

# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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4<sup>th</sup> 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, † 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

#### 778 GATHER US IN



1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,  
2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry,  
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,  
4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,

Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,  
We are the old who yearn for your face,  
Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Not in some heav - en, light years a - way, But

See in this space our fears and our dream - ings  
 We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 here in this place the new light is shin - ing,

Brought here to you in the light of this  
 Called to be light to the whole hu - man  
 Call us a - new to be salt for the  
 Now is the King - dom, now is the

day. Gath - er us in— the  
 race. Gath - er us in— the  
 earth. Give us to drink the  
 day. Gath - er us in and

lost and for - sak - en, Gath - er us in— the  
 rich and the haugh - ty, Gath - er us in— the  
 wine of com - pas - sion, Give us to eat the  
 hold us for ev - er, Gath - er us in and

blind and the lame; Call to us now, and  
 proud and the strong; Give us a heart so  
 bread that is you; Nour - ish us well, and  
 make us your own; Gath - er us in— all

we shall a - wak - en, We shall a - rise at the  
 meek and so low - ly, Give us the cour - age to  
 teach us to fash - ion Lives that are ho - ly and  
 peo - ples to - geth - er, Fire of love in our

sound of our name.  
 en - ter the song.  
 hearts that are true.  
 flesh and our bone.

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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.

## KYRIE

### Refrain

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,  
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*to Verses*

*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)

*Assistant:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O  
God. A - men.

*Congregation:*

God. A - men.

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# NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

## Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion  
sings for joy, to the God of life and love and free-dom;  
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

## Verse 1

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
whose blood has freed and u - nit-ed us  
to be one great peo - ple of God. **D.C.**

## Verse 2

2. Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. **D.C.**

## Verse 3

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us  
peo-ple of God; to make all things new. **D.C.**

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## SALUTATION

Presider: Congregation:

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

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

**C: Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*The congregation is invited to sit.*

## FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 20:7-13

L: The first lesson is from Jeremiah, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." <sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. <sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

L: The word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## PSALM 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

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## REFRAIN



Psalm 69:16

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<sup>7</sup>Surely, for your sake I have suf- | fered reproach,  
and shame has cov- | ered my face.

<sup>8</sup>**I have become a stranger to | my own kindred,  
an alien to my | mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup>Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.

<sup>10</sup>**I humbled my- | self with fasting,  
but that was turned to | my reproach. R**

[ <sup>11</sup>I put on | sackcloth also,  
and became a by- | word among them.

<sup>12</sup>**Those who sit at the gate mur- | mur against me,  
and the drunkards make | songs about me.**

<sup>13</sup>But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have | set, O LORD:  
“In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your un- | failing help.

<sup>14</sup>**Save me from the mire; do not | let me sink;  
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of | the deep waters. R**

<sup>15</sup>Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swal- | low me up;  
do not let the pit shut its | mouth upon me.

] <sup>16</sup>**Answer me, O LORD, for your | love is kind;  
in your great compassion, | turn to me.**

<sup>17</sup>Hide not your face | from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.

<sup>18</sup>**Draw near to me | and redeem me;  
because of my enemies de- | liver me. R**

## SECOND LESSON                      Romans 6:1b-11

L: The second lesson is from Romans, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know

that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L: The word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*The congregation is invited to stand.*

## GOSPEL VERSE

*Congregation:*

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

*Optional Repeat*

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## GOSPEL Matthew 10:24-39

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! <sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to



bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; <sup>36</sup>and one's foes will be members of one's own household. <sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

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**

807 LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,

For if you lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
 Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness,  
 I am lost if you take your hand from me,

to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.  
 Be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.  
 I am blind with - out thy Light to see,

Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see,  
I am put - ting all my trust in thee.  
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

*A brief silence.*

A: You entice your church to speak truth that challenges false notions of peace. Prevail upon us with the good news of Christ's death and resurrection, that we are compelled to share the gospel with all the world. God, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Under your watch not even a sparrow goes unnoticed. Safeguard plant and animal habitats threatened by melting glaciers, rising oceans, and receding coastlines. Amplify the voices of those calling for responsible stewardship of the earth's resources. God, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Our world is enduring violence and destruction. Rescue your people in nations experiencing conflict or crisis. Thwart the efforts of those who sow chaos and terror, and guide those working to bring about peace and reconciliation. God, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: You have counted even the hairs of our heads. Reassure anyone experiencing poverty, homelessness, unemployment, or exploitation that every life has value. Look favorably upon all who struggle especially those we say aloud or silently in our hearts... Answer us, for your steadfast love is good. God, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Even when we experience rejection your love invites us to new life. Lift up anyone who feels shunned or excluded on account of their gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or any other human distinction. Make your people one. God, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: All who have died with Christ also live with him. We give thanks for all the saints whose faithful confession inspired our own discipleship, and raise us, with them, to eternal life. 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

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



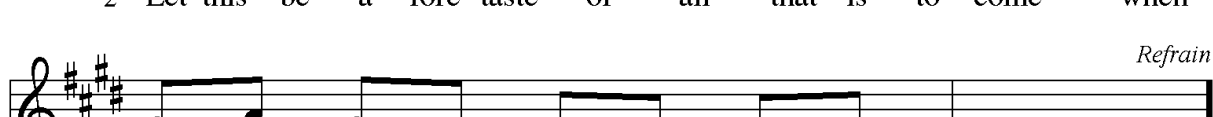
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when



*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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*The congregation is invited to stand.*

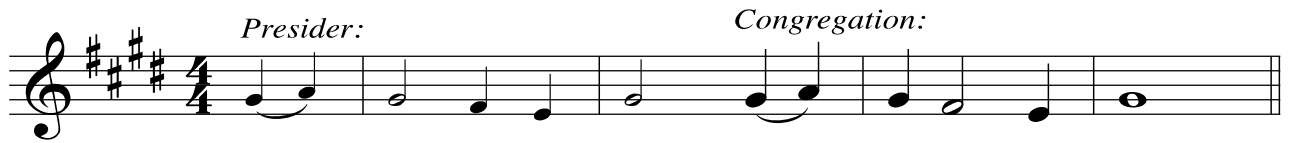
## OFFERING PRAYER

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

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



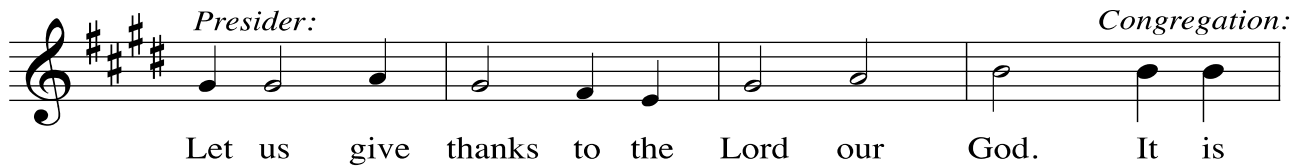
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*




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

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

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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:

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
 might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
 Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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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

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

**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

*Congregation:*                      *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
you break the chains of ha - tred and  
you are the way of jus - tice and  
you are the way of mer - cy and


*Congregation:*



world:  
fear:  
peace:  
love.

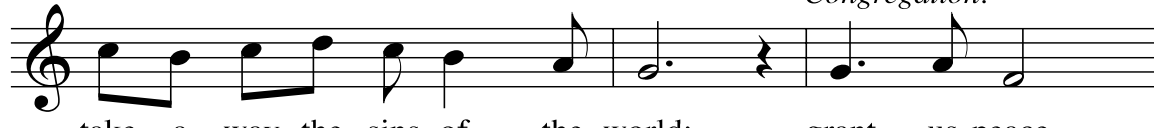
have mer - cy on us,                      mer - cy on us,

**Final Stanza**  
*Congregation or Assistant:*




mer-cy on us.                      Lamb of God, you

*Congregation:*



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



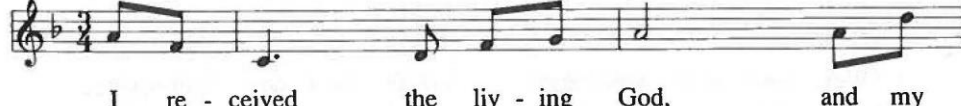
grant us peace, grant us peace.

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*The congregation is invited to sit.*

# COMMUNION

## 761 I RECEIVED THE LIVING GOD



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my



heart is full of joy. I re - ceived the liv - ing



God, and my heart is full of joy.



1. He has said:	I am the Bread	Knead - ed
2. He has said:	I am the Way,	And my
3. He has said:	I am the Truth;	If you
4. He has said:	I am the Life	Far from
*5. Pre - cious gift	of bread and wine,	Gra - cious



long to give you life;	You who will	par - take of
Fa - ther longs for you;	So I come	to bring you
fol - low close to me,	You will know	me in your
whom no thing can grow,	But re - ceive	this liv - ing
word of life for me,	It has bid	me come and



me	Need not	ev - er	fear	to	die.
home	To be	one	with	him	a - new.
heart,	And my	word	shall	make	you
bread,	And my	Spir - it	you	shall	know.
dine,	On the	truth	that	makes	me
					free.



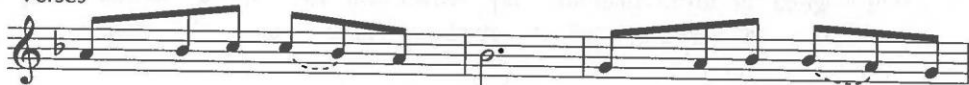
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# JESU, JESU 803

## Refrain



## Verses



- |  |                                 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,  | Si - lent - ly wash - es their  |
| 2. Neigh-bors are rich and poor,       | Neigh-bors are black and        |
| 3. These are the ones we should serve, | These are the ones we should    |
| 4. Kneel at the feet of our friends,   | Si - lent - ly wash - ing their |



feet,	Mas - ter who pours out him - self	for them.
white,	Neigh-bors are near and far	a - way.
love.	All are neigh - bors to us	and you.
feet,	This is the way we should live	with you.

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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.

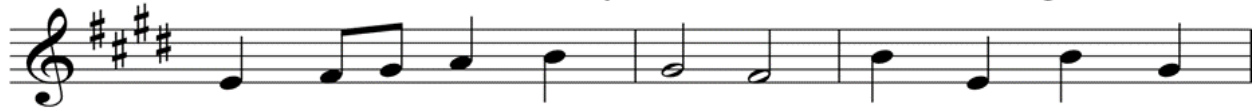


# THANKS BE TO YOU

*Congregation:*



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
2. From of old you loved and sought us:



Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your



love, re - mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of



life with us. 3. Praise to you, O



God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!



Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for



ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

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# 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.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

— give us peace. A - men.

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# SENDING HYMN

## 816 I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
I want to look at Je - sus.  
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Clear sun of right - eous - ness shine on my path, And  
When we have run with pa - tience the race, We

star of my life is Je - sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Ephesians 5:8-10; Revelation 21:23; John 12:46; Hebrews 12:1; Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934  
 Tune: HOUSTON, 107 10 8 9 9 10 7; Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934  
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## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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