at 1:15 PM**, prior to school dismissal. Rosaries and prayer cards will be provided. Come by and pray for your own personal intentions!

RISE: COMMUNITY

is an initiative for parishioners ages 3-99!
RISE is an ongoing faith enrichment program that **strengthens faith & fosters friendships.**

Each RISE session includes:

A simple meal, a presentation and discussion for adults, and classes for children.

Join Us!**There's three ways to register:**

- The registration form below and submit to the parish office.
- Go to our website methuencatholic.org
- Contact Karl in the Office at 978-683-1193 or via email at faithformation.stlm@gmail.com

Note: RISE Community is required for families with students in Sacrament Preparation.

RISE: COMUNIDAD

es una iniciativa para todos los feligreses para fortalecer la fe y fomentar amistades entre la parroquia. Las sesiones son los domingos de 6:00 -7:00 pm después de la misa en español.

Cada sesión de RISE incluye:

Una comida sencilla, una presentación y charla para adultos y clases para niños.

¿Quiéres Unirte a esta iniciativa?

Contacta el P. Marcos Peña al 978-683-1193



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in the Methuen Collaborative/
Catequesis para toda la Comunidad

Name/Nombre: _____

Phone/Tele: _____

Address/Dirección: _____

Cost/Costo: \$60/person \$100/2 people \$120/3+ people \$40/Seniors

Dates/Fechas: **Sept 13 & 14 | Oct 4 & 5 | Nov 8 & 9 | Dec 13 & 14**

Jan 10 & 11 | Feb 14 & 15 | Mar 14 & 15 | Apr 11 & 12

SESSIONS

☐ Saturdays/Sabado 5:00-7:00pm (St. Lucy's)

☐ Sundays/Domingo 10:00am-12:00pm (St. Monica's)

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for Kathy O., Judy C., Cathy B., Gene B., MaryAnn M., Irina, C.M., Fred C., Luca S., Claude L., Rosario F., Kathy P., Russell R., Kristin M., John S., Michael B., Robert L., Victor T., Carolyn, Adrienne M., Terry, Chris C., Phyllis T. & Patrice K.

Please pray for those whose funerals we recently offered. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINARIAN
Sunday	09/07/2025	Fr. Huy Nguyễn	Benjamin Woodruff SJS Rochester
Monday	09/08/2025	Fr. Patrick Fiorillo	Nicholas Huegeo SJS Fall River
Tuesday	09/09/2025	Msgr. Peter Conley	Thomas Pawlak SJS Rochester
Wednesday	09/10/2025	Fr. John Tackney	Daniel Zatta SJS Bos- ton
Thursday	09/11/2025	Fr. Israel Rodriguez	Michael Castellon RMS
Friday	09/12/2025	All Marists	Ulises Diaz RMS
Saturday	09/13/2025	Fr. John Healy	Gerson Garcia RMS

Grand Prize Raffle

Tickets for our annual Grand Raffle will be sold following Mass at St Lucy and St. Monica Churches on Saturday September **13th & 14th** and September **20th & 21st.**

Thank You for supporting our Parish!

St. Lucy's Fall Fair Grand Raffle Sodality Craft Fair | Music | Games | Food

1st Prize: \$500 Visa Gift Card
2nd Prize: \$300 Visa Gift Card
3rd Prize: \$100 Market Basket Gift Card
Ticket Cost: 1 - \$2; 6 - \$5; 15 - \$10

Drawing Benefits St. Lucy's Church

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Mondays @ 10 am. Please email all bulletin notices to parishoffice.stlm@gmail.com.

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Yes, I CAN... We are in need of Soups, Pasta Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Instant Rice, Mashed Potatoes, and Cereal. Donations can be dropped off anytime at the entrances to St. Lucy Church and the side door of Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church.

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Marcos Peña	Pastor
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Deacon John Pierce	Senior Deacon
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OFFERTORY | AUG 10

St. Monica - \$6,926.00 St. Lucy - \$3,313.00

Weekly Offertory needed to sustain parish operations: St. Monica - \$10,000 | St. Lucy - \$6,000

Thank you for continuing your generous contributions to the mission of our parishes.

Reading 1**Wisdom 9:13-18b**

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earth-shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns.

And scarce do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out? Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

Responsorial Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn man back to dust, saying, "Return, O children of men." For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, now that it is past, or as a watch of the night.

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You make an end of them in their sleep; the next morning they are like the changing grass, Which at dawn springs up anew, but by evening wilts and fades.

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Reading 2**Philemon 9-10, 12-17**

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprison-

ment; I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary.

Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man and in the Lord. So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

Alleluia**Psalm 119:135**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Let your face shine upon your servant; and teach me your laws.

R. Alleluia, alleluia

Gospel**Luke 14:25-33**

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?

Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the on-lookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops?

But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

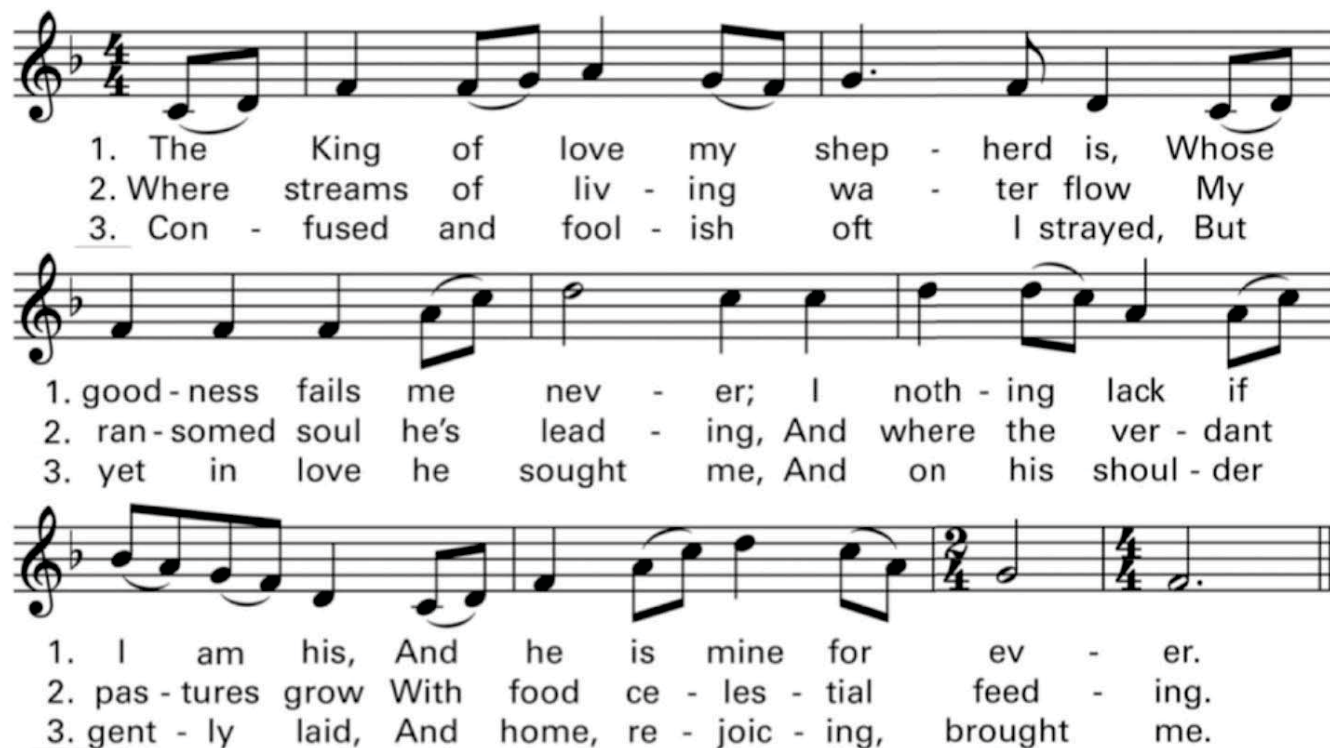
PROCESSIONAL SONG


1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voic - es,
 2. Great rush - ing winds who are so strong, You clouds a - bove that

1. let us sing: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing sun with
 2. sail a - long, O — praise him! Al-le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing morn, with

1. gold - en beams, Soft sil - ver moon that gent - ly gleams, O praise him!
 2. praise re - joice, Stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice, O praise him!

1-7. O praise him! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

OFFERTORY HYMN


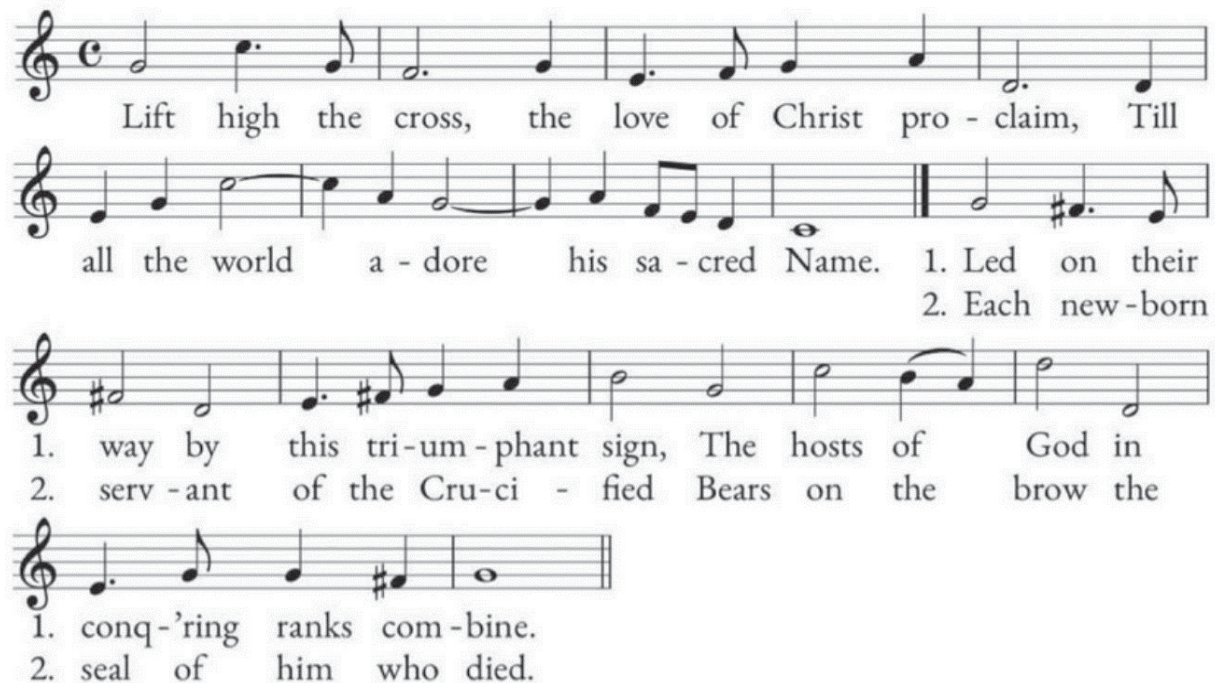
1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow My
 3. Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But

1. good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 2. ran - somed soul he's lead - ing, And where the ver - dant
 3. yet in love he sought me, And on his shoul - der

1. I am his, And he is mine for ev - er.
 2. pas - tures grow With food ce - les - tial feed - ing.
 3. gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.

COMMUNION HYMN


This is Je - sus, Em - man - u - el; God is with _ us in this
 sac - ra - ment. Come re - ceive _ Him, a - dore _ Him; This is Je - sus, our
 Lord. 1. Bright Star of Da - vid, ra - di - ance of God,
 2. Drink of liv - ing wa - ters flow - ing from the Lord.
 now be - come the liv - ing bread, the bod - y of the Lord. Come in a - dor - a - tion; re -
 Taste the cup of - bless - ing; Par take of pre - cious blood. Riv - er of sal - va - tion, _
 -ceive with trem - bling hands, the sac - ra - ment most ho - ly, the ban - quet of the Lamb. ____
 ho - ly cleans - ing tide, foun - tain of - re demp - tion flow - ing from the Sav - ior's side. ____

RECESSIONAL HYMN


Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim, Till
 all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name. 1. Led on their
 2. Each new-born
 1. way by this tri - um - phant sign, The hosts of God in
 2. serv - ant of the Cru - ci - fied Bears on the brow the
 1. conq - 'ring ranks com - bine.
 2. seal of him who died.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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