

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service



von Watzdorf (Melnik, 1793)

Bow down Thine ear, O LORD, hear me: O Thou my God, save Thy servant that trusteth in Thee. Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto Thee daily. (Psalm 86:1a, 2b-3)

Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

10:15AM, Sanctuary | September 13, 2026

On this Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

This summer, I was pleased to have found a sunflower growing among the weeds. I did not plant it, but it found its way there nonetheless, and rather proudly displayed its yellow glory. However it may have gotten there, I have absolute certainty that it grew up from a sunflower seed.

The sunflower did not grow because a thistle seed somehow changed into a sunflower. That would be ridiculous, and it's this kind of thing that our epistle, and especially this verse, is getting at. We cannot plant thistles (or let the winds carry the thistles) and expect a garden of sunflowers.

We have the good sense to understand this about gardening, but not always the same degree of wisdom for this same discernment in our lives. What we plant will grow in due time. May the things that flower and flourish in our lives be the sorts of things we want flowering and God wants flourishing!

Holy God, encourage the growth in what is good in us, and hinder all that is evil, that we may bring forth honor and glory to your name, through your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, Amen.

✝ Pastor Justin Baker

Visitors & Saints of Emmanuel:

Welcome!

For more information about our church, or for any questions whatsoever, contact Pastor Justin Baker by phone, email, or office visit, or you can request prayer or a visit by placing a Contact Card in the offering.

The liturgy (our worship service) comes from Scripture. The whole service is ordered and designed to use God's Word to bring praise and thanks and glory to God. The earliest Christian churches gathered to pray, to hear teaching, and to partake in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion.

All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God, believe in the real presence of Jesus in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion, and are repentant of their sins are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Announcements

- (1) \$1500 of \$4500 Goal reached so far for **Church of Uganda** Month!
- (2) **Oktoberfest** – September 26th, 11-1:30PM – is fast approaching!
- (3) **Signup** to attend the **Mission Region Convocation** on October 17

~ Please refrain from recording & using cell phones during the service. ~

UPDATED OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9AM-3PM

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Sunday, Sept. 13	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Sunday School Worship: Pentecost 16	Heritage Hall Sanctuary
Monday, Sept. 14	1:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Acts Bible Study Acts Bible Study Start the Week	Luther Hall Music Room Luther Hall
Tuesday, Sep. 15	9:00 AM 7:00PM 7:00 PM	Bell Choir Practice Champion Cheerleading Troop 208	Sanctuary Heritage Hall Luther Hall
Weds., Sep. 16	6:00 PM	Steps and Stories	Luther Hall
Thurs., Sep. 17	7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Boy Scouts Al-Anon	Luther Hall Heritage Hall
Friday, Sep. 18	11:10 AM 6:00 PM	Worship at Brookdale Girl Scouts	Brookdale Heritage Hall
Sat., Sep. 19			
Sun., Sep. 20	9:00 AM 10:15 PM	Sunday School Worship: Pentecost 17	Heritage Hall Sanctuary

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Prelude

Air on the G String

ORGAN & VIOLINS

JS Bach (1685-1750)

The service begins from the altar.

Invocation & Order of Confession

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.

Silence follows for confession.

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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our 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.

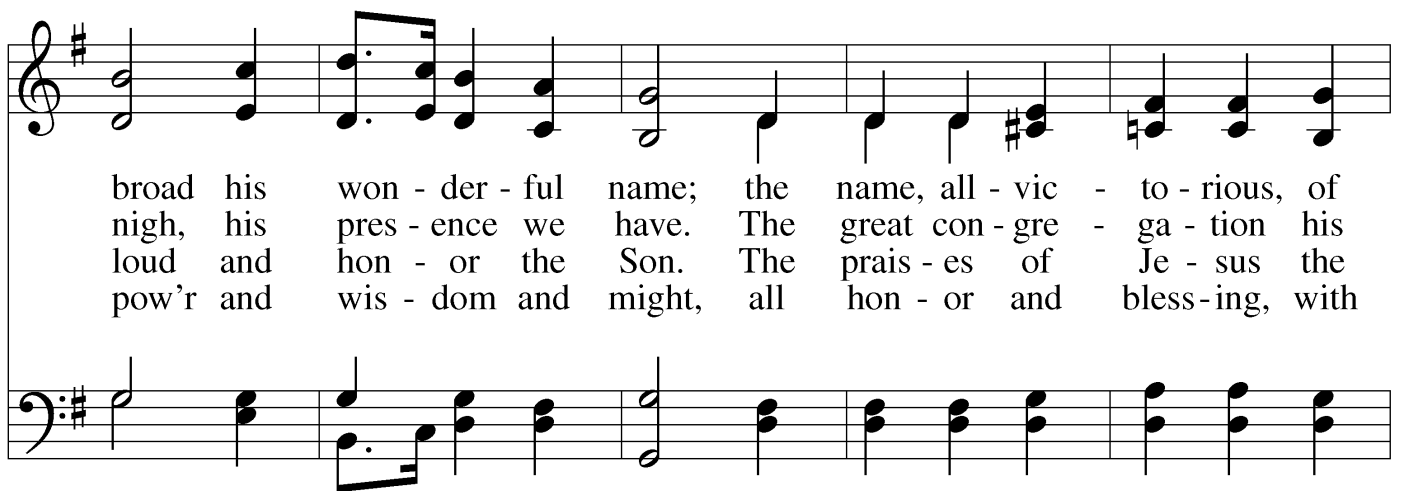
C Amen

Processional Hymn | You Servants of God

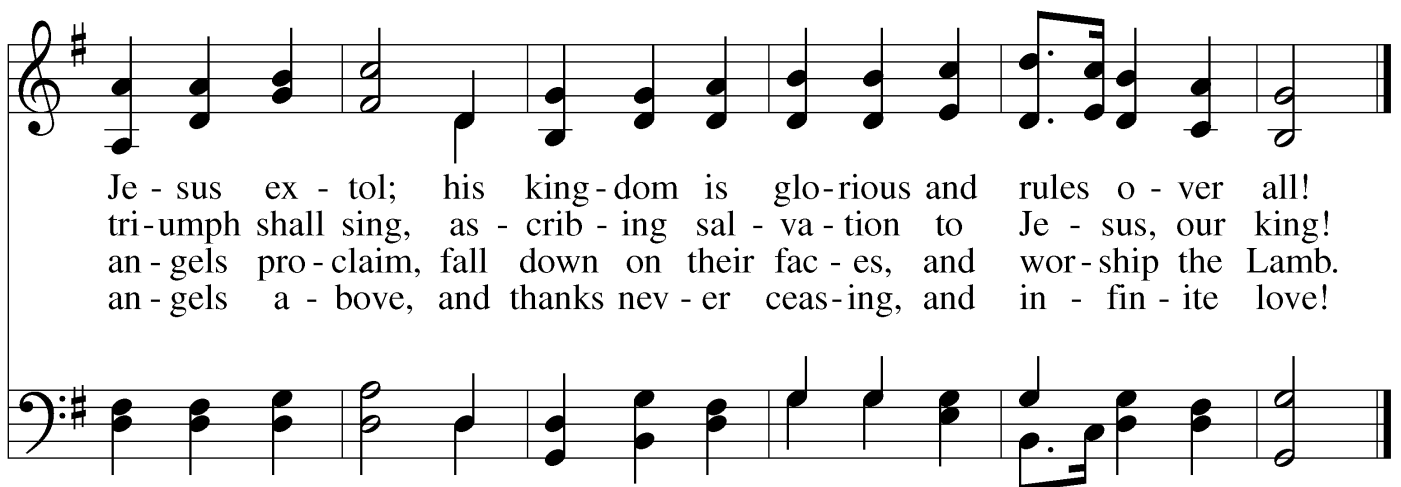
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1 You ser - vants of God, your mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
 2 Our God rules on high, al - might - y to save; and still he is
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
 nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
 loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
 pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
 tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
 an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

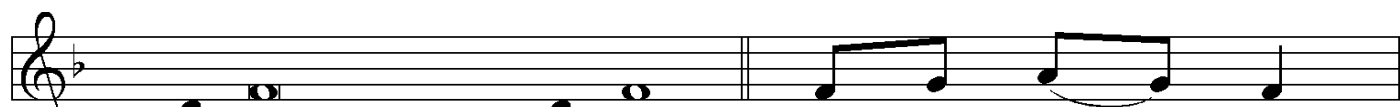
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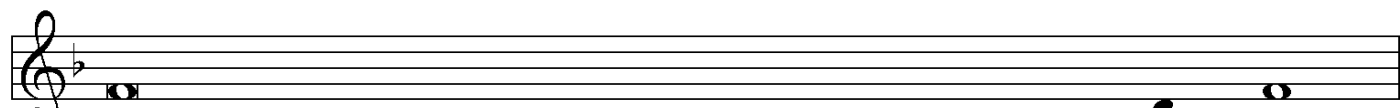
Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie

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.



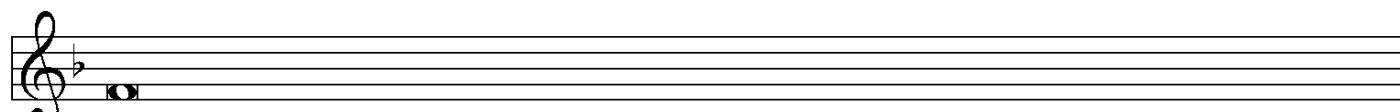
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



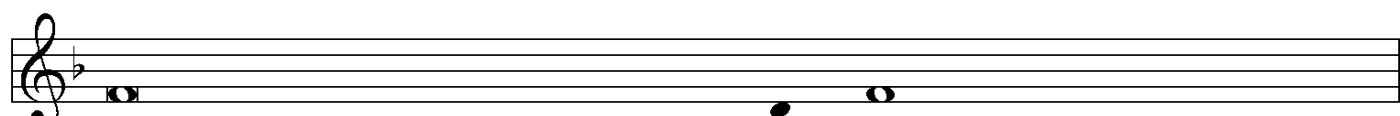
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



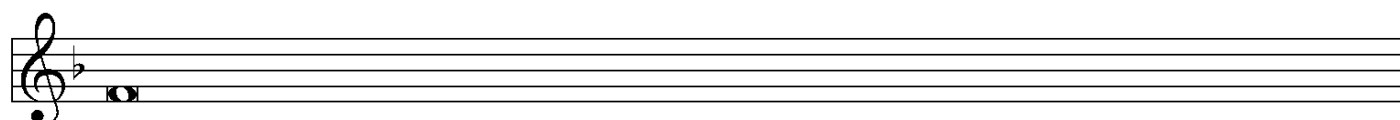
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



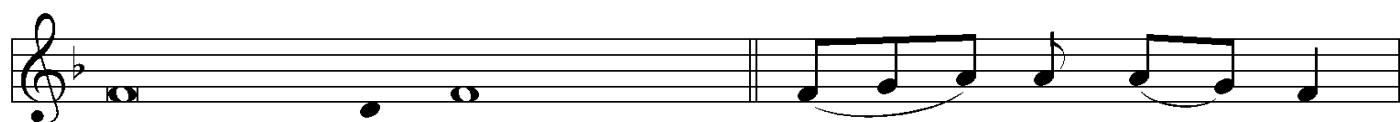
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray,

C O Lord, let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church, and because she cannot continue in safety without Thy help, govern her evermore by Thy favor; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸Then the word of the Lord came to him, ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

A The word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm 146 (To the tune of *Beecher*)

- 1 Praise the LORD, my soul, O praise Him; to the LORD your praises give;
- 2 I will praise Him my whole life; sing praise to God long as I live.
- 3 Do not put your trust in princes; in mere man who cannot save—
- 4 When they die, their plans are nothing; they descend into the grave.



- 5 Bless-ed is the one whose help is Jacob's God—how bless'd is he!
Bless-ed is the one whose hope is in the LORD perpetually.
- 6 He's the Maker of the heavens, Maker of the earth and sea;
He, the LORD, made all that fills them, and keeps faith eternally.
- 7 He upholds the cause of those who are oppressed—to them is kind;
He gives food unto the hungry; and gives sight unto the blind.
- 8 The LORD sets the pris'ners free and lifts up those who are bowed down;
The LORD loves the righteous ones, and does their lives with glory crown.
- 9 The LORD watches o'er the strangers; and sustains the fatherless;
Helps the widows, but He frustrates wicked ones who would oppress.
- 10 The LORD God will reign forever; your God, Zion, evermore;
He reigns for all generations; hallelujah! Praise the LORD!

The Second Lesson

Galatians 6:6-10

⁶Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

A The word of the Lord

G Thanks be to God

Children's Sermon

P Paul, in his Epistle to the Ephesians, teaches the following:

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:1–4, ESV).

All little ones – and any others – are invited forward for a message and for prayer.

The Gospel Acclamation | The Alleluia

G Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:24–34

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 6th chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴ “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

P The Gospel of our Lord

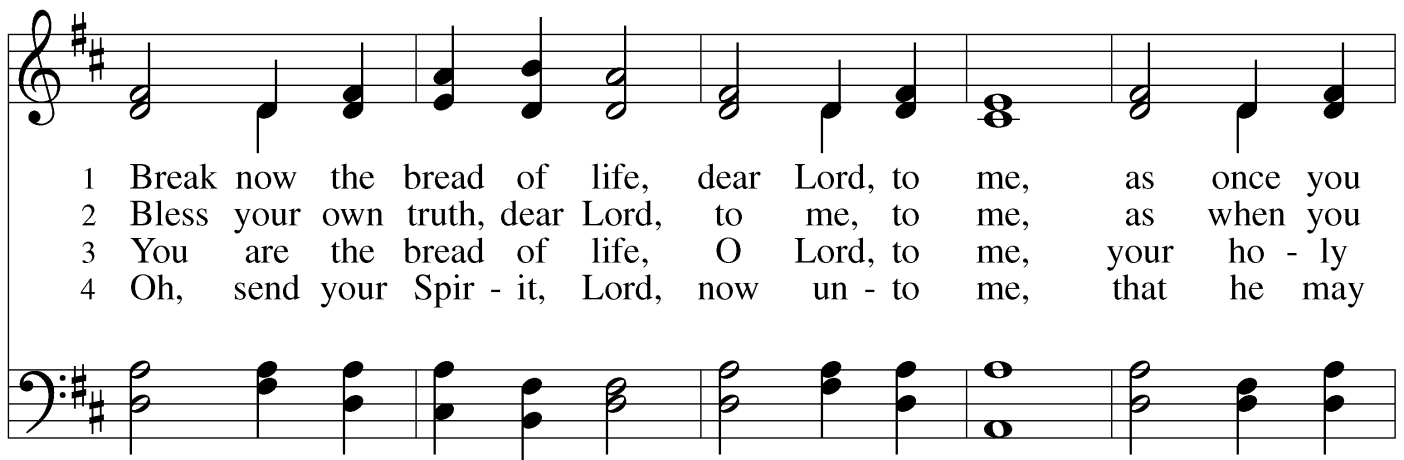
G Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

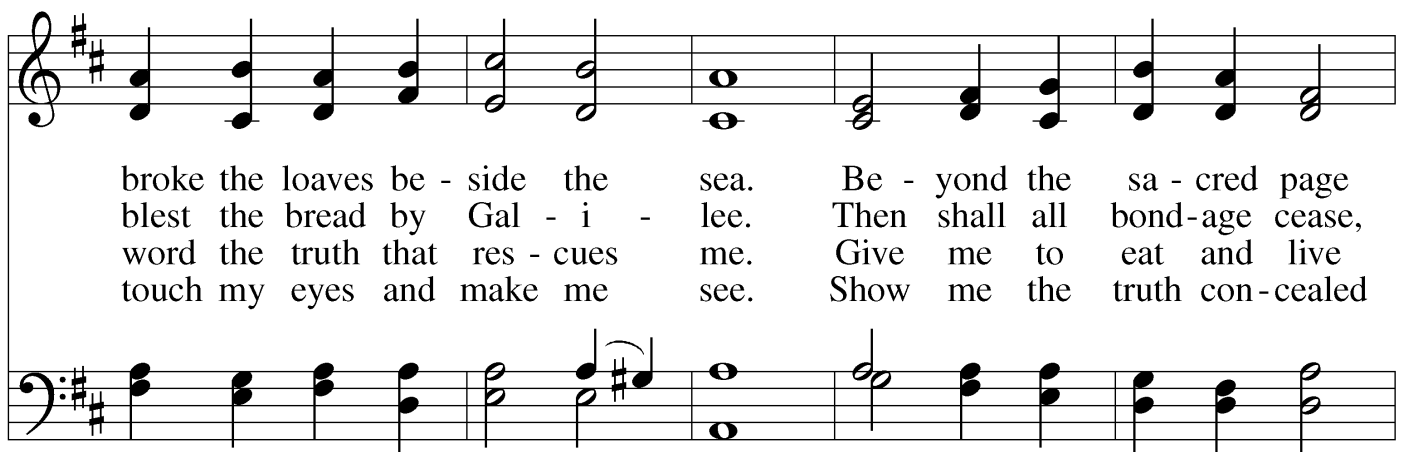
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Hymn of the Day | Break Now the Bread of Life

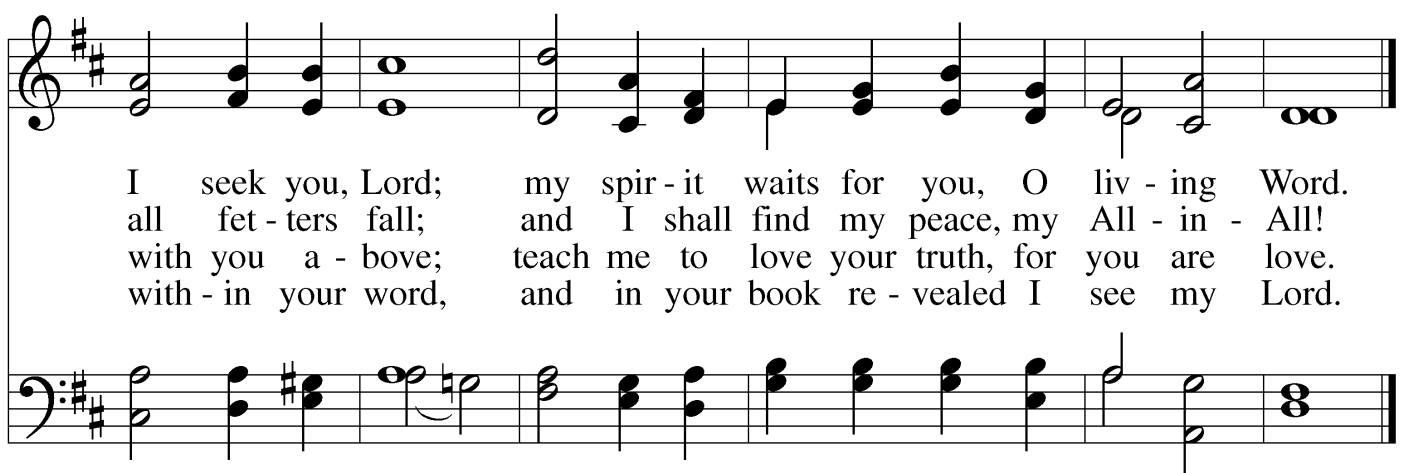
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1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me, your ho - ly
 4 Oh, send your Spir - it, Lord, now un - to me, that he may



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blest the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live
 touch my eyes and make me see. Show me the truth con-cealed



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.
 with - in your word, and in your book re - vealed I see my Lord.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.
 Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

The Apostles' Creed

P People of God, in whom do we believe?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

The Prayers of the Church

Rejoice the soul of Thy servant: for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

~ Psalm 86:4

P Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not or, in our blindness, cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen**

A brief silence is kept.

A O Holy God, we offer thanks for these ways you have heard us, helped us, been with us, and given us your good gifts:

A sufficient pause is kept that thanksgiving for answered prayers may be offered.

Lord, in your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

A Comfort with the grace of your Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, especially:

Mandy Wertz, Bill Primozic, Diana Hillman, May Hill, Vince Berardinelli, Gayle Wertz, Rachael, Jonathan, Harold, Pastor Bill White, Bernie, Ben, Alice, David, Jeff, Craig, Kelly, Josh, Missy, Maria, Ben, Cassandra, Nojia,

Kevin, Julie and family, Brylee, Sandra, Zachary, Kevin, Kathy, Asa, Jerry, Jack, Al & family, Colleen, Leila, Darin, Les & Cathy, Tony, and Sarah

~ A pause is kept that names may be offered silently & aloud. ~

Remember also those who suffer persecution for the faith, protecting especially those missionaries whom we have come to know: *the Reverend Dan Omar, the Reverend Thomas Thorstad, Dure Negassa, & the Reverend Dagaga Gemachu*. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning, especially *the families of Tom [husband of Pastor Joyce], of June Ugen, & of all those who mourn*. To all grant a measure of your love, taking them into your tender care.

Lord, in your mercy,

☞ hear our prayer.

A Bless those who guide this Church body with faith, wisdom, endurance, and direction, especially: *Bishop Dan Selbo, General Secretary Amy Little, Area Assistant Carol Fryer, Seminary President Jukka Kääriäinen, Mission Region Dean Jim Neal, and Mission District Dean Chip Frontz*. Make us all fruitful laborers in your vineyard.

Lord, in your mercy,

☞ hear our prayer.

SCHOOLS*

A O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively places for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth. Bless especially our students, invigorating in them a love for truth and a strengthening of their faith.

Lord, in your mercy,

☞ hear our prayer.

P Fill this congregation with the faith that endures unto life eternal. Make us one people united in prayer. Send families, children, widows & widowers, the elderly, and any others into our midst, that we all may be filled with faith, encourage this congregation, and bring honor and glory and praise to your name. Lord, in your mercy, **☞ hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen**

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

P *Psalm 92:1 It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High.*

THE PEACE

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

SPECIAL OFFERING: Church of Uganda

Throughout the month of September, we are raising support towards the completion of construction of Trinity Lutheran Church, Kyahenda, Uganda. The total estimated need for completing this church is ~\$16,000. Our first goal is to raise at least \$4,5000 for this congregation. Please mark your memo lines or envelopes: Church of Uganda.

Offertory

Remember the Poor

ORGAN & VIOLINS

Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

Offering of Praise | *Saints of Old* Verses 1 & 3



1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;
3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day



to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.
to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.



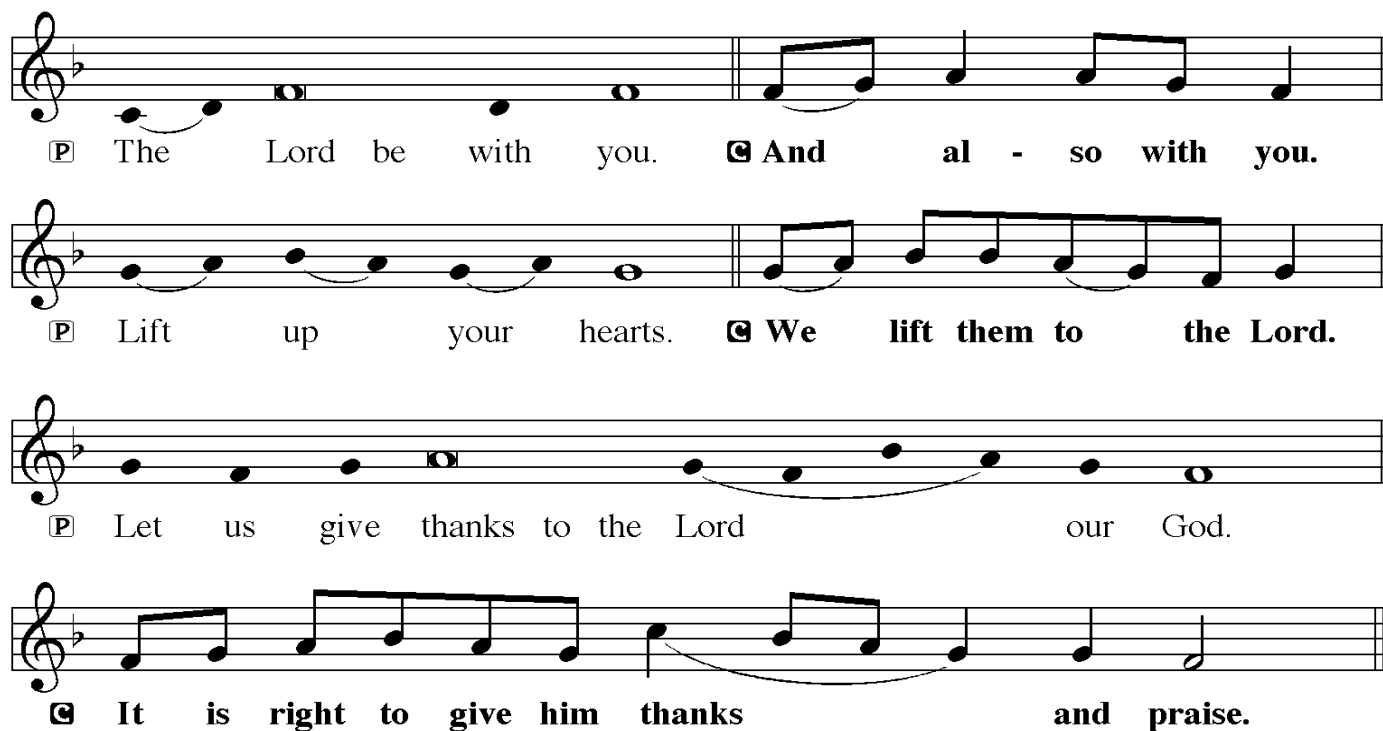
so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:
O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

- A** Let us pray. Blessed are you,
C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to You, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

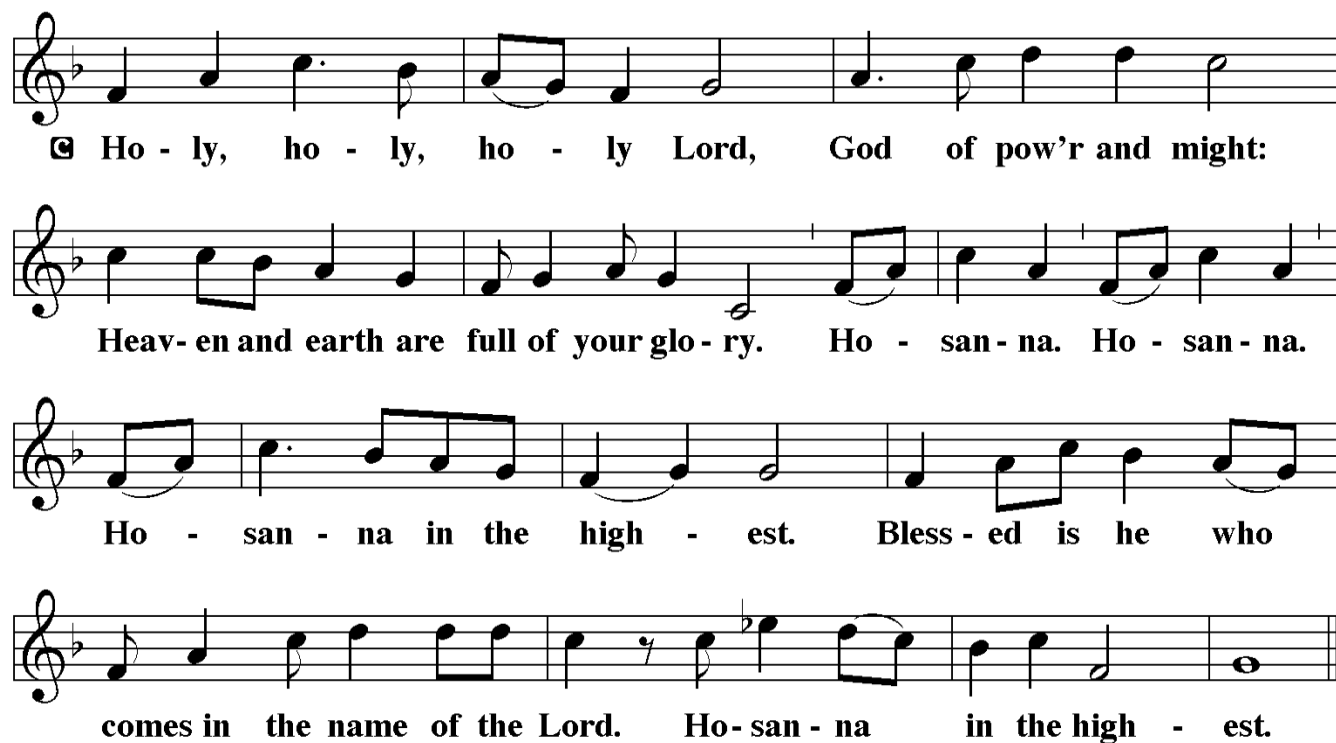
Proper Preface for Pentecost

- 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 rose beyond the bounds of death and, as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples.

At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
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.

Eucharistic Prayer

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Let us 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

The Breaking of the Bread

P Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

C Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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.

Our Practice of Holy Communion

St. Paul writes: “Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.” (1 Corinthians 11:27–28, ESV)

Not one of us is worthy *on our own merit* to receive our Lord Jesus.

Nevertheless, he bids us to come to him all the same (Matthew 11:28-30).

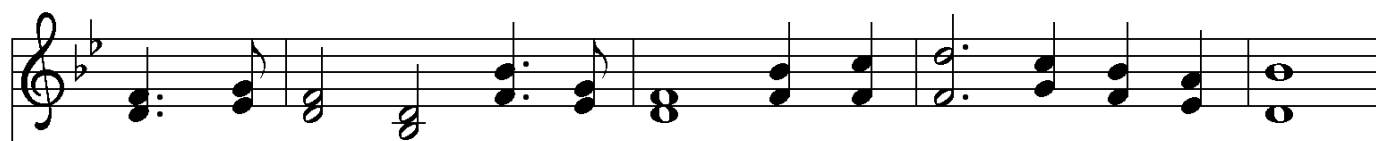
And so, trusting his great mercy, anyone may come to him in faith, having examined oneself according to this confession:

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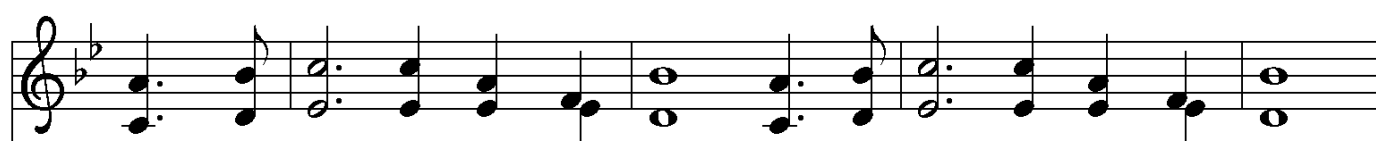
All others may come forward for a blessing, signaling this by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymn | Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

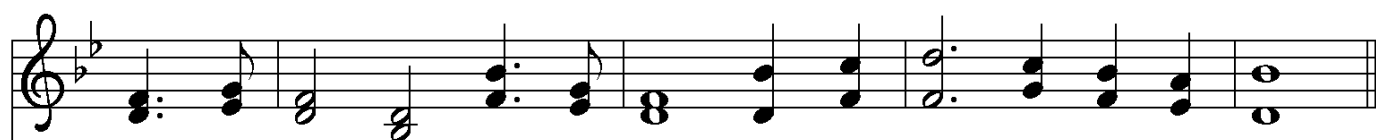
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1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

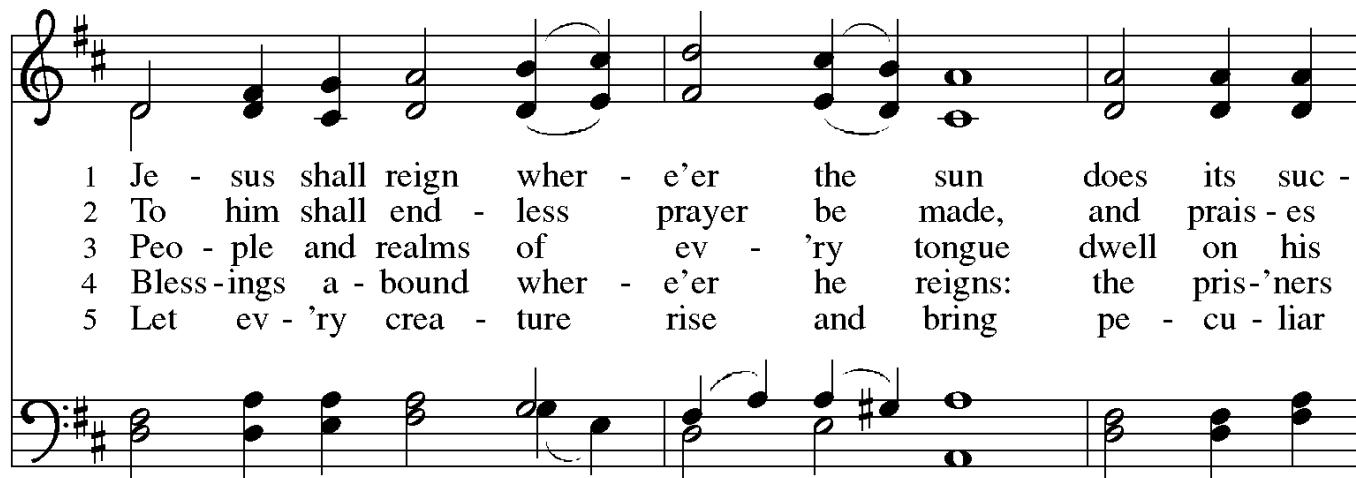


be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

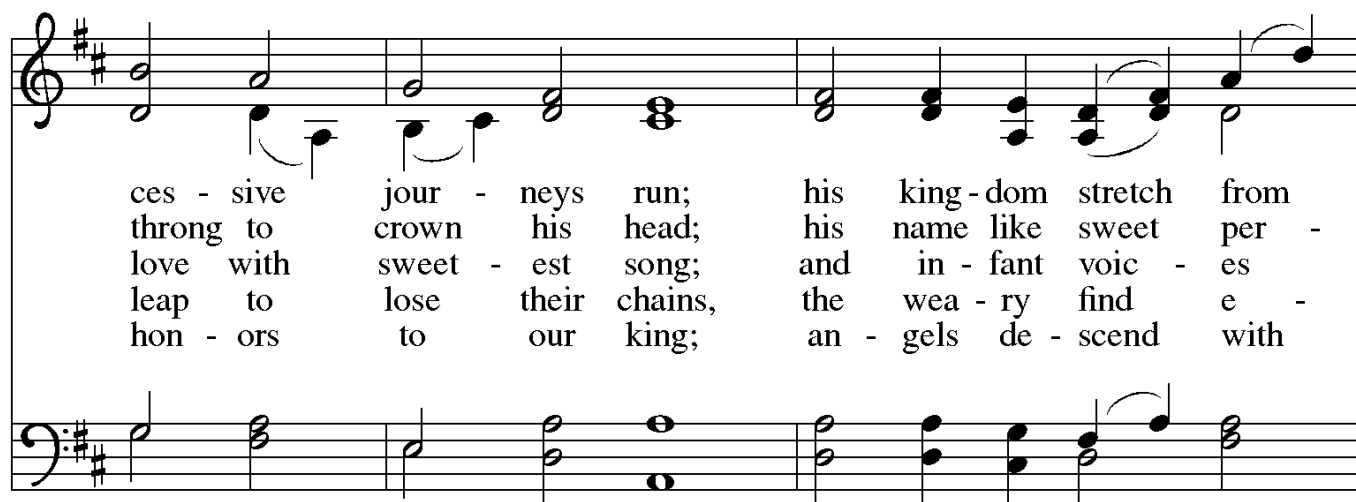
Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778
 Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

Communion Hymn | Jesus Shall Reign

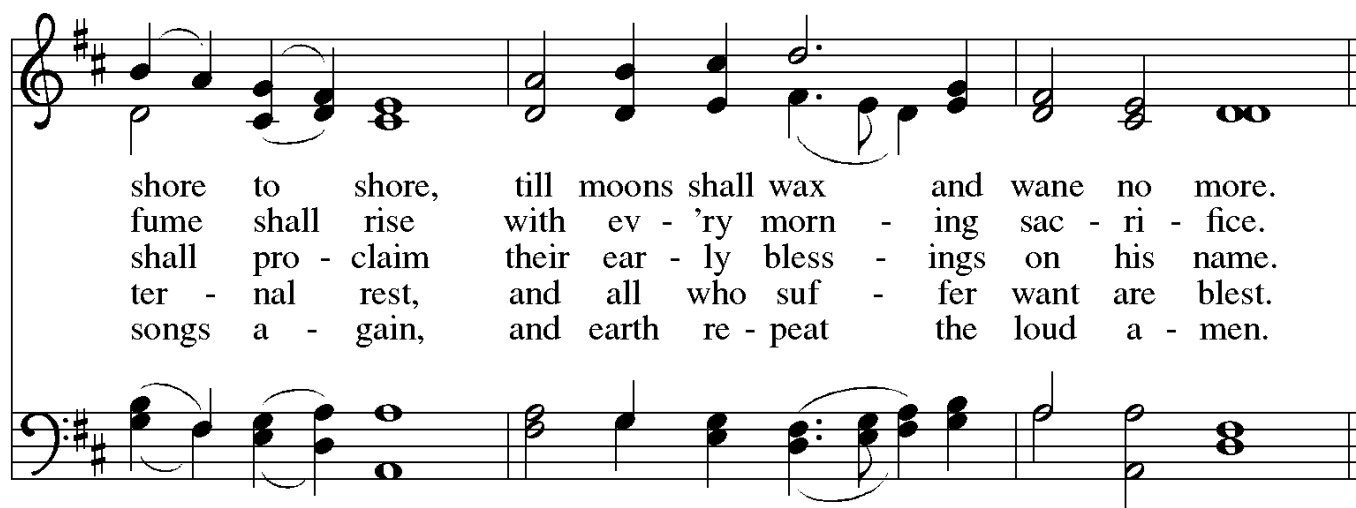
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1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. ~ ST. MATTHEW vi. 28

*Sweet nurslings of the vernal skies,
Bath'd in soft airs, and fed with dew,
What more than magic in you lies,
To fill the heart's fond view?*

*In childhood's sports, companions gay,
In sorrow, on Life's downward way,
How soothing! in our last decay
Memorials prompt and true.*

*Relics ye are of Eden's bowers,
As pure, as fragrant, and as fair,
As when ye crown'd the sunshine hours
Of happy wanderers there.*

*Fall'n all beside -- the world of life,
How is it stain'd with fear and strife!
In Reason's world what storms are rife,
What passions range and glare!*

*But cheerful and unchanged the while
Your first and perfect form ye show,
The same that won Eve's matron smile
In the world's opening glow.*

*The stars of heaven a course are taught
Too high above our human thought;
Ye may be found if ye are sought,
And as we gaze, we know.*

*Ye dwell beside our paths and homes,
Our paths of sin, our homes of sorrow,
And guilty man, where'er he roams,
Your innocent mirth may borrow.*

*The birds of air before us fleet,
They cannot brook our shame to meet--
But we may tast your solace sweet
And come again to-morrow.*

*Ye fearless in your nests abide--
Nor may we scorn, too proudly wise,
Your silent lessons, undescried
By all but lowly eyes:*

*For ye could draw th'admiring gaze
Of Him who worlds and hearts surveys:
Your order wild, your fragrant maze,
He taught us how to prize.*

*Ye felt your Maker's smile that hour,
As when He paus'd and own'd you good;
His blessings on earth's primal bower,
Ye felt it all renew'd.*

*What care ye now if winter's storm
Sweep ruthless o'er each silken form?
Christ's blessing at your heart is warm,
Ye fear no vexing mood.*

*Alas! of thousand bosoms kind,
That daily court you and caress,
How few the happy secret find
Of your calm loveliness!*

*"Live for to-day! to-morrow's light
"To-morrow's cares shall bring to sight,
"Go sleep like closing flowers at night,
"And Heaven thy morn will bless."*

Post-Communion

☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

☐ Amen

On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,

that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.

Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,

is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (Soprano and Bass) and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The score ends with a double bar line.

A Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

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, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

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Altar Flowers Inscription:
Thankful for God's Blessings!
Alma Heyl

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We give thanks for the special music from
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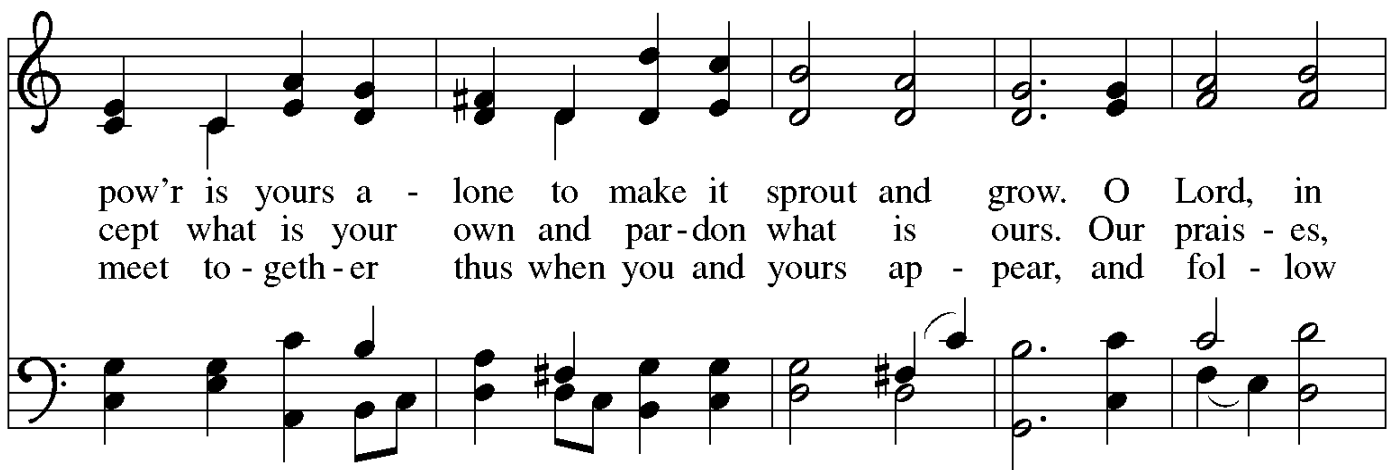
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Recessional Hymn | On What Has Now Been Sown

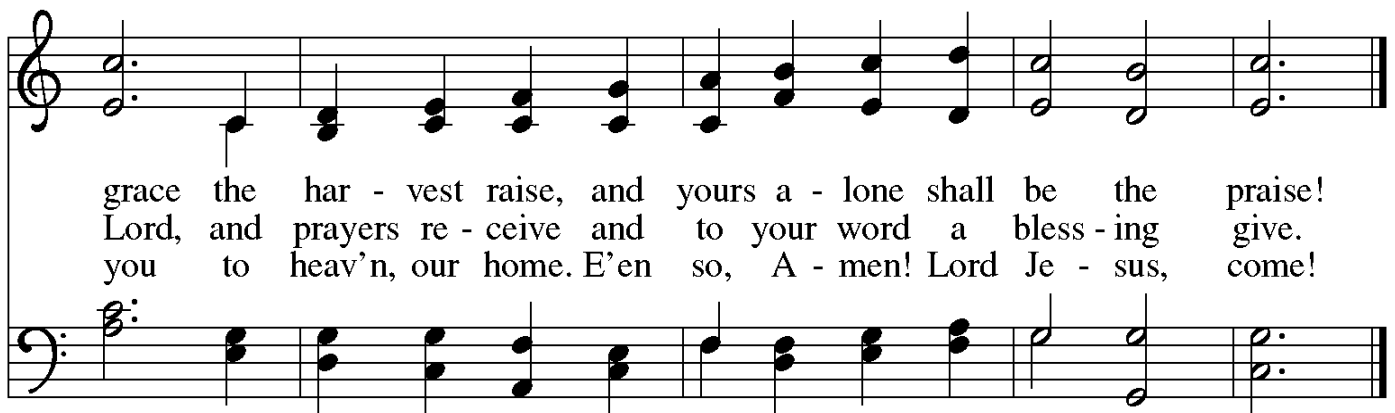
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1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the
 2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -
 3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may



pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
 cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,
 meet to - geth-er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low



grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!
 Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.
 you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.
 Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

Dismissal

A Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God; rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. Let us go forth in this way.

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

ORGAN

Max Regair (1873-1916)

DAY	The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost 9/13/2026 10:15am	The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost 9/20/2026 10:15am
ORGANIST	Homer Adams	Homer Adams
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