Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

8th Sunday @ Pentecost:
Proper 10
Sunday July 14, 2024
Divine Service V

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.

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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sharing of the Peace

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always

C **and also with you**

P Please share the Peace of Christ with your fellow worshipers.

AGPS #254 We Come to Praise You

Verse One
Heavenly Father, we come to praise You,
And to say thank You here in our song.
For all the gifts You give through Your kindness,
Showing Your love, forgiving our wrong.

Verse Two
Jesus, our Savior, we love and follow,
For all the blessings You died to share;
Life and salvation we have forever,
Trusting Your mercy, knowing Your care

Verse Three
Comforting Spirit. move us to worship,
Showing Christ's love in all that we do.
Help us to serve our brothers and sisters,
Knowing the offering's given to You.

Text: Robert M. Bjornstad
Tune: Bunessan, Gaelic

Confession and Absolution

Please stand as you are able

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

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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,
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.

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

Confession of Sins *LSB 213*

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.

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

Introit *Based on selected verses from Psalm 85*

P Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,

C **and grant us your salvation.**

P Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,

C **for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.**

P Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,

C **that glory may dwell in our land.**

P Yes, the LORD will give what is good,

C **and our land will yield its increase.**

P Righteousness will go before him

C **and make his footsteps a way.**

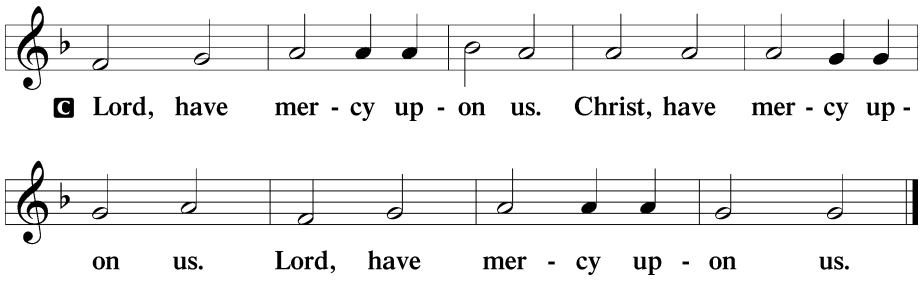
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,

C **and grant us your salvation.**

Kyrie

LSB 186



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, 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: Amos 7:7-15

7 This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord
was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb
line in his hand. 8 And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you
see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass by them;
9 the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

[10]Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. [11]For thus Amos has said,

"'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.'"

[12]And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, [13]but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

[14]Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. [15]But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

[3]Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, [4]even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love [5]he predestined us for adoption as sons

through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, [6]to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. [7]In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, [8]which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight [9]making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ [10]as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

[11]In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, [12]so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. [13]In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, [14]who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

Holy Gospel: **Mark 6:14-29**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

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

[14]King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." [15]But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet,

like one of the prophets of old." [16]But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." [17]For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her
. [18]For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." [19]And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, [20]for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

[21]But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. [22]For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." [23]And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." [24]And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." [25]And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." [26]And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. [27]And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison [28]and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. [29]When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

573 Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee

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Sermon: Ephesians 1:3-14
"You Are Special! Chosen by God in Christ Jesus!"
Pastor David Hensler

Please stand as you are able

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.

Offering and Prayers

Offering Statement

P We do not pass the offering plate here at Lamb of God. If you are a visitor, we don't want you to feel obligated to give an offering, we are just glad that you have joined us for worship this day. Those who would like to give an offering may drop it off in the Offering Box in the Narthex, the box across from the Church Office, mail their Offering Envelope in, or use our online giving portal from our website.

Offering Verses: Ephesians 1:7-9

7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the
forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his
grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and
insight 9 making known to us the mystery of his will,
according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ

Offertory: 793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Sung to the tune from #367
"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise Him for His grace and favor
To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

4 Angels, help us to adore Him;
You behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
All who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

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Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

P Heavenly Father, we thank You for choosing us before the foundation of the world and calling us to faith in Your Son, our Lord Jeus Christ. May we remember that it is by Your work, and not ours, that we are declared to be Your beloved children in baptism. Keep us firm in our baptismal faith throughout our lives here on earth, that we may be found with You in eternal life to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P .... Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, heavenly Father, join these, our prayers and praises, with those of Your faithful people in every time and in every place. Unite them in the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest until He comes again on the Last Day. 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.

Service of the Sacrament

Please stand as you are able

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 to the Lord our God.

C 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 eternal 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 251*

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.

Introduction to The Words of Our Lord

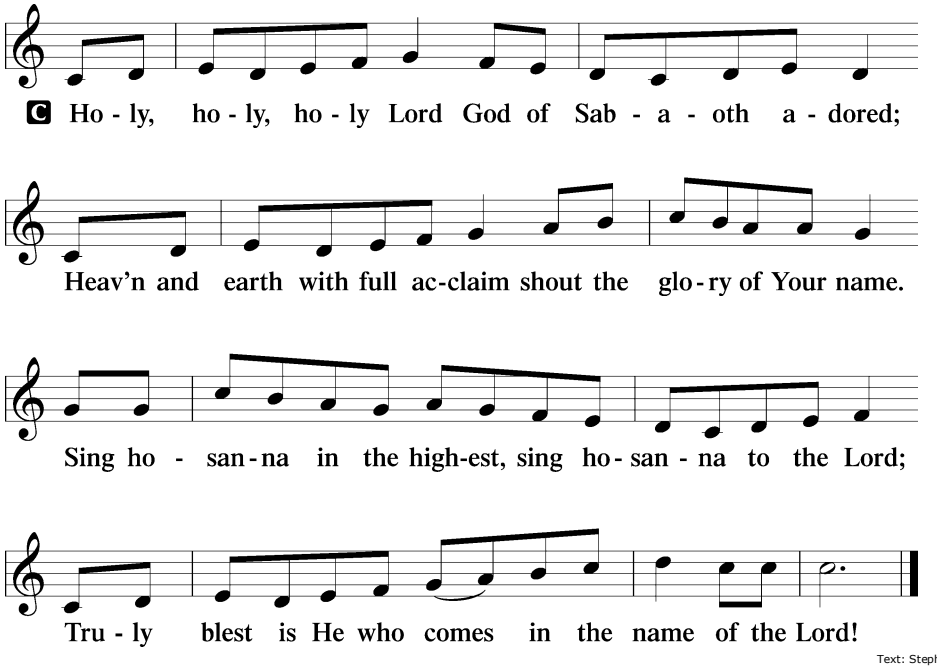
P In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

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."

Sanctus *LSB 208*



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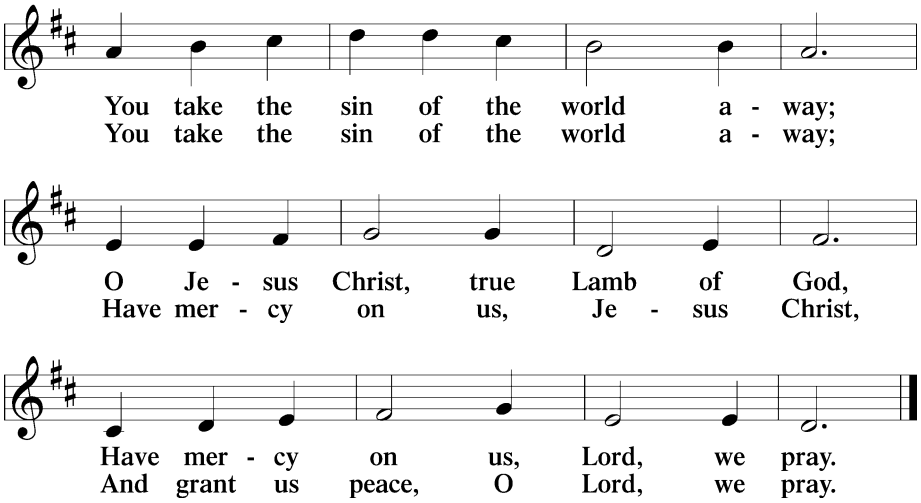
Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei *LSB 210*



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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:

Right Column

The true body of Christ, given for you.

Amen.

The true blood of Christ, shed for you.

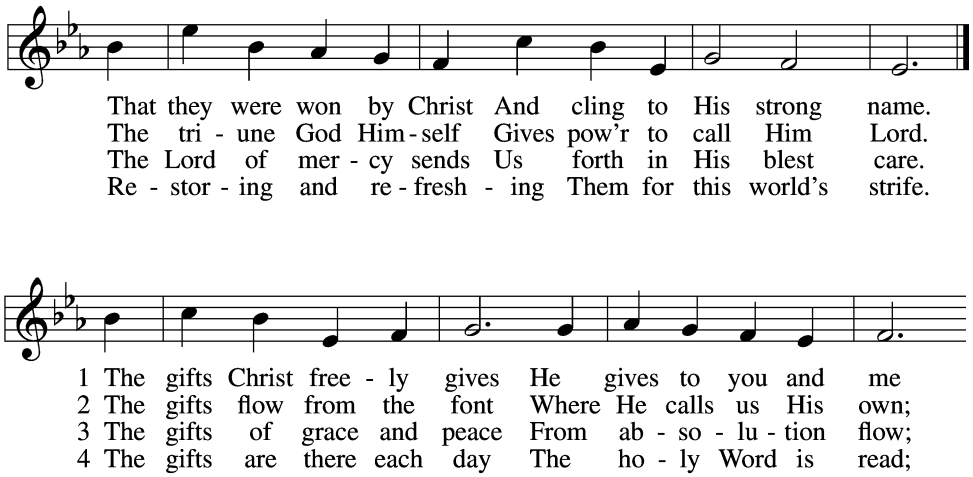
Amen.

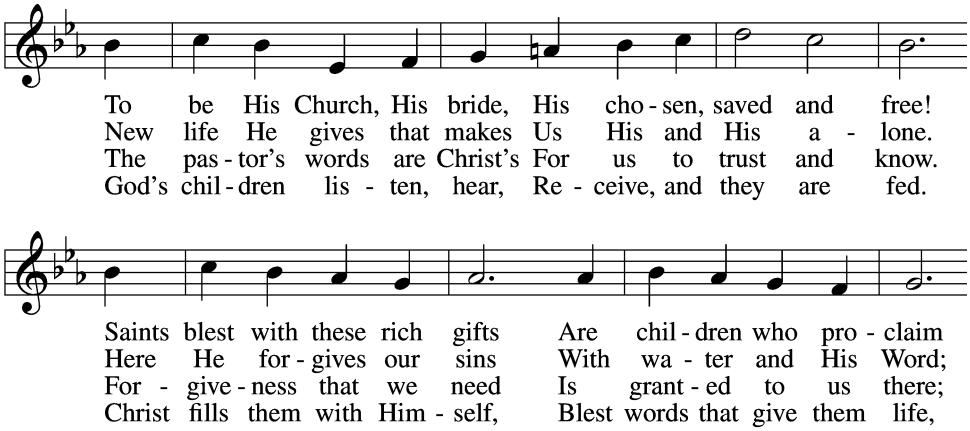
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

Table Dismissal

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

602 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives





5 The gifts are in the feast,
Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood
Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in
His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One
Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love
Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us
Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His
Great love by which we live!

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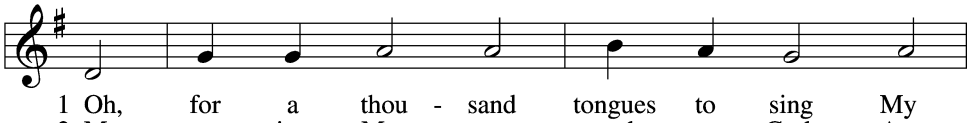
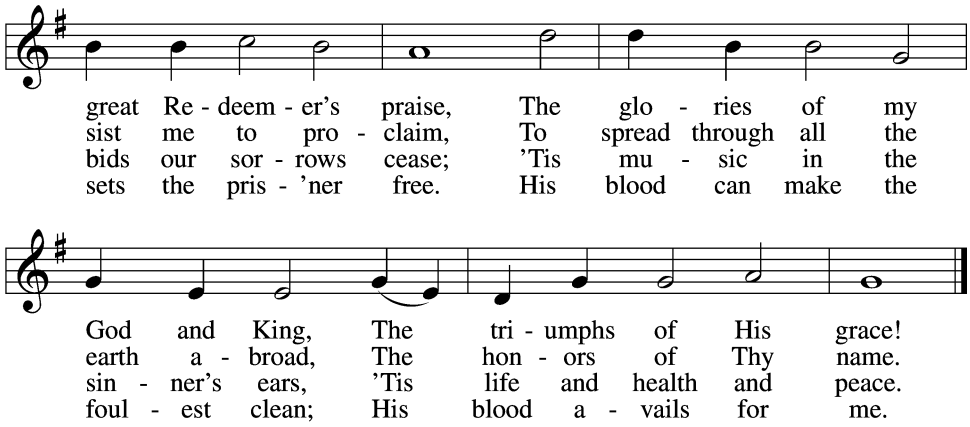
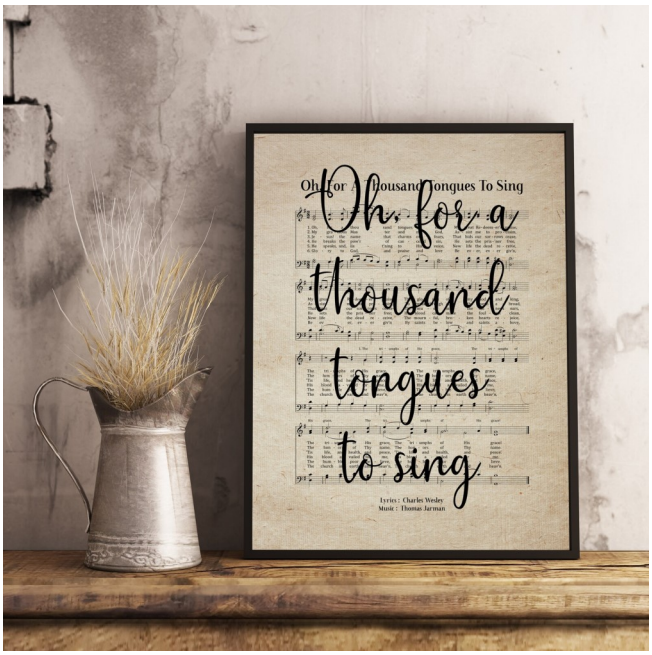
528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing





5 

Look unto Him, ye nations; own Your God, ye fallen race. Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.

6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.

His soul was once an off'ring made
For ev'ry soul of man.

7 To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt.
Tune: Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829
Text and tune: Public domain

686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–90, alt.
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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.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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.

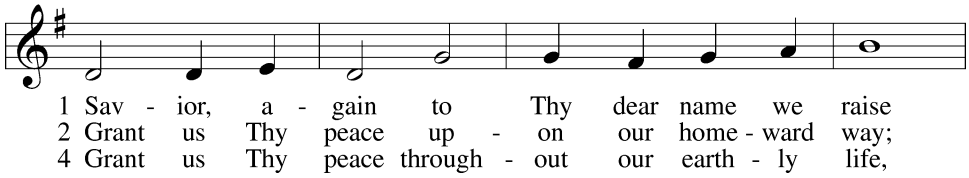
C **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

917 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise *sts. 1–2, 4*



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