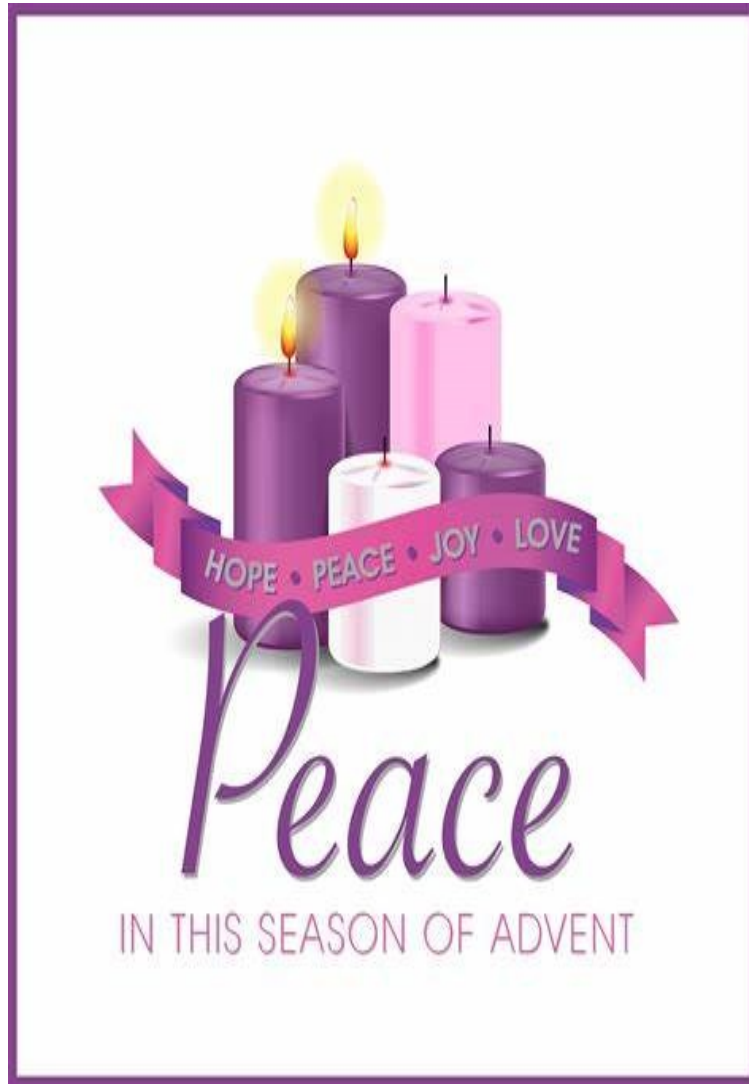


ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent
10:30am Holy Communion Service



3900 Freemansburg Ave., Easton PA 18045
(610) 252-2258

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Pastor Thomas Neel
Worship Assistant: Guy Ehler
Organist: Mark Jonkman
Audio-Video Production: Warren Rute
Ushers: Linda Trigiani and Ed Schaeffer
Greeter: Chris Lynn
Church Time: Linda Baskwell and Ron Roth

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C Amen.

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



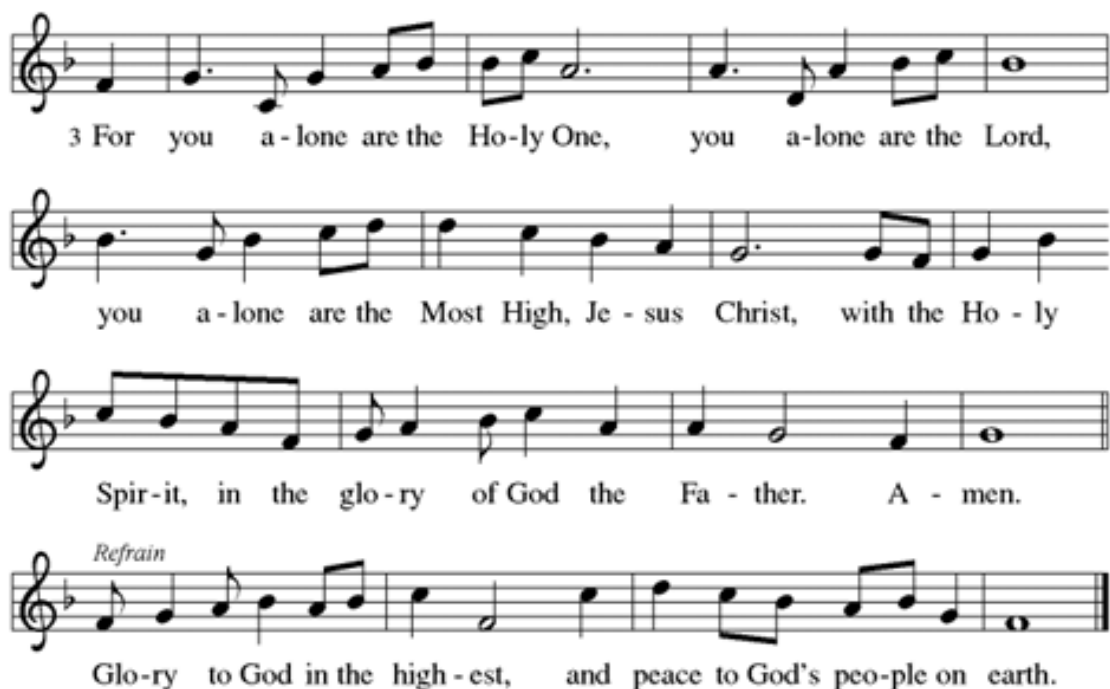
God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.
Refrain
 Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

L A reading from Malachi, Chapter 3.

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

HYMN *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* (Stanza 2)

Hymnal #240

SECOND READING

L A reading from Philippians, Chapter 1.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM **Advent Tidings** Bell Choir

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P ¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* Hymnal #249

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence. *A brief silence.*

A Renewing God, transform your creation. Steer us from habits that harm what you have made, and guide us in practices that preserve and restore creatures and habitats. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Ruling God, teach the nations your ways. Strengthen organizations and communities that broker peace and care for refugees, immigrants, and all caught in the center of conflict. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Rescuing God, restore your people who are in any need. Heal all who are suffering especially (_____, *and*) those we now name aloud or silently in our hearts. Provide comfort and strength, and nurture sustained wholeness for the future. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Reforming God, fill this congregation with your presence. Enrich our seasonal preparations, and bless the efforts by worship committees, music ensembles, staff, clergy, and lay leaders as they work in the weeks ahead. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Reassuring God, we remember those who have died and rest in you especially (_____, *and*) those we now name aloud or silently in our hearts. Guide us in deep gratitude for their life, and allow us to learn from their faithful witness. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Peaceful God, we plead for an end to violence in Ukraine and Gaza. Comfort those who have lost or are separated from their loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A We pray for Luther Manor of Bethlehem and the Rev. Clark Kuntz. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Mighty God, protect and bless all civil servants, local government officials, and members of the armed services who work for our safety and security, especially MSgt Courtney, Lt. Matthew, Airman Levi, Airman Kyle, SFC. Todd, PV Anthony, Captain Vince, Lt. Elizabeth, Major Derek, Major Kristina, CPO Dennis, Corporal Mark, and Seaman Recruit Joseph. Help us to be thoughtful citizens and good neighbors in our community. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

ANTHEM **God So Loved the World** Chancel Choir

OFFERING SONG *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

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, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

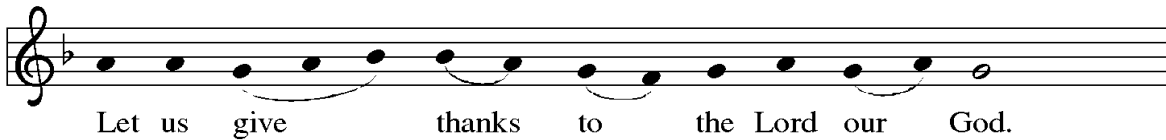
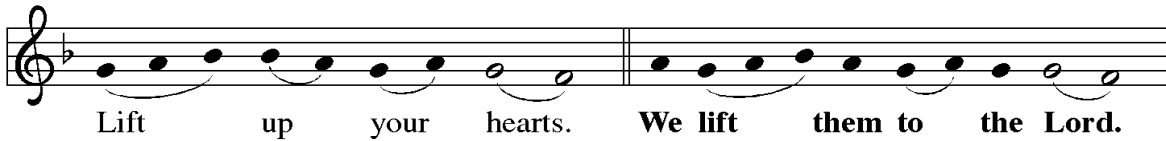
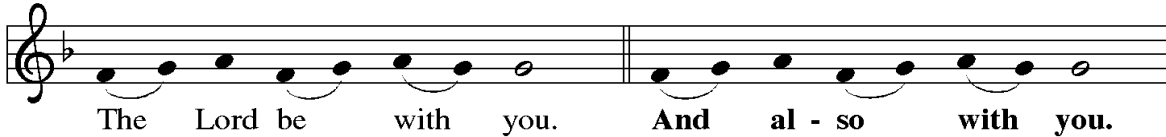
Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty. When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy. At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace. Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

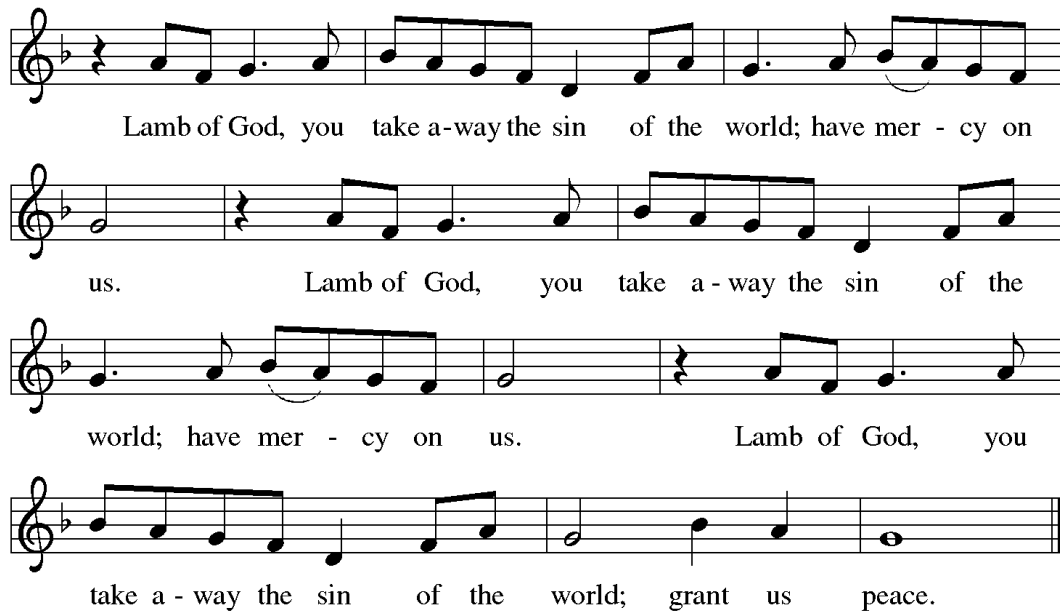
C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Hymns during distribution:

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup Hymnal #492

For the Bread You Have Broken Hymnal #494

I am the Bread of Life Hymnal #485

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated at the base of the steps this day or at your seats. All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers are available for those who want them. Please stand as you are able.

When all have received Communion:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray. God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, ✠ bless and keep you now and forever.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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BIRTHDAYS...Makenzie Fisher, Donna George, David Heine, Don Himmelreich, Melanie Lynn, Peter Merluzzi, and Susan Sensinger.

Immediate Prayers: Ashley, Laura Azzalina, Sharon Bleice, Carl, Gary, Kamilah, Rebecca and Mike Lepkowski, Matt, Nancy, Kaye Pittman, Mary Saville, Mike U., Wes Webber, and Zach.

*As of December 3, 2024

Members Homebound/Nursing Home: Margaret Bennett, Shirley Curto, Lisa Detweiler, Carl Fisher, Theresa Lawhead, Irene Neel, Doris Neumeyer, and Doris Wanamaker.

Long Term Prayers: Jessica Arnoldi, Elaine Bobeck, Rodney Burda, Charlie, John Clay, Crystal DiLonardo, Michael DiLonardo, Debbie DiLonardo, Carol Ehler, Niklas Enblom, Maj-Britt Enblom, Pam Garity, Lori Gilbert, David Jackson, Keith, Ingvar Kjellberg, Laura Lee Laustsen, David Laustsen, Paul Laustsen, Barbara Lindner, Ethel Shive, Jim Slater, Melissa Steckel, John Velekei, and Doug VonNessen.

Service Members: MSgt Courtney Baskwell, Lt. Matthew Baskwell, Airman Levi Birchfield, Staff Sgt. Kyle Callantine, PV Anthony Duginski, Captain Vince Franchino, Lt. Elizabeth Gordon, Major Derek Hartman, Major Kristina Himmelreich, Sgt. Rhiannon Perry, Corporal Mark Pollard, and Seaman Recruit Joseph Suhr.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday, December 8	Second Sunday of Advent 9:30pm *Holy Communion Worship Service
Monday, December 9	7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group 7:00pm Congregation Council via Zoom
Wednesday, December 11	6:00pm Soup Supper at St. Paul's Third Lutheran Church 7:00pm Advent Worship at St. Paul's Third Lutheran Church
Thursday, December 12	9:30am Safety Committee at Hope House 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Community Care Team 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, December 13	7:30pm Crossroads AA
Sunday, December 15	Third Sunday of Advent 9:30pm *Holy Communion Worship Service

*This service is live broadcast and recorded.

MONTH OF DECEMBER

Altar Guild: Linda Trigiani
Offering Counters: Nina Kramer and April Shaheen

Lord, My Strength

Pg 1

Chords: F, Gm⁷, C

The first system of piano accompaniment consists of two staves. The right hand plays a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the left hand provides a simple bass line. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The system is divided into three measures corresponding to the chords F, Gm⁷, and C.

Chords: F, F, Gm⁷

1, 3 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock,
2 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock,

The second system features a vocal line with lyrics and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has two staves. The lyrics are: "1, 3 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, / 2 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock,". The piano accompaniment continues with two staves. The system is divided into three measures with chords F, F, and Gm⁷.

Chords: C, F

lead me through the dark; Lord, my strength,
you and you a - lone; Lord, my strength,

The third system continues the vocal and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "lead me through the dark; Lord, my strength, / you and you a - lone; Lord, my strength,". The piano accompaniment consists of two staves. The system is divided into three measures with chords C and F.

Chords: Gm⁷, C

Lord, my rock, heal this wan - d'ring heart.
Lord, my rock, lead me safe - ly home.

Last time to coda ♪

The fourth system concludes the vocal and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Lord, my rock, heal this wan - d'ring heart. / Lord, my rock, lead me safe - ly home." The piano accompaniment consists of two staves. The system is divided into two measures with chords Gm⁷ and C. A "Last time to coda" symbol is present at the end of the system.

Lord, My Strength

Pg 2

Chords: F, Am⁷, D⁷

Be my eyes, be my ears, be the on -
Ev - 'ry step that I make, be the road

The first system of music features a vocal line with lyrics and piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The vocal line starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

Chords: Gm⁷, C, Am⁷

- ly voice I hear; guide my soul, give me sight,
I will take; be the thoughts that I keep

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern.

Chords: D⁷, Gm⁷, Bbm⁷, C

help me walk with - in your light.
and in ev - 'ry word I speak.

The third system concludes the piece. The vocal line has a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes G4, A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

Lord, My Strength

Pg 3

♩ Coda
F Gm⁷

Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock,

C⁷ F

you and you a - lone: Lord, my strength,

Gm⁷ C B \flat F

Lord, my rock, lead me safe - ly home.