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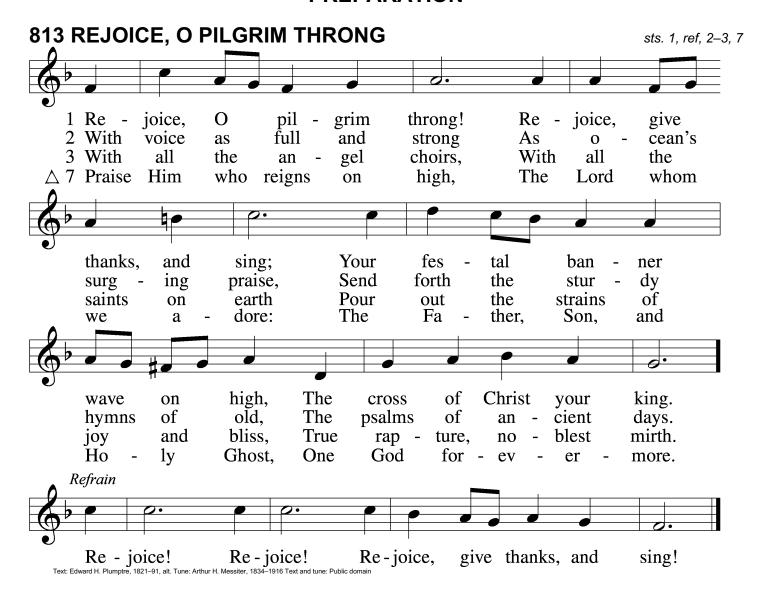
"Peace Conway is a <u>loving</u> Christian family, faithfully <u>serving</u> all people by <u>sharing</u> the good news of Jesus and <u>caring</u> for people in need."

11th Sunday After Pentecost August 24, 2025

AS WE GATHER - FINDING GOD'S FAVOR

Life can feel like a race to be noticed, to be someone's "favorite," to get the job, the recognition, the applause. But here at Peace, we gather in the presence of the One who has already chosen us. Not because we earned it, not because we outperformed others, but because of His grace in Christ Jesus. We are His redeemed children, every one of us loved, valued, and welcomed. The psalmist reminds us that "the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor" (Psalm 84:11). And where do we most clearly experience that favor? In His house, among His people, gathered around His Word and His gifts. Today we rejoice that we don't have to strive for God's approval. In Christ, we already have it. Here in this place, the door is open, the welcome is sure, and the promise is eternal.

+ PREPARATION +



INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 103:1-2, 8, 13, 21-22

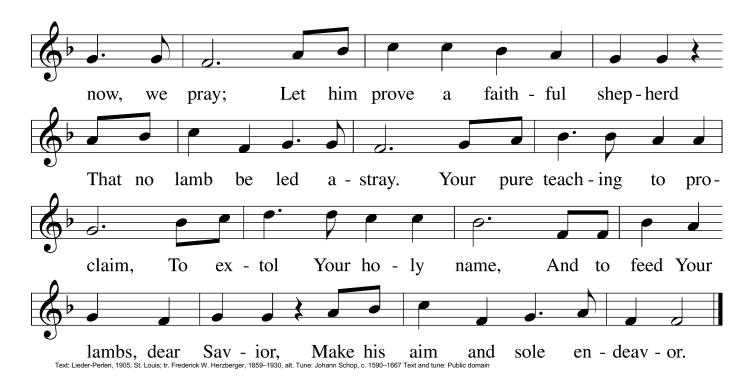
- P For truly I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there," and it will move,
- And nothing will be impossible for you.
- P Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!
- **☑** Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.
- P As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.
- The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- P Bless the LORD, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will!
- Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Let us now confess our sins to God, our Father.
- Have mercy on us, Lord, and grant us Your forgiveness. We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We repent of our sins, those known to us and those unknown as well. Create in us clean hearts, gracious Lord, and put new and right spirits within us that we may be reconciled to You and at peace with all people. We trust in Christ alone for the forgiveness that we seek today and at all times. Give us the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us into paths of righteousness and finally bring us to everlasting life. Amen.
- The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

+ WORD +





+ INSTALLATION OF VICAR JASON HANCOCK +

(The vicar is presented before the altar.)

ADDRESS

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, according to the usual custom of the Church, Jason Hancock has been assigned to Peace Conway as a vicar. As a student assigned to our congregation, he will continue his education in preparation for service to the Church as a called minister of the word.

Hear what the Word of God says about those who serve in the Church.

1 PETER 4:10-11

■ ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies, in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

COLOSSIANS 3:15-17

■ ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

1 TIMOTHY 4:15-16

■ ¹⁵Practice these things, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.
¹⁶Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

(The pastor addresses the vicar)

QUESTIONING

- P Jason Hancock, are you prepared to serve as vicar in this congregation under the supervision of the pastor, undertaking your assignments as one who seeks training for the Office of the Holy Ministry?
 - If so, then answer: I am, with the help of God.
- R I am, with the help of God.

INSTALLATION

- P Jason Hancock, I install you as vicar at Peace Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

(Congregation Stand)

(The vicar may kneel.)

COLLECT FOR INSTALLATION OF A VICAR

P Let us pray.

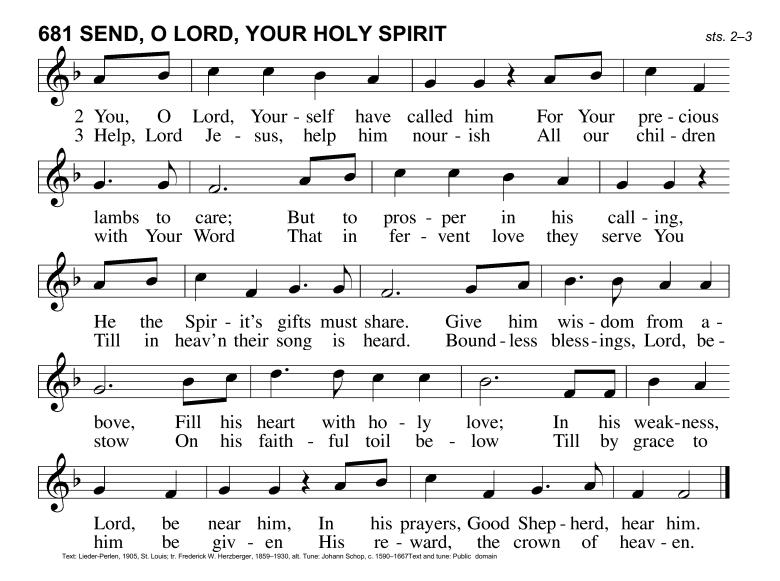
Almighty God our Father, You send laborers into Your harvest. Grant Your blessing to Vicar Jason Hancock, who now begins his vicarage in our congregation, so that Your Word may bear much fruit for the growth of Your Church; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

- P Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C Amen.

(Congregation be seated.)



SALUTATION

A The Lord be with you.

■ And also with you.

PSALM Psalm 50:1-15

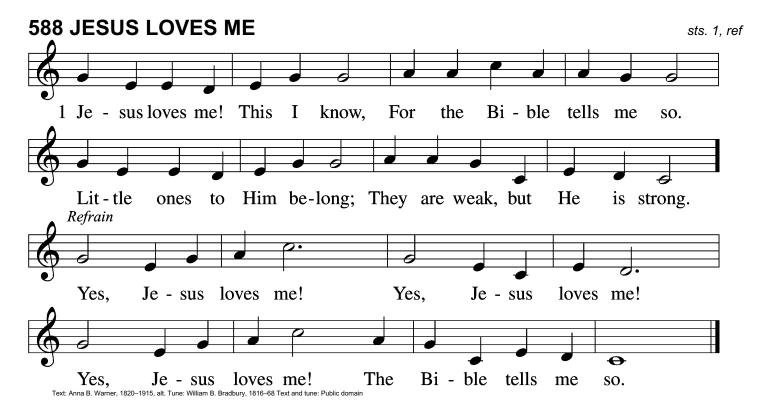
¹The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. ²Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. ³Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest. ⁴He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: ⁵"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!" ⁶The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge! ⁷"Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. ⁸Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me. ⁹I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. ¹⁰For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

- ¹¹I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. ¹²"If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. ¹³Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? ¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, ¹⁵and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."
- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

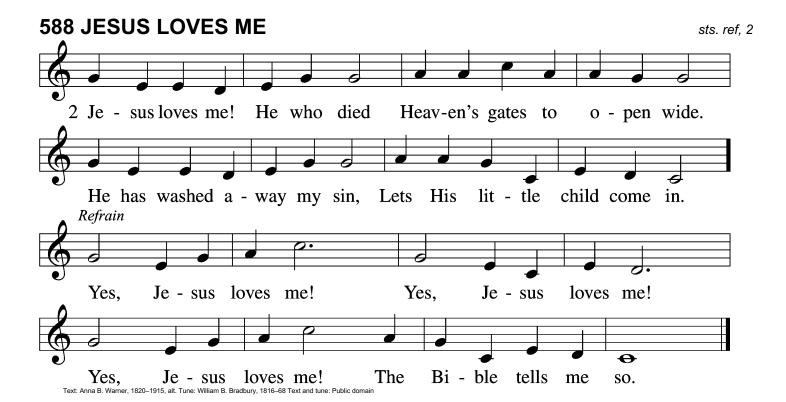
PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A Let us pray. O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

(Children come forward for the Children's Message.)



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 66:18-23

¹⁸"For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD. ²²"For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. ²³From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD."

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

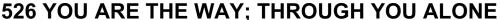
EPISTLE Hebrews 12:4–29

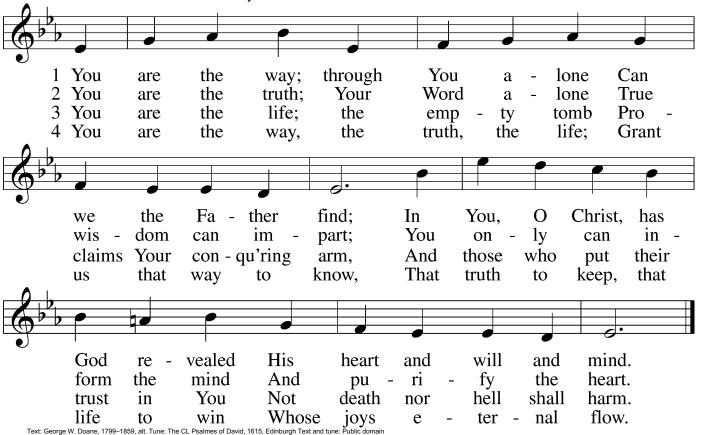
⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. ⁶For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." ⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 8 If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. 9Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. 12Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. 14Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal.

¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears. ¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." ²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken; that is, things that have been made in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹for our God is a consuming fire.

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





HOLY GOSPEL
Luke 13:22–30

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, ²⁴"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' ²⁶Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

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

MUSICAL MEDITATION

SERMON

CATECHISM

The Second Article of The Apostles' Creed

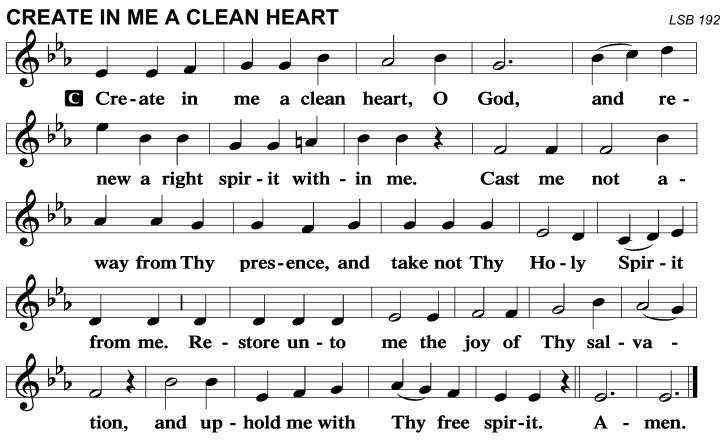
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

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.)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ and for all people according to their needs. Almighty God, bless Your Church throughout the world. Keep her steadfast in Your Word, faithful in proclamation, and active in love, that the Good News of Jesus may reach every nation, tribe, and tongue. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

Lord of all, bring peace where there is conflict, justice where there is oppression, and hope where there is despair. Bless our leaders with wisdom, integrity, and a spirit of service, that they may govern for the good of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

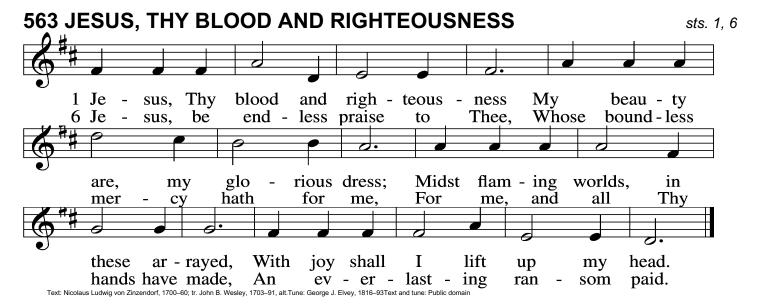
C Hear our prayer.

I Gracious Father, we commend to You our Ministry Expansion Campaign. Grant us generous hearts and faithful stewardship, that we may be equipped for the work You have placed before us. Bless our Building Committee as they plan for the future of our new facility, and guide our ECE Committee as they prepare for the ministry of an early childhood center. Provide a generous and godly buyer for our current property, that all may be done to Your glory and the furthering of the Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

- Merciful Lord, look with compassion on all who are sick, suffering, grieving, lonely, or in need. Bring healing to the body, peace to the mind, and comfort to the heart according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
 Hear our prayer.
- L We thank You for the faithful who have gone before us and now rest in Your presence. Keep us steadfast in faith until the day we join them at the feast of the Lamb in His kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, Hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
 Amen.

+ SACRAMENT +



PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

© We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to You, Lord our God. Holy are You and great is the majesty of Your glory. You have shown us Your favor by sending Your only Son to be our Redeemer. By His sacrificial life and atoning death, He has brought us salvation and has shown us the path to life eternal. Pour upon us now the gift of the Holy Spirit that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord with true devotion. Grant us a foretaste of the feast to come, heavenly Father, that we may joyfully and hopefully await a blessed eternity in Your glorious presence.

C Amen.

SANCTUS



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth. We give thanks to You for having sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to be our Redeemer, saving us from the power of sin, death, and the devil. Invited by Your grace and supported by Your love, we come to Your Table with thanksgiving and praise. Grant that we with true faith and trust in Your words of promise receive the bread and wine, that is, the very body and blood of Christ, as a guarantee of the salvation that He purchased for us through His innocent suffering and death on the cross. Receive our prayers and praises and grant us Your

abiding peace. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

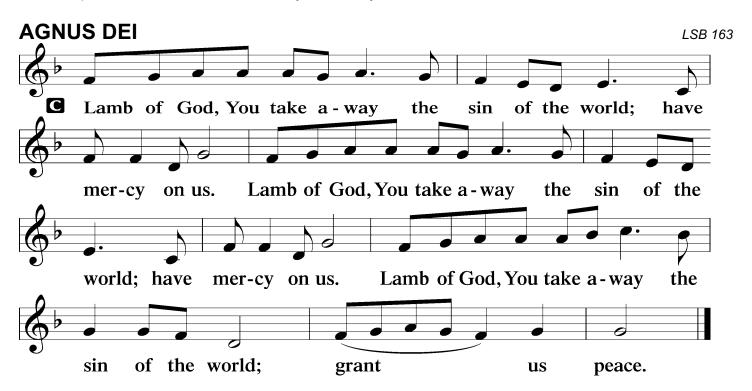
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed 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 +

THE KING IS IN THE ROOM (video)

Phil Wickham

Come open the doors and make way.

The King is in the room, the King is in the room.

Expecting for strongholds to break

'Cause we know what You can do, we know what You can do.

We're gonna see lives changed, Souls saved, broken hearts made new.

The King is in the room. Lord, we enthrone You upon our praise.

The King is in the room. There's freedom and life anywhere You reign.

Jesus, we bow only to You. We're laying down all of our crowns.

The King is in the room, Yeah, the King is in the room.

Come see all the captives run free.

He's tearing down the walls, He's tearing down the walls.

There's grave shaking power when we sing

The Name above them all, Your Name above them all.

The King is in the room. Lord, we enthrone You upon our praise.

The King is in the room. There's freedom and life anywhere You reign.

Jesus, we bow only to You. We're laying down all of our crowns.

The King is in the room.

Fear has to flee, shame has to leave Before the King, before the King. Chains have to break, dry bones awake, Prepare the way. Ooh, Oh.. Fear has to flee, Shame has to leave Before the King, Before the King. Chains have to break, dry bones awake, Prepare the way.

The King is in the room, Lord, we enthrone You upon our praise. The King is in the room. There's freedom and life anywhere You reign. Jesus, we bow only to You. We're laying down all of our crowns The King is in the room, Yeah, the King is in the room.

I can't wait to see what You're gonna do, Every mountain has to move.

Prepare the way, The King is in the room.

Prepare the way, prepare the way (He's in the room).

Prepare the way, prepare the way (He's in the room).

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I BELIEVE (video)

Phil Wickham

I believe there is one salvation, One doorway that leads to life, One redemption, one confession, I believe in the name of Jesus Christ, hey. I believe in the crucifixion. By His blood, I have been set free. I believe in the resurrection. Hallelujah, His life is death's defeat.

All praise to God the Father. All praise to Christ the Son. All praise to the Holy Spirit. Our God has overcome. The King who was and is and evermore will be. In Jesus mighty name, I believe. I believe, I believe.

I believe in the hope of Heaven. He's preparing a place for me, Far beyond what hearts imagine, Ears have heard or eyes have seen. I believe that a day is coming, He's returning to claim His bride. Light the altar, keep it burning. See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion.

All praise to God the Father. All praise to Christ the Son. All praise to the Holy Spirit. Our God has overcome. The King who was and is and evermore will be. In Jesus mighty name, I believe. Oh, I believe in You.

No, I'll never be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ How could I ever walk away from the One who saved my life? No, I'll never be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ How could I ever walk away from the One who saved my life? Oh, no, I'll never be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ How could I ever walk away from the One who saved my life? Yeah

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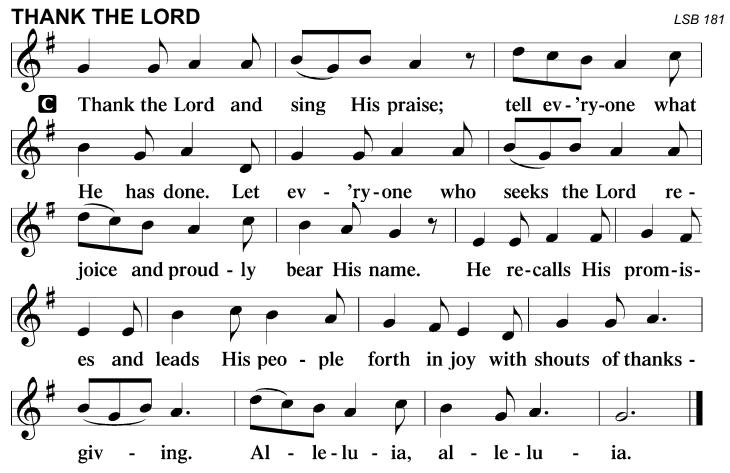
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POST-COMMUNION DISMISSAL

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.

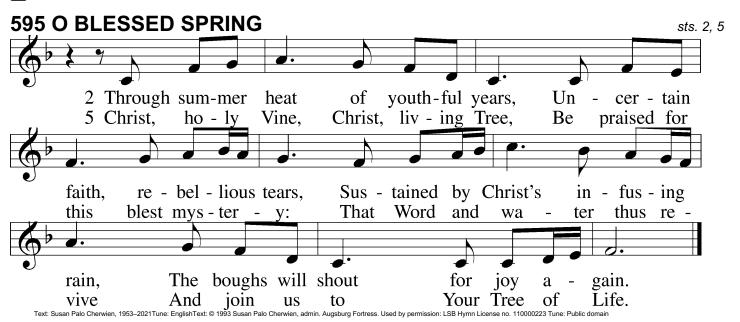


POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

We bless You, O Lord, for the grace and favor You continually show us. Grant that Your Son's body and blood, which You have given us to eat and to drink, may abide in us; and let no stain of sin remain in us, whom this pure and Holy Sacrament has refreshed; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.



BENEDICTION

P 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.



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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