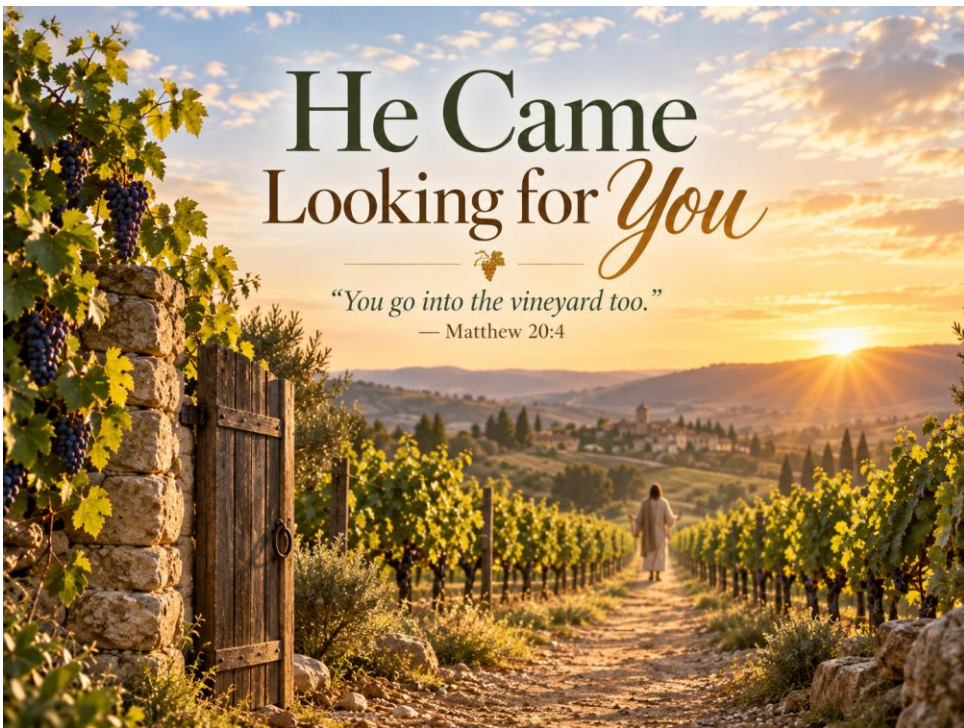




Risen Christ Lutheran Church
17th Sunday after Pentecost Worship
September 20, 2026 10am

**As you enter the sanctuary, please use these moments for quiet prayer
and preparation as we gather in the presence of the Lord
to receive His gifts.**



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but that in Christ, God came looking for us.*

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ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION – Holy Communion is normally celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays and on other festival or special Sundays. We believe that Christ's true body and blood are received in the Sacrament for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. Because Scripture also warns against receiving the Sacrament in an unworthy manner, communicants should repent of their sins, trust Christ's words and promises, and desire to forgive and live in Christian love toward others. Baptized Christians who share this confession and have examined themselves are welcome to commune with us. Please speak with Pastor Rennie if you have questions. The bread is distributed before the individual and common cups of wine. White nonalcoholic wine is located in the center of the tray.

OFFERING – Through the offerings of His faithful people, our Lord provides for the ongoing work of His Church. If you are a visitor, we are glad that you came to be served by the Lord this day. If you choose to contribute to the ongoing work of the Gospel, we give thanks that God has moved you to contribute toward the work of sharing the Gospel here in Plymouth and around the world! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting www.RisenChrist.info

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS – Welcome! We are grateful that you are worshiping with us. Please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. Indicate on the card whether you would appreciate a call or other contact from Pastor Rennie.

Large Print Bulletins – Available from an usher.

Listening Assistance Devices – Available at the Sound Booth.

Parent Room – A row of seating and plenty of area for standing or walking is available in the Welcome Area/Lobby ("Narthex")

For Children – Children's Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

As We Gather – Today we gather with old friends and new around the gifts only Christ can give. Jesus tells us of a master who keeps going out to call workers into his vineyard, while Isaiah announces a Lord who draws near to sinners and **abundantly pardons**. God's grace does not keep score. He comes to us in Jesus Christ, who sought us, bore our sin, rose from the dead, and still gathers His people through His Word and Sacraments.

On this Friendship Sunday, we also rejoice to welcome new members and to hear an adult confirmand publicly confess the Christian faith. Whether you have worshiped here for decades or are with us for the first time, the same good news is for us all: **the Master still goes out. Christ still calls. His mercy is greater than anything we could ever earn.** We gather, therefore, not to show God what we bring, but to receive what He freely gives us in Jesus.

Welcome and Announcements

Face the Processional Cross at the rear of the sanctuary

Holy, Holy, Holy



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

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

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v. 17

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.

What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.

Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.

O LORD, I am your servant;

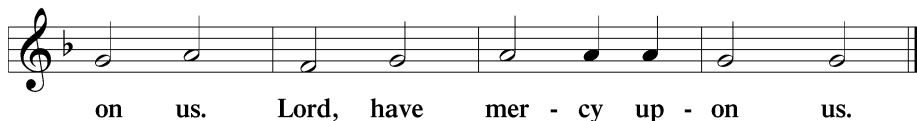
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.



Kyrie



Gloria in Excelsis



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you. **C** And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:6–9

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 27:1–9; antiphon: v. 4a

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**²When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

**⁴One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

**⁶And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;**

I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, LORD, do I seek.”

⁹Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

Epistle

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel,

¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live

is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1–16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?' ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sermon – “He Came Looking for You” *based on today's readings.*

1. The Master still goes out looking.

- Jesus' master repeatedly goes into the marketplace and calls workers into his vineyard.
- Long before we thought about looking for God, **God came looking for us.**
- His invitation is still: **“Come.”**

2. God's grace does not work according to our scorekeeping.

- The first workers expected more because they had worked longer.
- We also compare, measure, and think our service, experience, or faithfulness ought to count for something.
- Jesus asks: **“Do you begrudge My generosity?”**

3. God's thoughts are higher because His mercy is greater.

- “My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways.”
- We measure what people deserve.
- God **abundantly pardons.**
- His grace is scandalous and unthinkable because it is given to sinners who cannot earn it.

4. In Jesus Christ, God came near to save us.

- The righteous One took the place of the unrighteous.
- Christ carried our sins to the cross and rose again.
- He still comes near through **His Word, Baptism, Absolution, and His Holy Supper.**

5. Grace comes first; Christian living follows.

- “To live is Christ.”
- We do not serve in order to earn grace.
- We serve because grace has already been given.
- We confess Christ because **He has made us His own.**

6. We all stand before Christ in the same way.

- The lifelong Christian is not saved by longevity.
- The new member is not saved by membership.
- The confirmand is not saved by answering correctly.
- The pastor is not saved by preaching.
- **We are all saved the same way: by Christ.**

7. The Master came looking for you.

- He called you.
- He forgives you.
- He gives you what you could never earn.
- With the forgiveness of sins comes life with God, peace with God, and the sure hope of eternal life.

Key Verse – “You go into the vineyard too.” Matthew 20:4

Sermon Theme – The astonishing thing is not that we found our way to God, but that in Christ, God came looking for us.

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
C Amen.

Michael Dempster's Testimony and Confirmation Verse

† THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION †

- P** You have been baptized and have been taught the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding in Matthew 28.

Jesus also said: *"Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven."*

Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, confirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord, one God, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit? If so, then proclaim your faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed with the rest of the congregation."

Apostles' Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
P I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
 and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

- P** Do you hold the books of the Bible, to be the inspired Word of God, and that the teachings of the Lutheran Church - as you have learned them in our classes, from the Bible itself and the Small Catechism - are faithful and true to God's Holy Word? **R** Yes, I do.
- P** Do you acknowledge the gifts which God gave you in your Baptism - namely the "forgiveness of sins" and the "gift of the Holy Spirit?" **R** Yes, I do.
- P** Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways? **R** Yes, I do renounce them.
- P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this faith and in the Body of Christ, using your spiritual gifts and trusting in God's promise in Rev. 2:10: *"Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life."* **R** Yes, with the help of God
- P** Michael, you have confirmed your faith, is it your desire to be a faithful member of the Body of Christ as an active communicant member of Risen Christ Lutheran Church, a congregation of the LC-MS?
- R** I do so confirm my faith and my desire!"
- P** We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. **C** Amen.

The catechumen kneels to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:

P Michael, God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you his Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification and the fear of God.

C Amen.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

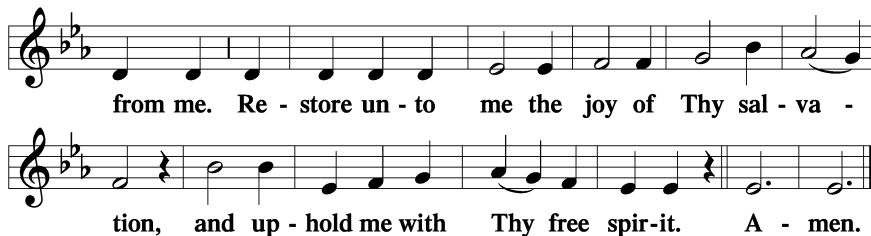
Elder: Upon this, your profession and promise, I invite and welcome you, as a brother in Christ, and as a member of Risen Christ Lutheran Church, to share with us in all the gifts our Lord has for his Church. (TO THE CONGREGATION) Let's all welcome Michael.

P The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and keep you, and enable you always *"to grow in the grace and knowledge of your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."* (2 Peter 3:18)

Reception of New Members *(Open the New Member Insert to follow the Rite)*

Offertory

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



Offering – ONLINE GIVING is available at www.RisenChrist.info – Whether you are a visitor or a member, please turn in a **Worship Card** so we may know whom the Lord has served with His Word.

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

CHORUS

CHORUS: Great is Thy faithfulness Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me

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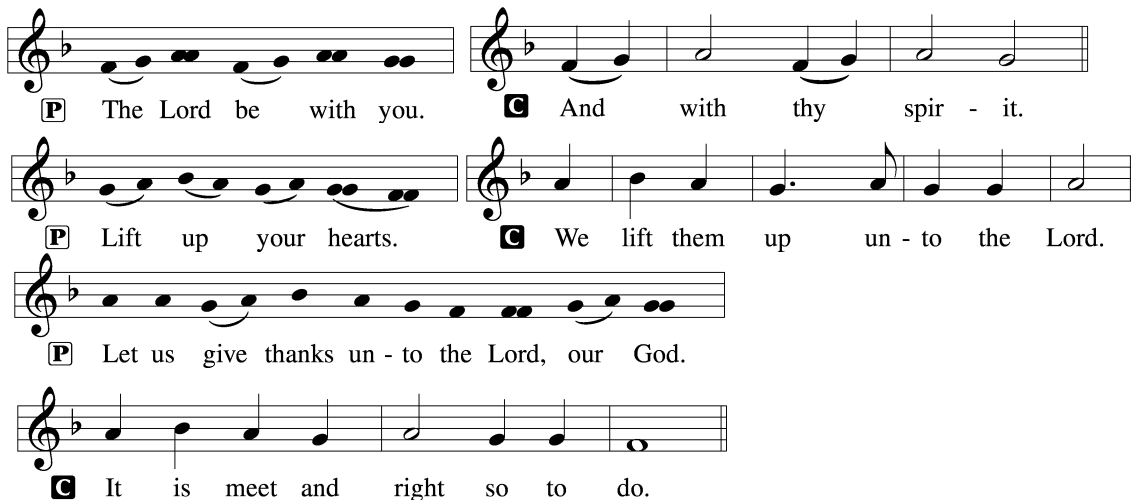
Doxology

Prayer of the Church

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For wisdom from the Word of God, that we may lead fruitful lives in the midst of a foolish world, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** That we would learn to become like our divine Master, who puts the last first, pardons sinners and works death into great gain for His servants, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all who serve in the Lord's kingdom, that we would be ever mindful that it is only by grace we are privileged to serve in it, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** That Christ would be honored in our bodies, whether by life as we serve Him without fear, or by departing this life to be with Him, which is far better, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this nation, that the Lord would bless all people in their callings and in service to their neighbors; and for all authorities, that they would serve on behalf of the defenseless, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who are sick, depressed, lonely, ignored, shut in or in hospice care, [*especially _____*], that God would keep them in the certainty that to live is Christ and to die is gain, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For all who commune this day, that they may receive our Savior's body and blood in faith for the forgiveness of their sins, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For pastors who serve us these sacred mysteries, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For Michael, confirmed in the Christian faith this day; for the brothers and sisters received into our congregation; and for all our friends and guests, that Christ would keep us steadfast in His Word, strengthen us in faith, and gather us ever more closely around His gifts, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Preface



P The Lord be with you. **C** And with thy spir - it.

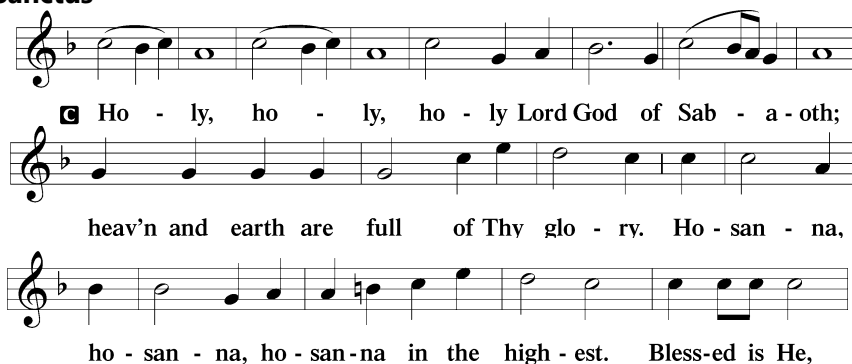
P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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.

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** Amen.

Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



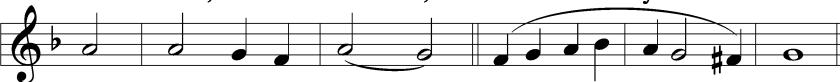
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my vision
O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me
Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought
By day or by night
Waking or sleeping
Thy presence my light

2. Be Thou my wisdom
Be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee
And Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father
I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling
And I with Thee one

3. Be Thou my shield
And my sword for the fight
Be Thou my dignity
Be Thou my might
Thou my soul's shelter
And Thou my high tow'r
Raise Thou me heav'nward
O pow'r of my pow'r

4. Riches I heed not
Nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance
Now and always
Thou and Thou only
Be first in my heart
High King of heaven
My treasure Thou art

5. High King of heaven
When vict'ry is won
May I reach heaven's joys
O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart
Whatever befall
Still be my vision
O Ruler of all

Give Me Jesus

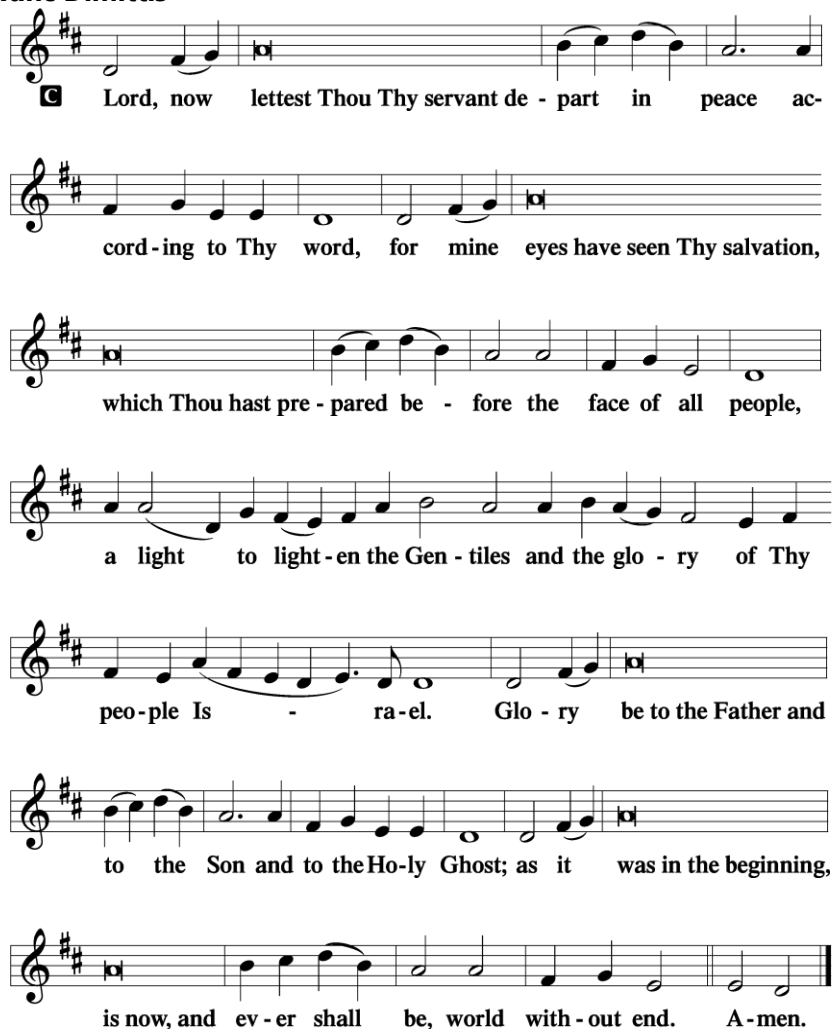
1. In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
Give me Jesus

***CHORUS: Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all this world
(But give me Jesus)***

2. And when I am alone
Oh and when I am alone
And when I am alone
Give me Jesus **CHORUS**

3. And when I come to die
Oh and when I come to die
And when I come to die
Give me Jesus **CHORUS**

Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, **C** and His mercy endureth forever.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out
The universe displayed

***CHORUS: Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art***

2. And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin ***CHORUS***

3. When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art ***CHORUS***

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Benedicamus

- A** Bless we the Lord.
- G** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- G** Amen.

***Please stay for our annual Friendship Sunday Meal
with music and games in the Fellowship Hall!***

Prayer Over Meal – Gracious heavenly Father, You have gathered us this day around Your Word and the gifts of Your Son, and now You gather us around this table of fellowship. We thank You for every friend and guest, for those received into our congregation today, and for the fellowship we share in Christ. Bless this food and all who have prepared and provided it. Bless our conversation, our laughter, our music and our time together, and deepen among us the love that comes from You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

G Amen

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