

## Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2024 – 10:30 a.m.

*Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service, Setting Four*



ST. JOHN'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Prayer before worship:

*As we come into your presence, O God, bless this time of worship. Unite our prayers and praises with your whole Church on earth and in heaven. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



### Pre-Service Music

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" (J. S. Bach)  
Handbell Choir

### Ringing of the Bells

### Welcome

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## Confession and Absolution

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 124:8*

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. *Psalm 130:3-4*

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. *[Luke 18:13]*

*Please kneel or be seated for a time of silent prayer and confession, as able*

**P** Almighty God,

**C** have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.  
**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 servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*

**C** Amen.

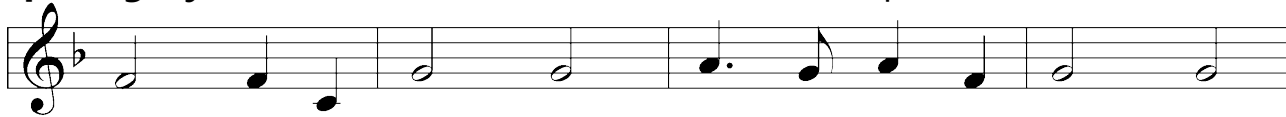
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## Service of the Word

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### Opening Hymn

"Splendor and Honor" (LSB 950)



1 Splen - dor and hon - or, maj - es - ty and pow - er  
2 Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our re - demp - tion,  
3 To the Al - might - y, throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor,



Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing,  
By whose self - of - f'ring we are made God's peo - ple:  
And to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb and Shep - herd,



For by Your bid - ding was the whole cre -  
A priest - ly king - dom, from all tongues and  
Be ad - o - ra - tion, praise, and glo - ry



a - tion Called in - to be - ing.  
na - tions, Called to God's ser - vice.  
giv - en, Now and for - ev - er.

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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.

## Kyrie

Mark 10:47



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shi - ped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray:

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Children's Message

### Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 11:18-20

<sup>18</sup>The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." <sup>20</sup>But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm *(read responsively)*

Psalm 54

**L** O God, save me, by your name,\*  
and vindicate me by your might.

**G** O God, hear my prayer;\*  
give ear to the words of my mouth.

**L** For strangers have risen against me;  
ruthless men seek my life;\*  
they do not set God before themselves.

**G** Behold, God is my helper;\*  
the Lord is the upholder of my life.

**L** He will return the evil to my enemies;\*  
in your faithfulness put an end to them.

**G** With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;\*  
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.

**L** For he has delivered me from every trouble,\*  
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

### Epistle Reading

James 3:13-4:10

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

<sup>1</sup>What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. <sup>4</sup>You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? <sup>6</sup>But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

### Alleluia Verse



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



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

*John 20:31*



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

## Holy Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

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

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

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

<sup>30</sup>[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>**And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."** <sup>36</sup>And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

"Greatest and Least(est)"

*(Hymn of the Day, next page)*

## Hymn of the Day

"Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way" (GIA150)



1. Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way Wher -  
2. You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But  
3. No gold - en scep - ter but a towel You  
4. You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor  
5. Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way Wher -



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -  
pow'r you laid a - side. You lived your years in  
place with - in the hands Of those who seek to  
count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the  
ev - er love may lead And bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.  
ser - vant - hood, In low - li - ness you died.  
fol - low you And live by your com - mands.  
mean - est task That waits the gift of love.  
get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

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## Profession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, † and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

**P** Seeking the renewal of the Holy Spirit in our communities and in our world, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*Special prayer requests are announced followed by a brief silence for private prayer. During the season after Pentecost each petition ends with the phrase:*

*"Lord, in your mercy."*

*Please respond by saying "Hear our prayer."*

*The prayers end with the words:*

**P** Into your hands, holy God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C Amen.**

*Following the prayers, the people may stand and 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).*

## **Building for Eternity Capital Campaign**

*O God of grace, from generation to generation You have blessed our congregation and prospered the work of our hands. Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, we are Building for Eternity. Guide and direct our efforts to renovate and expand your house, O Lord, so that we may continue to "equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ " (Ephesians 4:12). Strengthen us by your Spirit for the great work that is before us, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **Announcements**



## Offertory Prayer

**L** Merciful God,

**C** 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.

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## Service of the Sacrament

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### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

*[Colossians 3:1]*

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

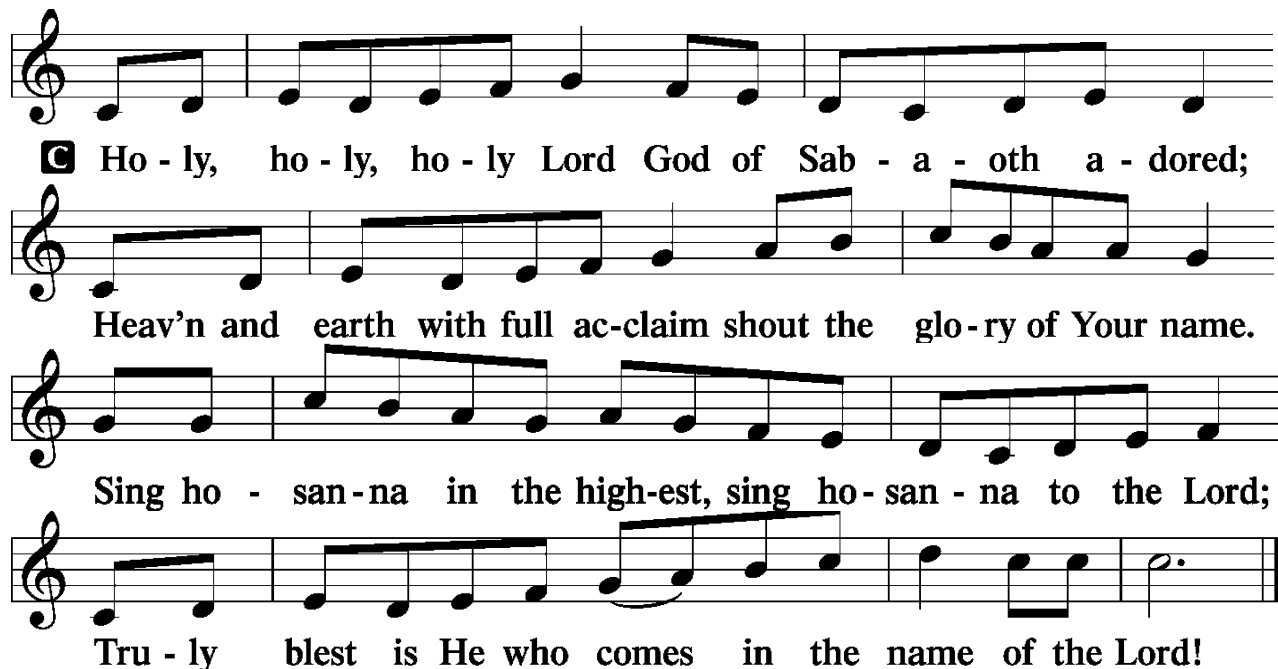
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

*[Psalm 136]*

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.

### The Words of Our Lord

*Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

**P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

*John 20:19*

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

**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Please be seated*

## 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.

For additional self-preparation to receive the Sacrament, please see "Christian Questions with Their Answers" beginning on page 1351 in the pew Bible.

## Music at the Distribution

Distribution Anthem

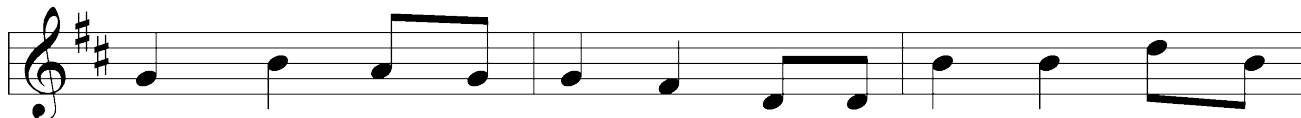
"He Leadeth Me" (Sandra Eithun)  
Handbell Choir

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

(LSB 725)



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en      Such a ref - uge      e'er was      giv - en.  
 spares them;      In His might - y      arms He      bears them.  
 show - eth,      And their sor - rows      all He      know - eth.  
 sole - ly      To pre - serve them      pure and      ho - ly.

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"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

(LSB 821)



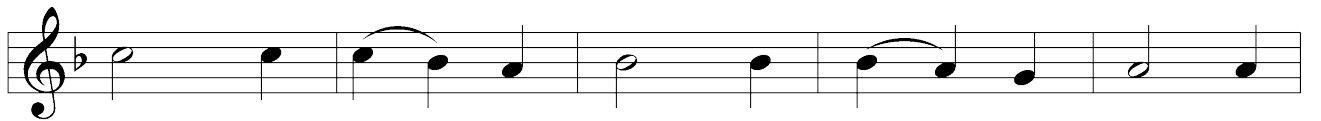
1 Al - le - lu - ia!      Sing to Je - sus;      His the  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia!      Not as or - phans      Are we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia!      Bread of heav - en,      Here on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia!      King e - ter - nal,      Lord om -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia!      Sing to Je - sus;      His the



scep - ter,      His the throne;      Al - le - lu - ia!      His the  
 left in sor - row now;      Al - le - lu - ia!      He is  
 earth our food, our stay;      Al - le - lu - ia!      Here the  
 nip - o - tent we own;      Al - le - lu - ia!      Born of  
 scep - ter,      His the throne;      Al - le - lu - ia!      His the



tri - umph,      His the vic - to - ry      a - lone.  
 near us;      Faith be - lieves,      nor ques - tions how.  
 sin - ful      Flee to You from day to day.  
 Mar - y,      Earth Your foot - stool,      heav'n Your throne.  
 tri - umph,      His the vic - to - ry      a - lone.



Hark!      The songs of peace - ful      Zi - on      Thun - der  
 Though the cloud from sight      re - ceived Him      When the  
 In - ter - ces - sor,      Friend of sin - ners,      Earth's Re -  
 As with - in the veil      You en - tered,      Robed in  
 Hark!      The songs of peace - ful      Zi - on      Thun - der



like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -  
 deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of  
 flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both  
 like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."  
 get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."

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## Dismissal

### Nunc Dimittis



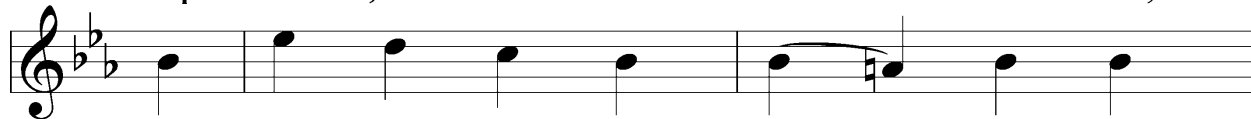
1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is -



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

### Post-Communion Collect

**L** Let us pray:

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Benedicamus and Benediction

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*[Psalm 103:1]*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

**C** Amen.

*(sending hymn, next page)*

## Sending Hymn

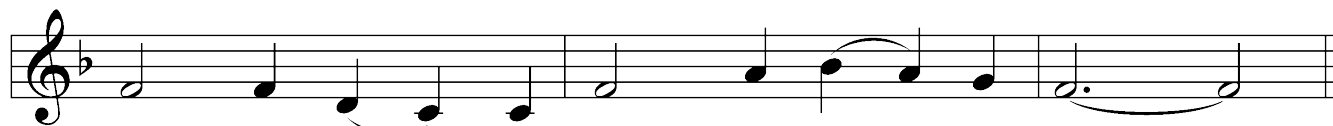
"Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace" (LSB 937)



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,  
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,  
△ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,



Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -  
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing  
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.  
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.  
Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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## Postlude

"Fanfare on 'St. Gertrude'" (Gordon Young)



## Our Ministry Of Worship

Officiant/Preacher

Pastor Meehan

Welcome & Children's Message

Jennifer Hills, Director of Discipleship

Lay Assistant

Michael Nordvall

Communion Lay Assistant

Tish Nordvall

Organist/Pianist

David Leahey, Director of Music

Acolyte

Santino Vazquez

Crucifer

Giulianna Vazquez

Ushers

Benjamin May

Michelle May

Altar Care

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