

Service of Installation

October 15, 2026



PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Stand

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

ELW p. 97

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

P: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

P: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

C: Amen

GATHERING SONG

God Is Here!

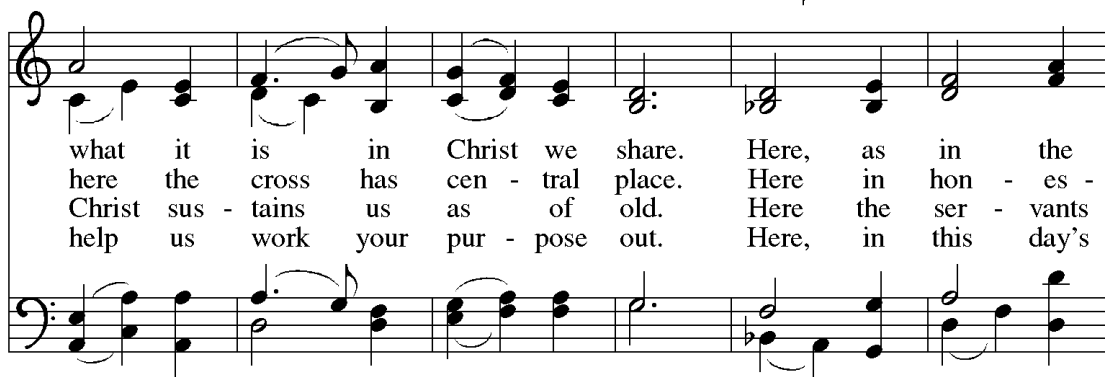
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1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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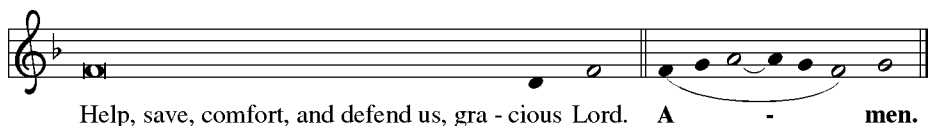
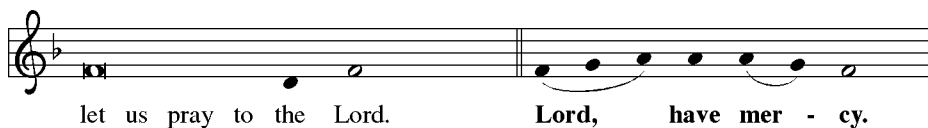
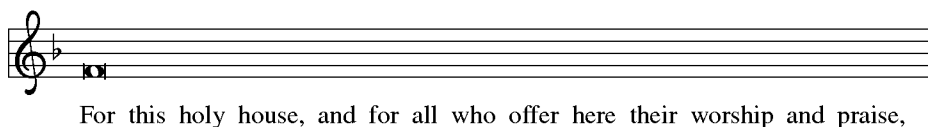
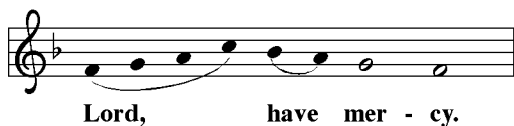
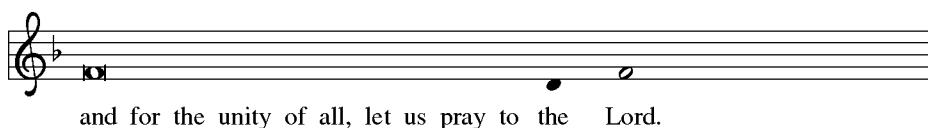
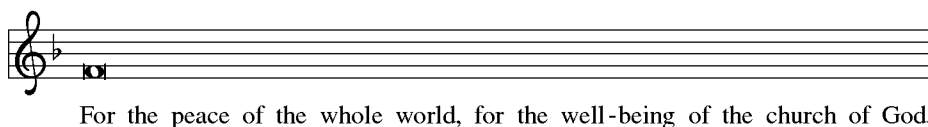
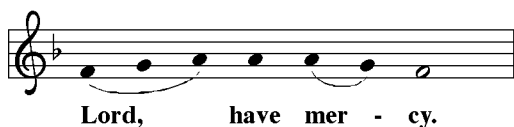
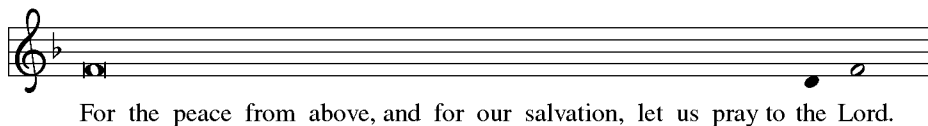
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GREETING

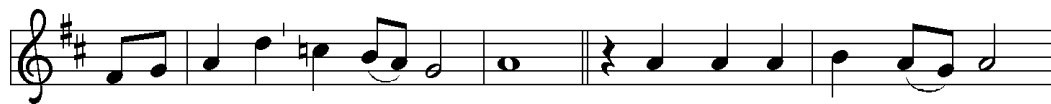
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.





This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



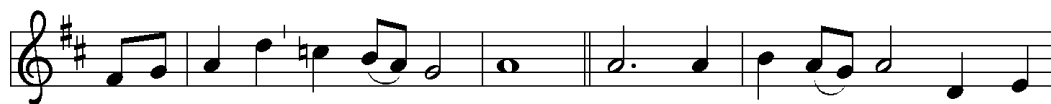
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who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



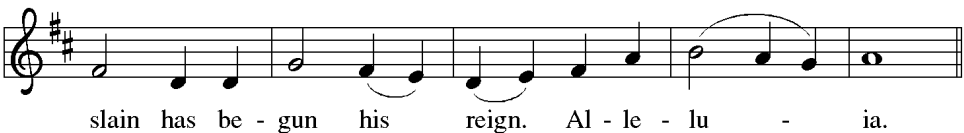
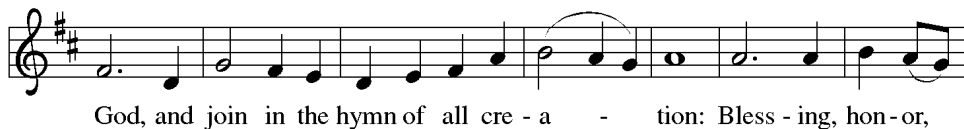
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al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Sit

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:5-9

R: A reading from Isaiah

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⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,

who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;

I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,

⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name;

my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;

before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 91

*(The Psalm will be read responsively. The congregation will read the **bold** verses.)*

R: ¹ You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

C: ² **you will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust."**

R: ³ For God will rescue you from the snare of the hunter
and from the deadly plague.

C: ⁴ **God's wings will cover you, and you will find refuge beneath them;
God's faithfulness will be your shield and defense.**

R: ⁵ You shall not fear any terror in the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;

C: ⁶ **nor the plague that stalks in the darkness,
nor the sickness that lays waste at noon.**

R: ⁷ A thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.

C: ⁸ **You will only have to look with your eyes,
and you will see the reward of the wicked.**

R: ⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

C: ¹⁰ **no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

R: ¹¹ For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

C: ¹² **Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

R: ¹³ You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

C: ¹⁴ **I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

R: ¹⁵ They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

C: ¹⁶ **With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 5:1-4

R: A reading from 1 Peter

R: ¹ Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you ² to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it, not for sordid gain but eagerly. ³ Do not lord it over those in your charge but be examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 142

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.

GOSPEL: Mark 2:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹ When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door, and he was speaking the word to them. ³ Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Child, your sins are forgiven.” ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there questioning in their hearts, ⁷ “Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸ At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves, and he said to them, “Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and take your mat and walk’? ¹⁰ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic—¹¹ “I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home.” ¹² And he stood up and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

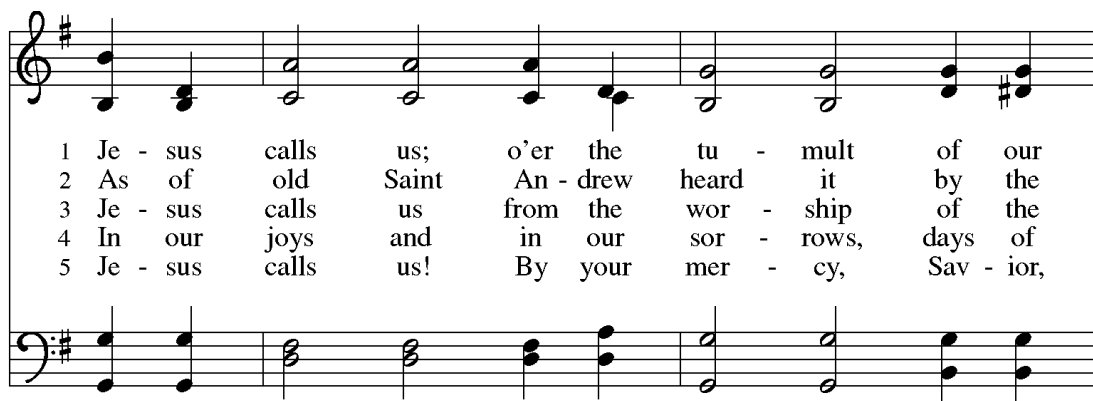
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Rev. Stephanie Stark

Stand



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

PRESENTATION

P: Having been authorized by the church to install *AJ Grace Olson*, our co-worker in the gospel, as *Director for Campus Ministry*, I now ask for certification of this call.

Rep: After prayerful deliberation, we, of *Lutheran Campus Ministry-Ames*, have called *AJ Grace Olson* to serve as a minister of word and sacrament in the position of *Director for Campus Ministry*. I present *Pastor AJ* and this letter certifying the call.

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

P: *A reading from John*: Jesus said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” (*John 20:21-23*)

P: *A reading from Matthew*: Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (*Matthew 28:18-20*)

P: *A reading from First Timothy*: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. (*1 Timothy 4:12-16*)

P: *Pastor AJ* in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures
and with the confessions of the Lutheran church?

Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures
and faithful in your use of the means of grace?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Trusting in God's care,
will you love, serve, and pray for God's people,
nourish them with the word and sacraments,
and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you give faithful witness in the world,
that God's love may be known in all that you do?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things,
graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

C: Amen.

P: People of God,
will you receive *Pastor AJ* as a messenger of Jesus Christ
sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?
Will you regard *Pastor AJ* as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of
God?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

P: Will you pray for *Pastor AJ*?
Will you help and honor *Pastor AJ* in carrying out this ministry?
In all things, will you strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

P: *Pastor AJ* the office of *Director for Campus Ministry* is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Rep: You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.
You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.
You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.

P: People of God, I present to you *Pastor AJ*, your Director for Campus Ministry.
Let us welcome them in the name of Christ.

APOSTLE'S CREED

ELW p. 105

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Hear us, O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

WE SHARE GOD'S PEACE

Before Communion, we greet each other with Christ's peace. This is an opportunity to reconcile ourselves to one another. When we share the peace of Christ we may be saying: I am sorry. I was wrong. Please forgive me. And, I love you.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Please take a moment to share Christ's peace. When you conclude your greetings, you may be seated.

Sit

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

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

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OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

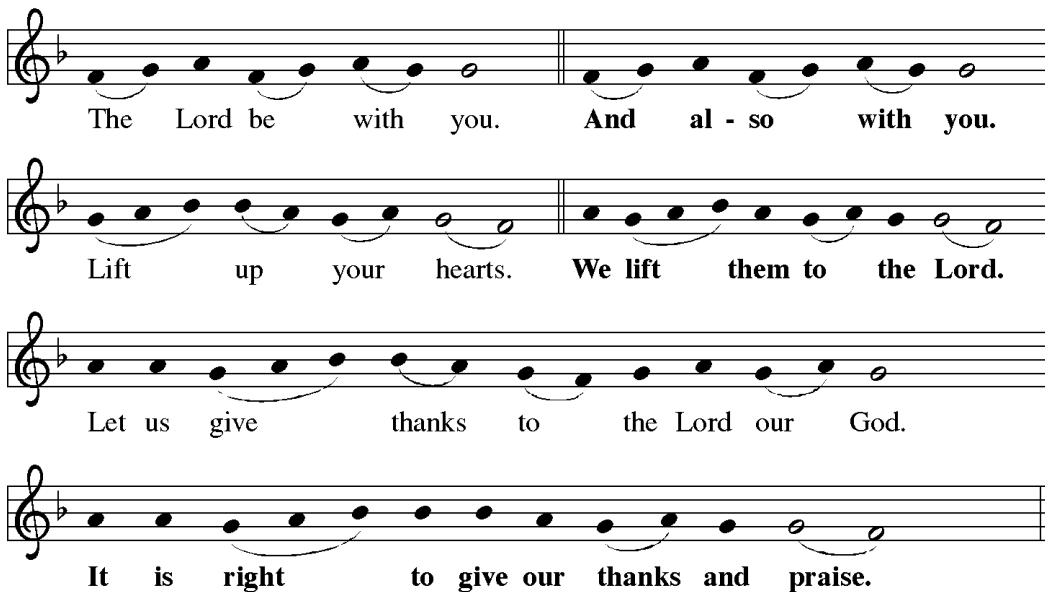
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Stand

GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW p. 144



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
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 all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY

ELW p. 144



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

ELW p. 145

- 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.
- P: 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

ELW p. 145

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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.
Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Sit

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is Jesus' table, and all are welcome. Those worshiping in person are invited to come down the center aisle, to the front, receive the bread, and step to the side to receive red wine or white grape juice from the assistants. Gluten-free wafers are available; let the assistant know if you need one. If you are social distancing, prepackaged communion elements are available from the ushers.

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C: *Lamb of God* ELW p. 146

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.



1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -
 1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
 2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
 3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
 4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



ca - do ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos; tan só - lo
 nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
 trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my
 love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's
 long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



quie - res que yo te si - ga.
 ask - ing for me to fol - low.
 fish nets and will for work - ing.
 will - ing to go on lov - ing.
 Friend, you have come to call me.



Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,
 Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



has di - cho mi nom-bre. En la a-re - na he de - ja - do mi
 you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



bar - ca; jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
 small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

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TABLE BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Stand

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

- ❖ **Hearing Assisting Devices Available.** Visit the Sound Booth before worship and request a device.
- ❖ **Bathrooms.** Down the hall, turn left toward the offices, and then take your first right. **An all-gender/family, handicapped accessible bathroom** is available off Fellowship Hall (to the right as you enter from the main door.) Changing tables are available in the family bathroom and the nursery.

Helpful Hints for worship today:

- ❖ *The instructions to sit or stand are invitations to do so as you are physically able.*
- ❖ *In the worship liturgy P = Presider, R = Reader, Rep = Representative of LCM and C = Congregation. The congregation responds/sings any time words are in **bold** print. The congregation is invited to sing all Hymns.*

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