

Announcements:

Thank you to all those who worked hard to set up!

[Info @ future plans outside?? - Curt? Ron?]

Sermon Themes:

Two Weeks ago: Noah

Last Week: Abraham and Sarah

Today: Rahab

Next Week (July 26): Mary [Works well with **Christmas in July!** -- Last week was \$319. The grand total so far is \$436.26!!!]

August 2: Joseph

August 9: Staff Installation, focus on Theme Verse, Mark 4:26-29, Parable of the Growing Seed

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Communion Instruction:

**Call To Worship**

Pastor: this is the day the Lord has made.

**People: We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Pastor: Holy is the Lord, the Almighty. He was, He is, and He is to come.

**People: He is worthy of glory and honor and praise. He created all things. By His will, they came into being.**

Pastor: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain; worthy to take the scroll and break its seal.

**People: By His blood he purchased for God people of every nation and tongue.**

Pastor: Christ, the Risen Lord, has made them a kingdom of priests forever.

**People: And they shall reign with him forever! Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

### **Invocation**

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: Amen.

## Opening Hymn Crown Him With Many Crowns (LSB 525; verses 1, 3, 4)



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

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## CONFESSION

Pastor: Is it not an easy thing to confess one's sins and shortcomings in our society. Yet we see them all around us. We know that if we will not admit our mistakes we make an even greater one. So let us confess our sins to one another and to Almighty God.

**People: Lord, our loving Father, we confess that we are sinners. It shows up in our failure to share the good news of Your Son's death and resurrection. It shows up in our becoming wrapped up in ourselves, and in our staying ignorant of the joy You have given us. It shows up when we use our gifts to hurt others, instead of using them to bring them to life in You. Break the bonds of our slavery to sin! Heal us, O loving God, through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, Your son, our Savior.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Listen to the Word of the Lord: "I, even I am he that blots out your transgressions for My Own sake. I will remember your sins no more. I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name. You are Mine. Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow. Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

Be assured: You are forgiven; and you can KNOW this because God is the One who forgives!

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks to You, that through Your holy Word You have called us to Your great supper, and we beseech You: Enliven our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may not hear Your Word without fruit, but that we may prepare ourselves rightly for Your kingdom, and not allow ourselves to be hindered by any worldly care; through Your beloved Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Old Testament Lesson**    Joshua 2:8-11

**8** Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof **9** and said to them, “I know that the Lord has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. **10** We have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of

the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. **11** When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.

### **Epistle Lesson**

Rom. 8:18–27

**18** I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. **19** For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. **20** For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope **21** that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. **22** We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. **23** Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. **24** For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? **25** But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. **26** In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself

intercedes for us through wordless groans. **27** And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

**Gospel Lesson**      Matt. 13:24–30, 36–43

**24** Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. **25** But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. **26** When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. **27** “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’ **28** “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied. “The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ **29** “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. **30** Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

## Hymn of the Day: How Firm A Foundation (LSB 728; verses 1, 4, 5)



1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
 4 "When through fiery trials your path-way will lie,  
 5 "Through-out all their life-time My peo-ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex-cel-lent Word!  
 My grace, all-suf-fi-cient, will be your sup-ply.  
 My sov-'reign, e-ter-nal, un-change-a-ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said  
 The flames will not hurt you; I on-ly de-sign  
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem-ples a-dorn,



Who un-to the Sav-ior for ref-uge have fled?  
 Your dross to con-sume and your gold to re-fine.  
 Like lambs they will still in My bos-om be borne."

## Message: **Rahab's Incredible Risk-Taking for God**

- Rahab is a character in the story of **Joshua** and his conquest of **Jericho**.
  - in preparation for the assault, Joshua sent **spies** into the city (reconnaissance).
- The King had a "**counter-spy**" network; tracked them to Rahab's business. . .
- **Rahab hid the spies because she believed that the God of Joshua is the True God.**
- a prostitute, (**Gentlemen's Club Owner**) not respectable or acceptable by standards set by society.
- Yet, Rahab - **listed in the genealogy of Jesus**.
  - Throughout the centuries, Commentators attempt to **explain away** this inappropriate woman.
    - **Josephus** refer to Rahab simply as an innkeeper.
    - If we refer to Hebrew 11:31 & **James 2:25**, becomes obvious.

**Hebrews 11:31 31 By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.**

**James 2:25 25 In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction?**

[Thankful that God doesn't hide His Grace and Love behind our public sensibilities!]

- Rahab's past did **not stop God from using her in a mighty way.**
  - because of Rahab, the spies of Joshua were able to go undetected in the city of Jericho and obtain vital data in order to destroy the wall and conquer the city.
  - . . .not a high priestess
  - . . .not of royal lineage
  - . . .not of great wealth or high education.
  - . . . not even a Hebrew!
- > She was a woman who **heard** of this Great God, simply believed, and put that faith into action to serve God.

- **Professed** of having a change of heart when she heard of the Red Sea evaporation.
  - She **proclaimed** of how her hard-ness had melted when she heard of God's Greatness.
  - Now Rahab did not experience these events first hand. She **believed as we do, by faith.**
- > Because of her newfound faith, she was able to
- a) **convince her family** to not reveal the spies to the king's men.
  - b) **hide** these spies, **mis-direct** the King's search team.
- > Rahab had enough **faith to believe** that these men of God would indeed allow her and her family to be spared.
- >> Each of us has a **little Rahab in us**. None of us are exactly where God wants us to be in our life.
- Some of us have **things in our past** that we actually feel will prohibit God from loving us.
  - **God can use the Rahab that is in us!**

## What made Rahab one of God's Incredibles?

### 1. Taking a Godly risk is a step of faith

- The people of Israel had wandered in the Sinai wilderness for 40 years.
- God then led them through the Jordan River to the threshold of the Promised Land.
- But in order to claim that land, they had to first conquer the city of Jericho that stood at the entrance to the Promised Land. (God wanted Israel to LIVE BY FAITH just as Rahab is about to do!)
- Rahab knew of God's deliverance of Israel from Egypt and the mighty deeds He did for the nation. Rahab also knew that God would give Israel the Promised Land.
- Because of these reports, Rahab placed her faith in God.
  - She was trusting in God before the 2 Israeli spies ever came into her house. And she declares her faith in God to them in Joshua 2:8-11: **“Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof and said to them, ‘I know that the LORD has given this land to you and that a great fear of you**

has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. When we heard of it, our hearts melted and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.'"

>> Taking a Godly Risk is a step of faith:

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2. Taking a Godly risk is resting on what you value most

- A Godly Risk begins with the Statement of Belief:

vs 11. . .for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.'"

Everything flows from what we believe:

- What we DO is a result of what we BELIEVE.
  - Adam and Eve, for a time, believed the Devil and ate the fruit.

- Cain believed he was being slighted by God and killed his brother.
- Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as Righteousness.
- The Disciples believed Jesus, and they willingly followed Jesus through persecution into heaven.
- Christians believe in God's Calling; so they pray, praise, worship, give, serve. . .

Rahab believed God; she risked EVERYTHING to save the lives of God's people.

Rahab risked her life, resting on what she most valued; the God of the Israelites.

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2. Taking a Godly risk is resting on what you value most
3. Taking a Godly risk has no guaranteed return in this world
  - Rahab didn't know the future; she asked for certain assurances from the spies, but she didn't really KNOW what was going to happen (except that Jericho was going to be defeated at the hands of God's people).

- Noah didn't know EXACTLY the sequence of events that were going to take place after the Ark was built; . . . after the flood-waters receded. . .
  - The Disciples didn't know EXACTLY what their lives would entail once Jesus ascended into heaven.
  - What mattered is the ONE in whom they believed.  
. . . their trust in His Word, God's Promises, God's track record. . .
  - Christians; we have a desire for peaceful and successful lives (however we might define success); BUT WE DON'T KNOW THE EXACT FUTURE; but we BELIEVE, we TRUST the ONE who holds that future.
    - and our challenge is to act accordingly; RISK everything for the God we love and trust.
    - nothing else really matters!
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- Why?
  - Why would Rahab risk everything?
  - Why would Noah spend 120 years building a big Boat?
  - Why would (the prophet) Hosea spend his life in a horrible marriage to an impossible partner?
    - Why did Matthew give up the high-paying occupation as a Tax-collector and follow Jesus?
    - Why did Peter and John give up commercial fishing and exchange it for poverty, persecution, and in Peter's case, crucifixion?

Because Rahab and the others IMITATED God in taking risks:

**John 3:14** Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,<sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

**16** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

## God is a God of RISKS:

- He risked with Adam and Eve; gave them free will.
  - Created a people through which His love would be spread throughout the world (Israel); they kept God's love to themselves as long as they could.
  - God risked everything about His message by **TRUSTING PEOPLE TO DELIVER** that message (through OT and NT).
  - God's greatest risk; **sending Jesus** as the sacrifice for ALL PEOPLE because of His great love.
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  2. Taking a Godly risk is resting on what you value most
  3. Taking a Godly risk has no guaranteed return in this world
  4. Rahab in her risk-taking imitated God
  5. Love is always a risk
- God **NEVER forces** people to love Him. He just does everything possible to prove that He loves us.
  - God NEVER forces relationships; but constantly offers Himself to us.

- God is **ALWAYS first responder**; He makes the FIRST OVERTURE regarding the relationship He wants; but it isn't always returned.

Love is always a great risk; a risk God has made time and time again.

- **Rahab risked because God risks.**

Rahab **Trusted** God because God first trusted her with His Word

Rahab **Took the STEP (action)** of faith because God was the first actor by offering *redemption and love and relationship*.

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- **Even if** Rahab was killed in the attack of Jericho as “collateral damage,” she would have still “won,” for she would have been saved by faith:
  - . . . **just as** Abraham, her faith was counted as Righteousness (yes, even an owner of a “Gentleman's Club”).

One can **never lose if the risk is a Godly one. . .**

- things **didn't turn out well for** Paul, Stephen, Peter or John Mark,
  - from an earthly point of view, that is.
  - for they are heroes of the faith, **living even now with our Lord Jesus**
- things were **tough for** Hosea, Jeremiah, and even King David. . .
  - but they, too, are God's Incredibles and have received their eternal inheritance.

### **MUST ASK OURSELVES:**

- What do we *really* risk when we give up what we do not own, and in exchange, received so much more than we deserve?
- **Rahab** risked her life in a dead-end career;
- The **Disciples** risked their career, family, preferred lifestyle;

- What **do you and I risk**? What do we “put on the line” for God?
  - **Whatever** we put on the line; it's INCOMPARABLE to that which God has already given us in Christ.
  - **By faith Rahab** risked everything; that's what made her one of God's Incredibles
    - By faith the **prophets of old** risked their lives and fortunes
    - By faith **people for centuries** have been following Jesus even though it means famine, persecution, being put to the sword. (Being forced out of an Air Conditioned Sanctuary)
  - By faith **you and I** are challenged to BELIEVE GOD'S WORD;
    - **worship** because we love God
    - **give** sacrificially so the world might know Him
    - **serve** one another as Christ has already served us.
- Rahab didn't deserve to be in the genealogy of Jesus;
- None of us deserve to be in the genealogy of Jesus;

- All of us have a “past” that proves our unworthiness. . .
- But because of His great love, **we are in His lineage.** . .

### **I Challenge you:**

- **Take a risk**; reach out in the name of Christ this week. . .
  - Take a risk; trust that God IS working in and through your life. . .
  - Take a risk; get involved in ministry, serve someone, **love someone** “difficult”, TRUST that God will bless your decision, your action, your risk-taking. . .
- . . . Trust that God’s love is GREATER than anything else. RISKING FOR GOD is a Step of Faith!

**Makes us one of God’s Incredibles. . .**

### **APOSTLES’ CREED**

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

### **OFFERING**

Heavenly Father, thank you that you are God, and there is no other, you are God, and there is none like you. You love us with an eternal love and we give you our offerings as an expression of our love for you. We pray our gifts would be used to extend your kingdom in our land. May you, the God of all grace, who has called us into eternal glory by Christ Jesus, make us holy, strong and filled with peace. To you be glory and honor for ever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

### **GENERAL PRAYER**

Almighty God, we are too quick to judge Your ways and too bold to presume upon Your wisdom. Grant us grace so that we may trust in Your Word and fulfill our baptismal vocation of worship, witness, prayer and works of mercy, both to our families and to our neighbors in need. **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we have been given new birth in Baptism. Help us to confess Your Son before the world, reflecting the glory of Your kingdom to all people. Bless the whole congregation that we will all remain faithful in our callings.

1. Help us Take Godly risks as we step out in faith
2. Help us Take Godly risks as we rest on the faith we most value
3. Embolden that faith as we realize there is no guaranteed return in this world
4. Give us the faith to imitate You in our thinking, speaking and doing!
5. And always risk the most important quality, Love: God, self, family, neighbors, and the people of the world.
6. Build in each of us the confidence that we can never lose if the risk is a Godly one

**Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, we enjoy great freedom and blessing in our land. Bless our president; the Congress of these United States; our governor; and all those who make, judge and administer laws in our land. Give them wisdom in their actions for the protection of life and livelihood. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Loving God, we give You thanks for the gift of health, which we must never take for granted. Hear our prayers on behalf of the sick, the aged, the infirm, those who mourn and those near death. Grant them healing in accord with Your will and grace to sustain them in their need. **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord, we too easily forget those in nursing homes, assisted living and the homebound. Give us grace so that we may bring them Your consolation and peace, and give them the aid and comfort of Your Word and our fellowship in Christ. **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Gentle Lord, we ask You to visit the homes of Your people, that they may be places of blessing and love, where faith is nurtured and we learn to live out our new lives in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives. **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

O Lord, hear us on behalf of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant that what we pray for, we may work toward, under the guidance of Your Holy Spirit, that at the Day of Judgment we may be found worthy to join the saints and enter into Your gift of eternal light and life forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**Communion Hymn All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name** (LSB 549; verses 1, 5, 7)



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;  
 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm-wood and the gall,  
 7 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Go, spread your tro-phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.  
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And crown Him Lord of all.



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## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### Preface

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.**

### Proper

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father; almighty and

everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life.

**C: Amen!**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**      Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: 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.”

Pastor: Sanctified and kept in the one true faith, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us.

### **LORD’S PRAYER**

Matthew 6:9–13

**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.**

### **WELCOME TO THE LORD’S TABLE**

Distribution

Hymns During Communion (as time permits):

## Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord (LSB 637)



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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## My Faith Looks Up to Thee (LSB 702)



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,  
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my  
 My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my  
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's  
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!  
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!  
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.  
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

“May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it”

**(I Thessalonians 5:23-24).**

## CLOSING HYMN Oh, That The Lord Would Guide My Ways (LSB 707)



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - utes still!  
 2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;  
 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;  
 4 Make me to walk in Thy com - mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!  
 Let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.  
 And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan - d'ring sheep.  
 Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.