

# Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church



## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 15, 2024, 10am Blessing of Teachers

**Welcome to Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church!** We greet one another as sisters and brothers in Christ and welcome all who may be visiting. We are delighted that you are here to worship, first time visitors, and encourage you to sign our guest book in the entry hall. Please fill out a visitor's card in the pew holders and place it in the offertory plate. HOLY COMMUNION is open to all who confess their faith in Jesus and acknowledge Him to be Lord. Those unable to partake of wine are assured the Church affirms our Lord's presence in, with and under the bread alone.

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *Let Us Break Bread Together*

James Kosnik

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**C** **Amen.**

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

**C** **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection*

**P** Gracious God,  
**C** **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**P** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C** **Amen.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN: #796: *How Firm a Foundation, O Saints of the Lord***

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

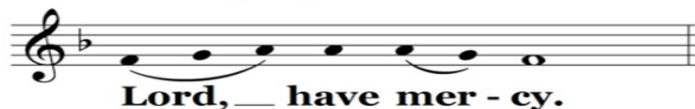
**C** **And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

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



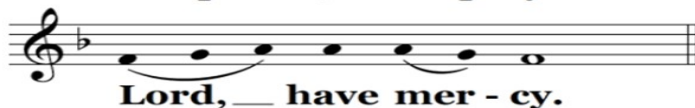
**AM:** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**AM:** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**AM:** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**AM:** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**HYMN OF PRAISE:** *Glory Be to God on High*



Je - sus Christ, we all ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Setting Ten Gloria, adapted.

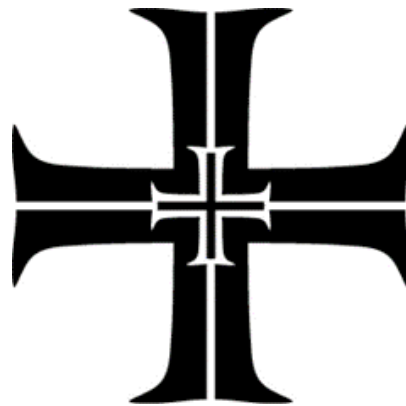
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapted.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **O God, through the suffering and rejection of your Son you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



## **BLESSING OF THE PARISH TEACHERS**

**P** Sisters and brothers in Christ: In the early years of the Church the various ministries of the Church were signified by where in the liturgy people would be ordained, commissioned, or blessed. A bishop would be ordained directly before the sermon since the bishop was understood to be the chief teacher of a particular region. Pastors and priests would be ordained preceding the communion liturgy, for as pastors they oversaw the celebration at the Lord's table. Today we bless our parish teachers before we hear God's word proclaimed, for teachers guide and assist us in our formation as Christians and provide regular occasions to study God's Word together. Therefore, I now ask teachers who are present to gather.

*When all are gathered...*

**P** O God, everything you do is wonderful, and I know it well.

**C** **Teach us your ways, O God.**

**P** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light on my path.

**C** **Teach us your ways, O God.**

**P** Jesus said, Let the children come to me.

**C** **Teach us your ways, O God.**

### **Prayer of Blessing for all who are teachers**

**P** God of wisdom, your Son came among us as a teacher. Send your blessing on all who are engaged in the work of education: give them clearness of vision and freshness of thought, and enable them so to train the hearts and minds of their students that they may grow in wisdom and be prepared to face the challenges of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**



## **Prayer of Blessing for the opportunity to study God's Word**

**P** O God, source of all goodness: we give you thanks for a thirst for learning, the gift of reason, and the opportunity to study your Word and ways. Bless the work of Mt. Horeb's Sunday School teachers and those who work in our Preschool, that they may be places of learning and safety where teachers challenge the minds and nurture the hearts of their students. Grant that teachers and students may work together in mutual respect and find joy in pondering the wonders of God's Word; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The God of all grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

*We sit*

#### **FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-9A**

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

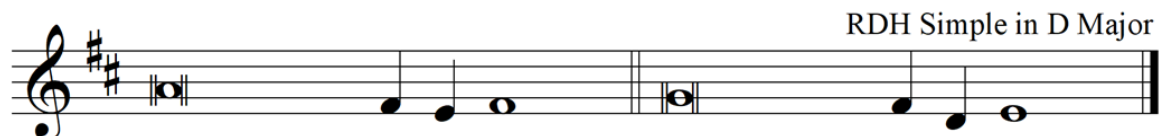
Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

L The Word of the Lord. **C Thanks Be to God!**

**PSALM: PSALM 116:1-9 (sing responsively by whole verse)**



<sup>1</sup>I love the Lord, who has | heard my voice,  
and listened to my | supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the Lord has given | ear to me  
whenev- | er I called.**

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came  
upon me;

I came to | grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name | of the Lord:**

**“O Lord, I pray you, | save my life.”**

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the | Lord and righteous;  
our God is full | of compassion.

<sup>6</sup>**The Lord watches o- | ver the innocent;  
I was brought low, | and God saved me.**

<sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, | O my soul.  
for the Lord has dealt | well with you.

<sup>8</sup>**For you have rescued my | life from death,  
my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling;**

<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence | of the Lord  
in the land | of the living.

**SECOND READING: JAMES 3:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

L The Word of the Lord. C **Thanks Be to God!**

*We stand*

**GOSPEL VERSE:** *Caribbean Alleluia*  
(*We sing it twice*)

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal-le - lu - jah!

**HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 8:27-38**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord! (*spoken boldly*)**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ!**

*We sit*

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

**SERMON:** “How Does HE awaken Your Ear?” Rev. Ronald D. Philabaum

*We stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** #793: *Be Thou My Vision*

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.**



**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**P** Hear us, O God,      **C** **your mercy is great.**

**SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

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

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

**LITURGY OF THE LORD'S TABLE**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart***

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth,  
through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,  
and make me love you as I ought to love.*

*I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.*

*Have you not bid me love you, God and King; all, all your own,  
soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!*

*Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame:  
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove, my heart an altar,  
and your love the flame.*

*Text: George Croly, 1780-1860*

**OFFERTORY SONG:** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord*



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



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

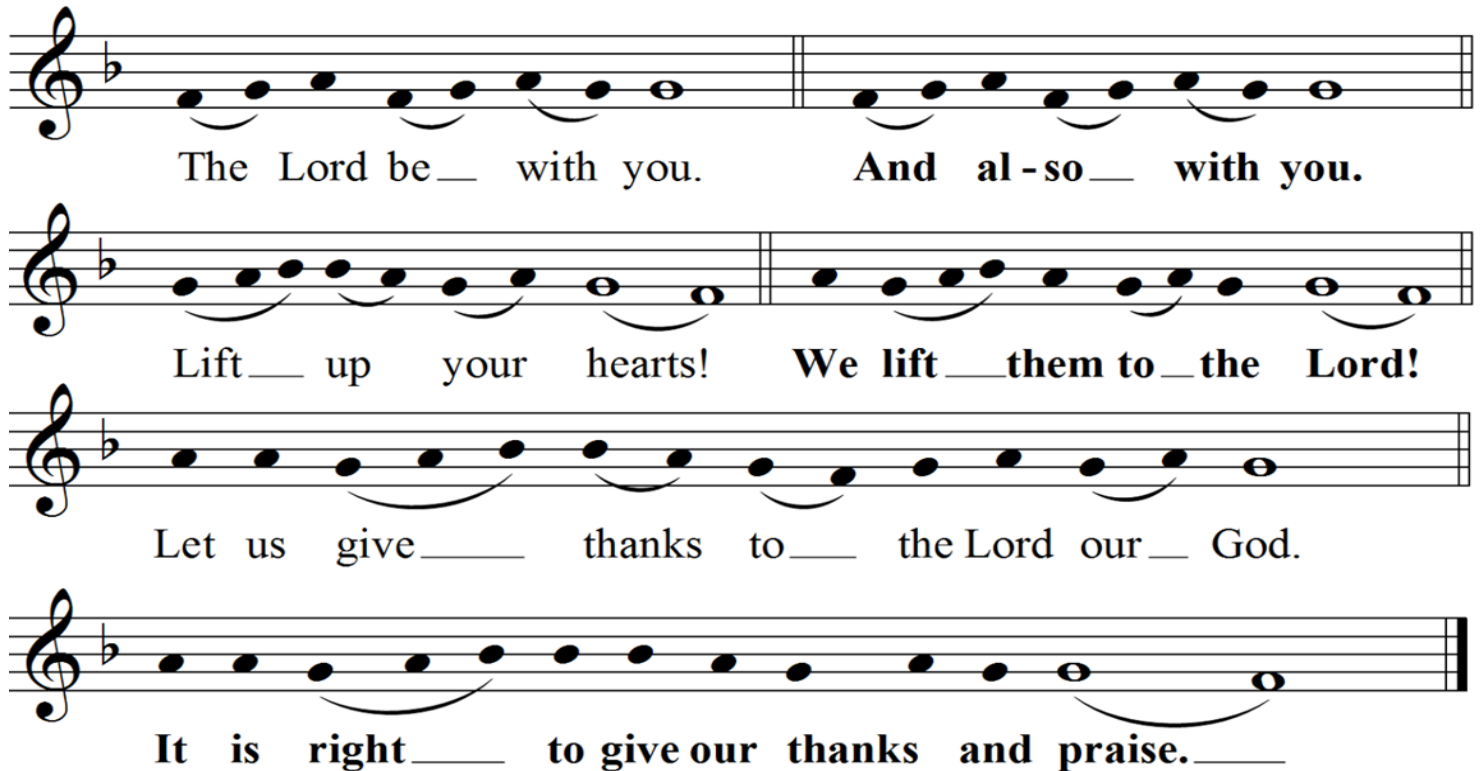
**P** Let us pray:

**C** **Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**  
*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**HOLY COMMUNION**



The Lord be\_\_ with you.      And al-so\_\_ with you.

Lift\_\_ up your hearts!      We lift\_\_ them to\_\_ the Lord!

Let us give\_\_\_\_ thanks to\_\_ the Lord our\_\_ God.

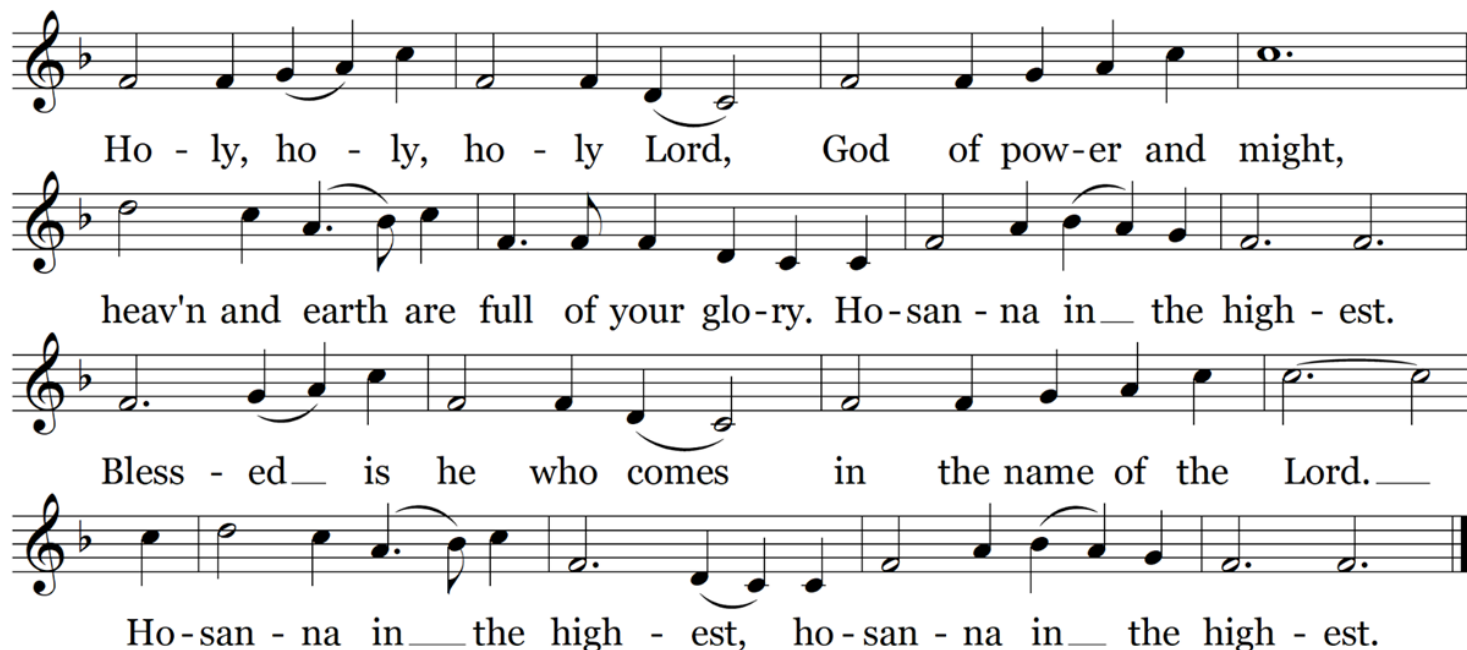
It is right\_\_\_\_ to give our thanks and praise.\_\_\_\_

P It is indeed our right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in\_\_ the high - est.  
Bless - ed\_\_ is he who comes in the name of the Lord.\_\_  
Ho-san - na in\_\_ the high - est, ho-san - na in\_\_ the high - est.

Text: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord," English Language Liturgical Consultation, *Praying Together* © 1988.  
Tune: LAND OF REST, North American traditional.

P Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.



**I am the bread of life**

P Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.  
Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:  
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,  
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,  
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. Amen.

### 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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

### COMMUNION HYMNS

*O Lamb of God* [ELW Setting 10, p. 208]



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

ELW 759: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

ELW 494: *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

*We stand*

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

C **Amen**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**PRAYER**

P Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

P God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** #825: *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

**DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Follow Jesus.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

Setting, Michael Helman





"I was a first-grade teacher.  
What did you do?"

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*To participate in God's mission, this congregation as a part of the Church shall*

**WORSHIP:** *Joyfully proclaim the Word of God*  
**LEARN:** *Dutifully study, teach and live the Word of God*  
**WITNESS:** *Boldly share the Word of God*  
**SERVE:** *Humbly and enthusiastically respond to the Word of God*  
**SUPPORT:** *Gladly give our time, talent and treasures motivated by the Word of God*

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