# Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

September 19, 2021





"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives me, receives not me but him who sent me," Mark 9:37

# *Communion Statement* <u>We will be celebrating Holy Communion at this service</u>

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.

\*\* 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) There is gluten free wafers.

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Empowered by Christ's Sacraments to be His witness in Friendship/Fellowship/and Faith. West Maple Ave. Pastor Mark Pretznow

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17th Sunday after Pentecost

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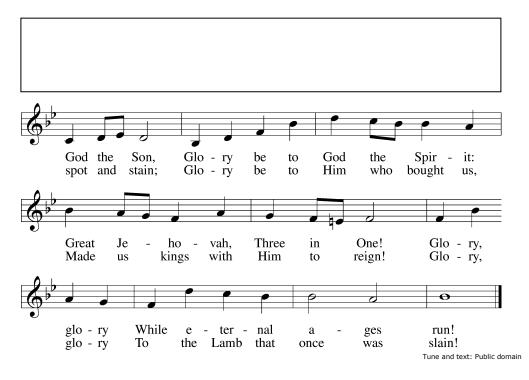
Pre-Service Music

# Welcome and Announcements

# **Opening Sharing of the Peace**

- **P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always
- **C** and also with you
- Please share the Peace of Christ with your fellow worshipers as you are comfortable doing.

Please stand as you are able



# **Confession and Absolution**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

### Invocation

- **C** Amen.

#### Exhortation

#### *LSB 213*

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,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **G** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

Confession of Sins

LSB 213

- **P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- ☑ 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.

# Absolution

### LSB 213

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.

# Service of the Word

# Responsive Reading of Psalm 149:1-4

- $\mathbf{P}^{-1}$  Praise the LORD!
- Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!
- $\mathbf{P}^{2}$  Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
- C let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!
- $\mathbf{P}^{-3}$  Let them praise his name with dancing,
- **C** making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!
- $\mathbf{P}$  <sup>4</sup> For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
- **G** he adorns the humble with salvation.
- 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

- **P** Praise the LORD!
- Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!



# Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; 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 Lesson:

<sup>18</sup>The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds.

- <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.
- I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying,
- "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more."
- <sup>20</sup>But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind,
- let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

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

### • Thanks be to God.

#### **Epistle Lesson:**

### James 3:13-4:10

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

<sup>1</sup>What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You desire and do

not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. <sup>4</sup>You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? <sup>6</sup>But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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

Please stand as you are able

Holy Gospel:

#### Mark 9:30-37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>30</sup>[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."

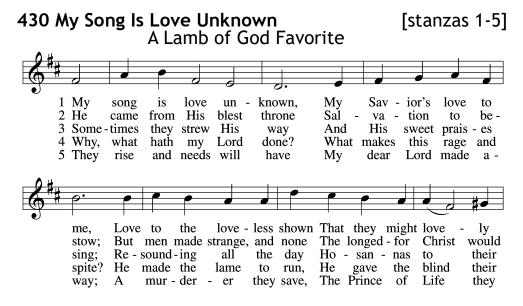
<sup>36</sup>And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

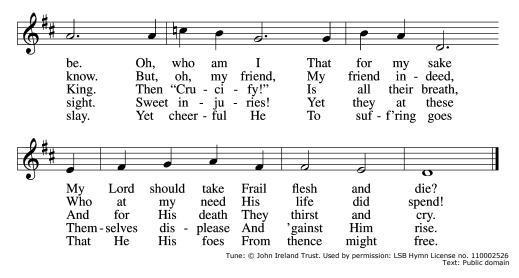
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Children's Message







Sermon: Mark 9:30-37 "Humbleness = Servanthood" Pastor David Hensler

# Philippians 2:5-8

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Please stand as you are able

#### 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 Prayers

# **Offering Statement**

Please fulfill your obligation as a member to support the ministry that we have been given by the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. You can drop your offering envelope off in the Offering Box in the Narthex as you leave today, mail us your envelope, give on-line at our website, or drop it off in the offering box in the lobby across from the Church Office Monday − Friday 9 AM -1 PM.

# Offering Verse:

# James 3:17-18

<sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good

fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

# 851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us [stanzas 1-2]



Please be seated

# Reception of Members by Transfer or Profession of Faith

- We welcome today as New Members by Transfer: Bonnie Jackson, Rev. David Hensler, Brian and Denise Tretheway
- 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.
- Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
- **R** Yes, I renounce them.
- Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?
- 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.

Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

### I do, by the grace of God.

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?

### 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?
- 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.
- ▶ Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation, Lamb of God Lutheran Church-Flint. 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.

#### Please stand as you are able

**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.

### **G** Amen.

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

P The grace of our + Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
C Amen.

*The new members return to their places.* 

### Prayer of the Church

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

▶ For humility, that God—who opposes the proud and gives grace to the humble—would help us to submit to Him and resist the devil, so that he would flee from us, let us pray to the Lord:

# **C** Lord, have mercy.

- **P** ...let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P O Lord of hosts, grant that what we ask from You may not be squandered after our passions, but sought rightly in faith, that we may receive them and put them to service for You and our neighbors; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

# C Amen.

# Service of the Sacrament

Please stand as you are able

#### Preface

*LSB 216* 

**P** The Lord be with you.

# **G** And also with you.

- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** 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.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eter-

nal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell.

Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously 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.

### **C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

LSB 241

- **P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,

### but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

# Introduction to The Words of Our Lord

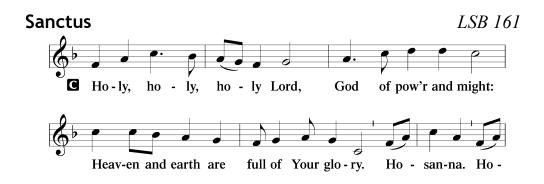
■ In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

### The Words of Our Lord

#### LSB 217

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



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Please be seated

# Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

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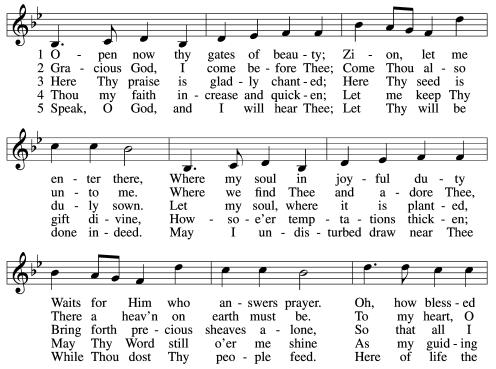
The true body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.** The true blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.** 

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

#### Table Dismissal

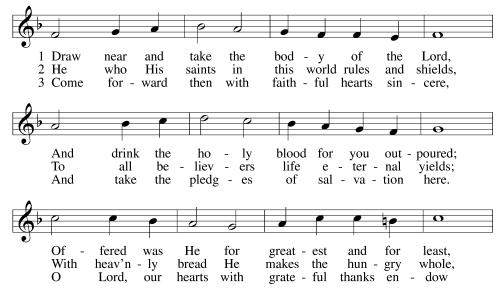
Depart now in His joy and peace, knowing that all of your sins have been forgiven.

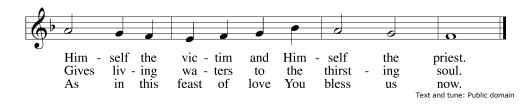
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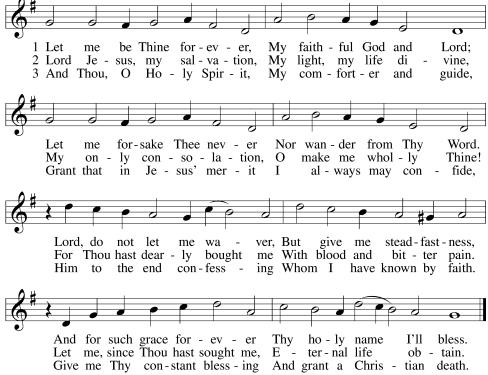
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637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord A Lamb of God Favorite

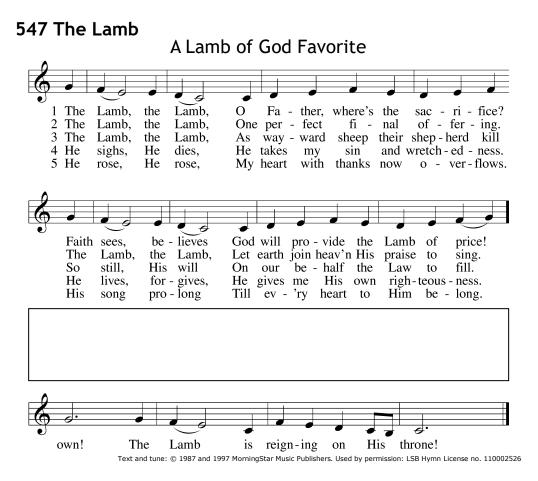




### 689 Let Me Be Thine Forever



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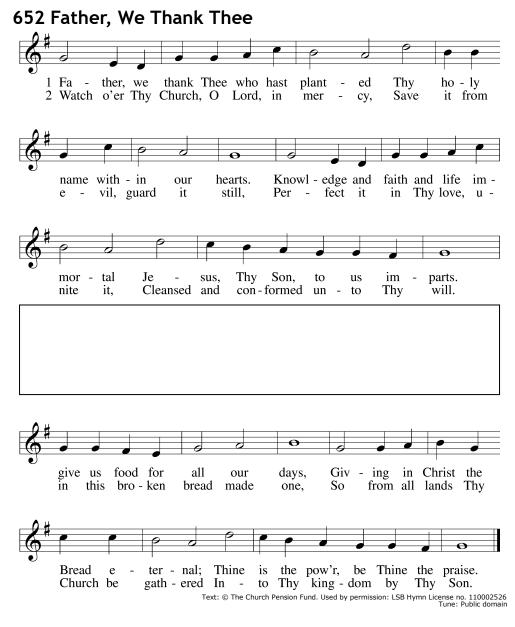


### The Dismissal

*LSB 217* 

- 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.

Please stand as you are able



# **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your onlybegotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

# Close of the Service

#### **Benedicamus**

LSB 218

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

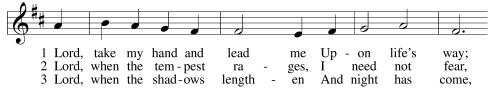
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

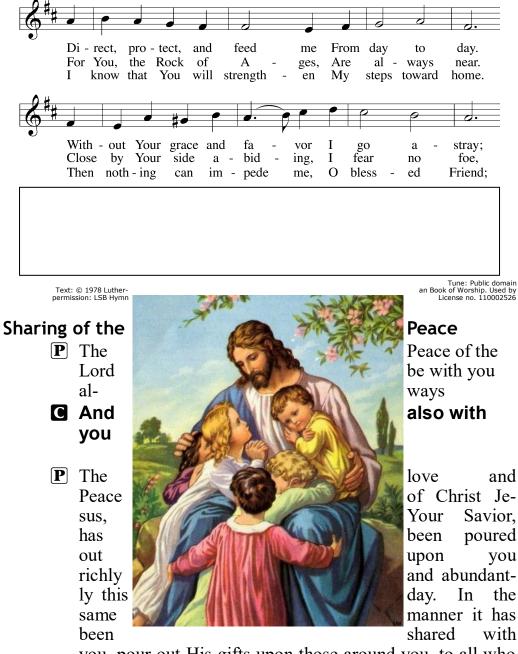
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

### 722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me





you, pour out His gifts upon those around you, to all who need to hear the Gospel from your lips and by the work of

