



"...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."

Matthew 17:20b

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## **CELEBRATING 60 YRS OF SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE**

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by sharing the good news of Jesus and caring for people in need."*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 07, 2025**

## AS WE GATHER: FRUIT THAT POINTS TO CHRIST

Advent has a way of slowing us down just enough to notice what truly matters. John the Baptist bursts onto the scene this Sunday with a message that is both jarring and deeply hopeful. He calls God's people to bear fruit that shows what is really happening in the heart. That message is as needed today as ever. In a world noisy with distractions and pressures, we long for lives that point clearly to Christ, not to ourselves. Here at Peace Conway, Advent reminds us that our daily lives, our congregational life, our ministry expansion efforts, and even our hopes for the future all rest on the One who is coming to make all things new. The Spirit is still producing fruit in His people. The Lord is still preparing His Church for the day when every valley will be lifted and every rough place made smooth. And He is doing that work even now among us.

### + PREPARATION +

#### 331 THE ADVENT OF OUR KING



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,  
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,  
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,  
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.  
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.  
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.  
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away, The new self now put on.

△6 All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

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## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Psalm 72:2, 4, alt.; Philippians 1:6*

**P** May God judge His people with righteousness and justice.

**C** May He defend the poor, deliver the needy, and crush the oppressor.

*Silence for self-examination.*

**P** Holy and gracious God,

**C** I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know, the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed, but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

### + WORD +

*(The Advent wreath is lit as the hymn is sung.)*

## 347 COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

sts. 1–2

1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus  
2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each  
saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing  
dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no  
'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem  
more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,  
Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her  
Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her  
sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver."  
pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.

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## KYRIE

- L** In the rich tapestry of Christian worship, certain phrases resonate like timeless melodies, invoking a sense of profound reverence and devotion. One such phrase is "Kyrie Eleison." These two Greek words, Kyrie (Κύριε) and Eleison (ἐλέησον) have been sung, chanted, and spoken by countless Christians throughout history.
- L** "Kyrie Eleison" translates from Greek to English as "Lord, have mercy." Its simplicity belies its depth of meaning, as it encapsulates a plea for divine compassion and forgiveness. This phrase acknowledges human frailty and sinfulness while beseeching the Lord to bestow His mercy upon the suppliant. It is a humble acknowledgment of human dependence on God's grace and a reminder of the central tenets of the Christian faith: love, forgiveness, and redemption. And so today we begin once again with this sincere petition:

**L** Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

**C** **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

- L** For peace in our hearts, for peace in the church, and for peace in the world, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

- L** For mercy to forgive all our sins, for mercy to forgive the sins of one another, and for mercy for all those in need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

- L** For grace to rule our unruly wills, for grace to prepare to receive the Lord in His Word and Supper, and for grace to be found faithful when He comes at the end of all time, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

- L** For hope to preserve us from despair, for hope to bear cheerful witness to Christ before the world, and for hope to sustain us in the hour of trial, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

## SALUTATION

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

## PSALM

Psalm 72:1–7; antiphon: v. 18

**L** A reading from Psalm, chapter 72.

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son! <sup>2</sup>May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice! <sup>3</sup>Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness! <sup>4</sup>May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!

<sup>5</sup>May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations! <sup>6</sup>May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth! <sup>7</sup>In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L** Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## 347 COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

st. 3

3 Hark, the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert  
far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the  
King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!  
Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys  
rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.

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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### 347 COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

st. 4

4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er  
plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -  
fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord  
Now o'er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall  
see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 11:1–10

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup>In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples, of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

Romans 15:4–13

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." <sup>10</sup>And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." <sup>11</sup>And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." <sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." <sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## 344 ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY

sts. 1–3, 5

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
 3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
 Δ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent  
 that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
 way for God with - in, And let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
 sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther  
 for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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## VERSE

*Luke 3:4b, 6*

**P** Alleluia.

**C** Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**P** Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 3:1–12*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

<sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

## SERMON

## APOSTLES' CREED

*Apostles' Creed*

**C** 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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**L** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For grace to acknowledge the Lord, who made all things for Himself, and for faith to trust in His mercy incarnate in Jesus Christ, His Son, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the church established by Christ and sustained by Him through the means of grace, for boldness to call a world to repentance, for faithfulness to proclaim His Gospel without fear, and for the strengthening of Peace Lutheran Church in our ministry expansion efforts, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For all the nations and peoples of the earth and for those who lead them, but especially for this nation, our president, governor, legislators, and magistrates, and for wisdom and cooperation in our local community as we continue seeking a qualified and mission minded buyer for our Dave Ward property, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For grateful hearts to receive the good fruits of the earth with thanksgiving and for wisdom that we might bear the good fruit of repentance in our lives, and for the faithful work of our Building Committee and Early Childhood Education Committee as they plan, evaluate, and carry forward the ministries entrusted to them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For all godly and noble vocations, for marriages and children, for the single and the retired, and for our congregation's united commitment to the Climbing to the Summit ministry campaign, that the Lord would bless our giving, guide our decisions, and use us to serve Conway boldly in His name, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For an end to poverty and need and for compassion that we may manifest charity for all those in need, and that our growing mission efforts would bear witness to Christ's love in this community, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the sick, the suffering, the dying, and those who attend to them, and for peace of heart for all who carry burdens in this season, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For all needs of body and soul, and for courage that we may not depart from the way of Christ but walk in His light as we await His Advent, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

## OFFERING AND VIDEO

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## LWML NOISY MITE OFFERING

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## 955 LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

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.

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## + SACRAMENT +

### PREFACE

- 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 Him thanks and praise.

### PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS

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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. 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.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** In speaking all things into being, You manifested both Your goodness and Your love. In sending forth the promise of a Savior, You showed forth Your compassion and mercy. In the fullness of time You brought forth Your promise, sending into the womb of the virgin by the power of the Spirit Your only-begotten Son. As He has accomplished all things for our salvation by the one, all-sufficient offering of His body on the cross, we give You thanks and praise that You have counted us worthy to stand before You and to receive the precious gift of His grace in His Meal, which He established by His own will and testament.

**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

**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.

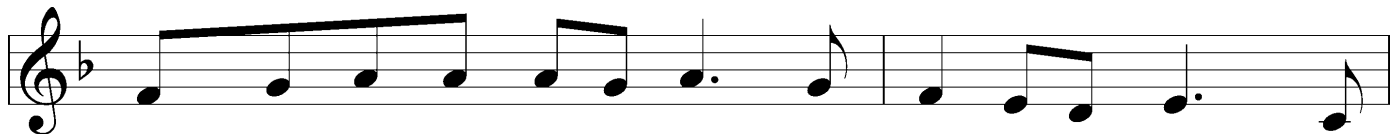
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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

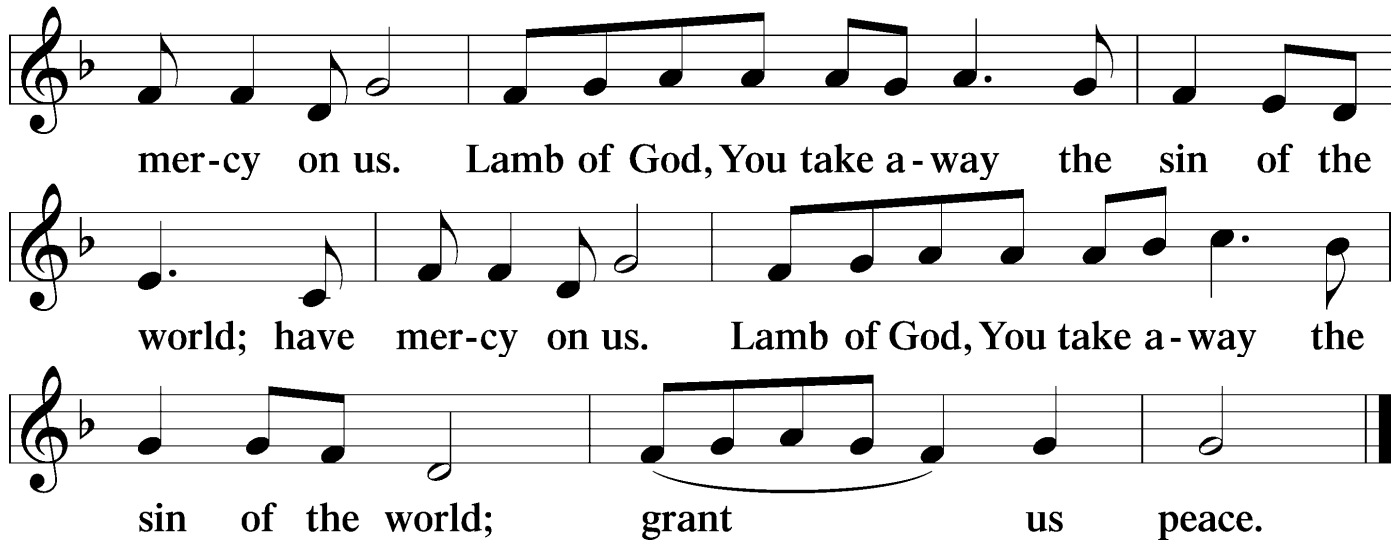
**C** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

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**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



## + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

### **EVEN SO COME** *(video)*

*Chris Tomlin*

All of creation All of the earth  
Make straight a highway A path for the Lord  
Jesus is coming soon

Call back the sinner Wake up the saint  
Let every nation shout of Your fame  
Jesus is coming soon

Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Every heart longing for our King  
We sing, Even so come Lord Jesus, come  
Even so come Lord Jesus, come

There will be justice, all will be new  
Your name forever, faithful and true  
Jesus is coming soon

Oh, like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church ready for You  
Every heart longing for our King  
We sing, Even so come Lord Jesus, come  
Even so come Lord Jesus, come

So we wait We wait for You  
God, we wait You're coming soon  
So we wait We wait for You  
God, we wait You're coming soon

Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church, ready for You  
Every heart longing for our King, we sing

Like a bride waiting for her groom  
We'll be a Church, we'll be ready for You  
Every heart longing for our King,  
We sing, Even so come Lord Jesus, come  
Even so come Lord Jesus, come

Even so come Lord Jesus, come  
Even so come Lord Jesus, come

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## **GREAT ARE YOU LORD** *(video)*

You give life, You are love You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken  
And great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise to You only

You give life, You are love You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope, You restore Every heart that is broken  
And great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise to You only  
***(repeat section)***

All the earth will shout Your praise Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing  
Great are You, Lord  
***(repeat section twice)***

It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise to You only  
***(repeat section)***

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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.

## THANK THE LORD

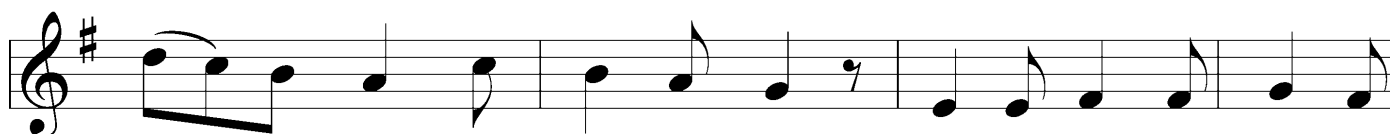
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**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what



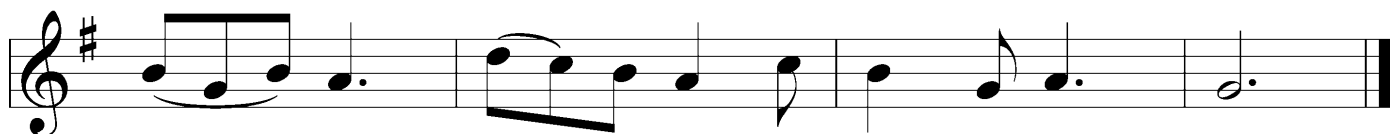
He has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-



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-



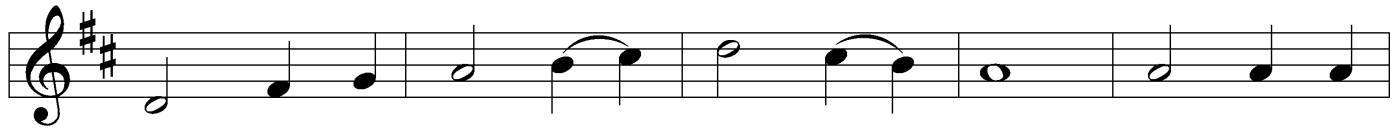
giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

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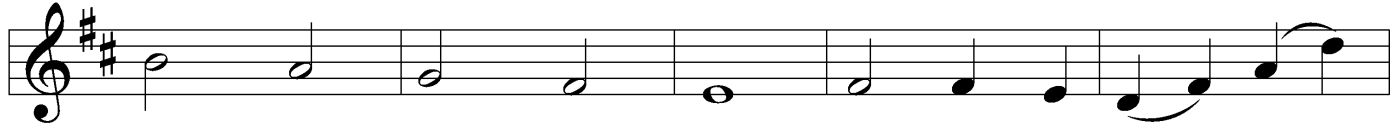
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## 832 JESUS SHALL REIGN



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -  
 2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners  
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from  
 prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es  
 leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -  
 cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.  
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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## GUIDING STATEMENT

**C** 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.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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