



**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 3, 2025**

**9:00am**

**Holy Communion**

## **PRAYER CARD**

If you have a Prayer Request, use the YELLOW card that is available in the narthex, from an usher, or in the pew racks. Ushers will collect the cards before the Sermon so that prayers can be offered during the Intercessions.

If you are visiting with us, please use the Information Update on the reverse side of the card. Include your name and address and other important information. If our congregation can assist you in any way, please put that information on the card or speak to the Pastor.

## **ASSISTANCE**

The ushers can supply parents of small children with soft toys, books, and a weekly children's worship bulletin. The parlor (the room behind the sanctuary) has a loud speaker and window so that, if necessary, parents can use it as a cry room and still see and hear the service. Large-print editions of our worship service are also available from the ushers.

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

Based on the teachings of Scripture and in response to the Lord's admonition that, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup (1 Cor. 11:28)," we ask that those who attend the Lord's Supper ask of themselves the following questions:

1. Do you believe that you are a sinner in need of God's grace? (1 John 1:8-9)
2. Are you truly sorry for your sins? (1 Cor. 11:26-29)
3. Do you believe in Jesus as your Savior? (Romans 5:6)
4. Do you intend with the aid of the Holy Spirit to amend your sinful life? (2 Cor. 5:15)
5. Do you believe you receive Christ's true body and blood in the Lord's Supper?  
(Mark 14:22-24)
6. Do you trust God and His promises and accept as true all He teaches in Holy Scriptures? (John 8:31-32)
7. Have you been baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?  
(Matthew 28:19-20)

If your answer to these questions is yes, then we welcome you to the Lord's Supper. If you are new to Faith Lutheran or have any questions, burdens, or doubts concerning the sacrament, please speak with the Pastor before communing. Adults and children not receiving the Body and Blood of Christ may instead come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten free rice wafers are available. Please indicate this by clearly raising your index finger. White grape juice is available in the center of the individual cup tray for those unable to receive wine. Please inform an usher if you are unable to come to the altar; the elements will be brought to you.

## Worship Guide

**P** | *Spoken By Pastor*    **A** | *Spoken by Assistant*    **C** | *Spoken by Congregation*

# Greeting and Announcements

*All who are able, stand*

## Confession and Absolution

*The minister leads the congregation in the invocation. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P**: Returning again to the waters of our baptism, we begin in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C**: **Amen**

**P**: Let us confess our sin before God and in the presence of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

**P**: Gracious and merciful God,

**C**: **We confess to you the truth of our broken lives.**

**We have not trusted your promises or walked in your ways.**

**We have hoarded and squandered the gifts of your creation.**

**We have failed to welcome the stranger and the outcast,  
and to make room at the table for the homeless and the hungry.**

**We have neither worked to release the oppressed  
nor admitted our own captivities.**

**Forgive our sin, heal our lives, and set us free**

**that we might live with your whole creation**

**in the justice and joy of your promised future. Amen**

**P**: God, who is merciful and kind, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
hears the cries of all who plead for mercy  
and, in these last days, has sent Christ Jesus  
to announce the good news of forgiveness and release  
to all who are bound by guilt or broken by shame,  
that they might praise God and serve the world  
with glad and generous hearts.

**P**: For freedom Christ has set you free.

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

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

### 732 All Depends on Our Possessing



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant  
2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y  
3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles  
4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, Hope a - new my



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.  
joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.  
and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.  
heart will quick - en; All my long - ing shall be stilled.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en By their God are  
He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly  
I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me  
To His lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der Soul and bod - y



not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.  
guides and rules me Will re - main my help di - vine.  
last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.  
I sur - ren - der, For on God a - lone I build.

5 Well He knows what best to grant  
me;  
All the longing hopes that haunt  
me,  
Joy and sorrow, have their day.  
I shall doubt His wisdom never;  
As God wills, so be it ever;  
I commit to Him my way.

6 If my days on earth He lengthen,  
God my weary soul will strengthen;  
All my trust in Him I place.  
Earthly wealth is not abiding,  
Like a stream away is gliding;  
Safe I anchor in His grace.

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### HYMN OF PRAISE



#### Refrain



**C** Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple,



peace to God's peo - ple, peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

#### Verse 1



**I** Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry.

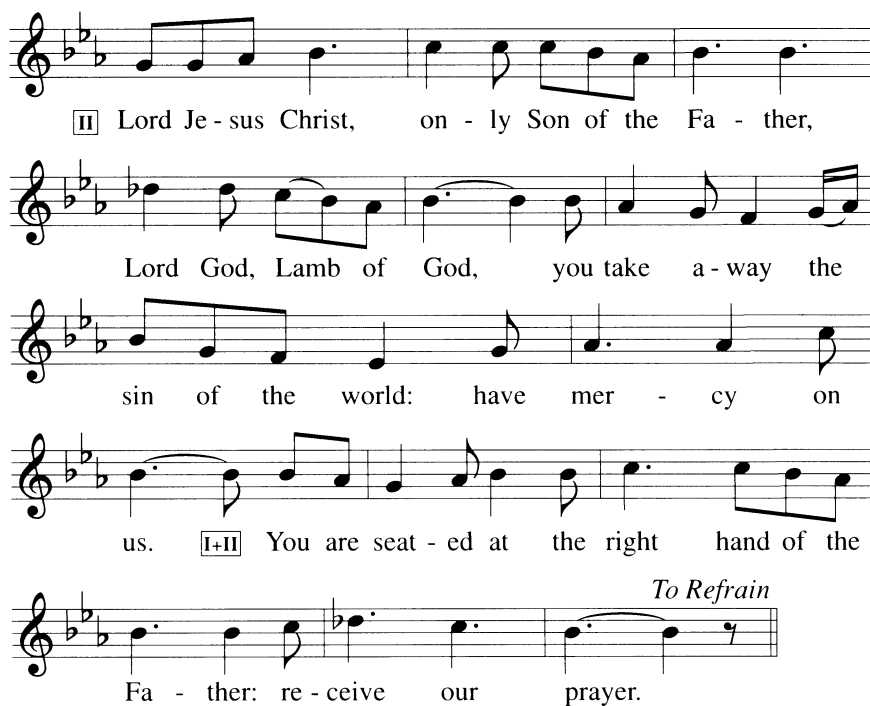
### Refrain



**I** Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple,  
peace to God's peo - ple, peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### Verse 2

7



**II** Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world: have mer - cy on  
us. **I+II** You are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
*To Refrain*  
Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

### Refrain



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 peace to God's peo - ple, peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

*To Verse 3*

### Verse 3

I For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the  
 Lord, II you a-lone are the Most High,  
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, I+II in the

*To Refrain*

### Refrain

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the  
 high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple,  
 peace to God's peo - ple, peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*All Sit*

## The Service of the Word

### FIRST LESSON: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

#### The Vanity of Wisdom

<sup>12</sup>I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .



## **The Vanity of Toil**

<sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

<sup>24</sup>There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 100; antiphon: v. 3**

***(the pastor and congregation recite the psalm together)***

**His Steadfast Love Endures Forever**

**<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!**

**<sup>2</sup>Serve the LORD with gladness!**

**Come into his presence with singing!**

**<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD, he is God!**

**It is he who made us, and we are his;**

**we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

**<sup>4</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving,**

**and his courts with praise!**

**Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

**<sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good;**

**his steadfast love endures forever,**

**and his faithfulness to all generations.**

## SECOND LESSON: Colossians 3:1-11

### Put on the New Self

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

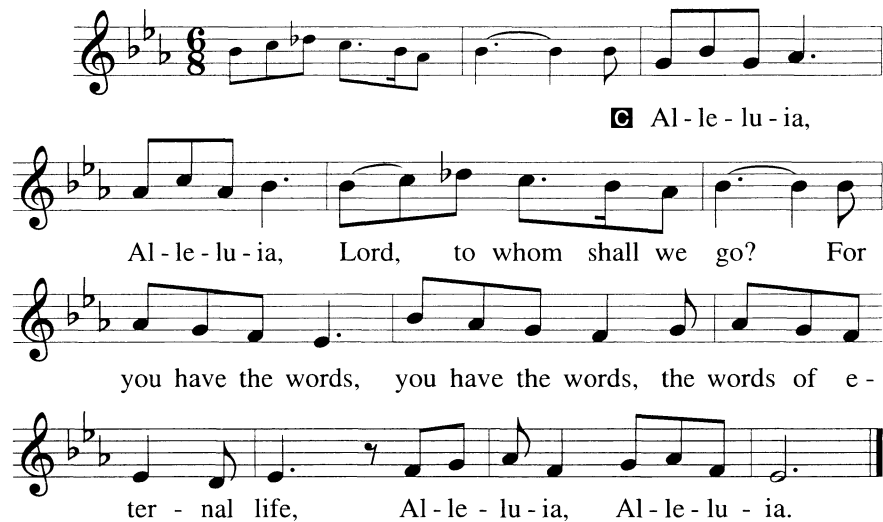
<sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### VERSE



**C** Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For

you have the words, you have the words, the words of e -

ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

### The Parable of the Rich Fool

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” <sup>16</sup>And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’” <sup>18</sup>And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’

<sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

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



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

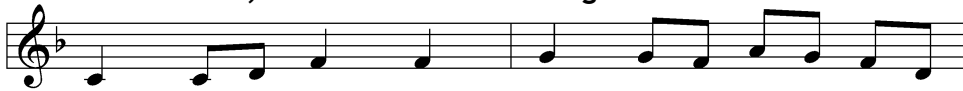
*All sit*

*After Children's Message, PRAYER/INFORMATION CARDS can be handed towards the center aisle and given to an usher.*

### Sermon

*All who are able, stand*

## 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings  
 2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion  
 3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior  
 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies  
 Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that  
 Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of  
 Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.  
 end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.  
 ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

*Refrain*



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo-ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar-ing of Your bless-ings May bring glo-ry to Your name.

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## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
 the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth  
 and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the only-begotten Son of God,  
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
 God of God, Light of Light,  
 very God of very God,

begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

**P:** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**A:** Lord in your mercy,

**C:** hear our prayer

*As we bring our offerings before the Lord and/or come to the Lord's Table, we have been called to be reconciled to one another. Therefore, as a sign of forgiveness, reconciliation, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, we look to one another and proclaim the following words (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

*All who are able, stand*

## GREETING OF PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Peace be with you.

R Peace be with you.

## OFFERING

*Offerings can be given in the offering plate outside the back door of the sanctuary before or after worship*

## OFFERTORY

*The window side, group 1 begins singing.*

*The wall side, group 2, waits to begin singing until the number 2.*

*NOTE: There is no break between the verses, just continue singing the next verse.*

1. Come, let us bring the warm and fra-grant bread.

2. Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.

3. Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.

Come, let us bring the warm and fra-grant bread.

Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.

Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.

Bro - ken here so all God's peo - ple might be fed.

In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.

Blest are they who share the feast of ju - bi - lee.

Bro - ken here so all God's peo - ple might be fed.

In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.

Blest are they who share the feast of ju - bi - lee.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A:** Let us pray. Merciful God,

**C:** Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen

## Service of the Lord's Supper

### EUCCHARIST

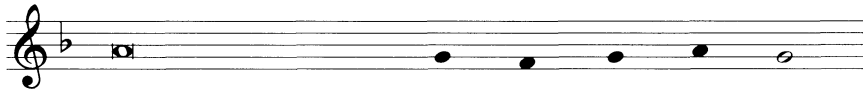
### GREAT THANKSGIVING



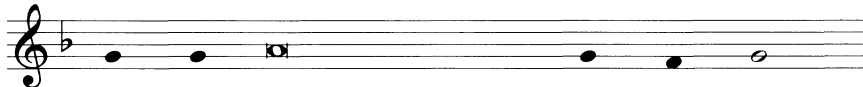
**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



**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 our thanks and praise.

### PROPER PREFACE

**P:** It is indeed right and good that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, Holy God, mighty and immortal, through Christ, our Lord, who on this day broke the bonds of death, opening to us the way of everlasting life and giving us a foretaste of the feast to come. And so with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of power and  
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

☞: Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,  
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,  
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners  
and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.



Again, after supper,  
he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us  
and his rising from the grave,  
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:  
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,  
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

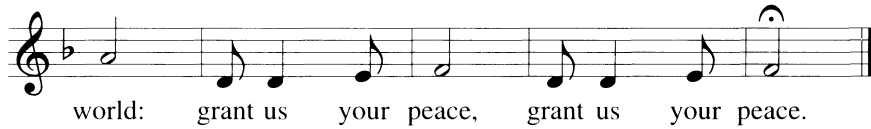
**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

*All sit*

## AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
world: have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the



*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ and distribute them to those who come to receive. Please read and follow instructions regarding Holy Communion prior to coming forward.*

*After all have returned to their places, the minister continues.*

*All who are able, stand*

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A:** Let us pray. God of all creation, in this meal you have bound us to yourself, at this perfectly praise you and more faithfully love one another through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

### **THE DISMISSAL BLESSING**

**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**

**A:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## 643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,  
 2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,

The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.  
 The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.

The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed  
 Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,

The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.  
 Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,  
 With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;

Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.  
 U-nite us as one in this life that we share.

His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us  
 Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing

To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.  
 Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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