



*Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
*May 14, 2023*  
Lutheran Book of Worship  
Holy Communion Setting Two

**GOD GATHERS US AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESURRECTION GREETING

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (LBW p. 77) *Matthew 28:19; 1 John 1:8-10*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We confess our sins in the assurance and joy of God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts" (LBW #356)

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, The fount of life, the  
 2 Your truth un - changed has ev - er stood; You plead with all to  
 3 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, And long to feast up -  
 4 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, Wher - e'er our chang - ing

light of all: From ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -  
 call on you; To those who seek you, you are  
 on you still; We drink of you, the foun - tain -  
 lot is cast; Glad, when your smile on us you

parts We turn, un - filled, to hear your call.  
 good; To those who find you, life is new.  
 head; Our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.  
 turn, Blest, when by faith we hold you fast.

5 O Jesus, ever with us stay!  
 Make all our moments fair and bright!  
 Oh, chase the night of sin away!  
 Shed o'er the world your holy light.

*Text: atr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808-1887, alt.  
 Tune: W. Gardiner, Sacred Melodies, 1815*

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

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

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

APOSTOLIC GREETING (LBW p. 78) *2 Corinthians 13:14*

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

KYRIE (“*Lord, have mercy...*” LBW pp. 78-79) *Matthew 9:27, 15:22; Psalm 51:1*

♩ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ♪ Lord, have mer - cy.

♩ For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

♪ Lord, have mer - cy.

♩ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

♪ Lord, have mer - cy.

♩ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. ♪ Lord, have mer - cy.

♩ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. ♪ A - men

# HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW pp. 81-82)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Mark 16:19; Acts 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 8:1, 12:2



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



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



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



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



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

SALUTATION (LBW p. 82) *Spoken by the pastor.*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 82) *Ruth 2:4*

Let us pray together: **O God, all good things can come from you alone; generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true, and direct us to accomplish what is right; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He 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: Acts 17:16-31 <sup>16</sup>Now while Paul was waiting for {Silas and Timothy} at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities” — because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?” <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. <sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are indeed his offspring.’ <sup>29</sup>Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

PSALM 66:7-18 - *Sung responsively with the cantor. (Psalm tone #9)*

<sup>7</sup>Bless our | God, you peoples;\*

make the voice of his praise | to be heard;

<sup>8</sup>**Who holds our | souls in life,\***

**and will not allow our | feet to slip.**

<sup>9</sup>For you, O | God, have proved us;\*

you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

<sup>10</sup>**You brought us in- | to the snare;\***

**you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**

<sup>11</sup>You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water;\*

but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

<sup>12</sup>**I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay | you my vows,\***

**which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.**

<sup>13</sup>I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the | smoke of rams;\*

I will give you ox- | en and goats.

<sup>14</sup>**Come and listen, all you | who fear God,\***

**and I will tell you what he has | done for me.**

<sup>15</sup>I called out to him | with my mouth,\*

and his praise was | on my tongue.

<sup>16</sup>**If I had found evil | in my heart,\***

**the Lord would | not have heard me;**

<sup>17</sup>But in truth | God has heard me;\*

he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.

<sup>18</sup>**Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,\***

**nor withheld his | love from me.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22 <sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup>having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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 fourteenth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: John 14:15-21 <sup>15</sup>{Jesus said,} "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL RESPONSE (LBW p. 83)

Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

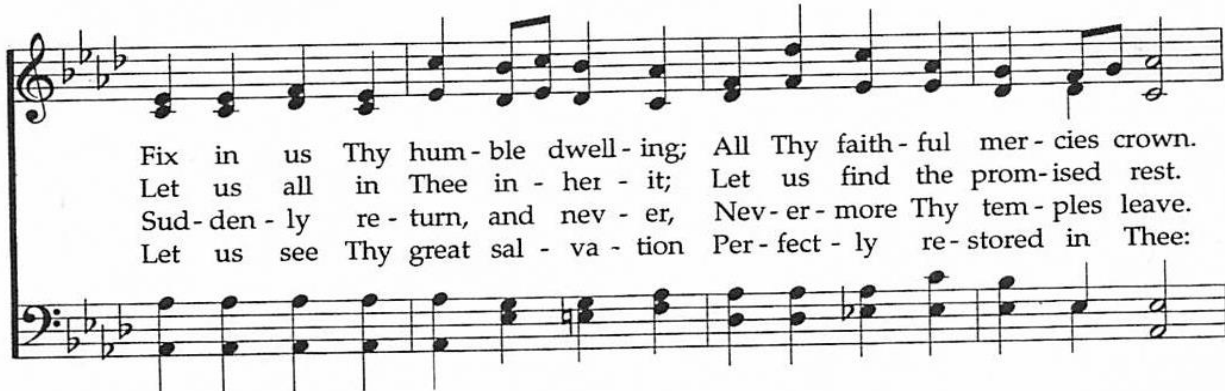
# GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*Please stand as you are able.*

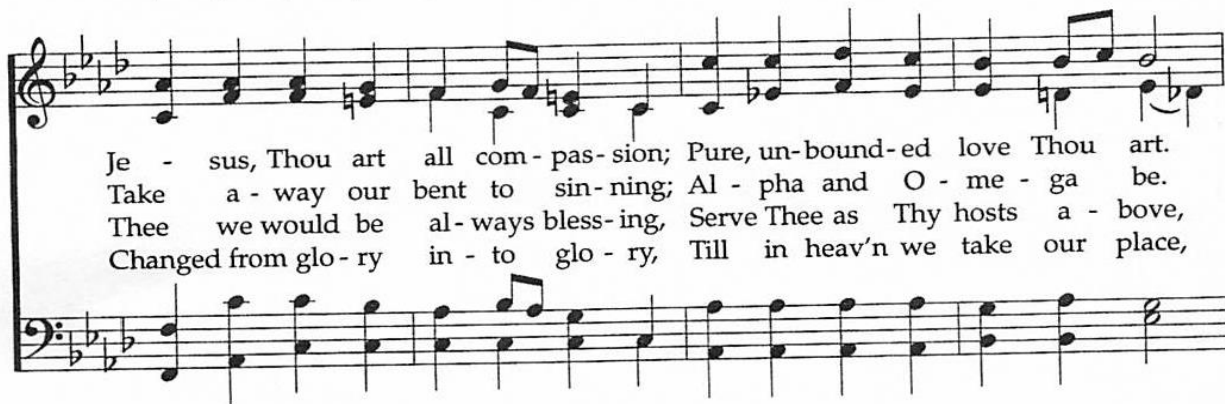
HYMN OF THE DAY: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (LBW #315)



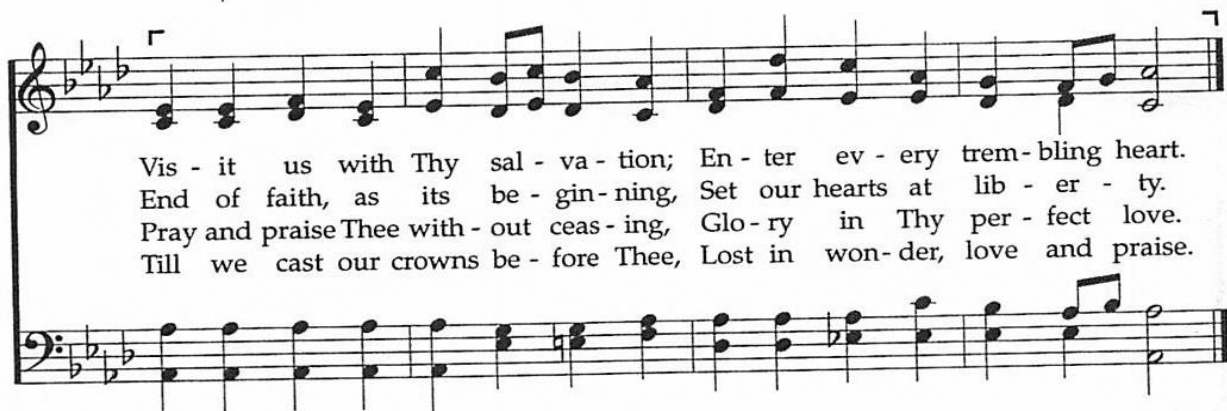
1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery trou - bled breast!  
3. Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us all Thy life re - ceive.  
4. Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less let us be.



Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing; All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
Let us all in Thee in - her - it; Let us find the prom - ised rest.  
Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.  
Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee:



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion; Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art.  
Take a - way our bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be.  
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove,  
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heav'n we take our place,



Vis - it us with Thy sal - va - tion; En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
End of faith, as its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
Pray and praise Thee with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
Till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love and praise.

TEXT: Charles Wesley  
MUSIC: John Zundel; Last stanza setting and Choral ending by Bill Wolaver  
A higher setting may be found at No. 93

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NICENE CREED (LBW p. 84) *Genesis 1-2; John 3:16; Luke 2; Acts 2*

Living together in the trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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 with SPECIAL MUSIC as available

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



*Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERTORY HYMN: "Let the Vineyards" (LBW p. 86)

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 87)

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. 68) *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, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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 (LBW Minister's Desk Edition p. 201-261)

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

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,

that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.

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 by families or groups to commune. The usher will direct you and offer you hand sanitizer.*

- *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 God’s Word alone.*

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

*After the elements are covered, please stand as you are able.*

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

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**



☐ 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

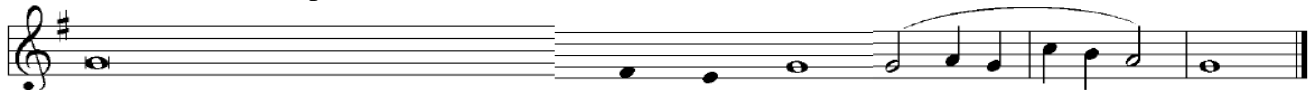


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p. 94)

Let us pray...Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION (LBW p. 95)



☩ The Lord bless you and keep you. A - - men  
 The Lord make his face shine on you  
 and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE**

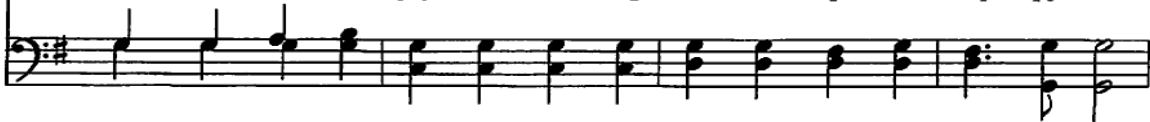
SENDING HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" (LBW #551)



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, Prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, All who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
 Chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in thee.  
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di-vine!



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 Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
Go in peace to share this good news. **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



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