



Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

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12th Sunday after Pentecost



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to Church of the Savior – Lutheran:

We are a community of believers, seekers, and doubters. We affirm all of God's people just as they are. We are a welcoming and inclusive community that does not require you to change in any way to worship with us.

We strive to make love grow both in our congregational life and in our nursery school. We recognize all the love we have is given to us from the Holy Spirit, we are but reflections of God's love. One of the ways we make love grow is by being accepting and existing the way Jesus taught us; living in harmony together no matter one's race, nationality, or gender. We strive to create and ensure the safest and most loving environment for everyone. We look forward to growing in faith with you.

With Regard to Holy Communion:

We celebrate Holy Communion nearly every week at Church of the Savior. Holy Communion is a sacred meal in which Christ comes to us in bread and wine. "This is my body given for you... This is my blood shed for you." We believe those words to be true. Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. When we receive the bread and wine of this meal, we receive his body and blood "in, with, and under the forms" of the consecrated bread and wine. All of God's beautiful children are welcome to our Lord's table — it's our Lord's table, after all, and all are invited. Let's be clear — it is not "my" table, or "our" table or a "Lutheran" table. It is our Lord's table, and he sends out the invitations — to everyone under the sun. This includes you to come forward just as are.

For the bread we provide two types of host, with gluten and without. If you would like gluten free let Pastor Paul know when you come forward. We offer both red wine and white grape juice.

To the Parents of Children:

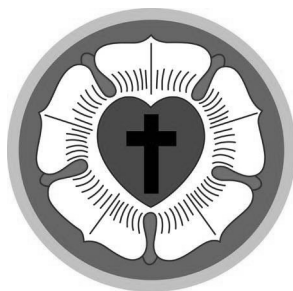
Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is going on. Little one's tire of seeing the back of others' heads.

Explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, ushers, choir, and the people who make worship happen. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in their house of worship. The presence of your child is a gift to Church of the Savior. We are blessed to welcome and worship with our children. We know that it took a lot of work to get to this pew today; you are doing a really good job!

PRELUDE: God Is Here



Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

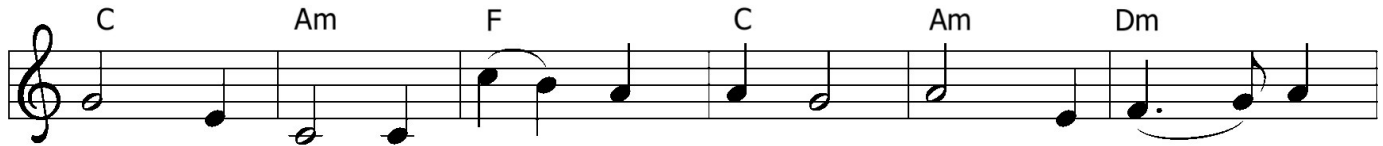
Merciful God,

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.**

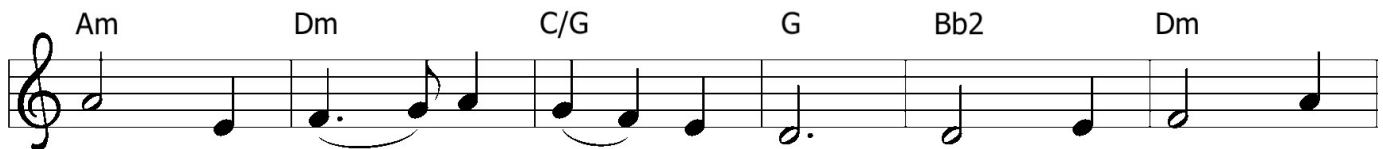
PROCESSIONAL HYMN: God Is Here



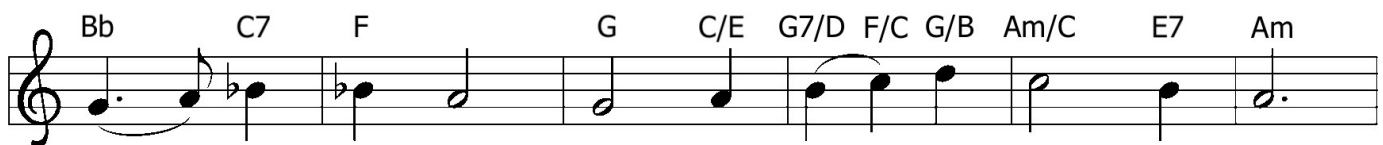
1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ ~~Text~~ share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

GREETING

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.



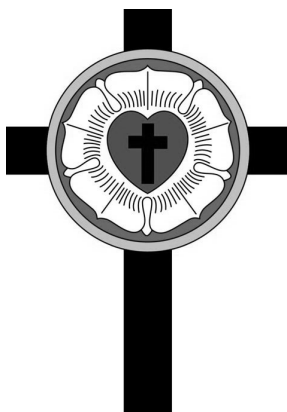
THE KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!



THE GLORIA



- 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

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7a

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God



PSALM: Psalm 112

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!
² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will ¹ last forever.
⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.
⁶ **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands ¹ fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and ¹ pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.**



SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?”

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

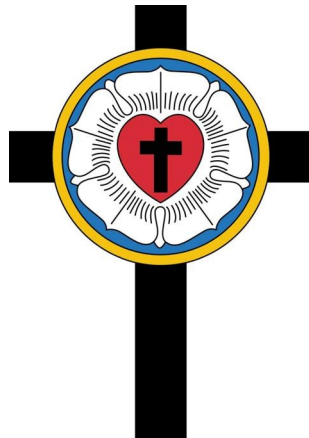
People: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

People: Praise to you, O Christ.



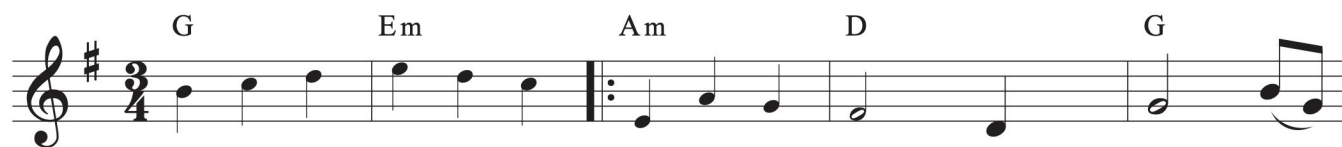
HOMILY: Pastor Heidi Johnston

HYMN OF THE DAY: The Feast

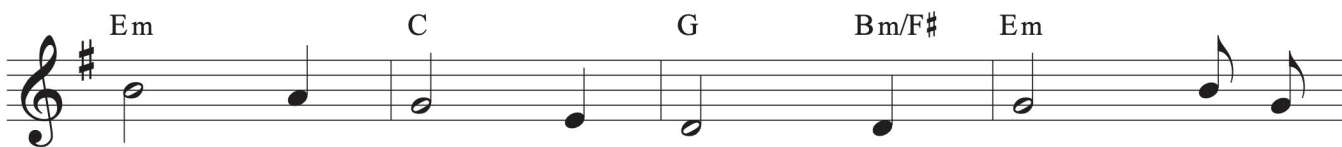
Bill Vollinger

The Feast

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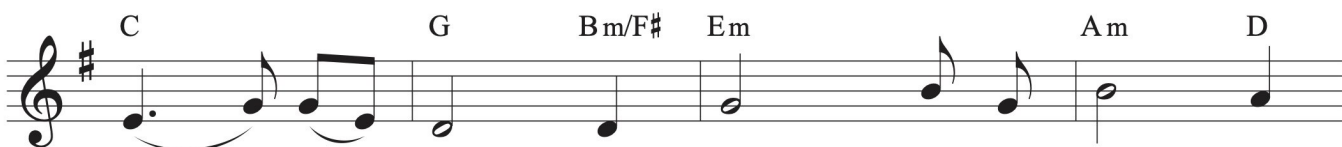
1. When you're in -
2. When you're in -
3. And when it's



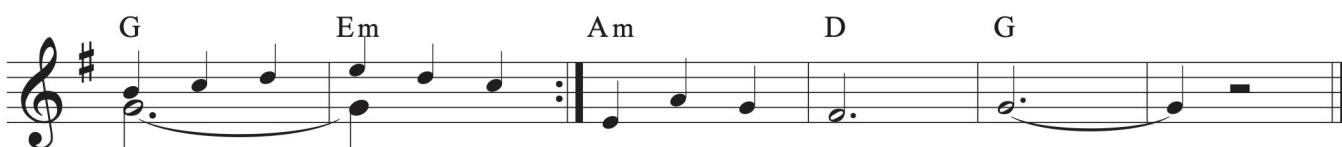
vi - ted to a feast Don't sit at the
vi - ted to a feast just sit at the
you that gives the feast Don't just in - vite



high - est place _____ till some - one says "You
low - est place _____ till some - one says "Come
rich or friends _____ But al - so poor and



can't sit there" And then you will be dis -
sit up here" And then you will not lose
lame and blind, And that feast will ne - ver



graced. _____
face. _____
end. _____

Maya Conrad Martinez

August 31, 2025



Born: June 6, 2025

*Godparents: Christopher Diaz
Chandler Farro*

**THE BAPTISM OF
MAYA CONRAD MARTINEZ**

Pastor: God who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the holy spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*Sponsors present **Maya**.*

I present Maya for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Maya baptized into Christ? Parents and godparents: I do.

Pastor: As you bring **Maya** to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with **her** among God's faithful people, bring **her** to the word of God's holy supper, teach **her** the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in **her** hands the holy scriptures, and nurture **her** in faith and prayer, so that **she** may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help **Maya** grow in the Christian faith and life? **Parents and godparents: I do.**

Pastor: Sponsors, do you **promise to nurture Maya in the Christ faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her** live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? **Godparents: I do.**

Pastor: People of God, in **this assembly, do you promise to support Maya and pray for her in her new life in Christ? People: I do.**

The assembly stands.

Pastor: I ask you to **profess our faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God? People: I renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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 into hell. 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

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Pastor: Maya, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain **Maya** with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

ANOINTING WITH OIL

Pastor: Maya, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

A candle is presented to parents and sponsors.

Pastor: Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Pastor: Let us welcome **Maya** into the family of faith.

People: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share, where you will join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

MUSIC: WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY

Welcome to God's Family

words & music by Bill Vollinger (ASCAP) ©1988

$\text{♩} = 128$ $B\flat 9$ *mf* $E\flat$ $B\flat 7$

Wel-come wel-come to God's fam - i-ly!

$E\flat$ $E\flat 7$

Wel - come wel - come to God's fam - i - ly! Wel - come wel - come

$A\flat$ $B\flat 9$

to God's fam - i - ly! God is my Fa-ther. Je - sus is my bro-ther, and

$B\flat$ $E\flat$

He is my sa-vior and that makes me God's child.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC: "You Are the Sunshine of My Life" Alex Alcaide, baritone sax

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E♭ Fm7 B♭ E♭ Cm F
 Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
 B♭sus B♭ B♭/A♭ Fm7 E♭/B♭ B♭ Gmaj
 in me. Cast me not a - way from Your pre - sence, and take not Your
 Cm F7 B♭ B♭7 E♭/B♭ B♭ E♭/B♭
 Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Your sal -
 A♭ B♭ E♭7 A♭ Fm7 B♭ E♭sus E♭
 va - tion; and up - hold me with Your free Spir - it.

ALL: 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

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

PREFACE FOR THE SEASON

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

F C/E Dm Bb/C Dm C Bb C

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

Bb F Bb/G F Dm Gm Bbsus F

heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

F C/E Dm Bb/C Dm C Bb C

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

Bb F Bb/G F Dm Gm Bbsus F

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

....proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

At conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer

People: Amen



THE LORD'S PRAYER



C7 F Dm Gm Bb F Am/E Dm Am/C Bb C

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;

Am Gm Dm Bb Bb/G C7 Dm Dm/Bb C F

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.

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COMMUNION HYMN: I Receive the Living God

Refrain F Dm Bb C F

I re - ceive the liv-ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

F Dm Bb C7 F

I re - ceive the liv-ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace! **Amen.**



The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major, indicated by one sharp (F#) on the treble clef. The key signature is G major. The score consists of eight staves of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes on each staff to indicate the harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The supper is ended, Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reach-ing, shall blossom in action for God and for all. Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us to work for your kingdom and answer your call." The chords used are G, Em, Am/C, D, C, G/D, and D7. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
the peo - ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave.
The sup - per is end - ed, Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

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.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Go, My Children, with My Blessing



- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."



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SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
Aug 31	Michael Chomin	Susan Conrad	Antoinette Walder
Sept 7	Susan Conrad	Vicki Coyle	Ed Moderacki
Sept 14	Vicki Coyle	Maggie Harrer	Rick Henly

FLOWERS

Aug 31	For: Maggie Harrer's Birthday From: Rick Henly
Sept 7	For: In Joy, Wedding Celebration of Chandler & Dan From: Susan Conrad
Sept 14	For: In celebration of my sister Brittany's Birthday From: Antoinette

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep 1	Labor Day—Church & School Offices Closed
Sep 7	Wee Worship God's Work. Our Hands Sunday Installation of Staff / Backpack Blessing Sunday School

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