



Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 15, 2017



ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!

Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement: *“Gospel In Action: Caring for all God’s children, we shall serve God through Worship, Learning and Sharing.”*

WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship - Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) is a congregation of the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), a part of the worldwide Lutheran community. Our order for worship is printed on the following pages of this bulletin. We invite you to join us regularly for worship and in a variety of activities and opportunities in our congregational life. If you are new here, we welcome you; if you are a member of long standing, we celebrate your gifts and ministry.

New to CELC - We are happy to have you with us and we wish you a warm welcome. If you would like more information about our church and its ministries, please look for a member of the Welcoming Team by the TV after the service for information and a gift. Please take a few minutes to view the announcements displayed on the TV in the gathering area.

For those with children - We welcome and encourage children to participate in worship. We understand and believe that God put the wiggle in children; please don't feel the need to suppress it in God's house. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." If needed, we have provided coloring and activity bags just outside of the sanctuary doors; please take one to your seat and return it when you are finished. Children in grades K-6, who would like to participate in Sunday school, will be excused during worship following the children's message, returning to the worship service shortly after the sermon.

Holy Communion - All are welcome to receive this gift of God's grace, love, and forgiveness. All who hunger to know the love of God are welcome to commune with us. The table of our Lord is now set for all those who need grace, forgiveness, strength, and wisdom for ministry and mission to the world. If you have questions about the sacrament, or if you wish to receive instruction on the Christian faith, you are invited to speak with Pastor Jeff following the service.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sunday, October 15

Greeter: Ed and Celeste Baker; **Usher:** Tony Toy; **Lector:** Sue Jagoda;

Acolytes: Addison Crout and Julia Kacenjar; **Cantor:** Jamie Crout;

Assists: Cantor, Laura Musat, Chris Owens, and Acolytes

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

The congregation is invited to stand

INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the † holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power. Source of all life,

C: We confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High 857

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth
to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The congregation is invited to sit

FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 25:1-9

L: The first lesson is from Isaiah, the 25th chapter.

¹O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L: The word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 23

¹The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

SECOND LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9

L: The second lesson is from Philippians, the 4th chapter.

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

L: The word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

The congregation is invited to stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: The gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

The congregation is invited to sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

SERMON

PASTOR JEFF STEEBER

The congregation is invited to stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

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Give thanks



Musical staff 1: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (Bb), 4/4 time. Chords: F, C/E, Dm, Am. Lyrics: Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,



Musical staff 2: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (Bb), 4/4 time. Chords: Bb, F/A, Eb, C7. Lyrics: give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.

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Musical staff 3: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (Bb), 4/4 time. Chords: F, C/E, Dm, Am. Lyrics: Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,

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Musical staff 4: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (Bb), 4/4 time. Chords: Bb, F/A, Eb, C7. Lyrics: give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.

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Musical staff 5: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (Bb), 4/4 time. Chords: Am, Dm7, Gm, C7. Lyrics: And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am

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Musical staff 6: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (Bb), 4/4 time. Chords: FM7, Dm7, Eb, C7. Lyrics: rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And

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Musical staff 7: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (Bb), 4/4 time. Chords: Am, Dm7, Gm, C7. Lyrics: now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am

now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



Musical staff 8: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (Bb), 4/4 time. Chords: FM7, Dm7, Eb, C7, Last time Bb/C F. Lyrics: rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

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The congregation is invited to sit

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.

Sponsors present the candidate

S: We present Elliot 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 child baptized into Christ?

F & M: We do.

P: As you bring Elliot to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he 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 Elliot grow in the Christian faith and life?

F & M: We do.

The minister addresses sponsors

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Elliot in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

S: We do.

The minister addresses the congregation

P: People of God, do you promise to support Elliot and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C: We do.

The congregation is invited to stand

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The minister addresses parents and sponsors. 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.

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

C: I renounce them.

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. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and 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 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: Elliot, 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 Elliot 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: Elliot, child 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence

A: You rejoice in your church, gracious God. Welcome your children to the table you have prepared and send us forth to share the saving mercy we meet in Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You rejoice in your good creation. Provide moisture for parched places, wind and sun for flooded lands, and shelter and sustenance for creatures of every kind. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You rejoice in the people and places of the world. We pray for nations who cannot sit at table together, for leaders distracted by anxiety and fear, and for refugees unwelcome in their homelands. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You bring peace that surpasses understanding. We pray for all who cannot worship with us this day: those who are homebound, hospitalized, imprisoned, or working *especially*.... Comfort their hearts and ours with your healing presence. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You rejoice in this congregation. We pray for its ministries of hospitality: for ushers, greeters, wedding coordinators, and all who welcome guests in this place. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You promise an eternal feast. We give thanks for the saints of every time and place. Hold us in communion with them until all are united at your heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

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

“Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace”

Bell Choir

With special guests David Paine, Randi Smarsh, and Narrators

Dedicated to all who suffer from violence

The congregation is invited to stand

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God of life,

C: **You give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.**

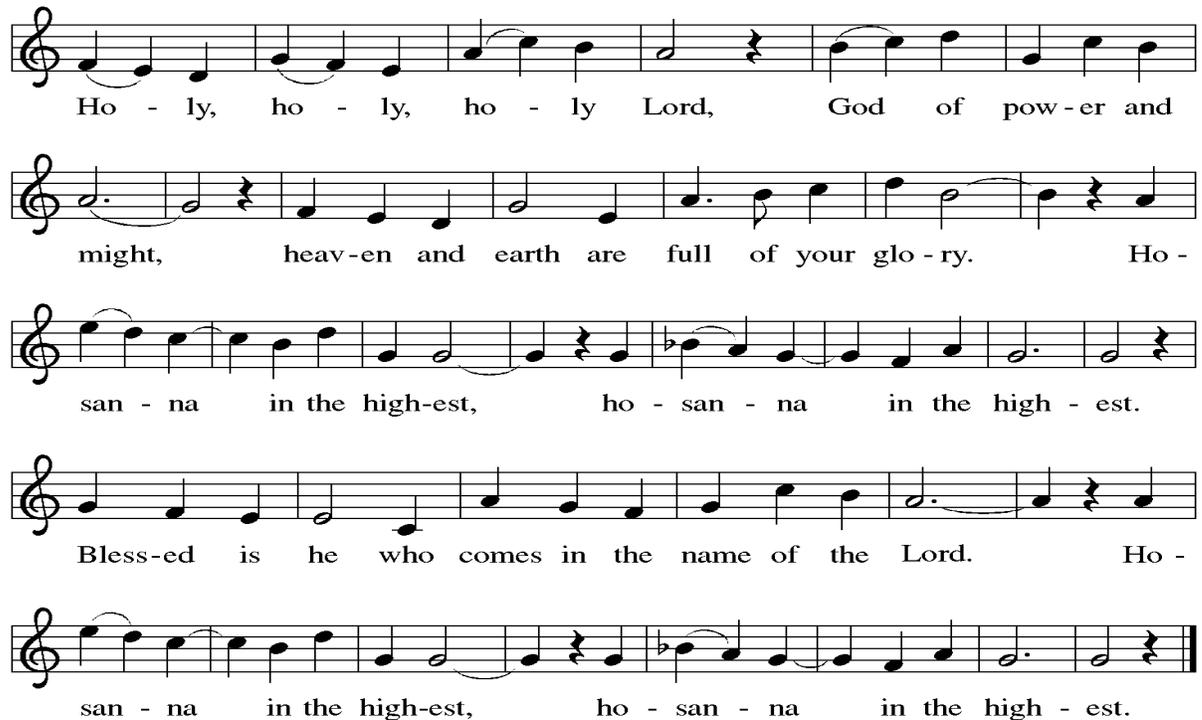
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

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, grant us peace.

The congregation is invited to sit

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

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Open our eyes, Lord

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. Chord symbols are placed above the staff to indicate the harmonic accompaniment.

O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see
Je - sus, to reach out and touch
him, and say that we love him.
O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to
lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,
Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

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Refrain

F C⁷ F B^b C⁷ F B^b F

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

C Gm Dm Am

1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for - get your love for me, and yet my

B^b C B^b/F F C Gm

still you're there right be - side me, and noth - ing will I fear as
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing, Je - sus, be my guide and

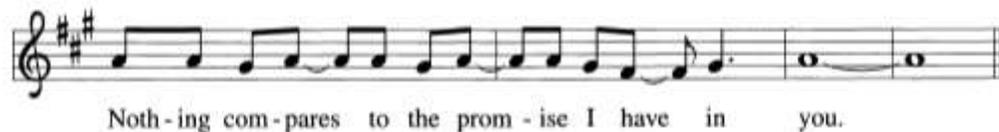
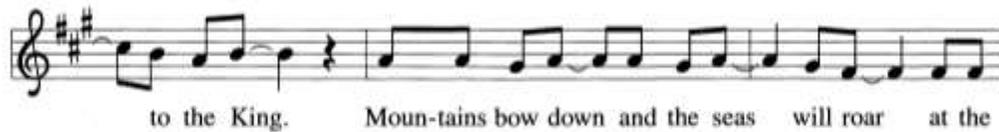
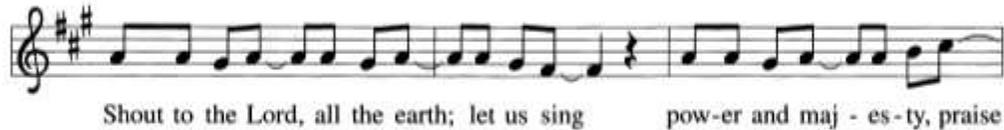
Dm Am B^b C Dm D A/C[#] C^{sus} C⁷

Refrain

long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.
hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end.

Text: Psalm 119:105, refrain: Michael W. Smith, stanza
Music: Amy Grant

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Music: Darlene Zschech

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SHOUT TO THE LORD

P/M

The congregation is invited to stand

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray,

C: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

BLESSING

P: God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

This is the day

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The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment. It consists of five systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made; we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord has made; we will re-joyce and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made." Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: F, C7, F, Bb, F, F/C, C7, F.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C: Thanks be to God.

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