
✠ TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023, 9:00 AM

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE!

Guests! We are happy to have you join us today and pray God's blessings on your time in His presence. Please fill out one of our guest cards in the pew and let us know if you are interested in membership. Pastor Torkelson will be happy to contact you. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

At Mount Olive, we come to know Jesus Christ in God's Word and Sacraments, praising God, strengthening our individual lives, supporting fellow Christians, and sharing God's love wherever we go.

AS WE GATHER

The Gospel sets us free. It especially sets us free from ourselves. When we gather on Sunday mornings, we are in the presence of a Christ who is serving. While we sing, praise, and pray to Him, it is only in response to His being with us and giving us His gifts. Our time together on Sundays is not about what we do, but it is all about us and the gifts Christ is giving. Our youth are helping us understand that today. It is also the truth behind the Lord's Supper.

Guests: As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we confess the Biblical teaching that the Lord's Supper is Christ's true body and blood "through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins." All who intend to receive the Sacrament are encouraged to take time before the service to read the "Christian Questions with Their Answers" in the pew hymnal on Pp. 329-330 as a way of preparing to receive the Supper (1 Cor.:11-27-29).

If you have questions or are not a member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, please speak with Pastor Torkelson before communing. He is happy to talk with you.

Gluten free wafers are available upon request from the serving elder. White grape juice is available in the center cups.

PRELUDE

HYMN OF INVOCATION:

Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

LSB 813



1 Re - joi - ce, O pil - grim throng! Re - joi - ce, give
2 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's
3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the
4 Yet on and on - ward still, With hymn and



thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner
surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy
saints on earth Pour out the strains of
chant and song, Through gate and porch and



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.
hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.
joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
col - umned aisle The hal - lowed path - ways throng.

Refrain



Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!

5 Still lift your standard high,
Still march in firm array,
As pilgrims through the
darkness wend
Till dawns the golden day. *Refrain*

6 At last the march shall end;
The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home
at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

△ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high,
The Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One God forevermore. *Refrain*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT



Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2

P I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;*
I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

C **I will greatly rejoice | in the LORD;***
my soul shall exult | in my God,

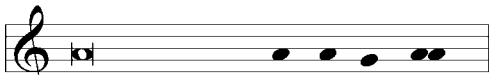
P for he has clothed me with the garments of sal- | vation;*
he has covered me with the robe of | righteousness,

C **as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful | headdress,***
and as a bride adorns herself | with her jewels.

C Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;*
I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

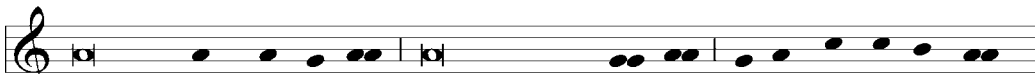
KYRIE



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



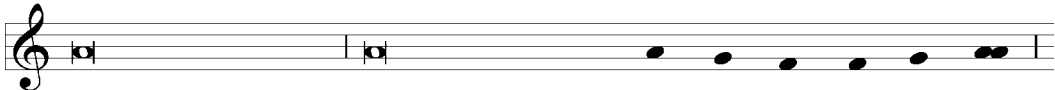
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



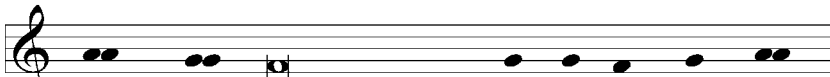
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



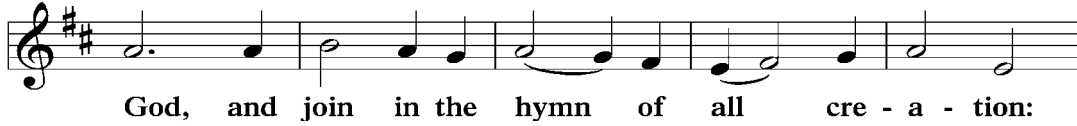
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are His.



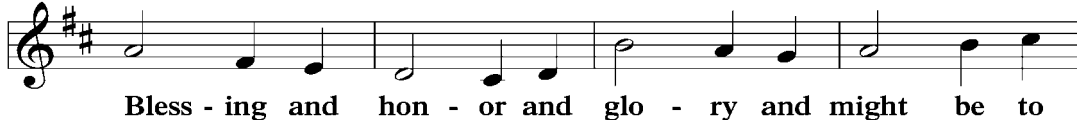
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



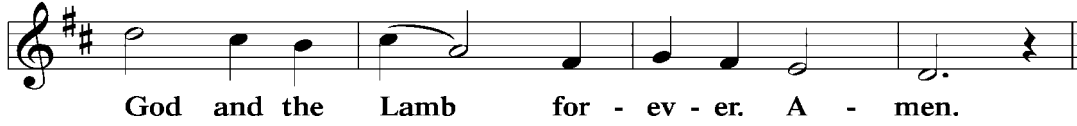
lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6–9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC - Youth Handbells

Tranquil Chiming

Sandra Eithun

EPISTLE

Philippians 4:4–13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them.

⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



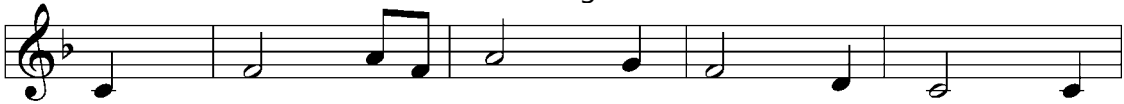
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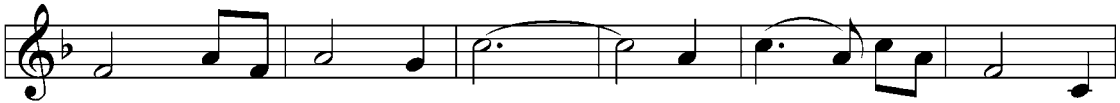
HYMN OF THE DAY:

Amazing Grace

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1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

- 6 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
 the sun forbear to shine;
 But God, who called me here below,
 will be forever mine.

SERMON

Time In Christ's Presence
Pastor Daniel Torkelson

*Matt. 18:20***NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things

were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each prayer:

- P** Lord in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

OFFERING

The offering will be collected by the ushers with the offering plates being passed down the rows. The offering will then be brought forward to the altar.

We also accept offerings via Pushpay. Text "mountolive" to 77977.

OFFERTORY



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



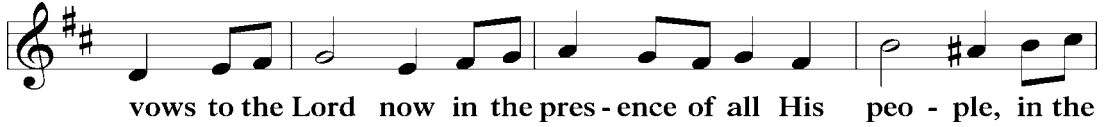
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

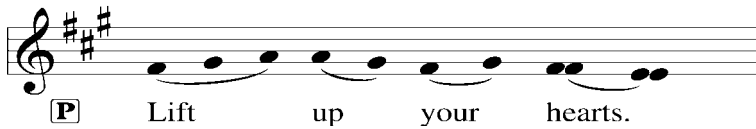
PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.



C And al-so 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 PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of

pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

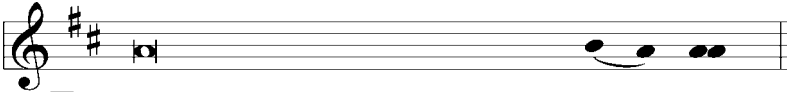
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

PAX DOMINI



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

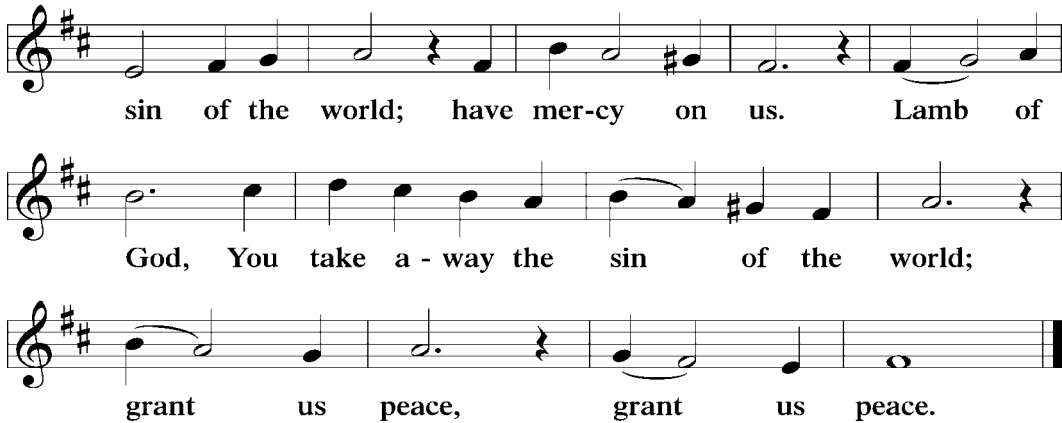
AGNUS DEI



C 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



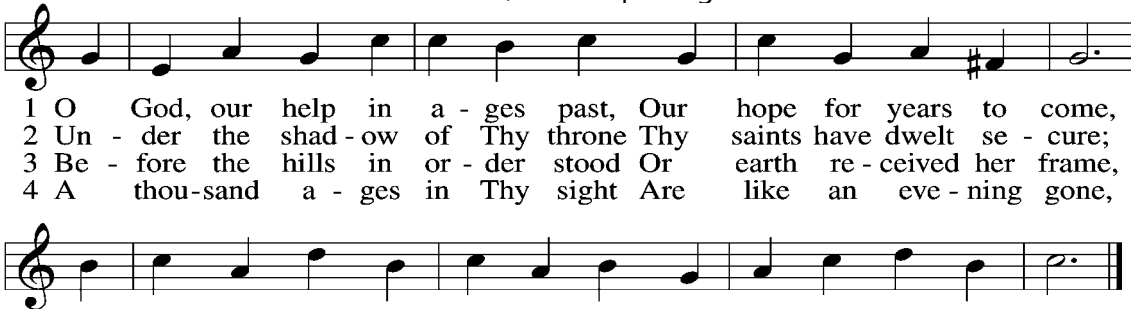
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

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 Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou-sand a - ges in Thy 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 Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art 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,
 Be Thou our guard while troubles last
 And our eternal home!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

All Glory Be to God on High

LSB 947



1 All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His
 2 We praise and laud and wor - ship You; We give You thanks for -
 3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Be - got - ten of the
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, our de - light And source of con - so -



fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A
 ev - er, O Fa - ther, for Your rule is true And
 Fa - ther, Your sav - ing death has made us one With
 la - tion, Pro - tect us from the dev - il's might Through



child of God for - ev - er. God shows His good and
 just and chang - es nev - er. With bound - less pow'r, Your
 God and with each oth - er. O Lamb of God, to
 Je - sus, our sal - va - tion, Who by His death up -



gra - cious will And grants His peace, the world to fill—
 might - y reign Ful - fills what - ev - er You or - dain.
 You on high In our dis - tress we sin - ners cry,
 on a tree Has res - cued us from mis - er - y:



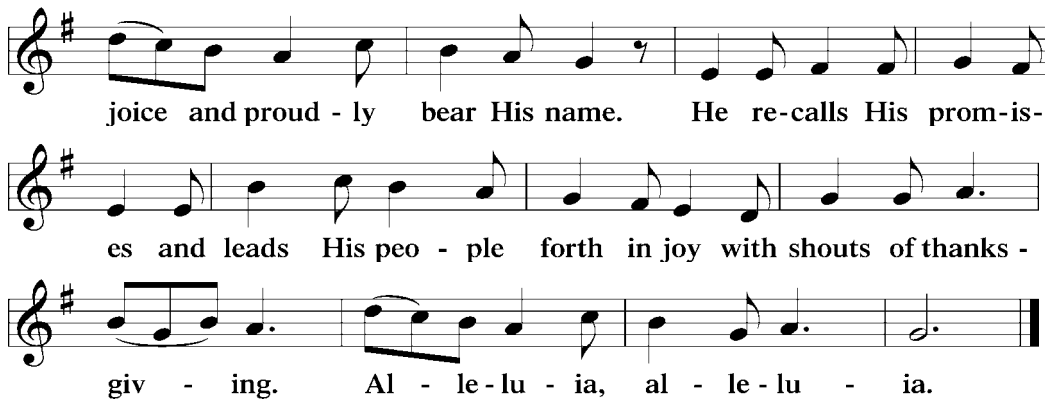
All strife at last has end - ed.
 Lord, grant us ev - 'ry bless - ing!
 Have mer - cy on us, a - men!
 To this we hold for - ev - er.

THANK THE LORD

☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev - 'ry-one what



He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -



joy and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-ises and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

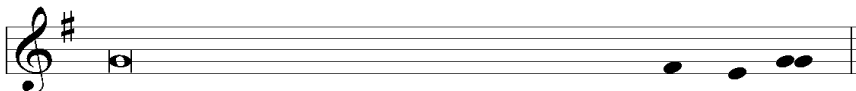
A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

BENEDICTION



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

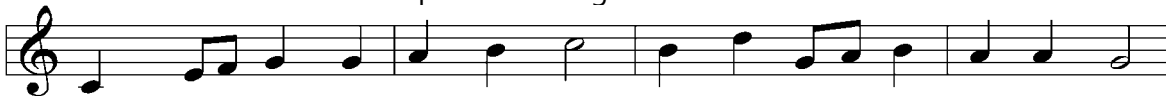


C A - men.

HYMN TO DEPART:

Spread the Reign of God the Lord

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1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;
 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
 3 Tell of our Re-deem-er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban - quet hall.
 How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
 And to pay re - bel-lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
 Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
 Ripe the promise of its yield.
 But the reapers, oh, how few
 For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
 Rouse to action heart and mind;
 Let the gath'ring nations all
 See Your light and heed Your call.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher	Rev. Daniel Torkelson, <i>Senior Pastor</i>
Music	Holly Sander, <i>Organist</i>
Elder	Curt Casanova
Audio/Visual	James Fenske
Sound Tech	Barb Koehler
Altar Guild	Lana Esch
Greeters	Emma Bluhm, Emma Brandt, Izzy Torkelson, Vivian Torkelson
Lectors	Jonathan Torkelson & Bethany Torkelson
Ushers	Graham Ballweg, Joseph Bluhm, Eli Brandt, JJ Probasco, Jonathan Torkelson
Handbells	<i>(Listed in order from smallest bell to largest bell)</i> Emma Bluhm, Bethany Torkelson, Emma Brandt, Izzy Torkelson, Vivian Torkelson, Graham Ballweg, Jonathan Torkelson, Joseph Bluhm
Drama	<i>Pastor:</i> JJ Probasco <i>Tech Guy:</i> Joseph Bluhm <i>Pianist:</i> Bethany Torkelson <i>Jane:</i> Vivian Torkelson <i>Behind the scenes tech wizard:</i> Izzy Torkelson

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