

## Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.

With One Voice, Holy Communion, Setting Five



ST. JOHN'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Prayer before worship:

*Almighty God, you pour out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication. As we come into your presence, deliver us 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.*



### Welcome

### Pre-Service Music

"Elegy from Six Sketches" (Cecil Armstrong Gibb)

### Ringling of the Bells

### 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,

**C 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 ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

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## Service of the Word

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### Opening Hymn

"O God, beyond All Praising" (WOV 797)

1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day  
2 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a - maz-ing that songs can-not re - pay;  
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our king;

for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,  
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be fill'd with good or ill,

at bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer-cies with - out end:  
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your Word,  
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.  
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

## 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



**C** Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



**I** Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



**C** Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



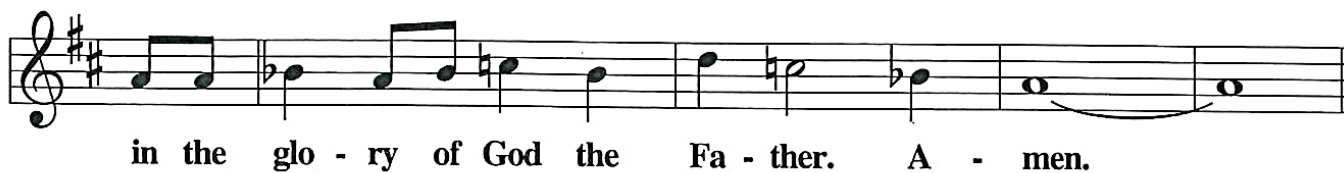
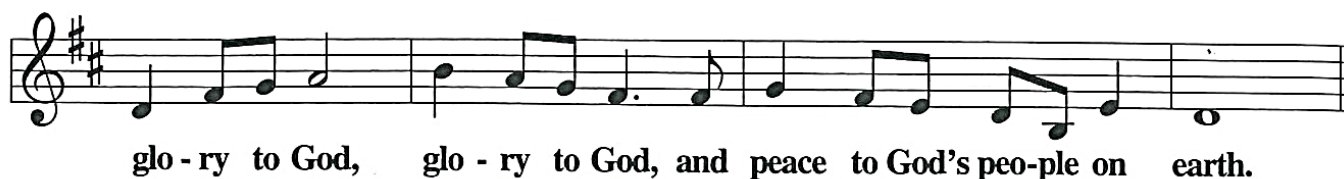
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



**II** Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



## Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## LCMS Youth Gathering Commissioning

### First Reading

Leviticus 19:9-18

<sup>9</sup>"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. <sup>10</sup>And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

<sup>11</sup>"You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another.

<sup>12</sup>You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

<sup>13</sup>"You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. <sup>14</sup>You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

<sup>15</sup>"You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

<sup>17</sup>"You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD."

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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

- L** Blessed is the one who considers the poor!  
In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;
- C** **the LORD protects him and keeps him alive;  
he is called blessed in the land;  
you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.**
- L** The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;  
in his illness you restore him to full health.
- C** **As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;  
heal me, for I have sinned against you!"**
- L** My enemies say of me in malice,  
"When will he die and his name perish?"
- C** **And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,  
while his heart gathers iniquity;  
when he goes out, he tells it abroad.**
- L** All who hate me whisper together about me;  
they imagine the worst for me.
- C** **They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him;  
he will not rise again from where he lies."**
- L** Even my close friend in whom I trusted,  
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
- C** **But you, O LORD, be gracious to me,  
and raise me up, that I may repay them!**
- L** By this I know that you delight in me:  
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
- C** **But you have upheld me because of my integrity,  
and set me in your presence forever.**
- L** Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting!  
Amen and Amen.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,

<sup>4</sup>since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, <sup>6</sup>which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, <sup>7</sup>just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf <sup>8</sup>and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia Verse

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

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

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



**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

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

<sup>25</sup>Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" <sup>27</sup>And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

<sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Summer in the Psalms: "Be Gracious to Me"

**Hymn of the Day**

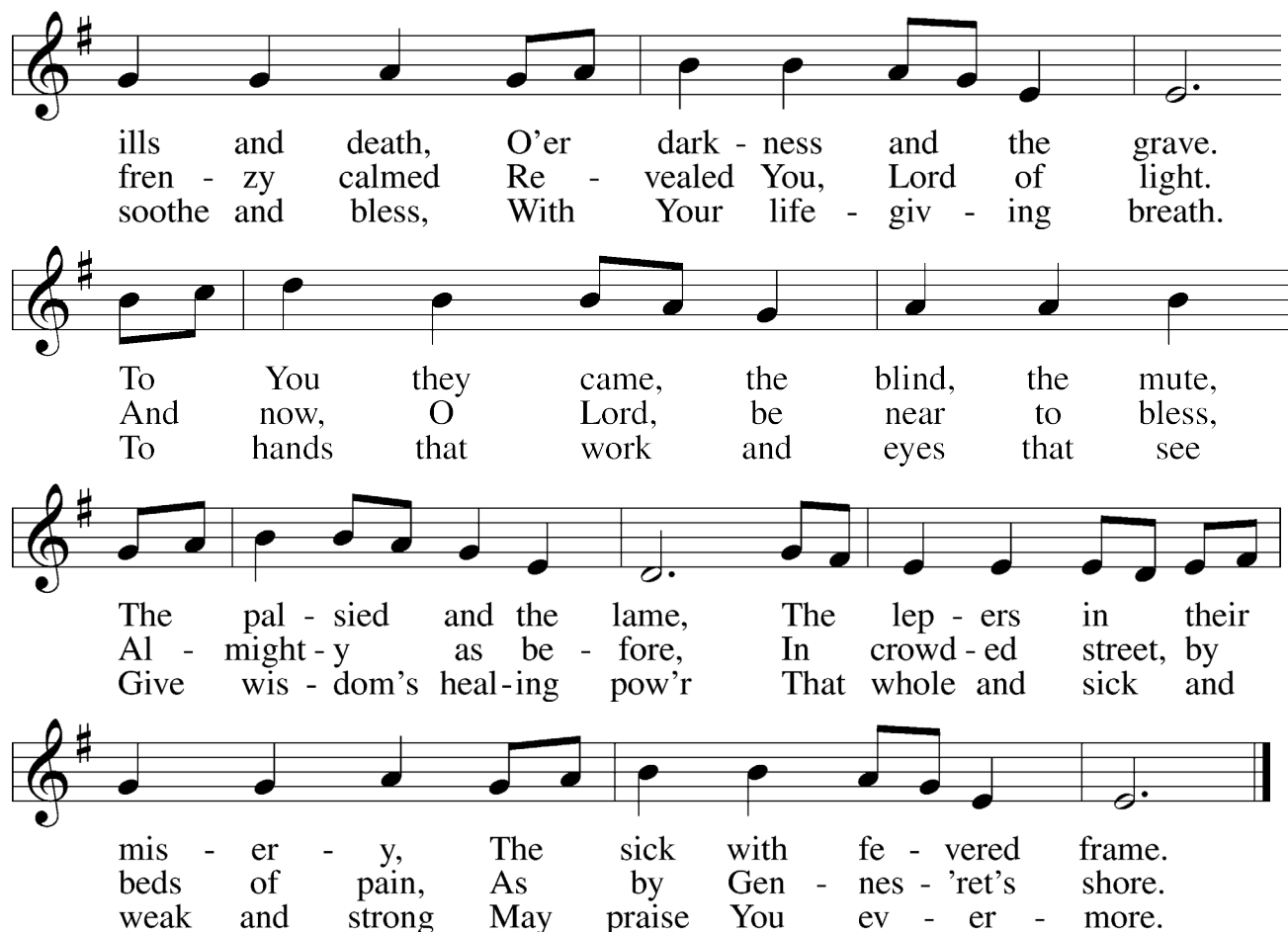
"Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old" (LSB 846)



1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old  
 2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,  
 3 O be our great de - liv - 'er still,

Was strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o - ver  
 Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and  
 The Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,





ills and death, O'er dark - ness and the grave.  
fren - zy calmed Re - vealed You, Lord of light.  
soothe and bless, With Your life - giv - ing breath.

To You they came, the blind, the mute,  
And now, O Lord, be near to bless,  
To hands that work and eyes that see

The pal - sied and the lame, The lep - ers in their  
Al - might - y as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by  
Give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and

mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.  
beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.  
weak and strong May praise You ev - er - more.

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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.**

### **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,

**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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#### **Great Thanksgiving**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

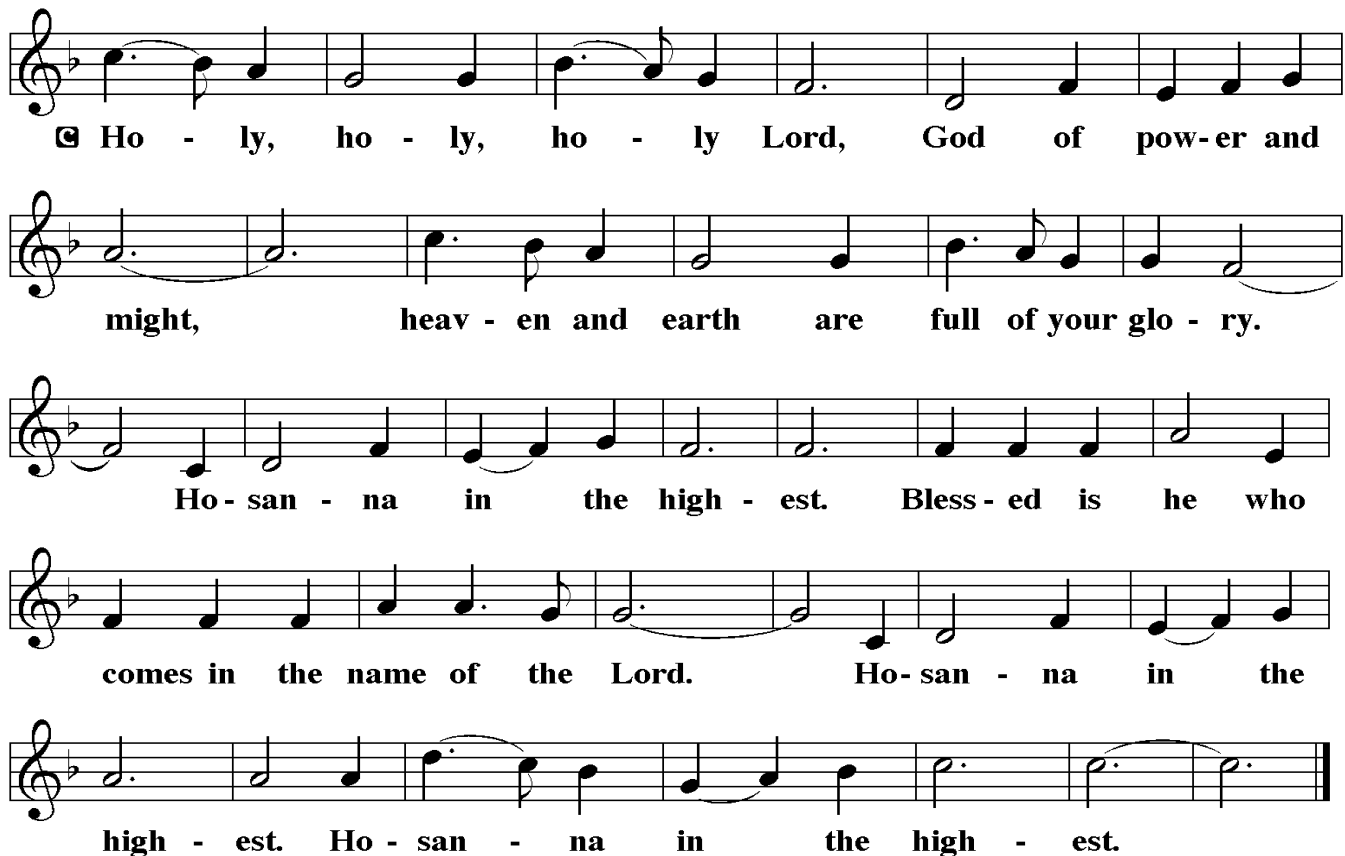
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## Preface

**P** 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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

### Lord's Prayer

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

**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.

## Agnus Dei

☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*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.

## Distribution Hymns

"Be Thou My Vision – 'Slane'" (Martin Shaw)

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

# "Eat This Bread"

(WOV 709)

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry.  
 Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

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 Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994  
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# "Healer of Our Every Ill"

(WOV 738)

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to -  
 mor - row, give us peace be - yond our fear, and  
 hope be - yond our sor - row. sor - row.

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness,  
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing  
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er,  
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing,



grace us with your peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all  
 how your grace is still un - fold - ing, give us all your  
 ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all  
 teach us all your way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com -

*Refrain*



com - fort, fill our hearts.  
 vi - sion, God of love.  
 kind - ness, be our guide.  
 pas - sion, fill each heart.

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HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL  
 8 8 9 and refrain

## Dismissal

## Post-Communion Canticle

"Thankful Hearts"



☐ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -



one what God has done. Let all who seek the



Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God,



and lead us forth in joy with shouts



of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 (Lent:) A - men, a - men.



## 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 of Lay Eucharistic Ministers

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### Sending

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#### Benediction

**P** Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### Sending

**L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

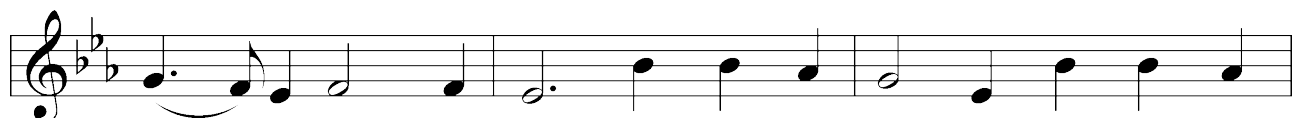
**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Sending Hymn

"My Soul Rejoices" (LSB 933)



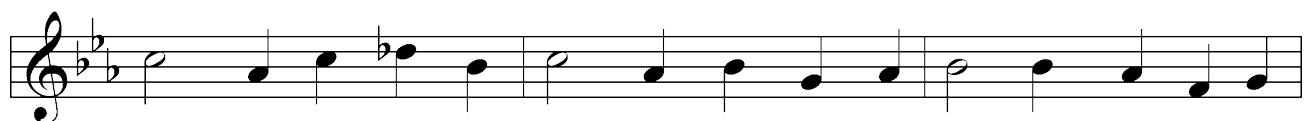
1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the  
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me  
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and  
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bles - sing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and  
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy  
wealth-y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,  
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!  
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

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## Postlude

"March from 'Scipio'" (G. F. Handel/Rawsthorne)



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