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David H. Brooks, Pastor - August 4, 2024

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TODAY'S VERSE:

"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." - Romans 15:7

PRELUDE: *"I'd Rather Have Jesus"*

..... WE PREPARE TO MEET OUR LORD

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C Amen.

- 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: **WOV 627 "My Lord, What a Morning"**

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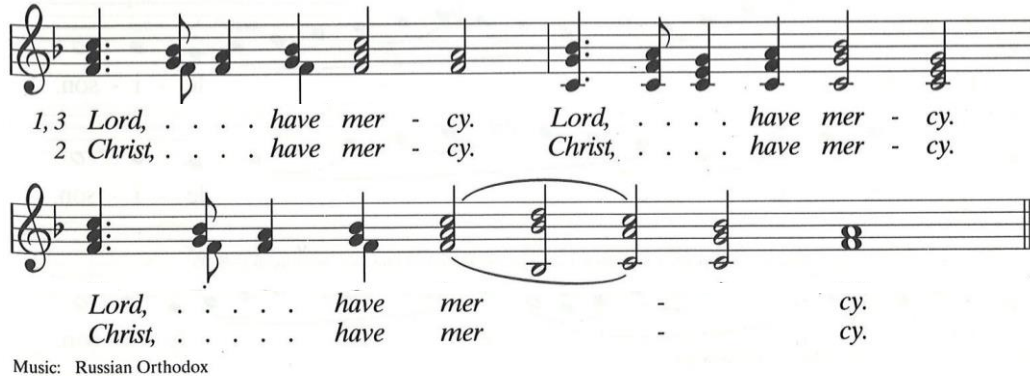
My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,
my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.
1 You'll hear the trum-pet sound,
2 You'll hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na - tions un - der - ground,
3 You'll hear the Chris-tian shout,
look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Refrain

WE WELCOME OUR LORD

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE: **WOV 602**



1, 3 Lord, ... have mer - cy. Lord, ... have mer - cy.
2 Christ, ... have mer - cy. Christ, ... have mer - cy.

Lord, ... have mer - cy.
Christ, ... have mer - cy.

Music: Russian Orthodox

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: **LSB Page 154**



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:

We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Merciful Father, You gave Your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life. Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

..... OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Exodus 16:2–15 (*Pew Bible, pg. 58*)

The Old Testament Lesson is from the 16th Chapter of Exodus.

²The whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not.

⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.”

⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD Who brought you out of the land of Egypt,

⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because He has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?”

⁸And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the

LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against Him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for He has heard your grumbling.’”

¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall

eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp.

¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground.

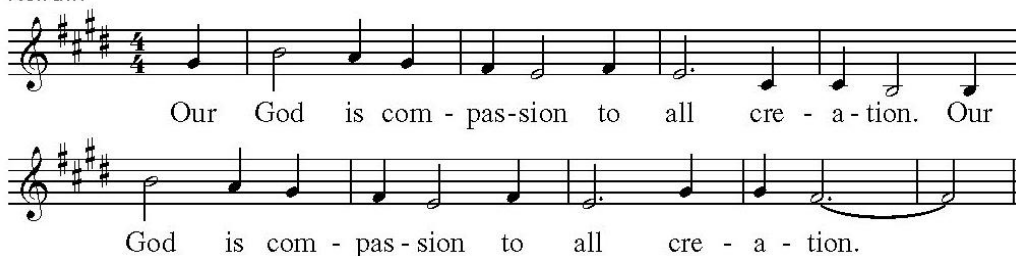
¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145: ***“Our God Is Compassion”*** Gather Comp. 138

Refrain



Verses

1. The Lord is grace and mercy, slow to anger, full of love.
God is good to all creation; full of compassion.
2. Let all your works give thanks, O God. Let the faithful bless you.
The eyes of all are filled with hope; you give them all they need.
3. The Lord is just in ev'ry way, full of love for all.
God is near to those in need; who call out from their hearts.

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THE EPISTLE LESSON:

Ephesians 4:1–16 (*Pew Bible, pg. 977*)

The Epistle Lesson is from the 4th Chapter of Ephesians.

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, Who is over all and through all and in all.

⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

⁸Therefore it says, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men."

⁹(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth?

¹⁰He Who descended is the one Who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

¹¹And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him Who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from Whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE:





HOLY GOSPEL:

John 6:22–35 (*Pew Bible, pg. 891*)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth Chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²²On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with His disciples, but that His disciples had gone away alone.

²³Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks.

²⁴So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

²⁵When they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, “Rabbi, when did You come here?”

²⁶Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

²⁷Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on Him God the Father has set His seal.”

²⁸Then they said to Him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?”

²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him Whom He has sent.”

³⁰So they said to Him, “Then what sign do You do, that we may see and believe You? What work do You perform?”

³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

³²Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

³³For the bread of God is He Who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴They said to Him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON: **The Rev. Dr. Dave Brooks**

HYMN OF THE DAY: **LBW 343 "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"**

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re-deem - er, Pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious
bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; Hold me
wa - ters flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me
with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es,
Feed me now and ev - er - more; Feed me now and ev - er - more.
Shield me with your might - y arm, Shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

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APOSTLES' CREED:

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

..... 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:

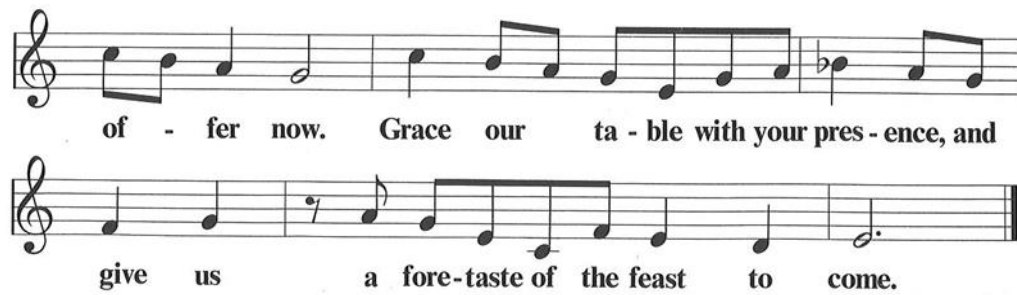
Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, with the 'hand wave of peace', as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3).

OFFERTORY: *"My Shepherd Will Supply"*

OFFERTORY:

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we

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



OUR LORD GIVES HIMSELF TO US

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

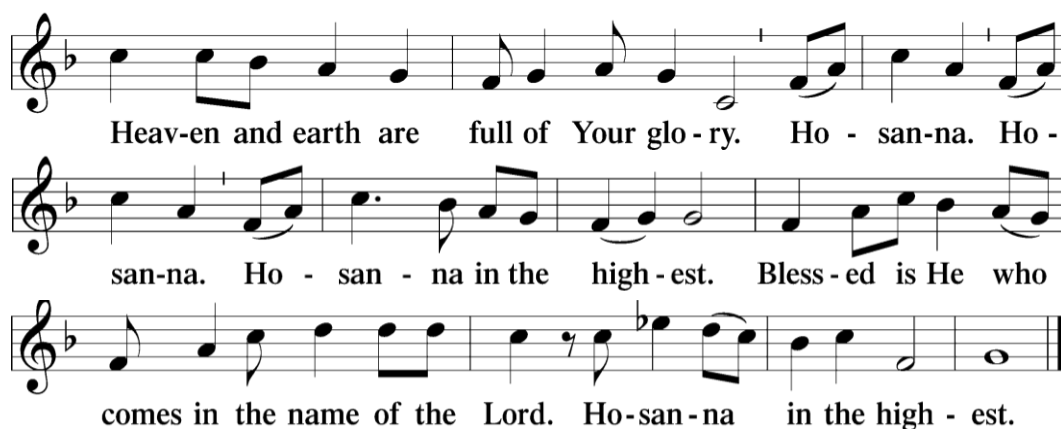
PREFACE:



P 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,... 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:





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.**

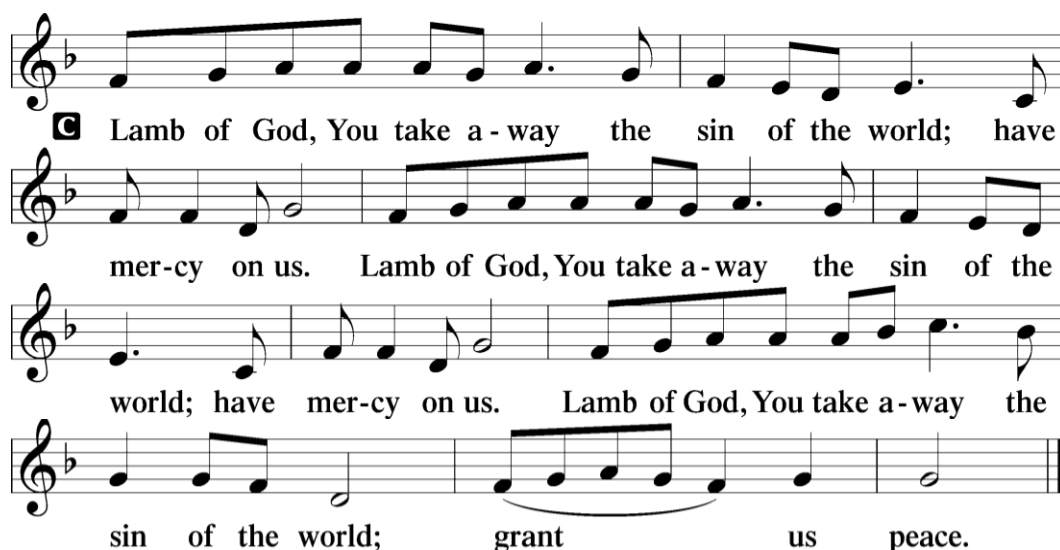
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed...
- P** Remembering, therefore, His death, resurrection, and ascension, we await His coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of Your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to Whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

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:



□ 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. Baptized Christians 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.

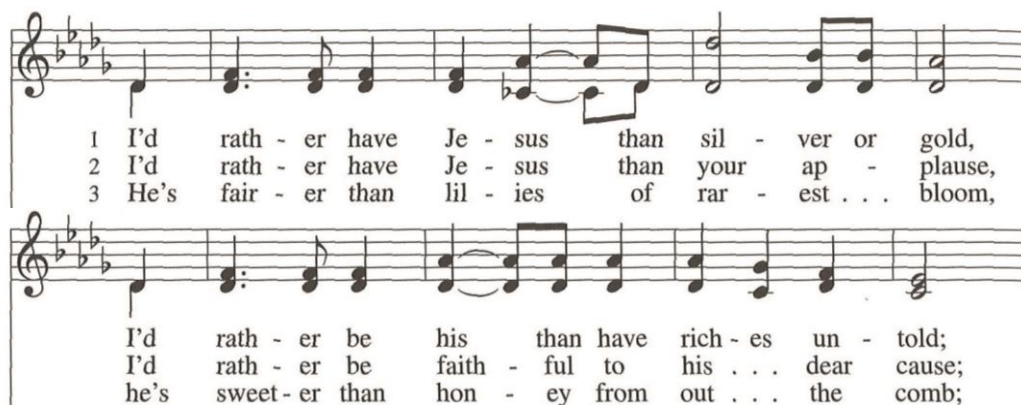
[For silent prayer before communing]

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: ***TFBF 233 "I'd Rather Have Jesus"***



1 I'd rath - er have Je - sus than sil - ver or gold,
2 I'd rath - er have Je - sus than your ap - plause,
3 He's fair - er than lil - ies of rar - est . . . bloom,
I'd rath - er be his than have rich - es un - told;
I'd rath - er be faith - ful to his . . . dear cause;
he's sweet - er than hon - ey from out . . . the comb;

I'd rath - er have Je - sus than hous - es or lands,
I'd rath - er have Je - sus than world - wide . . . fame,
he's all that my hun - ger - ing spir - it . . . needs,

I'd rath - er be led by his nail - pierced hand—
I'd rath - er be true to his ho - ly name—
I'd rath - er have Je - sus and . . . let him lead—

Refrain

Than to be the king of a vast do - main,
or be held in sin's dread sway;
I'd rath - er have Je - sus than an - y - thing
this world af - fords to - day.

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LBW 327 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,

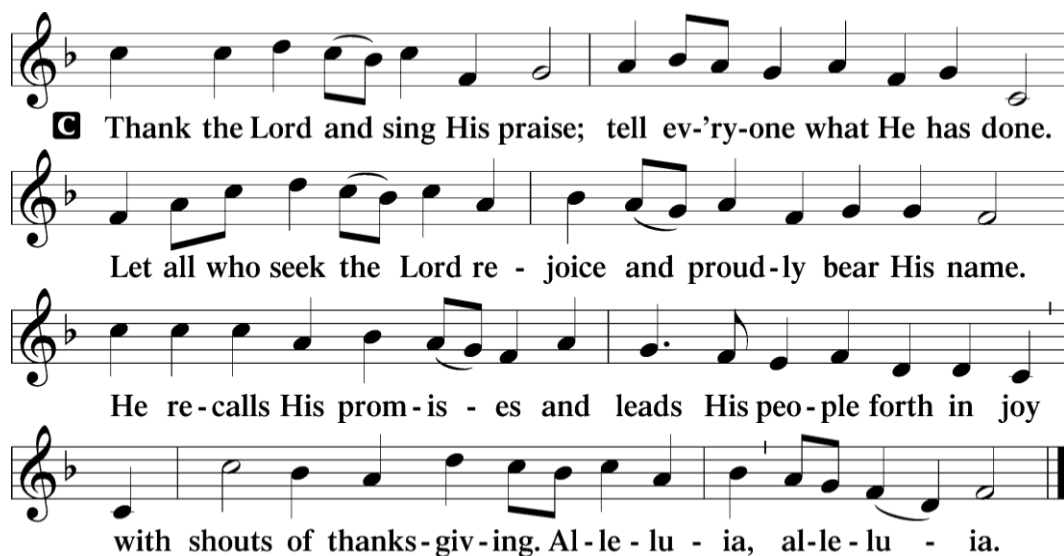
Let the wa - ter and the blood, From thy riv - en side which flowed,
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; Help - less, look to thee for grace;
When I soar to worlds un - known, See thee on thy judg - ment throne,

Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and thou a - lone.
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee.

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..... WE THANK OUR LORD

THANK THE LORD:



C 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.
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

P Let us pray.

Thanks and praise to You, O God for this feast of victory that You have shared with us. We believe we have been redeemed by the breaking of Christ's body, and the pouring of His blood. Help us rely on this sacrament for strength, confident that what we now hold in hope, we will enjoy in true fulfillment in heaven; through our Lord Jesus Christ Who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit 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.

CLOSING HYMN: *LBW 562 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing Till earth and heav - en
2 Ston - y the road we trod, Bit - ter the chas - t'ning
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the lis - t'ning
died; Yet, with a stead - y beat, Have not our wea - ry
way; Thou who hast by thy might Led us in - to the

skies; Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
feet Come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
light: Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new day be -
tered, Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we stand at
thee; Shad - owed be - neath thy hand May we for - ev - er

gun, Let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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DISMISSAL:

- P** We go in the strength and joy of God! Let us not forget the things that our eyes have seen or let them fade from our hearts as long as we live (Deut 4:9). So let us recall what the Lord has set before us.
- P** In the waters of baptism we have been made priests for our God, called to share His gifts with the world. What does this mean?
- C** **Even as the Father has sent Jesus the only Son into the world to be a blessing, so we are sent so that we might bless others and be blessed by them. We go to our neighbors because our Lord has promised to be found among any who are in need. As we minister to others, the joy and power of the Kingdom of God is revealed, and God is glorified.**
- P** So go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY:

Organist: Erin Hodge

10:10 AM **Ushers**
Leonard Hango &
Tom McGill*

Reader
Joe Milko
Greeter: Kathy Peterson

Communion Assistant
Gary Stuhlmiller

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

A/V Operator: Barb Tippin

*Acolyte



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