

THE 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 11th, 2023



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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A recording of Sunday's service will be uploaded to YouTube at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpING_TKT19c_OIBbMqGwLw

Prayer: O God, whose never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth, put away from us, we entreat You, all hurtful things, and give us those things that are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, , who lives and reigns with You and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: 11 Tim. 3: 14-17 Wednesday: Acts 8: 26-35 Friday: Ezek. 3: 22-27
 Tuesday: Ezek. 2: 1-7 Thursday: Luke 10: 1-11 Saturday: Isa. 5: 1-7

Musicians: Mayumi Munoz
Reader: Lorraine Kaija
Greeters: Don & Lois Fretz

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Today: 9:00 a.m. – Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. – Worship with Holy Communion
 2:00 p.m. – Voter's Meeting – Election of Council
 Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. – Precious Moments
 7:00 p.m. – Parish Ed Meeting
 8:00 p.m. – Youth Committee Meeting
 Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – SOUL
 Saturday: 1:00 p.m. – YOUTH Laser Tag

VOTER'S MEETING TODAY at 2:00 p.m: There will be an important quarterly Voters Meeting today. In addition to reports from the Committee Chairs there will be election of Church Council members for the upcoming year starting on September 1st. Due to Covid restrictions and lack of members stepping forward to serve in recent years, all terms of office had been extended. That means that all positions are up for re-election and we already have some existing vacancies and some new vacancies being created due to retirements. Please consider letting your name stand for election if you are eligible. You must have been a Voter for at least one full year. If you have any questions about this process, or positions available, please contact Chairman – Don Fretz or any other Council member. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve your Lord by becoming a Church Council member.

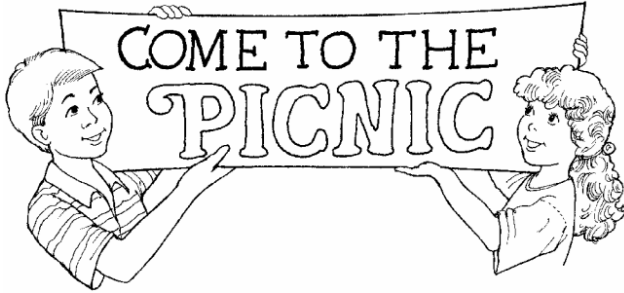
PRECIOUS MOMENTS: We have only a few more weeks of meeting together before summer break. If you or someone you know would benefit from friendly conversation and time for kids to play, sing, hear a Bible Story and make a craft - please join us Tuesday mornings in the nursery area from 9:30- 11 a.m. A huge thank you to Judy Mason who has pitched in to help prepare & clean up after our snacks!

CONFIRMAND & YOUTH LASER TAG: Saturday, June 17, 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 for 3 games. Friends are welcome to join us! Sign up by June 7th. For more information speak with Valerie, Elizabeth or Louise. Sign up at: <https://bxzq0rfovsd.typeform.com/to/BEJzDmAG> by June 7th.



FATHER'S DAY COFFEE HOUR: Sunday, June 18, after Worship service. Treat Dad to his favourite pie & coffee. *A sign-up sheet is in the narthex if you would like to donate a pie for this event. (a Free-will donation for the NYG vehicle repair bill will be accepted)*

MARY MARTHA: Tuesday, June 20th at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Mary Saxton, 28 Emerald Common. If you are able to bring an appetizer, main, salad or dessert, please let Kathy Dekouchay know. Please remember to bring your own cutlery, plate, glasses and lawn chair. If you have any questions, or need more info, contact Lorraine 905 964 5837. Please carpool if possible since parking is limited. We look forward to seeing you there!



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

PICNIC 2023

Sunday, June 25, 11:00 am
Burgoyne Woods, Section "C"

(11:00 am Service at the Church for those unable to attend the Picnic)

Activities: Games, Fun and Action for all

Food: Hamburgers, hotdogs and pop provided.

Necessities to Bring: Lawn Chairs, salads, dessert, plate & utensils

If you plan to attend, please contact: secretary@christlutheransc.ca
with number attending and preferences for hotdogs/hamburgers

PLASTER THE PASTOR WITH PIE! For a \$2 donation to our SOUL PROGRAM you will be entered for a chance to pie Pastor Todd at our annual church picnic. The winner will be drawn at Burgoyne Woods after the service. See any of the Hoeffs in the back of the church on June 11th and 18th to donate.



Vacation Bible School

July 17-21

9 a.m. - 12 noon

Registration - email: parish.assistant@christlutheransc.ca

secretary@christlutheransc.ca



Join Us
this Summer

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: "Shine Jesus Light" VBS
July 17 - 21, 9:00 am - 12 noon. We are still seeking small group leaders, your job would be to take about 5 students from station to station & shine Jesus light into their lives. Even if you can assist for 2-3 days that would help greatly! Whether you can help out as little as 1 day, or as many as 5 days, your support might be just what one of these children needs. If you can assist us please fill out a Volunteer form in the narthex.

Last Sunday Attendance: June 4th, 2023 Attn: 10 a.m. – 103 SOUL: 29

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly Need</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>+ or – (--)</u>
Current	297,841.00	5,840.02	3,180.60	97,107.91	(34,629.46)
LCC Missions	17,000.00	333.33	255.00	6,741.50	(777.73)
Property Improvement:			125.00	2,807.50	

GREETERS: A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board and we would ask that anyone who is interested in assisting for the coming year to please sign up. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know everyone in the congregation.

PRAYER WARRIORS: Please keep in your prayers our VBS program and the children and families we will impact. We thank God in advance for bringing families to us that we can share the Good News of Jesus with them and help SHINE Jesus light of truth in their lives.

2023/2024 SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Christian education of our children is important to all of us. We are looking for people to help "team teach" our Sunday school children this year; September - December; January - June. If you are excited to share God's Word to inquisitive minds we invite you to speak with our Parish Education Chairman, Brandon Kemp, or Louise.

POWER POINT VOLUNTEERS: – The Worship Committee is urgently seeking four (4) volunteers to assist with the preparation of the weekly PowerPoint projection. Frequency of PowerPoint preparation would be on a rotating basis and dependent upon the number of helpers. PLEASE give prayerful consideration to serving our Lord in this capacity. For more information, please speak to Kathy Kuhl, Judy Slingerland or Pastor Todd.



Granny Squares needed: Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The response has been overwhelming and extremely heartwarming that there have been so many Granny squares contributed. We have already completed 3. However, since this is an ongoing project we will gratefully accept more completed 6 inch knitted or crocheted Granny Squares in any pattern or colour. We would also appreciate any yarn that you may have, leftover yarn or full balls of yarn. In the narthex there is a white cube with yarn and hooks that you are welcome to take (or donate). There is another basket for completed squares. Once there are enough, we will make a Caring Squares blanket for whoever may be in need of a hug. On behalf of the Caring Squares, if you have any questions,

call Lorraine at 905 964 5837)

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP? We are setting up a schedule to take meals to Eduardo and Daniela to help them out during Daniela's very challenging recovery from childbirth and surgery. If you would be interested in helping with a meal, please email Carole (carolepink121@gmail.com) Thanks :)

GIRLS UNIFORMS: Please note, if anyone has a daughter or knows of anyone needing size small girls uniforms for Eden Christian High School in September, please call Doris Harmer at 905-646-2788 as she has some available as her daughters no longer need theirs.

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Lutheran Service Book Divine Service Setting Three
THE 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
June 11, 2023 + 10 AM Worship

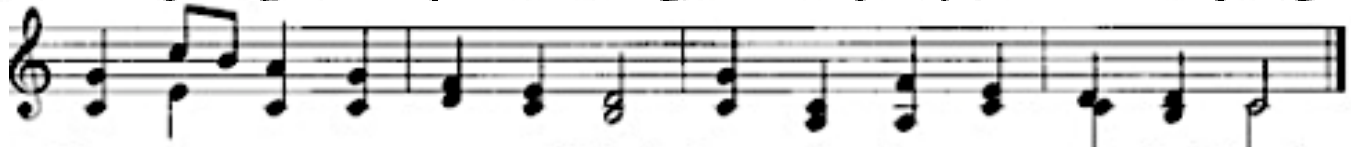
OPENING HYMN:

"To Your Temple I Draw Near"

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1 To your tem - ple I draw near; Lord, I love to wor - ship here.
2 I through Christ am rec - on - ciled; I through Christ be - come your child.
3 While your glo - rious praise is sung, Touch my lips, un - loose my tongue,



Here are sac - ra - ment and Word; Here be - liev - ers meet their Lord.
Ab - ba, Fa - ther, give me grace In your courts to seek your face.
That my joy - ful soul may bless Christ the Lord, my right-eous-ness.

7 From your house, when I return,
May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say,
"I have walked with God today."

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.
Tune: Freylinghausen, *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, Halle, 1704, alt.

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77 77

Alternate setting: 76

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, **who made heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

O Almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SUNG KYRIE:

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us; Christ, have mer-cy up-on us; Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

GLORIA

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Holy Gospel

St. Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 9th chapter:

♪ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.** ♪

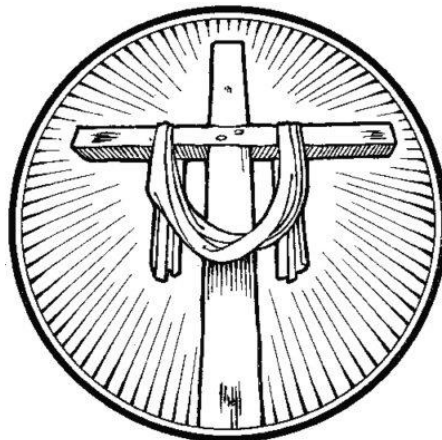
As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' ... While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.** ♪

THE NICENE CREED:

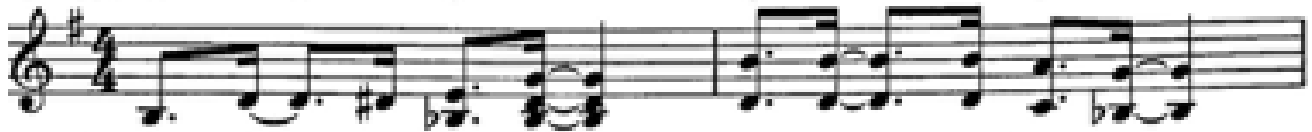
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



GOSPEL HYMN:

"Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother?"



1 Who is my moth - er, who is my broth - er?
 2 Dif - ferent - ly a - bled, dif - ferent - ly la - belled,
 3 Love will re - late us col - our or sta - tus
 4 Bound by one vi - sion, met for one mis - sion



All those who gath - er round Je - sus Christ:
 wid - en the cir - cle round Je - sus Christ:
 can't seg - re - gate us round Je - sus Christ:
 we claim each oth - er, round Je - sus Christ:



Spir - it blown peo - ple born from the Gos - pel
 crutch - es and stig - mas, cul - ture's e - nig - mas,
 fam - i - ly fail - ings, hu - man de - rail - ings
 here is my moth - er, here is my broth - er,



sit at the ta - ble, round Je - sus
 all come to - geth - er round Je - sus
 all are ac - cept - ed round Je - sus
 kin - dred in Spir - it, through Je - sus



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MESSAGE

OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

THE OFFERINGS *are gathered.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the Church, the world, and one another. Father, you have created us, blessed us, and forgiven us. You send us to share your forgiveness with all others. Help us to do that eagerly and well! Give us strength to find our joy and purpose in life by loving you with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbour as ourself.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Shape your Church into the image of Jesus. Make it a place of steadfast love and righteousness. Make it a place of forgiveness, hope, and praise. Make it a place of truth and grace.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Strengthen your persecuted people with your Holy Spirit. Give them the fullness of joy that Jesus promised, because he has overcome the world. Help them to share that joy, and the hope that is within them, even with their enemies, so that in Christ, they may be reconciled.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this congregation in pathways of faithful worship, loving service, and wise words. Let everything we say and do help lead even one other precious soul a step closer to Jesus.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, please give wisdom, integrity, and common sense to everyone in positions of authority in our country, and around the world. Teach them rightly to use the authority and power entrusted to them. And help all of us to be good neighbors, citizens, and stewards of your good creation.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son healed everyone who called upon him for aid. We pray, therefore, on behalf of everyone who suffers in body, mind, or spirit, including our dear ones: {List}. Restore them

to health, and strengthen their faith in you, the God whose promises have their Yes in Jesus Christ.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers, dear Father, as they touch your heart through the Spirit who searches our hearts. For the sake of your beloved Son, answer them as may be best for us and give you glory. **Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT [Spoken responses]

The Lord be with you: **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is truly good, right and joyful, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; Who, on this day, overcame death and the grave, and by His glorious resurrection, opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the church on earth and the whole company of Heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



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

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

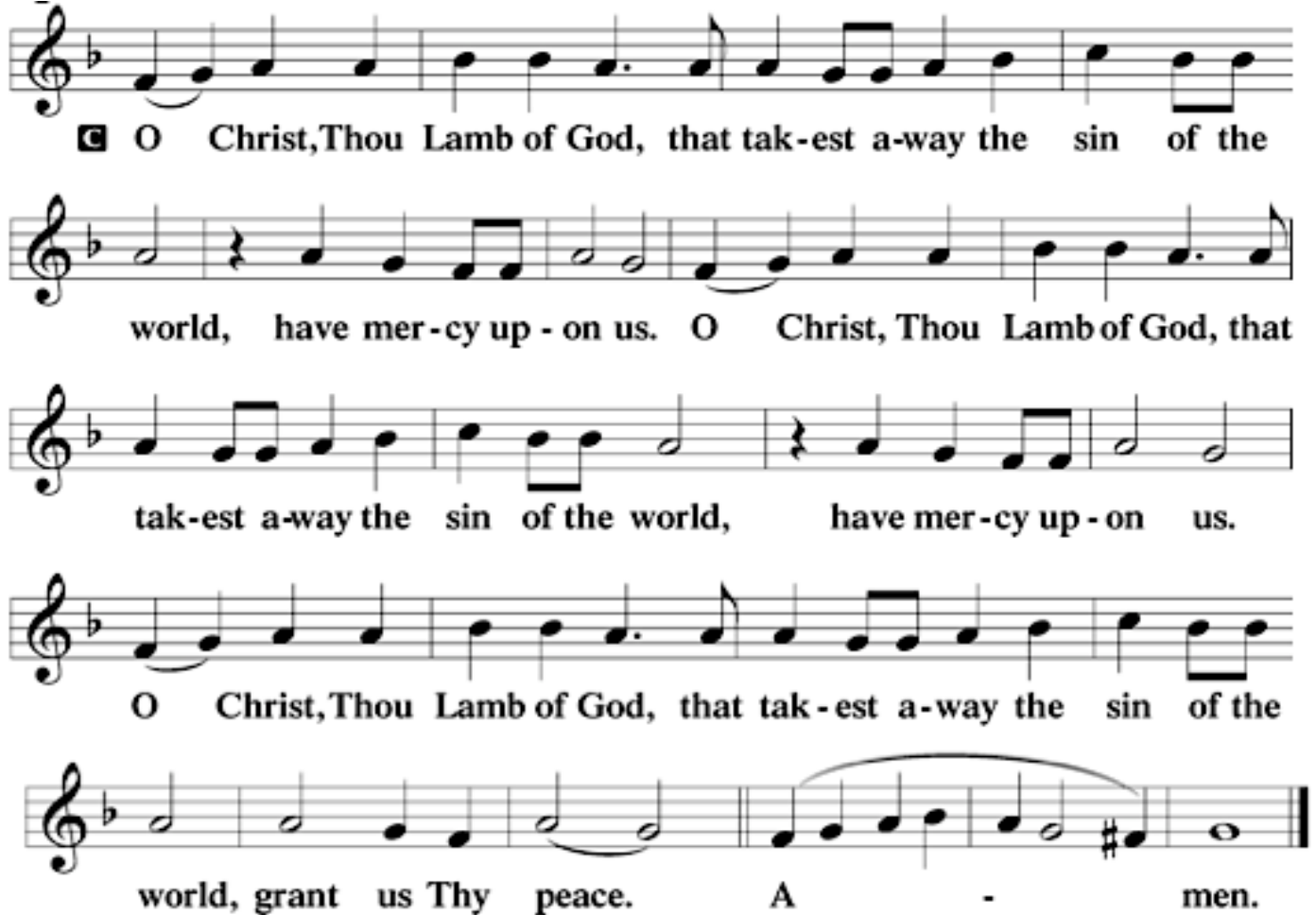
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.....

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AT THE RAIL

[Gluten free wafers and light purple glasses of Communion wine mixed with water are in the centre ring of the trays.]

COMMUNION HYMN:

"There Is One Whom I Love"

[Tune: "Going Home"]

p Andante molto

1. There is One whom I love, Who has placed me here,
 2. Since His will is re-vealed In His writ - ten Word,
 3. Then will I do His will As to me re - vealed,

That for Him I might sing Words of love and cheer.
 He com-mands that I walk With my lov - ing Lord.
 Nor to doubt nor de - spair Shall I ev - er yield,

May I then faith - ful be - To the work thus giv'n,
 O may I faith - ful be To His Word al - way,
 But to Him ev - er go, Should I be dis - trest,

And of Him be ap - proved, Thus to taste of heav'n;
 Walk with Him, trust - ing Him Thro' the night and day;
 Know - ing well I shall find Com - fort there and rest;

And of Him be ap - proved, Thus to taste of heav'n.
 Walk with Him, trust - ing Him Thro' the night and day.
 Know - ing well I shall find Com - fort there and rest.

His name is Won-der-ful, His name is Won-der-ful,
He is the might-y King, Mas-ter of ev-'ry-thing,

His name is Won-der-ful, Je-sus, my Lord;
His name is Won-der-ful, Je-sus, my Lord.

He's the great Shep-herd, the Rock of all a-ges, Al-might-y

God is He; Bow down be-fore Him, Love and a-

dore Him, His name is Won-der-ful, Je-sus, my Lord.

F Dm C Gm⁷ Am Dm C F

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Dm C Gm⁷ Am Dm C F

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.

C/E F B^b Am F Dm C

You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.

F Dm C Gm⁷ Am Dm C F

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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HOLY MANNA
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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

O give thanks to the Lord for He is good.
 And His mercy endures forever.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Let us pray: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you; **And with your spirit.**
 Bless we the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SUNG BENEDICTION:

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.
C A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN:

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -

guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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