



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 22, 2023 - 10:00 AM - in the Gym



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of their daughter, Lexi, on her 17th birthday by Del and Jess Thomas-Harewood.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Jim Parham
Assisting Minister	Jamie Fivecoat
Pianist	Julie Florin
Cantor	Jeff Rehm
Lector	Dean Nix
Prayers	Penny Bostain
Communion Assistant	Carl Brune
Acolytes	Madelyn Fagala Harry Hawkins
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Debbie Farstad Zerle Hubbard Terry Mogan
Praying for Possibilities	Lisa Rehm
Greeters	Maggie Boliek Debbie Farstad Deirdre Hixson Lisa Rehm Sarah Weeks
Ushers	Richard Delap Calvin Harmon Teresa Harrington David Potts
Fellowship Hosts	Chris and Dean Nix, Rosa Waldrop
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

Please stand as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.
We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.
For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.
For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.
Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
Amen.

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**

**Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

GREETING

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

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1-7

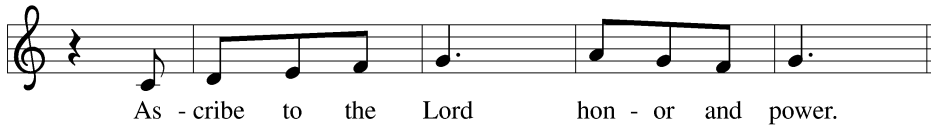
A reading from Isaiah.

- ¹This is what God says to Cyrus, God's anointed,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
- ²I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
- ³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, your God,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
- ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
- ⁵I am your God, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
- ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am your God, and there is no other.
- ⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I your God do all these things.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*Psalm
Refrain*



*Psalm
Tone*



- ¹To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.
- ²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**
- ³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.
- ⁴**Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths. R**
- ⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.
- ⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**
- ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness,
O LORD
- ⁸**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**
- ⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way. **R**
- ¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: "The | LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the
peo- | ples with equity."**
- ¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that | is therein.
- ¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your com- | ing, O LORD,
for you come to | judge the earth.**
- ¹³You will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peoples | with your truth. **R**

A reading from first Thessalonians.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters that you are beloved and chosen by God, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of Jesus Christ, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of Christ has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for God' Son from heaven, whom God raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Word of God for the people of God.

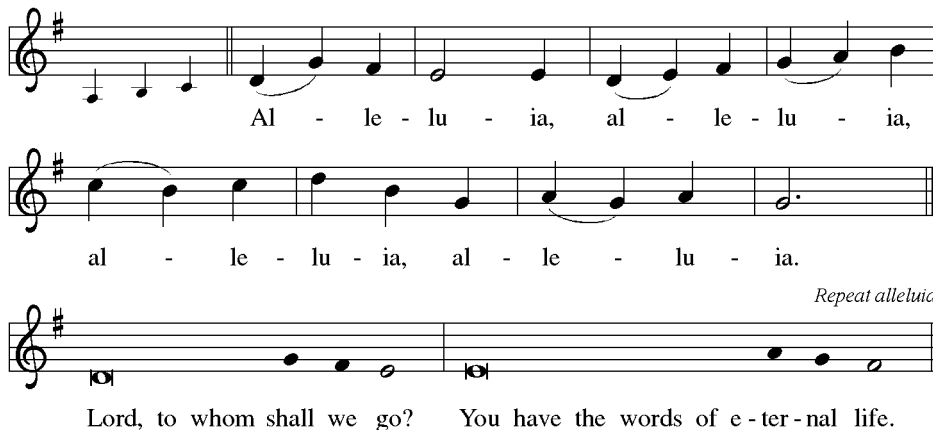
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Jesus Christ - King or Kin?

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the twenty-second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

What's in Your Wallet?

Please stand as able

**This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

**My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.**

**This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
O God be lifted up till all shall serve you,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give you; let your will be done.**

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

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Faithful God, your Spirit animates the church throughout the world and binds believers near and far into the body of Christ. Equip us for the work of faith, and enlarge our hearts for the labor of love. Fill this place, the South Carolina Synod, and the greater church with a passion carrying out your purpose for the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Creating God, the sea roars, the earth rejoices, and the heavens are glad at the wonder of all you have made. Bless the work of ecologists and conservationists and all those who safeguard the riches of creation. Let our hearts rejoice with thanksgiving for your gifts of pumpkins, apples, and all the riches of this season. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, your rule and authority is over the cosmos. As you once worked through the ruler Cyrus for the good of your people, accomplish your purposes through the work of elected leaders and public servants. Where doors and gates are found to be closed to certain groups of people, open them with your steadfast love. Guide each of us with your wisdom, compassion, and justice. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of peace, the trees of wood shout for joy at your coming, but an abundance of palm trees in the Middle East now weep as war rages among your people. Bring hope and reconciliation to a land ravaged by conflict. Safeguard the innocent in both Israel and Gaza. Free any being held captive. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Caring God, your arms enfold all who are lonely, oppressed, despairing, sick, and suffering. With COVID and Flu season upon us, we pray for safety and good sense. Protect the vulnerable, provide equitable access to vaccines, and guide your people to isolate and distance when needed. Grant us a healthy Autumn and Winter. Pour out your abundant mercy on all whom this world has neglected, abandoned, and forgotten, that they may know your joy. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Inclusive God, your boundless love connects us all to you and to each other in beloved community. Bring healing where there is racism, queerphobia, sexism, or any other divisive thought or action that separates us from each other, and therefore you. Guide your church to be a beacon of your inclusive love and give us the fortitude and grace to keep trying when we fall short.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Almighty God, all our life belongs to you. When earthly idols threaten to lead your church astray, remind us that you alone are the source of our eternal hope. Direct the work of the Stewardship Committee and Church Council as they prayerfully begin creating a budget proposal with the gifts your people have faithfully committed to your ministry. We give you thanks for the abundant table you have set before us. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Everlasting God, the saints of every age have sung your praise and shared your word. We give you thanks for their witness and pray that we may join them as citizens of your unending kin-dom. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.
And also with you.

Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated

MEAL

ANTHEM

Sing a New Song
by Henrich Schutz
arr. Carolyn Jennings
Jo Lewis, flute

Adult Choir

Please stand as able.

OFFERING HYMN

As Saints of Old
(verse 1)

#695

**As saints of old their first fruits brought of orchard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
so we today first fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.**

Let us pray. God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

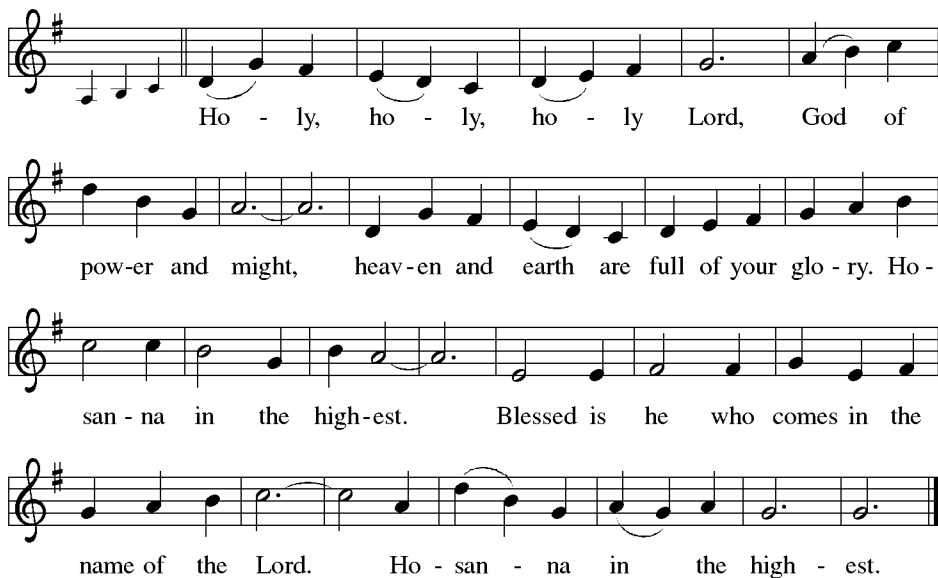
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
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:



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Please be seated

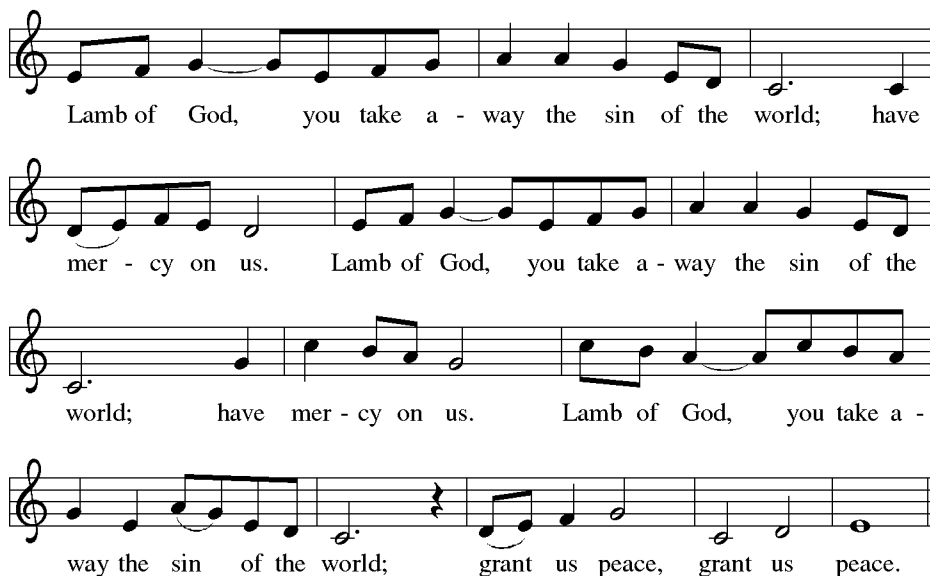
COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Anyone preferring not to receive the wine may receive only the bread, completely trusting that the full benefit of communion — Christ's grace and forgiveness — may be found in either the bread or wine.

Gluten free wafers are available.

*Worshippers will come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive a wafer
and dip it in the wine to receive communion by Intinction.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



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.

Here Is Bread

#483

**Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.**

Refrain

***In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.***

**Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. *Refrain***

**Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.
We'll proclaim till he comes Jesus crucified. *Refrain***

**God of grace and God of glory, on your people
pour your pow'r; crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ,
assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.**

**Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to
your control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils
we deplore; let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.**

God is Here!

#526

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer
praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong
need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place. Here in honesty
of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants
of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of
change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's
dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

**Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.**

**Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.**

**Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.**

**Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed?**

**We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.**

**God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path we pray.**

**Lest our feet stray from the places our God where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.**

Please stand as able

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of glory,
✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

#547

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls
reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.
With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now
lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

*Everyone is invited to gather in the back corner
of the Gym for refreshments and fellowship.*

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