

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

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

8:00 A.M. & 10:30 a.m.



*THE ENTRANCE RITE*

*PRELUDE*

*Processional in E Flat Major*  
David Johnson

*WELCOME*

*ENTRANCE HYMN*

*Christ Be My Leader*

LSB 861

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;  
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.  
Gladly I follow, my future His care,  
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.**
  
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,  
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.  
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,  
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.**
  
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain  
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.**

*INVOCATION*

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

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Kneel. Silence is observed for reflection and self-examination.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy upon us. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.**

*KYRIE (Stand)*

LSB 944

For the peace from above and for our salvation; and for the peace of the whole world and the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

**Kyrie Eleison; Christe Eleison; Kyrie Eleison.** (*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.*)

For the well-being of the Church of God; and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

**Kyrie Eleison; Christe Eleison; Kyrie Eleison.**

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Kyrie Eleison; Christe Eleison; Kyrie Eleison.**

- 1 **Splendor and honor, majesty and power  
Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev'ry blessing,  
For by Your bidding was the whole creation  
Called into being.**
- 2 **Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our redemption,  
By whose self-off'ring we are made God's people:  
A priestly kingdom, from all tongues and nations,  
Called to God's service.**
- 3 **To the Almighty, throned in heav'nly splendor,  
And to the Savior, Christ our Lamb and Shepherd,  
Be adoration, praise, and glory given,  
Now and forever.**

*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O merciful Lord,

**You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us  
courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, 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)*

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against

you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(8:00) ANTHEM*

*Jubilation Choir*

*Day by Day  
One and All Rejoice 278*

- 1 Day by day, Your mercies, Lord, attend me,  
Bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, You send me  
Draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.  
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
Brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
Where, at last, I'll find eternal rest.
- 2 Day by day, I know You will provide me  
Strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
I will seek Your loving will to guide me  
O'er the paths I struggle day by day.  
I will fear no evil of the morrow;  
I will trust in Your enduring grace.  
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow;  
Till in glory I behold Your face.
- 3 Oh, what joy to know that You are near me  
When my burdens grow too great to bear;  
Oh, what joy to know that You will hear me  
When I come, O Lord, to You in prayer.  
Day by day, no matter what betide me,  
You will hold me ever in Your hand.  
Savior, with Your presence here to guide me,  
I will reach at last the promised land.

*(10:30) PSALM 1 (Sung responsively)*

Blessèd is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.  
The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

**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*

Philemon 1:1-21

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our  
fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your  
love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, and I pray  
that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every  
good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort

from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother— especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(10:30) CHILDREN'S SERMON*

*ALLELUIA VERSE (Stand)*

LSB 952

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

*GOSPEL*

Luke 14:25-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has

enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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 people had a grand vision. And after many years of pushing it forward, they eventually got their building started. As the structure began to rise, so did everyone's excitement; the tower they designed was going to be fantastic! But then the money got tight... and circumstances intervened... and the project bogged down. There it sat, for years, an embarrassment to everyone. It was not a good look.

But finally, 105 years after the first resolution to build and 30 years after the building commenced, the tower was finished. And today it still stands, strong and true. That tower is the Washington Monument – the one here in DC.

One might get the idea that our country, against the advice of Jesus in today's Gospel reading, did not count the cost when beginning this project. But of course, building costs are always hard to determine. And available funding can change. The Civil War presented a huge challenge too.

When Jesus uses the image of a tower in our reading, he does so to address another kind of building. Jesus speaks to how one is to build a life of discipleship.

Most of us readily agree that such building is an effort we should undertake. And that's because following our Lord and Savior Jesus by living according to his teachings is the right thing to do. The concept is sound.

But building this life won't be easy. And that's what Jesus wants us to understand through his illustration. We need to count the cost.

That cost, in Jesus' own words, is to *"renounce all that we have."* This sounds like a very high cost. And it is. But let's understand what Jesus actually means here.

Jesus' point is that nothing in our life is to be a higher priority than him. All else is to be so secondary that we would gladly give it up if we found it was keeping us from him.

Here we could do a little thinking about some of those things that might be hard for us to renounce. I'm sure we could come up with a long list.

But instead, let's reframe the teaching so that we think of the things Jesus wants us to pursue ... things that will help us with our building.

The Washington Monument is built with three kinds of stone. The foundation is made with bluestone gneiss (pronounced "nice") – gneiss is a hard and unattractive rock spelled GNEISS. The main construction of the tower is made of granite. And the facing is marble.

In a similar way, Jesus' words in today's reading suggest three different attributes that help us as we seek to build a healthy life of discipleship. Let's examine these and think about how they can each be solid and effective stones for use in our building.

The first of these "stones" is that of commitment. We are to commit to our Lord Jesus by renouncing all that pulls us away from him.

The importance of commitment is shown by Jesus' use of the word "hate." Jesus says: *"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."*

Here the word "hate" is best understood as hyperbole. Such heightened and exaggerated wording is meant to catch our attention and drive home Jesus' point. A few Sundays ago, we heard Jesus using similarly provocative language when telling us that he came not to bring peace but division. Jesus spoke this way on several occasions.

Without question, Jesus is much more about love than hate. We know this because many other scriptures make this abundantly clear. And Jesus wants us to love our families and ourselves too.

Still, when people put family and self ahead of Jesus and his teachings, this is not right. And such action deserves a strong rebuke.

Jesus' words push us to examine our commitment to him and his goals. Do we show commitment to him in our daily lives? Or do we just follow him and his teachings when it's convenient?

In discerning our commitment, perhaps we can think about the voices we listen to first? When we have decisions to make, do we turn first to the words and promises of Jesus? Or are there other voices in our lives which we seek out before his?

Pondering such questions is important. And part of our task today.

But let's now move on to the second "stone" Jesus would have us build with. That stone is sacrifice.

The idea of sacrifice is seen in Jesus' words: "*Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.*" It's also seen in his illustration of the tower and his warning to count the cost.

The message given here is that following Jesus will cost us effort. It will cost us freedom too. And not simply the efforts and freedoms that get us ahead in this world – like working harder at our jobs or giving up free time to accomplish more things. Here Jesus has in mind something much more important. Jesus points us to the sacrifices which come because of our faith. These are the sacrifices of our time and money and talents as we serve others and support his church. This is also the sacrifice of enduring persecution when it comes because of our faith.

The phrase "bearing the cross" – which Jesus uses here for a second time in his ministry – means carrying our life's burdens with faith and enduring the persecution that comes from being a disciple. Jesus' first use of the phrase reminds us that we are to take up this cross "daily."

Jesus' words should prompt us to consider whether we are making such sacrifices for the sake of our discipleship. Giving thought to this is another task for us on this day.

But let's now turn to that third "stone" which Jesus commends to us. This is the stone of uniqueness.

The thoughts behind this word come from Jesus' statement about salt. "*Salt is good,*" said Jesus, "*but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?*"

Salt is a unique substance in that it both preserves food and gives extra taste. Jesus undoubtedly has both of these qualities in mind when he uses this illustration.

Jesus is telling us here that his followers are meant to play an important role in preserving what is good in this world. They will preserve God's ways – meaning his teachings and commands. And through this preserving, they will preserve life itself.

Not only this, but they will also enhance life. They will make life better as they teach people to cooperate with one another, respect one another, trust one another and love one another.

This preservation and enhancement will only take place, however, if the salt doesn't lose its saltiness. I'm told that ancient salt, which was made of several chemicals dried from seawater, would quite often break down and lose its unique properties. In the same way, the follower of Christ whose faith and discipleship has eroded, then becomes ineffective in carrying out God's intended help.

Being a follower of Jesus means embracing his unique teachings and lifestyle. And this won't always be easy, since much of the world operates very differently.

Through his statements and illustrations in today's reading, Jesus warns us of the difficulties and travails of discipleship. "Counting the cost" means understanding that we won't always be accepted by others when we follow Christ. In fact, we'll often take hits and suffer losses.

One of these losses comes as we see other people using all their time, money and talent to build big towers for themselves. Their

Seeing what they have This can make us feel like we're missing out. And we begin to wonder whether the sacrifices of the Christian life are really worth it.

When we live as a disciple of Jesus, sometimes we'll also feel like we're missing out. We'll see other people keeping their time, money and talents for themselves, building themselves big towers, and we'll question whether the sacrifices we're making as a Christian are worth it.

Living as a disciple of Jesus will sometimes even make us feel like we're at war. Jesus' second illustration about counting the cost – the one where the king counts his troops to see if he can prevail in battle – is perhaps chosen to connect us with these feelings.

The fact of the matter is that we are at war. Jesus' call to discipleship is a call to battle. We need to accept this fact. But we also need to understand that the war we're to fight is not the one which often comes to mind.

We tend to think of the Christian battle as engaging in a war against the culture. We see the evils in the world and feel we should do something about them.

Christians can certainly fight these battles if they also maintain the proper humility and fight according to God's rules. But such battling is best done by individuals and not by churches, because churches have other priorities.

The greater battle – the one which the church is to prepare us for – is the battle which takes place inside us. This is the battle between those voices that urge us to live rightly and those which tell us that it doesn't really matter. This is the battle each of us has with temptation.

The battle with temptation is a difficult one. And sad to say, it's a battle we often lose.

About these losses, sometimes we'll find that a battle leaves us with a deep scar – perhaps a broken relationship or a shattered confidence. The scar becomes a visible and hurtful reminder of our failure.

But at other times, our losses seem like no big deal. These are the times when no one seems to know of our sin, or when they seemed to have no ill effects.

What we must realize, however, is that losing the battle against temptation always hurts us. And that's because sin chips away at our character and fractures our foundation. Sin always has consequences, whether we're aware of them or not.

These losses are troubling. Devastating, in fact. But thankfully we have a savior – one who brings us victory in the war despite our lost battles.

Our savior is Jesus – the king who counted the cost and won the war for us. Jesus prevailed through the bearing of his cross. On the cross he suffered the consequences of our sin – doing so willingly, out of love. This act of his paid the penalty of our sin.

Because of Christ's victory, heaven's gates are now open to us. All who trust in him share in his victory. We will live with him forever in the paradise to come.

With this faith in our hearts, our task now is to follow him as his disciple. And we do this well by following his call to commitment, sacrifice, and the embracing of his unique message. When our lives are built with these stones, they will be infinitely better.

In the year 1888, when the Washington monument was finally finished, the city of Washington held a grand celebration. The people dedicated the completed structure at its site, marched to the White House for several speeches, then marched to the Capitol for several more – all on a very cold February day. The people were joyful not only because they had finished their project, but also because they had built the tallest structure in the world.

As impressive as that great structure is, however, we will have done something even greater by living as a disciple of Jesus. Not only will we have gained entry to heaven,

where we will live in the presence of God and all the saints, singing and celebrating forever, but also because we will have pointed others to Jesus Christ, the world's savior, who is God's great monument of light and hope.

Jesus is the one who was truly committed to his task and to his people, and who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving his life, and who was uniquely qualified to do all that needed to be done. And he did all of this for us.

As we then consider the cost of our discipleship, may we also remember the cost Jesus has paid for us.

In his holy name. Amen.

*HYMN OF THE DAY (Stand)                      How Clear Is Our Vocation*

LSB 853

- 1    How clear is our vocation, Lord,  
      When once we heed Your call:  
      To live according to Your Word  
      And daily learn, refreshed, restored,  
      That You are Lord of all  
      And will not let us fall.**
  
- 2    But if, forgetful, we should find  
      Your yoke is hard to bear;  
      If worldly pressures fray the mind,  
      And love itself cannot unwind  
      Its tangled skein of care:  
      Our inward life repair.**
  
- 3    We marvel how Your saints become  
      In hindrances more sure;  
      Whose joyful virtues put to shame  
      The casual way we wear Your name  
      And by our faults obscure  
      Your pow'r to cleanse and cure.**
  
- 4    In what You give us, Lord, to do,  
      Together or alone,  
      In old routines or ventures new,  
      May we not cease to look to You,  
      The cross You hung upon—  
      All You endeavored done.**

**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

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, You have granted us great privilege and mercy that we should be called Your people. Work in us by Your Spirit, that we may love what is good and obey Your command cheerfully. Keep us from an easy faith that costs us nothing, and preserve us so that we may be the salt of the earth and light in the darkness of this world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, bless this congregation and all congregations of your Church. Watch over Matthew, our Synod president; Bill, our district president; and all servants of the Church, that they would be strengthened to cherish each member of Christ's Body as dearly beloved brothers and sisters. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You are our life and length of days, and You set before us Your gift of life in Your Holy Word. Preserve Your institutions of marriage and family according to this Word. Guard husbands and wives, parents and children, both from despising and from idolizing one another. Instead, let every relationship in the home exemplify Your unconditional love for us in Christ, and grant that all might follow Him in their service to one another. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give Your aid, O Lord, to all elected and appointed public officials, especially our president, the Congress of these United States, our diplomats and judiciary, our governor, the legislature of this commonwealth, and all who serve us in government. Grant peace to the nations; and prosper to the benefit of all people, the cause of justice. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, our King, You promise blessing to those who follow in Your way, yet You also call them to carry their crosses. Grant Your peace to those who suffer among us, especially Geraine, Sophia, Brooks, June, Peter, Wendy, James, Russell, Marvin, Yi, Val, Jeannie, Gil, Arlo, and all whom we name in our hearts at this time... Guide them by Your Word to follow Your way through the pains of this world to the glories of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, grant that all who come to the Lord's Supper this day may in faith receive Your Son's body and blood, and with it the forgiveness of sins, the desire to amend sinful lives, and the strength to confess the true faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, join these, our prayers and praises, with those of Your faithful servants of every time and place, and unite them in the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest, until He comes again in power and glory as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

*Create in Me*

(LSB 956)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence;  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**



*SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT*

*PREFACE (Stand)*

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord... 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 961)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessèd, blessèd, blessèd is He  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*

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.**

*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD*

*THE 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 peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

*AGNUS DEI*

(LSB 962)

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
grant us Your peace,  
grant us Your peace,  
grant us Your peace.**

*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*

*Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ*

LSB 565

- 1 Thy works, not mine, O Christ,  
Speak gladness to this heart;  
They tell me all is done,  
They bid my fear depart. *Refrain***

***Refrain***

To whom save Thee,  
Who canst alone  
For sin atone,  
Lord, shall I flee?

- 2 Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ,  
Can heal my bruised soul;  
Thy stripes, not mine, contain  
The balm that makes me whole. *Refrain***
- 3 Thy cross, not mine, O Christ,  
Has borne the crushing load  
Of sins that none could bear  
But the incarnate God. *Refrain***
- 4 Thy death, not mine, O Christ,  
Has paid the ransom due;  
Ten thousand deaths like mine  
Would have been all too few. *Refrain***
- 5 Thy righteousness, O Christ,  
Alone can cover me;  
No righteousness avails  
Save that which is of Thee. *Refrain***

- 1 Lord, bid Your servant go in peace,  
Your word is now fulfilled.  
    These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,  
    This child so long foretold.
- 2 This is the Savior of the world,  
The Gentiles' promised light,  
    God's glory dwelling in our midst,  
    The joy of Israel.
- 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,  
To You we lift our voice;  
    To Father, Son, and Spirit blest  
    Be honor, love, and praise.

PRAYER *(Stand)*

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

*Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

LSB 697

- 1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,  
And Christ shall give you light;  
So learn His love, its length and breadth,  
Its fullness, depth, and height.
- 2 To us on earth He came to bring  
From sin and fear release,  
To give the Spirit's unity,  
The very bond of peace.
- 3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved,  
Who died that He might save;  
With kind and gentle hearts forgive  
As God in Christ forgave.
- 4 For us Christ lived, for us He died,  
And conquered in the strife;  
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,  
And Christ shall give you life.

*ANNOUNCEMENTS (Be seated)*

*DISMISSAL*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*POSTLUDE*

*Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

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