



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 6, 2024 - 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 memory of their fathers, John Morgan and Bart Howard, by Pat and Linda Morgan.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Pianist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lector	Kristian McDowell
Prayers	Donna Potts
Communion Assistant	Carol Dorman
Cantor	Heather Kleckley
Acolyte	Madelyn Fagala
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Anne Fagala Zerle Hubbard Suzanne Rudisill
Nursery	Anne Harmon
Praying for Possibilities	Chris Sullivan
Greeters	Mark Allen Ann Berlam Dani Caceres Ed Ninestein Brad Waters
Ushers	Kay Cook Calvin Harmon Lani Ludian David Potts
Fellowship Hosts	Chris and Duke Barsody
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

TEMPLE TALK

First Fruits

Richard Moose

Please stand as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but often fail to share the gifts you have abundantly bestowed upon us.
We are quick to believe the lie of scarcity the world has taught us.
We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.
We hoard up riches and treasures for ourselves.
In our fear and doubt, we have held back our gifts of time and talent,
often feeling that what we have to offer is unworthy.
We have forsaken our call to
steward your creation with love, care, and attention.
Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the generous way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Beloved of God,
hear the good news of the gospel:
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Through his death and resurrection, you are reconciled.
Receive the forgiveness that Christ offers.
Continue in the assurance of God's grace.
Amen.

**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.**

**A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give;
to make our life an offering to God, that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.**

**In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

GREETING

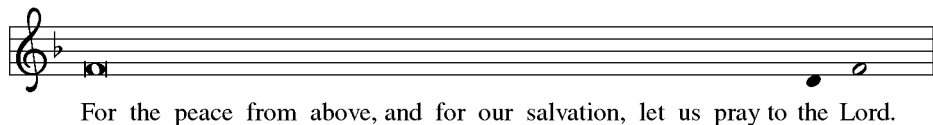
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

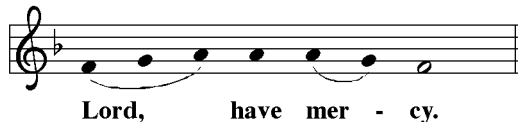
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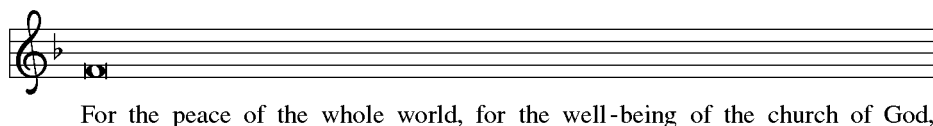
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



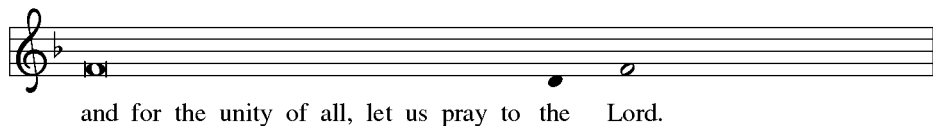
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



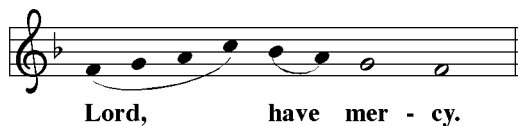
Lord, have mer - cy.



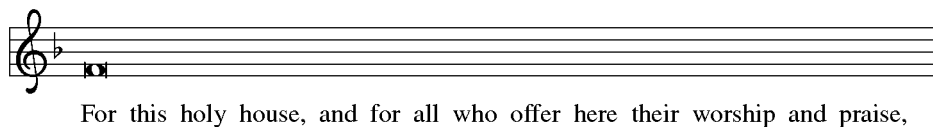
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



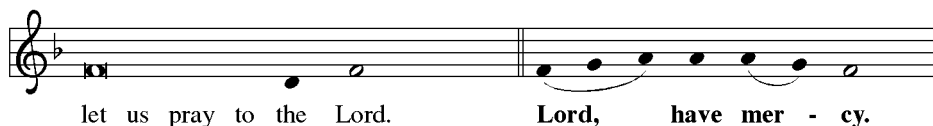
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



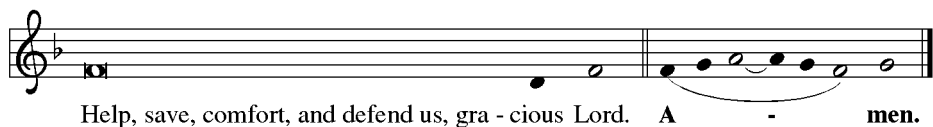
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



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



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of extravagant, over-the-top, out-of-this-world love for all humanity, you, acting out of this love, give us gift after gift after gift and for this boundless, limitless generosity and provision, we are grateful. Inspire and empower us to follow your example of sacrificial love. Give us the courage and strength to make a beautiful, sacrificial gift that will honor you and nurture your kin-dom; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58: 6-11

A reading from Isaiah.

- ⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
- ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
- ⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
- ⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and God will say, "Here I am."
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
- ¹¹ The Lord will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction**Psalm
Refrain*

You have searched me out and known me.

*Psalm
Tone*¹LORD, you have | searched me out;

O LORD, | you have known me.

²**You know my sitting down and my | rising up;
you discern my thoughts | from afar. R**³You trace my journeys and my | resting-places
and are acquainted with | all my ways.⁷Where can I go then | from your Spirit?

Where can I flee | from your presence?

⁸**If I climb up to heaven, | you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you | are there also.**⁹If I take the wings | of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts | of the sea,¹⁰**even there your | hand will lead me
and your right hand | hold me fast. R**¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness will | cover me,
and the light around me | turn to night,"¹²**darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright | as the day;
darkness and light to you are | both alike.**¹³For you yourself created my | inmost parts;
you knit me together in my | mother's womb.¹⁴**I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;
your works are wonderful, and I | know it well. R**

SECOND READING
A reading from Romans.

Romans 12:6-8

⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith;
⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the
giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

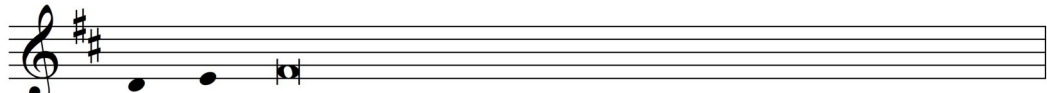
So Much to Share

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

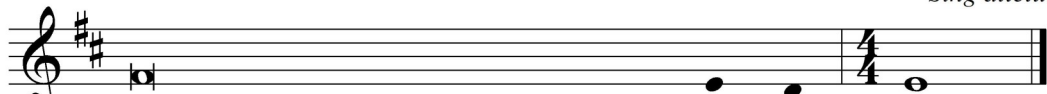


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give;

Sing alleluia.



to make our life an offering to God, that all may live.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the seventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee's house he reclined to dine. ³⁷ And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸ She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." ⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little." ⁴⁸ Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

An Extravagant Gift of Love

Please stand as able

VOCATION, MINISTRY

583

Take My Life, That I May Be

Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na - da más;
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;



to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón y tu tro - no en él ten - drás.
take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.



1 *Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té* con - sa - gra -
1 Take my hands and let them move at the im -
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on -
4 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be



da a ti, Se - ñor; que a mis ma - nos pue -
pulse of thy love; take my feet and let
would I with - hold; take my in - tel - lect
ly for my King; take my lips and let
no lon - ger mine; take my heart, it is



da guiar el im - pul - so de tu a - mor.
them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.

2 *Que mis pies tan sólo en pos de lo santo puedan ir, y que a ti, Señor, mi voz, se complazca en bendecir.* Estrillo

3 *Que mis labios al hablar hablen sólo de tu amor; que mis bienes dedicar yo los quiera a ti, Señor.* Estrillo

4 *Que mi tiempo todo esté consagrado a tu loor; que mi mente y su poder sean usados en tu honor.* Estrillo

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

Drawn together through the power of the Holy Spirit with praise for the gifts God has given us, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the people of God in all places. Shape our witness to the good news of Jesus that we joyfully share your transforming love with all whom we encounter. God of all good gifts, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the healing of the earth. Renew oceans and seas, marshes and estuaries. Uphold the work of conservationists, oceanographers, and all who care for fragile ecosystems and habitats. Bless the leaves that are just beginning to fall, and the trees preparing to stand bare in the coming months. God of all good gifts, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace and cooperation among local and global communities. Strengthen the efforts of community organizers, international aid workers, and all those who work for justice and peace around the world. Support queer parents raising children in our heteronormative society. Gift them with a community of people who love them, celebrate them, and cheer them on. Continue making us that community for those who seek it. God of all good gifts, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in any need. To all who grieve, bring consolation; to all who are weary or lonely, bring solace. By your grace, make your presence known among all who call to you for healing, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ...
Remind us that when we feel we are at the end of our rope, you are there.
God of all good gifts, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who have been impacted by Hurricane Helene. Make your presence known to those whose homes have been destroyed. Give courage to those for whom the clean-up efforts are overwhelming. Sustain emergency responders who are always ready to face difficult situations head on. Comfort those whose loved ones perished this past week. Give us grace to care for one another in these days of continued chaos and uncertainty.
od of all good gifts, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for caregivers: doctors and nurses, home health aides and counselors, and those who care for loved ones. Sustain them in their work and help us to build a health care system that supports all. Bring affordable and high quality healthcare to those on the margins, especially our downtown neighbors. God of all good gifts, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the work of your power within us, by which you are able to accomplish abundantly far more than we could ask or imagine. Inspire us to invest generously and wisely in your kin-dom here on earth. May we be diligent with the time you have so graciously given us, enthusiastic in using the talents you bestow, and generous with our treasures which come from you. Help us to recognize our responsibility to serve your church and the world you have entrusted to our care. God of all good gifts, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the saints who now rest in your eternal presence. In thanksgiving for their lives of faithful service and witness, we commend them to your loving care.
God of all good gifts, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, 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

ANTHEM

The Meditations of My Heart
by Elaine Hagenberg

Adult choir

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart
be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord.

O Lord my Rock, O Lord my strength, O Lord my God and Redeemer.

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Let us pray, Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

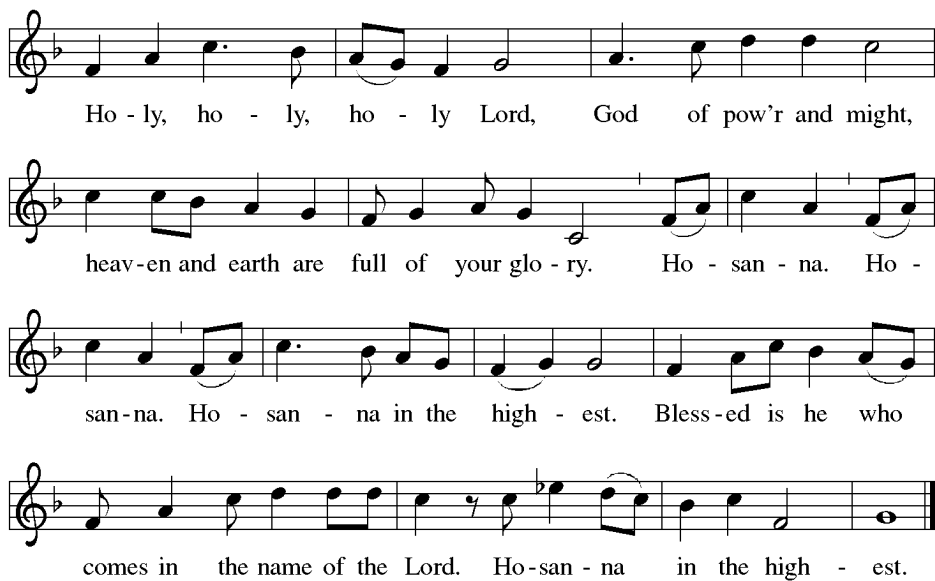
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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, generous and merciful God,
through the one who gave his own life for us, our Savior Jesus Christ.
You placed us in a well-watered garden
and have entrusted us with its care.
You bless us with abundance,
though we often only choose scarcity.
At the right time, and as the greatest gift of all,
you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to show us the ways of your love.
He commanded us to bear fruit for the sake of your kin-dom.
By his death and resurrection,
we have been set free to serve the world,
and granted eternal life in you.
And so with earth and sea and all their creatures,
with each breath you have given us,
resting in the peace and comfort of your promises,
we praise your name and join the unending hymn of heaven:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. 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.

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, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the bread into 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.

We Rejoice and Ring!
by Jim Parham

Handbell Choir

Refrain

***Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness
calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.***

**You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:**

“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” *Refrain*

**You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain***

**You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain***

**You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain***

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

#531

**The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is
ready to begin. The gates of heav'n are open wide,
and Jesus welcomes you inside.**

Refrain

***Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.***

**Tables are laden with good things; oh, taste the
peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love divine;
he'll turn your water into wine. *Refrain***

**The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the
poor his paradise. Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud
the amazing goodness of the Lord. *Refrain***

God of Justice, Love, and Mercy

**God of justice, love, and mercy pour your wisdom on our souls.
By your all-sustaining power keep our spirits strong and whole.
Lift our eyes to see your vision, of a world in urgent need—
Grant us courage, then to follow bringing comfort with each deed.**

**God of justice, love, and mercy with compassion let us care.
As we come in humble weakness, may your strength be ours to share.
Press our hearts to know the struggle of the ones we cannot see—
Brothers, sisters, all who suffer may your kindness set us free.**

**God of justice, love, and mercy send us out and make us bold.
As we strive for your high calling, let our hands your mercies hold.
You have blessed us with abundance, gifts to share with those in need—
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit may we follow as you lead.**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

#674

**Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

Refrain

***Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound! Repeat***

**Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. *Refrain***

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'ry where! *Refrain***

Refrain

**Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

**You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your
peace and gladness; Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain***

**In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is
still unfolding, give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain***

**Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister,
ev'ry brother; Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain***

**You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your
way of healing; Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain***

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

Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others,
to share the gifts you have so generously given us,
and to extend your peace to the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God all mighty,
God most merciful
✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

#677

**This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Ev'ry where I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'ry where I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'ry where I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to labor, love, and give.
Use your gifts to do something beautiful for God;
to make an extravagant gift of love;
to shine your unique light into the world.

Thanks be to God.

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

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