



Faith Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship Times

8:00 a.m. Early Worship 10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

July 23rd, 2017

10:00AM

Time After Pentecost



Welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran Church!

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. We invite you to journey with us as we explore the life of faith together. At Faith, all are welcome in every aspect of our congregational life. We believe that worship is central to our life together and that in our weekly gathering around word and sacrament, God empowers us to live out our purpose to be "Gathered in Faith, Called to Serve." All the baptized are welcome at the table of the Lord. (*White grape juice and gluten-free communion wafers are available at the altar rail. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, a server will come to you, please indicate your desire to an usher*). If you are a guest or first time worshiper, we invite you to sign the red attendance book in the Narthex so we can share some information with you.

Hearing aid devices are available for use during the worship service. Please request one from an usher. Faith has a Hearing Loop, so turn on the T-Coils in your hearing aids. Please know that it is okay to remain seated during the service and music if you have any health concerns or difficulty standing. If you need assistance, please signal an usher.

Chancel Flowers are given by Silva Jensen and family, in loving memory of Robert B. Jensen.

PRELUDE

Panis Angelicus

César Franck
JJ Duets

WELCOME

(CONGREGATION PLEASE RISE)

GATHERING HYMN

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

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THE GREETING

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

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love. **Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another. Eternal God our creator, **in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

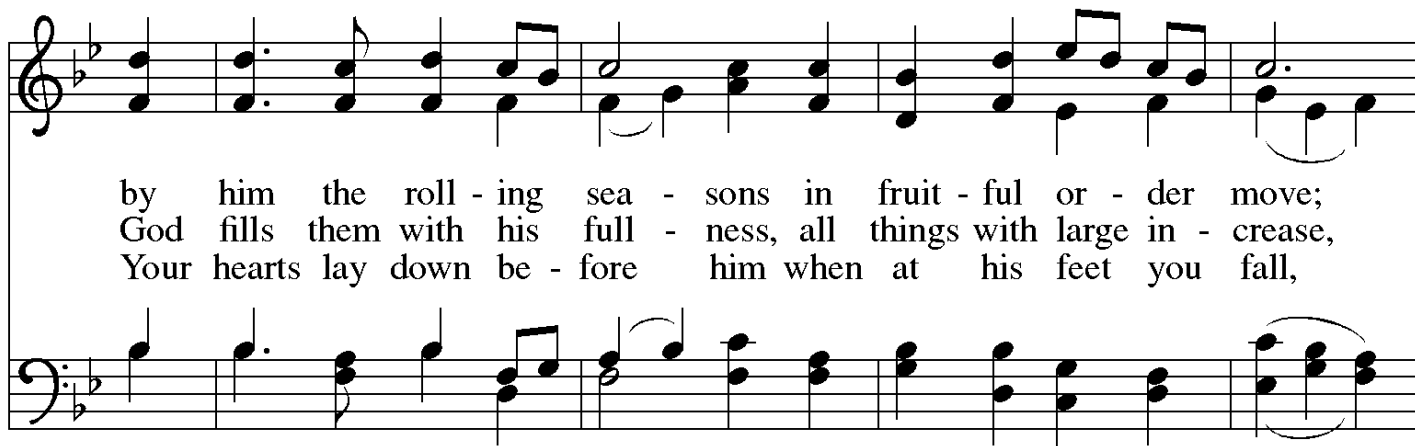
Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God + forgives you all your sins. **Amen.**



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;
2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;
the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.
the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



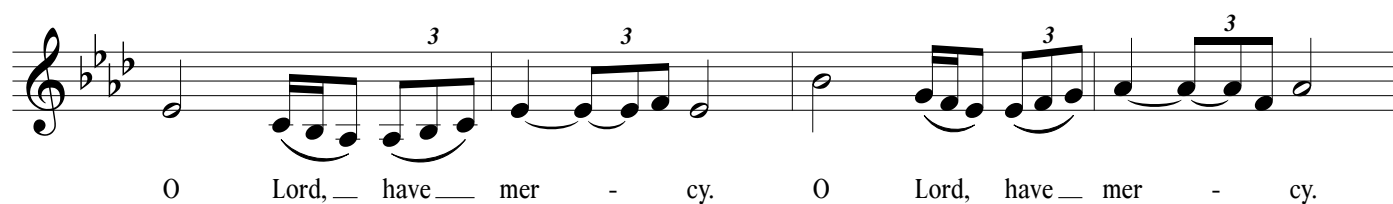
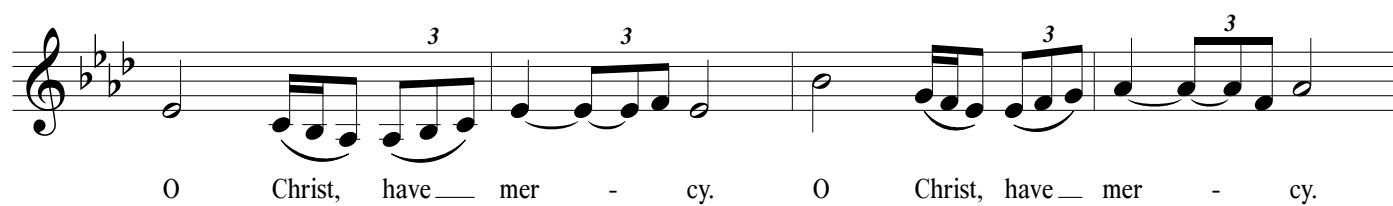
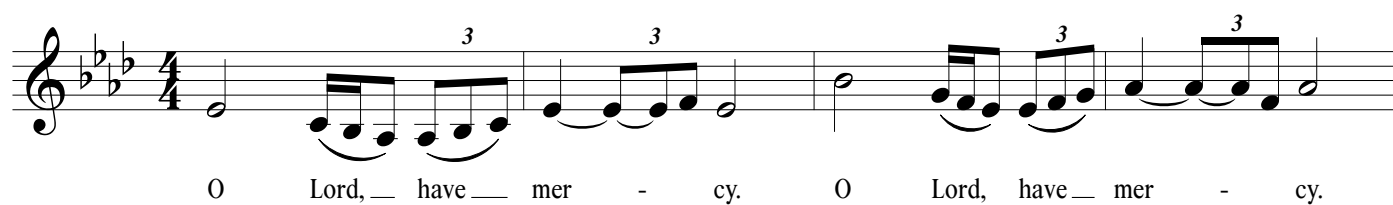
by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,
Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.
and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

KYRIE

LITURGIST



THE FEAST

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Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



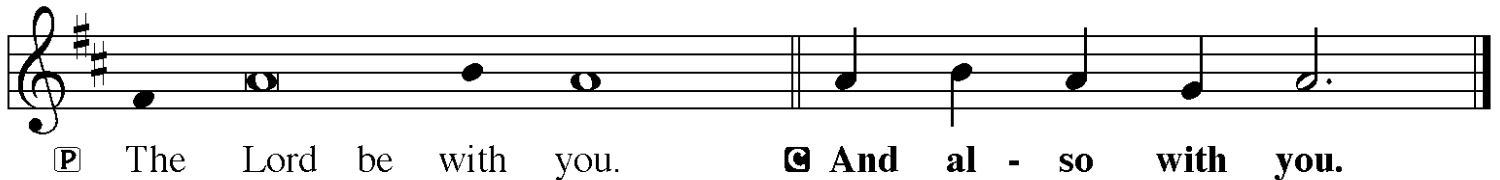
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PASTOR



Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

LECTOR

The first reading is from the 44th Chapter of Isaiah.

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 86:11-17



Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth.

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

¹²I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore. **R**

¹³For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the pit of death.

¹⁴The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent
people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.

¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may
see it and be put to shame;
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me. **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

LECTOR

The second reading is from the 8th Chapter of Romans.

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the

creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

(CONGREGATION PLEASE RISE)



THE GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' " ³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the

good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

(CONGREGATION PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE CHILDREN'S TALK BOX

Rev. Dr. Robert Mursch

SERMON

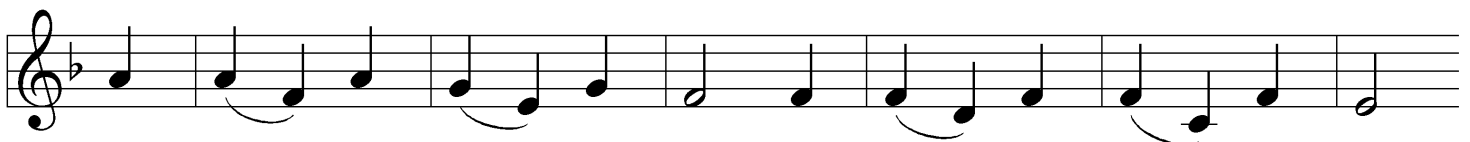
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HYMN

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

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1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

(CONGREGATION PLEASE RISE)

APOSTLES CREED

Gathered as God's people, we join in the Baptismal Refrain of the Early Church:

**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 to the dead. 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

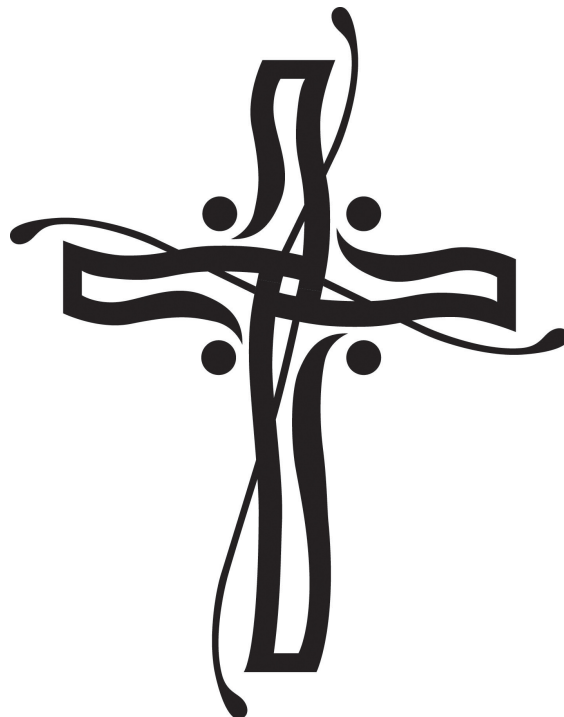
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
We greet one another with a gesture of Christ's peace.



THE OFFERING BY THE CHILDREN'S BUCKET BRIGADE



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 dreams of all; u -
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

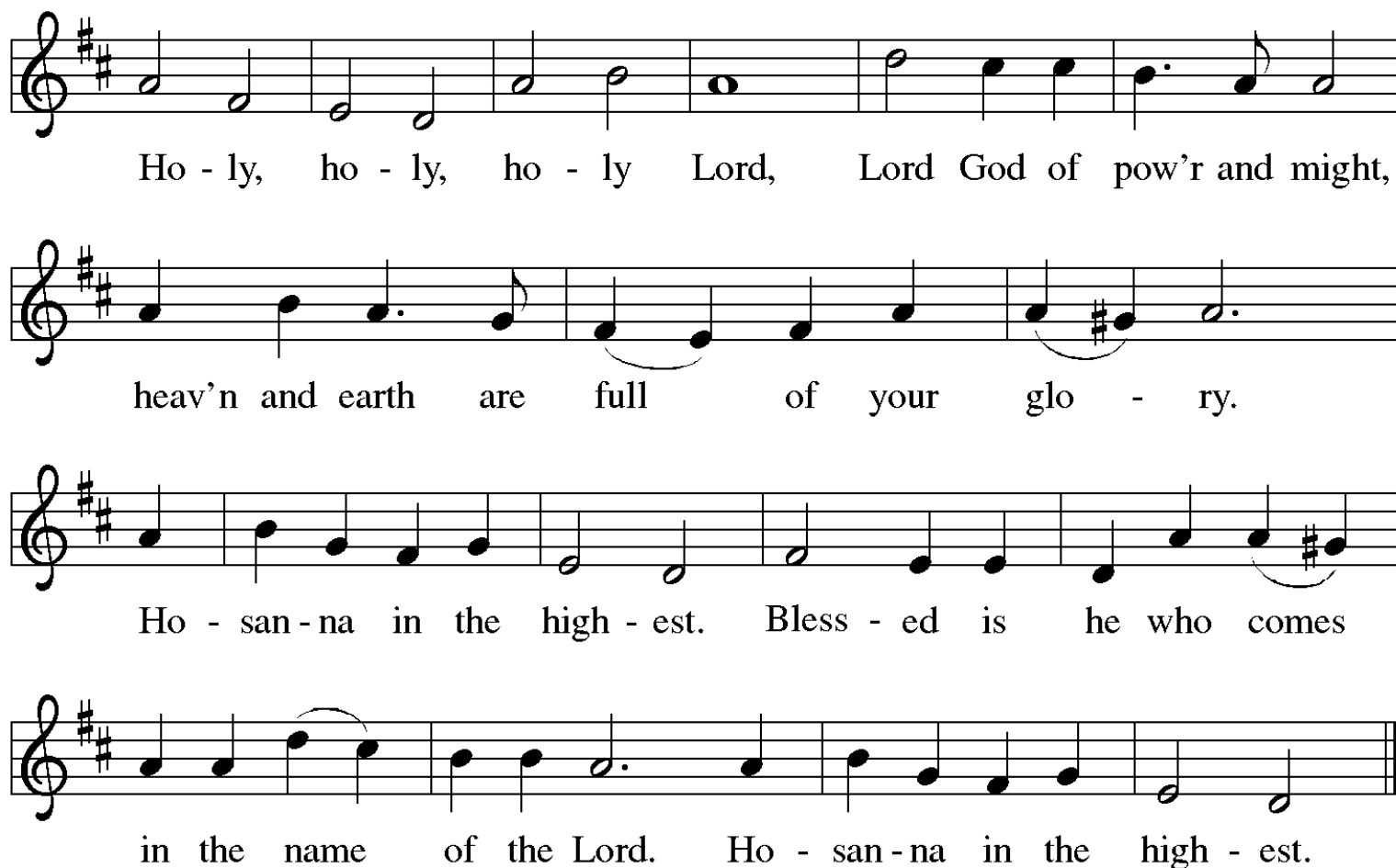
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. Our Lord is the host that brings us together. **Thanks be to God.**

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE EUCHARIST

All the baptized are welcome at the table of the Lord. *(White grape juice and gluten-free communion wafers are available at the altar rail.)*

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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Just As I Am
Hannah Boyd

William Batchelder Bradbury

(CONGREGATION PLEASE RISE)

BLESSING

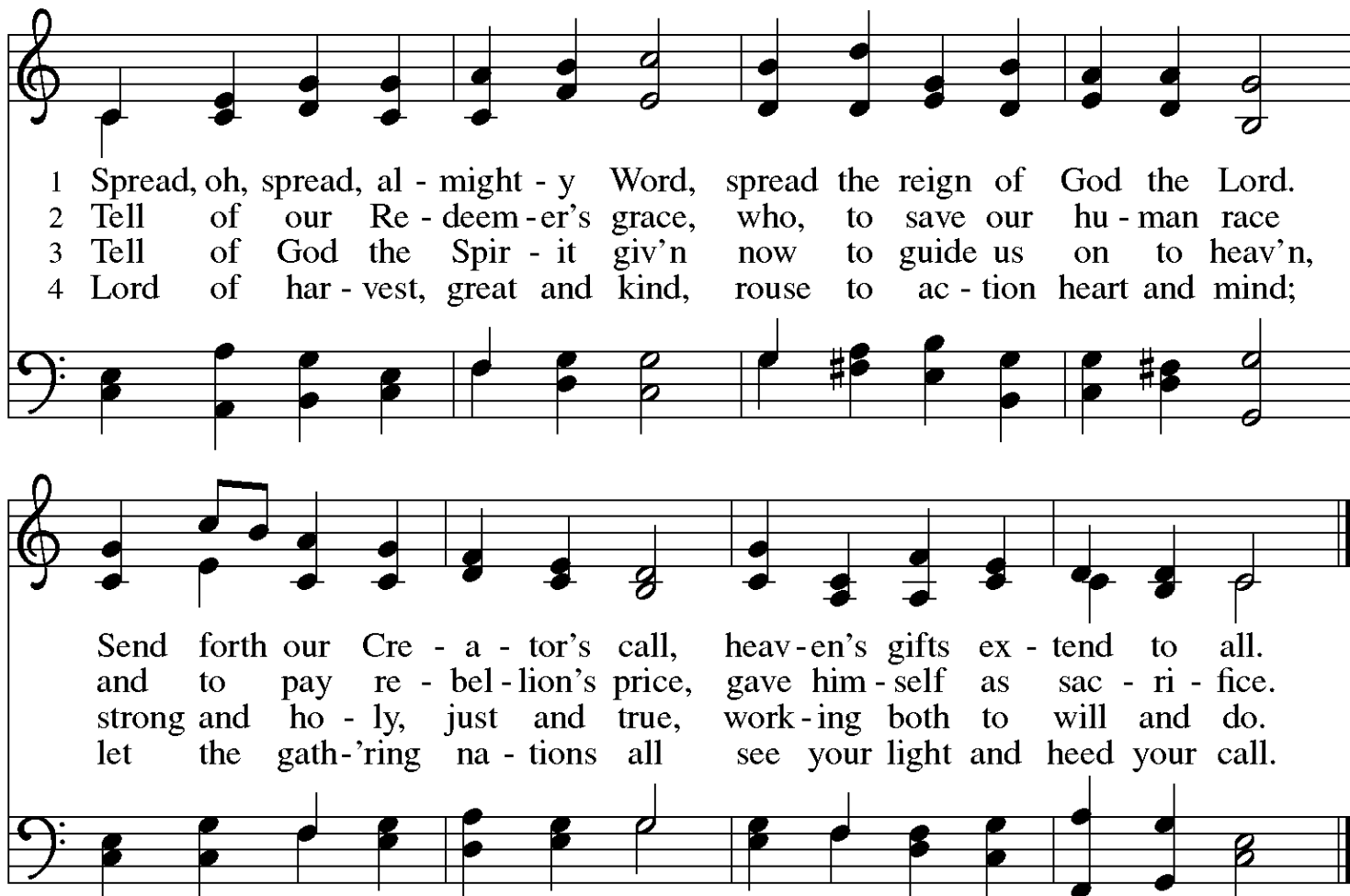
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING HYMN

Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word

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1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.
 2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race
 3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,
 4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;

Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav - en's gifts ex - tend to all.
 and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.
 strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.
 let the gath - 'ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

La boda de Luis Alonso

Gerónimo Giménez

Thank you to everyone volunteering this Sunday.

Serving Today—July 23rd, 2017

Presiding Minister	Rev. Dr. Robert Mursch
Proclaiming	Rev. Dr. Robert Mursch
Music Director	Dr. Joseph Holt
Organist	John W. Ferreira
Greeters	Janet Petersen and Donna Pappalardo
Liturgist	Hannah Boyd
Lector	Amanda Bright
Ushers	Ed Masters, Hank and Lee Korn, John White
Altar Guild	Sandra Brinker, Jane Hindall, Carole Inkrott, Doris Kinney, Peggy Ragan, Cherry Meeks, Wayne Meeks, Judy Millard, Kathryn Blessing, Christine Earp, LaVerne Gill, Lauma Brass
Communion Asstn.	Christine Earp, Nancy Taylor, Isolde Smirnow, Ann Wright
Presenters of Gifts	Arnie and Ed Masters

