POWER IN THE SPIRIT



Saturday, July 18, 2026
Morning Prayer

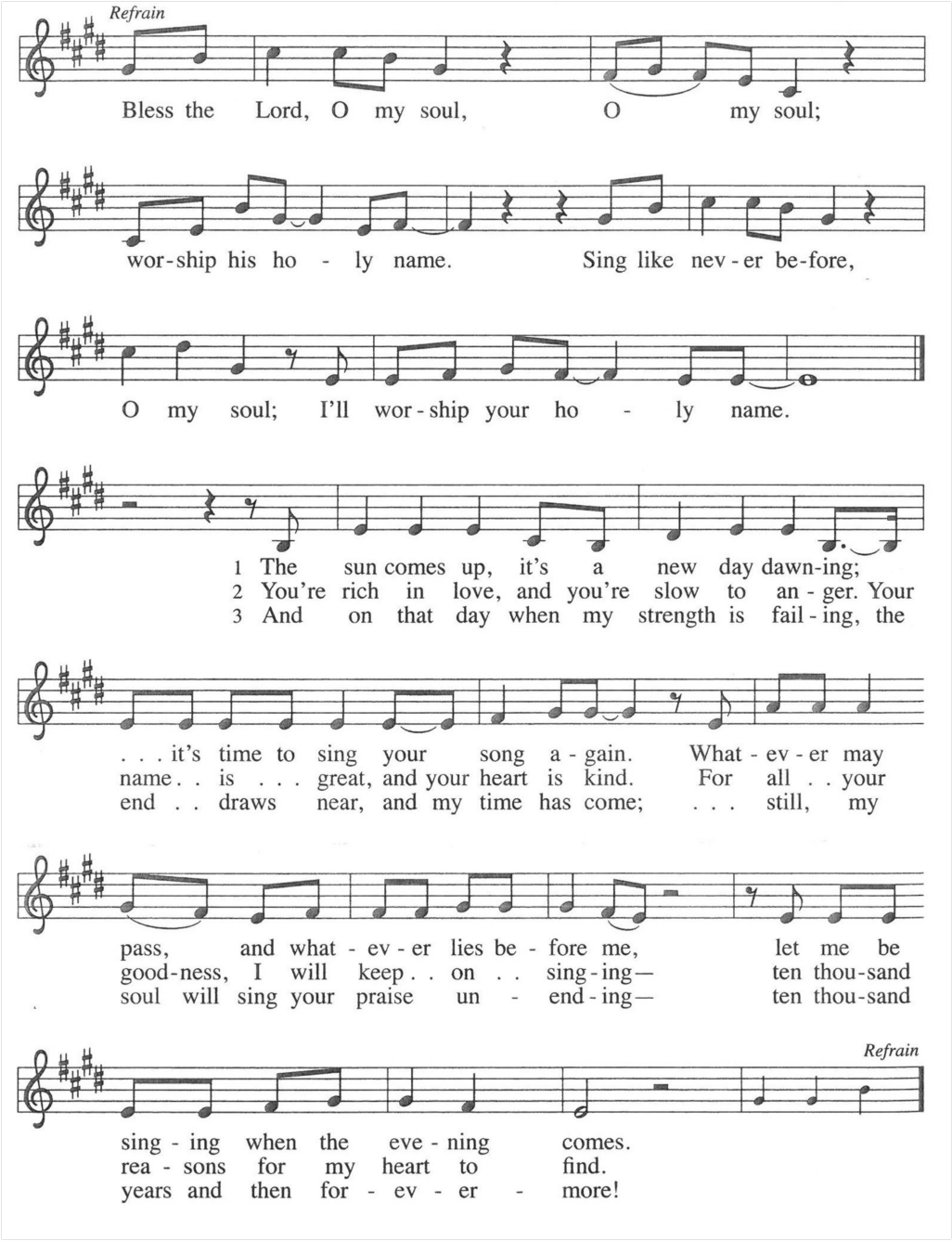
Virginia Lutherans
Virginia Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

CALL TO WORSHIP "Down To The River To Pray/Lord, Listen To Your Children" Medema/McDonald

WELCOME

Read responsively with the assembly responding with words printed in ***bold.***

OPENING HYMN "Ten Thousand Reasons" Jonas Myrin/Matt Redman



Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us worship and praise.

THE BIBLICAL STORY TELLING OF ACTS

Chapter 10:1-33 The Biblical Story Tellers

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

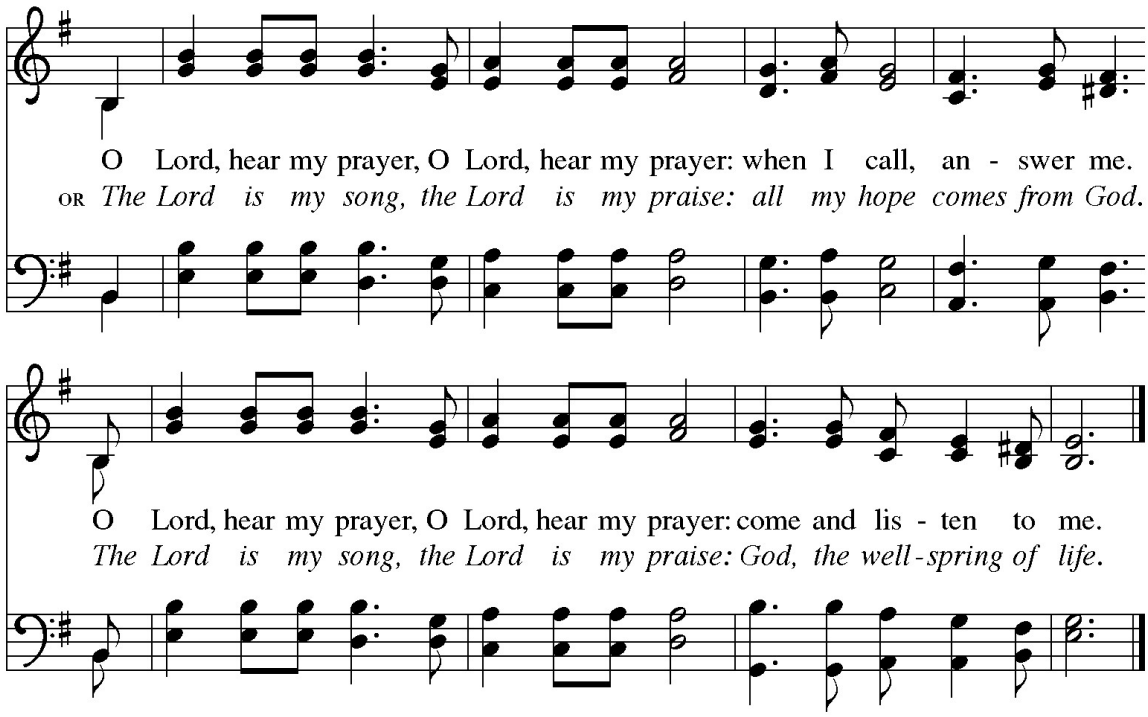
PRAYERS

The assembly kneels or stands.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us pray.

The hymn is sung and then a brief silence for prayer follows each petition.

O Lord, Hear My Prayer
The Lord Is My Song



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Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn,
bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.
Especially we thank you--
for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .
for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .
for the gifts of relationship with others . . .
for the communion of faith in your church . . .
Other thanksgivings may be added.

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children,
and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.
Especially we pray--
for those who govern nations of the world . . .
for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .
for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .
for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction . . .
for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .
Other intercessions may be added.

The hymn is repeated.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Water may be poured into the font as the leader gives thanks.

Ever-living God, author of creation, we give you thanks for your gift of water that brings life and refreshes the earth. We bless and praise you, for by water and the Word we are cleansed from sin and receive everlasting life. Join us again this day to the saving death of Christ; renew in us the living fountain of your grace; and raise us with Christ Jesus to live in newness of life; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly may be sprinkled with water.

Following the asperging, worship concludes with this prayer:

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Worship leaders are Donna Gum

The Reverend Doctor Phyllis Blair Milton

The Biblical Story Teller
Judy Wilfong

Michael Benshish

The Reverend Heidi Moore

The Power in The Spirit Conference Choir

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