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**Sunday, August 6, 2023**

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Service Theme

**THE CHRISTIAN TRUSTS GOD TO PROVIDE**

The hardest times to trust in God are the times we need him most. It's easy to trust God when your job is great, your health is fine, your relationships are strong, and your family is well. It's easy to trust God when the sun is shining, but what happens when your life is suddenly overshadowed by dark days? When tragedy or conflict affect us, we may wonder if God continues to care and provide for us. At those times the Christian focuses on certain foundational facts. The Christian was chosen, predestined, and adopted as God's dear child. God has provided the Christian with innumerable spiritual blessings and promises the Christian an eternity of glory, peace, and joy. If we look at those spiritual blessings God provides to us, how could we doubt that he will, at the right time, give us everything we truly need? The Christian trusts God to provide.

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## O Savior, Precious Savior



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom, yet un -  
 2 O Bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous -  
 3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and  
 4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our



seen, we love, O name of might and fa - vor, All  
 ly hast wrought, Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of  
 pow'r di - vine; The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O  
 song a - bove In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And



oth - er names a - bove, We wor - ship thee; we bless thee;  
 love be - yond our thought, We wor - ship thee; we bless thee;  
 Son of God, is thine. We wor - ship thee; we bless thee;  
 ev - er - last - ing love! Then shall we praise and bless thee



To thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise thee  
 To thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise thee  
 To thee, O Christ, we sing; We praise thee  
 Where per - fect prais - es ring And ev - er -



and con - fess thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.  
 and con - fess thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.  
 and con - fess thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.  
 more con - fess thee, Our Sav - ior and our King.

**Order of Service: Divine Service 1**  
(CWS p.15)

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen!**

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

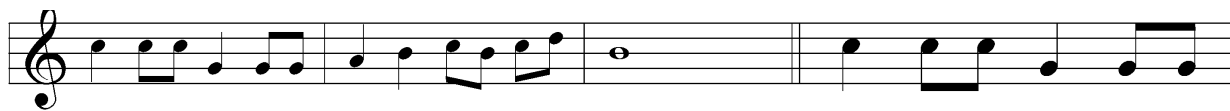
The musical notation consists of two staves in G minor (one flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the prayer, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

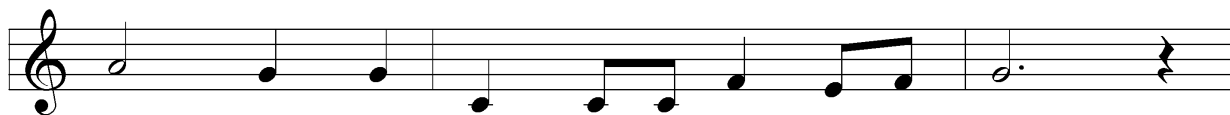
C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



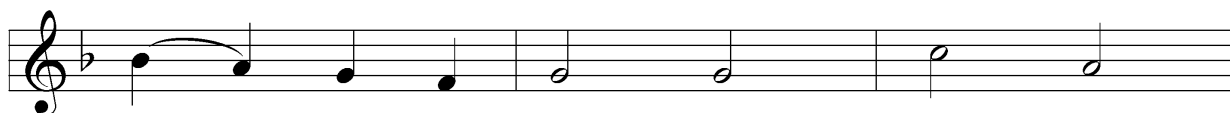
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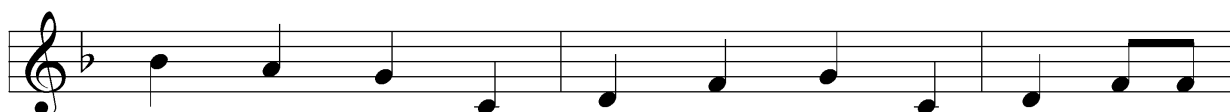
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



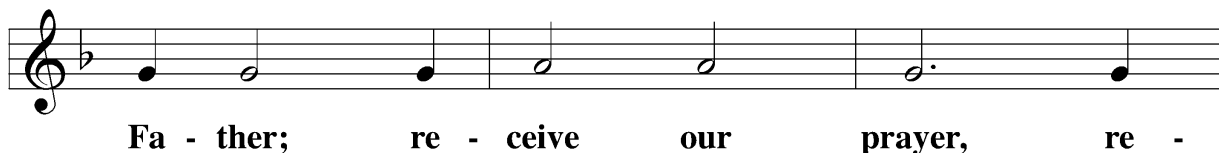
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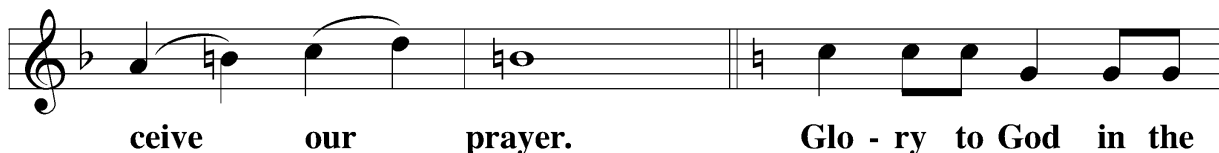
world; have mer - cy on us.



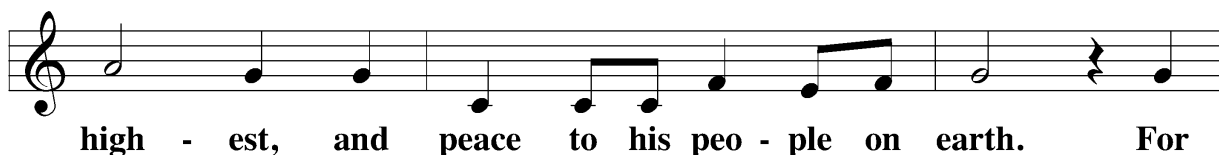
You are seated at the right hand of the



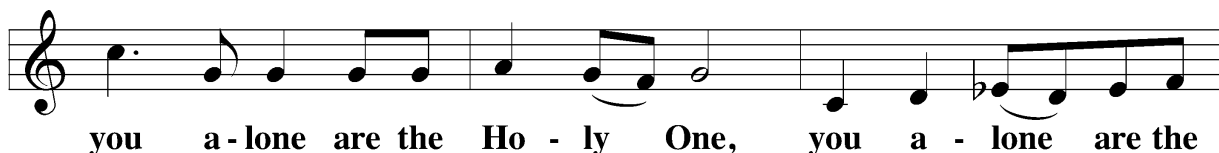
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -



ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



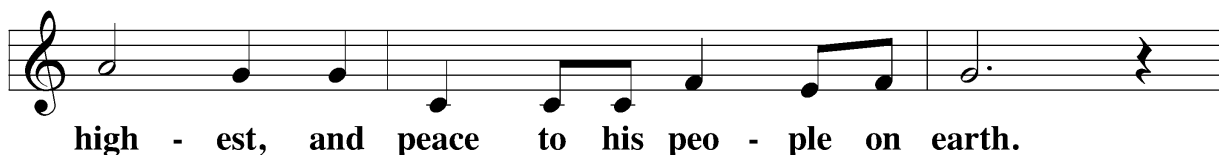
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

### First Lesson

1 Kings 17:1–6 (EHV)

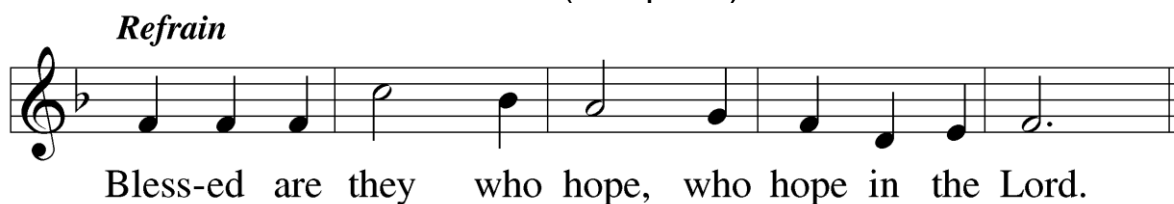
*Elijah told a wicked king God would send years of drought and famine. In those dark times, the Lord provided food for his faithful prophet.*

Elijah from Tishbe, one of the settlers in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As surely as the LORD lives, the God of Israel before whom I stand, there will be no dew or rain during the coming years, except at my word.”

<sup>2</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him: <sup>3</sup>“Leave this place and turn east. Hide yourself by the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. <sup>4</sup>You will drink from the stream, and I will command the ravens to provide for you there.”

<sup>5</sup>So Elijah went and did just as the LORD had said. He lived in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup>The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and in the evening, and he drank from the stream.

**Psalm**  
42-43 (CW p. 82)



As the deer pants for streams of water,\*  
so my soul pants for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living  
God.\*

Where can I go and meet with God?

Why are you downcast, O my soul?\*

Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God,\*

for I will yet praise him, my Savior  
and my God.

***Refrain***

Send forth your light and your truth, let  
them guide me;\*

let them bring me to the place where  
you dwell.

Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy  
and my delight.\*

I will praise you with the harp, O God,  
my God.

**Glory be to the Father and to the  
Son\***

**and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

***Refrain***

**Second Lesson**  
Ephesians 1:3-10 (EHV)

*Before the world was formed, God chose us to be his beloved children. This is why we can trust God to provide.*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

<sup>4</sup>He did this when he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world, so that we would be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ. He did this in accordance with the good purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>and for the praise of his glorious grace, which he has graciously given us in the one he loves.

<sup>7</sup>In him we also have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in keeping with the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished on us in all wisdom and insight. <sup>9</sup>He made known to us the mystery of his will in keeping with his good purpose, which he planned in Christ. <sup>10</sup>This was to be carried out when the time had fully come, in order to bring all things together in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.

### **Verse of the Day**

Alleluia. Alleluia. He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Alleluia. (Romans 8:32)

### **Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 14:13–21 (EHV)



**Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!**

*Jesus graciously and abundantly provides for the needs of a great multitude.*

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place to be alone. When the crowds heard this, they followed him on foot from the towns.

<sup>14</sup>When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw a large crowd. He had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup>When evening came, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place and the hour is already late. Send the crowds away, so that they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”

<sup>16</sup>But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

<sup>17</sup>They told him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.”

<sup>18</sup>“Bring them here to me,” he replied. <sup>19</sup>Then he instructed the people to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves and the two fish. After looking up to heaven, he blessed them. He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples. The disciples gave the food to the people. <sup>20</sup>They all ate and were filled. They picked up twelve basketfuls of what was left over from the broken pieces. <sup>21</sup>Those who ate were about five thousand men, not even counting women and children.



**Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!**



## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**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,**

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

## All Praise to God Who Reigns Above



1 All praise to God who reigns a - bove, The  
 2 I cried to him in time of need: Lord  
 3 The Lord will not for - sake his flock, His  
 4 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, To  
 5 Then come be - fore his pres - ence now And



God of all cre - a - tion, The God of  
 God, oh, hear my call - ing! For death he  
 cho - sen gen - er - a - tion; He is their  
 God give praise and glo - ry! All who the  
 ban - ish fear and sad - ness; To your Re -



won - ders, pow'r, and love, The God of  
 gave me life in - deed And kept my  
 ref - uge and their rock, Their peace and  
 Fa - ther's pow'r pro - claim, To God give  
 deem - er pay your vow And sing with



our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing balm my  
 feet from fall - ing. For this my thanks shall  
 their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's  
 praise and glo - ry! All i - dols un - der  
 joy and glad - ness. Though great dis - tress my



soul he fills, The God who ev - 'ry sor - row  
 end - less be; Oh, thank him, thank our God with  
 ten - der hand He leads his own, his cho - sen  
 foot be trod; The Lord is God! The Lord is  
 soul be - fell, The Lord my God did all things



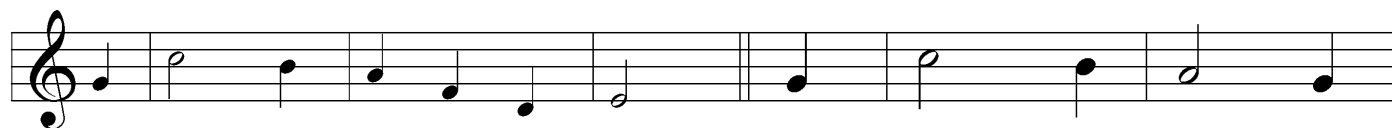
stills— To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 me— To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 band— To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 God! To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 well— To God all praise and glo - ry!

## Sermon Text & Theme

**Matthew 14:13–21... The Compassionate Christ.**

1) Seek Him.

2) Trust Him.



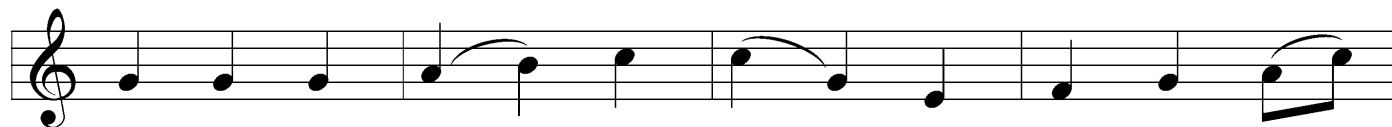
Cre - ate in me a



pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -



in me. Do not cast me a - way from your



pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from



me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -



hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## Offertory Prayer

## Prayer for our Synod

Gracious Lord, you have redeemed us with the blood of your Son, brought us to faith by the work of your Spirit, and promised to keep us in faith through your Word and sacraments.

**Accept our humble thanks for these rich blessings, and help us to rejoice in them and to use them faithfully.**

Gracious Lord, you have brought us together in a church body in which your Word is proclaimed in its truth and purity, in which the message of reconciliation through your Son is still the central teaching, and in which the focus of mission is to reach the lost and strengthen the saved.

**For this gift of your grace, we give you thanks and ask that you would rekindle our zeal for the work you have set before us.**

Gracious Lord, you have given us opportunities to share your Word in our country and throughout the world. We thank you for the faithful service of our church leaders. We thank you also for moving the hearts of young people to prepare for the teaching and preaching ministry.

**Help us view them as your precious gifts, and give us the willingness and the means to put them to work in your vineyard.**

You have brought us together as a church body that we may show forth your praises. Help us as individuals, as congregations, and as a synod to let our light shine so that more people may be led to glorify you.

**When we fall short of living and working together as your holy people, forgive us and renew in all of us a dedication to humble service to you and to one another.**

Bless our synod that has met in convention this past week. Grant our synodical officials and leaders who have been called to oversee and serve your flock with all the gifts necessary for the godly administration of their duties, the upbuilding of your Church and the glory of your name.

**Bless all the decisions made at this past convention to be for the good of your Church and to the glory of your saving name.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

Hear us, help us, and hold your guiding hand over us for Jesus' sake.

**C: Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen**

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord *who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.* Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



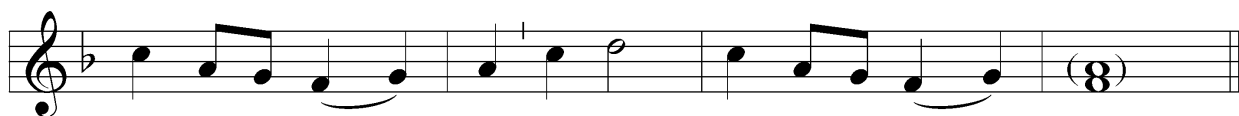
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -



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.

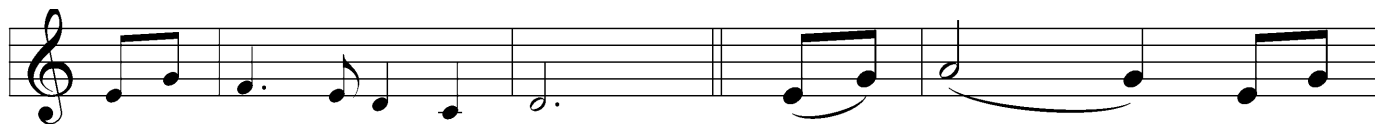
## Word of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

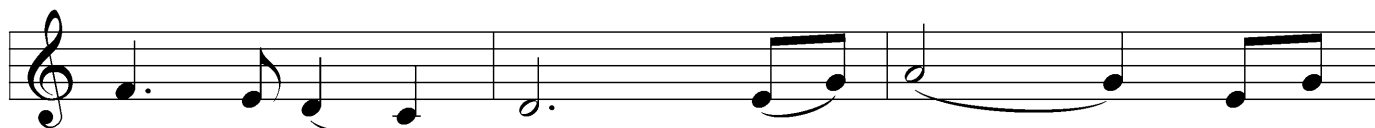
C: Amen.



O Christ, Lamb of



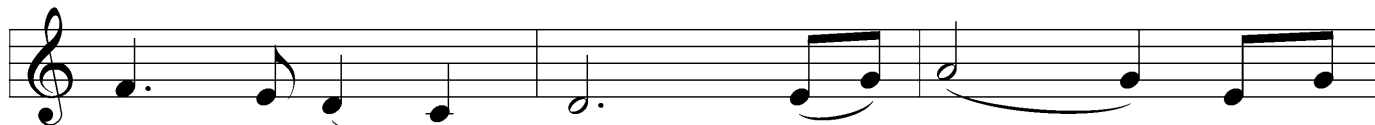
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



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



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

Distribution

# SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc Dimittis*



In peace, Lord, you let your



ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my



eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for



ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the



glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

## Final Prayer

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



**Hymn of Blessing:**

CW 332 "Go, My Children, With My Blessing"  
*(This hymn will be sung in place of the Blessing)*

**Go, my children, with my blessing, Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.**

**In my love's baptismal river**

**I have made you mine forever.**

**Go, my children, with my blessing - You are my own.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.**

**Here you heard my dear Son's story;**

**Here you touched him, saw his glory.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.**

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, Closer to me;**

**Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.**

**Here my Spirit's power filled you;**

**Here his tender comfort stilled you.**

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.**

*(Pastor's solo)*

**I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;**

**I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace;**

**I the Lord will be your Father,**

**Savior, Comforter, and Brother.**

**Go, my children; I will keep you And give you peace.**

## Announcements

### **Church Cleaners:**

August 13 – John // August 13 – Simon

### DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

<b>Su (6)</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> 10:45 am <b>11:00 am</b> <b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Worship with Communion</b> Coffee Hour <b>Bible Class</b> <b>Worship with Holy Communion in Poltimore</b>
Fr (11)	6:00 pm	Friday Fellowship and Bible Class
<b>Su (13)</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> 10:45 am <b>11:00 am</b> <b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Worship</b> Coffee Hour <b>Bible Class</b> <b>Pastor Justin Digman's Installation (Orleans)</b>
Tu (15)	7:00 pm	Elder's Meeting
<i>Pastor will be away from August 17-21 to take his children to school.</i>		
<b>Su (20)</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Layled-Worship with Communion</b>



## **Divine Word**

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