



Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

**8/15/21**

*Service Book and Hymnal and  
Lutheran Book of Worship - Setting Two*

## **GOD GATHERS US IN EVERY PLACE AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

*In remembrance of Baptism, you may sign a cross on your chest or forehead.*

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SINS (adapted from SBH p.1) *Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8, 32:5; John 3:16*  
Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

**Who made heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**And he forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto you, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

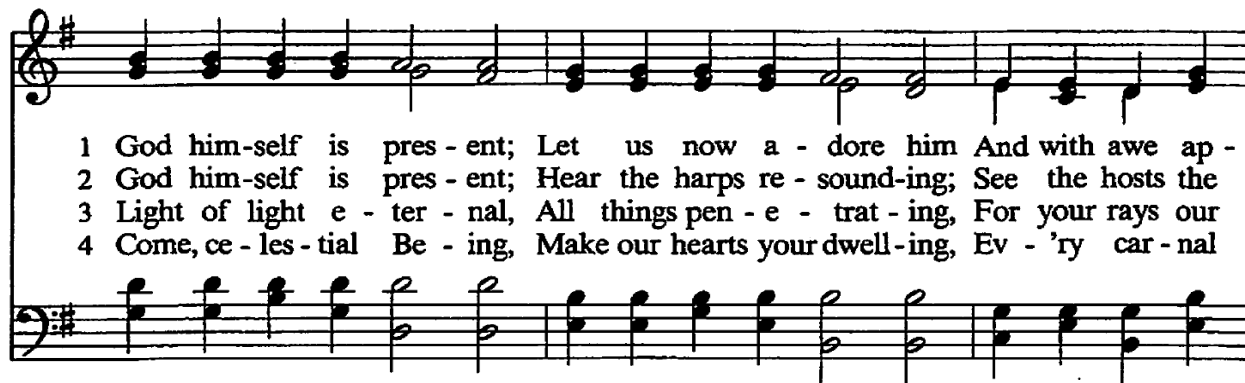
*We keep silence for self-reflection and contrition.*

O most merciful God, **who has given your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and true obedience to your Word, that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**


THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS (adapted from SBH p.1) *John 3:16, 1:12*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To them who believe on his Name, he gives power to become children of God, and bestows on them his Holy Spirit. They who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all. **Amen.**

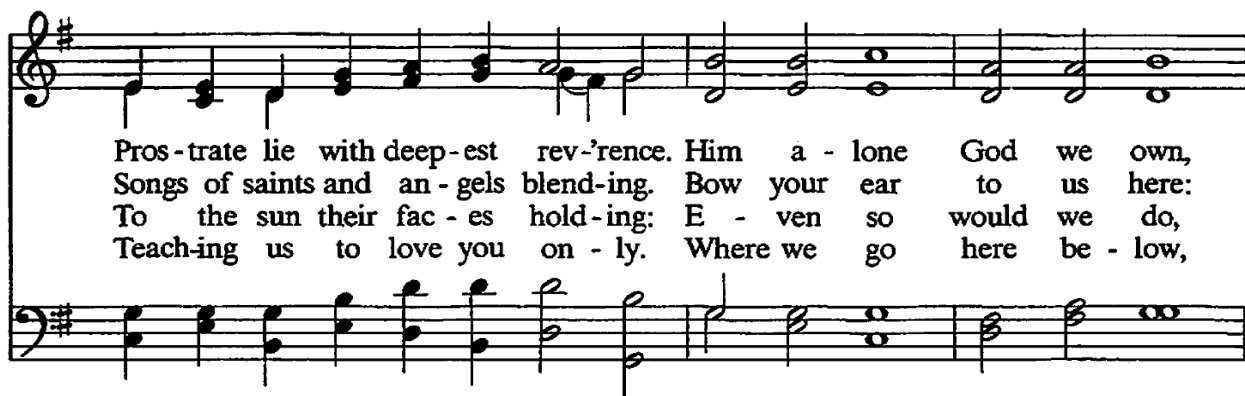
GATHERING HYMN "God Himself is Present" (LBW #249)



1 God him-self is pres - ent; Let us now a - dore him And with awe ap -  
 2 God him-self is pres - ent; Hear the harps re - sound - ing; See the hosts the  
 3 Light of light e - ter - nal, All things pen - e - trat - ing, For your rays our  
 4 Come, ce - les - tial Be - ing, Make our hearts your dwell - ing, Ev - 'ry car - nal



pear be - fore him! God is in his tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence,  
 throne sur - round - ing! "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing,  
 soul is wait - ing. As the ten - der flow - ers, Will - ing - ly un - fold - ing,  
 thought dis - pel - ling. By your Ho - ly Spir - it Sanc - ti - fy us tru - ly,



Pros - trate lie with deep - est rev - 'rence. Him a - lone God we own,  
 Songs of saints and an - gels blend - ing. Bow your ear to us here:  
 To the sun their fac - es hold - ing: E - ven so would we do,  
 Teach - ing us to love you on - ly. Where we go here be - low,



Him, our God and Sav - ior; Praise his name for - ev - er!  
 Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That your Church now rais - es.  
 Light from you ob - tain - ing, Strength to serve you gain - ing.  
 Let us bow be - fore you And in truth a - dore you.

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AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE *Matthew 28:18-20, 22:36-39; Mark 12:30-31*

AND GLORIA PATRI (adapted from SBH p. 2)

We are Joy Mission Church, missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ.

**We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name.**

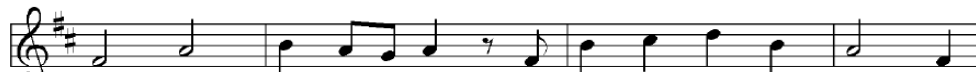
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW pp. 79-80) *Luke 2:14-20; Rev, 5:11-12; 1 John 2:2, 3:5; Luke 22:69; Ps. 83:18*



☐ Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.



☑ Lord God, heav- en- ly king, al- might- y God and Fa - ther:



We wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo- ry.



Lord Je- sus Christ, on- ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



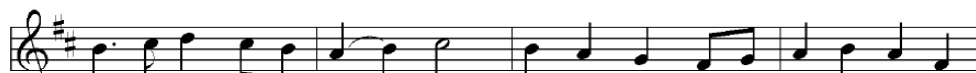
You take a- way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther; re- ceive our prayer.



For you a- lone are the Ho- ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,

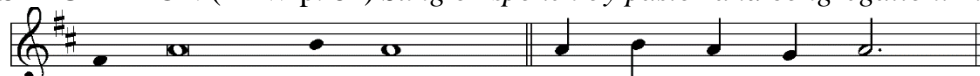


you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho- ly Spir- it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

SALUTATION (LBW p. 82) *Sung or spoken by pastor and congregation. Ruth 2:4*



☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together: **Almighty, eternal God, increase in us your gifts of faith, hope and love; and in order that love may abide in us, help us to celebrate what your love has done for us. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

<sup>1</sup>Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. <sup>2a</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, <sup>14</sup>“Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” <sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, <sup>17</sup>for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. <sup>18</sup>And the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:12-22 *Sung responsively between cantor and congregation.*

<sup>12</sup>Who among | you loves life\*

and desires long life to en- | joy prosperity?

<sup>13</sup>**Keep your tongue from | evil speaking\***

**and your lips from | lying words.**

<sup>14</sup>Turn from evil | and do good;\*

seek peace | and pursue it.

<sup>15</sup>**The eyes of the Lord are up- | on the righteous,\***

**and his ears are open | to their cry.**

<sup>16</sup>The face of the Lord is against those | who do evil,\*

to root out the remembrance of them | from the earth.

<sup>17</sup>**The righteous cry, and | the Lord hears them\***

**and delivers them from | all their troubles.**

<sup>18</sup>The Lord is near to the | brokenhearted\*

and will save those whose spir- | its are crushed.

<sup>19</sup>**Many are the troubles | of the righteous,\***

**but the Lord will deliver him out | of them all.**

<sup>20</sup>He will keep safe | all his bones;\*

not one of them | shall be broken.

<sup>21</sup>**Evil shall | slay the wicked,\***

**and those who hate the righteous | will be punished.**

<sup>22</sup>The Lord ransoms the life | of his servants,\*

and none will be punished who | trust in him.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:6-21

<sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not become partners with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” <sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>addressing one another in psalms and hymns and

spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

VERSE (LBW p. 83) *John 6:68*

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

GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION (LBW p. 83)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the sixth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: John 6:51-69

<sup>51</sup>{Jesus said to the Jews grumbling about him,} “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” <sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup>For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. <sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) <sup>65</sup>And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.” <sup>66</sup>After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup>and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 83)

Praise to you, O Christ.  
*Please be seated.*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SERMON -The sermon concludes with this prayer adapted from the SBH p. 5: The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

## GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Praise and Thanksgiving" (LBW #409)

C                      Am      Dm      G                      Am      G      Am

1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things  
 2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve you, That with our  
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for your chil - dren, By your wise  
 4 Then will your bless - ing Reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, Free - ly con -

Em      Am      Em                      G                      C                      Am      F      C

liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the  
 neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work  
 guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -  
 fess - ing Your gra - cious hand. Where all o - bey you, No one will

Am      G                      C                      G                      Am      G                      C

or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.  
 with you, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.  
 joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know your care.  
 hun - ger; In your love's sway you Nour - ish the land.

APOSTLES' CREED (LBW p. 85) *Genesis 1-2; John 3:16; Luke 2; Acts 2*

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people as they have need...

*Each petition ends with these words:* Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with these words:* ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

#### OFFERING OF PEACE *John 20:19-21*

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

*Having been reconciled to God in Christ, we share His peace with others.*

#### OFFERING OF TITHES, ADDITIONAL GIFTS, & SPECIAL MUSIC

*We offer our time, talents, and treasures in gratitude for all of the blessings God has given us.*

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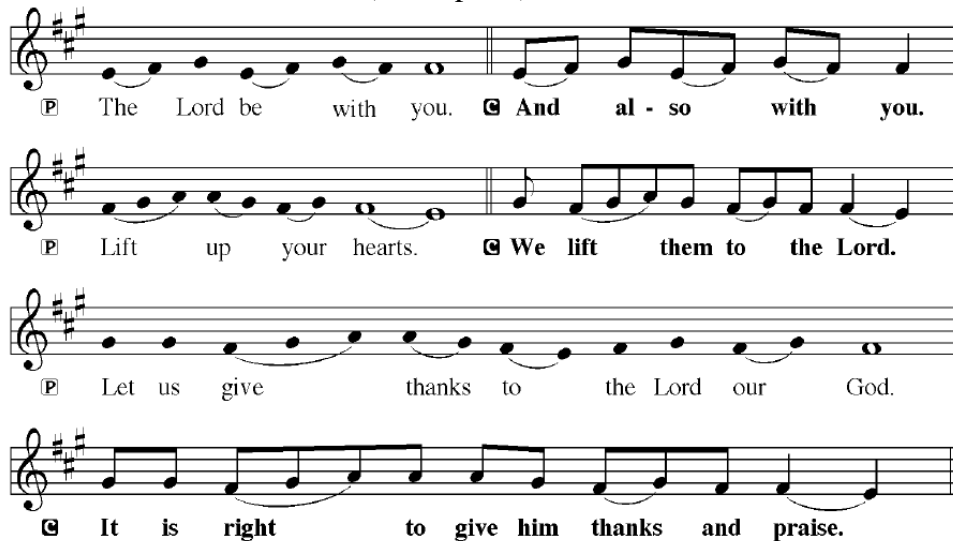
OFFERTORY HYMN and OFFERTORY PRAYER: (LBW pp. 86-87)



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Let us pray... Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 88)



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 him thanks and praise.

PREFACE (LBW p. 88) *Sung or spoken by the pastor.*

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death in the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



SANCTUS ("Holy" LBW p. 89) *Psalm 118:25-26; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9*

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20*

In the night in which he was betrayed, He 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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (LBW p. 91) *Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

**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.**

COMMUNION HYMN (“Lamb of God...” LBW p. 92) John 1:29



☞ 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.

*Please be seated.*

**WE RECEIVE THE LORD’S SUPPER**

*All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may come forward as directed to commune. Each group or individual communes separately before the next group or individual comes forward.*

- *If you require gluten-free wafers or abstain from wine, indicate so to the pastor.*
- *To receive the Sacrament in your seat, notify the usher and it will be brought to you.*
- *If you abstain from the Sacrament altogether, you have full forgiveness of sins by Word alone.*

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (adapted from SBH p. 13)

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious Blood strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (LBW pp. 92-93)

☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.  
 Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.  
 He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy  
 with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (adapted from SBH p. 13)

Let us pray...Almighty God, who gives the true Bread which comes down from heaven, your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech you, that we who have received the Sacrament of his Body and Blood may abide in him, and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.  
**Amen.**

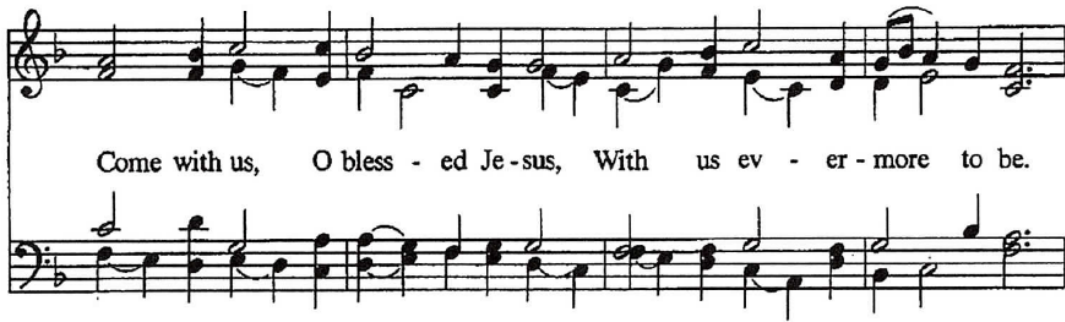
BENEDICTION (LBW p. 94) *Numbers 6:24-26*

☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make his face shine on you  
 and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and . . . . . † give you peace.


☐ A - men

**GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE**

SENDING HYMN: "Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus" (LBW #219)



Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, With us ev - er - more to be.



And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, Let us nev - er - more leave thee!



Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus Nev - er cease the heav'n - ly strain;



But in us, thy lov - ing chil - dren, Come, bring peace, good will to men.

*Text: John H. Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891*  
*Tune: Johann Schop, 1600-1665*

JESU, JOY OF MANS DESIRING  
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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**WELCOME!** We are delighted to have you join us for worship today!



Love God. Love neighbor.  
Serve with joy in Jesus' name.  
worship + fellowship + discipleship

### Who We Are -

As a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church we hold four core values, to be:  
**Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded, & Congregationally Focused.**



Ministers: Joy Mission Church  
Pastor: Rev. Paulette D. McHugh  
Organist: Lavenia Hentz  
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