



# Faith Lutheran Church

**We warmly greet members  
and visitors in Jesus' name!**

September 19, 2021 9:00 A.M.  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



*Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.*

Welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran Church!

**Gathered faithfully to love and serve God and all others.**

All the baptized are invited to the celebration of Holy Communion, trusting that Christ is present in this Sacrament for the forgiveness of our sin and the strengthening of our faith.

Thank You for Serving Today:

**Presiding Minister:** Rev. Larry Wright  
**Proclamation Minister:** Rev. Dr. Robert Mursch  
**Lector:** Amanda Bright  
**Cantor:** Kyle Wiskow  
**Greeting & Ushering Ministry:** Thomas & Amanda Bright, Eloise Dettmer, Grace Kaarre, Judy Millard, Scott Rice, and Joan Searles  
**Videography Ministry:** Andrea & Sergio Gamboa, Casey Taylor, & Nancy Taylor  
**Music Director:** Dr. Joseph Holt  
**Organist:** Dr. James Walton  
**Altar Guild:** Carole Inkrott, Judy Millard, Janet Phillips and Steve & Peggy Ragan

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**Congregation Council President:** Ann Greenwood  
**Council Members:** Eloise Dettmer (Vice President), Sandra Brinker (Secretary), Amanda Bright, Grace Kaarre, Gail Lidinsky, Joan Searles, and Nancy Taylor

#### Staff

**Operations Manager:** Tami Page  
**Preschool Director:** Amanda Grados  
**Sexton:** Jason Page



Please see the announcements section of this bulletin for a special note about altar flowers and to learn how to make a dedication!



*Faith has a hearing loop for hearing aids which have the T-Coil enabled. Please request a hearing aid device from an usher.*

*The following are noted throughout the service:*

*P: Presiding Minister*

*L: Lector*

**C: Congregation**

**NOTE: This service is being live-streamed.** While we try to avoid filming congregants, it may happen at times. During communion, the right side of the sanctuary will be filmed. Those who do not wish to appear in the video may choose to sit on the left side of the sanctuary.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Sicilienne, Op. 78*

Gabriel Fauré

WE STAND

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God, our provider,

**C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✙ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C: Amen.**

WE SIT

### OPENING HYMN

*There is a Wilderness in God's Mercy*  
Verses 1 & 2

ELW 588



# There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom-ised grace made good;  
3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea - sures of our mind;  
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some-thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.  
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.  
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;  
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;  
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
and we mag - ni - fy its strict-ness with a zeal God will not own.  
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

WE STAND

## GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

# Kyrie

Liturgist and then congregation



O Lord, have mercy. O Lord, have mercy.



O Lord, have mercy, have mercy Lord, have mercy Lord on us.



O Christ, have mercy. O Christ, have mercy.



O Christ, have mercy, have mercy Lord, have mercy Lord on us.



O Lord, have mercy. O Lord, have mercy.



O Lord, have mercy, have mercy Lord, have mercy Lord on us.

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE - Congregation & Cantor (next page)**

*Refrain*  
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**

P: Let us pray.

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

WE SIT

## **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20**

L: A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

<sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: 54**

Refrain

**C: <sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, by your name;  
in your might, defend my cause.**

**<sup>2</sup>Hear my prayer, O God;  
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

**<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,  
those who have no regard for God.**

**<sup>4</sup>Behold, God is my helper;  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

Refrain

**C: <sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who spy on me;  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.**

**<sup>6</sup>I will offer you a freewill sacrifice**

and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.  
7For you have rescued me from every trouble,  
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Refrain

## SECOND READING: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

L: A reading from James.

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.<sup>4:</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

WE STAND

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



## **GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37**

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: <sup>30</sup>[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;<sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

WE SIT

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Robert Mursch

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Children of the Heavenly Father*  
All Verses

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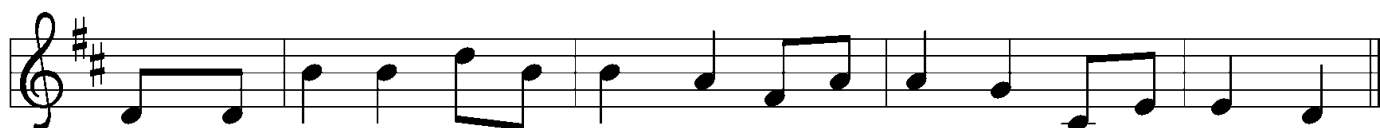


# Children of the Heavenly Father

## *Truggare kan ingen vara*



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.  
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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## 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 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.**

WE SIT

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

L: God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict (especially). Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today (especially). Shine your grace on all your saints. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## WE STAND

**PEACE** (feel free to greet your neighbor with a word of peace)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Offering plates are placed at the entrance to the sanctuary. Online giving is also available at [www.faithlutheransrq.com](http://www.faithlutheransrq.com). We sincerely appreciate your generosity in support of Faith Lutheran's ministries.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

**C: God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

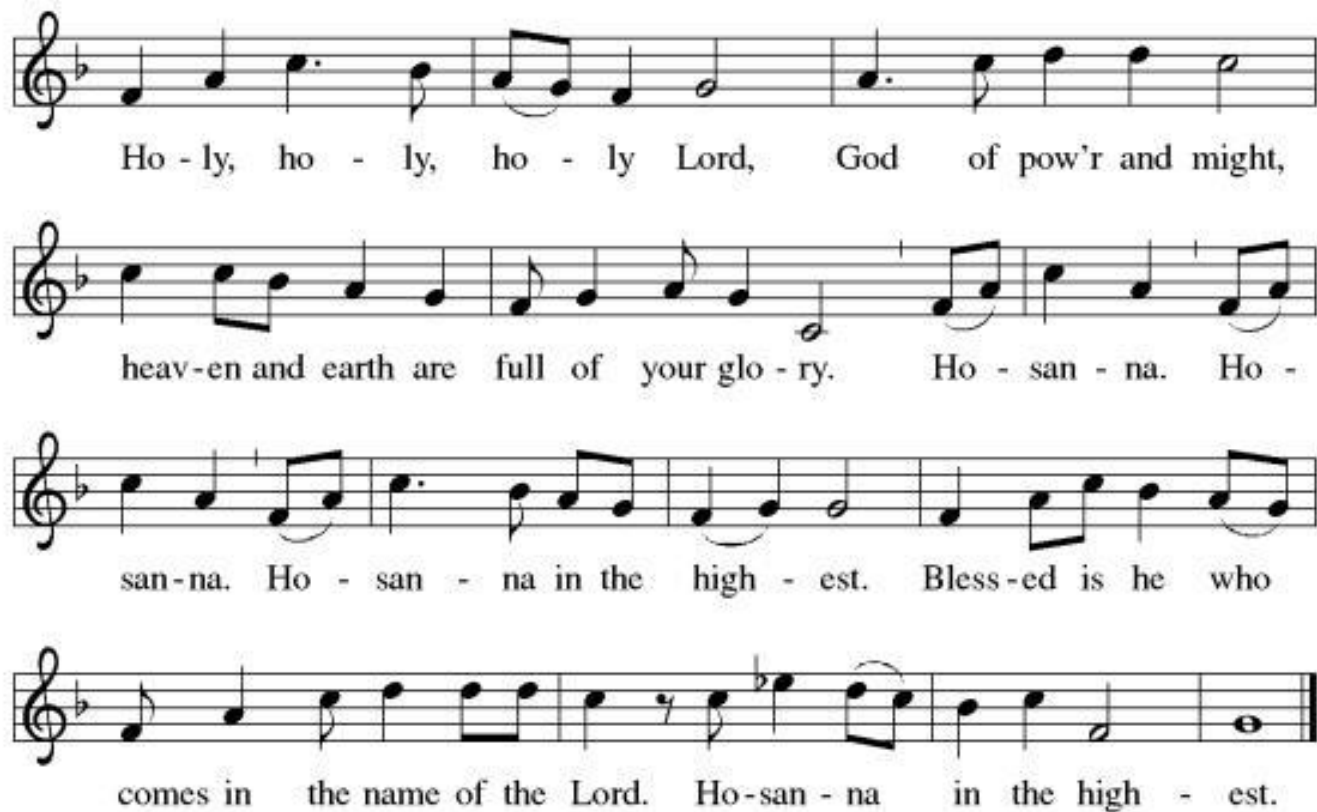
**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*(next page)*



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

### **COMMUNION ANTHEM**      *Prayer of The Norwegian Child*

by Olaf Trojorgson and Richard Kountz

Kyle Wiskow, Soloist

*At this time ushers will invite you to come forward for your communion cup.*

*Please return to your pew, where we will commune together, with the words,  
"the body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you."*

## COMMUNION

P: The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.

**C: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

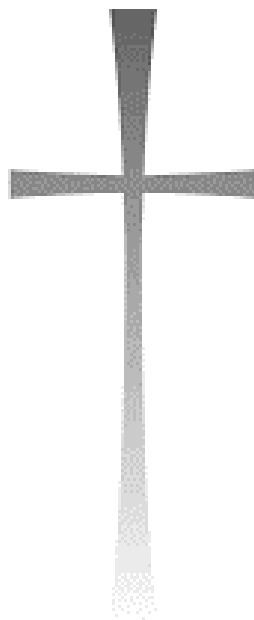
## BLESSING

P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.  
The holy Trinity, ✝ one God, bless you now and forever.  
**C: Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*All Depends on Our Possessing*  
Verses 1 & 5

ELW 589



## All Depends on Our Possessing



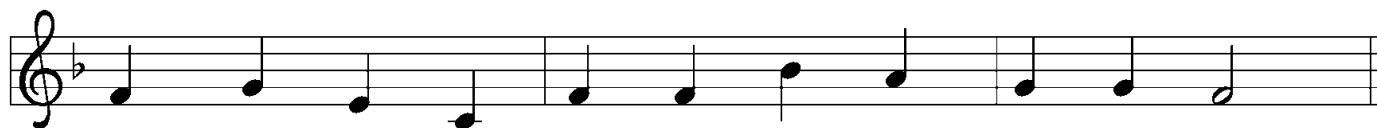
1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's free grace and  
 2 God, who hith - er - to has fed me and to man - y  
 3 When with sor - row I am strick - en, hope my heart a -  
 4 Well you know what best to grant me; all the long - ing  
 5 If on earth my days should length - en, God, my wea - ry



con - stant bless - ing, though all earth - ly wealth de - part.  
 joys has led me, is and ev - er shall be mine.  
 new will quick - en, all my long - ing shall be stilled.  
 hopes that haunt me, joy and sor - row, have their day.  
 soul still strength - en; all my trust in you I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en by their God are  
 God, who did so gent - ly school me and who dai - ly  
 To your lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der all my be - ing  
 I shall doubt your wis - dom nev - er; as you will, so  
 Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing; like a stream a -



not for - sak - en and will keep a daunt - less heart.  
 guides and rules me, will re - main my help di - vine.  
 I sur - ren - der; Lord, on you a - lone I build.  
 be it ev - er; I com - mit to you my way.  
 way it's glid - ing; safe I an - chor in your grace.

Text: Gesangbuch, Nürnberg, 1676; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.



## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*When the Spirit Says Sing*

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes

*We kindly ask you to remain seated until the usher signals your row.*



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