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# CELEBRATING 60 YRS OF SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE

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7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost July 27, 2025

#### AS WE GATHER: PRAY EARLY AND OFTEN

We know how important it is to stay connected; to family, to friends, to our church family. But our most important connection is with the Lord, and that connection is strengthened through His Word, the Lord's Supper, and persistent, bold prayer. Today we see Abraham daring to plead with God for the people of Sodom. We hear Jesus teaching His disciples how to pray, then urging them to keep at it with confidence in the goodness of the One who hears. As Paul writes, "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all" (1 Timothy 2:5–6). So, go ahead, pray early and often.

#### + PREPARATION +





#### + RECEPTION OF MEMBERS BY PROFESSION OF FAITH +

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

- P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.
- P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R Yes, I do.
- P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
- R Yes, I renounce them.
- P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?
- R Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- R I do.
- P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- R I do, by the grace of God.
- P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- **R** I do, by the grace of God.
- P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- R I do, by the grace of God.
- P Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?
- R I do.
- P Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?
- R I will, with the help of God.
- P Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation, Peace Conway. Elijah Hays Buckley and Sydney Danyelle Koonce we welcome you to receive the Lord's

Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

(Stand)

#### **COLLECT**

- P Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

(The pastor may extend the right hand of fellowship, greeting each by name. The rite concludes with the following blessing:)

#### **BLESSING**

- **P** The grace of our 

  → Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
- C Amen.

(The new members return to their places.)

#### INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 50:1,3-5,14-15; John 15:7,16; Romans 12:12; 1Thess. 5:17-18

- Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
- The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Our God comes; He does not keep silence; before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest.
- P Jesus says, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."
- He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people.
- The apostle Paul writes, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."
- **G** God says, "Gather to Me My faithful ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!"

- P Jesus said, "For truly I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move,
- and nothing will be impossible for you."
- P Jesus said, "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you."
- "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."
- Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

# **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P Most merciful God,
- we call upon You because we are troubled by our sins; our sinful thoughts, words, and actions. We are equally troubled by those times when we have failed to act or speak up. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, who delivered us through His perfect life, death, and resurrection so that we may glorify You with our lives.
- P Our God hears our prayers for mercy and graciously forgives our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace.
- C Amen.

## + WORD +



# **SALUTATION**

- **L** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

# **PSALM 138**

<sup>1</sup>I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; <sup>2</sup>I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. <sup>3</sup>On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased. <sup>4</sup>All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth, <sup>5</sup>and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar. <sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me. <sup>8</sup>The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, Your grace and mercy have strengthened Your people throughout the ages and emboldened them to come before You in all circumstances. Strengthen our faith and confidence so that we come to You boldly, consistently, and persistently; through Jesus Christ with whom You rule and reign with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



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# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



# **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Genesis 18:17-33

<sup>17</sup>The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, <sup>18</sup>seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? <sup>19</sup>For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him." <sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup>I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He

answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." <sup>33</sup>And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

**I** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE**Colossians 2:6–19

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. <sup>17</sup>These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.



VERSE Luke 11:9

- P Alleluia.
- I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.
- P Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL
Luke 11:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

# **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread, <sup>4</sup>and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation."

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; <sup>7</sup>and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup>What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup>or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

# **MUSICAL MEDITATION**

## **SERMON**

# **APOSTLES' CREED**

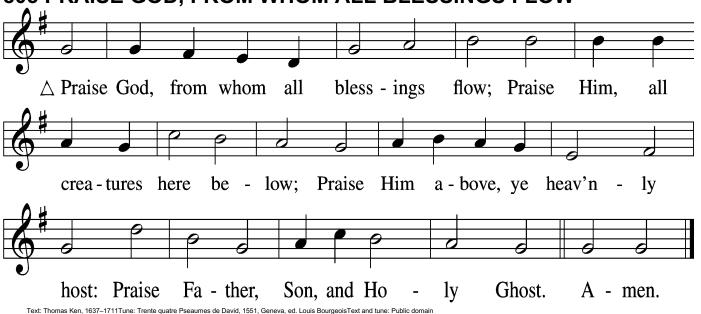
**☐** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

# OFFERING AND VIDEO

(At this time, please fill out the attendance sheet in the colored bulletin and place in the offering plate. Also at this time, on the back of the attendance slip, please refresh your thoughts or read what we believe, as you prepare to come to receive the Lord's Body & Blood or as you come forward to receive a blessing.)

# 805 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

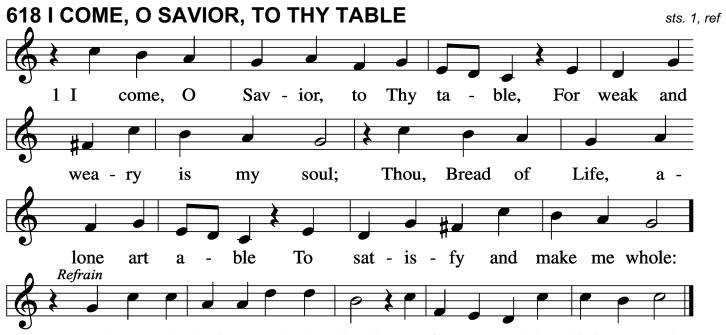


# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- L Brothers and sisters in Christ, I encourage you to lift your hearts to God and pray with me as Jesus has taught us and promises to hear us.
- Our Father in heaven,
- L Heavenly Father, mercifully hear the prayers of your people on behalf of our congregation, community, nation, and world.
- Holy be Your name.
- L Holy Lord, we know Your name is holy. We ask that it be kept holy among us as we bear that name and live as Your people in this world.
- **©** Your Kingdom come.
- Lord Jesus, thank You for planting Your Kingdom among us. Nourish and sustain us with Your Word and Sacrament as we wait in hope for the fullness of Your reign. Prosper the ministries of this congregation, including our Climbing to the Summit campaign, and bless all efforts to extend the reach of Your kingdom through our new ministry opportunities.
- **Q** Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
- L Heavenly Father, Your will is good and gracious; that all would be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Strengthen us to walk in step with Your will. Guide those in authority to govern justly and wisely. Grant discernment and unity to our Early Childhood Education Committee as they plan for the future of Christian education at our new campus.
- Give us today our daily bread.

- **I** Generous Lord, You faithfully provide all we need for this life. Keep us from selfishness or fear and move us to share Your abundance with others. We ask for Your continued hand of provision as we pursue the sale of our current property and prepare for the transition to a new facility. Bless those working diligently toward this goal, and especially those at The Summit Church, that our partnership may be fruitful for the Gospel.
- Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
- [L] O Jesus, forgive and empower us to forgive others so that our relationships are ruled by Your peace. Create clean hearts within us so that we may approach You boldly, with confidence.
- **Q** Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
- L Almighty God, as we face trials and temptations, strengthen us by the power of Your Spirit so we can stand firm against the devil, the world, and our sinful nature. Watch over all we name before You this day. Deliver us from evil now and forever.
- For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

#### + SACRAMENT +



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good!

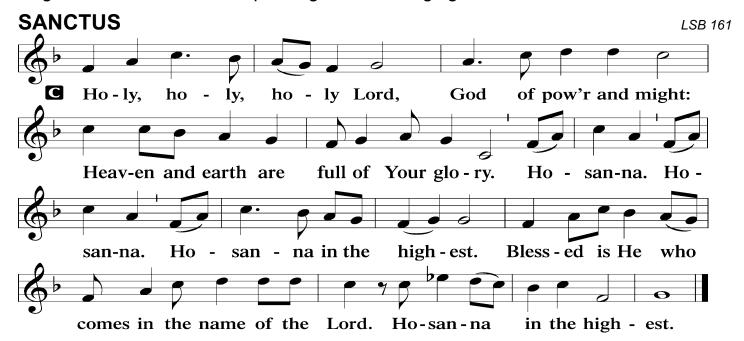
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# **PREFACE**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you. C
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- $\mathbf{C}$ We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

P It is good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, our God, King of the universe, for You blessed us by sending Your Son, the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us. We continue to be blessed by His presence today as we heard His gracious words of forgiveness, as He has taught us to pray, and as He comes to dwell with us through His body and blood given and shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins. Lead us to walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith we have been taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



# PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on all whom You have created by sending Your Son, Jesus, to be a life-giving sacrifice for the sins of the world. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Lead us to do as Jesus bids us to do; to faithfully eat and drink His body and blood. Gather us together as we celebrate Your kingdom come to earth at this altar. In Your mercy, receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.

# THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

# PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

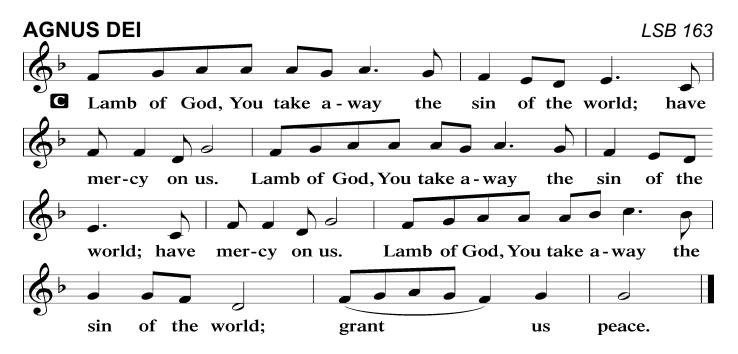
# THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

#### **PAX DOMINI**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



# + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

# I KNOW A NAME (video)

I know a name that can silence roaring waves.

I know a name that can empty out a grave.

I know a name, it's the only name that saves,

And it's worthy of all praise.

I call You, Jesus. I call You, I call You, Healer, Risen and reigning in power.

Something comes out of the grave every time I call You, Jesus.

I call You, I call You, Savior, Worthy of glory forever.

Something comes out of the grave every time I call Your name.

I have a King with dominion over death.

He holds the keys in His holy nail-scarred hands.

He is the heel, That has crushed the serpent's head,

Our resurrected Great I Am.

I call You, Jesus. I call You, I call You, Healer, Risen and reigning in power.

Something comes out of the grave Every time I call You, Jesus.

I call You, I call You, Savior, Worthy of glory forever.

Something comes out of the grave Every time I call Your name.

Chains break, dry bones wake.

Every time I call Your name The gates of Hell shake.

Every time I call Your name Chains break, dry bones wake.

Every time I call Your name The gates of Hell shake,

Every time I call Your name, Every time I call Your name.

Where, oh death, is now your sting? And where, oh grave, your victory? Where, oh death, is now your sting? And where, oh grave, your victory?

Dead things come alive, Dead things come alive, Dead things come alive in the name of Jesus.

(repeat phrase 2 more times)

Dead things come alive, Dead things come alive, Dead things come alive in the name.

I call You, Jesus. I call You, I call You, Healer, Risen and reigning in power. Something comes out of the grave Every time I call You, Jesus. I call You, Savior, Worthy of glory forever.

Something comes out of the grave, Every time I call Your name.

Chains break, dry bones wake.

Every time I call Your name The gates of Hell shake.

Every time I call Your name

Dead things come alive, Dead things come alive,

Dead things come alive in the name of Jesus.

Dead things come alive, Dead things come alive, Dead things come alive in the name of Jesus Christ.

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# HOUSE OF THE LORD (video)

We worship the God who was. We worship the God who is. We worship the God who evermore will be.

He opened the prison doors. He parted the raging sea. My God, He holds the victory.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

There's joy in the house of the Lord today,

And we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

Our God is surely in this place and we won't be quiet.

We shout out Your praise. Oh-oh, oh, we shout out Your praise.

We sing to the God who heals. We sing to the God who saves.

We sing to the God who always makes a way.

'Cause He hung up on that cross, then He rose up from that grave,

My God's still rolling stones away.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

There's joy in the house of the Lord today,

And we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

Our God is surely in this place and we won't be quiet.

We shout out Your praise.

We were the beggars. Now we're royalty.

We were the prisoners. Now we're running free.

We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace.

Let the house of the Lord sing praise.

'Cause we were the beggars. Now we're royalty.

We were the prisoners. Now we're running free.

We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace.

Let the house of the Lord sing praise.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

There's joy in the house of the Lord today

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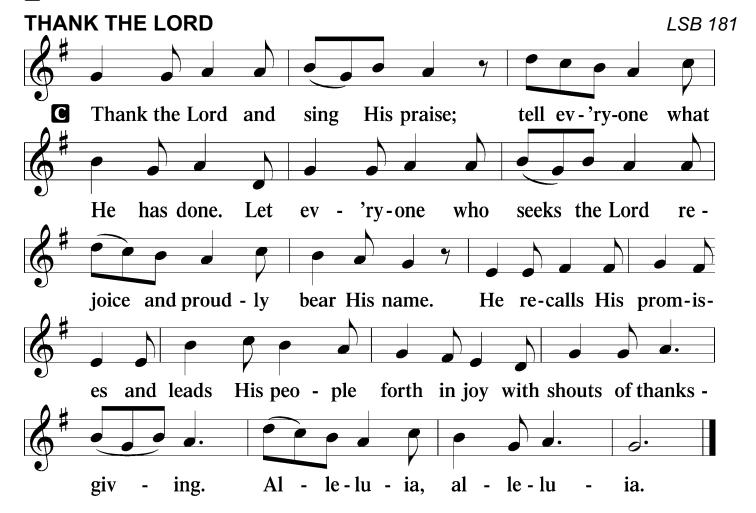
There is joy in this house, there is joy in this house today.

We shout out Your praise. We shout out Your praise.

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#### POST-COMMUNION DISMISSAL

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.



# POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P Let us pray. O God our Father, You are the source of all that is good. In Your mercy, You canceled the record of our debts that stood against us by nailing them to the cross. We thank You for nourishing us with the body and blood of Your Son. Continue to build us up into Him as You knit us together in one holy communion. Lead us to walk in Him, established in the faith that we have been taught; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C 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 favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

# CLOSING SONG: THE TREES OF THE FIELD (video)

You shall go out with joy And be led forth with peace, And the mountains and the hills will break forth before you. There'll be shouts of joy And the trees of the fields Shall clap, shall clap their hands.

And the trees of the fields will clap their hands, And the trees of the fields will clap their hands, And the trees of the fields will clap their hands, While you go out with joy.

(Repeat all above)

And the trees of the fields will clap their hands, And the trees of the fields will clap their hands, And the trees of the fields will clap their hands, While you go out with joy. *(Repeat 2 more times)* 

While you go out with joy.

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# **GUIDING STATEMENT**

Peace Conway is a loving Christian family, faithfully serving all people by sharing the good news of Jesus and caring for people in need.

#### **CLOSING PEACE**

- **L** Go in Peace as you serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

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