

**Sanctuary Worship Service**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Sunday August 10, 2025 8:00 AM**

**PRELUDE**

**Change My Heart, O God**  
**ELW 801**

Change my heart, O God;  
make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God;  
may I be like you.

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**WELCOME**

**PASTOR**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**PASTOR**

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

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others,**  
**but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**  
**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,**  
**but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**  
**You surround us with patience, kindness,**  
**and generosity,**  
**but we grow weary in doing what is right.**  
**In your mercy, forgive us.**  
**Do not give up on us.**  
**Heal us, break our bonds,**  
**and show us the path of life.**  
**Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ✠ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

### Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

**ELW 533 (vs. 1,3,5)**

Open now thy gates of beauty,  
Zion, let me enter there,  
where my soul in joyful duty  
waits for God who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place,  
filled with solace, light, and grace!

Here thy praise is gladly chanted,  
here thy seed is duly sown;  
let my soul, where it is planted,  
bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
so that all I hear may be  
fruitful unto life in me.

Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,  
let thy will be done indeed;  
may I undisturbed draw near thee  
while thou dost thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows;  
here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt..ONE LICENSE #731020-A

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.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### **O Savior, Precious Savior ELW 820**

O Savior, precious Savior,  
whom yet unseen we love;  
O name of might and favor,  
all other names above:  
we worship thee; we bless thee;  
to thee alone we sing;  
we praise thee and confess thee,  
our holy Lord and King.

O bringer of salvation,  
who wondrously hast wrought,  
thyself the revelation  
of love beyond our thought:  
we worship thee; we bless thee;  
to thee alone we sing;  
we praise thee and confess thee,  
our gracious Lord and King.

In thee all fullness dwelleth,  
all grace and pow'r divine;  
the glory that excelleth,  
O Son of God, is thine.  
We worship thee; we bless thee;  
to thee alone we sing;  
we praise thee and confess thee,  
our glorious Lord and King.

Oh, grant the consummation  
of this our song above,  
in endless adoration  
and everlasting love;  
then shall we praise and bless thee  
where perfect praises ring,  
and evermore confess thee,  
our Savior and our King!

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

PASTOR

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

PASTOR

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

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### Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” <sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## RESPONSIVE READING

### Psalm 33:12-22

<sup>12</sup> Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God’s heritage!

<sup>13</sup> **The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**

<sup>14</sup> God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

<sup>15</sup> **God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

<sup>16</sup> A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

<sup>17</sup> **The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.**

<sup>18</sup> Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast

love,

<sup>19</sup> **to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

<sup>20</sup> Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

<sup>21</sup> **Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**

<sup>22</sup> Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

**Thy Loving Kindness is better than life, Thy kindness is better than life. My lips shall praise Thee, thus will I bless Thee: I will lift up my hands unto Thy name.**

## SECOND READING

## ASSISTING MINISTER

### Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. <sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” <sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 142

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The holy gospel according to Luke 12th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL**

**PASTOR**

### **Luke 12:32-40**

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup> “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup> “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup> “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

#### **Have No Fear, Little Flock ELW 764**

Have no fear, little flock;  
have no fear, little flock,  
for the Father has chosen  
to give you the kingdom;  
have no fear, little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock;  
have good cheer, little flock,  
for the Father will keep you  
in his love forever;  
have good cheer, little flock!

Praise the Lord high above;  
praise the Lord high above,  
for he stoops down to heal you,  
uplift and restore you;  
praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God;  
thankful hearts raise to God,  
for he stays close beside you,  
in all things works with you;  
thankful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4 Text © 1973 Concordia Publishing House alt. ONELICENSE #731020-A

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**PASTOR**

**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 PEOPLE**

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God of grace,  
hear our prayer.

## **OFFERING**

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## **SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

**Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life**  
**ELW 816 (tune 685)**

Come, my way, my truth, my life:  
such a way as gives us breath;  
such a truth as ends all strife;



such a life as killeth death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength:  
such a light as shows a feast;  
such a feast as mends in length;  
such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heart:  
such a joy as none can move;  
such a love as none can part;  
such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert, 1593-1632 ONELICENSE #731020-A

## OFFERING PRAYER

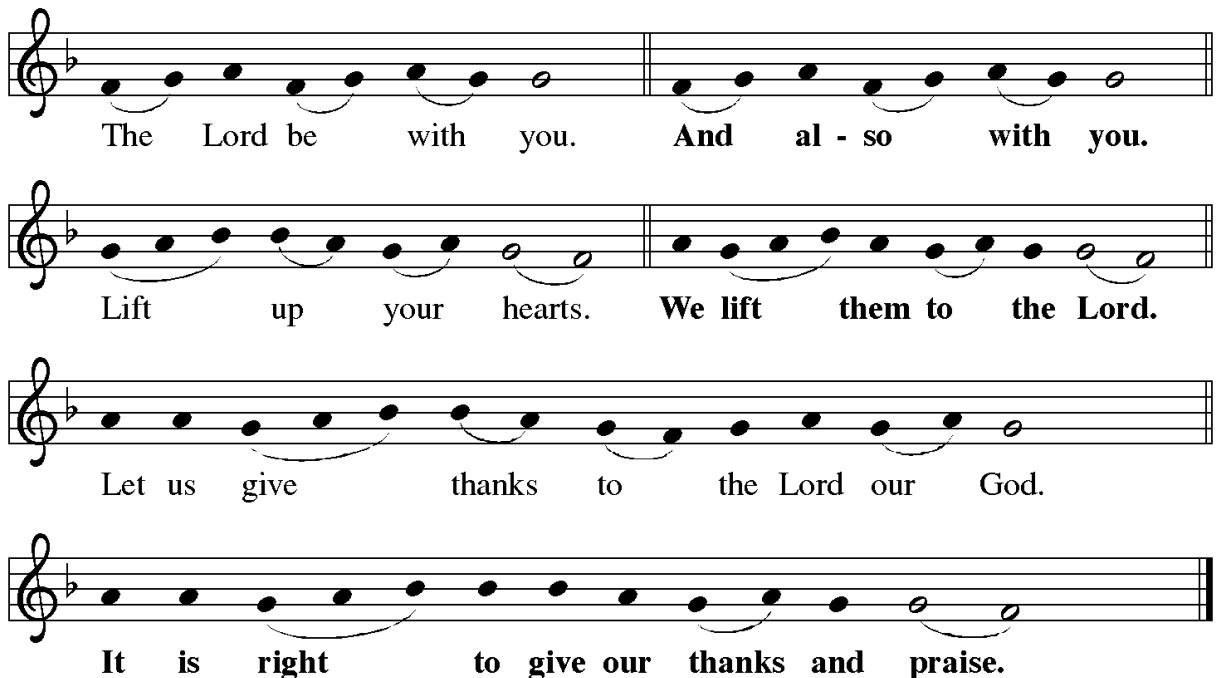
## PASTOR

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these  
gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW p. 144



The image displays four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are as follows: Staff 1: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Staff 2: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Staff 3: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Staff 4: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The lyrics are: "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."

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

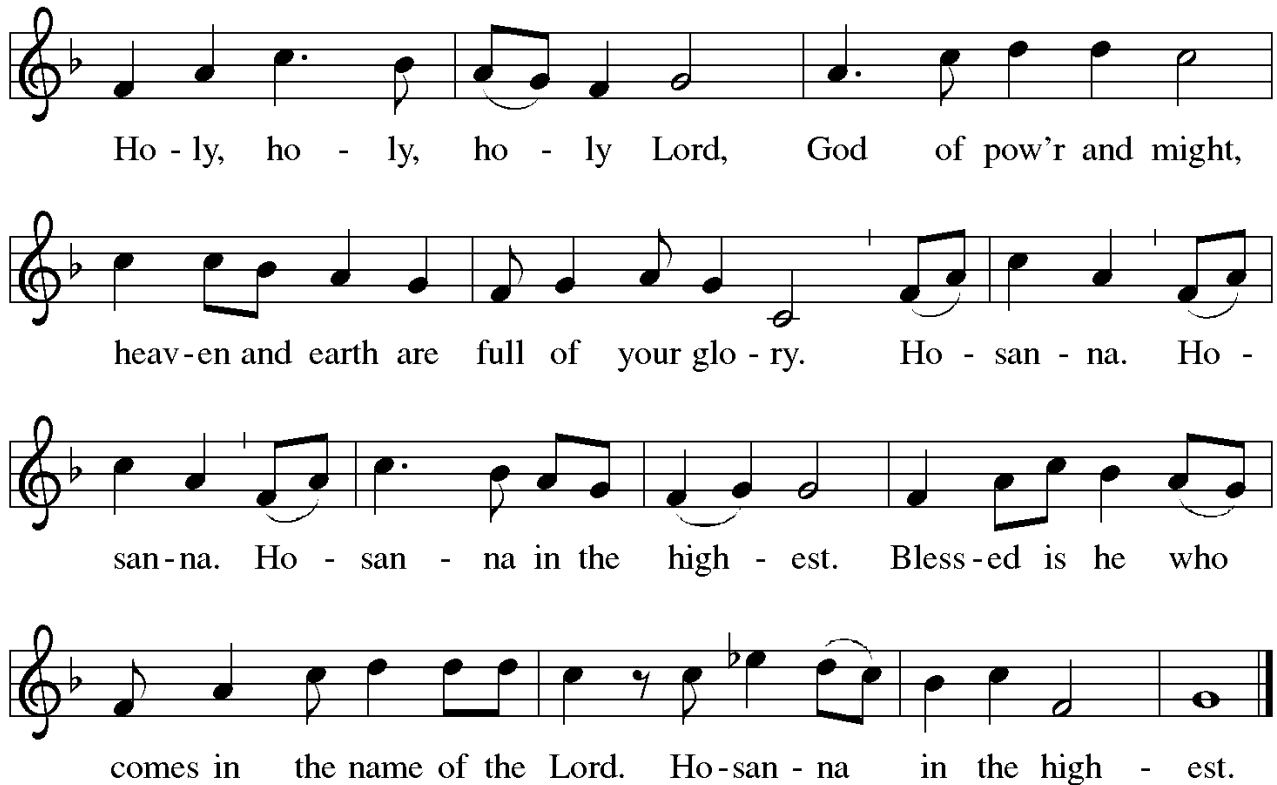
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW p. 144



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

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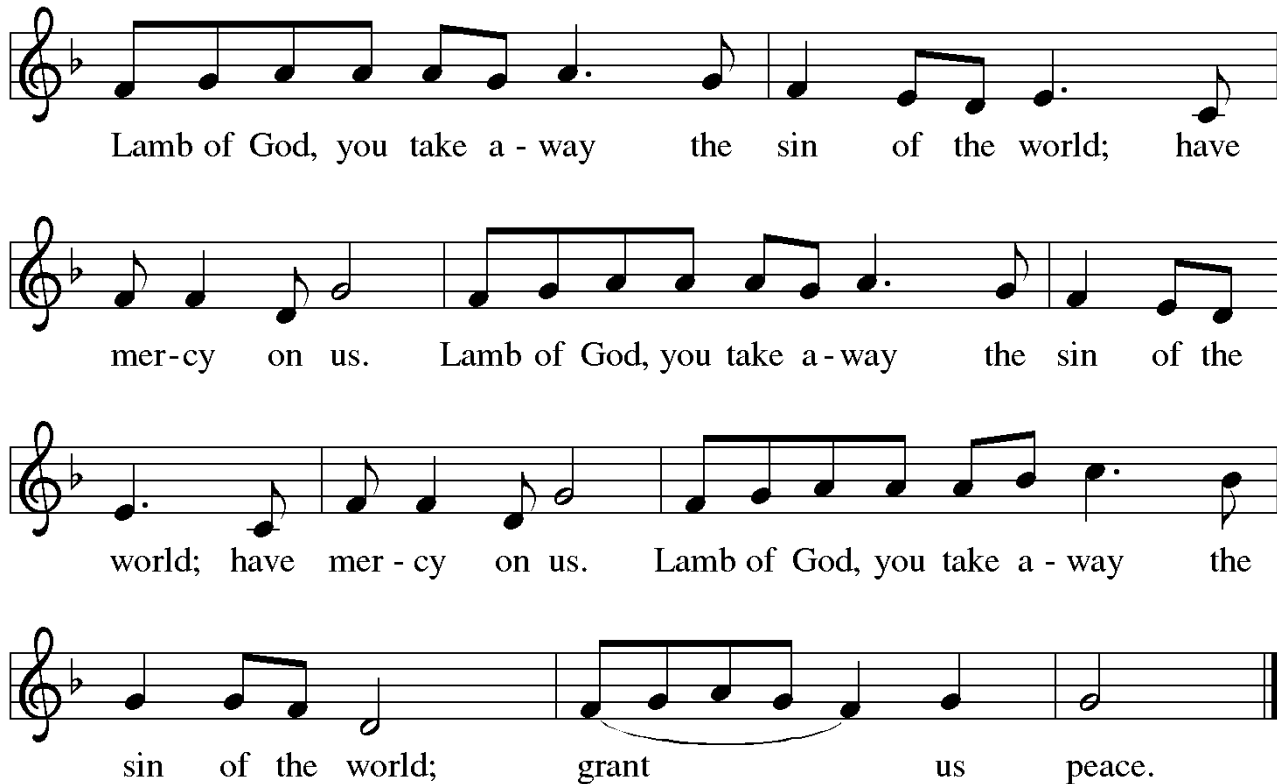
PASTOR

## 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.**

## LAMB OF GOD

ELW p. 146



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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## COMMUNION

PASTOR

## COMMUNION HYMN

### Sweet Hour of Prayer

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,  
that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne  
make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief  
my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare  
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,  
thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness  
engage the waiting soul to bless;

and since he bids me seek his face,  
believe his word and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my ev'ry care,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,  
may I thy consolation share,  
till from Mount Pisgah's lofty height  
I view my home and take my flight.  
With joy I'll hasten to the place  
where God my Savior shows his face,  
and gladly take my station there,  
thy promise gained, sweet hour of prayer.

Text: William Walford, 1772-1850, alt. ONELICENSE #731020-A

## **Lord of All Hopefulness**

### **ELW 765**

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901-1953 Text © Oxford University Press 1931. alt.ONELICENSE #731020-A

## **You Are the Way**

### **ELW 758**

You are the way; to you alone  
from sin and death we flee;  
all those who search for God, you find  
and by your grace set free.

You are the truth; your word alone  
true wisdom can impart;  
you only can inform the mind  
and purify the heart.

You are the life; the rending tomb  
proclaims your conqu'ring arm;  
and those who put their trust in you  
not death nor hell shall harm.

You are the way, the truth, the life;  
grant us that way to know,  
that truth to keep, that life to win,  
whose joys eternal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799-1859, alt. ONELICENSE #A-731020

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**PASTOR**

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

**PASTOR**

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

### **Savior, Again to Your Dear Name**

#### **ELW 534**

Savior, again to your dear name we raise  
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
once more we bless you ere our worship cease,

then, lowly bending, wait your word of peace.

Grant us your peace upon our homeward way;  
with you began, with you shall end the day;  
guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
that in this house have called upon your name.

Grant us your peace, Lord, through the coming night;  
for us transform its darkness into light.  
Keep us from harm and danger till the dawn;  
your evening presence promise to your own.

Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life,  
our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;  
then, when your voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
call us, O Lord, to your eternal peace.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826-1893, alt. ONE LICENSE #731020-A

**TEMPLE TALK**

**JILL SKINNER - SENIOR ACCESS**

**GOOD NEWS**

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**I Love to Tell the Story  
ELW 661**

I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story,  
because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else would do

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911 ONE LICENSE #731020-A

**DISMISSAL**

**ASSISTING MINISTER**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**