FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 2, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

Prelude "Let There Be Peace on Earth" -arr. Lani Smith "God and the Nation" -John Scriveyner

Confession and Absolution

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Hymn of Invocation: "Before You, Lord, We Bow"

1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow. Our God who reigns a bove 2 The You have na - tion May well Your love blest de clare. 3 May ev - 'ry moun-tain Each vale and height, for - est green, 4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice: Your great Re - deem - er own: 5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks And rules the From foes and fears rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For at this Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down rend - ing tombs Send forth a From all its glo-rious band, A count bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King! we bright day. For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay. tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song. 'ry pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied. vour throng, With joy sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va-tion's song! less to Text: Francis Scott Key, 1779–1843, alt. Tune: John Darwall, 1731–89

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- **P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- **C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

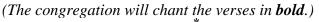
Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 89:15–18; antiphon: v. 1



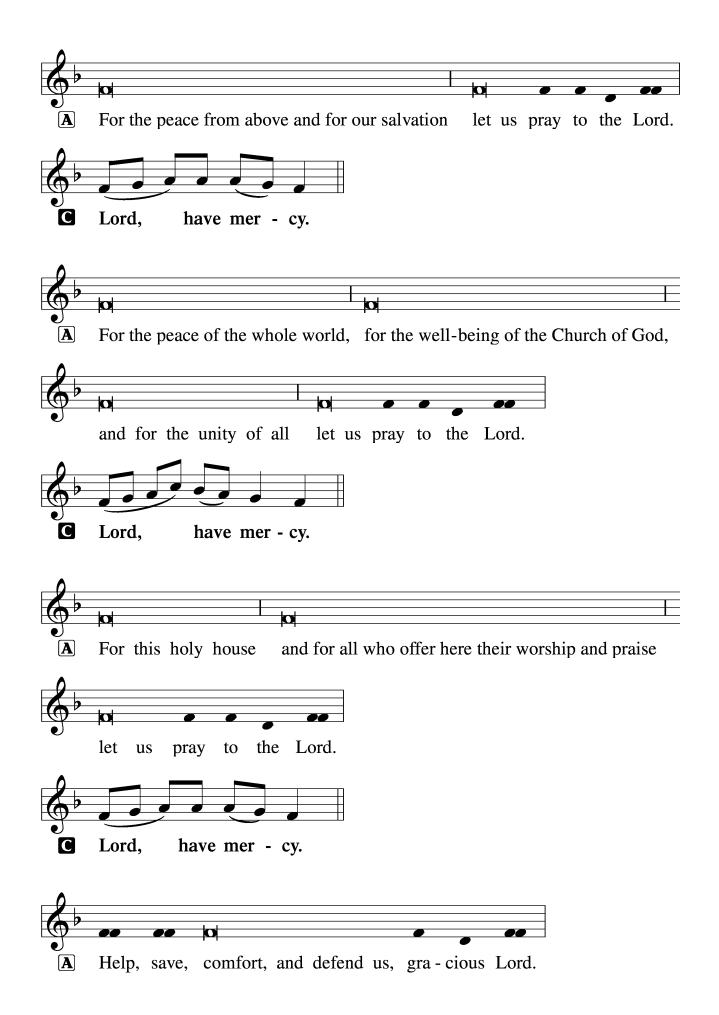


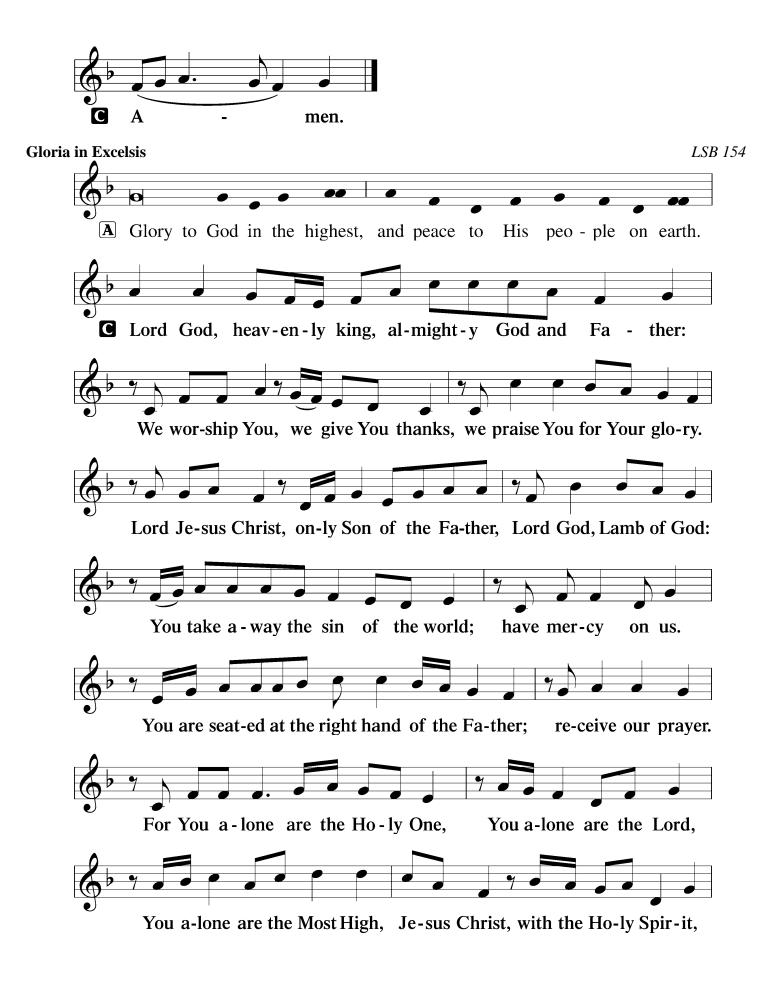
I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;* with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

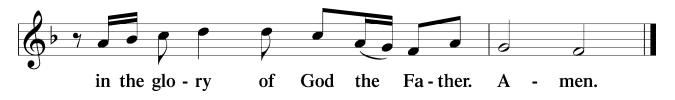
Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,*
who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,
who exult in your name | all the day*
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.
For you are the glory | of their strength;*
by your favor our horn is ex- | alted.
For our shield belongs | to the LORD,*
our king to the Holy One of | Israel.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
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Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- Let us pray. Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading

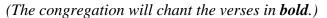
Jeremiah 28:1–9

Proper 8 (Year A)

In that same year, at the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fifth month of the fourth year, Hananiah the son of Azzur, the prophet from Gibeon, spoke to me in the house of the Lord, in the presence of the priests and all the people, saying, "Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. Within two years I will bring back to this place all the vessels of the Lord's house, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place and carried to Babylon. I will also bring back to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and all the exiles from Judah who went to Babylon, declares the Lord, for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon." Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm





Plead my cause and re- | deem me;* give me life according to your | promise! Look on my affliction and de- | liver me,* for I do not for- | get your law.
Plead my cause and re- | deem me;* give me life according to your | promise!
Salvation is far from the | wicked,* for they do not seek your | statutes.
Great is your mercy, | O LORD;* give me life according to your | just decrees.
Many are my persecutors and my adver- | saries,* Psalm 119:153–160; antiphon: v. 154

but I do not swerve from your testi- | monies.

I look at the faithless | with disgust,*

because they do not keep | your commands.

Consider how I love your | precepts!*

Give me life according to your | steadfast love.

The sum of your | word is truth,* and every one of your just and righteous decrees endures for- | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Plead my cause and re- | deem me;* give me life according to your | promise!

Epistle

Romans 7:1–13

Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit. What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel

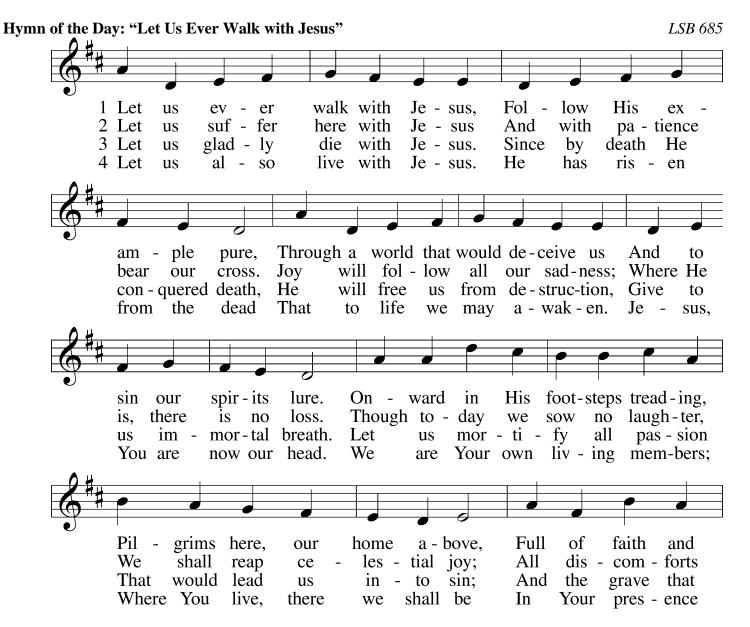
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

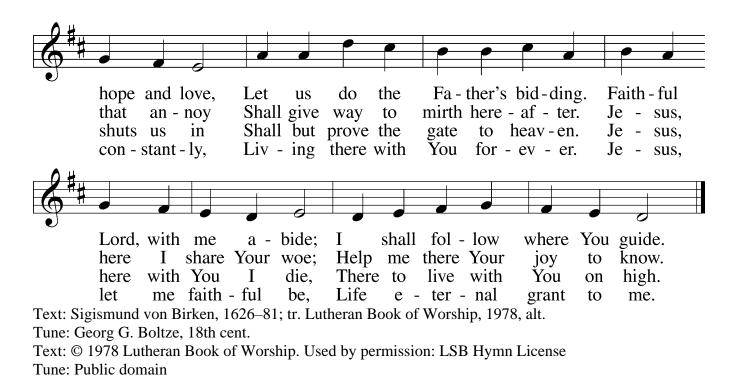
G Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.





Sermon "Prophets of Peace"

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life H everlasting. Amen.

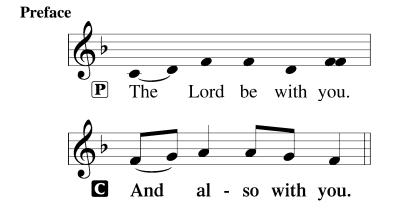
Prayer of the Church

Offering "O God of Love, O King of Peace" -set. J. Wayne Kerr

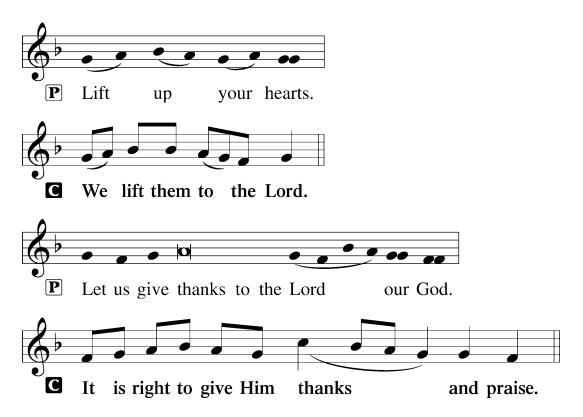
We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.



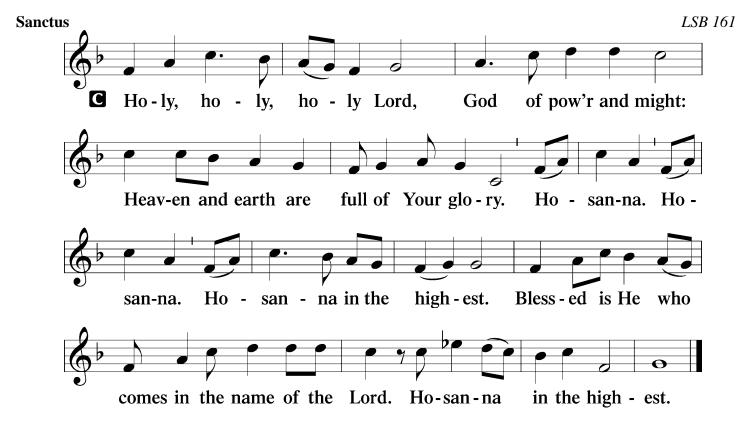
Service of the Sacrament



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P It is truly good, right, and salutary... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant

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joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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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.

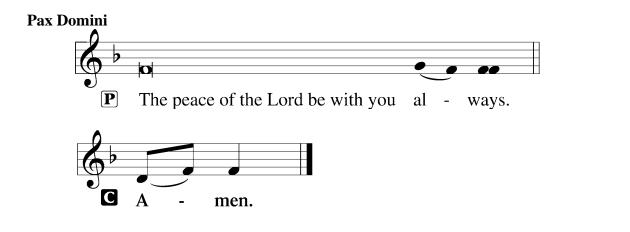
The Words of Our Lord

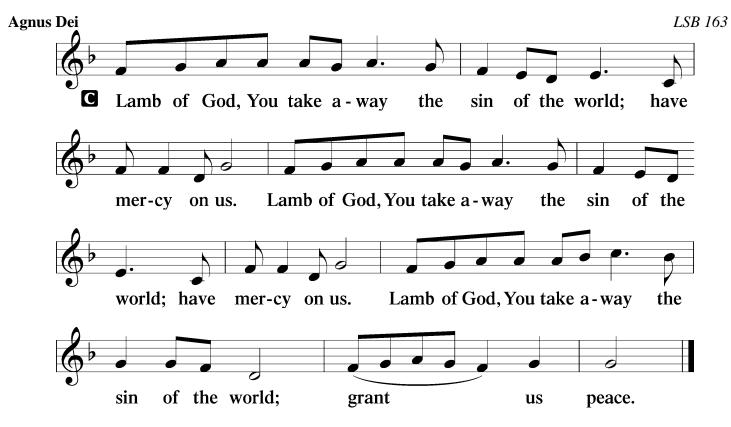
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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

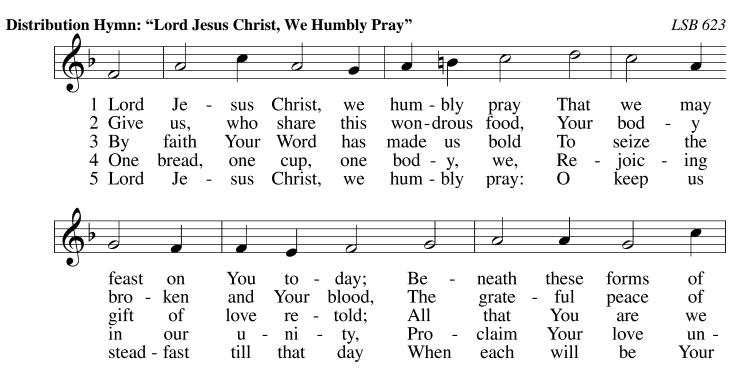
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



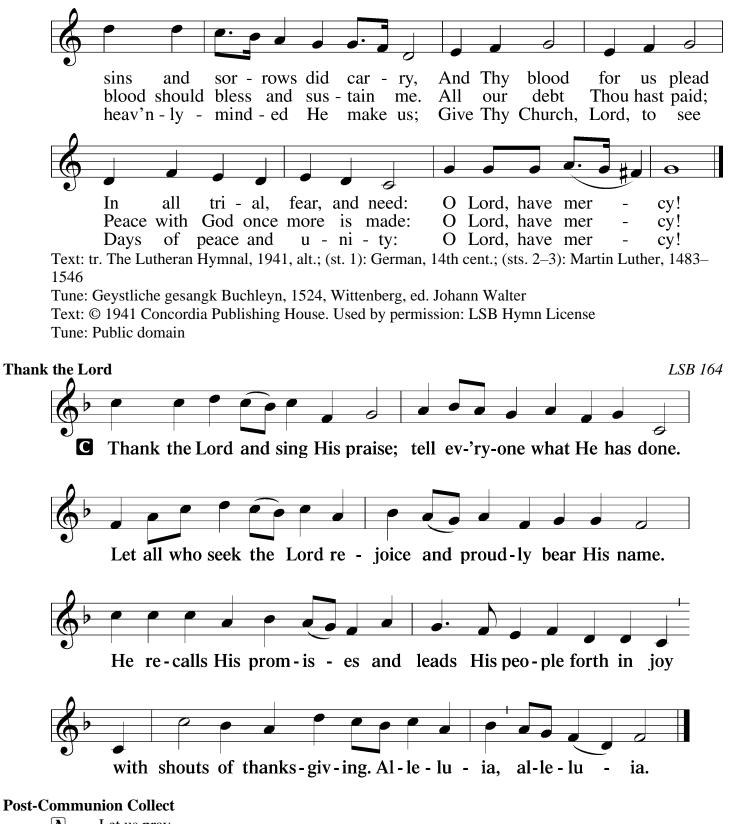


Distribution

You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing. You may kneel, but it is not required.



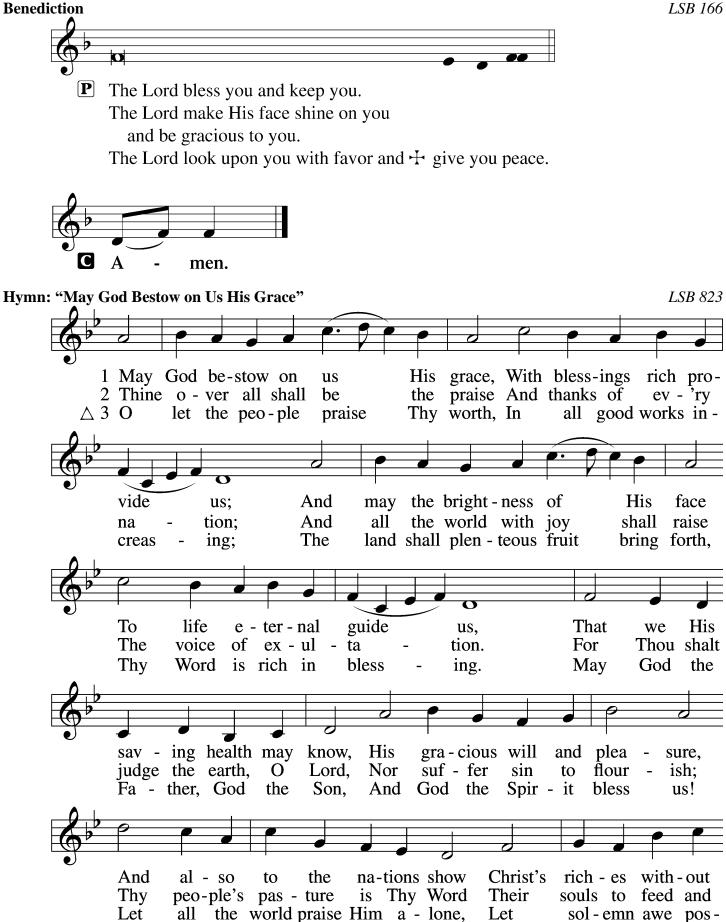




A Let us pray.

... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.







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Postlude "God Bless Our Native Land" -set. J. Wayne Kerr

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: Mark 10:42 – "And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward." The tithes and offerings you give to the Lord's work in His church go toward supporting all manner of discipleship. They provide for a minister of the Gospel to preach, teach and conduct the Sacraments; they provide for our missionaries and ministries of mercy here and abroad; and they make sure that the folks in your area have a place to go to worship the Lord. The Lord is pleased with this work, and He wants to bless you through your support of it.

THANK YOU! Dear Emmaus Congregation, We would like to thank you for supporting us this year! Your financial gifts and prayers have meant so much to us. We are happy to announce that we will be joining Lutheran Bible Translators after Sarah finishes her internship in July. Your support has helped us reach this goal! Please continue to pray for us as we take this next step. God's blessings, Nathan and Sarah Federwitz (*You can read Nathan and Sarah's newsletter on the Missions bulletin board across from the restrooms.*)

ARE YOU DOWN FOR THE CHALLENGE? If your answer is yes, then please sign up to assist on Saturday, July 29th from 12:00 – 5:00pm. Some of you previously indicated your willingness to help and now we need you to officially commit. Sign up sheet is in the narthex. Brief recap, we will be helping the Salvation Army on the day of the event with a variety of tasks from handing out water bottles to helping belay people down the Omni Hotel at Viking Lakes. If you are not able to help the full time slot, find a friend and split the time!

75 HOURS OF SERVICE - 75TH ANNIVERSARY: As part of our anniversary celebration we want to focus on the ways that you help in our communities. In the narthex you will see a large poster board and we want to give back a minimum of 75 hours. You may already volunteer at a food shelf, homeless shelter, delivering/preparing meals or in your local library. If so, we want to recognize your service. Please write down the name of the organization where you volunteer and the number of hours that you served in the month of July. (Adding your name is optional.) Thank you for all you do.

OUT OF TOWN? If you are going to be out of town this summer for vacation, or just simply going up to the lake, please let Pastor Kooi or one of the elders know. We aren't trying to be attendance police, but if we don't see you, we would like to know that everything is okay. Blessings on your travels this summer!

FUNERAL HELPERS: If you are able to help with set up, clean up, serving, or baking for funeral luncheons, please fill out a yellow "Can You Help?" slip from the narthex table. We are updating our list of people who are willing to be called to see if they are available when a funeral is happening at Emmaus.

AS WE CELEBRATE the 75th anniversary of Emmaus, we would love to have more photos of members and events that have happened in recent years. Photos can be sent to Marilyn P. If you have printed photos, put them in an envelope with your name and we will scan them and return the photos to you.

HEAR "THE LUTHERAN HOUR" on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: "Lean into the Villain's Story" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus changes the way we see ourselves and others, even our villains. He died and rose for them, too. (Romans 7:24)

Looking for a volunteer opportunity this month?

Check out these additional options from the Salvation Army connected with the Down for the Challenge event.

- Thursday, July 27 from 9 AM- 12 PM: Need volunteers that are able to lift and carry items from our truck into the Omni Lakes Hotel to help us get ready for the event.
- Friday, July 28 from 12-4 PM: Volunteers will help with event set up for our VIP party, such as: getting signage ready to go, unboxing items, setting up tables and supplies.
- Friday, July 28 from 4-10 PM: Volunteers will help with event set up for our VIP party, assisting with yard games, and helping during the party as well as some clean up after the party is over.