

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**JULY 26, 2026**  
**10:00am**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

P God loves you all the time.  
C **All the time God loves you.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose compassion endures forever.  
C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin to God.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Compassionate God,  
C **we confess to you all our sins.**  
**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**  
**In your mercy, call us back to you.**  
**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**  
**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**  
**In Christ's name we pray,**  
**Amen.**

P Jesus says, "Come to me,  
all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest." In the name of God,  
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.  
Rest in God's love.  
C **Amen.**

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear." The chord symbols are: F<sup>2</sup>, Gm/F, F, Bb, F/A, Gm<sup>7</sup>, F/A, C<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub>, C, Bb/D, C/E, F<sup>2</sup>, Gm/F, F, F<sup>7</sup>, Bb, F/A, F<sub>sus</sub>/G, C<sup>7</sup>, Bb<sup>2</sup>/F, and F<sup>2</sup>.

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to  
 wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take  
 joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a  
 sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

## 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

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

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

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



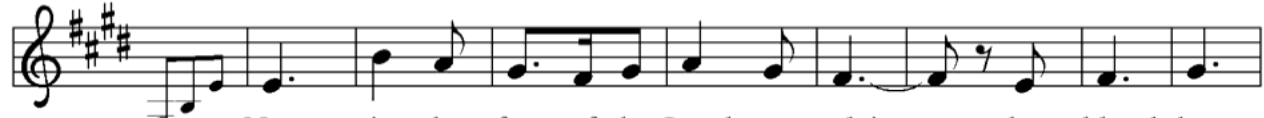
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



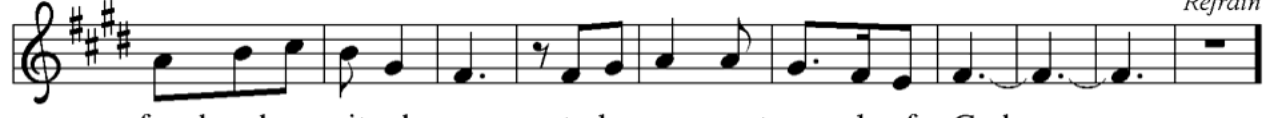
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



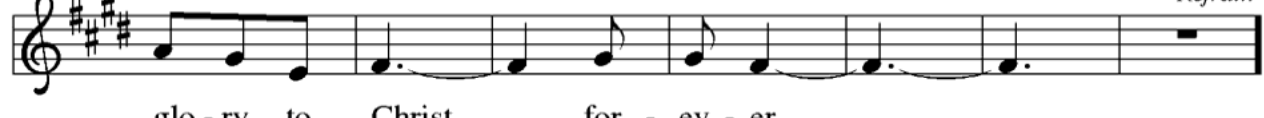
1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



*Refrain*  
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



*Refrain*  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



*Refrain*  
God; to make all things new.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*Please be seated*

## FIRST READING 1 Kings 3:5-12

<sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup> And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

<sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALMODY Psalm 119:129-136

*read responsively*

<sup>129</sup> Your decrees are wonderful;  
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

<sup>130</sup> **When your word is opened it gives light;  
it gives understanding to the simple.**

<sup>131</sup> I open my mouth and pant  
because I long for your commandments.

<sup>132</sup> **Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
as you always do to those who love your name.**

<sup>133</sup> Order my footsteps in your word;  
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

<sup>134</sup> **Rescue me from those who oppress me,  
and I will keep your commandments.**

<sup>135</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant  
and teach me your statutes.

<sup>136</sup> **My eyes shed streams of tears,  
because people do not keep your teaching.**

## SECOND READING Romans 8:26-39

<sup>26</sup> The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we  
go? — You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life: Al - le - lu - ia! —

## GOSPEL Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

P The holy gospel according to Matthew the 13th chapter.

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

<sup>31</sup> [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;<sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

<sup>33</sup> He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup> on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup> when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup> And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### MESSAGE

*Pastor Tara Magoon*



## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Be Thou My Vision*

ELW 793

*Please stand at the last verse as you are able.*

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**A** Let us profess our faith with 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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

God our wisdom and our song, we pray for bishops, candidacy committees, those preparing for seminary, those awaiting call as deacons or pastors, and all who seek to lead your disciples in any way. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our breath and our heartbeat, help us to recognize signs of your presence among us. Protect and support diverse ecosystems, from national parks to family farms, from ranches to wild places. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our peace and our guide, help civic leaders hear all their peoples' stories with compassion and curiosity, and remind us of your love from which we can never be separated. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our intercessor and our lawgiver, dismantle the barriers to care and recognition of all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and uncertainty. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our redeemer, may we trust your love above and beyond all else that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God who seeks, finds, and saves, for our community's part in the ongoing gift of creation, and for the riches of faith and hope which came before, we give you thanks. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

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## ANTHEM

### *Be Magnified*

DeShazo

## OFFERTORY



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me  
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

A Loving God,  
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of  
your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C Amen.

The musical score is written for a Presider and a Congregation. It is in the key of D major (indicated by four sharps: F#, C#, G#, D#) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and half notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

*Presider:*                      *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Presider:*                      *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:*                      *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

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P *It is our duty and delight, that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ who calls us to follow his humble way of service and love, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*



P You are indeed holy, Gracious and merciful God: everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation.

Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation, and peace.

On the night of his betrayal 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.

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.

*Pastor sings: Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.*

*Congregation:*

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.  
Christ will come, come a - gain.

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Remembering his command, to love one another,  
his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension,  
we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

*Pastor sings: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.*

*Congregation:*

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.  
A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

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P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that all of your promises may come to us  
and your whole creation.

*Pastor sings: Amen. Come Holy Spirit. Amen. Come Holy Spirit.*

*Congregation:*

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.  
A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

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P This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

*Congregation:*

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the  
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is  
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.  
A - men.

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## LORD'S PRAYER

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

C **Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done,**  
**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those**  
**who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**  
**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are yours,**  
**now and forever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!  
All are welcome at the table of the Lord.



# LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:*      *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God,      you take a - way the sin of the  
you break the chains of ha - tred and  
you are the way of jus - tice and  
you are the way of mer - cy and

*Congregation:*

world:      have mer - cy on us,      mer - cy on us,

world:  
fear:  
peace:  
love.

*Final Stanza*

*Congregation or Assistant:*

mer - cy      on      us.      Lamb of God,      you

*Congregation:*

take a - way the sins of the world:      grant us peace,

grant      us peace,      grant      us      peace.

## COMMUNION



*Communion will be received at the head of the Sanctuary. Come down the center aisle and take a spot at the rail in front of your section furthest to the right and fill in from there, and receive the communion elements. After receiving communion, please return your cup to the bowl at the head of the side aisles and return to your seat. Elements at in-person worship are red wine and white grape juice. All bread is gluten-free.*

# HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION

## *Day by Day* ELW 790



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



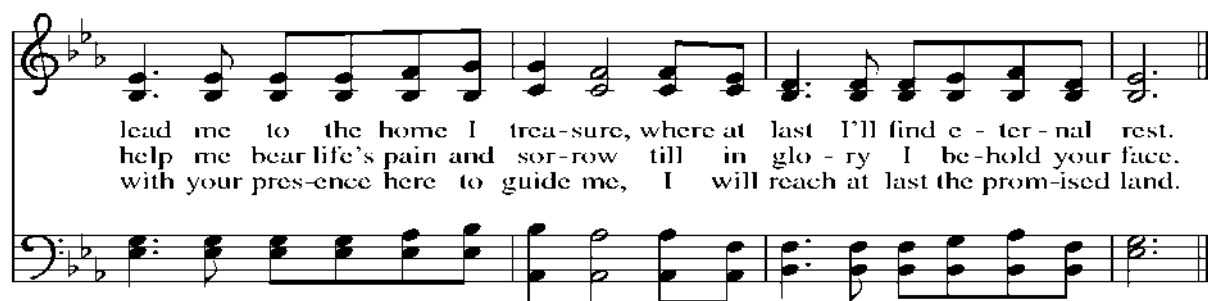
to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
 what he - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

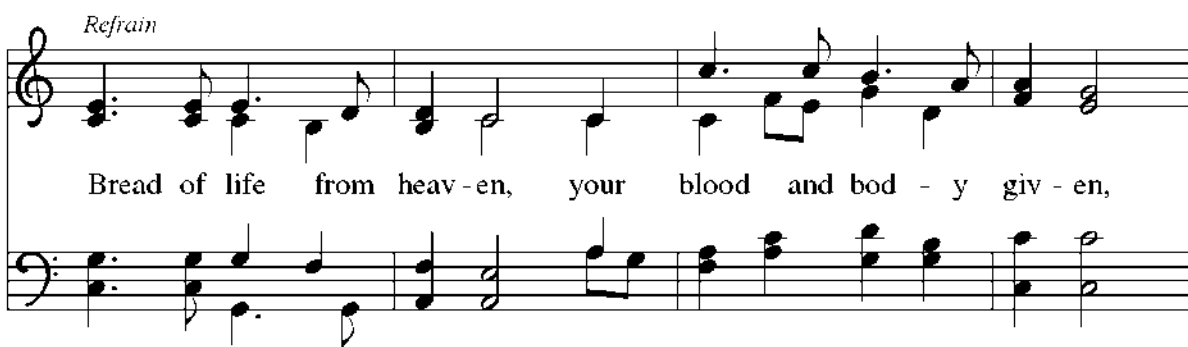


lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

# HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION

## *Bread of Life from Heaven* ELW 474

*Refrain*



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,



we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



- |   |       |     |      |       |      |          |                  |            |
|---|-------|-----|------|-------|------|----------|------------------|------------|
| 1 | Break | now | the  | bread | of   | Christ's | sac - ri - fice; | giv - ing  |
| 2 | Seek  | not | the  | food  | that | will     | pass a - way;    | set your   |
| 3 | Love  | as  | the  | one   | who, | in       | love for you,    | gave him - |
| 4 | Dwell | in  | the  | one   | who  | now      | dwells in you;   | make your  |
| 5 | Drink | of  | this | cup   | and  | de -     | clare his death; | eat this   |



|                                      |                  |                               |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| thanks, hun - gry ones,              | gath - er round. | Eat, all of you, and be       |
| hearts on the food that en - dures.  |                  | Come, learn the true and the  |
| self for the life of the world.      |                  | Come to the one who is        |
| home in the life - giv - ing Word.   |                  | Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly  |
| bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; |                  | trust his re - turn and, with |



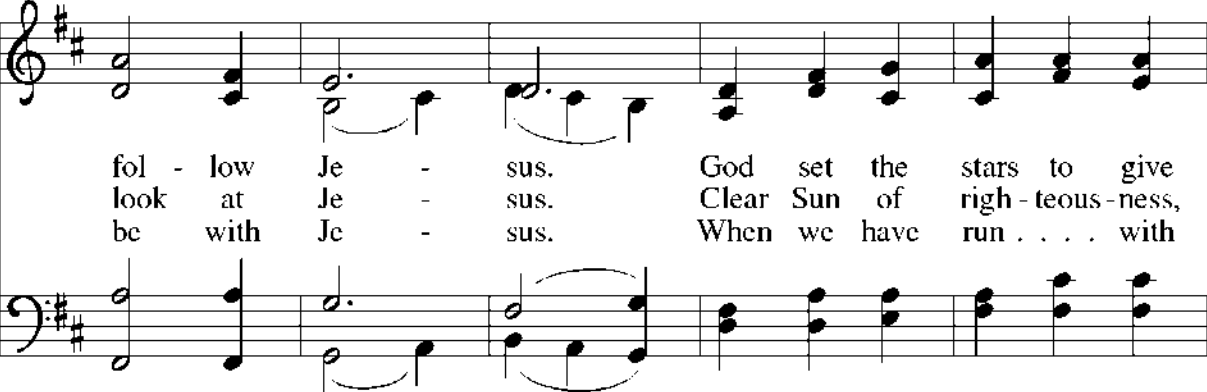
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| sat - is - fied; | in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound. |
| liv - ing way,   | that the full - ness of life may be yours.         |
| food for you,    | that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.         |
| One of God,      | and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.        |
| ev - 'ry breath, | praise the one in whom you are re - born.          |

# HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* ELW 815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## COMMUNION BLESSING

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

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -  
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:  
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. C Amen.

## BLESSING

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God,  
 bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C Amen.



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

## DISMISSAL

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!  
C Thanks be to God.



*The altar flowers are offered to the Glory of God  
by Pastor Tara Magoon  
in honor of Grace's and God's works.*

#### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

*Assisting Minister: Beth Fenner*

*Greeter: Jay Snyder*

*Ushers: Stacy Dambaugh, Tim Dambaugh*

*Reader: Sandy Betley*

*Sound: Mark Maurer*

*Streamer: Gerry Teig*

*Refreshments: Toni Durandetta, Rolf Eriksen*

*Offering Counters: Peter Tuhy, Sue Eriksen*

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