

JULY 13, 2025



# ORDER OF SERVICE

**PRELUDE** 

With the Lord Begin Your Task

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#### WELCOME

#### **OPENING HYMN**

With the Lord Begin Your Task



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## INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 136:1, 23-26

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
- **©** for His steadfast love endures forever.

- **P** It is He who remembered us in our low estate,
- **c** for His steadfast love endures forever;
- P and rescued us from our foes,
- **C** for His steadfast love endures forever;
- **P** He who gives food to all flesh,
- for His steadfast love endures forever.
- Give thanks to the God of heaven,
- for His steadfast love endures forever.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

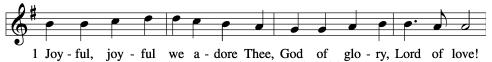
**P** Let us approach the throne of mercy, humbly, and in need of forgiveness.

Silence for reflection on the God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** We confess, Lord our God,
- that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We do not reflect Your love, heavenly Father, in the way we treat others. Forgive us.
- **P** We confess, gracious Lord Jesus,
- that we do not always give You the due honor and glory for all that You have done for us in Your life, death, and resurrection. Forgive us.
- **P** We confess, O Holy Spirit,
- that we forget that even our faulty attempts at loving as You have loved us are covered by Your overarching grace and mercy.
- P Our gracious God has done all that was needed for us to be His friends, followers, and family. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit,
- Amen. C

#### HYMN OF PRAISE

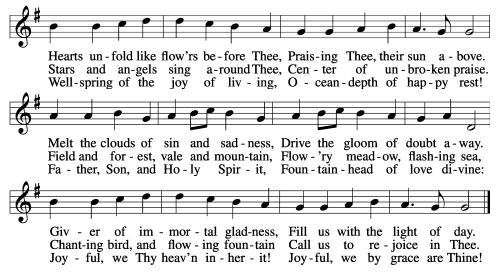
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re-flect Thy rays,

 $\triangle$  3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,

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# PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leviticus 18:1 – 5, 19:9 – 18 [pew Bible page 96]

- **R** The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them,
- **C** I am the LORD your God.
- "You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. You shall follow My rules and keep My statutes and walk in them.
- I am the LORD your God.
- "You shall therefore keep My statutes and My rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them:
- **C** I am the LORD.
- When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard

bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner:

- I am the LORD your God.
- "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by My name falsely, and so profane the name of your God:
- **C** I am the LORD.
- "You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God:
- **C** I am the LORD.
- "You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor:
- **C** I am the LORD.
- "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but
- you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD."
- **R** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** 

Colossians 1:1 – 14

[pew Bible page 983]

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from

the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

- **R** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Meditation arr. Andrew A. Bowen and Julie Stone Cortez Handbell Duet: Laurel Cleary, Karen Schroeder Linda Greenhagen, piano

**HOLY GOSPEL** 

Luke 10:25 – 37

[pew Bible page 869]

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, "Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

- R This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

CATECHISM The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed and Meaning

- I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- **R** What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me



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## **MESSAGE**

# PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



# FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO DON YOUNG ENTERING RETIREMENT

## PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

- **P** ...Lord, in Your mercy:
- C hear our prayer.
- P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.

#### Our Communion Statement

I believe that in Holy Communion, our Lord graciously shares His Body and Blood with us through bread and wine. He does this in order to forgive our sins, assure us of our salvation, strengthen us for Christian living, and unite us more closely as members of His family, the Church. Repenting of my sins, believing in the presence of Christ in this Sacrament, and rededicating my life to live according to His will, I announce my desire to receive Holy Communion.

Those who would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament may come to the table. Folding your arms across your chest will signify you wish to receive a blessing.

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- 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.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

# **SANCTUS**



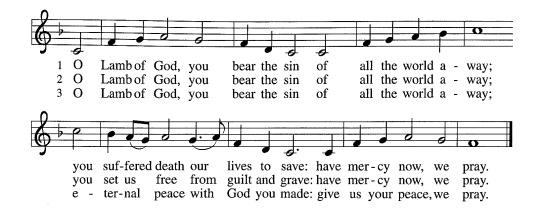
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# THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

## **PEACE**

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- And also with you.

## **AGNUS DEI**



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# *Hyfrydol* Christa Even, piano

arr. Bob Moore



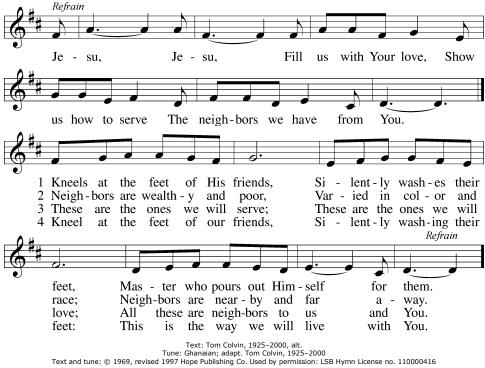
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## Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love



## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

 $\mathbf{P}$ 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.

 $\mathbf{C}$ Amen.

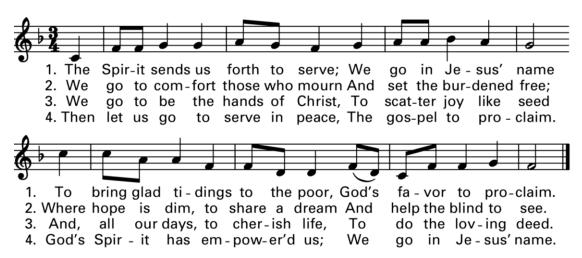
#### COMMISSIONING OF NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING PARTICIPANTS

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

- 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 favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.

## **CLOSING HYMN**

# The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



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## **DISMISSAL**

- **P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE** 

Prelude in F Major

John A. Behnke

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