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David H. Brooks, Pastor - August 18, 2024

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TODAY'S VERSE:

"When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them." – Acts 15:4

PRELUDE: *"Oh, How I Love Jesus"*

..... WE PREPARE TO MEET OUR LORD

Thirteenth 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 742 "Come, We That Love the Lord"**



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets
4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;

join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
we're march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Em -

sweet ac - cord and thus sur-round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
heav'n-ly King may speak their joys a - broad, may speak their joys a - broad.
heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain

We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on;

we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

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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.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through 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:

Proverbs 9:1–10 (*Pew Bible, pg. 533*)

The Old Testament Lesson is from the 9th Chapter of Proverbs.

¹*Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars.*

²*She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table.*

³*She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town,*

⁴*“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!” To him who lacks sense she says,*

⁵*“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.*

⁶*Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”*

⁷Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.

⁸Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you.

⁹Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

¹⁰The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34: *"I Will Bless the Lord"* Gather Comp. 46

Refrain



Verses

1. Let my soul glory in the Lord. Let the lowly hear me and be glad.
Glorify the Lord with me! Let us all praise God's holy name.
2. I looked to God and my prayer was answered; God delivered me from all my fear.
Look to God that you may be radiant with joy;
that your faces may not blush with shame.
3. Taste and see the goodness of God; happy those who take shelter in the Lord.
Fear the Lord, all you holy ones, for nothing is lacking to those who fear the Lord.

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THE EPISTLE LESSON:

Ephesians 5:6–21 (*Pew Bible, pg. 978*)

The Epistle Lesson is from the 5th Chapter of Ephesians.

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

⁷Therefore do not associate with them;

⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and

true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.

¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it

says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the

Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE:



HOLY GOSPEL:

John 6:51–69 (*Pew Bible, pg. 892*)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵¹[Jesus said:] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is My flesh."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?"

⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.

⁵⁴Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

⁵⁵For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.

⁵⁶Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.

⁵⁷As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on Me, he also will live because of Me.

⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as He taught at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of His disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?”

⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in Himself that His disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this?”

⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before?

⁶³It is the Spirit Who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray Him.)

⁶⁵And He said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to Me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

⁶⁶After this many of His disciples turned back and no longer walked with Him.

⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?”

⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY: *WOV 702 "I Am the Bread of Life"*

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .

come to me shall not . . . hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
 flesh of the Son of . . . Man . . . and . . .
 I . . . am the . . . life. . . . If you be -
 you . . . are the . . . Christ, . . . the . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat . . . of this bread, you shall . . live for -
 drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
 lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
 Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . has . . .

me un - less the . . Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, . . . you shall . . live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, . . . you shall . . live for - ev - er."
 come in - to . . . the . . . world. . . .

Refrain

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
 and I will raise you up on the last day."

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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:

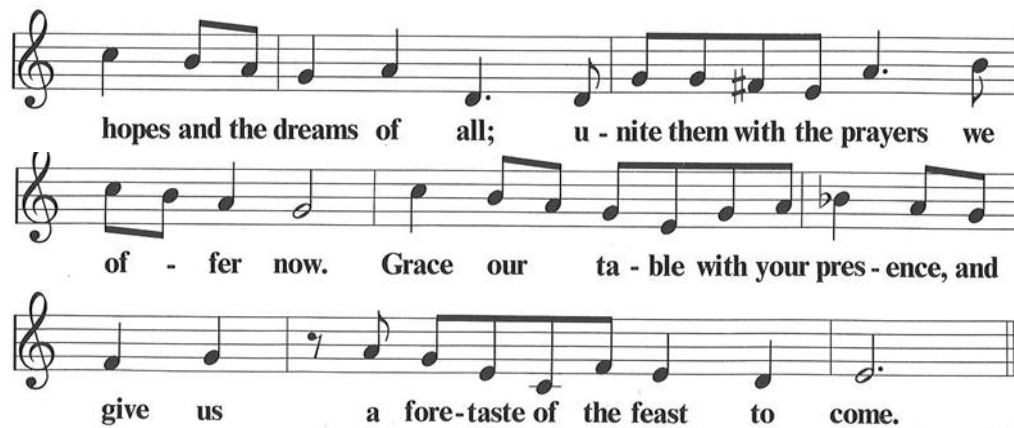
Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, with the 'hand wave of peace', as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3).

OFFERTORY: **"Gather Us In" – Haugen**

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

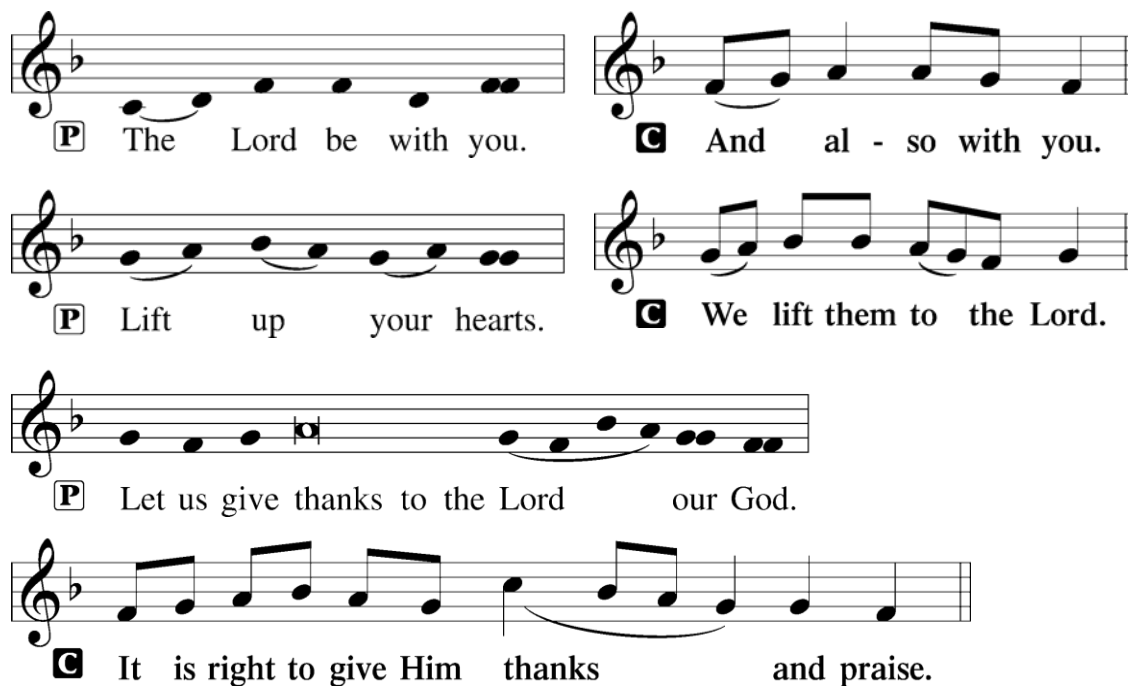
[†]meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of the Christian doctrine



OUR LORD GIVES HIMSELF TO US

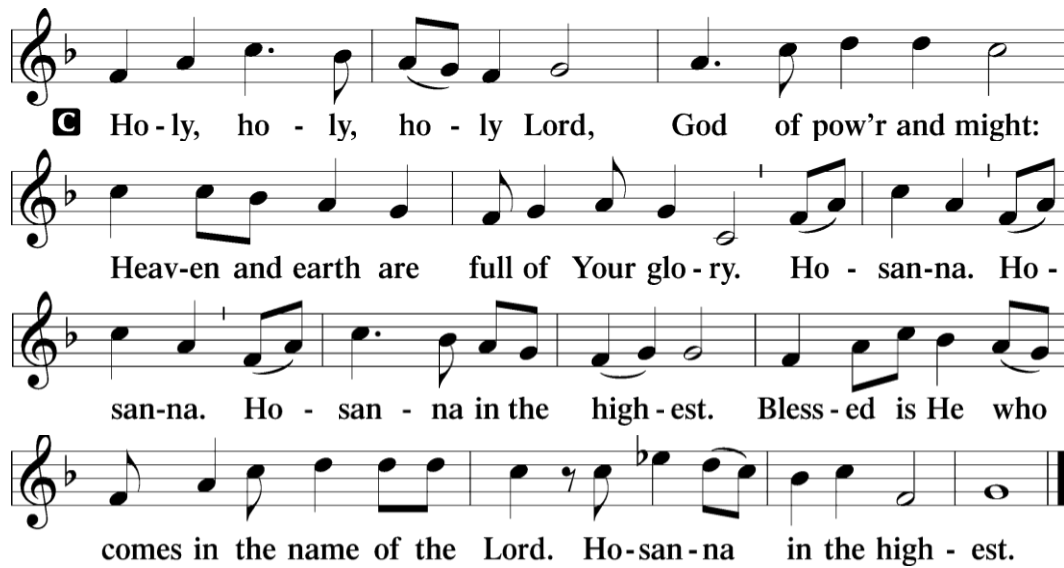
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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:



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...

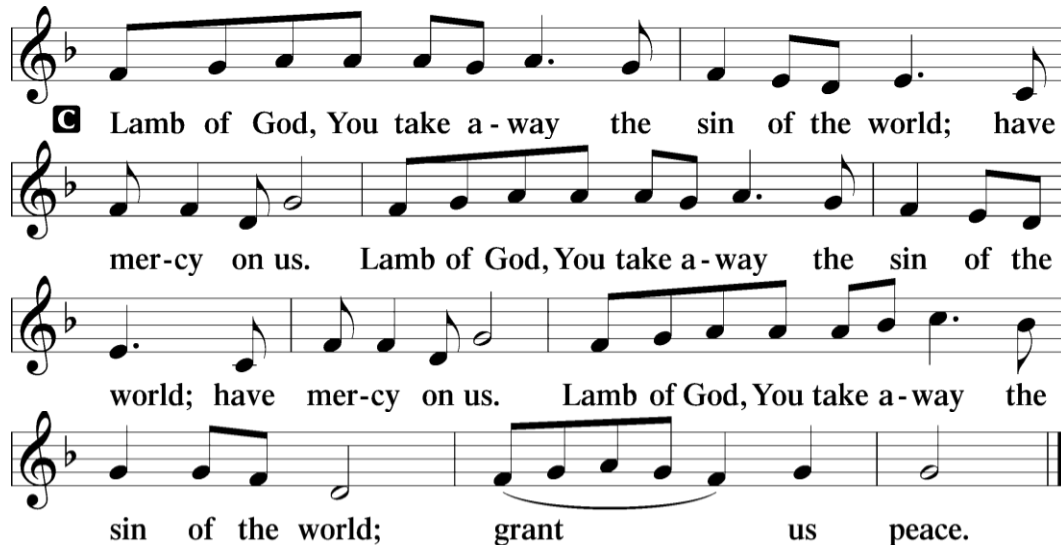
P Remembering, therefore, His death, resurrection, and ascension, we await His coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of Your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to Whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor 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:



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. 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: **TBF 102** “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place”

There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place,
and I know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord;
there are sweet ex - pres - sions on each face,
and I know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove,
stay right here with us, fill - ing us with your love;
and for these bless - ings we lift our hearts in praise;
with - out a doubt we'll know that we have
been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the Soprano part, with harmonization in the other parts. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical lines. The refrain is marked with a double bar line and the word 'Refrain' in italics.

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LBW 406 "Take My Life, that I May Be"



1 Take my life, that I may be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

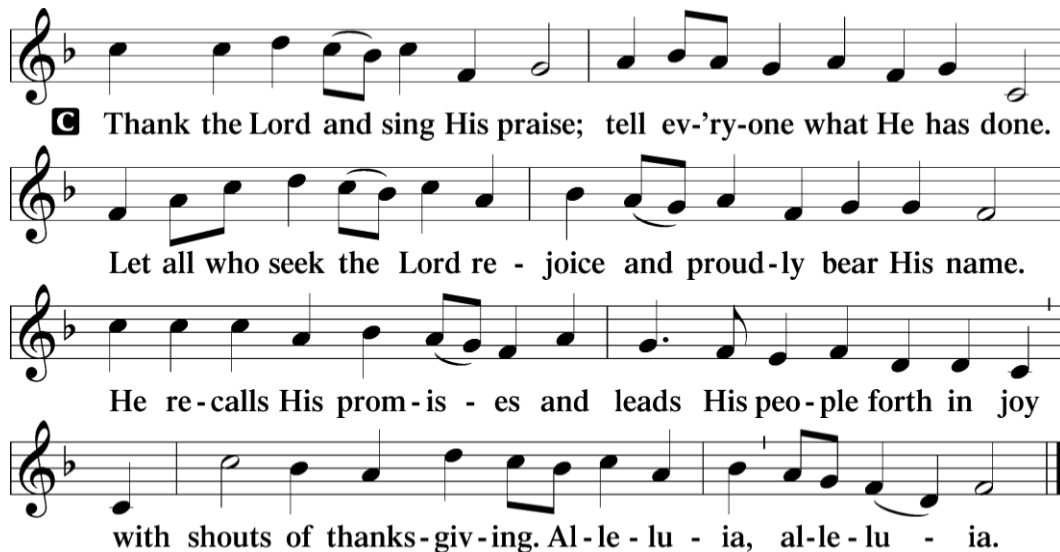
5 Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

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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.
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 494 "Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult"*

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult Of our
2 As of old St. An - drew heard it By the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of
life's wild, rest - less sea, Day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, Turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, From each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, Still he calls, in cares and
sound - ing, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
kin - dred, Leav - ing all for his dear sake.
keep us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."

5 Jesus calls us! In your mercy,
Savior, make us hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience,
Serve and love you best of all.

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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** From the beginning, the Christian Church has been marked by its devotion to the Word, the fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers (Acts 2:42). What does this mean?
- C** **As we bear the image of the God who is a Holy Trinity, so we are made for relationships. The Church is a community that is held together by and gives witness to the Holy Trinity. In this community we practice the habits of discipleship, are shaped to live particular lives, and share who we are and what we have for the sake of the world.**
- P** So go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY:

Organist: Erin Hodge

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Communion Assistant</u>
10:10 AM	Dave Pittman & Tom McGill*	Judy Ferren <u>Greeter:</u> Kathy Pittman	Gary Stuhlmiller

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

A/V Operator: Joe Wethman

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