

# **Lamb Of God Lutheran Church**

August 11, 2019



Ninth Sunday  
After Pentecost



### *Communion Statement*

#### **We will be celebrating Holy Communion at this service**

We consider this to be a family meal partaken in and with the Real Presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The term “Communion” describes the relationship between the participants, certainly between each person and our Savior whose meal it is, but also with all who come together to consume Christ’s body and blood in and with the bread and wine. To properly celebrate Communion all participants should be in communion, sharing the same confession of faith as is taught by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). **We welcome all those who regularly confess this faith as members or regular attenders of Lamb of God. Those who belong to another LCMS congregation and wish to join with us as fellow family members are asked to speak to an Elder prior to the beginning of service. Those who are visiting but not members of an LCMS congregation may approach the communion rail and receive a blessing with their arms folded in front of their chest, or remain seated.**

This has been the practice of the Church from the beginning, which according to earliest records would dismiss all those not baptized and confirmed before the Lord’s Supper was celebrated. We are celebrating this Sacrament in keeping with this tradition. If you are from outside the LCMS confession, please know that we are not judging you or your faith. We are not implying that you are not a Christian or worthy of the gifts Christ won for you on the cross. We are simply acknowledging that since you do not have the same confession as we do you are not “in communion” with us. If you still desire to participate in Holy Communion in the future at Lamb of God please speak with Pastor Mark after the service. Thank you for honoring our celebration of Holy Communion. There are gluten free wafers .

*\*\* Note: For those concerned about consuming alcohol-the individual cups in the center of each tray contain diluted wine. (1 drop of wine in water)*

## **Lamb of God Lutheran Church**

*Empowered by Christ's Sacraments to be His witness in  
Friendship/Fellowship/and Faith.*

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**WORSHIP**  
10:00 AM  
**HOLY COMMUNION**

Divine Service Five

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*Fellowship Register*

Please sign the register that you will find in the book holder and pass it on to the others sitting in your pew. Guests are invited to sign the register and please include your address. Thank you.

*Pre-Service Music*

*Welcome & Announcements*

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

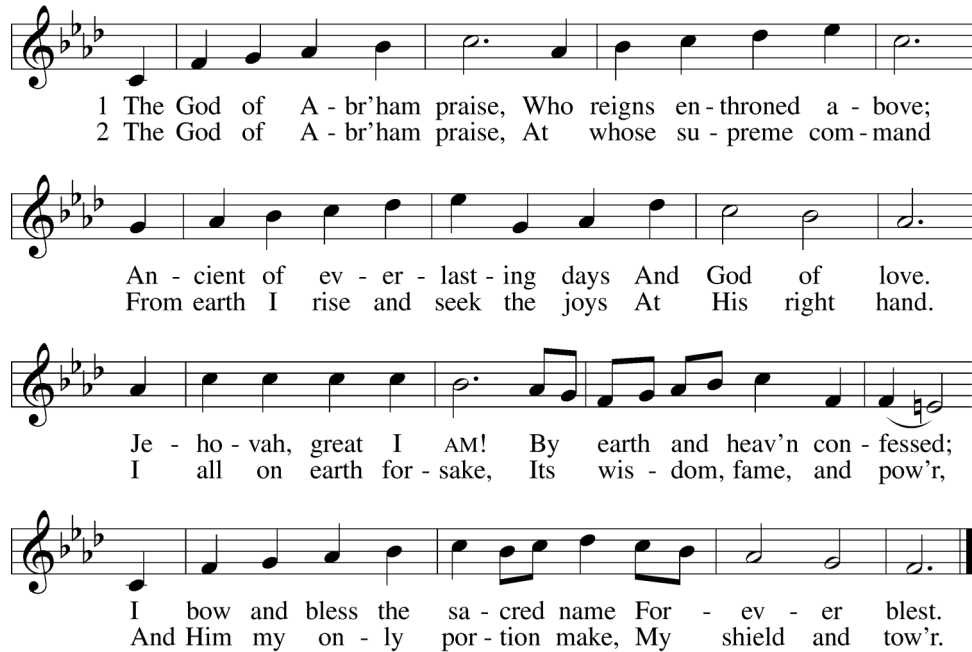
**C** **And also with you.**

*(The Peace of the Lord is given and received)*

*Congregation may be seated after the Sharing of the Peace.*

*Opening Hymn + LSB 798 vs 1 & 2*  
(A Lamb of God Favorite)

**The God of Abraham Praise**



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
2 The God of A - br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com - mand

An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.  
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.

Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;  
I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,

I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.  
And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.

*Please stand, as able.*

*Confession & Absolution + LSB 213*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

*Psalm + Psalm 33:12-22*

- P** Blessèd is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
**C** **the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!**
- P** The LORD looks down from heaven;  
**C** **he sees all the children of man;**
- P** from where he sits enthroned he looks out  
**C** **on all the inhabitants of the earth,**
- P** he who fashions the hearts of them all

- C** and observes all their deeds.  
**P** The king is not saved by his great army;  
**C** a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.  
**P** The war horse is a false hope for salvation,  
**C** and by its great might it cannot rescue.  
**P** Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,  
**C** on those who hope in his steadfast love,  
**P** that he may deliver their soul from death  
**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Kyrie + LSB 152*

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

to the Lord.

- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship **P**



**C** A - men.

and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

### *Salutation and Collect of the Day*



**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*Old Testament Reading + Genesis 15:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Second Reading + Hebrews 11:1-16*

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their



commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from

which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God**

*Please stand, as able.  
Holy Gospel + Luke 12:22-34*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup>“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the

needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

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

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

*Apostle's 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.**

*Please be seated.*

*Hymn of the Day + LSB 798 vs 3-5*

(A Lamb of God Favorite)

**The God of Abraham Praise**



3 The God of A - br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace



Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.



4 He by Himself has sworn;  
 I on His oath depend.  
 I shall, on eagle wings upborne,  
 To heav'n ascend.  
 I shall behold His face;  
 I shall His pow'r adore  
 And sing the wonders of His grace  
 Forevermore.

5 Though nature's strength decay,  
 And earth and hell withstand,  
 To Canaan's bounds I urge my way  
 At His command.  
 The wat'ry deep I pass,  
 With Jesus in my view,  
 And through the howling wilderness  
 My way pursue.

*Sermon + Genesis 15*  
*Rev. Christian Jones*

*The Tithes & Offerings*

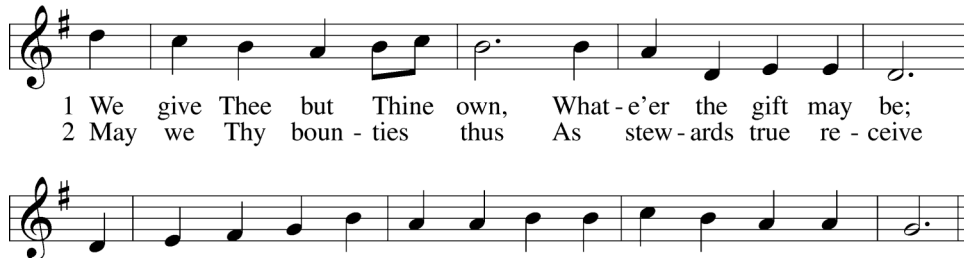
*Offering Verse Hebrews 11:4*

12 <sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than

*Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.*

*Please stand, as able.*

*Offertory Hymn + LSB 781 vs 1 & 2*  
**We Give Thee But Thine Own**



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What-e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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*Please be seated.*

*The Prayers of the Church*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, knowing that You will hear the prayers of Your people and answer us with Your mercy, providing all things needful and beneficial to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** **Amen.**

*Please stand, as able.*  
*Holy Communion*

*Preface + LSB 216*

**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 unto the Lord, our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*Proper Preface + Pastor*

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, ... To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Lord's Prayer + LSB 217*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom...

**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**

**P** In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

*Words of Institution*

*Pax Domini*

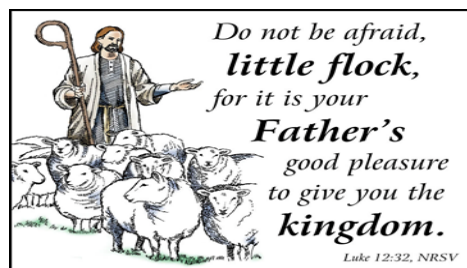
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

*Agnus Dei + LSB 210*

*Please be seated.*

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.



*Distribution Hymn + LSB 918*  
**Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer**

1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,  
 Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,  
 bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no  
 strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to  
 more; Feed me till I want no more.  
 shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.  
 Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

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### *Distribution Hymn + LSB 801* (A Lamb of God Favorite)

## **How Great Thou Art**

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er  
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
 3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to  
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me





all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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## *Distribution Hymn + LSB 555* **Salvation unto Us Has Come**



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and fa - vor;  
2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could ren - der  
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had giv - en  
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un - ceas - ing;



Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They help and save us nev - er.  
Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For man, the vile of - fend - er.  
That sin - ners could them-selves re - deem And by their works gain heav - en.  
The task was use - less and in vain, Our guilt was e'er in - creas - ing.



Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for all the  
Our flesh has not those pure de - sires The spir - it of the  
The Law is but a mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred  
None can re - move sin's poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.  
Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.  
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.  
guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled  
Or we must die despairing,  
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,  
Our human nature sharing.  
He has for us the Law obeyed  
And thus the Father's vengeance stayed  
Which over us impended.

6 Since Christ has full atonement made  
And brought to us salvation,  
Each Christian therefore may be glad  
And build on this foundation.  
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,  
Your death is now my life indeed,  
For You have paid my ransom.

- 7     Let me not doubt, but truly see  
      Your Word cannot be broken;  
      Your call rings out, “Come unto Me!”  
      No falsehood have You spoken.  
      Baptized into Your precious name,  
      My faith cannot be put to shame,  
      And I shall never perish.
- 8     The Law reveals the guilt of sin  
      And makes us conscience-stricken;  
      But then the Gospel enters in  
      The sinful soul to quicken.  
      Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;  
      The Law no peace can ever give,  
      No comfort and no blessing.
- 9     Faith clings to Jesus’ cross alone  
      And rests in Him unceasing;  
      And by its fruits true faith is known,  
      With love and hope increasing.  
      For faith alone can justify;  
      Works serve our neighbor and supply  
      The proof that faith is living.
- △ 10   All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise  
      To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
      The God who saved us by His grace;  
      All glory to His merit.  
      O triune God in heav’n above,  
      You have revealed Your saving love;  
      Your blessed name we hallow.

*Post Communion Hymn + LSB 643*

(A Lamb of God Favorite)

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.
2. With praise and thanksgiving To God ever living,  
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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*Post Communion Collect*

**P** 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 chil-  
dren 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.

**C** Amen.

*Benedicamus & Benediction*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God..**

**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.**

*Closing Hymn + LSB 798 vs 6-8*  
**The God of Abraham Praise**



- 6     The goodly land I see,  
        With peace and plenty blest:  
        A land of sacred liberty  
        And endless rest.  
        There milk and honey flow,  
        And oil and wine abound,  
        And trees of life forever grow  
        With mercy crowned.
- 7     There dwells the Lord our king,  
        The Lord our righteousness,  
        Triumphant o’er the world and sin,  
        The Prince of Peace.  
        On Zion’s sacred height  
        His kingdom He maintains  
        And glorious with His saints in light  
        Forever reigns.
- 8     The God who reigns on high  
        The great archangels sing,  
        And “Holy, holy, holy!” cry,  
        “Almighty King!  
        Who was and is the same  
        And evermore shall be:  
        Jehovah, Father, great I AM!  
        We worship Thee!”

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Go in peace, serve the Lord.



**Thanks be to God**





"Count the stars ....  
**SO SHALL YOUR  
DESCENDANTS BE."**

Genesis 15:5, NRSV