



## **Gethsemane Lutheran Church**

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### **Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**August 22, 2021**

Many are the troubles of the righteous,  
but the Lord delivers them from every one.

*Psalm 34:19*

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## **GATHERING**

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### **PRELUDE**

Let us be in the spirit of worship together.

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Welcome to worship! For the safety of our community, we ask that you sign in. Our worship service is broadcast live on Zoom and Facebook. Only the presenters in our worship will be recorded. Please see an usher if you have any questions.*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,+ one God,  
The God of manna,

The God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,

**Help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

### **GATHERING HYMN, *Blessed Assurance* (ELW 638)**



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

## GREETING

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

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## KYRIE

**Assistant: In peace, in peace,**

**REFRAIN**

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have  
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

A For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,  
for the unity of all . . . (Refrain)

A For your people here who have come to give you praise,  
for the strength to live your Word . . . (Refrain)

*Assistant:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O  
God. A - men.

*Congregation:*

# HYMN of PRAISE

## Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

## Verse 1

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
God.

*to Refrain*

## Verse 2

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*



2. Pow - er and rich-es, wis - dom and



might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ



for ev - er.

## Verse 3

*Congregation:*



3. For God has come to dwell with us, to



make us peo - ple of God; to make



all things new.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray,

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

*The children are invited to come forward for a special time of teaching and blessing with Jasmine. Nursery (ages birth to 3) and Sunday School (ages 4 to 10) are open this morning...welcome families! We're so glad you are here!*

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## WORD

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### **FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18**

A reading from Joshua.

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2a</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, <sup>14</sup>“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 34:15-22**

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of the LORD are up- | on the righteous,  
and God's ears are open | to their cry.

<sup>16</sup>**The face of the LORD is against those | who do evil,  
to erase the remembrance of them | from the earth.**

<sup>17</sup>The righteous cry, and | the LORD hears them

- and delivers them from | all their troubles.
- <sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to the | brokenhearted  
and saves those whose spir- | its are crushed.**
- <sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles | of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers them from | every one.
- <sup>20</sup>God will keep safe | all their bones;  
not one of them | shall be broken.**
- <sup>21</sup>Evil will bring death | to the wicked  
and those who hate the righteous | will be punished.
- <sup>22</sup>O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.**

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 6:10-20**

A reading from Ephesians.

- <sup>10</sup>Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.
- <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.
- <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
- <sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.
- <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA VERSE

*Congregation*

Al- le- lu- ia Al- le- lu- ia Lord, to whom shall we  
go You have the words of e- ter- nal life  
Al- le- lu- ia!

*Repeat optional*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL – John 6:56-69

The holy gospel according to John.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] <sup>56</sup>“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY, *Give Me Jesus* (ELW 770)



1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,  
2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,  
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,  
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,  
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.  
dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.  
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.  
oh, . . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.  
and . . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

#### *Refrain*



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual

## CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of courage, bless all leaders of your church. Strengthen especially the Transition Team as they lead us during this interim time. Bless us as we meet in small groups together. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of creation, bless fields and orchards. Protect the land from fire and bring life-giving rain. Lead us in wise treatment of the world you have provided for all your creatures. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of community, bless all who seek peace in times of conflict and war. Look with mercy on the Afghan people who are fleeing from danger, persecution, violence, and seeking the safety of home. Bless those who work to bring relief; inspire generosity in our hearts; and guide leaders with wisdom and integrity. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, bless all who are in any need. Accompany all who are

lonely and feeling abandoned and remind them of your abiding presence. Heal those who are sick and bring them peace in mind, body, and spirit. Be with those we name now in our hearts and with voice... Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of change, bless our families as we wrap up summer and prepare for another school year. Give wisdom to school boards, administrators and teachers; help them act for the common good. Watch over and protect our children. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, bless all who mourn the deaths of their beloved ones. We give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Renew our confidence in your promise of resurrection and life in the world to come. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Those joining us via livestream have the option of joining a breakout room. Breakout rooms are NOT recorded or broadcast on Facebook.*

## **THE OFFERING**

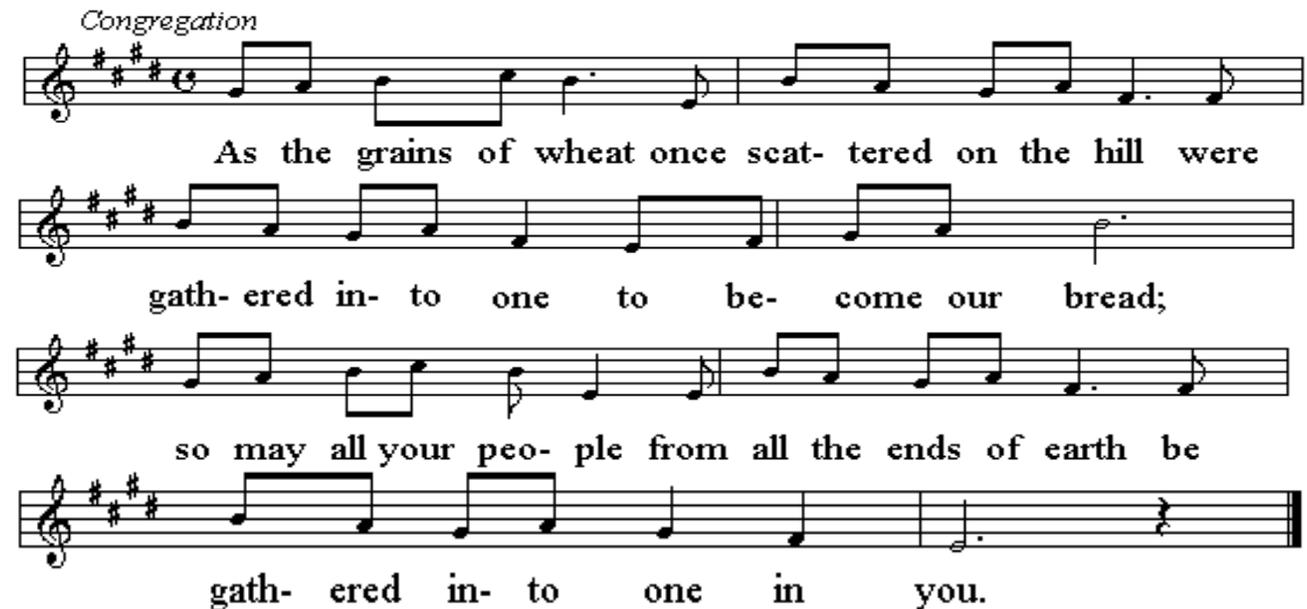
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# OFFERTORY

# As the Grains of Wheat

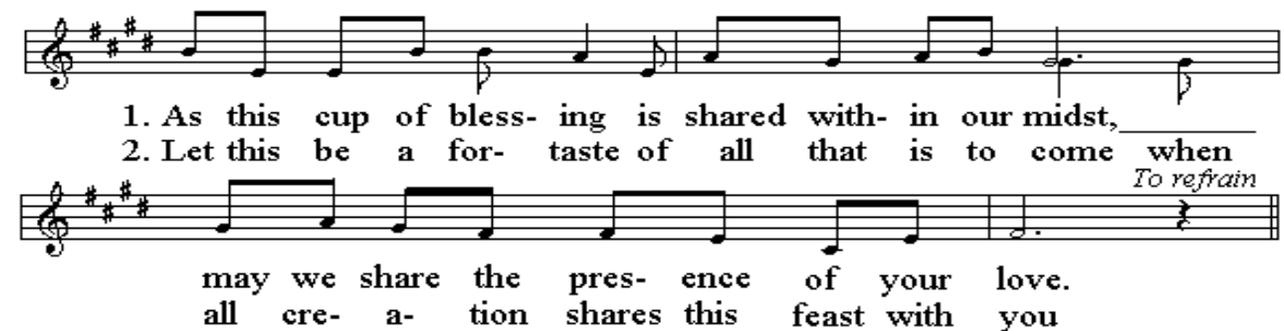
## Refrain

*Congregation*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in- to one to be- come our bread;  
so may all your peo- ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath-ered in- to one in you.

## Verses



1. As this cup of bless- ing is shared with- in our midst,  
2. Let this be a for- taste of all that is to come when  
*To refrain*  
may we share the pres- ence of your love.  
all cre- a- tion shares this feast with you

## THE OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

**everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*All are welcome to celebrate communion! If you are joining us via livestream, you may commune from home. Any bread and wine, water or juice may be used. Please hold up bread and cup as Pastor says these words:*

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

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

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

*The Proper Preface is sung or said*

P It is our duty and delight . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*Congregation:*

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.  
 A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

*Congregation:*

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.  
 A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

## THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST

*Congregation:*

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the  
u - ni - ty of the Spir-it, all glo - ry and hon-or is  
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.  
A - men.

The image shows a musical score for a congregational hymn. It consists of four staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 6/8 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with the word 'Through' and ends with 'in the'. The second staff continues with 'u - ni - ty of the Spir-it, all glo - ry and hon-or is'. The third staff continues with 'yours, O God, now and for ev - er.'. The fourth staff concludes with 'A - men.'.

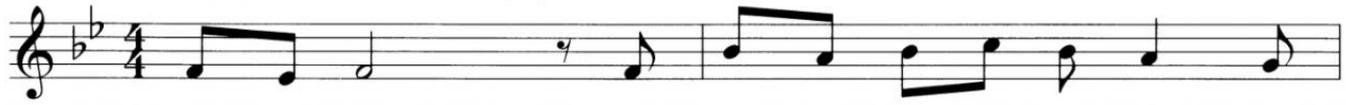
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, Now and forever. Amen.**

# LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:*                      *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God,                      you take a - way the sin of the  
\* you break the chains of ha - tred and  
you are the way of jus - tice and  
you are the way of mer - cy and

*Congregation:*

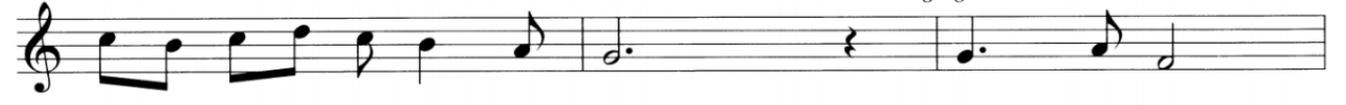


world:  
fear:                      have mer - cy on us,                      mer - cy on us,  
peace:  
love:

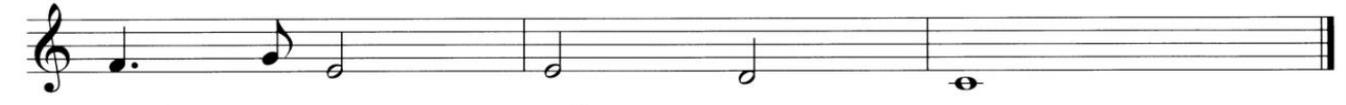


mer - cy on us.                      Lamb of God,                      you

*Congregation:*



take a - way the sins of the world:                      grant us peace,



grant us peace,                      grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*You are invited to partake of communion as led by Pr. Elizabeth.*

## COMMUNION HYMN, Eat this Bread, ELW #472

*Refrain*

The image shows a musical score for a communion hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system is labeled 'Refrain'. The lyrics are: 'Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry. OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.' The second system has the lyrics: 'Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.' Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with chords and single notes.

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”  
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen.**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**Thanks Be to You**

*Congregation:*



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
2. From of old you loved and sought us:



Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your



love, re - mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of



life with us. 3. Praise to you, O



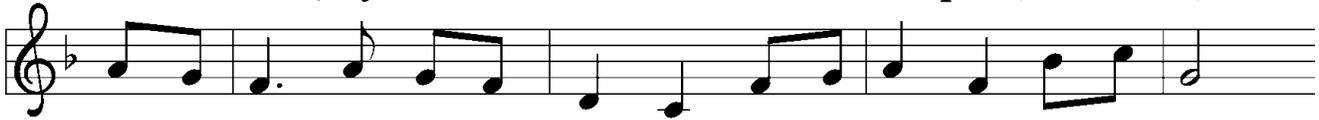
God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!



Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for



## SENDING SONG, *By Your Hand You Feed Your People* (ELW 469)



- 1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
- 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
- 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.  
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Who are we? Who are our neighbors? What is God calling us to do?** These questions will guide the work of our GLC Transition Team as we prepare our Ministry Site Profile to search for our next settled pastor. **You are invited to participate in a small group for reconnection and conversation!** Groups are no larger than six and will be held outside (masks optional), indoors (masks required), and on Zoom.

Please register at: <https://forms.gle/Pjf9ddEe6RBd5RAk9> or look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex. More sessions will be added as needed. Questions? Contact Deb at [debpostlewait@gmail.com](mailto:debpostlewait@gmail.com).

- Youth Firefighter Collection items needed: Prayers, cotton boot socks, toothbrushes, pillows/sleeping bags, protein bars/high-calorie snacks, bar soap, monetary donations.
- Volunteers are needed to serve as greeters, ushers, readers, altar guild, and more! Please contact Brandee Leibrand at [bplmbld@gmail.com](mailto:bplmbld@gmail.com) to sign up to volunteer.
- Traveling this summer? Feeling under the weather? Join our worship online via Facebook Livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/gethersema-neportland> or on Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81476436505> To join by phone, call (253) 215 8782 and enter Meeting ID: 814 7643 6505 .

## HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

- **Please sign in when you arrive.** This is helpful both for church attendance records and contact tracing. There is a sign-in sheet in the Narthex.
- We follow Multnomah County health guidelines and synod recommendations regarding the wearing of face masks. We update these guidelines as official recommendations change based on risk conditions, community spread and hospital caseloads. **As of August 10<sup>th</sup>, face masks are required for all visitors, members and building users, regardless of vaccination status.** A limited supply of disposable masks are available in the narthex.
- Please care for one another and be mindful of each other's space – **be sure to ask before hugging, touching, or shaking hands with one another.**
- We are continuing to use no-contact communion cups. Gluten-free wafers with wine or grape juice are available.
- Don't forget to drop off your offering! There is a plate and offering envelopes at the back of the sanctuary.
- Let's have grace and respect one another. Welcome home!



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