

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 6, 2025**

IN THE NAME OF JESUS, WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!

10:00 a.m.



THE ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE

O Holy Spirit, Enter In
Setting: Keith Kolander

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

LSB 913

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| <p>1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,
And in our hearts Your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we may be
Truly living,
To You giving
Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.</p> | <p>2 Give to Your Word impressive pow'r,
That in our hearts from this good hour
As fire it may be glowing,
That in true Christian unity
We faithful witnesses may be,
Your glory ever showing.
Hear us, cheer us
By Your teaching;
Let our preaching
And our labor
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.</p> |
| <p>3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
In us be strongly burning
That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith,
From You true wisdom learning.
Your grace and peace
On us shower;
By Your power
Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior's blessing.</p> | |

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

Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God,
**You have built Your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with
Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send Your messengers to
preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your
Church may be kept free from all harm and danger; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. Amen.**



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON (Be seated)

Isaiah 65:1-9

“Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her;
that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious abundance.”

For thus says the LORD:

“Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,
and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip,
and bounced upon her knees.

As one whom his mother comforts,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bones shall flourish like the grass;
and the hand of the LORD shall be known to his servants,
and he shall show his indignation against his enemies.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:1-7 (sung responsively)

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!

Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.
All the earth worships you

and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name.”

Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.
He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
There did we rejoice in him,
who rules by his might forever,
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—
let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

**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.**

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load.

One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. . . .

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ALLELUIA VERSE (Stand)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 10:1-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter

Glory to You, O Lord.

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

“The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON (Be seated)

Grace, mercy and peace be to you from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus. Amen. Dear friends in Christ:

The Gospel lesson just read tells of 72 workers that the Lord Jesus appointed and sent to do ministry in his name. Their task was to prepare for Jesus’ appearance in the towns and villages through which he would soon travel as he made his way from Galilee to Jerusalem. We don’t know who these 72 were. But we’re told that they saw and did amazing things! And we get to hear some of the instructions and messages that Jesus gave them.

At the time of this sending, Jesus had already established a strong foundation to his ministry. He had taught and sent out the 12 apostles and had heard them make a correct confession of faith – the one we heard Peter make last Sunday. He had performed many miracles, taught great crowds, engaged many people, and been transfigured on the mountain as a sign of his glory. Jesus was now at the point where he had set his face toward Jerusalem for his great final acts – his sacrificial death and his glorious resurrection.

Noting this context, we see how the sending of the 72 seems to be a broadening of Jesus’ mission efforts. Jesus’ mission is to the whole world, and this mission will need far more workers than just 12 apostles. The 72 can therefore serve as an example for us today of those who lead in the church but may not have the status of the church’s top leaders. Here we think of those who are commissioned and called as teachers, deacons, directors, and various other workers in the church. Such workers fill important needs while utilizing their specific skills. And each contributes greatly to the overall health and ministry of the church.

That being said, the 72 can also serve as a sign of the calling to each follower of Christ. For we are all to be workers in Christ's kingdom. We are all to share our gifts and serve as Christ has served us – understanding ourselves as being in mission along with our Lord Jesus. Christ gives this calling to every believer.

In the verses immediately proceeding our Gospel reading, Jesus interacts with three anonymous believers who each express a desire to follow Jesus but who also place conditions on their following. Jesus says to them: *“No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God”* (9:62). His words here show that following includes serving; and serving requires full commitment.

Working in Jesus' kingdom will accomplish great good. And workers will witness great things. When people are healed through Christ's Gospel message, Satan falls from heaven.

The rejoicing of the 72 in today's reading captures the good feelings that come from working with Jesus. And notice that Jesus rejoices in this too.

But Jesus also knows that his children will need help and correction along the way. In today's reading, Jesus gives such help and correction as he reminds his workers to rejoice not in the power they possess but in their salvation. Christ's followers must keep things in proper perspective. Yes, they have been given the power of the Spirit. But their greatest gift is knowing that their names have been written in heaven.

Today's second reading, from the Book of Galatians, also gives words of direction to kingdom workers. These verses follow the letter's first five chapters, where Paul presents and explains the important topic of justification – the teaching of how we are declared to be righteous and innocent before God because of Christ's intervention on our behalf. This is the teaching which Paul alludes to near the end of today's reading where he mentions *“the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world”* (6:14). These words remind us how we are justified because of Jesus' self-offering on the cross.

In chapter six, the book's concluding chapter, Paul first gives a number of short statements describing how we are to interact with one another under God's grace. Then he finishes with final words of comfort and encouragement. The chapter serves as a kind of last word to Paul's hearers, much as Jesus added his last word when speaking to the 72.

About these final words, note how Paul, near the very end, mentions those who “*walk by this rule.*” The word “rule” here is not a law but rather a message. The early church often used the term “rule of faith” as a synonym for the Gospel’s teachings. This verse seems to be one of the reasons for this.

Paul’s descriptions in this chapter, of how we are to interact together as Christians, can be summarized in four points. For the rest of the sermon, we’ll work through these points.

First, Paul shares how Christians are to deal with those among them that sin. He says: “*Brothers (and this word here is shorthand for everyone), if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness.*” Paul then says: “*Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.*” This additional statement is added to remind everyone of their own capacity to sin, lest they be too judgmental.

I recently read a book which included a story about a Puritan woman, in an English territory years ago, who didn’t like her brother-in-law and one day found a way to knock him down. Walking along the street she happened to overhear him cursing in his anger towards another person. Because of what he said, she knew she could file blasphemy charges against him with the church. And she did this. The penalty she demanded – which she could get make because of her position in society, and which was granted because of the same – was to have the letter B branded on his face.

Obviously, this is not restoring someone with a spirit of gentleness. And thankfully there don’t seem to be any authorities among us who would engage in such efforts. But there are still plenty of people who insist that sinners should be shamed, vilified and humiliated. This strategy may work to deter future sin. And then again, it might not. What it does, most certainly, is to break relationships and tear down individuals. Those who bear such scars usually don’t recover.

Yes, punishments may need to be given. But efforts of restoration should be given too. Paul says that this should be done by “*you who are spiritual.*” This phrase perhaps points to the church’s unique role of restoration in a society. Or perhaps it points to the responsibility of those who have leadership positions within the family and within the church.

Paul’s second word of direction to the church is to “*bear one another’s burdens.*” This is a beautiful phrase – one that we Christians use quite often and one that I heard in a conversation with one of you just this past Sunday.

Paul clarifies the meaning of this phrase by adding: *“and so fulfill the Law of Christ.”* This is the law we heard Jesus give in our reading a few Sundays ago from John 13 where he said: *“a new commandment I give to you: that you love one another.”*

Paul references this teaching of Jesus in many of his other letters too. In First Corinthians 13 he notes that *“love bears all things”* and in Ephesians and Colossians he tells his readers to *“bear with one another.”*

Showing a love which bears the burdens of others is not easy. But we benefit from this teaching too, because we all have burdens.

When we bear one another’s burdens, we put the law of love into practice. This is the teaching that moves us to do things such as attending the funerals of our fellow church members, lending a hand on a board or committee, and giving offerings for our work together.

When Paul expands further on this thought, he does so by giving us a warning. His warning is against thinking too highly of ourselves. Paul knows that thinking this way can lead us to believe we don’t need to help others. His words are a way of reminding us that everyone has burdens to bear and that we will all benefit from this teaching.

If we need further motivation to live this way, we should recall that Jesus bore the greatest of all burdens on our behalf. The Book of Hebrews tells of *“Christ having been offered once to bear the sins of many”* (9:28). He bore these sins in his body on the cross.

Near the end of his letter to the Galatians, Paul brings this idea full circle by saying: *“for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus”* (6:17). Here Paul may be referring to his baptism, at which time a person is marked with the cross of Christ. But he also certainly has in mind the wounds and scars he received in the service of Jesus. These now remind him that he will survive the carrying of any burden. For he may have scars, but he is alive. And he belongs to Christ.

A third point made by Paul in today’s reading is that Christians should support their teachers. Paul says: *“Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches.”*

Paul knows the value of education, and he knows that the lessons taught by Jesus are the most valuable of all. But he observed that teachers of this knowledge were often underpaid. This is why he goes on to strongly state: *“Do not be deceived: God is not*

mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap." In other words, God has given the Gospel as the greatest of all gifts, and if we fail to invest in this gift we will miss out.

The Gospel allows people to grow and thrive. In the Clint Eastwood movie *Pale Rider*, a western town's boss, upon hearing from his deputies that there was a preacher circulating among the people, said to them: "you've got to get rid of that guy. We can't have a preacher here. A preacher will give the people spirit and hope. They'll start believing in themselves and want more. We can't be having that around here."

God wants his people to do well. And he wants this for all his people, not just some. Thus Isaiah says: *"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns'"* (Is. 52:7).

Finally, in a fourth point made in these verses of Galatians, Paul urges Christian people not to *"grow weary of doing good."* And to explain to us why we should make this our goal, Paul then uses the same language of sowing and reaping that he used in his third point. This time, however, he uses it not as a warning but as a promise, saying: *"For in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."*

The older I get, the more I understand that phrase *"grow weary."* Weariness comes as the body ages. But it also seems to come as the mind gets fuller and fuller.

In a way, being tired is a natural state. For even young people get tired. But in another way, it isn't natural, since it comes as a result of humanity's fall into sin. For this reason we need to resist fatigue when it urges us to stop doing those things which are holy and right. Doing good to others is a holy calling, and this is a calling we should continue our whole life.

To this calling, Paul then adds two clarifications. First, he says that we should do good *"as we have opportunity."* Such opportunities will certainly arise. But until they do, we should focus on caring for ourselves. Self-care is essential too.

Secondly, Paul says that we should do these good things *"especially to those who are of the household of faith."* Here Paul uses family language to help us prioritize our care. Logically, we are in the best position to care for our most immediate neighbors, and this means our family.

Seeking to follow this teaching, we at St. Paul's give our offerings and efforts to both church groups and non-church groups. But we prioritize those which most clearly and

literally proclaim the Gospel. And we lean, too, towards helping those we know – since those are the ones whose needs we know best.

The four points made by Paul in today's reading each describe how we are to live together in Christ's kingdom as people who know of our salvation through the Gospel message. As Christians, the Gospel informs everything we do. And Paul mentions this salvation yet again in his closing words to the Galatians as he says: *"For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation"* (6:15).

The mention of circumcision given here references a point Paul made earlier in his letter. But his key idea in this statement is that of the *"new creation."* When a person knows the Gospel and has been saved from their sins, they are created anew. Paul states this specifically in his second letter to the Corinthians, where he says: *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation"* (5:17-18).

Thanks be to God who has forgiven our sins and reconciled us to himself! And thanks be to God who teaches us how to live together as his people.

May God now lead us to live wisely and generously in the light of his grace.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY (Stand) *Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure* LSB 533

- 1 Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal,
 Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End;
 Godhead, humanity, union supernal,
 O great Redeemer, You come as our friend!
 Heaven and earth, now proclaim this great wonder:
 Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!**
- 2 Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder!
 Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear.
 See Him burst through with a voice as of thunder!
 He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
 Lifts us from shame to the place of His honor.
 Jesus has come! Hear the roll of God's thunder!**

- 3 Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer.
See now the threatening strong one disarmed!
Jesus breaks down all the walls of death's fortress,
Brings forth the pris'ners triumphant, unharmed.
Satan, you wicked one, own now your master!
Jesus has come! He, the mighty Redeemer!**
- 4 Jesus has come as the King of all glory!
Heaven and earth, O declare His great pow'r,
Capturing hearts with the heavenly story;
Welcome Him now in this fast-fleeting hour!
Ponder His love! Take the crown He has for you!
Jesus has come! He, the King of all glory!**

APOSTLES' CREED

LSB, back cover

**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.**

**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.**

OFFERING

***Offerings** support the church's mission work – both here and through our many partners. Offerings may be placed in the box at the sanctuary entrance or sent to the church through our website or the mail. **Fellowship Cards** help us welcome new people and track participation. Please fill one out and place it in the offering box following the service.*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For laborers in God's kingdom, that the Lord of the harvest would send many more into His vineyard to proclaim peace and the coming of His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Spirit's work among all Christians, that as they bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ they would never grow weary in doing good and would scorn all boastfulness so that the Spirit's harvest of eternal life might come to fruition in due season, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian homes, that the proclamation of peace would take root therein so that all husbands and wives would love and honor one another and all children would be nurtured in fear and faith toward God's name; and that the kingdom of God would indeed draw near to us all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For a spirit of gratitude at the birthday of our nation; for our nation's continued blessing and for the blessing of all who govern her; and that all the nations would be given an end to violence and terror and be guided to work toward the common good and for the sake of those most vulnerable, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For thankfulness in God's provision and care for creation; and for our task as stewards of the earth, that as the heavens above and the sun in its course declare God's glorious handiwork so we would declare his glory as we honor his commands, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick, the suffering, the grieving and the dying; and for all those on our prayer list and those we name in our hearts at this time... that they may be given patience in their afflictions and faith in the Lord's sufficient grace through the day of trouble to everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who commune at the Lord's altar this day, that they may receive the abundant comfort and satisfaction God once promised to His people of old in Jerusalem and has now fulfilled in our Lord's body and blood, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

How awesome are Your deeds, O Lord. You have planted us and directed us to pray that You would send workers into Your vineyard. And You have answered that prayer through Your Son and His Church. As Your kingdom draws nearer each day, teach us to boast only in the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ, rejoicing that our names are written in heaven; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

(LSB 955)

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with Your presence, and give us
A foretaste of the feast to come.**



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE (Stand)

LSB 208-210

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now

risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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

LSB 208

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

**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

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

**1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

THE COMMUNION (Be seated)

Those wishing to commune at the foot of the steps should come forward first. Those wishing to commune at the altar rail should come forward after these, front rows first, from both sides of the aisle. After receiving, all should return to their seats. A common dismissal will be given at the end.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

LSB 641

Refrain

**You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.**

**1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when You call Your fam'ly, Lord,
We follow and rejoice. *Refrain***

**2 With joyful lips we sing to You
Our praise and gratitude
That You should count us worthy, Lord,
To share this heav'nly food. *Refrain***

**3 Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
Our oneness in the Lord? *Refrain***

**4 The myst'ry of Your presence, Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain***

**5 You give Yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in Your name
In truth and charity. *Refrain***

**1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

PRAYER (Stand)

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB 685

**1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.**

**2 Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.**

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.

Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,

Give to us immortal breath.

Let us mortify all passion

That would lead us into sin;

And the grave that shuts us in

Shall but prove the gate to heaven.

Jesus, here with You I die,

There to live with You on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.

He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.

Jesus, You are now our head.

We are Your own living members;

Where You live, there we shall be

In Your presence constantly,

Living there with You forever.

Jesus, let me faithful be,

Life eternal grant to me.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata in F
Dietrich Buxtehude

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