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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

PRELUDE *Please gather in silence to prepare for worship*

Stand

GATHERING HYMN

We Have Come to Join in Worship 207

Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness. 1 Chronicles 16:29

1. We have come to join in wor - ship And a - dore the Lord our God.
2. See them gath - er all a - round you, Those He bought at such a cost;
3. Let us love our God su - preme-ly; Let us love each oth - er, too.

Let us come in prayer, ex - pect - ing God to speak His might - y Word.
See the wea - ry, see the hurt - ing, See the lone - ly, see the lost.
Let us care for all His peo - ple Till our God makes all things new.

All is vain un - less the Spir - it Of the Ho - ly One comes down.
Be His hand, and touch the need - y; Be His gos - pel, let it sound!
Christ will call us home to heav - en; At His ban - quet we'll sit down;

Chris - tians, pray, and ho - ly man - na Will be show - ered all a - round.
Be His bod - y, and sweet man - na Will be show - ered all a - round.
Christ Him - self will rise and serve us Liv - ing man - na all a - round.

TEXT: Ken Bible and George Atkins
MUSIC: William Moore

HOLY MANNA
8.7.8.7.D.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel, sit or stand

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.**

Stand

GREETING

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.**

KYRIE

Cantor, then All
Lord, have mer - cy. *Cantor, then All* Christ, have mer -
Cantor, then All
cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo - ple of good will. 1. We

Verse 1
praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we
glo-ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.

Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo - ple of good will.

Verse 2



2. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord



God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa -



ther, you take a - way the sins of the world, have



mer - cy on us; you take a - way the



sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;

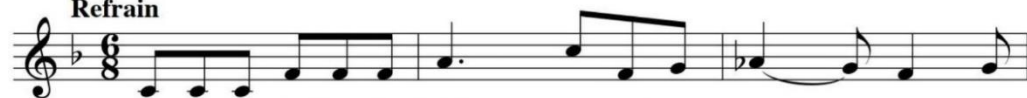


you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa -



ther, have mer - cy on us.

Refrain



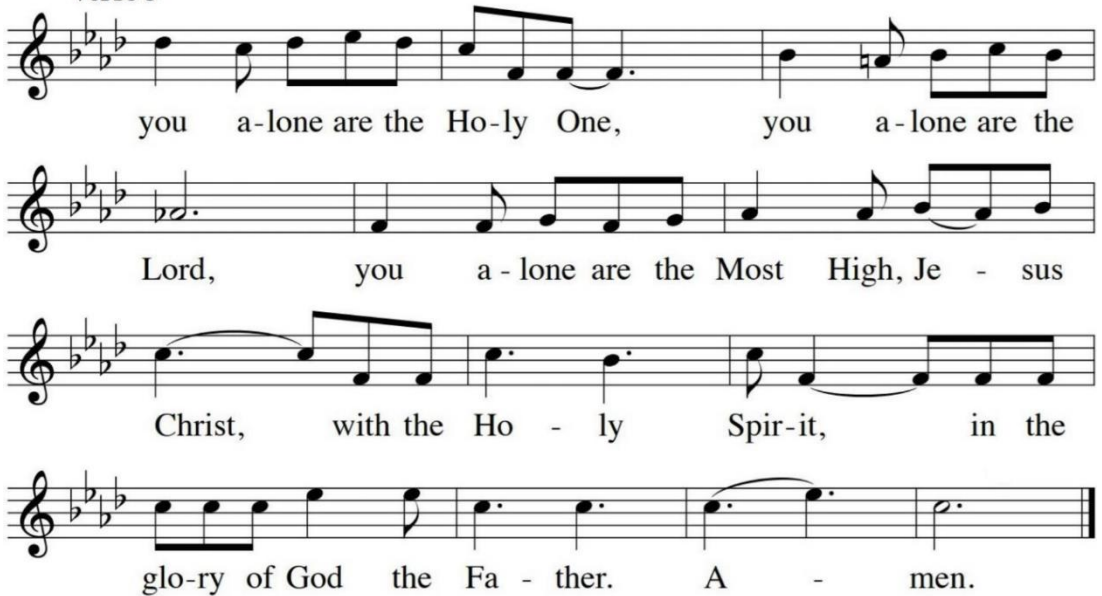
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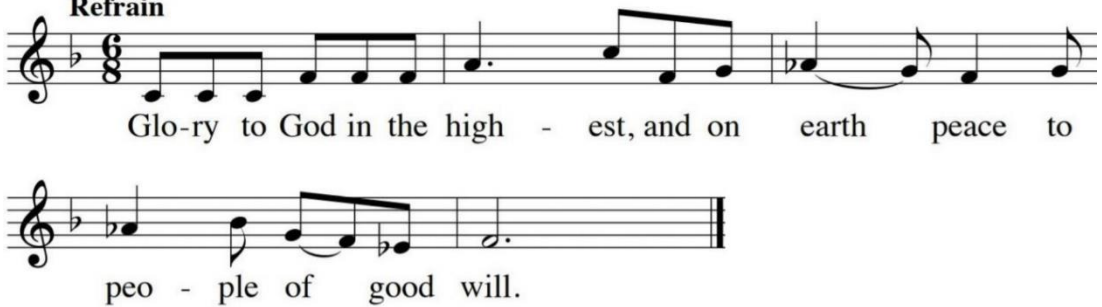
3. For

Verse 3



you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the
Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the
glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo - ple of good will.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Pastoral Prayer
- C **Amen.**

Be seated

FIRST READING: ECCLESIASTES 5:18-20

¹⁸ This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot. ¹⁹ Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. ²⁰ They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 101:1-8

R ¹ I will sing of your love and justice;
to you, LORD, I will sing praise.

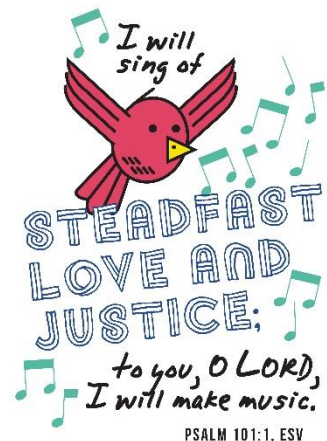
C ² **I will be careful to lead a blameless life—
when will you come to me?
I will conduct the affairs of my house
with a blameless heart.**

³ I will not look with approval
on anything that is vile.

I hate what faithless people do;
I will have no part in it.

⁴ **The perverse of heart shall be far from me;
I will have nothing to do with what is evil.**

⁵ Whoever slanders their neighbor in secret,
I will put to silence;
whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart,
I will not tolerate.



**⁶ My eyes will be on the faithful in the land,
that they may dwell with me;
the one whose walk is blameless
will minister to me.**

⁷ No one who practices deceit
will dwell in my house;
no one who speaks falsely
will stand in my presence.

**⁸ Every morning I will put to silence
all the wicked in the land;
I will cut off every evildoer
from the city of the LORD.**

SECOND READING: PROVERBS 24:30-34

³⁰ I went past the field of a sluggard,
past the vineyard of someone who has no sense;

³¹ thorns had come up everywhere,
the ground was covered with weeds,
and the stone wall was in ruins.

³² I applied my heart to what I observed
and learned a lesson from what I saw:

³³ A little sleep, a little slumber,
a little folding of the hands to rest—

³⁴ and poverty will come on you like a thief
and scarcity like an armed man.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT



Stand

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 9th chapter.

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

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

³“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

⁶After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. ⁷“Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

⁸His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, “Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some claimed that he was.


Others said, “No, he only looks like him.”

But he himself insisted, “I am the man.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL RECESSIONAL



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be seated

SERMON “The Seven Deadly Sins: Sloth vs. Diligence”

Pastor Phil Hohulin

Moment of silent reflection after sermon

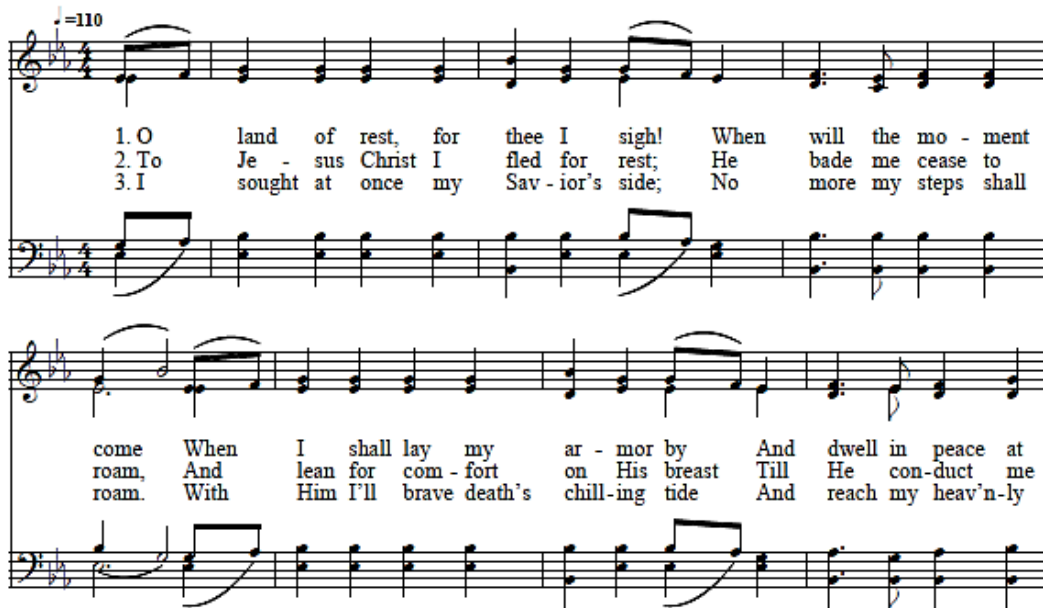
Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

We'll Work Till Jesus Comes

Elizabeth King Mills (1805-1829)

William Miller, 19th Century



♩ = 110

1. O land of rest, for thee I sigh! When will the mo - ment
2. To Je - sus Christ I fled for rest; He bade me cease to
3. I sought at once my Sav - ior's side; No more my steps shall

come When I shall lay my ar - mor by And dwell in peace at
room, And lean for com - fort on His breast Till He con - duct me
room. With Him I'll brave death's chill - ing tide And reach my heav'n - ly

Refrain

home?
home. We'll work till Je-sus comes, We'll work till Je-sus comes, We'll
home.

work till Je-sus comes, And we'll be ga-thered home.

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

Kneel/sit/stand

THE PRAYERS

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their need:

A Holy God, save us from every vice that would conspire against us and strengthen in us every virtue in conformity to your Son. Grant us diligence in our discipleship. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Freedom-giving Lord, break the bonds of addiction that hold so many captive. Particularly we pray for the work of our ministry partner, His Hope Teen Challenge. May all whom they serve know the joy of being free from the tyranny of evil. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Lord of life, grant healing mercy to all who struggle with pain or suffering. Surround them with your comfort, bring hope to the hopeless, and provide for the needs of your people each day. [We pray especially for ...] Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Sovereign Master, bestow your wisdom, strength, protection, and courage upon all who serve in our armed forces. Grant also these virtues to all elected representatives of our republic. Guard them from corruption and temptation. Conform their wills to your will and enable them to lead according to your statutes. Assist them to ensure the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to all, from first heartbeat to last. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Head of the Church, bless the leaders of our denomination: our bishop Dan Selbo; his assistants Amy, Gemechis, Phillip, Andrew, Eric, Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky; and the staff and faculty of our North American Lutheran Seminary. Raise a new generation of pastors to shepherd your flock. Enhance the missional efforts of all congregations that faithfully proclaim your word. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Stand
PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

Be seated
OFFERING

Special Music

Stand
OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with the Bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Music: OLD HUNDREDETH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly
Lord, God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are
full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

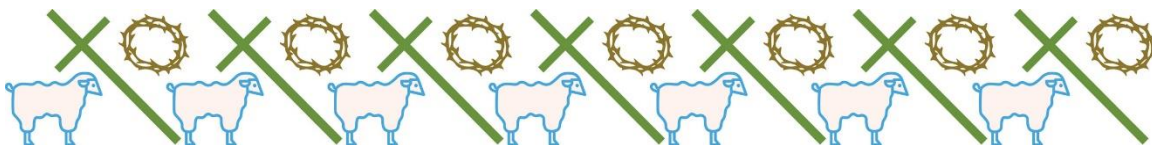
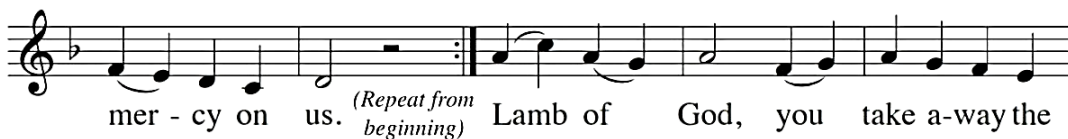
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,**

**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.**

Be seated

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION

**White grape juice is in the center of each communion tray. Gluten-free wafers available at the rail upon request.*

We believe that Holy Communion is the sacrament of the real presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As we partake of the *bread and the *wine, we trust Jesus' promise that we receive His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sin and strength to serve him. If you are a baptized and repentant Christian who desires to commune with us, you are thereby publicly declaring your oneness in faith with us, and you too recognize the Lord's Body and Blood as fulfilling God's Covenant of Grace for us.

*The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: Amen.*



Stand

PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING (V2 Only)

Thine the Amen



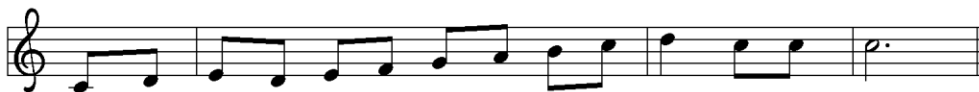
1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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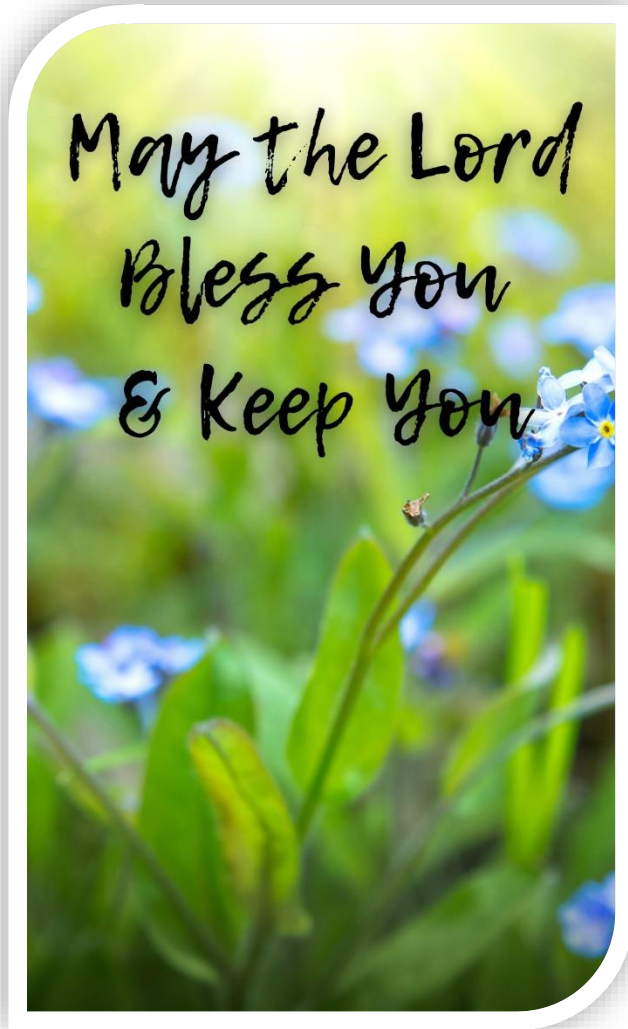
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BLESSING

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.



SENDING HYMN

676 O Jesus, I Have Promised

Whoever serves Me must follow Me. John 12:26

1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;
2. O let me feel Thee near me, The world is ev - er near;
3. O let me hear Thee speak - ing In ac - cents clear and still,
4. O Je - sus, Thou hast prom - ised To all who fol - low Thee,

Be Thou for - ev - er near me, My Mas - ter and my Friend:
I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing sounds I hear:
A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs of self - will.
That where Thou art in glo - ry, There shall Thy ser - vant be;

I shall not fear the bat - tle If Thou art by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with - in;
O speak to re - as - sure me, To has - ten or con - trol;
And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;

Nor wan - der from the path - way If Thou wilt be my guide.
But, Je - sus, draw Thou near - er, And shield my soul from sin.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, Thou guard - ian of my soul.
O give me grace to fol - low, My Mas - ter and my Friend.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



Welcome to our guests!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to come and get to know us at the pace that fits who you are, where you are on your spiritual journey, and to explore with us what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter, Tidings of Grace, please send an email to our administrative assistant, Brenda, at gracewcsecretary@yahoo.com.



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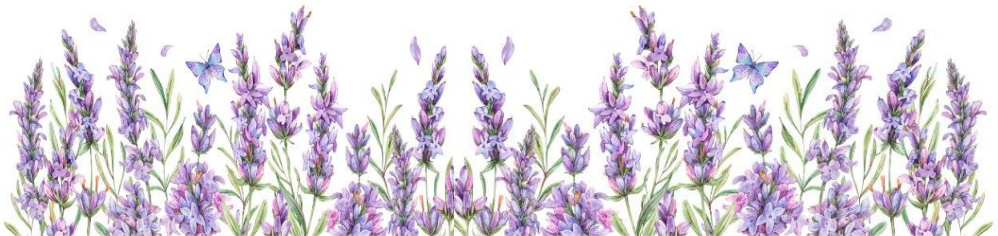
May 5	Shirley Schryver	Leslie Jackson
May 12	N'Anne Knight	Julie Hohulin
May 19	Joe Costantino	Steve Gross
May 26	Sandy Rice	Deborah Ross

Sunday School

Young Learners (Prek—K)

Disciples (Early Elementary)

May 5	Sally & Sandy	Chris
May 12	Wanda & Steve	Heather
May 19	Pam & Sandy	Cassie





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