



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 25, 2025 - 10:00 AM - in the Sanctuary



### Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

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

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Franklins's mother and Ryan and Abby's grandmother, Sarah Stilwell Butler, by Franklin and Kerry Sease.

## SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and preaching	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Organist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lector	Carl Witherspoon
Prayers	McKinsey Threlkeld
Cantors	Bob and Sheryl Schirmer
Communion Assistant	Jaime Fivecoat
Acolyte	Dovie Dykes
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Anne Fagala and Melissa Kolb
Nursery	Karen Craig
Praying for Possibilities	Suzanne Rudisill
Greeters	Mark Allen
	Dexter Brecht
	Jack Heidt
	Sonny Patrick
	Valerie Patrick
Ushers	Danny Fagala
	Calvin Harmon
	David Potts
Fellowship Hosts	Jeff and Lisa Rehm
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

*Please stand as able*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  
✙ one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font.*

Water! Look! Here is water – the water of life!

**We praise you, O God, for the water of life!**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

**We praise you, O God, for the water of life!**

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

**We praise you, O God, for the water of life!**

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**We praise you, O God, for the water of life!**

**Amen.**

**Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

*Refrain*

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**Walking the way, Christ in the center  
telling the story to open our eyes;  
breaking our bread, giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain***

**Jesus the vine, we are the branches;  
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,  
gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain***

**Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:  
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain***

**City of God, Easter forever,  
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
river of life, saints and archangels,  
sing with creation to God the I Am! *Refrain***

#### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.  
**And also with you.**

# 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

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. God of abundance and generosity, remind us that your grace is always sufficient for the needs of this day, this season, this life. In our fear, frailty, worry, and anxiety reassure us time and time again that your power is made perfect in human weakness. Through Christ we are connected to an endless supply of strength and bravery — enough to sustain us through all the challenges and demands of this beautiful life; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 16:9-15

A reading from Acts.

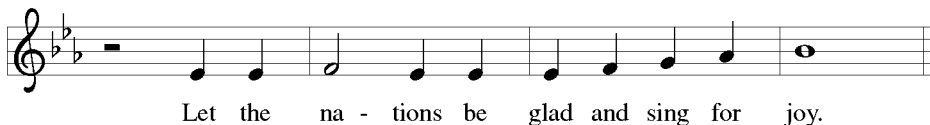
<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. <sup>11</sup> We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup> On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of God for the people of God.

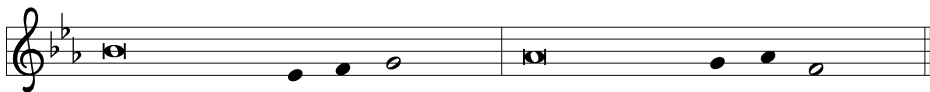
**Thanks be to God.**

Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.

Psalm  
Refrain



Psalm  
Tone



- <sup>1</sup> May God be merciful to | us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.
- <sup>2</sup> **Let your way be known | upon earth,  
your saving health a- | mong all nations.**
- <sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise | you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup> **Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on earth. R**
- <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples | praise you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup> **The earth has brought | forth its increase;  
God, our own | God, has blessed us.**
- <sup>7</sup> May God | give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe. **R**



A reading from second Corinthians.

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven— whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person— whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— <sup>4</sup>was caught up into paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to God about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but God said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ, for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

*Everyday Brave*

*Please stand as able*

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
Hal - le - lu - jah.

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

*Sing twice*

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the fourteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Abba will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from Abba God who sent me. <sup>25</sup> "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom Abba God will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to Abba God, because Abba God is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

SERMON

*Thirty Years of Ministry Sustained by God's Grace*

*Please stand as able*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

#798

**"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"**

**"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"**

**"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"**

**"Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

## NICENE CREED

God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Further cooperation between people of different faith traditions and bless our non-Christian neighbors that we learn and grow in deeper relationship. Guide us in new ways of healing for those who have been harmed by the church. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bless the earth with fresh water, clean air, and rich soil. Nurture growing crops and encourage communities developing sustainable farming practices. Help us to live in balance and harmony with your good creation. Sustain backyard gardens and patio tomato plants as we each yearn to taste the goodness of your creation! Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Reconcile nations and communities suffering from violence and conflict. Protect refugees, asylum-seekers, and all who flee their homes seeking safety and security. Make all nations safe for both migrants and residents. Help this country to find its way back to welcoming the tired, poor, and the huddled masses who are yearning to breathe freely in a safe land. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Sustain all who are in need. Grant individuals and families struggling with trauma or addiction a new way forward. Support caregivers, nurses, doctors, counselors, and social workers. Come alongside all who are ill or struggling, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

During trying times, make your grace palpable to those of us struggling to find hope. Help our unbelief. Fill struggling communities of people with the comfort only you can bring, reminding us that you create each member of humanity in your image and for your purpose. Bring a fresh awareness to this world about the needs of the LGBTQIA+ community, those struggling with mental health concerns, and the difficulties facing our black and brown siblings. Help us to act out of our compassion. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

This Memorial Day weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Soothe loved ones who mourn, and strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Bring peace among nations, that war and conflict around the world might cease. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for all your saints raised to new life in Christ. Gather us, with them, into the peace only you can give. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen 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

OFFERING

*The King of Love my Shepherd Is*

Music: Felix Mendelssohn;

Text: paraphrase of Psalm 23 by Henry W. Baker  
(Sheryl Schirmer, soprano; Bob Schirmer, baritone)

*Please stand as able*

OFFERING HYMN

*Hail Thee, Festival Day!*

#394

(verses 1-2)

*Refrain*

***Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever;  
day when our Lord was raised, breaking the kingdom of death.***

**All the fair beauty of earth from the  
death of the winter arising! Ev'ry good  
gift of the year now with its master returns: *Refrain***

**Rise from the grave now, O Lord, the author of  
life and creation. Treading the pathway of  
death new life you give to us all: *Refrain***

Let us pray, Risen One,  
**you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.  
Come among us again,  
breathe your life into us,  
and enliven us with this meal,  
that we may live as your risen body in the world.  
Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

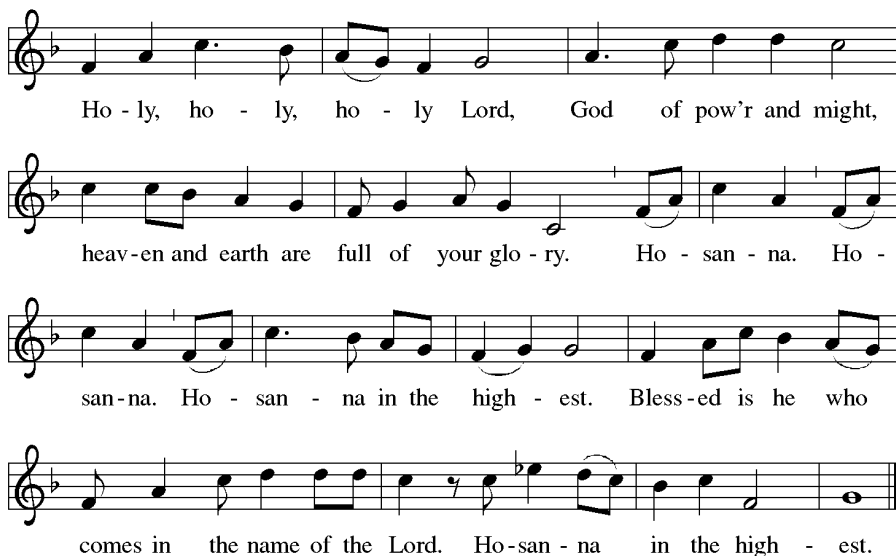
Lift up your hearts.

**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,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin,  
who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we await the day when Jesus shall return  
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.  
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

**Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,  
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup  
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.  
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

**Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,  
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,  
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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

Come to the table of grace.

The gift of new life belongs to you...to ALL of you!

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated*

## COMMUNION

*All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice— wine in the larger section and grape juice in the smaller section. Christ's grace and forgiveness is found in the bread, wine, and grape juice.*

*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 wafer into the chalice 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.

**The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset by  
change, but Spirit led, must claim and test its  
heritage and keep on rising from the dead.**

**Across the world, across the street, the victims  
of injustice cry for shelter and for  
bread to eat, and never live before they die.**

**Then let the servant church arise, a caring  
church that longs to be a partner in Christ's  
sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.**

**For he alone, whose blood was shed can cure the  
fever in our blood, and teach us how to  
share our bread and feed the starving multitude.**

**We have no mission but to serve in full  
obedience to our Lord; to care for all, without  
reserve, and spread his liberating word.**

*Here I Am, Lord*

#574

**"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"**

*Refrain*

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you  
calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you  
lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.***

**"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain***

**"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain***

**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.**

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

#659

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road;  
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.**

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

*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**

Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.  
**Amen.**

# SENDING

## BLESSING

The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection joy,  
now and always. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

#535

*Refrain*

***Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our  
hearts are filled with gladness. Hallelujah! We sing your  
praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. Repeat***

**Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger.**

**Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger. Refrain**

**Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel.**

**Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel Refrain**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace.  
God's grace is sufficient for you.  
God's power is made perfect in your weakness.  
Do not rely on your own strength.  
Trust in God.  
Connect to community.  
Allow God to give you everything you need.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Following worship, everyone is invited to gather  
for refreshments and fellowship on the front lawn.*





*Here I Am, Lord*

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