

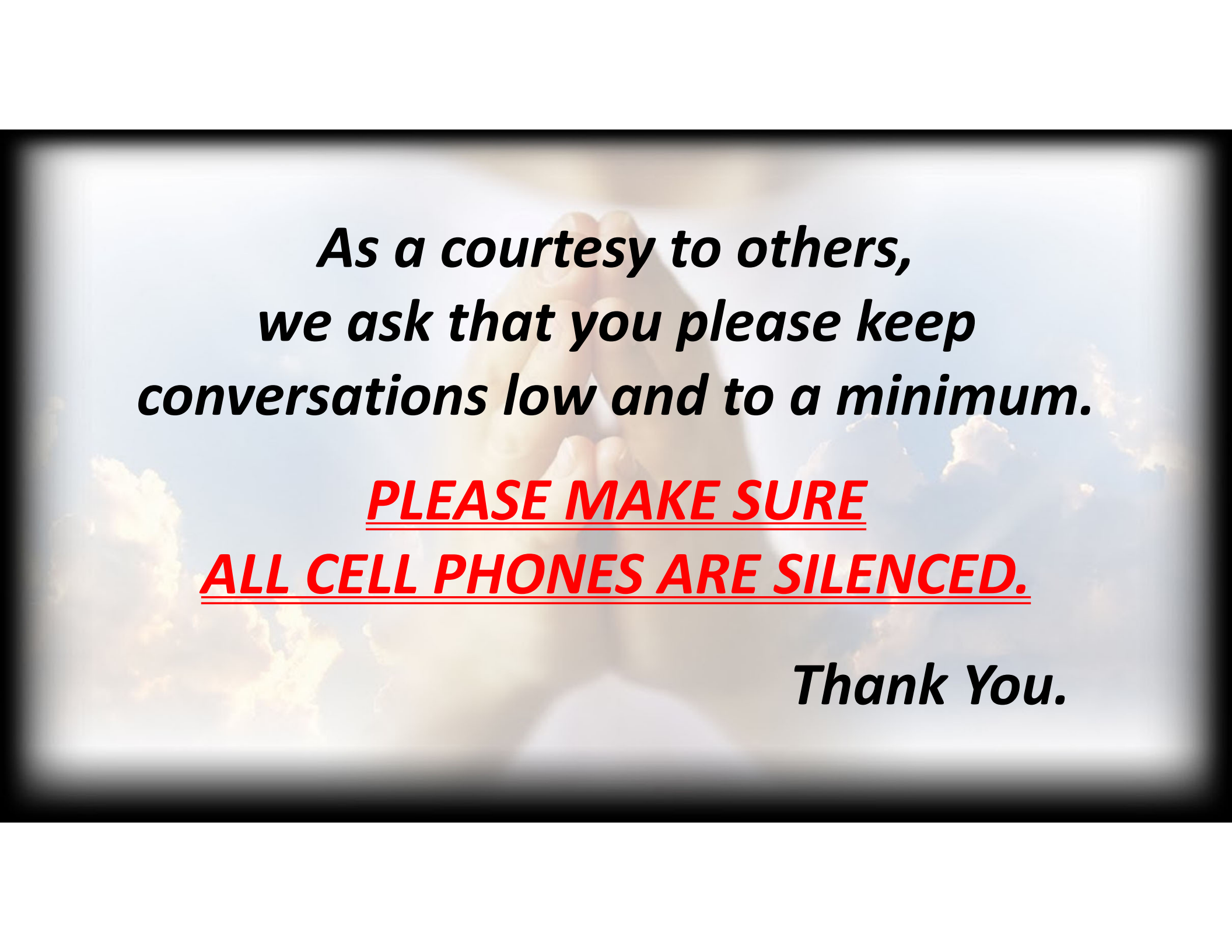
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***As a courtesy to others,
we ask that you please keep
conversations low and to a minimum.***

***PLEASE MAKE SURE*
*ALL CELL PHONES ARE SILENCED.***

Thank You.

A white dove is captured in mid-flight, its wings spread, as it moves from the upper right towards the center of the frame. Below the dove, a circular stone marker is embedded in the sand, featuring a simple cross design. The background is a vast, flat expanse of light-colored sand, with some sparse, dry grass visible in the upper right corner. The overall scene conveys a sense of peace and spiritual journey.

**Our mission is to share
the Good News
of grace and love with all
through worship, service,
and fellowship.**

A circular stone plaque is set into a light-colored, textured wall. Inside the circle, a white dove is perched on a horizontal branch or ledge. Below the dove, a figure in a long, dark robe stands with arms outstretched, resembling a crucifixion. The background of the wall is a light, mottled grey.

Our Vision:
Joy is a spiritual community
sharing the love of Christ in a
challenging world.



10th Sunday After Pentecost-August 2, 2026

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision



Godtube

Arr. Joel Raney

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection



P Compassionate God,
c we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot
free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.



C Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen..

P Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."



P In the name of God, Father, ✝ Son,
and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“All Who Hunger Gather Gladly”

ELW #461



1.

**All who hunger gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.**

**Come from wilderness and
wand'ring.**

Here in truth we will be fed.



**You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**



2.

**All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.**

**Come from restlessness
and roaming.**

Here in joy we keep the feast.



**We that once were
lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**



3.

**All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been fed.**



**Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**

Greeting

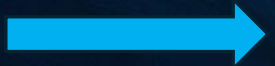
P: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

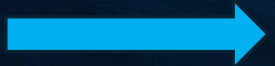
HYMN OF PRAISE:

“This Is The Feast”

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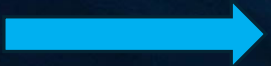


Pastor:
This is the feast of
victory for our God.
Alleluia.

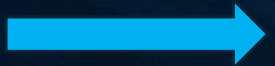


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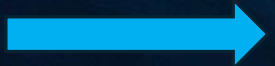
**Worthy is Christ,
the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free
to be people of God.**



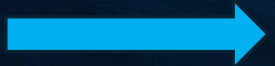
**Power and riches and
wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing
and glory are his.**



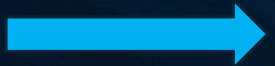
**This is the feast of
victory for our God.
Alleluia.**



**Sing with all the people of God
and join in the
hymn of all creation:**



**Blessing and honor
and glory and might
be to God and
the Lamb forever.
Amen.**



**This is the feast
of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:



MATTHEW 14

JESUS FEEDS 5000

A close-up photograph of water being poured from a glass pitcher into a tall, clear glass filled with ice cubes. The water is captured mid-pour, creating a dynamic splash and bubbles. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a natural setting like a garden or forest.

Everyone who
thirsts, come to
the waters...

Isaiah 55:1

ISAIAH 55:1-5

***Eat and drink
that which
truly satisfies.***



P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21

***R: You open wide your hand and satisfy
the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)***

⁸ The Lord is gracious and full ¹ of
compassion, slow to anger and
abounding in ¹ steadfast love.



***⁹ Lord, you are | good to all, and your
compassion is over | all your works. R***

***You open wide your hand and
satisfy the desire of every living
thing.***



¹⁴ The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed
down.

¹⁵ *The eyes of all wait upon | you,
O Lord, and you give them their
food | in due season.*



¹⁶ You open **l** wide your hand and satisfy
the desire of every **l** living thing.

¹⁷ *You are righteous in **l** all your ways
and loving in **l** all your works. **R***

***You open wide your hand and
satisfy the desire of every living
thing.***



18 You are near to all who I call upon you,
to all who call up- I on you faithfully.

19 *You fulfill the desire of I those who
fear you; you hear their I cry and
save them.*



²⁰ You watch over all I those who love you, but all the wicked you I shall destroy.

²¹ *My mouth shall speak the praise I of the Lord; let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- I er and ever. R*



***You open wide your hand and
satisfy the desire of every living
thing.***

I speak the truth in
Christ - I am not
lying, my conscience
confirms it through
the Holy Spirit ...

- Romans 9:1 NIV -

TRUTH

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Romans 9:1-5

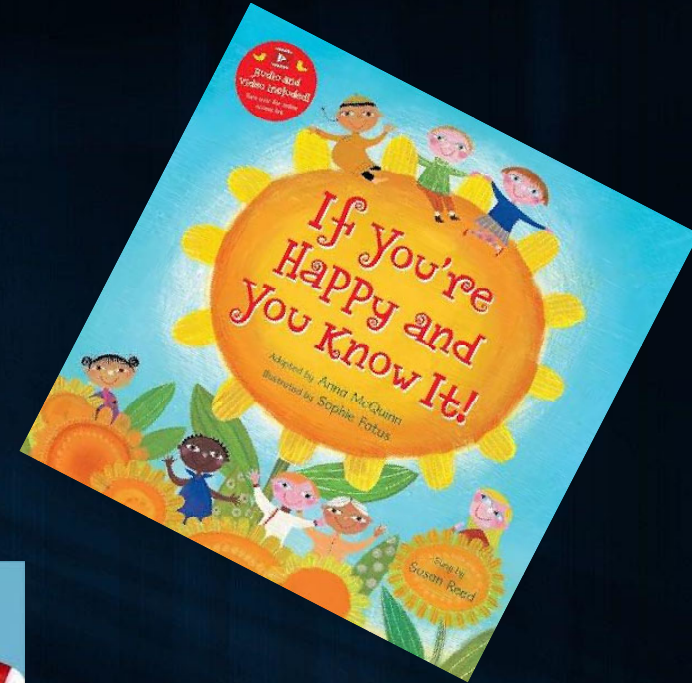
*The glory of
God's people
Israel.*



P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC



"Hymn Medley"- JOY House Grandmas

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“Alleluia”

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Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

**You have the words
of eternal life.**

Alleluia.

P: The Holy
Gospel
According to
Matthew
14: 13-21

C: Glory to
you O Lord





P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

***Today's
Message Is
Given By:***

***Pastor
Art
Wuertz***



**Five Loaves,
Two Fish,
and Jesus**

Matthew 14:13-21

***a moment of silence
for reflection***

Hymn of the Day

***“Loaves Were Broken,
Words Were Spoken”***

ACS # 966

1

**Loaves were broken,
words were spoken
by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of life from heaven,
was their food forevermore.**



Refrain

**By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**



2

**Loaves were broken,
words were spoken**

in a quiet room one night.

**In the bread and wine you gave them,
Christ, you came as Light from Light.**



Refrain

**By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**



3

**Loaves are broken,
words are spoken,
as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages:
"I am with you; do not fear!"**



Refrain

**By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**



4

**By the loaves you break and give us,
send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger,
words that tell your love and care.**



Refrain

**By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

Apostles' Creed

**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.**

A pair of hands is shown clasped together in a prayer position, with fingers pointing upwards. The hands are positioned in the center-left of the frame. The background is a warm, golden-yellow color, suggesting a sunset or sunrise, with some blurred lights and foliage visible in the distance.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

**Response after each petition is:
“Receive Our Prayer”**

Passing of the Peace

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

C: And also
with you.

*(Share the sign of peace
in the manner you feel most comfortable.)*



OFFERTORY:

**Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.**

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

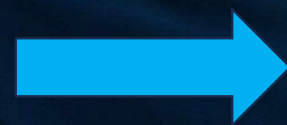
“Kyrie Eleison”

CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY

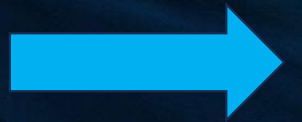
"Total Praise"

ACS # 1080

**Lord, I will lift mine
eyes to the hills,
knowing my help
is coming from you.
Your peace you give
me in time of the storm.**



**You are the source
of my strength.
You are the strength
of my life.
I lift my hands in
total praise to you.**



Amen, amen.

Amen, amen.

Amen, amen.

Amen, amen.

Offertory Prayer

A: Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our
hearts. Help us take heart in you and
share freely of your love, so that
all creation can taste your abundance.



A: We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us
now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God.

C: It is right to give our thanks
and praise.

***It is indeed
right...***



SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth
are full of your glory.**



**Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution



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: Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast.

C: Amen.

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***ALL*** baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table.

***STATION communion will be observed today.***

*Gluten-free wafers and clear apple juice are available.*

***If you would like to receive communion at your seat,  
please let the usher know.***

***“LAMB OF GOD”***

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**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 peace,  
grant us peace.**

*DISTRIBUTION HYMN*

*“Come, Let Us Eat”*

*ELW # 491*



1

**Come, let us eat,  
for now the feast is spread,  
come, let us eat,  
for now the feast is spread.**





**Our Lord's body  
let us take together,  
our Lord's body  
let us take together.**



2

**Come, let us drink,  
for now the wine is poured,  
come, let us drink,  
for now the wine is poured.**



**Jesus' blood poured  
let us drink together,  
Jesus' blood poured  
let us drink together.**



3

**In Jesus' presence now  
we meet and rest,  
in Jesus' presence now  
we meet and rest.**





**In the presence of  
our Lord we gather,  
in the presence of  
our Lord we gather.**



4

**Rise, then, to spread abroad  
God's mighty word,  
rise, then, to spread abroad  
God's mighty word.**



**Jesus risen will  
bring in the kingdom,  
Jesus risen will  
bring in the kingdom.**

***“There’s A Wideness In  
God’s Mercy”***

***ELW #588***





1

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice  
which is more than liberty.**



**There is no place where  
earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is no place where  
earth's failings  
have such kindly judgment giv'n.**



2

**There is welcome for the sinner,  
and a promised grace made good;  
there is mercy with the Savior;  
there is healing in his blood.**



**There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.**





3

**For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.**



**But we make this love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify its strictness  
with a zeal God will not own.**



4

**'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;  
it is something more than all:  
greater good because of evil,  
larger mercy through the fall.**



**Make our love, O God,  
more faithful;  
let us take you at your word,  
and our lives will be thanksgiving  
for the goodness of the Lord.**





***“Seek Ye First”***

***WOV # 783***



1

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And its righteousness,  
And all these things  
Shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia**



2

**Ask and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek and you shall find;  
Knock and the door  
Shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia**



3

**We do not live by bread alone;  
But by ev'ry word  
That proceeds  
From the mouth of God.  
Allelu, alleluia**



***“Jesus Loves Me”***

***ELW # 595***

Shout to the Lord



1

**Jesus loves me! this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
they are weak, but he is strong.**



## *Refrain*

**Yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
the Bible tells me so.**



2

**Jesus loves me! he who died  
heaven's gates to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin,  
let his little child come in.**





## *Refrain*

**Yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
the Bible tells me so.**



**3**

**Jesus loves me! he will stay  
close beside me all the way;  
when at last I come to die,  
he will take me home on high.**



## ***Refrain***

**Yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
the Bible tells me so.**

# ***Communion Blessing***

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

C: Amen.



## ***Prayer after Communion***

A: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,



A: may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: Amen.

# BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you  
today and always.

C: Amen

***SENDING HYMN***

***“Let Us Talents  
And  
Tongues Employ”***

***ELW # 674***





1

**Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**



## *Refrain*

**Jesus lives again,  
earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around:  
loaves abound!**



**Jesus lives again,  
earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around:  
loaves abound!**



2

**Christ is able to make us one,  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express.**





## *Refrain*

**Jesus lives again,  
earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around:  
loaves abound!**



**Jesus lives again,  
earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around:  
loaves abound!**



3

**Jesus calls us in,  
sends us out  
bearing fruit in a  
world of doubt,**



**gives us love to tell,  
bread to share:  
God (Immanuel)  
ev'rywhere!**





## *Refrain*

**Jesus lives again,  
earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around:  
loaves abound!**

**Jesus lives again,  
earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around:  
loaves abound!**

## ***Sending***

A: Heaven has come near.

Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.



## POSTLUDE



**“Christians Awake!” - arr. David Paxton**



