

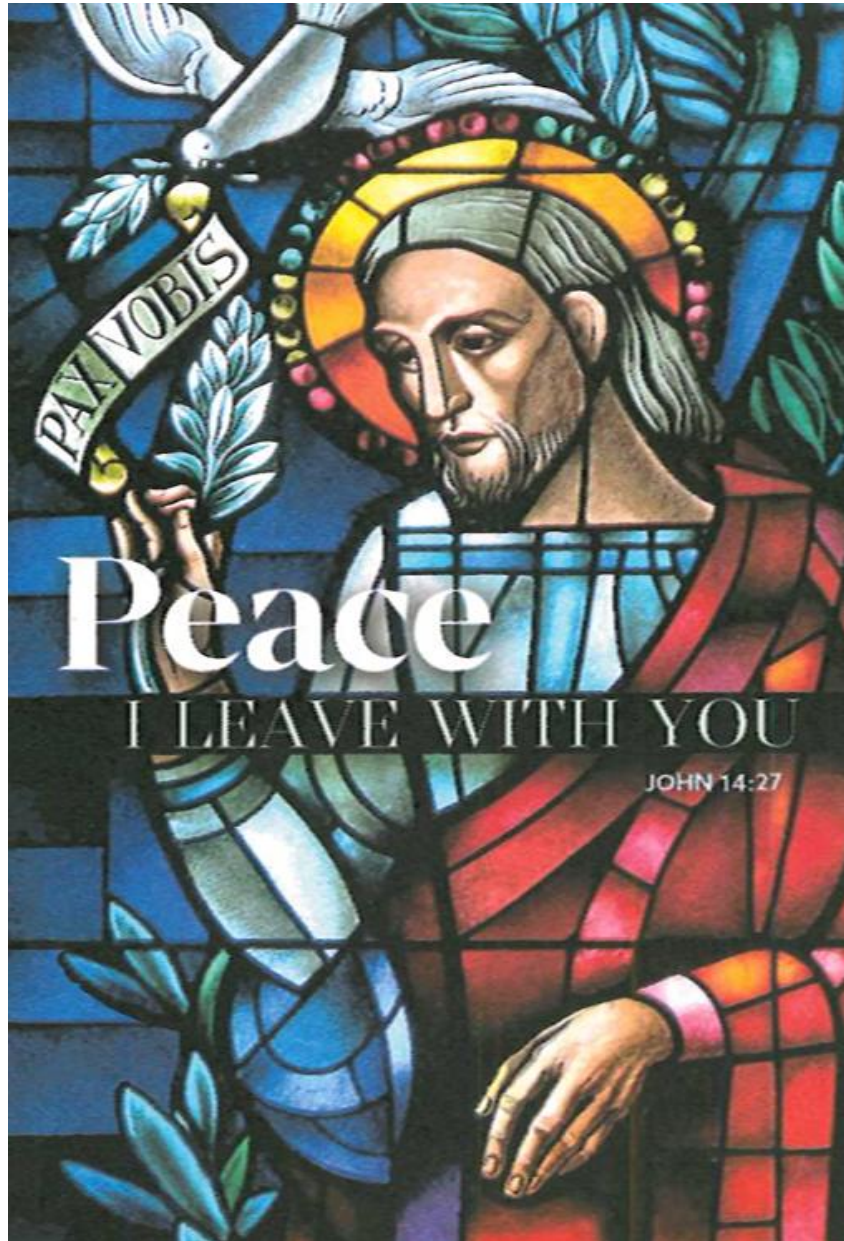
Graduating in Faith

This is a season of celebration—in the church, to be sure, but also in the lives of families who eagerly anticipate graduation ceremonies. Graduations can happen at any time of life, either in the formal sense or in the many informal ways humans commemorate transitions into new phases of life. For many of us, however, May and June are Graduation Central, with all the excited hoopla that implies.

When a child graduates from a school or program, parents face the bittersweet transition of letting go. The high school senior may leave home for college, the military, or independent employment; the college graduate may head off toward the myriad adventures of adulthood. Even the newly minted preschool alum eagerly anticipates the broader fields of big-kid school and greater independence.

Amid the excitement, pride, fear, and uncertainty, those who have cared for these loved ones—parents, mentors, teachers, and others—hope their voices will travel with the grads. Remember, child, what we have taught you. Remember who you are. Remember *whose* you are.

How fitting, then, that at this time of year the church reminds itself that God feels the same way about us. God wants the voice of the Spirit to travel with us. God sends us the Advocate—one who will stay with us even when Jesus physically returns to his Parent. In baptism, we have graduated into lives in Christ that may take us to unpredictable places. In this world of uncertainty, however, we trust that, as Jesus assures us, we need not be troubled or afraid. The One who reminds us who we are, and *whose* we are, is always with us.



Millcreek Lutheran Church
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25, 2025

A warm welcome to our church! We appreciate your presence here today and enjoy the new and the familiar faces as we gather together. If you are a visitor, we hope you will consider joining us- knowing that you can expect to find people who love God and who want to know and love you. Visitors, please sign our guest book or fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack. We're glad you're here!

Prayer: Father in heaven, who gives us inner peace through your Son our Savior: Give us deliverance from anxiety, fear, and all distresses of the heart and mind, with the peace that is promised by Christ our Lord; through whom we pray. Amen.

Serving you this morning:

Lay Leader,	Jennifer Rosengrant
Organist/Pianist,	Debbie Tice
Lay Reader,	Cheryl Batdorf
Ushers/Audio,	Scott Johnson & Frank Hoffman



The flowers & bulletin are given
in honor & glory to God and in
honor of Peg Auman's birthday.
~by, her family

The Service

Prelude of Entrance- organ/piano duet. ~Deb Tice &
Jamie Webber

America the Beautiful & America. ~Millcreek Woodwinds
Announcements

Prelude of Preparation: *Hymn to the Fallen.* ~Millcreek
Woodwinds

*Opening Hymn: **LBW (green) #567, God of Our Fathers**

Reading: The History of Decoration Day/Memorial Day

Hymn: **LBW (green) #332, Battle Hymn**

Intro to Flanders Fields

Choir: *In Flanders Fields*

Psalms 2, LBW page 215 (read responsively)

Hymn: **LBW (green) #320, O God Our Help in Ages
Past**

Reading: Isaiah 11:6-9

Choir: *Creation Will Be at Peace*

Reading: Soldiers, Faith, & Favorite Hymns

Hymn: **NCH (red) #424, Jesus Loves Me**

Prayers

Reading: The Story of God Bless America

Choir begins, congregation joins: *God Bless America*

Moment of Meditation

TAPS

Postlude

***Please stand**



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Our Mission

Helping God restore and renew our community, our congregation, and ourselves.

Sunday, May 25, 2025

You can **listen to the worship service** over the phone patch at **10:15 AM**. Just dial **717-628-0125**. You will hear a message welcoming you to Millcreek. At that point you are connected to our church sound system, so just stay on the line. You may also watch the service later, on You Tube.



Helping God Restore and Renew our Community

FRIEDENS LUTHERAN CHURCH will be celebrating 50 Years of Ordination for the Rev. Parris Beckhardt on June 29, 2025 at 10:30AM. A luncheon will follow at 11:45AM. Cards will be collected here at the church or can be mailed to Frieden's Office with "Ordination Anniversary" in the bottom left corner. If you are interested in attending the luncheon, see the signup sheet in the Narthex. Nancy Deiter will coordinate the luncheon reservation.

SUMMER CAMP registration is open at Camp Kirchenwald! If your children are interested please see Jen Rosengrant as we have scholarships available to reduce the cost.

Helping God Restore and Renew our Congregation

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sunday, May 18, 2025, Current Offerings- \$1,412, Plate-\$215, World Hunger- \$100, Coffee- \$10 **Total-\$1,737** Attendance- 78 Sunday School- 13

FLOWER AND BULLETIN SIGNUP SHEETS FOR 2025 are available on the bulletin board in the narthex. Flowers-\$30, Bulletins- \$10

UPCOMING SERVICES:

June 1st- Service with guest preacher Sister Marianne Brock

June 8th- Richland Express will be playing in the multipurpose room in lieu of service.

June 15th- Service with communion and guest Pastor Bonnie Oplinger

CHURCH SURVEY: To help our church family as we move into the process of calling a new pastor, please complete and return the church survey to the box in the Narthex by June 1. Extra copies are available in the Narthex. If you are unable to attend, we can mail or email it to you.

GRADUATION: If you have a student graduating from high school or college and wish to have their future plans posted in the yearbook/bulletin, please inform Jen M. by June 1.

SWEET SUNDAY: June 1 will be Sweet Second Sunday - look for treats from Charmayne after the service! This will be the last Sweet Second Sunday until fall.

Helping God Restore and Renew Our Selves

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) WITH CARDS & PRAYERS:

Violet Hepler
Stone Ridge Poplar Run
450 E. Lincoln Ave.
Myerstown, PA 17067

PRAYER LIST: If you asked for someone to be put on the prayer list, please tell the church secretary when our prayers have been answered so this list can be kept current. For non-member requests, please contact Jen M. with your requests by noon Wednesday each week.
secretary@millcreeklutheran.com or call: 610-589-2570.

MILLCREEK MEMBERS:

Chub & Peg Auman, Bryan Breidigam, Debbie Hartman, Violet Hepler, Frank Hoffman, Abbie Keath, The Leibig Family, Barbara Potteiger, Brian Ream, Norm Sharp, Stewart Wolf, Aaron Yiengst, Michael Yiengst, Jr., Greer Zellers

NON-MEMBERS: Mike Nelson (friend of Kristin Bender), Gary Beatty, (friend of Debbie Hartman), JoAnn Deahl (Brandy Gahres' mother), Linda McMullan (sister in law of Greta McMullan), Kathy Reigle (friend of Deb Buffington)

THANKS to all the special musicians who helped today, especially Brian Klinger and Del Voight, plus our MLC members and choir who provided special music. Let us never forget that America is the Home of the Free because of the Brave.



RELAY FOR LIFE UPDATE

Together, we have raised more than \$90,000 in the fight against cancer, and we still have donations coming in!

We know how much work it took to get here- every dollar raised and every step taken has gotten us closer to a world without cancer. We want to give a special shout-out and congratulations to all teams, participants, and volunteers who went above and beyond! Stay tuned in the coming weeks for an announcement of our top team and individual fundraisers. Top fundraisers and volunteers will be recognized at a ceremony in the Fall.

So, what's next? Our 2025 website will be open until Friday, August 1, 2025 for any additional donations you need to submit. Stay tuned for updates in August, when we roll out our website for 2026!

From Deb B, Deb Tice, Mary Ream- thanks to all who supported our team this year-
We appreciate each one!

Memorial Day Word Search



AMERICA
CEMETERY
CEREMONY
FLAG
HOLIDAY
HONOR

MAY
MEMORIAL
MILITARY
PARADE
PATRIOTIC
REMEMBER

RESPECT
SACRIFICE
SALUTE
TRADITION
TRIBUTE
WREATH



God of Our Fathers

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1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand
 2 Your love di - vine has led us in the past;
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
 4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;

Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 In this free land by you our lot is cast;
 Make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
 Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

Of shin ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:
 Oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;
 Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
 Fill all our lives with heav'n - born love and grace

Our grate - ful - songs be - fore your throne a - rise.
 Your Word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.
 Your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 Un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.

Text: Daniel C. Roberts, 1841-1907, alt.
 Tune: George W. Warren, 1828-1902

NATIONAL HYMN
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Battle Hymn of the Republic



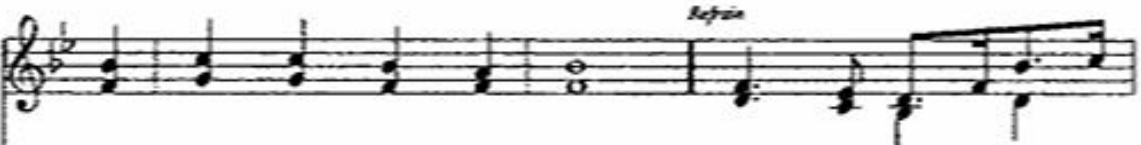
1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
 2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
 3 In the beau - ty of the fil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



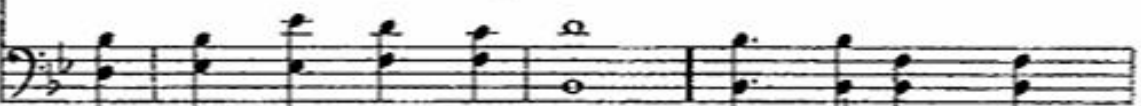
He is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
 He is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
 With a glo - ry in his bo - som that trans - fig - ures you and me.



He has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword;
 Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
 As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



His truth is march - ing on.
 Our God is march - ing on. Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le -
 While God is march - ing on.



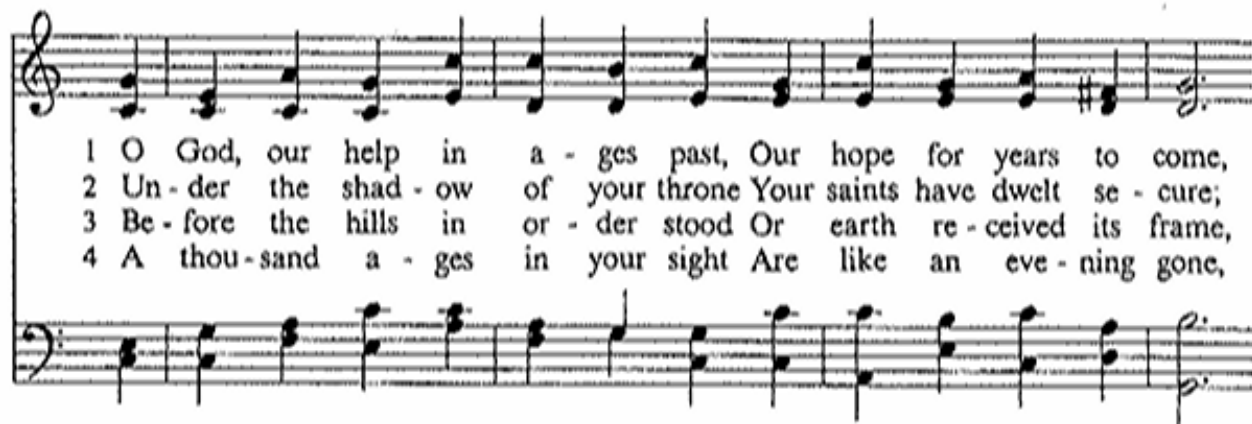
lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry,

glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

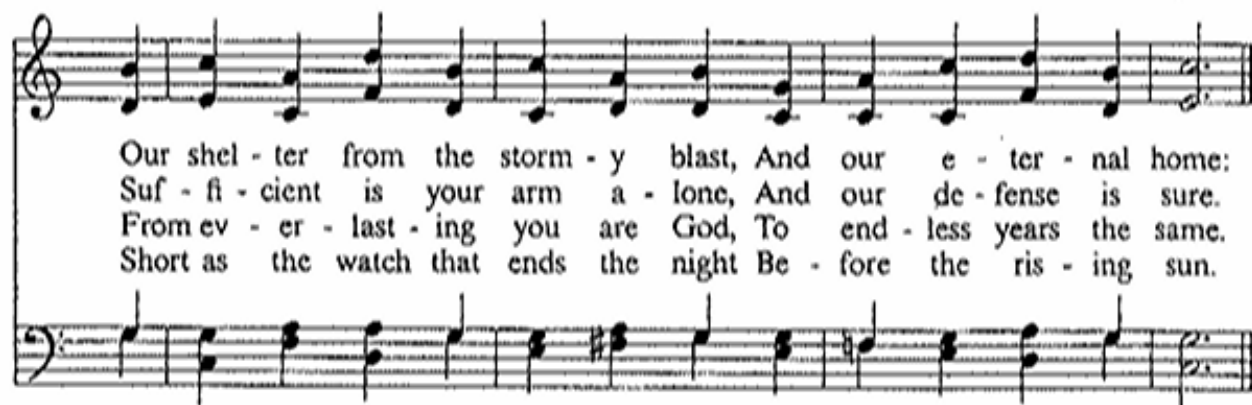
The musical score is written for two voices, Treble and Bass, in a key of one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with the Bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a final chord in the Treble clef.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne Your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing you are God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.


6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

Jesus Loves Me


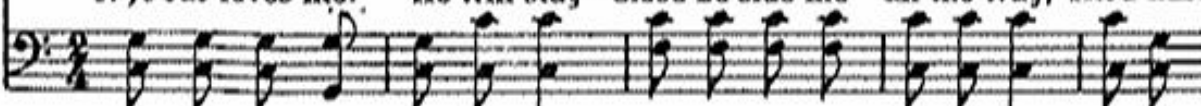
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Anna B. Warner

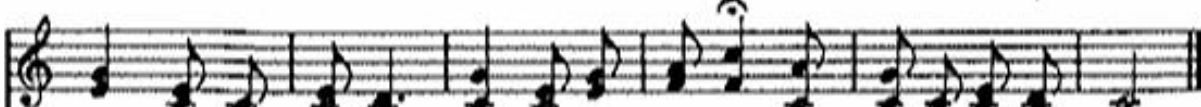
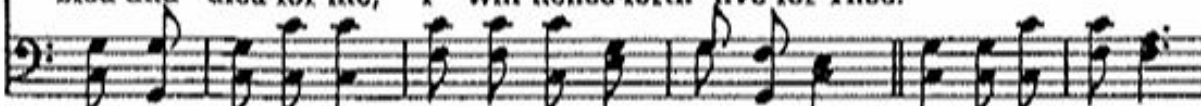
William B. Bradbury



1. Je-sus loves me! this I know, For the Bi-ble tells me so; Lit-tle
2. Je-sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gate to o-pen wide; He will
3. Je-sus loves me! He will stay Close be-side me all the way; Thou hast



Refrain
ones to Him be-long, They are weak but He is strong.
wash a-way my sin, Let His lit-tle child come in. Yes, Je-sus loves me!
bled and died for me, I will hence-forth live for Thee.



Yes, Je-sus loves me! Yes, Je-sus loves me! The Bi-ble tells me so.

