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The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod



David H. Brooks, Pastor – November 24, 2024

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TODAY'S VERSE:

"For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them." - Ephesians 2:10

PRELUDE

..... **WE PREPARE TO MEET OUR LORD**

Christ the King Sunday

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:8)*

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father,

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His Mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 20:19-23)*

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN: **LSB 727 "On Eagles' Wings"**

1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -
2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap-ture you, And
3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, Nor the
4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com - mand To
bide in His shad - ow for life,
fam - ine will bring you no fear;
ar - row that flies by day;
guard you in all of your ways; Though
Up -



Say to the Lord: "My refuge, My
Un - der His wings your refuge, His
thou - sands fall a - bout you,
on their hands they will bear you up, Lest you
rock in whom I trust!"
faith - ful - ness your shield.
Near you it shall not come.
dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain

And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the
sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

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WE WELCOME OUR LORD

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE:

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** 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.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



THIS IS THE FEAST:

Refrain

C 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
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

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



SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

..... OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Isaiah 51:4–6 (*Pew Bible, pg. 612*)

The Old Testament Lesson is from the 51st Chapter of Isaiah.

⁴“Give attention to Me, My people, and give ear to Me, My nation; for a law will go out from Me, and I will set My justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵My righteousness draws near, My salvation has gone out, and My arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for Me, and for My arm they wait.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will never be dismayed.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 93: *Gather Comp. 88 "The Lord Is King for Evermore"*

Antiphon



¹ The Lord is king, with majesty enrōbed;
the Lord is robed with might,
and girded rōund with power.

⁴ Greater than the roar of mighty wātērs,
more glorious than the surgings of the sēa,
the Lord is glōrious on high.

The world you made firm, not to be mōved;
² your throne has stood firm from of òld.
From all eternitý, O Lord, you are.

⁵ Truly your decrees are to be trustēd.
Holiness is fitting to your hòuse,
O Lord, untíl the end of time.

³ The waters have lifted up, O Lōrd,
the waters have lifted up their vōice,
the waters have lifted úp their thunder.

Give glory to the Father Almighty,
to his Son, Jesus Christ, the Lōrd,
to the Spirit who dwélls in our hearts.

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EPISTLE LESSON:

Jude 20–25 (*Pew Bible, pg. 961*)

The Epistle Lesson is from the Letter of Jude.

²⁰But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

²²And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

²⁴Now to Him Who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE:



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth Chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

²⁷And then He will send out the angels and gather His elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near.

²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that He is near, at the very gates.

³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.

³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake.

³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.

³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON: **Rev. Dr. David H. Brooks**

HYMN OF THE DAY: **LBW 179 "At the Name of Jesus"** Verses 1, 3-4, 6

1 At the name of Je - sus Ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
3 Hum-bled for a sea - son, To re - ceive a name
4 Bore it up tri - um - phant With its hu - man light,

Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now.
From the lips of sin - ners Un - to whom he came,
Through all ranks of crea - tures To the cen - tral height,

'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure We should call him Lord,
Faith - ful - ly he bore it Spot-less to the last;
To the throne of God - head, To the Fa - ther's breast;

Who from the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.
Brought it back vic - to - rious When from death he passed;
Filled it with the glo - ry Of that per - fect rest.

6 Christians, this Lord Jesus
Shall return again
In his Father's glory,
With his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

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NICENE CREED:

**C 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate
from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**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. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

..... WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE LORD

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. . .
Lord in Your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

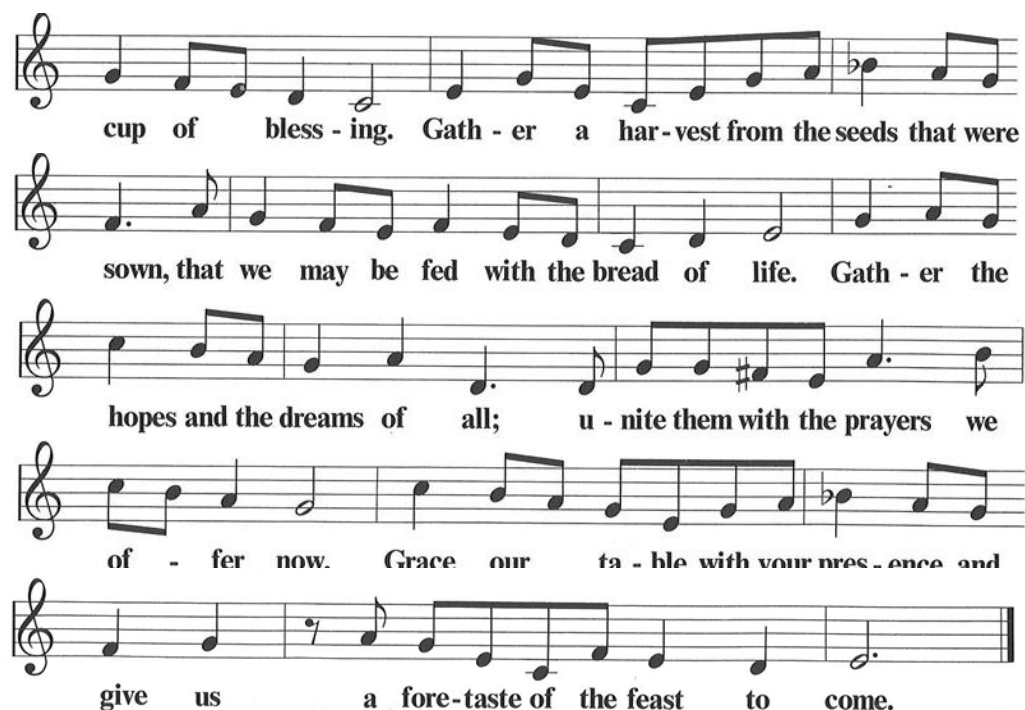
Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, with the 'hand wave of peace', as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3).

OFFERTORY

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[†] meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of the Christian doctrine



OUR LORD GIVES HIMSELF TO US

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE:

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

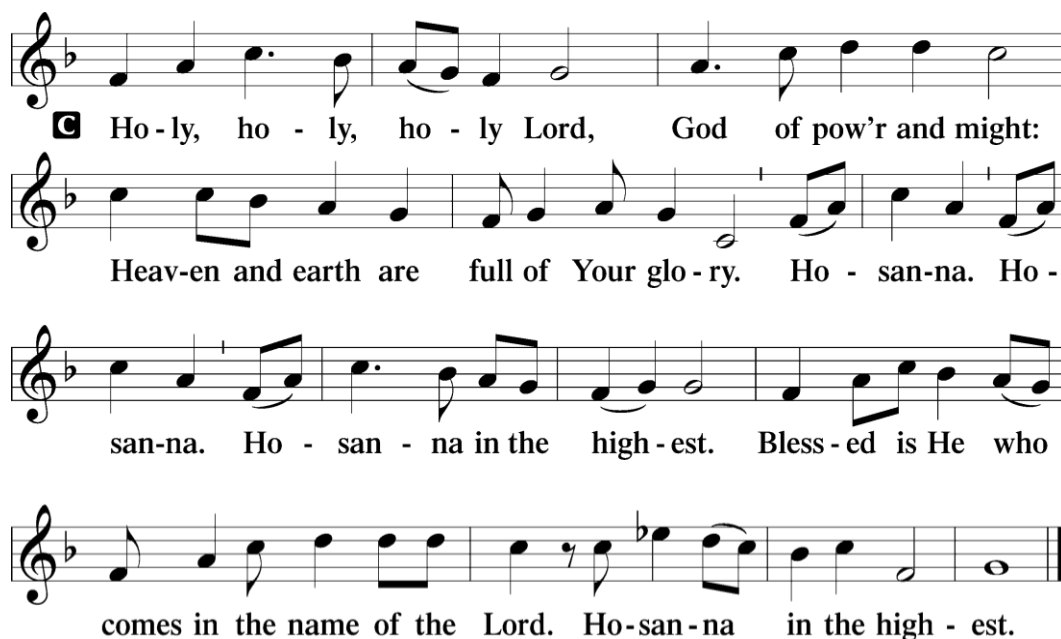


C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus

Christ, our Lord, Who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS:



C 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world You gave Your only Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed...

P Send now, we pray, Your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in fellowship, enter into the fullness of Your kingdom, and receive our inheritance with all Your saints in light.

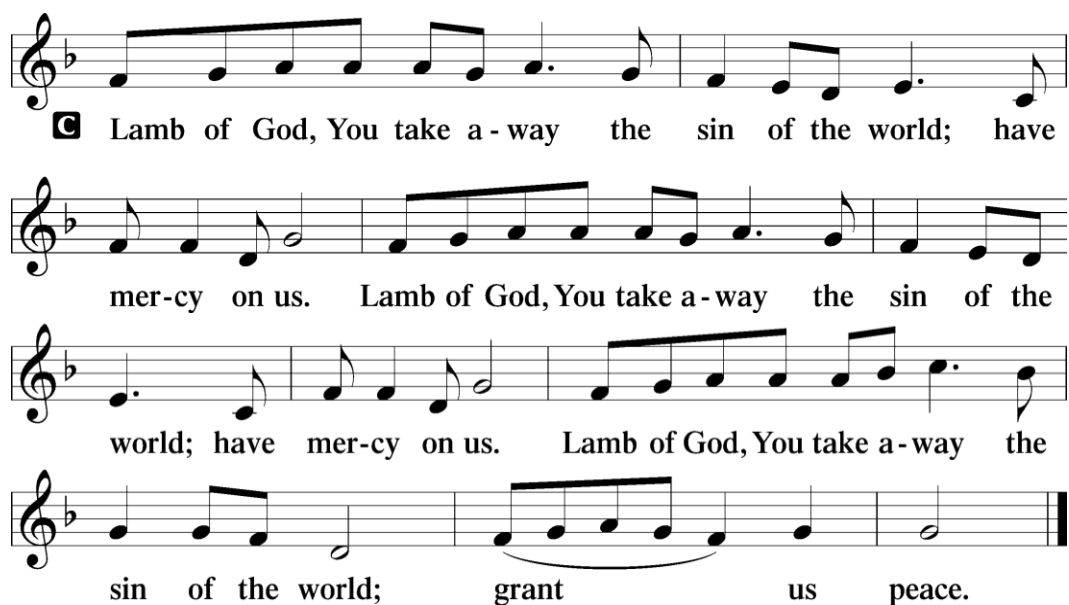
C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P All honor and glory are Yours, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, both now and forever. Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER:

C Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

AGNUS DEI:



C 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.

HOLY COMMUNION:

Receiving Holy Communion

As Lutheran Christians, we believe, teach, and confess that Jesus Christ gives us His own true Body and Blood via the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 10:16). We trust His promise that this Supper is for the forgiveness of our sins, the increase of our faith, and the strengthening of our life as the Church. Worshippers who share our confession, repent of their sins, and seek the Lord's blessing are welcome to receive. *First time guests are kindly asked to speak to our pastor or an usher before receiving communion.* Those not communing are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

[For silent prayer before communing]

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[For silent prayer after receiving the Sacrament]

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: **Gather Comp. 572 "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry
2. For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and
3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and
4. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter,
5. For your church, that ev - er - more Lifts its ho - ly
6. For your - self, best Gift Di - vine! To this world so

of the skies, For the love which from our birth
of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
mind's de - light, For the mys - tic har - mo - ny
par - ent, child, Friends on earth, and friends a - bove;
hands a - bove, Of - f'ring up on ev - 'ry shore
free - ly giv'n; Word In - car - nate, God's de - sign,

O - ver and a - round us lies:
Sun and moon, and stars of light:
Link - ing sense to sound and sight: Lord of all, to
For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
Its pure sac - ri - fice of love:
Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:

you we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

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SERVING YOU TODAY:

Organist: Erin Hodge

10:10 AM **Ushers**
Drew Young &
Tom McGill*

Reader
Joe Milko
Greeter: Jan Kolba

Communion Assistant
Dean Kolba

Altar Guild: John Kolba,
Setup; Frank Oruwari, Clean up

A/V Operator: Donna Gesell

*Acolyte

Gather Comprehensive 600 "Faith of Our Fathers"



1. Faith of our fa - thers! Liv - ing still
2. The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark,
3. Faith of our moth - ers! Faith and pray'r
4. Faith of our fa - thers! We will love

In spite of dun - geon, fire and sword:
Were still in heart and con - science free:
Shall win all na - tions un - to thee;
Both friend and foe in all our strife:

O how our hearts beat high with joy,
And tru - ly blest would be our fate,
And through the truth that comes from God,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how,

When - e'er we hear that glo - rious word:
If we, like them, should die for thee.
We shall all then in - deed be free.
By kind - ly deeds and vir - tuous life.

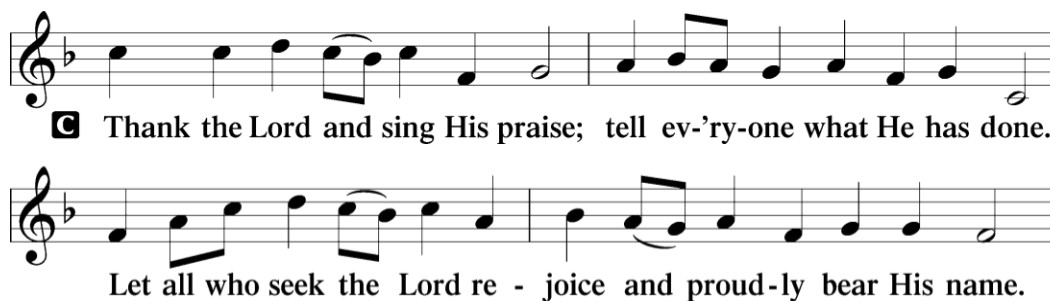
Faith of our fa - thers, ho - ly faith!
Faith of the mar - tyrs, ho - ly faith!
Faith of our moth - ers, ho - ly faith!
Faith of our fa - thers, ho - ly faith!

We will be true to thee till death.
We will be true to thee till death.
We will be true to thee till death.
We will be true to thee till death.

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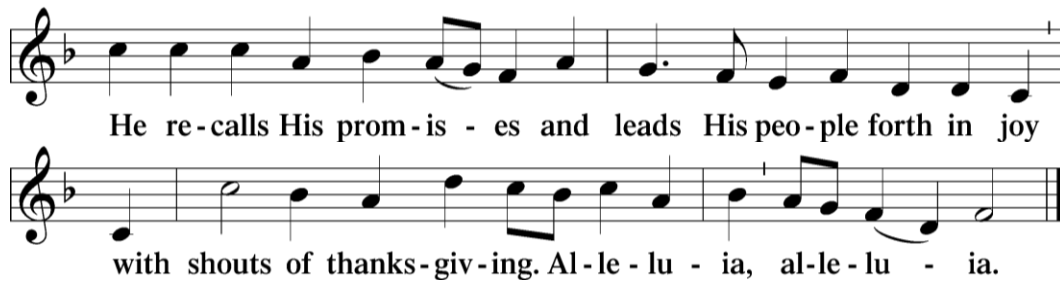
WE THANK OUR LORD

THANK THE LORD:



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the promised feast in the Holy Supper. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout the days of our pilgrimage that, on the day of the Lord's approach, we may, with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom that has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

..... GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

BENEDICTION:

P May almighty God shield you as you go, wherever He may lead you.
 The hand of the Father touching you, the blessing of the God of life.
 The yoke of Jesus upon you, the blessing of the Christ of love.
 The power of the Spirit within you, the blessing of the Breath of grace.
 The blessing of the ✠ Holy Trinity be upon you. Now and forevermore.

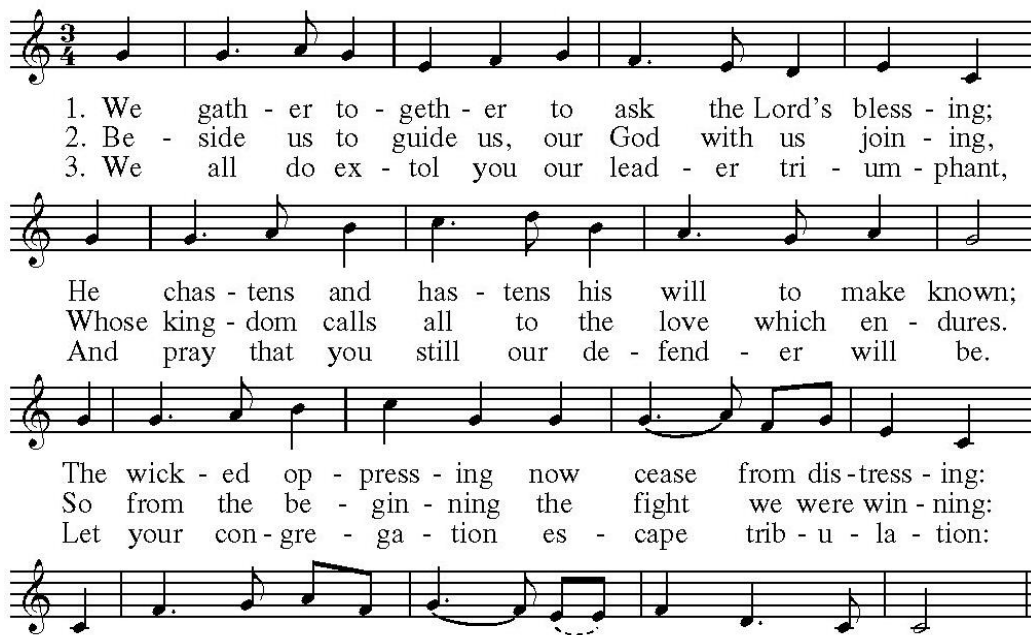
C Amen.



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CLOSING HYMN: *Gather Comprehensive 571 "We Gather Together"*



1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
3. We all do ex - tol you our lead - er tri - um - phant,
He chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
Whose king - dom calls all to the love which en - dures.
And pray that you still our de - fend - er will be.
The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing:
So from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning:
Let your con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:
Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
You, Lord, were at our side; all glo - ry be yours!
Your name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go forth! Walk in the light of Christ to the glory of God and for the care of the neighbor.

G: We go in the peace of God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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