# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church June 18, 2023 3rd Sunday after Pentecost



# **ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!**

Gospel in Action: Caring for all God's children, we shall serve God through worship, learning, and sharing.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRELUDE**

The congregation is invited to stand.

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God,

C: We confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Righteous God,

C: We confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

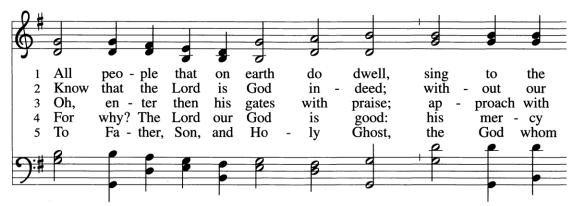
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

#### **GATHERING HYMN**







#### PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

# Parents present the candidate.

Godparents: We present Kai Henry Yung for baptism. Godparents: We present Zara Pearl Yung for baptism.

## The minister addresses parents.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?
F & M: We do.

P: As you bring Kai and Zara to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that they may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Kai n and Zara grow in the Christian faith and life? F & M: We do.

The minister addresses the congregation.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Kai and Zara and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

C: We do.

The congregation is invited to stand.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

The minister addresses parents. The assembly joins in the responses.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The congregation is invited to sit.

## **BAPTISM**

P: Kai Henry Yung, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Zara Pearl Yung, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying hands on the head of the newly baptized.

P: Sustain Kai and Zara with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

The minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized.

P: Kai and Zara, children of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

## **WELCOME**

A lit candle is given to the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says:

R: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

R: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The congregation is invited to stand.

#### **GREETING**

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

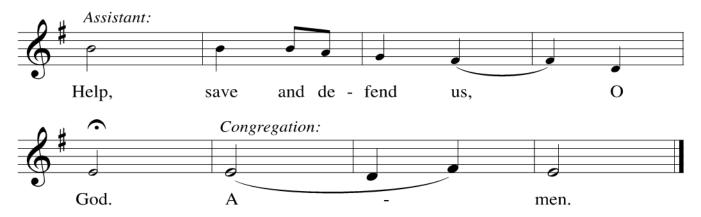
C: And also with you.

#### **KYRIE**



Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

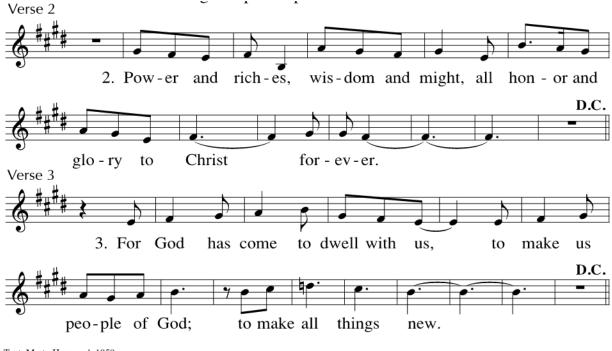
Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)



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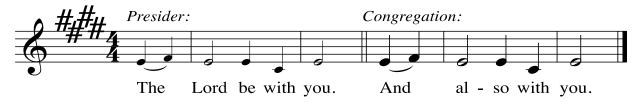
## NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION





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#### **SALUTATION**



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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The congregation is invited to sit.

#### FIRST LESSON Exodus 19:2-8a

L: The first lesson is from Exodus, the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>2</sup>[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>You have seen what I did to the

Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." <sup>7</sup>So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8a</sup>The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

L: The word of the Lord!

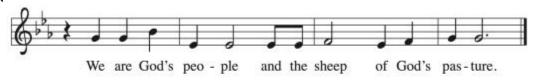
C: Thanks be to God!

# PSALM 100 TONE



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#### REFRAIN



Psalm 100:3

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<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, <sup>|</sup> all you lands!

<sup>2</sup>Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence | with a song.

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom | we belong; we are God's people and the sheep | of God's pasture. R

<sup>4</sup>Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the | courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's | holy name.

 $^5Good$  indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is  $^{\mid}$  everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from  $^{\mid}$  age to age. R

## SECOND LESSON Romans 5:1-8

L: The second lesson is from Romans, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also

boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

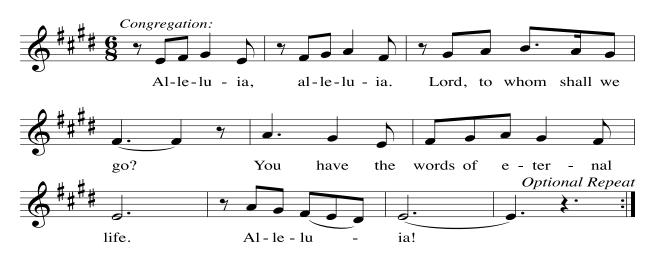
L: The word of the Lord!

## C: Thanks be to God!

The congregation is invited to stand.

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### **GOSPEL VERSE**



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## **GOSPEL Matthew 9:35-10:8 [9-23]**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> chapters.

# C: Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>35</sup>Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." <sup>10:1</sup>Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure

every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. 5These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' 8Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [9Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, 10no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. <sup>11</sup>Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup>As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup>If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup>If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. <sup>16</sup>"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; <sup>18</sup> and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; <sup>20</sup> for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup>Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."] P: The gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

The congregation is invited to sit.

SERMON Pastor Laura Kuntz

The congregation is invited to stand.

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**



Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847 Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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: Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

A: For the church here and around the world, we pray. Seek out disciples and send them out with authority to proclaim good news, bring healing where there is pain, and counter the forces of evil. God, in your mercy,

# C: Hear our prayer.

A: For the earth and all its creatures, we pray. Equip farmers, farm workers, and all who labor on the land to produce a harvest. Nourish crops with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Restore lands ruined by pollution or misuse. God, in your mercy,

# C: Hear our prayer.

A: For those who govern, we pray. Empower those who seek peaceful solutions to conflict and embolden those who advocate for all who are oppressed. Work through systems of government to establish justice throughout the world. God, in your mercy,

# C: Hear our prayer.

A: For those who suffer, we pray. Accompany those who feel helpless, alone, or abandoned. Embrace any who long for successful treatment for mental illness or freedom from addiction. Heal those who are sick especially those we say aloud or silently in our hearts... God, in your mercy,

# C: Hear our prayer.

A: For fathers and father figures, we pray. Console all who long to be fathers, children estranged from their fathers, anyone grieving the death of a father, and fathers who have lost a child. Draw near to all for whom this day stirs up difficult emotions. God, in your mercy,

## C: Hear our prayer.

A: For all the saints, we give thanks. Receive into your eternal care all those who have died and fill us with hope that does not disappoint. God, in your mercy,

# C: Hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

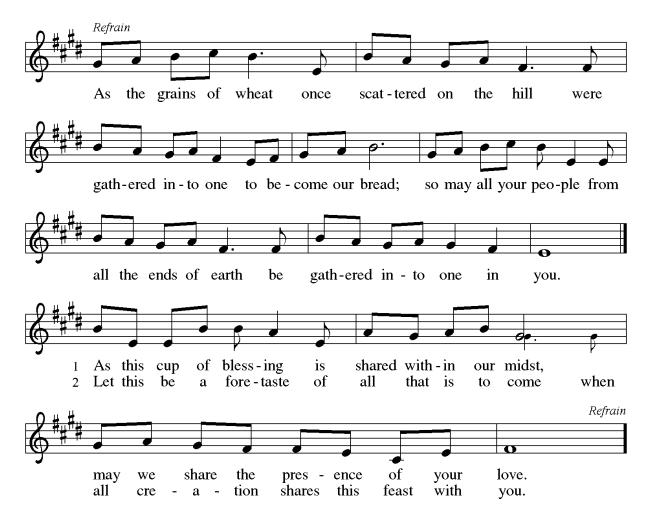
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The congregation is invited to sit.

## **OFFERING**

# As the Grains of Wheat



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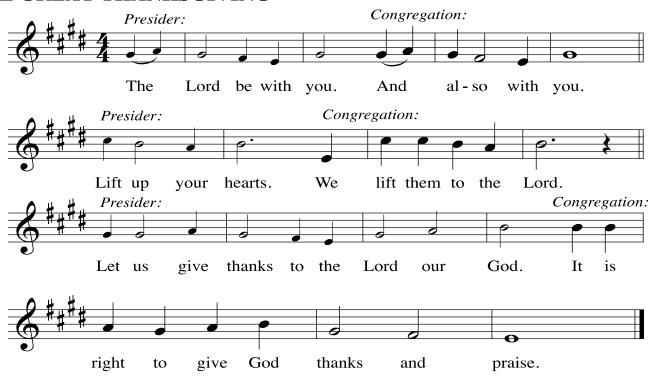
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#### OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

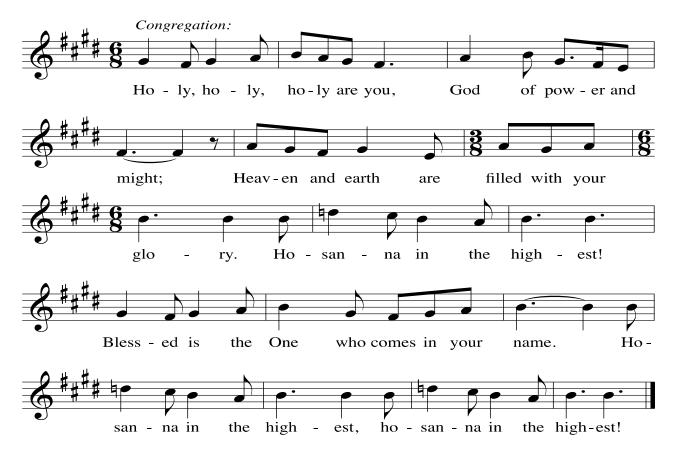
#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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## **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:



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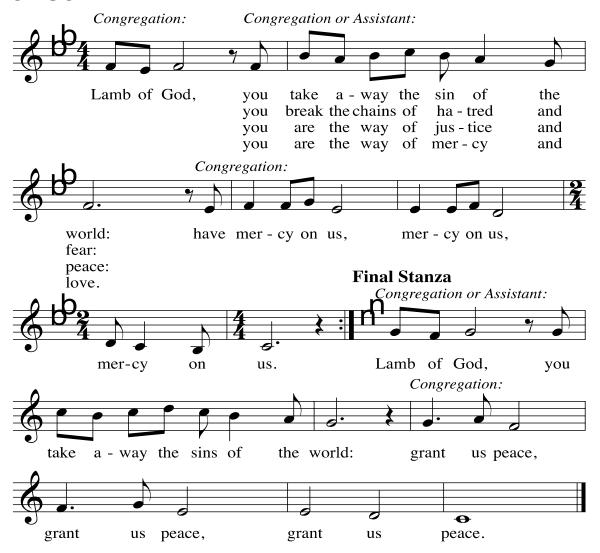
#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## **LAMB OF GOD**



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The congregation is invited to sit.

# **COMMUNION**

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# I Love to Tell the Story





Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911 Music: William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

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The congregation is invited to stand.

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

## **BLESSING**

Presider: May God bless and keep us.

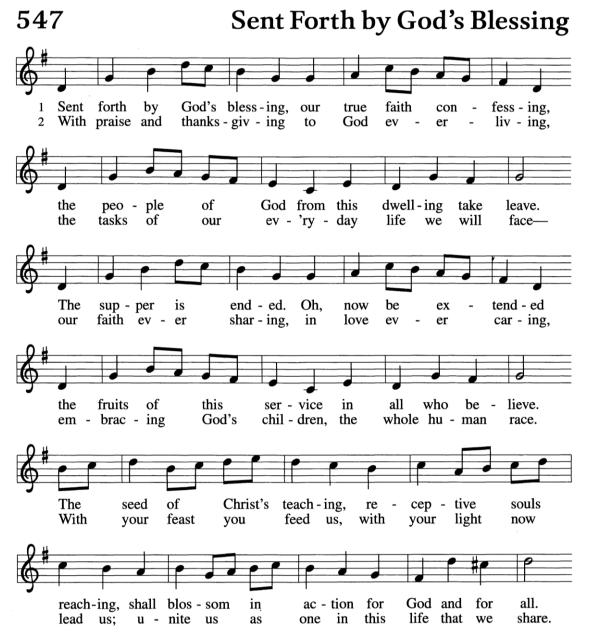
May God's face shine on us and be gracious.

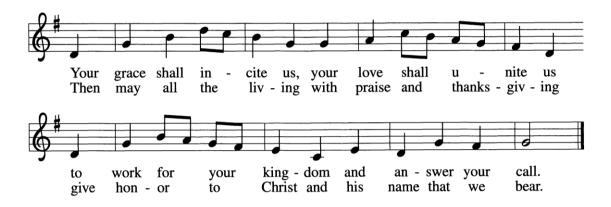
May God look on us with favor and ₱ give us peace.



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## **SENDING HYMN**





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## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

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