

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 5, 2023 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.
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In our Lutheran Tradition, liturgy reminds us that we are one in Christ, hence we do it together! Therefore, words in bold and designated by a "C" are the responses from the community.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Please rise, as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P *Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.*

C **Amen.**

P *Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.*

Silence is kept for reflection.

P *Holy One, source of our renewal,*

C **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P *Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior.*

C **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Gather Us In

No. 532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ple to-gether,



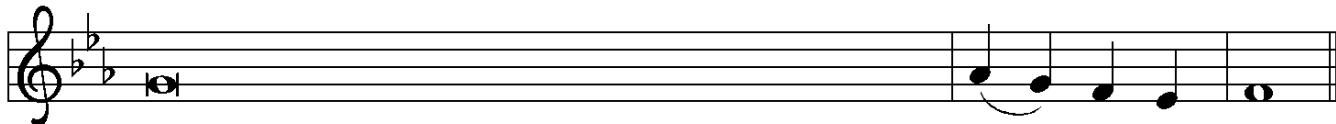
we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



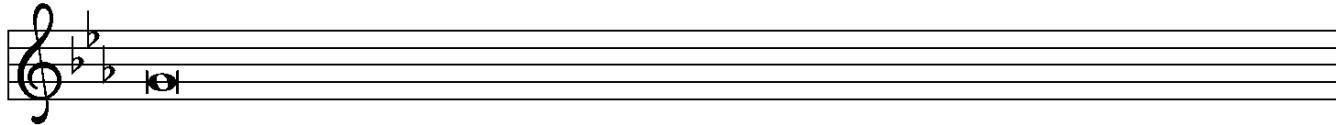
Lord, have mercy.



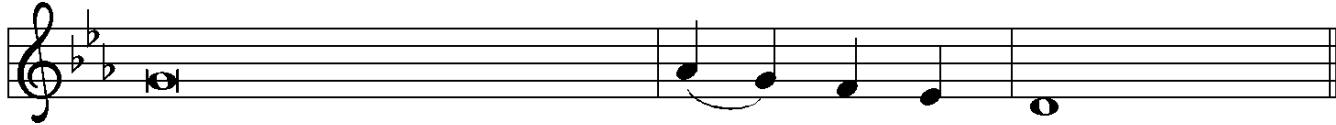
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



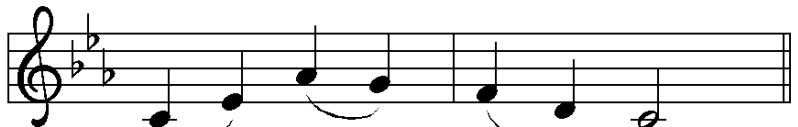
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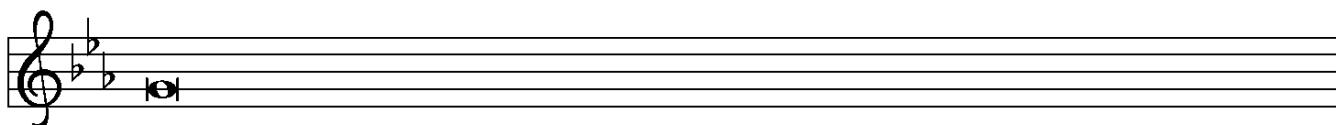
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mercy.



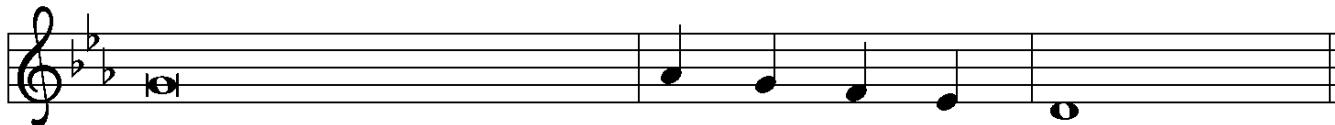
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

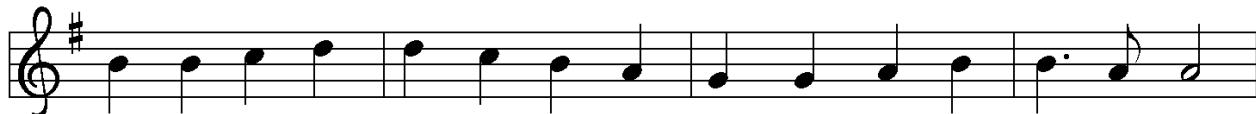


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

Hymn of Praise



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

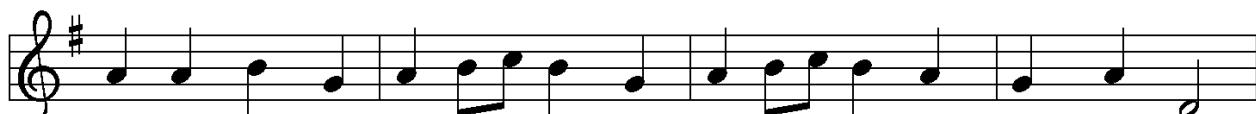
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;

Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.

For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

P *Let us pray. Lord God,*
C **with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a

L *A reading from the prophet Isaiah. ¹Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!*

*Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.*

*²Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.*

*³“Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”*

*Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.*

*⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.*

*Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.*

*⁵Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?*

*Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?*

*Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?*

⁶*Is not this the fast that I choose:*

*to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs 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.*

^{9a}*Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.*

L *The word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

112:1-9

L ¹*Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in God's commandments!*

C ²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

L ³*Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.*

C ⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

L ⁵*It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.*

C ⁶**For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

- L *7They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.*
- C **8Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
- 9They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.**

Second Reading

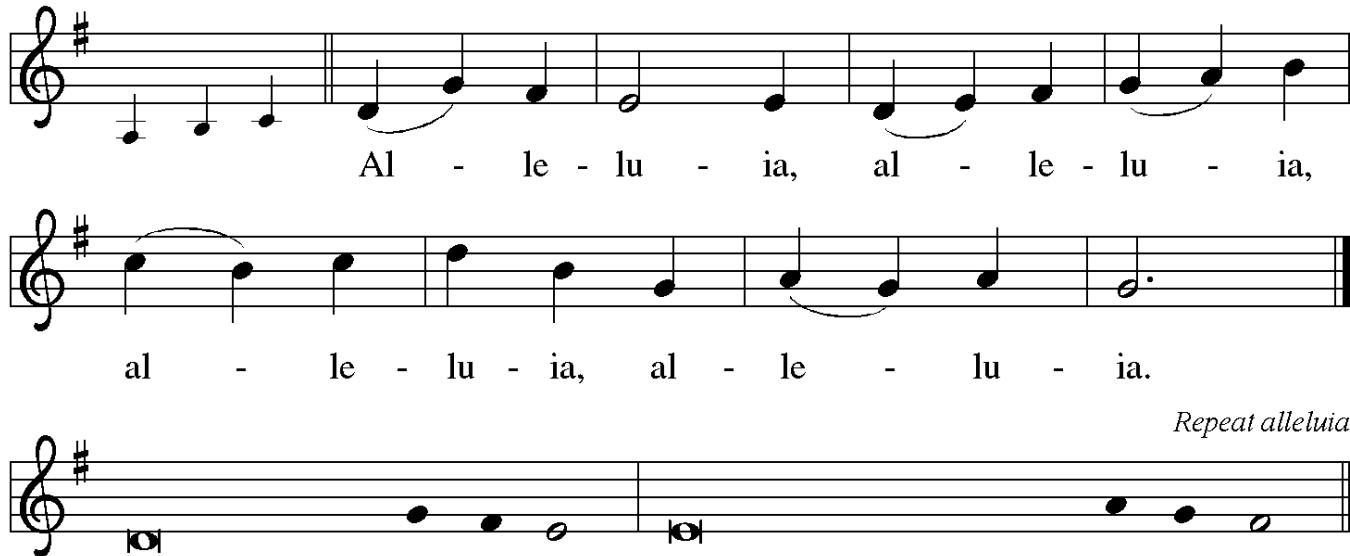
1 Corinthians 2:1-12

- L A reading from first Corinthians. *1When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. 2For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 3And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. 4My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.*
- 6Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. 7But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. 8None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9But, as it is written,*
- "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him"—*
- 10these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. 12Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit*

that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

- L** *The word of the Lord.*
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise, as you are able.



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

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

- P** *The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the fifth chapter.*
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P *The Gospel of the Lord.*
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon The Rev. Karen Pugatch

Please rise, as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

No. 712



1 Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

A *Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:*
C **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 into hell. 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.

A *Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.*

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers:

A *Merciful God,*

C **receive our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P *We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.*

C **Amen.**

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C **And also with you.**

After sharing the peace, please be seated.

Offering and Anthem

As the gifts are presented, please rise as you are able.



As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were



gathered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gathered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

A *Let us pray. Liberating God,*
C **you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free.**
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of
merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and
freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,
Amen.

The Lord be 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.

The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the season; the congregation responds:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

P *Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.
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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the
remembrance of me.*

P *Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
C Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*

P *With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and
resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.
C Come, Lord Jesus.*

P *Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with
your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.
C Come, Holy Spirit.*

P *All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.*

C **Amen.**

P *Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

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.

P *Come and taste the joy of God!*

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

We welcome to the table all who proclaim with us that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and the wine. (Note: should you prefer, we also offer gluten free wafers and grape juice.

During the distribution, the following is sung:

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.

Come, Let Us Eat No. 491

Leader or All

1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All

come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
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 in Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest.
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Leader or All

Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All

our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
 in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

No. 470



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in Christ to your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 ments of sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

After all have communed, please rise, as you are able.

P *The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

C **Amen.**

A *Let us pray. Holy One,*

C **we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.**

We are blessed to have Lay Eucharistic Ministers serving here at LCGS. On the first Sunday of each month, the bread and the wine they carry in their home communion kits are consecrated during our service. Home communion is then offered throughout the month to those who are unable to join us here. If you would like to join this ministry, know of someone who would like to receive home communion, or want more information, please contact the church office.

P *Let us pray. Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

C **Amen.**

P *The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.*

C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

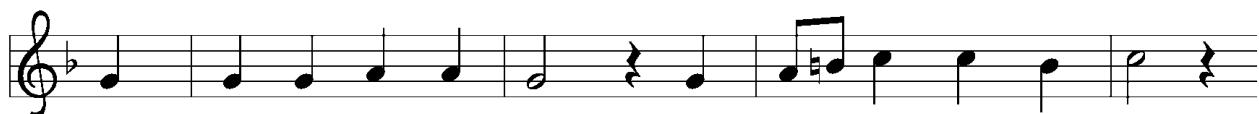
No. 840



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

A *Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Dick Hoffman in loving memory of Bonnie on our wedding anniversary

Pray for Those That Need God's Healing

Ray, Phyllis, Darius, Ken, Donna, Lind, Joan, Lauren, Betty, Doris, Theresa, Charles, Elaine, Georgeann, Jean, Nicholas, Lois, Barbara & Bruce

Pray for Our Service Men and Women

Josh, Michael, Nick, Ryan, Matt, Kyle, Christopher, Andrew, Jason, & Matthew

SERVING TODAY 8:00 a.m.

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11:00 a.m.

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TODAY'S EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday School for ages Pre-K – through HS

Various Rooms
(see Welcome Counter for details)

Adult Lectionary Text Study

Celebration Hall

Adults Gathered Together to Connect and Grow

Room 209