Christ Lutheran Church St. Catharines, ON

The 14th Sunday after Pentecost August 25th, 2024



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Romans 10:15 - - How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday – 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Bulletin Announcements: Please send to secretary@christlutheransc.ca

Deadline for submission is Wednesday at 1 p.m.

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Pastor Todd's YouTube channel "Gathering the Scattered" (*link*)

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WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH! We're glad you've joined us for worship!

Please be aware that our Worship Services are *recorded and posted on YouTube and Facebook*. There is, although very slight, a possibility that your image might be posted. If you have any concerns, please either speak to the Elder on duty or alternatively seat yourself more towards the back of the sanctuary or along either of the outside aisles. May our gracious and loving Lord bless you as you worship Him. We pray we all remain safe and healthy.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIPPING

. Grant us your Spirit, Lord our God, that we may discern your good, acceptable, and perfect will. Give us joy in fighting on your side, so that what is good, acceptable, and perfect may be given to the world. Amen.

Musician – Mayumi Munoz + **Reader** – Paul Mason

DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS

Monday: Psalm 11 Wed: 1 Kings 6:15-38 Friday: James 1: 9-16 Tuesday: 1 Kings 6: 1-14 Thurs: Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9 Saturday: John 18: 28-32

ALSO HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Sunday: 10 AM – Worship

September 2024 Worship Schedule



September 1st - LBW Service of the Word September 8th - Creative Holy Communion September 15th - Service of Prayer & Preaching September 22nd - LSB Setting One Communion September 29th - Lutheran Catechism Service



Flowers have been placed on the altar this morning by Ralph & Mary Muller in memory of Joe & Inge Muller

Correction: Last week's flowers were placed on the altar by Heather Turner to the glory of God and for past and present FAMILY and friends.

PASTOR TODD will be on vacation for the entire month of August.

Rev. David Hamp, our regional circuit counsellor from Concordia Lutheran in Fonthill, will be the emergency contact at 905-892-8877 or e-mail at david.m.hamp@gmail.com.

For any non urgent matters please phone the office and leave a message.

August 25 – Rev. Dr. James Kellerman (& Noel)

LWML-C/MARY MARTHA EVENTS

Christ Lutheran is full of wonderful people and God has made each of us to serve in different ways. (Many thanks to those who have served or are still serving). Look in your heart to see if you would be willing to serve in our ladies' group. We are in need of a Secretary and a Member Development Chair! Lorraine K. would love to hear from you by text or call 905-964-5837 if you are interested.



"Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others. Be good servants of God's various gifts of grace".



ARE YOU GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE?

Grieving with the Saints is a new group bereavement program being offered at Grace Lutheran Church, 213 Linwell Road, St. Catharines. Christians dealing with grief receive support with one another through Holy Scripture, hymns and other aids. The group is offered in an informal setting in the Grace library Monday evenings, from 7 to 8:30. The program goes from Sept. 9 to Oct. 28. Space is limited, so preregistration is required by Wed., Sept. 4. To preregister, call (905)646-0113 or send an email to pastor@gracelutheranstcath.com,.

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	WEEKLY OFFERINGS				2024-08-18	
		<u>Budget</u>	Weekly need	Last Sunday	YTD	<u>+/(-)</u>
	Current	303,899.00	5,844.21	2,186.00	119,964.84	(78,738.35)
	LCC Missions	17,500.00	336.54	267.00	13,680.36	2,238.05
	Property Improvements			22.00	3,356.00	
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Lutheran Hour Ministry Sermons: These highly regarded sermons are broadcast each Sunday morning on 99.5 FM WDCX, Buffalo, at 10:30 A.M. Check the website for participating stations or <u>you can listen any time to a podcast or MP3 or read the text</u> at <u>www.lll.ca.</u>

They are a worthwhile addition to your regular observance of the Lord's Day and a particularly helpful alternative if you know you will be unable to attend our regular Worship Service at Christ Lutheran Church for any reason. The Lutheran Hour speaker is Rev. D. Michael Zeigler.

Please note that we have a **PRAYER MEETING** every Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m, beginning in September.



Join us in praying for our church, our community and our nation



FAMILY FUN DAY AT GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14 FROM 2 TO 4 P.M.

Bouncy castle, face painting, cotton candy, hot dogs. FREE. Bake sale fundraiser to go to Community Crew which provides nutritious lunches to kids who need them.



SPECIAL VBS THANK YOU: This Sunday there will be a video showing bits of our July VBS. Unfortunately we no longer have our beloved Naomi who was so diligent at taking photos at VBS; so many active people are missing. It was such an exciting week and we thank members of Christ Lutheran for your support, donations and prayers throughout. A special thank you to the Starks again this year providing us with the colourful lawn signs encouraging families to sign up for VBS. Please continue to pray for students and their families that God continue to work in their lives. The following was the staff responsible for such a fabulous morning VBS and extended afternoon VBS..

All praise to God who did His amazing work through us!
'For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.'

Nursery/Kindergarten: Judy, Wood, Shayla Mc Creadie, Iris Whittard,

Gr 1-3: Wendy Shook, Karen Brunch, Lana Regier, Grace Rapp

Gr 4-6: John Gondosch, Brody Bible Memory: Marge Stark

Crafts: Heather Simons, Catherine Trudeau

Recreation: Kyle McCumber, Noah Rapp, Hunter Cadieux Kitchen: Christina Coghlan, Linda Sowrey, Elvira Zernikel

Floater: Janice Mueller

Registration: Christina Coghlan, Heike Mazzarella, Wendy Hyatt

Greeter/Power point: Tom Bailey

Power point Production: Kim Zacharuk

Bible Lessons: Pastor John Makey, Louise Gondosch

Friday Closing BBQ: Paul & Judy Mason, Tim and Elly Reck, Jeff

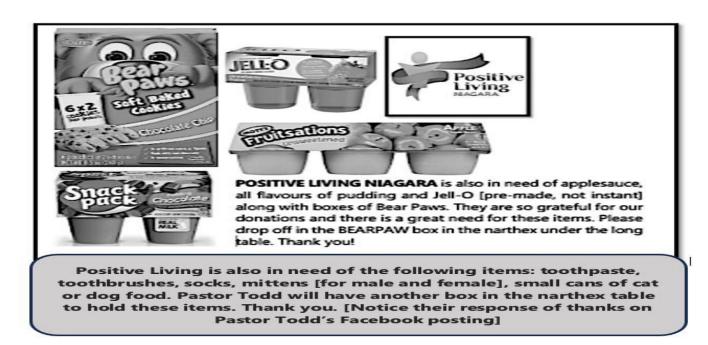
Others I might have forgotten and those that request to be 'behind the scenes' THANK YOU!





FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION — It is time for those who obtained their Food Handler Certification in September, 2019 to update their certification. Currently there are 13 members who have completed their certification. There are 2 options available for recertification. One is to review the Food Handler's Training Manual and attend a Refresher course with exam and the other is to do a self-study of the Food Handler's Training Manual and an in-person exam at the Region office.

In order for a representative of Niagara Region Public Health to attend at the church, and do the refresher course and exam, participation of 15 people is required. The cost for either option is \$25 per person. Please advise Judy Slingerland as soon as possible of your intention to participate as which option we intend to use to complete the Refresher course will be discussed at the Mary Martha meeting in September. Information is available should anyone who has never been certified wish to complete the full course.



God's Truth Not Man's Tradition Mark 7:1-13

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK HOLY COMMUNION SETTING ONE

The 14th Sunday After Pentecost

August 25, 2024 + 10 AM worship

Guest pastor: Rev. Dr. James Kellerman Professor, Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary

OPENING HYMN "In The Morning I Will Raise" [Take My Life & Let It Be tune]
In the morning I will raise, to my God the voice of praise;
With His kind protection blest, sweet and calm has been my rest.

In the morning I will pray, for His blessing on my day; What this day shall be my lot, light or darkness, I know not.

Show me, if I tempted, too, that I find all strength in You, And a perfect triumph win, over ev'ry heartfelt sin.

Keep my feet from secret snares, guard my senses from all fears, Ev'ry step Your grace attend, and my soul from death defend.

William Furness, 1840, public domain, Hymns for Children in Church Schools; PATMOS, William Havergal, 1873 https://hymnary.org/text/in_the_morning_i_will_raise

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

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.

[Brief silence for reflection]

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father:

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 neighbours as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake, forgives you all of your sin. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SPOKEN KYRIE

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us, hear us and give us Your peace. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE



SPOKEN GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Almighty and merciful Father, in Your constant mercy cleanse and defend Your church. Guide her forever by Your grace because she cannot remain faithful without You. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE WORD

The Old Testament: Isaiah 29: 11-19

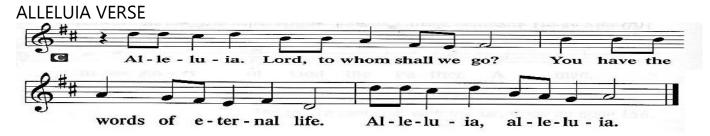
The vision of all this has become for you like the words of a sealed document. If it is given to those who can read, with the command, 'Read this', they say, 'We cannot, for it is sealed.' And if it is given to those who cannot read, saying, 'Read this', they say, 'We cannot read.' The Lord said: Because these people draw near with their mouths and honour me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their worship of me is a human commandment learned by rote; so I will again do amazing things with this people shocking and amazing. The wisdom of their wise shall perish, and the discernment of the discerning shall be hidden. Ha! You who hide a plan too deep for the Lord, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, 'Who sees us? Who knows us?' You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay? Shall the thing made say of its maker, 'He did not make me'; or the thing formed say of the one who formed it, 'He has no understanding'? Shall not Lebanon in a very little while become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be regarded as a forest? On that day the deaf shall hear the words of a scroll and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the neediest people shall exult in the Holy One of Israel. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle: Ephesians 5: 22-33

[St. Paul writes:] Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Saviour. Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the church to himself in splendour, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind—yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of his body. 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church. Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The Holy Gospel St. Mark 7:1-13

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter:



Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' Then he said to them, 'You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! For Moses said, "Honour your father and your mother"; and, "Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die." But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, "Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban" (that is, an offering to God)—then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this.'



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 the 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 worshipped 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.

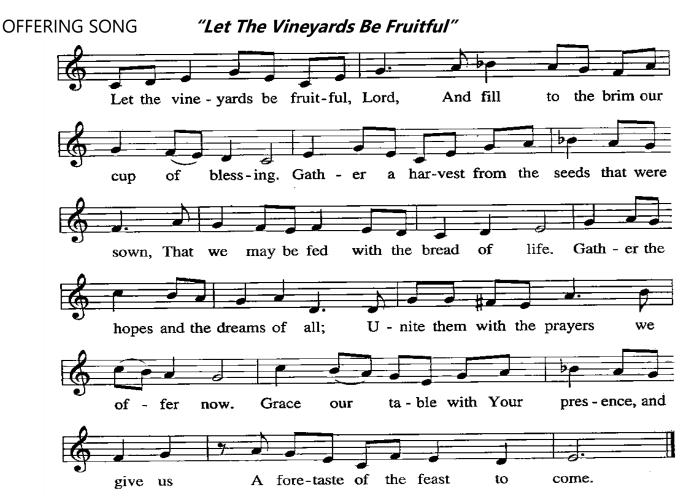


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Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 3:28; 4:5



THE OFFERINGS *are gathered*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE
PRAYERS

In peace let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the Holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who labour, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

We pray especially for...[specific petitions offered now...]: let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord. Have mercy.

Blessed Lord God, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Help us so that we may hear, read, mark, learn and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, Who lives and reigns with You, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT [SPOKEN]

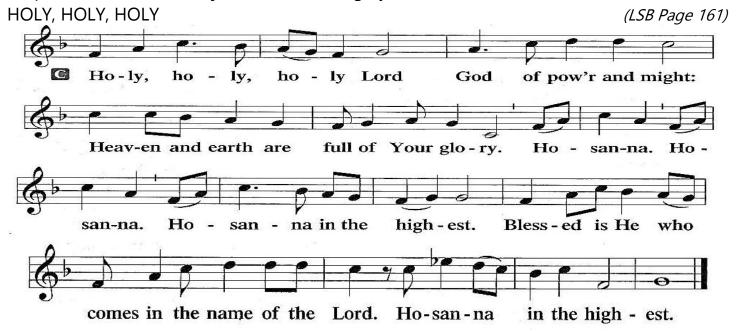
The Lord be with you: And also with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

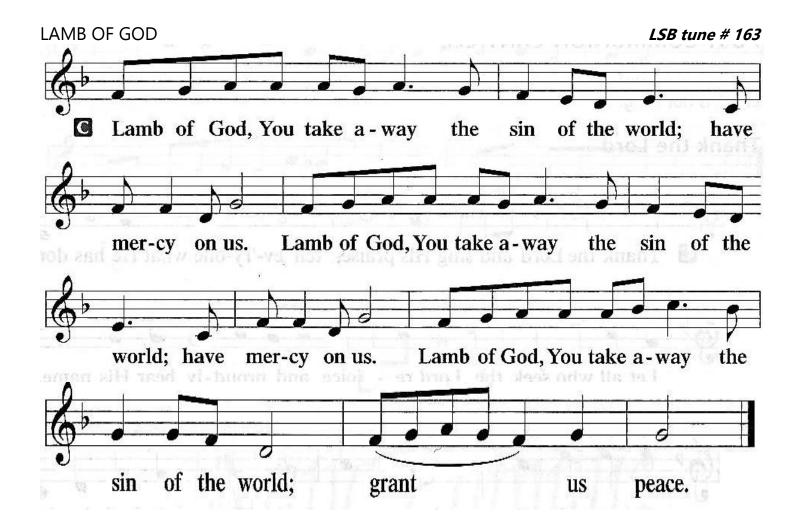
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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:



WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: "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, 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. **And also with you.**



HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

For those who have need, please feel free to stand at the rail if kneeling is difficult.

The common cup and trays of individual glasses are available.

Gluten free wafers are also available. Light purple glasses of Communion wine mixed with water are in the centre of the trays.

HOLY COMMUNION AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

As a baptized Christian in the faith:

- I believe in the Scriptural teaching that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of this Sacrament. Jesus Himself says: "Eat My Flesh and drink My Blood and I will raise you up on the Last Day." [John 6]
- I believe that I am worthy to receive the Sacrament as a baptized believer, who admits and confesses sins, receives forgiveness and desires to live a new life in Jesus Christ;
- 3) I believe that by eating and drinking Jesus Christ in the Bread and Wine I receive forgiveness of sins, salvation, new life and unity with other brothers and sisters in the faith;
- 4) I believe what is taught by Martin Luther in the Small Catechism: "a person is fully prepared who believes in the words 'given and shed for you for the forgiveness of all sins'."
- 5) Non-members who believe this confession of faith we welcome to join us for Holy Communion
- 6) If you desire Holy Communion, church membership or further information about receiving the Sacrament, please speak with the Pastor or an elder before worship.

COMMUNION HYMNS "I Am Trusting You Lord Jesus"

I am trusting you, Lord Jesus, Trusting only you; Trusting you for full salvation, Free and true.

I am trusting you for pardon; At your feet I bow, For your grace and tender mercy Trusting now.

I am trusting you for cleansing In the crimson flood; Trusting you to make me holy By your blood.

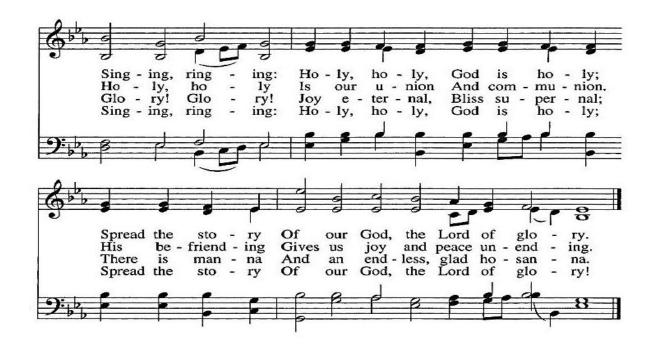
I am trusting you to guide me; You alone shall lead, Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.

I am trusting you for power; You can never fail. Words which you yourself shall give me Must prevail.

I am trusting you, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall. I am trusting you forever And for all.

Author: Frances Havergal & Tune: Stephanos: 1878 http://www.shiningmountains.org/home/180004014/180004014/1%20Am%20Trusting%20You%20Lord





"There Is A Redeemer"

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Words and Music by Melody Green



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"O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Do Believe"

[LSB Tune # 878 "Abide With Me"]

O, Gracious Lord, I firmly do be-lieve, Your bound-less love will bless each faith-ful soul; As from this al-tar, we may here re-ceive, Your Body and Your Blood to make us whole.

O Lamb of God, my loving Saviour True,
I can embrace in faith and hope through You;
Give me the strength to show forth works of love,
A life now hid-den in Your Home ab-ove.

Sweet, Heav'nly Bread, my ben-ed-iction now, This Cup I drink can take away each ill. Come and re-lieve my soul's affliction now, Calm ev'ry sigh un-til my heart is still.

Words: Spanish origin; Trans. S. Starke, b. 1955, alt. Tune: EVENTIDE LSB # 878 W. Monk, 1823-79



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Father, as You fed Your children with the True Manna, the Living Bread from Heaven, give unto us, we humbly pray You, that the Body and Blood of Your Son may be our support throughout our earthly pilgrimage, until we reach that land where there is neither hunger nor thirst, Your magnificent Heavenly Banquet; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

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 favour and + give you peace. **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN "We Look to You, Lord Jesus"

[The Day Of Resurrection tune]

We look to You, Lord Jesus—in faith, our Pioneer— For You have gone before us and led Your people here. You washed us in Your kingdom, with ministry to do; In death You went before us; for life, we live in You.

Through times of strife and anguish, through times of joy and grace, Through conflicts in our culture, you've brought us to this place; And still your world is changing, and still we seek to be A church renewed, reforming in faithful ministry.

Perfecter of the faith, Lord, we look to you each day; We work for peace and justice, we worship, grow and pray— And witnesses surround us, a host of saints above, As we continue sharing the joy of your great love.

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