



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 17, 2024 - 10:00 AM - in the Sanctuary



### 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 the Trinity Lutheran Church Staff by Jeanne Blinkoff.

# SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Jim Parham
Preaching and Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Organist and Choir Director	Shelton Love
Lector	Mary Cannon-Spencer
Prayers	Pat Morgan
Cantor	Melanie Helling
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Praying for Possibilities	Lara Wannemacher
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Ushers	Richard Delap Teresa Harrington Wayne Landreth David Potts
Fellowship Hosts	David and Karen Nichols
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

*Please stand as able*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.**

**Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world,

God draws near to us,

breaks every snare of sin,

washes away our wrongs,

brings us healing and wholeness,

and restores the promise of life through ✙ Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*Refrain:*

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

**Come Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain***

**All new born servants of the Crucified  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain***

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain***

**So shall our song of triumph ever be;  
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain***

## 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.**

## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



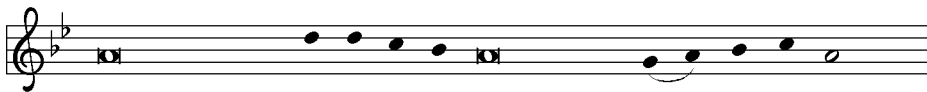
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



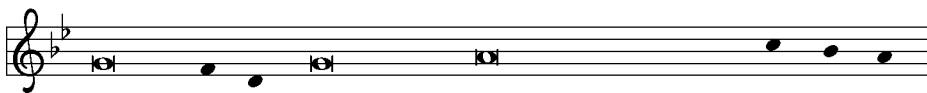
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



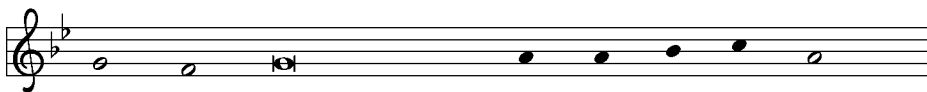
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



**A - men.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

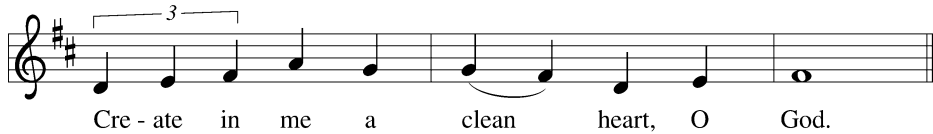
A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says GOD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their spouse, says GOD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know GOD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says GOD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm  
Refrain*



*Psalm  
Tone*



- <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.
- <sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me | from my sin.**
- <sup>3</sup>For I know | my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- | er before me.
- <sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment. R**
- <sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my | mother's womb.
- <sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**
- <sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.
- <sup>8</sup>**Let me hear | joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken | may rejoice. R**
- <sup>9</sup>Hide your face | from my sins,  
and blot out | all my wickedness.
- <sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**
- <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away | from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.
- <sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation  
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit. R**

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>and also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of God for the people of God.

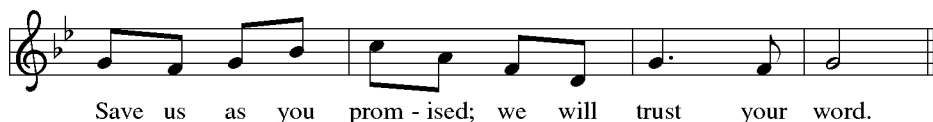
**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

*Little Seed; Abundant Life*

*Please stand as able*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the twelfth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, God will honor. <sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Abba, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Abba, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

SERMON

*Jesus’ Sorrowful Soul*

*Please stand as able*

**Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,  
thinking that he would never wake again,  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
your touch can call us back to life again,  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

#### 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 God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. We thank you for the many talents the musicians of Trinity share with this congregation in praise to you. Hear our prayer, O God, and have mercy on us.

**according to your steadfast love.**

God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Bless gardeners and farmers as they begin planting for the coming season. Help each of us to see the miracle present in the life cycle of seeds. From death to life, your presence is abundant. Hear our prayer, O God, and have mercy on us.

**according to your steadfast love.**

God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Continue to enliven the work of Greenville First Steps as they advocate for accessible and affordable childcare in Greenville County. Hear our prayer, O God, and have mercy on us.

**according to your steadfast love.**

God of vulnerability, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living with mental health struggles. Continue making this church a place where vulnerability and authenticity are welcomed and celebrated. Inspire us both individually and corporately to boldly tell our stories of grief and pain and also joy and acceptance. Hear our prayer, O God, and have mercy on us.

**according to your steadfast love.**

God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation, especially the Praying for Possibilities ministry. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Hear our prayer, O God, and have mercy on us.

**according to your steadfast love.**

God of good news, we give you thanks for sending Saint Patrick to preach your glory to the people of Ireland. Grant that we who are proud to call ourselves Christians may never cease to proclaim to the world the good news of salvation for absolutely all people. Hear our prayer, O God, and have mercy on us.

**according to your steadfast love.**

God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us. Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love. Hear our prayer, O God, and have mercy on us.

**according to your steadfast love.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, 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

*God Be in My Head*

Adult Choir

Music: K. Lee Scott, Text: *Sarum Primer*, 1514

God be in my head, and in my understanding.

God be in my eyes, and in my looking.

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking.

God be in my heart, and in my thinking.

God be at my end, and in my departing. Amen

*Please stand as able*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right  
spirit within me. Cast me not away from your  
presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Let us pray. Jesus, **you are the bread of life  
and the host of this meal.**

**Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.**

**Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.**

**We pray this in your name.**

**Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

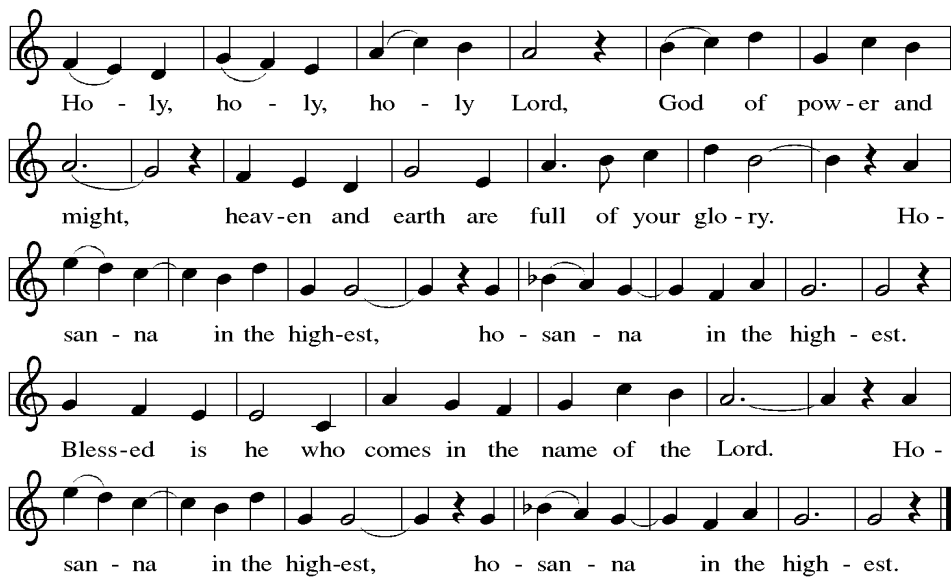
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
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:



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*

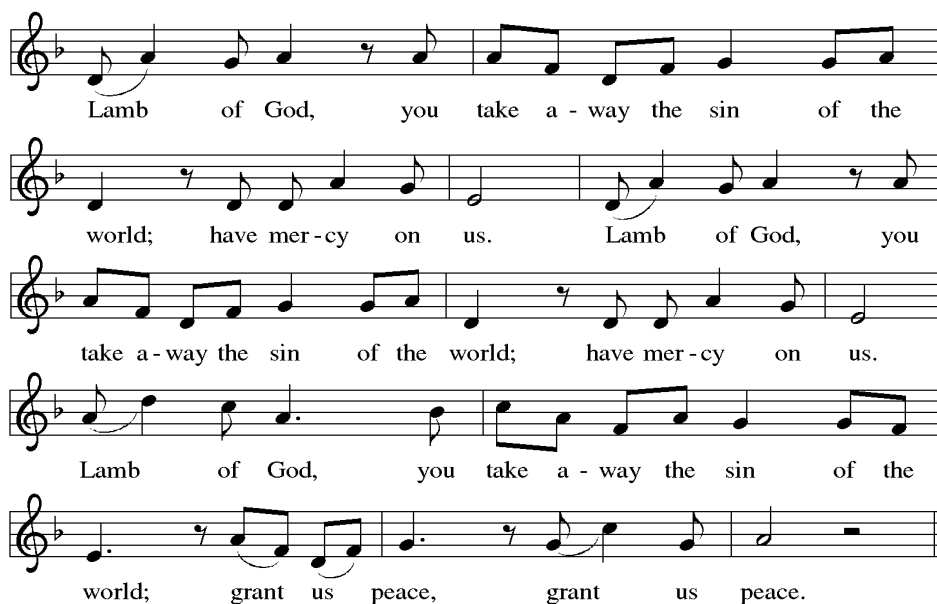
## COMMUNION

*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.*

*At the direction of the ushers worshipers are invited to come to the Altar - kneeling as able to receive a wafer and a small cup of wine.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "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." The score ends with a double bar line.

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.

**My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
guilt away, Oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!**

**May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's  
tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.**

**When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream  
shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then, in love fear and  
distrust remove; oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!**

*Seed That in Earth Is Dying*

Adult Choir

Seed that in earth is dying grows into ears of  
grain. Grapes that are crushed in the vessel  
turn into golden wine. God, through this mystery grant us  
faith in our deepest darkness, life in our night and death.

We were baptized in Jesus, into his death and  
grave, to resurrection's promise:  
praise and eternal life. Heaven's own praises begin here  
where you yourself are near us, deep in our night and death.

Seed that in earth is dying rises to bear much  
fruit. Christ, as we meet at your table,  
give us the bread of life. Lord, we do thank and adore you!  
Unceasing praise of the ages rises from night and death.



**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;  
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

**O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of your pow'r;  
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives like springtime bud and flow'r.**

**Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;  
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.**

**Three personed God, fulfill the promise of your grace,  
that we, when all our searching ends, may see you face to face.**

*Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery*

#334

**Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry, in your  
death we are reborn; though you die in all of  
hist'ry, still you rise with ev'ry morn,  
still you rise with ev'ry morn.**

**We remember truth once spoken, love passed  
on through act and word; ev'ry person lost and  
broken wears the body of our Lord,  
wears the body of our Lord.**

**Christ, you lead and we shall follow, stumbling  
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and  
sorrow, we the river, you the sea,  
we the river, you the sea.**

**Give us eyes to see you clearly; make us  
children of your light. Give us hearts to live more  
nearly as your gospel shining bright,  
as your gospel shining bright.**

*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

Generous God,  
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.  
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,  
now make us one loaf to feed the world;  
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

**Amen.**

#### SENDING

#### BLESSING

May your days be many and your troubles be few.  
May all God's blessings descend upon you.  
May peace be within you, may your heart be strong.  
May you find what you're seeking wherever you roam.  
May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God instruct us.  
May the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us.  
May thy Salvation ✝, O Lord, be always ours this day and for evermore.

**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

The Glory of These Forty Days

Text: 320 Tune: 389

The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -  
Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in

This system contains the first two staves of the hymn. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts on a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, and then a quarter note B4. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature and time signature. It provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
fast\_ and\_ prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en

This system contains the next two staves. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note C5, a half note D5, and a quarter note E5. The bass staff continues the accompaniment, featuring a half note F#4 and a half note G4.

things were made, him - self has fast - ed\_ and has prayed.  
with\_ your grace, and give us joy to\_ see your face.

This system contains the final two staves. The treble staff concludes the melody with a half note F#5, a half note G5, and a whole note A5. The bass staff concludes the accompaniment with a half note B4 and a half note C5. The system ends with a double bar line.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

Trust in Jesus.

Reach out to the world in love.

Extend outstretched arms of welcome to all.

Give thanks for the cross and for God's gift of salvation for all.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Everyone is invited to gather on the front lawn  
following worship for refreshments and fellowship.*

*Lift High the Cross*  
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