## **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 28, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

With One Voice, Holy Communion, Setting Five



## **Prayer before worship:**

Almighty God, you pour out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication. Deliver us, as we come into your presence, from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**Pre-Service Music** 

"Prelude in C" (J. S. Bach)

**Ringing of the Bells** 

Welcome

## **Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the 

→ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## C Amen.

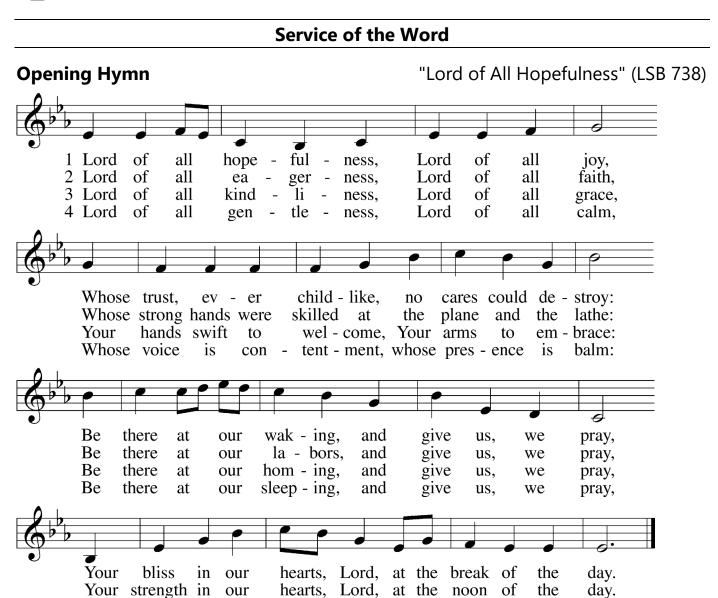
P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel or be seated, as able

- P Most merciful God,
- We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Holy Spirit.

# C Amen.



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## **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.

## **Hymn of Praise**





## **Prayer of the Day**

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray:

Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading Genesis 9: 8-17

<sup>8</sup> God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup>And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

# Psalm (read responsively)

Psalm 136:1-9

- L Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,\* for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.
- Give thanks to the | God of gods,\* for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.
- **I** Give thanks to the | Lord of lords,\* for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;

- **©** to him who alone does great | wonders,\* for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;
- L to him who by understanding made the | heavens,\* for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;
- **©** to him who spread out the earth above the | waters,\* for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;
- **L** to him who made the | great lights,\* for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;
- **©** the sun to rule o- | ver the day,\* for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;
- L the moon and stars to rule o- | ver the night,\* for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;

**Epistle** Ephesians 3:14-21

Please join in reading aloud the **highlighted portion** of Scripture and consider committing this passage to memory in the week ahead.

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
<sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the

- church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

#### **Alleluia Verse**



Holy Gospel Mark 6: 45-56

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

# **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>45</sup>Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>46</sup>And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>47</sup>And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. <sup>48</sup>And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, <sup>49</sup>but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, <sup>50</sup>for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." <sup>51</sup>And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, <sup>52</sup>for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

<sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. <sup>54</sup>And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him <sup>55</sup>and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

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

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM



P Holy Baptism today is given for Santana Rishaud Williams, child of Burney and Alliyah Williams and Santana's father, Burney Alex Williams. Serving as Santana's sponsors are Samuel, Adriena and Eric Garwood.

## **Presentation of Baptismal Candidate**

**R** We present Santana Rishaud and Burney Alex to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

#### **The Address**

## The pastor speaks to those assembled for Baptism

- In Christian love you have presented this child and adult for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring them to the services of God's house, and teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As they grow in years, you should place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for their instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?
- $\mathbf{R}$  I do.

**The Thanksgiving** The pastor pours the water to be used for Holy Baptism into the font

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## **The Flood Prayer**

This prayer, written by Martin Luther, acknowledges God's saving acts throughout history by means of water.

- P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.
- By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.
- In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the slavery to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life.
- He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the 

  → Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.
- To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

#### The Renunciation

Candidates for Baptism and sponsors join together in renouncing the works of Satan.

- P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?
- R I do.

# **The Profession of Faith**Candidates for Baptism, their sponsors, and the congregation join together in affirming their belief in the triune God.

- **P** Do you believe in God the Father?
- **■** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ?
- I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
- P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- 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.

# **The Washing**The pastor baptizes the candidate(s) with these words:

- P Santana Rishaud, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- P Burney Alex, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

# **The Laying on of Hands**The pastor lays hands on the head of the baptized and prays for the Holy Spirit's work in their life:

P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy Sacrament. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Santana Rishaud and Burney Alex: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

## C Amen.

**The Sealing** The pastor marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized with oil prepared for this purpose. As the sign of the cross is made, the pastor says:

- P Santana Rishaud, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
- P Burney Alex, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
- C Amen.

# A lighted candle is given to the baptized with these words:

- Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
- Finally, let us pray for this family:

  O God, giver of all life, look with kindness upon Santana's parents, Burney and Alliyah. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their child. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally the salvation you have given to them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### C Amen.

#### The Welcome

Those who have been baptized turn and face the congregation as these words are spoken:

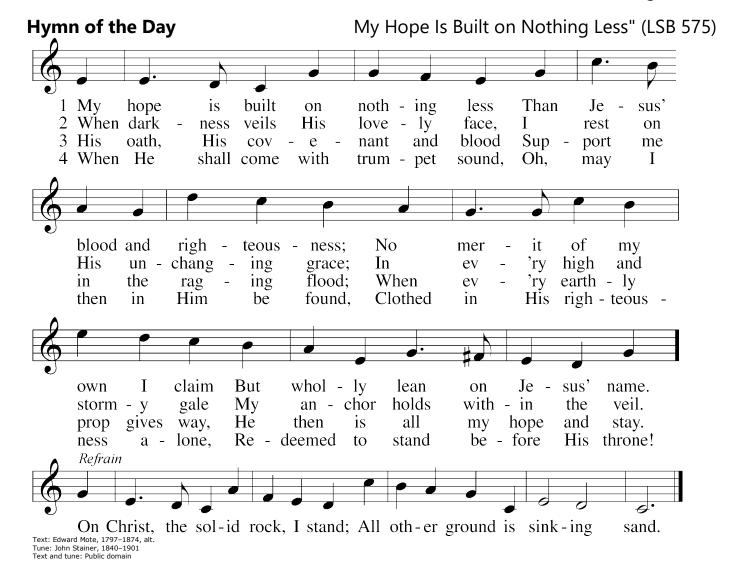
- I Through Baptism, God has made these people members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear His creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.



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#### Sermon



# **Prayers of the People**

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Special prayer requests are announced followed by a brief silence for private prayer.

During the season after Pentecost each petition ends with the phrase: "Hear us, O
God."

Please respond by saying: "Your mercy is great."

The prayers end with the words:

- 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.

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

#### **Announcements**

# **Offertory Prayer**

- L Merciful God,
- We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Service of the Sacrament**

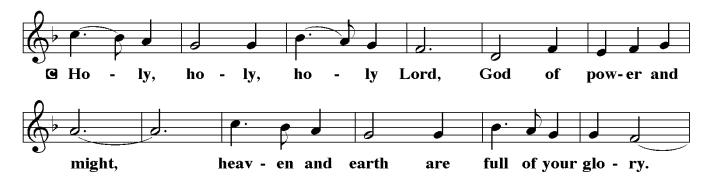
## **Great Thanksgiving**

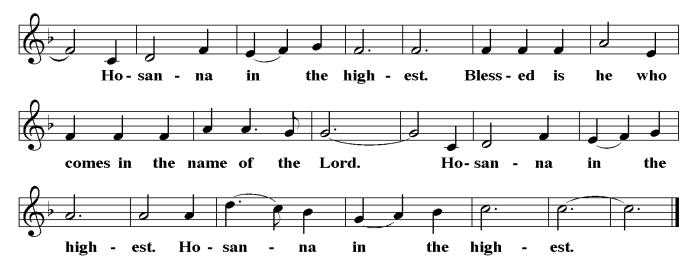
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **©** We lift them up to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

#### **Preface**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### Sanctus

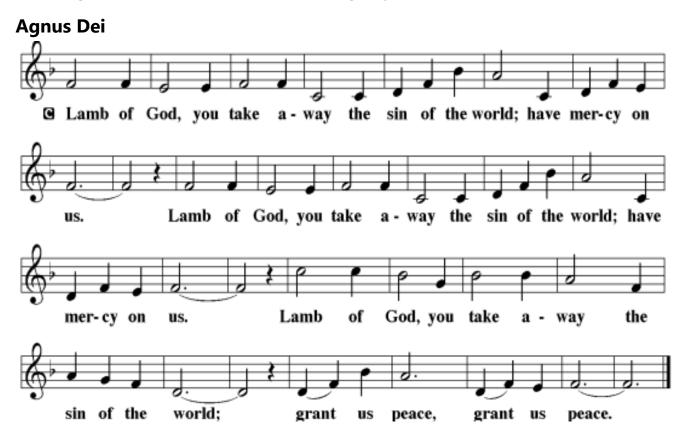




### **Eucharistic Prayer**

## **Lord's Prayer**

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.



## **Distribution of Holy Communion**

Lutheran Christians believe and teach that in the Sacrament of the Altar, Christ's body and blood are given to those who receive the bread and wine. With the bread and wine, the gifts of His body and blood are given to Christ's people for forgiveness of sins, strength for our journey of faith, and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. All who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and who trust His words that these gifts are given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, are invited to receive the Eucharist.

Please follow the direction of the ushers to come to the Lord's Table. The bread will be distributed first. **Gluten-free wafers** are available for those who may need these. Please indicate this to the pastor at the distribution. The wine is then received by individual glasses only. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available for those who for medical or recovery purposes must abstain from alcohol.

Children who do not receive the Sacrament are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please cross arms over chest so the pastor and lay assistant are able to distinguish children who do commune from those who do not yet receive the Sacrament.

# **Distribution Hymns**

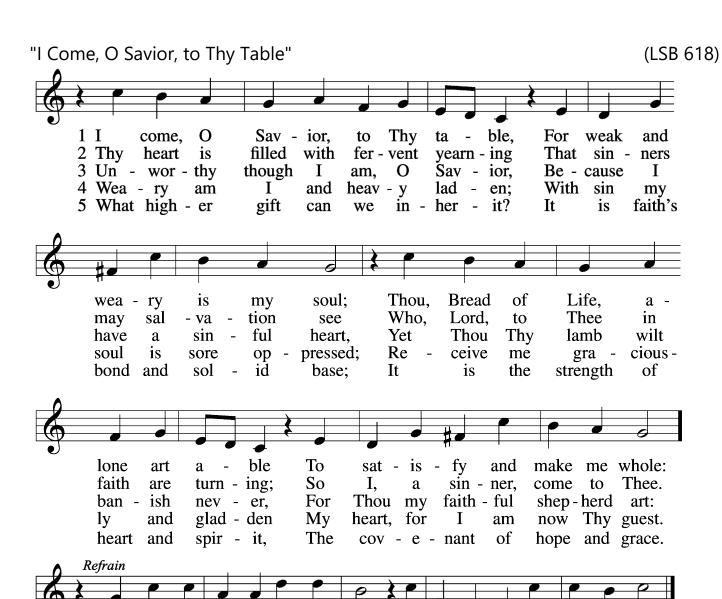
Summer Choir Anthem

"The Grace Divine" (Roger Price)

Come, let us use the grace divine, and all with one accord, In a perpetual covenant join ourselves to Christ the Lord; Give up ourselves, through Jesus' power, His Name to glorify; And promise, in this sacred hour, for God to live and die.

The covenant we this moment make be ever kept in mind; We will no more our God forsake, or cast these words behind. We never will throw off the fear of God Who hears our vow; And if Thou art well pleased to hear, come down and meet us now.

Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, let all our hearts receive, Present with Thy celestial host the peaceful answer give; to each covenant the blood apply which takes our sins away, And register our names on high and keep us to that day!



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood

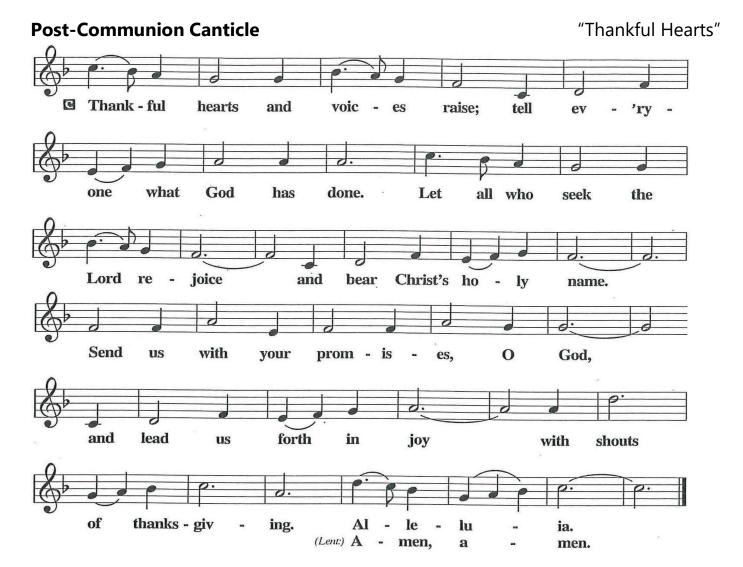
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"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (LSB 700) 1 Love all loves Joy of di vine, ex - cel - ling, 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov Spir - it In ing to Al 3 Come. might de - liv -Let - y, to er: us ish tion, Pure 4 Fin then Thy new cre - a and Fix Thy heav'n, earth come down! in to us ev 'ry trou bled breast; Let us all in all Thy life re - ceive: Sud den ly re less let be; Let Thy spot us us see All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown. ble dwell - ing, hum -Thy Thee in her - it; Let us find prom - ised rest. nev - er, Nev Thy er - more tem - ples leave. turn, and Per fect - ly great sal - va - tion re stored in Thee, Je Thou all art pas sion, Pure, sus, com un -Take a way the love of sin ning; Al pha bless - ing, Serve Thee Thee we would be al ways Till Changed from glo ry in to glo ry, in ed love Thou Vis with bound it us art; and End of faith, 0 me be; as ga Thy hosts bove, Pray and praise Thee as a heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our Thy En trem - bling heart. sal - va tion, ter ev 'ry be - gin - ning, Set lib - er - ty. its our hearts at ceas - ing, Glo Thy per - fect love. with - out in ry crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise! Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88 Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–87 Text and tune: Public domain

### **Dismissal**



# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**L** Let us pray:

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

## C Amen.

## Sending

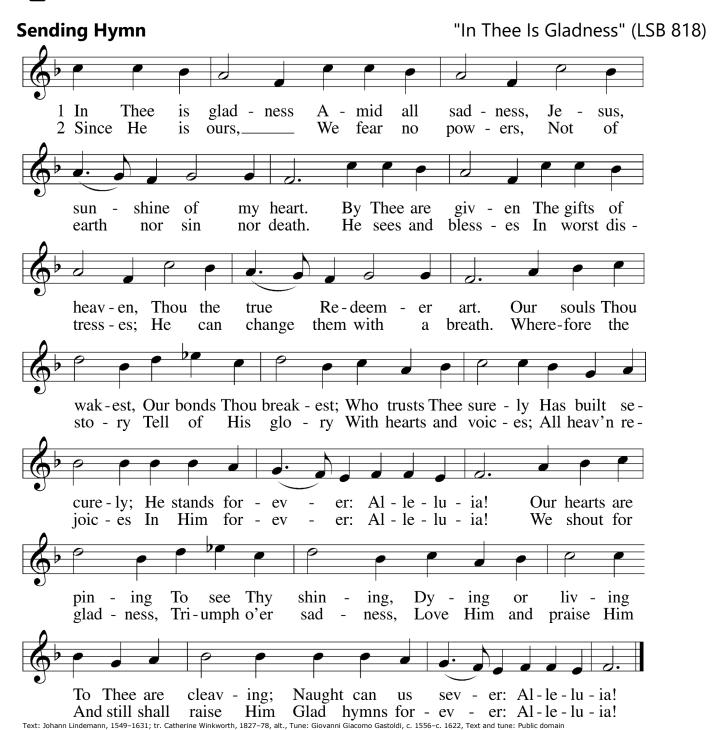
## **Blessing**

- P Almighty God, Father, 

  → Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### **Benediction**

- **L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



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