



Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 16, 2023
Lutheran Book of Worship – Setting Two

GOD GATHERS US AS HIS HOLY PEOPLE

PRELUDE

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

We gather to worship the One true God – the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (LBW p. 77)

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.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

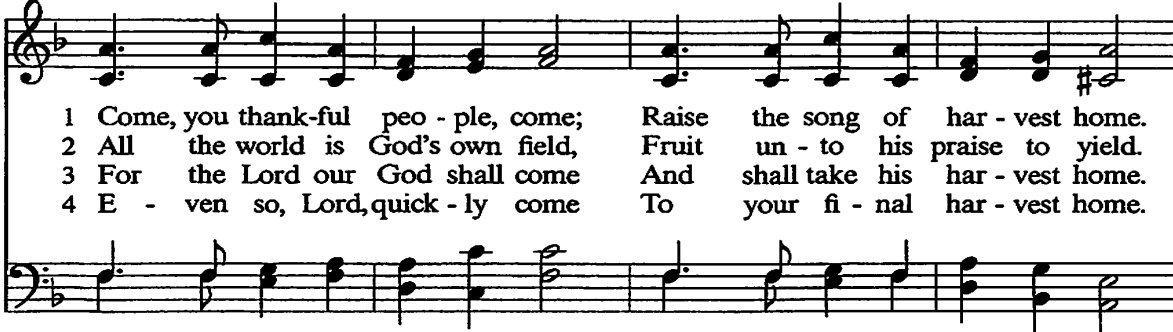
We keep silence for self-reflection and contrition.

Most merciful God,

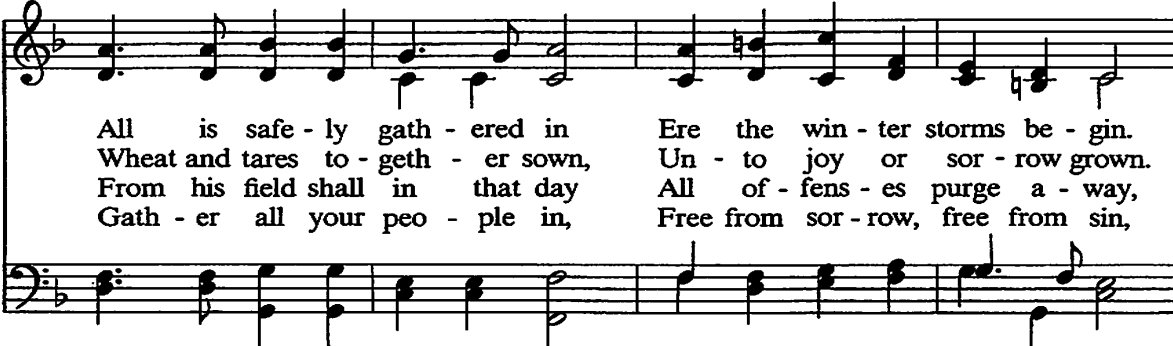
we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.**

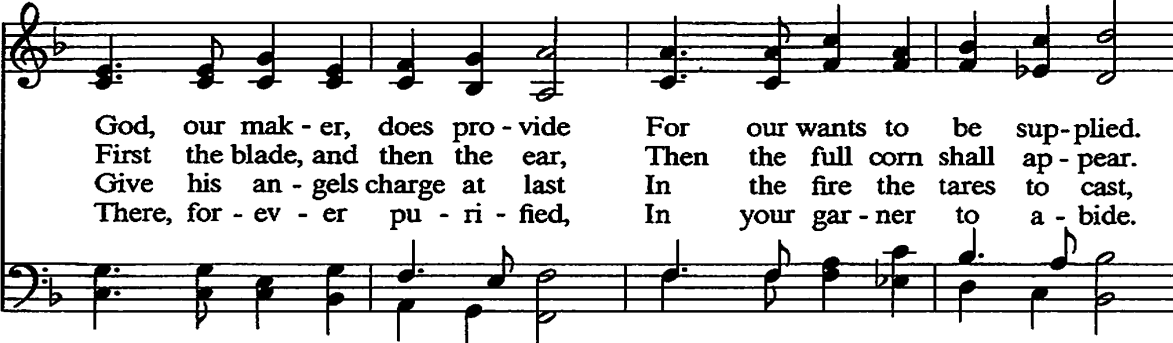
GATHERING HYMN: "Come, You Thankful People, Come" (LBW #407)



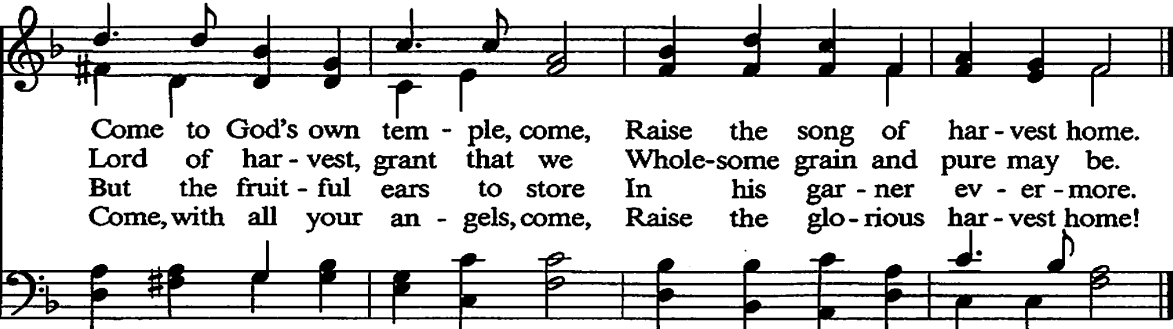
1 Come, you thank-ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to his praise to yield.
 3 For the Lord our God shall come And shall take his har - vest home.
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To your fi - nal har - vest home.



All is safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy - or sor - row grown.
 From his field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
 Gath - er all your peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, does pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 Give his an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
 There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In your gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
 But the fruit - ful ears to store In his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all your an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.
 Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

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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

SALUTATION (LBW p. 82) *Sung 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: **Richly inspire us, O Lord, to consider and accomplish what you see is good. For we know that we cannot live without you, but that with you, we shall prevail. And so, 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: Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

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

PSALM 65:1-14 *Sung responsively between cantor and congregation. (Tone #9)*

¹You are to be praised, O | God, in Zion;*

to you shall vows be performed | in Jerusalem.

²**To you that hear prayer shall | all flesh come,*
because of | their transgressions.**

³Our sins are strong- | er than we are,*
but you will | blot them out.

⁴**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your | courts to dwell there!***
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness | of your temple.

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of | our salvation,*
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are | far away.

⁶**You make fast the mountains | by your power;***
they are girded a- | bout with might.

⁷You still the roaring | of the seas,*
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor | of the peoples.

⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your | marvelous signs;***
you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for joy.

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it | very plenteous;*
the river of God is | full of water.

¹⁰**You pre- | pare the grain,***
for so you provide | for the earth.

¹¹You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;*
with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.

¹²**You crown the year | with your goodness,***
and your paths over- | flow with plenty.

¹³May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,*
and the hills be | clothed with joy.

¹⁴**May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and valleys cloak them- | selves with grain;***
let them shout for | joy and sing.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs - heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with 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. Matthew the thirteenth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear." ¹⁸{Jesus said to the disciples,} "Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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: "We Plow the Fields and Scatter" (LBW #362)

1 We plow the fields and scat - ter The good seed on the land,
2 He on - ly is the mak - er Of all things near and far;
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, For all things bright and good,

But it is fed and wa - tered By God's al - might - y hand.
He paints the way - side flow - er, He lights the eve - ning star.
The seed - time and the har - vest, Our life, our health, our food.

He sends the snow in win - ter, The warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o - bey him; By him the birds are fed.
No gifts have we to of - fer For all your love im - parts,

The breez - es and the sun - shine, And soft re - fresh - ing rain.
Much more to us, his chil - dren, He gives our dai - ly bread.
But what you most would trea - sure— Our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

Refrain
All good gifts a - round us Are sent from heav'n a - bove.

Then thank the Lord, oh, thank the Lord For all his love.

Text: Matthias Claudius, 1740-1815; tr. Jane M. Campbell, 1817-1878, alt.
Tune: Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747-1800

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



☞ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. 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... Blessed are you, **O Lord, our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave 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, 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 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 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, 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 (adapted from SBH p. 13) & BENEDECTION (LBW p. 95)

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.

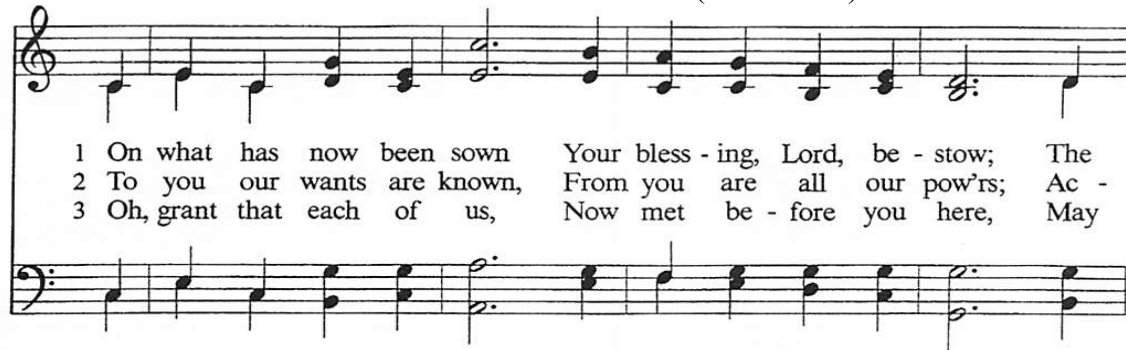


☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

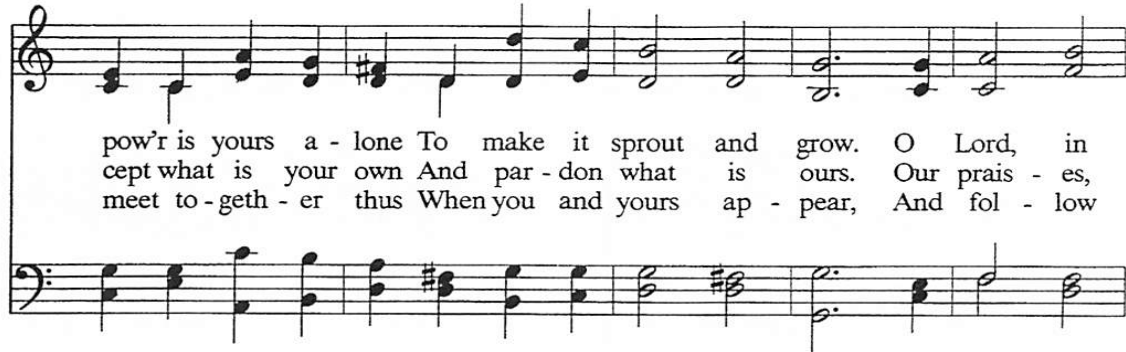
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GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

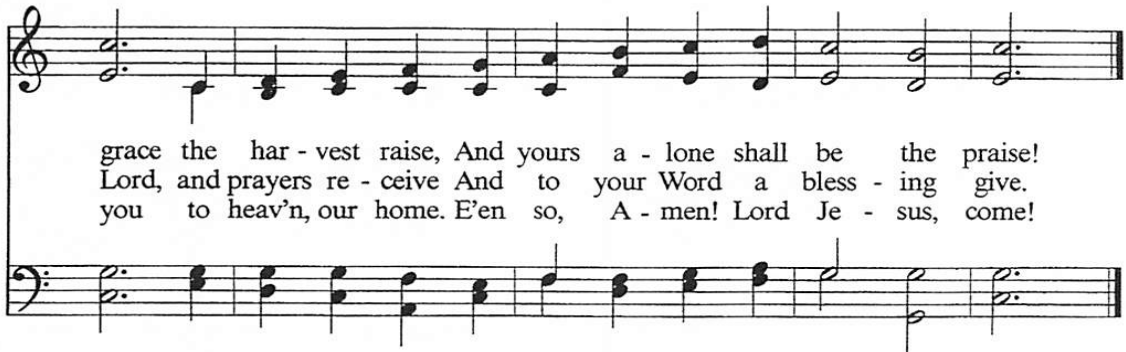
SENDING HYMN: "On What Has Now Been Sown" (LBW #261)



1 On what has now been sown Your bless - ing, Lord, be - stow; The
 2 To you our wants are known, From you are all our pow'rs; Ac -
 3 Oh, grant that each of us, Now met be - fore you here, May



pow'r is yours a - lone To make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
 cept what is your own And par - don what is ours. Our prais - es,
 meet to - geth - er thus When you and yours ap - pear, And fol - low



grace the har - vest raise, And yours a - lone shall be the praise!
 Lord, and prayers re - ceive And to your Word a bless - ing give.
 you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

*Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.
 Tune: John Darwall, 1731-1789*

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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

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