

Joy Lutheran Church of Rockwall, Texas

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North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

North Texas/Oklahoma Mission District

*Bringing Joy to the
Heart of Rockwall*

We are a community of faith, formed
in the grace and joy of Jesus Christ.

We are a people involved in God's
sure and unfolding promise to mend
His creation through the life, death
and resurrection of His Son, Jesus
Christ, and in the power of the Holy
Spirit.

We are a church under the cross of
Christ, shaped by the ancient rhythms
of Christian worship, fellowship and
service to others.

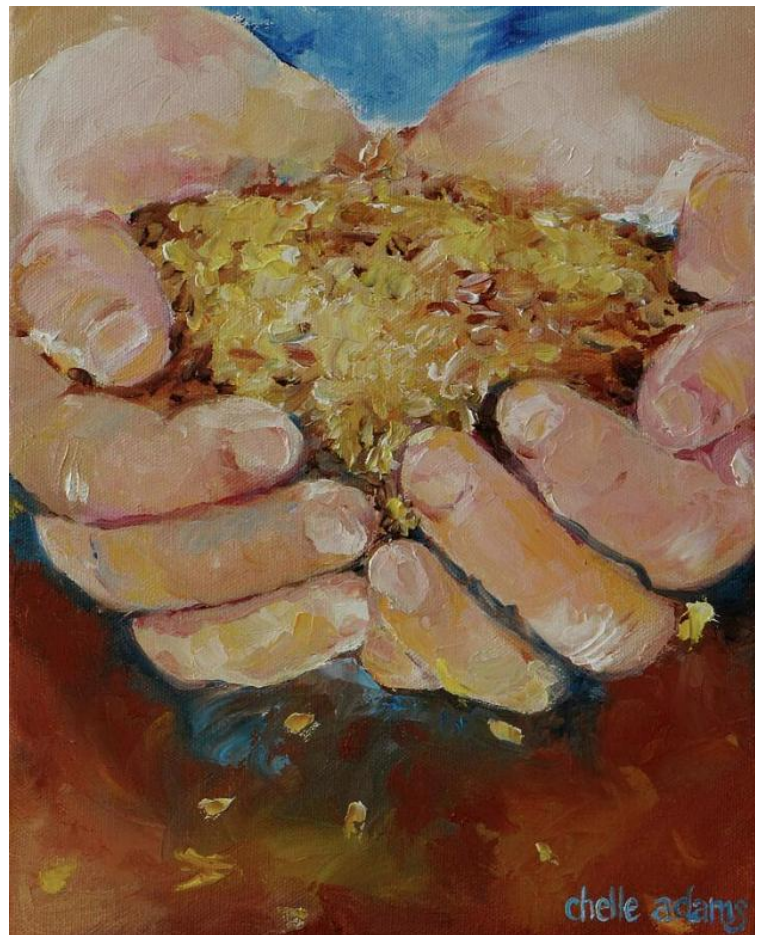
COME SHARE THE JOY!

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (YEAR A)

JULY 19, 2026



Our Members, Guests and Visitors

We are all on a journey of faith; God does not expect us to make the journey alone.
Please contact us if we can be of help in any way.

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Prelude

You may use this time to prepare your heart for worship

- Welcome! Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a gift from God to us. Guests, please fill out the card on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate later in the service. May the love of Christ comfort you, and the love of His people encourage you!
- All who are baptized and desire to share in the Body and Blood of our Lord are welcome to receive Communion.
- Children in worship are a blessing! A worship bag (filled with coloring pages and crayons, children's bulletin, etc.) is available at the back of the sanctuary to use during worship. Ask an usher if you need assistance.
- We've started an Artists' Gathering, which includes drawing, painting, crafts, etc., every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please come join us in the Fellowship Hall.
- Blaine Davis is leading our Worship this Sunday.
- Worship & Music meeting at the church, July 21st at 6:00 p.m.
- Ladies Bunco Night is Wednesday, July 29th at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share and \$5 to play; Yvonne Hanks, the hostess, is providing a dessert.
- Men's Gathering at Pastor Martin's home (903 Windham Dr., Rockwall) on Wednesday, July 29th at 6:30 p.m.
- Interested in becoming a member of Joy? Please contact Pastor Martin.
- Please remember to review the Blessing Board to volunteer for various ministries.

SERVICE OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION

On this Eighth Sunday after Pentecost our readings remind us that the Lord, the only God, is all we need. We need fear nothing in life, for his is a steadfast love. This does not mean there are no sufferings in the present time. It does mean that the divine Spirit helps in all our weaknesses. He even mediates for us before the Father when we do not know how to pray about our troubles. Indeed, the troubles of life will come. Eventually, judgment will come at the end of time, but then the righteous — those who trust in the Son of Man — “will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.”

We are thankful for our seminarian, Blaine Davis, who has come from Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church in Tyler to lead our service. In the North American Lutheran Church (NALC), a deacon or seminarian may lead a *Service of the Word with Holy Communion* using the reserved sacrament (pre-consecrated elements) when an ordained pastor is unavailable. We will use the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal (Red Book) in today’s service.

“O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.” (Psalm 96:9)

GATHERING

The service begins with the community gathering as the Body of Christ.

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN~ “I LOVE YOUR KINGDOM LORD” (*Green P. 368*)

I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells. Psalm 26:8

Text: Timothy Dwight, 1752-1817

Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

I love your king - dom_ Lord, The place of_ your a -
I love your Church, O_ God! Its_ walls be - fore you
Be - yond my high - est_ joy I_ prize its_ heav'n ly
Sure as your truth shall_ last, To_ Zi - on_ shall be

bode; The Church our blest Re - deem - er saved With his own pre - cious blood.
stand, Dear as the ap - ple of your eye And grav - en_ on your hand.
ways, Its sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.
giv'n The bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, And bright - er_ bliss of heav'n.

WORDS OF CONFESSION

Seminarian (S): "Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another."...

(S): Most merciful God,

Congregation (C): We confess that we are in bondage 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.

(S): "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.

APOSTOLIC GREETING:

Seminarian (S): The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation (C): And also with you.

KYRIE ~ (Green, P. 78)

(S): "In peace, let us pray to the Lord." **(C): Lord, have mercy.**

(S): "For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord."

(C): Lord, have mercy.

(S): "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." **(C): Lord, have mercy.**

(S): "For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord." **(C): Lord, have mercy.**

(S): "Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord." **(C): Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE: "THIS IS THE FEAST"



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, Al-le-lu-ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(S): The Lord be with you. (C): **And also with you.**

(S): "Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; that you may hear our petitions. In all things, help us to ask for what will please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever."

(C): **Amen.**

Please be seated

The Service of the Word

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. ⁸Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

(S): The Word of the Lord

(C): **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 119:57-64

⁵⁷You only are my portion, O LORD;*

I have promised to keep your words.

⁵⁸**I entreat you with all my heart,***

be merciful to me according to your promise.

⁵⁹I have considered my ways*

and turned my feet toward your decrees.

⁶⁰**I hasten and do not tarry***

to keep your commandments.

⁶¹Though the cords of the wicked entangle me,*

I do not forget your law.

⁶²**At midnight I will rise to give you thanks,***

because of your righteous judgments.

⁶³I am a companion of all who fear you*

and of those who keep your commandments.

⁶⁴**The earth, O LORD, is full of your love;***

instruct me in your statutes.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

(R): The Word of the Lord

(C): **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ "ALLELUIA"



THE HOLY GOSPEL

(S): The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th Chapter.

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

GOSPEL
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴Jesus put another parable before {the disciples}, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'""

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

(S): The Gospel of the Lord.

(C): **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

HOMILY FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sermon by Seminarian, Blaine Davis

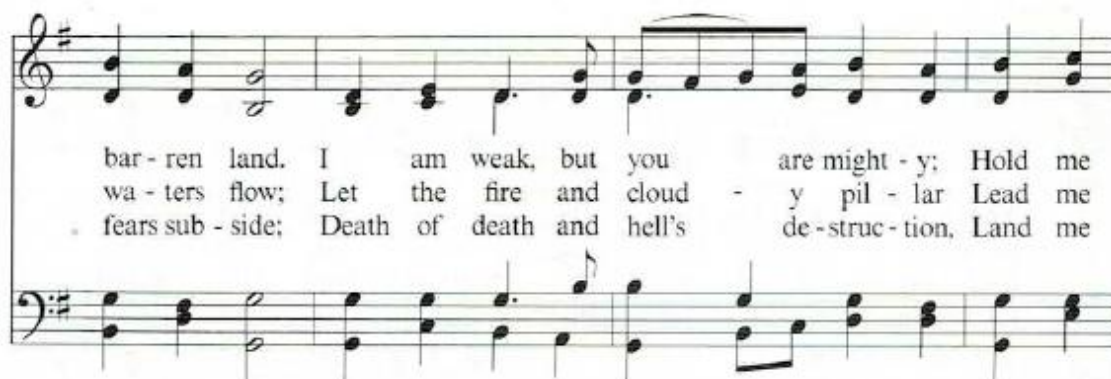
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Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

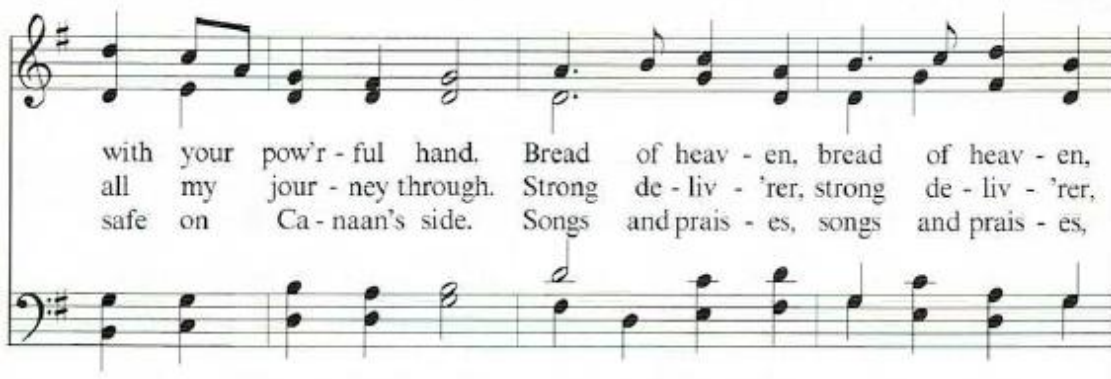
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1 Guide me ev - er, great Re-deem - er, Pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; Hold me
 wa - ters flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es,



Feed me now and ev - er - more, Feed me now and ev - er - more.
 Shield me with your might - y arm, Shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Please Remain Standing

APOSTLES' CREED

(S): "With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(S): Confident in God's steadfast love through Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

(S): O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer, there is no one like you, and so, we trust in you alone. As you have called the whole Church to be your witnesses, proclaiming to the world the good news of him who has been prophesied since ancient times, give us all boldness to declare your salvation and sow the Gospel seed.

(C): hear our prayer.

(S): Gracious God, turn the concerns of the Church to your Word. Give her a heart for you alone, that she may keep your commandments, and bring you honor so people will know that God is in their land. May they see that you are the God of steadfast love and mercy. Lord in your mercy. **(C): hear our prayer.**

(S): God of all hope, sometimes it seems like everything is futile. Help us to rely on faith instead of feelings, upon what we know to be true because of your promises instead of the false signals given through the sorrows of this present time. Cause us to consider these trials in light of the glory that awaits us through Christ. Give the hopeless courage to wait with patience for what they do not see, yet know to be true because of the witness of your Spirit. Lord in your mercy.

(C): hear our prayer.

(S): God of all righteousness, merciful Lord, being confident that you answer the prayers of your people, we humbly ask that you heal the sick, feed the needy, and care for those who grieve. We pray especially for these we name before you now: _____. Give them and all who are in need, the peace and blessed assurance that on that Day, the righteous in Christ will shine like the sun in the kingdom of his Father. Lord in your mercy. (C): **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

(S): 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**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

(S): "The peace of the Lord be with you always." (C): **And also with you.**

(S): "Let us share that peace with one another."

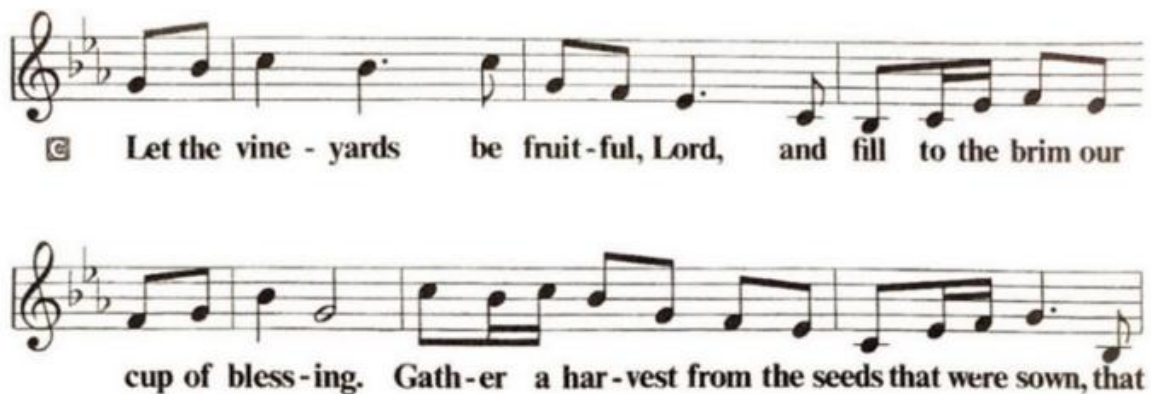
Please be seated as the gifts and offerings are collected

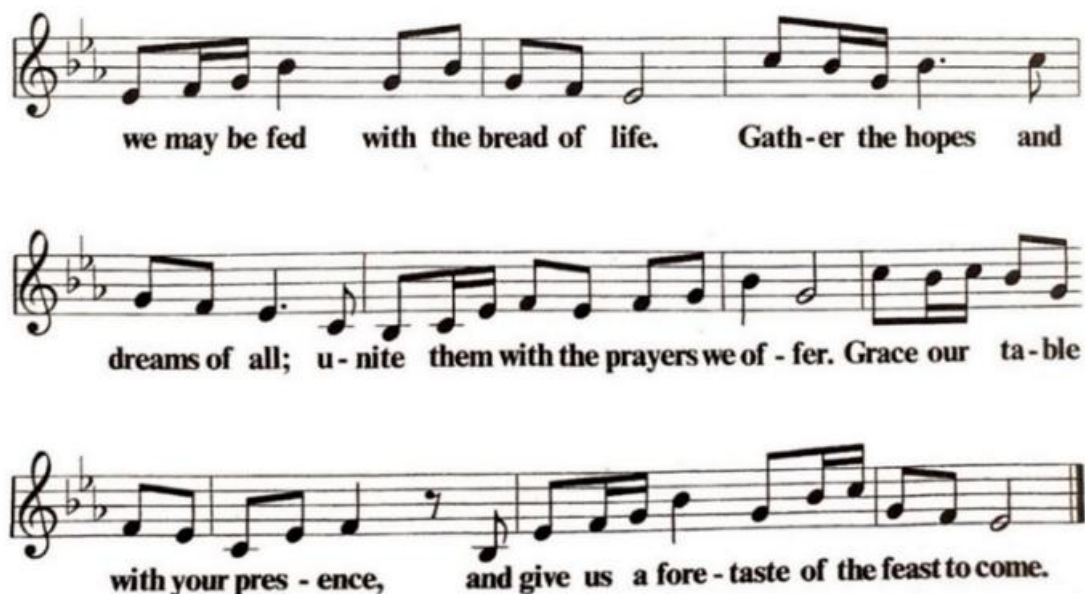
GATHERING & PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

*As the gifts are brought forward to the altar,
we will sing the Offertory Response*

Please stand.

"LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL"





POST OFFERING PRAYER

(S): Let us pray.

(C): Merciful and Gracious Father, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please remain standing

THE HOLY MEAL

(S): "'The last time we gathered, we heard Pastor Moore say: 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.'"

AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

We invite all baptized believers to come forward and receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Small children are invited to come with arms folded across their hearts to receive a blessing from the assisting minister. Both the elements of wine and grape juice are offered. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher and communion will be brought to you.

Please stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

(S): May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **(C): Amen**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

(S): Let us pray: "We give you our thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would 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

Please remain standing

BENEDICTION

(S) "Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us."

(C): Amen

SENDING HYMN ~ "LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING" (*Green, P. 259*)

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For your Gos - pel's
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us From our strug - gling




joy and peace; Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound. May the fruits of your sal - va - tion
 pil - grim way, Let no fear of death ap - pall us,




Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. Oh, re - fresh us;
 In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 Glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,




oh, re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful To your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er Reign with you in end - less day.



DISMISSAL

(S): "We are called by Christ"

(C): **To JOYfully share Jesus and ourselves with our neighbors.**

(S): "Go in peace. Share the good news."

(C): **Thanks be to God.**

OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS THIS MORNING:

Greeter:	Inez Roach
Ushers:	Dennis & Bobbie Chubbs
Altar Care:	Sharon Johnson
Lector & Communion Assistant:	Juan Garnica
Acolyte:	Matthew Chubbs
Music & Facebook Monitor:	Rhonda White
Hospitality:	Marcia Matarelli
Offering Count Team:	Sandra Lacroix & Inez Roach
Altar Flowers:	Carol Agee
