

# The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## Augustana Lutheran Church



October 11, 2026

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

We are so glad you joined us for worship today. Yes, we're talking to YOU! If you are new to our church, here are a few notes we hope help you feel at home.

- **ALL ARE WELCOME** in our faith community: Whether you were in church last Sunday, last year, or this is your very first time; no matter who you are or what your life experiences are; no matter your background, address, age, or income. We're glad you're here!
- In our Lutheran tradition, it's all about grace! Everything begins with the freely given gift of God's love for us and for all creation. We hope you find that reflected in our worship and preaching today.
- In our Lutheran tradition, we think a lot about the words we use for and with God, and we tend to use a lot of words in worship. You are invited to participate by joining us in saying any part printed in bold and singing. Sit/stand where indicated if it's comfortable for your body.
- Please do not feel obliged to make an offering as a visitor. If you would like to give anyway, you can do so by putting your contribution in the offering plate or giving electronically (see our announcements for instructions). We know that financial offerings are only one way people give back to God.
- Hymns can generally be found in the red hymnal in your pew, listed by number. Hymns are printed for you in large print bulletins.
- All are welcome at the table of Holy Communion. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to speak with our pastor before or after worship.
- If you are new to us, and are so inclined, we would love to have your contact information. Please fill out one of the visitor cards found in our pew and put it in the offering plate. We promise not to spam you!
- Our church isn't open only on Sunday mornings! See the announcements for a hint of everything going on.

## GET IN TOUCH!

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## Please Pray For:

Spencer  
Ken  
Rocco—cancer  
Ryan  
Jerry—recovering from surgery  
Courtney—cancer  
Sister Nora  
Barbara  
Joel—cancer  
Larry  
Elizabeth—recurring cancer  
Rachelle  
Deb  
Dorothy  
Roy  
Jane—cancer  
The Stegelmenn family  
Military Service Members

## Worship Server Schedule

**Pastor** – Rev. Emily Trubey-Weller

**Accompanist** – Ethan Ford

**Assisting Minister** – Nancy Tinder

**Lector** – Diane Erickson

**Server** – Cayden Abner

**Technology Server** – Randy Tinder

**Ushers** – Deb Rowland

**Altar Guild** – Nancy Tinder

helpers – Deb Rowland & Heidi Paston

### Children's Church 10/11

Emily M. and Leah M./Dorothy M.

### Children's Church 10/18

Stacy F. and Brian F.

## DONATE ONLINE

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Thank you for your generosity!



### Weekly Schedule

*Sunday, October 11, 2026 thru Sunday, October 18, 2026*

Sunday, October 11 ~ 11 AM – Worship with Fellowship in Narthex before & after  
*Pentecost 20*

Wednesday, October 14 ~ 4 PM – Middle School Youth Group at Grace  
~ 4:45-5:45 PM – Confirmation Class at Grace  
~ 6 PM – Bible Study at Grace

Thursday, October 15 ~ 4 PM – Holy Communion at Grace

Sunday, October 18 ~ 11 AM – Worship with Fellowship in Narthex before & after  
*Pentecost 21*

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**Did you know: You can have your newsletter emailed or in hard copy!** We want you to know about all the maaaany things happening in our churches, and that means we need you to read our monthly newsletter! You can receive it by email or in print through the mail. If you currently receive the newsletter by email only but would prefer print, just contact the church office and we will change your preference. There are also extra hard copies to be picked up at the church every month (at Grace in the narthex, at Augustana just inside the parking lot or sanctuary doors). If you haven't been getting our newsletters and would like to, let us know and we'll add you to the list. Thanks for keeping up to date!

**Our Annual Meeting** is set for Sunday, November 22. Reports are due to the office by October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**A new bible study: Money Money Money!** Our 4-week bible study in October explores what Jesus has to say about a topic that's sometimes hard to discuss, but it is always present in our lives: Money. What do we do with our money? What does Jesus have to say about how we spend or save money? Why and how do we give it away? It's more complicated than it used to be! What do his teachings mean for us today? This is actually one of the subjects Jesus teaches about most. Join us in the Luther Room at Grace at 6 PM, Wednesdays in October.

**Hymn request boxes:** Do you have a favorite hymn you just love to sing? Something you haven't heard in a while? Our Worship and Music Committee has put boxes at the back of the sanctuary in both of our churches to collect hymn requests. Just write the hymn name and number on a scrap of paper there and put it in the box. We'll collect the requests regularly. It might be a little while before you hear your request, as most of our hymns are selected by the committee well in advance, but we will make sure every request is included eventually! Now is an especially great time to get requests submitted for Advent and Christmas, as we'll be planning that before you know it. Any hymns that are not in our hymnal we will do our best to include. We look forward to seeing your suggestions!

## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others.

In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

## + GATHERING +

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## GATHERING MUSIC – ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Welcome to our year of listening!**

*At Augustana Lutheran Church we are amid a year of listening. During this year we are taking intentional time to listen more closely to the voices of God, one another, and our neighbors.*

*In worship, this means spending time in quiet as we begin to center ourselves and prepare to listen for God's voice. We will start with song, sit in silence, then be called to worship by the singing bowl (an instrument of prayer and meditation).*

*Of course, during this time we anticipate some noise and wiggling from little ones. If you need guidance to begin, consider placing both feet firmly on the floor, gently closing your eyes, and taking long, deep breaths. You may also choose a word (such as a name for God) to return to during the time of quiet whenever your mind begins to wander to other things.*

*You are invited to sing with the leader:*

## God Welcomes All

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

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Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; transc. and arr. John L. Bell.

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*We sit together into an extended moment of silence. The singing bowl calls us to worship.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*You are invited to stand as you are comfortable, and to face our baptismal font.*

P. Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

**C. Amen.**

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts  
of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

- P. Most merciful God,
- C. we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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. God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of  Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- C. Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN – *Thine the Amen*

*You are invited to join in singing and face the cross as it is carried in.*

### Thine the Amen



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise  
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be  
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest  
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise  
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread  
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee  
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be  
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways  
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup  
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry  
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war  
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least  
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.  
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.  
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.  
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.  
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

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## REETING

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.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*You are invited to join in singing.*



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



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.



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.



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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. Let us pray. Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
C. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## + WORD +

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## FIRST READING – Isaiah 25:1-9

*After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.*

A. A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. <sup>2</sup> For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. <sup>3</sup> Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. <sup>4</sup> For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, <sup>5</sup> the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup> And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day, “See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

A. Word of God, word of life.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM – Psalm 23**

*The psalm for the day is read responsively, with the congregation reading **bold** text.*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## SECOND READING – Philippians 4:1-9

*Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.*

A. A reading from Philippians.

<sup>1</sup> My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup> I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

<sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

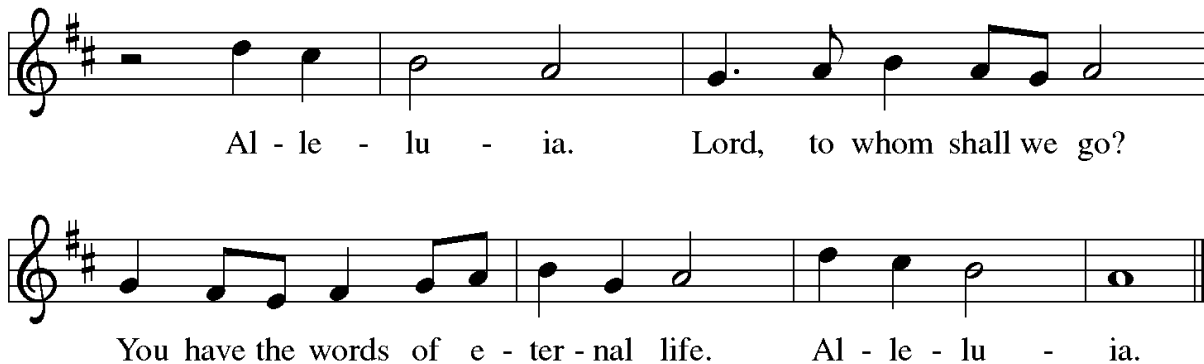
<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

A. Word of God, word of life.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*You are invited to stand as comfortable and to sing to welcome the gospel.*



## GOSPEL – Matthew 22:1-14

*Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.*

P. The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

P. <sup>1</sup> Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:

<sup>2</sup> "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup> He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup> Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' <sup>5</sup> But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup> while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them.

<sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup> Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.'

<sup>10</sup> Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup> “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup> and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P. The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*Children are invited to come to the first pen for a teaching moment especially for them.*

## **SERMON**

## HYMN OF THE DAY – *As We Gather at Your Table*

*You are invited to stand as you are comfortable and sing.*

### As We Gather at Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;  
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;  
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.  
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contradansen*, 1710

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## APOSTLES' CREED

A. With the whole church, we confess our faith:

C. 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**

A. Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new,  
we pray for the church and the world.

*A brief silence.*

*Each petition ends:*

A. Hear us, O God,

**C. Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P. Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask,  
and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**C. Amen.**

## **PEACE**

*We greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

P. The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C. And also with you.**

*You may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Then please be seated.*

## + MEAL +

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### GATHERING OUR OFFERING

*We offer gifts of time, talent, and treasure to God in thankfulness for all that God gives us. Augustana and Grace Lutheran Churches are grateful for the many ways our friends give to the work of God in the world!*

### OFFERING MUSIC

*As our financial offerings are collected, music is played.*

### OFFERING SONG – *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

*Once the offering is collected, you are invited to stand as you are comfortable and join in singing.*

#### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray. God of creation...*the leader continues...*  
through loving care for our neighbors.

C. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

P. It is indeed right...*the pastor continues...*join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*You are invited to sing.*

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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P. O God most mighty...*the pastor continues...*

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

**C. Amen!**

P. Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

**C. Amen!**

P. Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

**C. Amen!**

P. O God, you are Breath...*the pastor continues...*life in you,  
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. Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

C. Thanks be to God!

*You may be seated.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All who are baptized or have communed before are welcome to take part in this holy meal. If you feel drawn to receive the bread and cup of Holy Communion today, you are welcome to receive it! Jesus has set this table just for you.*

*An usher will show you when to come forward, and our communion assistants can show you what to do if it is your first time with us. If you prefer to receive only a blessing today, you may cross your arms over your chest when you come forward to receive a blessing from the pastor.*

## LAMB OF GOD

*You are invited to sing as Holy Communion is prepared and distributed.*



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.

# HYMN DURING COMMUNION – *Come Let Us Eat*

## Come, Let Us Eat



- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.  
in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.  
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

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*When Holy Communion has concluded, you are invited to stand as comfortable.*

P. The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**C. Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A. Let us pray. Sustaining God...*the leader continues...*  
in whose name we pray,

**C. Amen.**

## + SENDING +

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### BLESSING

P. The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

C. Amen.

### SENDING SONG – *Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

*You are invited to sing and to face the cross as Jesus leads us into the world.*

#### Come, Let Us Eat



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2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
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## DISMISSAL

A. We share our mission statement:

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A. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

### C. Thanks be to God!



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