

**God's work.**  
Our hands.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**LBW Setting One with Holy Communion**  
**God's Work, Our Hands Sunday**  
**with Installation of New Members**  
**Sunday, September 12, 2021**

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**

**“Lift High the Cross”**

**Weber**

*Stand*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** God our comforter:

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

**P** All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

# HYMN

# Lift High the Cross

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

## **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.**

## **LITANY**

P As we live in community with God and one another

**C May our hands be instruments of peace and love.**

L When a stranger is in our midst

**C May our hands extend a welcome.**

P For the teaching and instruction of all people

**C May our hands be in the Word of God.**

P When injustice is in the world and in our communities

**C May our hands peacefully join others.**

P In times of sorrow, sickness and great suffering

**C May our hands embrace the broken and offer prayers.**

P For those who are need of physical structures

**C May our hands build homes, schools, and places of safety.**

P God, may we be reminded whatever the need, large or small, you are at work in our hands. May we serve generously, lovingly, and faithfully.

**C Amen**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray together,

C **God, source of all goodness draw your church together. We are called by the Holy Spirit to serve and love one another. As children of God, we have been marked by the sign of the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered and sent for the sake of the world. Lord, we ask for your blessings upon our hands. Hands that will be about your work. Hands which will spread love and compassion in your world. We ask all this through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Sit*

## FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 50:4-9A

L A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them

confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: 116:1-9 (Read Responsively)**

L <sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

C <sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

L <sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

C <sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

L <sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

C <sup>6</sup>**The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.**

L <sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, O my soul. for the LORD has dealt well with you.

C <sup>8</sup>**For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

L <sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

### **SECOND LESSON: JAMES 3:1-12**

L A reading from James.

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes.

Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able

to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL: MARK 8:27-38**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the Eighth Chapter.

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

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” <sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of

Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

**SERMON**

**Pastors Peterson**

*Stand*

# HYMN

## Take My Life, That I May Be

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

## WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS

P Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation, Advent Lutheran Church.

*A representative of the congregation or the presiding minister may introduce each new member or household.*

P These persons have come to us from other churches, and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

## APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith using 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**

## THE PRAYERS

P Trusting God at work in and among us, we raise our hearts and voices in prayer for the needs of the world.

### *Brief Silence*

P For your work in the church, we give thanks. Plant and tend relationships among faith communities, both ecumenical and interfaith, that in faithful listening, speech, and action, our hands work to bear fruit for the sake of all in need.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P For your work in creation, we give thanks. Sustain peoples and places affected by climate change, ecological devastation, and natural disasters. Prosper the work of creation-care ministries locally and globally, that with our minds and hearts opened, our hands work to lovingly care for the earth Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P For your work among the nations, we give thanks. Direct leaders in paths of honest service, that both their words and actions are carried out on behalf of those whom they serve.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P For your work in places of need, we give thanks. Sustain all who are wearied by unemployment or lack of adequate food or housing, that we advocate for relief and just policy. Bring healing to all who are sick through the skillful hands and compassionate hearts of physicians, nurses, therapists and caregivers We pray especially for those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

P For your work in our neighborhoods, towns, and cities, we give thanks. Guide our common life together so that children, youth, and adults of all ages flourish. Teach us to listen attentively to our neighbors, that any new endeavors consider those who may be left out or under served. Lord, in your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

P For your work in this worshiping community, we give thanks. Bless the service projects of this day and throughout the year. Foster deeper connections among those who serve and a spirit of accompaniment as we work alongside those in our community. Strengthen our faith, that we trust God moving in and among us. Lord, in your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

P We give you thanks for our new members, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others. Lord, in your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

P For your work among those who came before us, we give thanks. We remember those who have died and are held forever in your loving hands. Hold us in your presence now and always. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Receive these and all our prayers, Gracious God. We pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## **INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

P In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

P Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

*Those being welcomed respond.*

R I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

**C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

## WELCOME

P Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

**C We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## PEACE

P Peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

*Sit*

## OFFERING

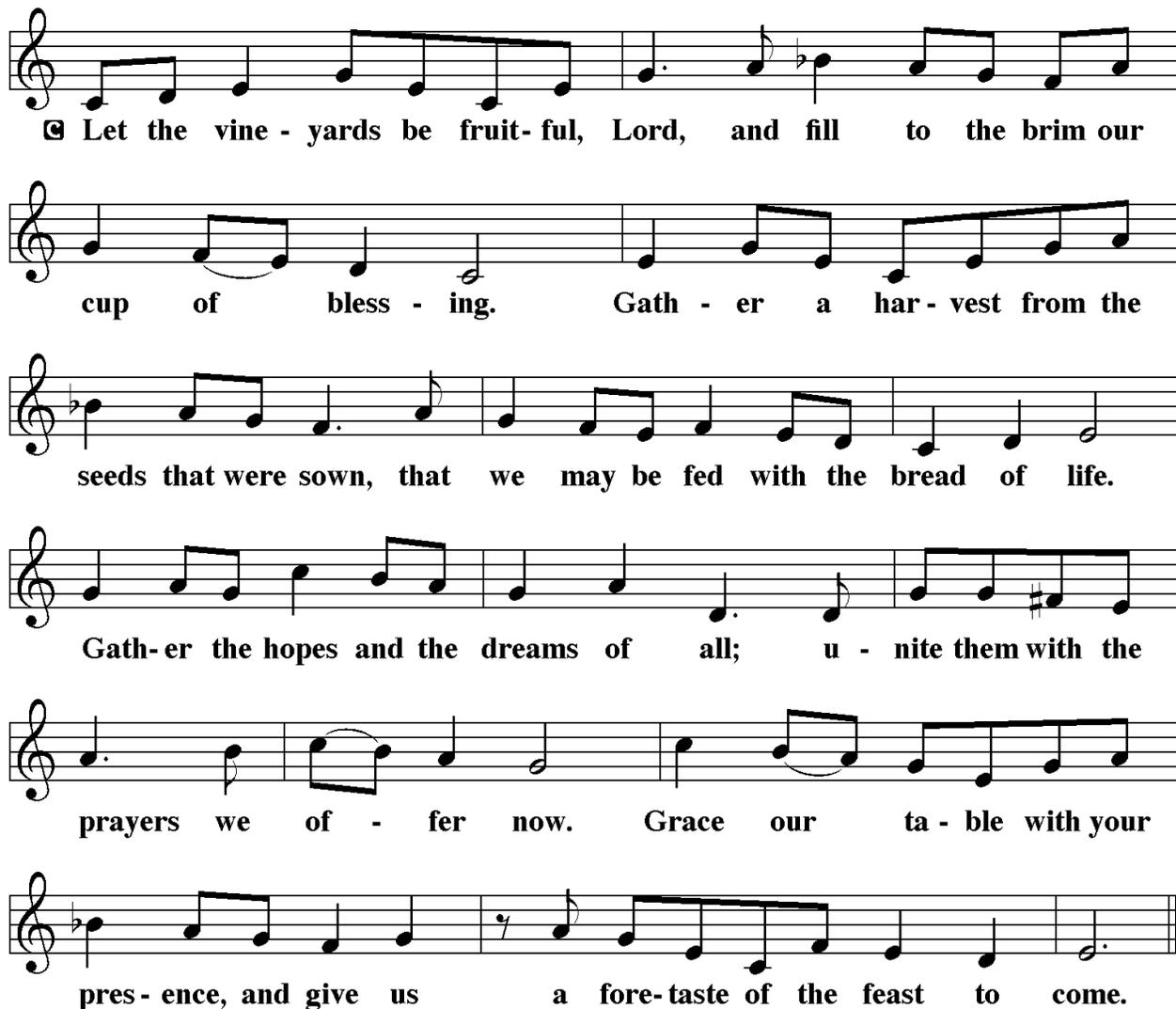
**“Earth and All Stars”**

**Rohlig**

*The Offering is received and presented to the Lord.*

*Stand*

## OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**P** God of abundance,  
**C** you cause streams to break forth in the desert and  
manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you  
have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our  
lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## MEAL

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

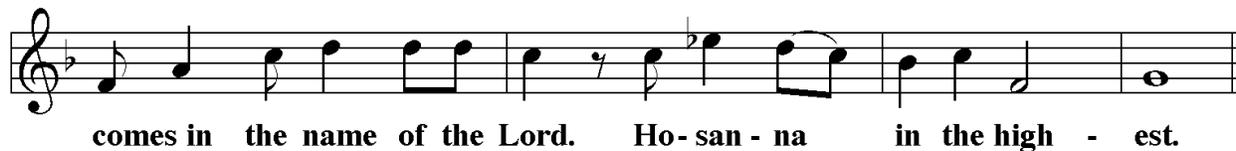
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through 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 hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The gifts of God, for the people of God.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*Together, we receive Holy Communion saying:*

P The body of Christ, given for you.

**C Amen.**

P The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**C Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**P** Let us pray,

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## **BLESSING**

**P** Siblings in Christ, both our work and our rest are in God. Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, at morning and evening, at work and at play, all the days of your life?

**C** **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

**P** At the font, God brings us from death to life and calls us to share that abundant life with the world.

**C** **We are freed in Christ to serve!**

**P** Through the word, God accompanies us through our life journeys and calls us to walk with others on their journeys.

**C** **We are freed in Christ to serve!**

**P** At the table, God feeds us with Christ's own body and forms us to be the body of Christ for others.

**C** **We are freed in Christ to serve!**

**P** In the world, God goes ahead of us to places in need and calls us to join the work.

**C** **We are freed in Christ to serve!**

*The leader invites the assembly to turn to one another, saying:*

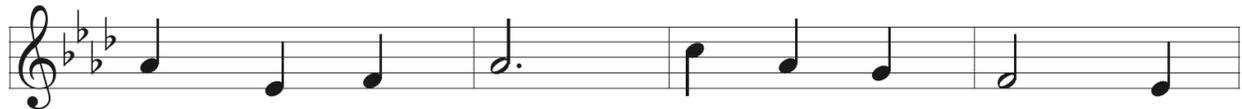
**C** **May your hands be a vessel for God's work.**

**P** Almighty God, by the power of the Spirit you have knit us your servants into the one body of your Son, Jesus Christ. Look with favor upon us in our commitment to serve in Christ's name. Give us courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others. Go forth today and every day surrounded and supported by the love of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

# HYMN

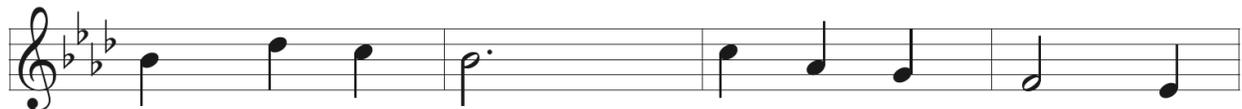
# God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your Gos - pel.

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## **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Marche Royale”**

**Wolfe**

# **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Pastor Andrea Windsor-Peterson

Pastor Jason Peterson

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Melinda East

## **Lector**

Violet Herrmann

## **Usher**

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## **Zoom Operator**

Kate Peterson

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