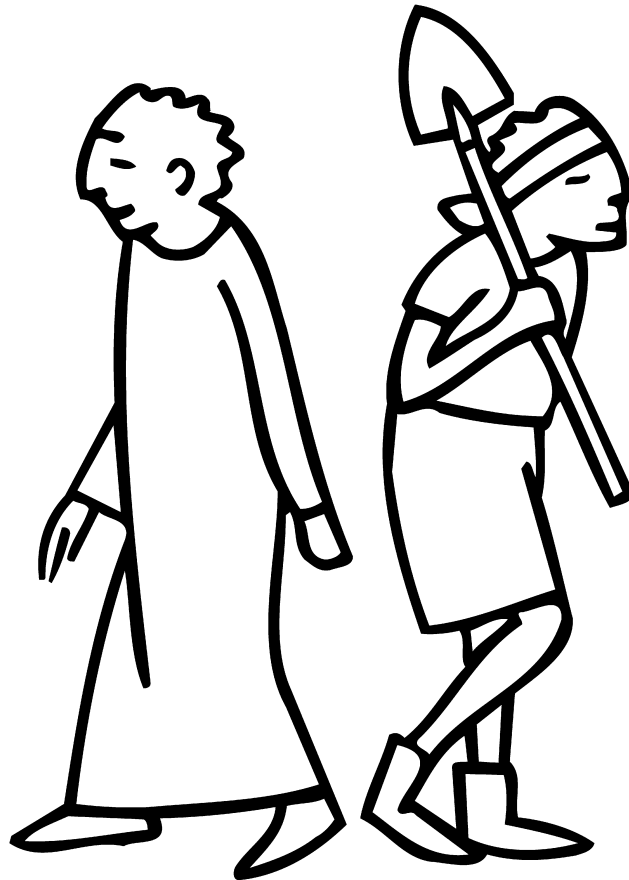


Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026 ~ 10:00am



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Our Saviour Lutheran Church

Our Mission and Vision:

The Mission of Our Saviour Lutheran Church is to serve God's community through Worship, Outreach, and Fellowship.

We are committed to serving God's community, whether that be the worshipping community of OSLC, the Christiansburg and NRV Community, or the Global community. We will accomplish this mission through three focus areas:

Worship - We come together to worship the triune God. We learn about God's Word and learn how to spread that Word to the world.

Outreach - We will spread God's Word by serving the community outside the church walls. We serve through our food ministries, homeless ministry, and any other ministry that fits our passions. Come and be a part of our Outreach.

Fellowship - We love to be together in community and we love engaging our broader community. Come and be a part of the community on Sunday mornings, as well as events like Fall Festival and other community events.

We Are Church Together

We are what God has made us – people whom God has created by grace to live in union with Jesus Christ and has prepared to live faithful, fruitful lives by the power of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 2:8-10).

In Jesus Christ, God has reconciled us to God and to each other. As we gather around word and sacraments, this life in Christ is what defines, shapes and guides us as a community of faith, the church.

By God's grace we can and do live confidently and generously in this community of faith and in service of others, amid the mysteries and paradoxes of this life in Christ – including our human limitations and failings, and the ambiguities, uncertainties and suffering that we experience.

About the Bulletin

In the Lutheran tradition we worship in a format of a formal Liturgy. This is a Greek word meaning, "the work of the people."

We worship, pray, sing, share Christ's table, share our shortcomings, comfort each other in mourning, and shout our praises together gathered as one in the community found in Christ.

Part of this worship together means a lot of people doing the work in different ways; ushers, choir, reading the lessons, lighting the candles, assisting with communion, etc. The liturgy also includes **bolded portions** of text for the community, that's you, to respond and contribute to the voice of the congregation together.

Have you let us know you're here?

We ask that you please sign the guest book in our narthex beside our information desk so that we can thank you for being our guest.

Interested in talking more about OSLC or joining OSLC?

Please speak with Pastor Joel directly or send him an email to set up a time to talk. He is always happy to get a cup of coffee and chat about life, answer questions, or give more information on membership at OSLC.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

the assembly reflects quietly and prepares for worship

GATHERING

the assembly rises in body or spirit

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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.

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.

Amen.



The service continues with gathering song.

GATHERING HYMN: God Almighty, Hear Our Praise

God Al-migh - ty, hear our praise, show us Your glo - ry!

Send Your pow - er through the Word as we tell Your sto - ry.

Here we meet to lift You up, right here from the start.

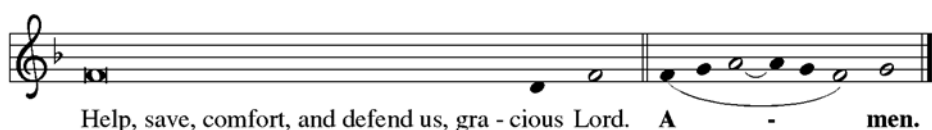
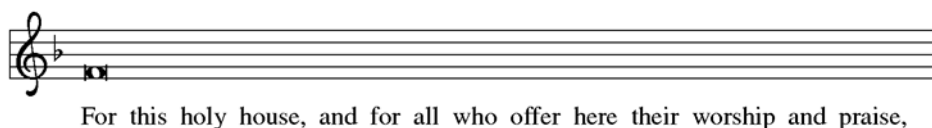
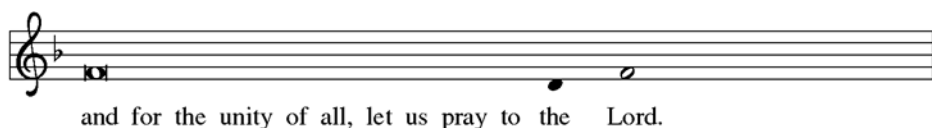
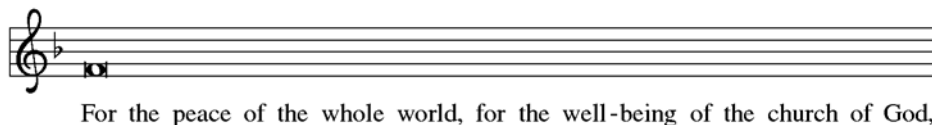
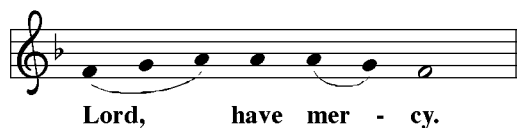
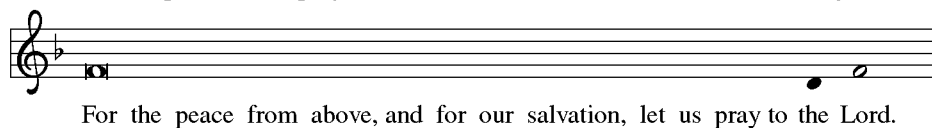
Let Your Spi - rit fill this place, and per - me - ate through our hearts!

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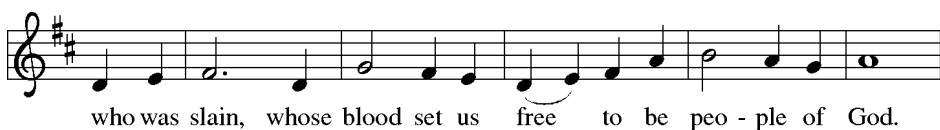
APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE



CANTICLE of PRAISE: This Is the Feast



Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

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

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

¹ The word of the Lord came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³ As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

²⁵ Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 25:1-9

¹ To you, O Lord,

I lift up my soul.

² My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,

nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;

rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ Show me your ways, O Lord,

and teach me your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶ Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,

for they are from everlasting.

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;

**remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness,
O Lord.**

⁸ You are gracious and upright, O Lord;

therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice

and teach the lowly your way.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be grasped,

⁷ but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

⁸ he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly

and gave him the name

that is above every other name,

¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

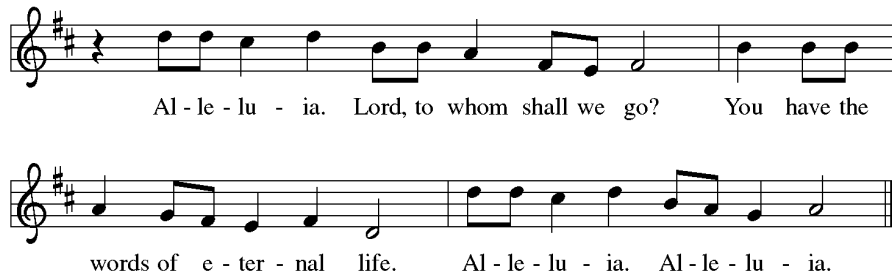
¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

the assembly rises in body or spirit

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

²³ When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

the assembly is seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON – Pastor Joel Antley

The assembly reflects on the Word

the assembly rises in body or spirit

HYMN of the DAY: SBH 537 - O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

In moderate time

1. O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee In low - ly
 2. Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,

paths of serv - ice free; Tell me thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; Teach me the way - ward

help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, And guide them in the home-ward way. A-men.

3 Teach me thy patience; still with thee
 In closer, dearer company,
 In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
 In trust that triumphs over wrong;

4 In hope that sends a shining ray
 Far down the future's broadening way,
 In peace that only thou canst give;
 With thee, O Master, let me live. Amen.

MARYTON. L. M.

Washington Gladden, 1836-1918

HENRY PERCY SMITH, 1825-98

APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in hope and trust, we confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

Each prayer petition ends with these words:

Leader: Merciful God.

Response: receive our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

At OSLC we are able to fund mission and ministry that creates real impact in our community only through the generosity of its participants and members. Thank you for the ways that you give of your many blessings; time, talent, and financially. These gifts, together, strengthen this community and serves the NRV and those in need around the world. To give electronically, feel free to scan the QR code to be taken to our online giving portal



OFFERTORY

the assembly stands as the offering is brought forward

OFFERTORY SONG: Doxology

1. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here be - low!
2. Be pre - sent at our ta - ble, Lord! Be here and ev' - ry - where a - dored!

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host! Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - - ly - Ghost!
These mer - cies bless, and grant that we may strength - ened for thy serv - - ice be.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together...

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

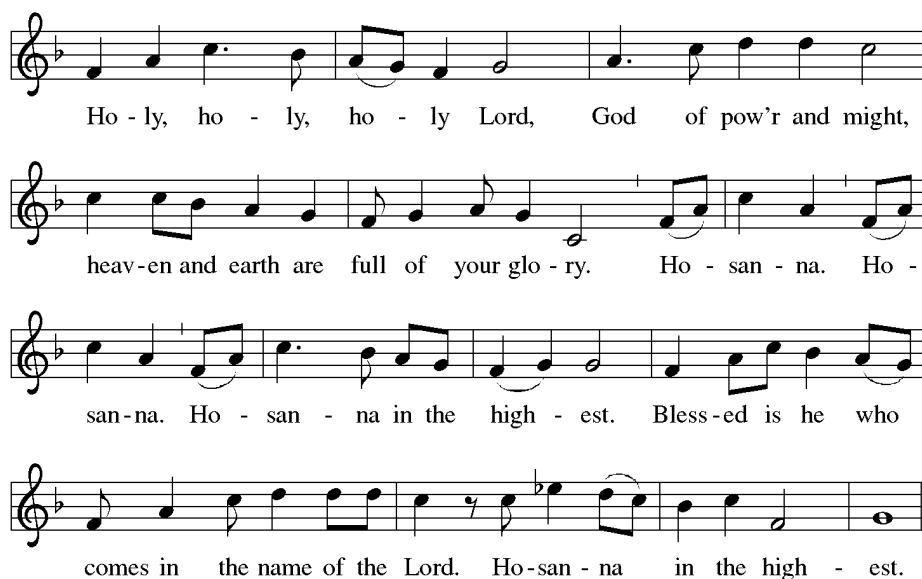
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,

and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

*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.*

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen, amen, amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

FRACTION

Taste and see that the Lord is good,

Blessed are those who take refuge in him.

- Psalm 34:8

the assembly is seated and meditates, pondering the mystery of salvation

the pastor first communes those joining worship online.

DISTRIBUTION of HOLY COMMUNION

The LORD's Table is open to all.

Persons who desire to receive the Real Presence of Christ in, with and under the forms of bread and wine, are invited to partake in the Sacrament.

At the usher's direction, each row will come forward to receive the bread from the Pastor, who will be stationed in the middle. To receive the wine or grape juice, go back toward the side where you were seated. The pastor will bring communion to anyone who cannot come forward to the altar.

We all share a common loaf of gluten free bread. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray.

LAMB of GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

The assembly may sing during communion.

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 781 - Children of Heavenly Father

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kån - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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the assembly rises in body or spirit

BLESSING

The body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ
strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together...

**Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of
your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: LBW 446 - Whatever God Ordains is Right



1 What - ev - er God or - dains is right; his will is just and ho - ly.
2 What - ev - er God or - dains is right, and he will not de - ceive us.
3 What - ev - er God or - dains is right; all that he does is for us.
4 What - ev - er God or - dains is right; he guides our joy and sad - ness.



He holds us in his per - fect might; in him, our lives are god - ly.
He leads us in the way of light and will not ev - er leave us.
He heals our souls and gives us sight and puts no ill be - fore us.
He is our life and bless - ed light; in him a - lone is glad - ness.



He is our God and all we need, the Fa - ther who pre -
In him we rest, who makes the best of all the stum - bling
Our God is true; he makes us new; our lives are built up -
We see his face, the way of grace; he holds us in his



serves us still; to him we bend each heart and will.
turns we take and loves us for his mer - cy's sake.
on his rock, our cor - ner - stone and build - ing block.
might - y arm and keeps us safe from ev - 'ry harm.

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DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Bruce Obenhaus,
in honor of their anniversary.

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