



September 2, 2018

Welcome to all! Our mission at ILC: To thank, praise, honor and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we gather and worship, grow in the Word, and serve God by serving people.

A special welcome to guests and visitors! May our time together be a blessing to you.

Information for Visitors ...

Coffee & Fellowship is available in the Lower Narthex each Sunday between services.

A Nursery is available from 8:30am-12:00pm for children through age 4. It is located in the hallway just outside the Narthex.

Children's bulletins are available from the ushers.

Elevator is located through the basement and the ushers' room in the sanctuary.

Adult Sunday School is at 9:45am and meets in the Conference Room.

Red Worship Attendance pads are passed during the offering. Please take a moment to register your attendance. Visitors, please let us know if we can be of service to you.

Summer Worship Times: 8:45 & 11:00am – (May 27th – Sept 2nd)

HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament is celebrated at both worship services every Sunday. All are welcome, believing that our Lord is present offering grace and forgiveness. You will commune by intinction, meaning you may dip the wafer in either the wine or grape juice or you may drink from the common cup.

Gluten-free wafers and/or white grape juice are available at all services.

Please Turn Off All Cell Phones & Pagers
Thank You!!

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR 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

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

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

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

OPENING HYMN “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” ELW 712

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.



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray....

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

First Lesson Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. ⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? ⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15 (read responsively)

¹O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

²Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;

³who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

⁴in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

⁵who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Second Lesson James 1:17-27

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here, Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank

growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror;²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.²⁶ If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

VERSE



P: The holy gospel according to Mark the 7th chapter

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” ¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “O God, My Faithful God”

ELW 806

APOSTLE’S 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.

The Prayers of the Church

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

We Give Thee but Thine Own

The musical score consists of two staves of music in G major, common time. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. The lyrics are provided in four-line stanzas, with the first stanza fully written and subsequent stanzas starting with 'all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.'

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

PREFACE

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text corresponding to a staff. The first staff begins with 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,' followed by 'God of pow-er and might,'. The second staff begins with 'heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry.' followed by 'Ho-san - na in the high - est.'. The third staff begins with 'Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' followed by 'Ho -'. The fourth staff concludes with 'san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.'

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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

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.

Hymns during Communion

"For the Fruit of All Creation"
"Praise and Thanksgiving"
"We All Are One in Mission"

ELW 679
ELW 689
ELW 576

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

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: AMEN

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" ELW 674

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Mission Statement

To thank, praise, honor and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we gather and worship, grow in the Word, and serve God by serving people.

GATHER and Worship

Please pray for these ILC members:

Elois Sakewitz	Marie Davis	Max Kuempel	Hal Kuempel
Billie Becker	Dorothy Plattow	Donna Cearley	H.L. Weiss
Donna Getz	Nathzele Pfluger	Verline Bohls	

Please also pray for these friends & extended family members:

Seth Munk	Rodney Reed	Mike Emken	Judy Emken
Calen Stewart	Brianna Bonnet	Mathilda Machicek	Evelyn Wuensche
Gail McCollough	Irene Michna	Ted Munk	Mickey Elsner
Erik Weber	Linda Limmer	Lynette Barnes	Rick's coworker

Rev. Mark & Sharon Gruebmeyer Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Known Hospitalized: Max Kuempel, Peterson Hospital, Kerrville.

Pedestal Flowers are placed to the glory of God with praise and thanksgiving celebrating birthdays for Macey, Lorren & Michele.

Congratulations to Andrew Kesselring and Eric Crabb who were married yesterday in Chicago. Please remember Andrew and Eric in your prayers as they begin their married life together.

Welcome and Thank you to Pastor Elroy Haverlah for preaching and presiding at our services this morning! May God continue to bless him in his retirement. Ask him about his latest book on the history of Swedish Lutheran Churches in Texas!

Regular Worship Schedule begins next Sunday, **Sept. 9th**, worship times are 7:45; 8:45 & 11:00am.

Rally Day is next Sunday, Sept. 9th at 9:45a...come meet your teacher (Pre-K through adult), have some sno cones and have some fun. Special program for middle and high school in the Bistro/Gym area.

Bible Presentation Sunday: If you have a Pre-K, 2nd grade or 3rd grade student please bring them to church at 8:45am on Sunday, September 9th to receive the presentation of their Bible. **On Thursday, Sept. 13th, at 6:30pm** Pastor Tom will introduce the 3rd graders to using their Bibles. A parent is asked to attend the class with their child.

Sunday School Volunteers will be installed next Sunday, Sept. 9th during the 8:45am service.

Worship Assistants Sign Up Sheets: Look for the black poster board in the back of the church. You get to choose either a reader, usher/greeter and/or communion assistant, which service and which Sunday(s). Have never done this before, no worries, there will be training for each position. Don't wait to be asked, step up and join your brothers and sisters in Christ as together we Serve God by Serving People.

Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesdays in the Choir Room at 6:30pm beginning September 5th and **Handbell Choir** will resume rehearsals on Sundays starting on September 9th at 9:45am in the church balcony. All are welcome.

This Week's Gatherings:

Today	Heatherwilde Asst. Living Pflugerville Care Center	1:30pm 2:15pm
Mon.	Church Office and Day School Closed!!	
	Men's BB	8:00pm
Tues.	UP – Parish Hall Scouts Leader Meeting – Parlor	9:00am-3:00pm 7:00-8:30pm
Wed.	UP – Parish Hall District Boy Scouts Leadership Meeting – Conference Room Pflugerville Nursing Center Adult Choir 7 th Grade Confirmation Orientation Meeting – Sanctuary	9:00am-3:00pm 1:15pm 2:30pm 6:30pm 6:30pm
Thurs.	UP – Parish Hall Narthex Reserved	9:00am-3:00pm 6:00-9:00pm
Fri.	Grandparent's Day – Parish Hall	9:30am
Sat.	Prayer Shawl Ministry – Narthex	9:00am
Sun.	Regular Worship Service – Chapel/Sanctuary Contemporary Worship Service – Parish Hall Bible Presentations – Parish Hall Handbells Sunday School for all ages Rally Day & God's Works, Our Hands	7:45 & 11:00am 8:45am 8:45am 9:45am 9:45am

GROW in the Word

Bible Studies this week:

Mon.	Crafters Circle – Candy Hansen's Studio Workroom	9:00am
Tues.	Elizabeth Circle – Narthex	2:00pm
	Rebecca Circle – Narthex	6:30pm
	Mary Circle – Dorothy Kraemer's Home	7:00pm

Adult Class – Conference Room – 9:45-10:45am - A Study of this Sunday's Gospel.

7th Grade Confirmation Orientation Meeting: Parents and 7th Grade students will meet Wednesday, September 5th, 6:30 p.m., in the Church Sanctuary. Registration, information, books, a syllabus, and a calendar of classes for the year will be provided.

8th Grade Confirmation Students will meet for the first time on Sunday School Rally Day, September 9th, 9:45 a.m., in the "Garage" classroom behind the Youth Room. Information, a syllabus, and calendar of classes for the year will be provided.

Attention Ladies! Pflugerville Community Church (PCC) invites you to attend a Women's Conference at their church (1214 Pfennig Ln) on Sat., Oct. 6th, from 8:00am – 4:00pm. Features worship, prayer, singing, workshops and guest speakers. A registration fee of \$20 includes all activities, a continental breakfast and a boxed lunch. Registration forms and agendas are available on the desk by our church office.

SERVE God by Serving People

Council Member & Elder Duty for September – Kenneth Adix is responsible this month for locking up the facility. Please contact him at 512-844-1004 if you have any special facility needs. Elders this month are Barbara Bohls – early service (512-251-4857); Marie Davis – middle service (512-251-2508); David Gifford – late service (512-989-0340). **Please contact them if you would like to assist with worship in September go to <http://bit.ly/ILCsignup> to sign up yourself. If you are a visitor and need any assistance, an elder can help you! You can identify an elder by a person wearing a large red nametag.**

"Yellow Brick House" Food Pantry continues to be open weekly and needs: We ask that you prayerfully consider helping with this ministry through the offering plate or by supplying any of the following items: 10 boxes hamburger "Helper" or skillet; 10 pints mayonnaise; 10 cans 19 oz. or larger chili; 10 jars peanut butter; 10 Hormel Compleats (single person meal); 10 boxes cereal; 12 boxes mac 'n cheese; 12 cans 29 oz. fruit; 8 boxes brownie mix; 24 pkg. (not cups) ramen, chicken/beef.

All Congregational Dinner honoring Immanuel's Senior Members will be held September 16th in the Parish Hall after the 11am service. Fajitas will be served by Immanuel's Holy Smokers and those Under 70 years of age are asked to please bring a dessert. This will also be Fair Trade Day.

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will hold its next meeting at 9:00am on Saturday, Sept. 8th, in the lower narthex. All are welcome to as we knit/crochet comfort for others and enjoy each other's company. Contact Bonnie Sassman at bsassy55@aol.com or Elizabeth Arndt at earndt0@gmail.com for more information.

The Altar Guild Committee is in need of more volunteers to help with keeping the Altar area neat and clean. We also are responsible for setting up communion each weekend. Training is available and anyone may serve: women, men, or couples. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this committee, please call Mary Jo Beene at 512.801.6965.

Trunk or Treat is Thursday, October 25th. Come help us host 400+ kids as they trick or treat around our trunks and truck beds. Registration forms on the table outside of Ms. Sherri's office.

Children at ILDS learned this week about how Jesus grew, not only in height and weight but also in God's wisdom, and how he amazed the elders at the temple (his Father's house). In connection with this lesson, many of our teachers weighed and measured the children in their class and will again at the end of the year. Teachers and parents are always astonished to see how much their children have grown but, what is most inspiring, is to see and hear God work through our teachers and children by the way they share toys, show kindness and love to each other and thankfulness to God for all he has given us!! God is so good!

Last Sunday's Worship Attendance: Early: 97 – Late: 99

Serving Today Sept 2nd

Organists: Joy Arnhann and Vernagene Mott
Choir Director: Renee Kesselring
Acolytes: Tate Reiland & Stella Rachui (8:45)
Emerson Perisho & Ava Owen (11:00)
Sept. Elders: Barbara Bohls (early) Marie Davis (middle) David Gifford (late)
Assisting Minister: Chris Rankin
Readers: Mary Jo Beene (8:45) Kenneth Adix (11:00)
Communion Assts: Mary Jo Beene, **1 needed** (8:45) Grace Lin, Kenneth Adix (11:00)
Chapel Assts: Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing & Ralph Kirkley (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
Ushers: **4 needed** (8:45) Katie & Lucy Hudson, **2 needed** (11:00)
Children's Message: Melissa Malinowski (8:45) Debbie Wiederhold (11:00)
Console/Projectionist: Charles Mott (8:45) Willard Hebbe (11:00)
Coffee Maker: Kristin Adix
Altar Guild: Kristin Adix & Sherri Hoefling

Serving Next Week (Sept 9th)

Organists: Joy Arnhann and Vernagene Mott
Choir Director: Renee Kesselring
Acolytes: Elliott Weiss & Shelby Weaver (7:45)
Kyle Ward & Kadie Van Houten (11:00)
Sept. Elders: Barbara Bohls (early) Marie Davis (middle) David Gifford (late)
Assisting Minister: Candy Hansen
Readers: Candy Hansen (7:45) Carol Fletcher (8:45) Lucy Hudson (11:00)
Communion Assts: Candy Hansen (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) Candy Hansen,
1 needed (11:00)
Chapel Assts.: Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing, Ralph Kirkley (7:45)
Bruce Freudenberg (11:00)
Ushers: **4 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) Katie & Celia Hudson,
2 needed (11:00)
Children's Message: Pastor Tom & Peli (8:45 & 11:00)
Console/Projectionist: Willard Hebbe (7:45) Rick Cox (8:45) Charles Kleen (11:00)
Middle Service Communion Host:
Coffee Maker: Kristin Adix
Altar Guild: Kristin Adix & Sherri Hoefling

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

1 Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,

who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-en ed sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;

we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas - sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,

con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984
Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. Selected Hymns, 1985
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O God, My Faithful God

1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun - tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;
 4 When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;

with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
 what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—
 guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;
 help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;

give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
 to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
 but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
 help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,

a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
 what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
 then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
 and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

For the Fruit of All Creation

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The first staff contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second staff continues with the next three lines. The third staff begins with a new section of lyrics.

1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
 3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
 In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
 For the wonders that surround us, for the truths that still confound us,

future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.
 in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000
 Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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Praise and Thanksgiving

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time, featuring a treble clef, a bass clef, and a soprano clef. The lyrics are integrated with the music, appearing below the notes. The first staff begins with a single note followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The second staff continues with a similar pattern. The third staff begins with a single note followed by a series of eighth and sixteenth notes.

1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -

liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will

or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

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 Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be unit-ed, and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem-ing Word.

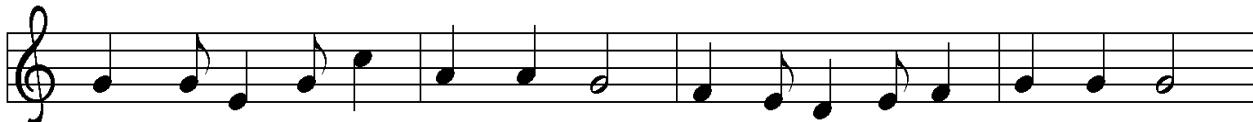
A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris-ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro-ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925-1980

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