

**24 September 2023, 10:30 am**

**The 17th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Holy Communion**

**Blessing of the Lutheran World Relief Quilts**



**Our Saviour**

**Lutheran Church**

**Warrenton, VA**

**[OSLC-warrenton.org](http://OSLC-warrenton.org)**

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### PRELUDE

*Please observe a prayerful silence as we prepare to worship.*

### Confession and Forgiveness

*The assembly stands and turns to face the cross at the entrance.*

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✝ and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility,  
confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,

**you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.**

**We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.**

**For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;**

**in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.

God's compassion is beyond compare.

In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.

In ✝ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**Amen**

**GATHERING SONG**

**“AS SAINTS OF OLD”**

**#864**

*Hymn numbers (#) are for the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.*

- 1 As saints of old their first fruits brought  
of orchard, flock, and field  
to God, the giver of all good,  
the source of bounteous yield;  
so we today firstfruits would bring,  
the wealth of this good land,  
of farm and market, shop and home,  
of mind and heart and hand.
  
- 2 A world in need now summons us  
to labor, love, and give;  
to make our life an offering  
to God, that all may live.  
The church of Christ is calling us  
to make the dream come true:  
a world redeemed by Christ-like love;  
all life in Christ made new.
  
- 3 In gratitude and humble trust  
we bring our best today  
to serve your cause and share your love  
with all along life's way.  
O God, who gave yourself to us  
in Jesus Christ your Son,  
teach us to give ourselves each day  
until life's work is done.

Text: Frank von Christierson, 1900-1996, alt.

**GREETING**

*The presiding minister greets the assembly in the words of 2 Corinthians 13:4.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

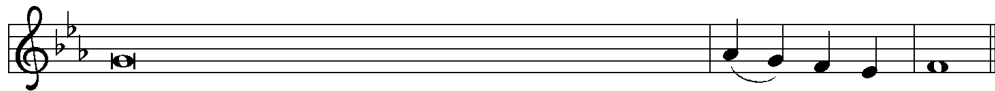
# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



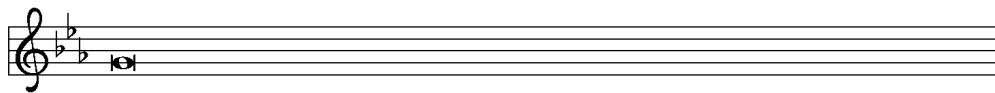
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



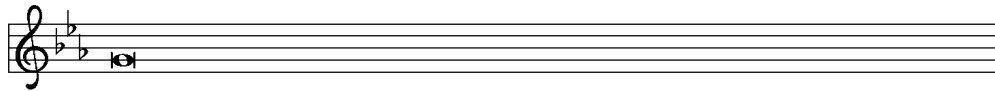
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**CHILDREN’S SERMON THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE**

**ELW 677**

*Children are invited to come to the front for a brief lesson while we all sing.*

This little light of mine, I’m goin’-a let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I’m goin’-a let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I’m goin’-a let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**FIRST READING: JONAH 3:10-4:11**

A reading from Jonah.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

<sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>4</sup>And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup>The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?”

And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” <sup>10</sup>Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 145:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, my <sup>1</sup> God and king,  
and bless your name forev- <sup>1</sup> er and ever.  
<sup>2</sup>**Every day <sup>1</sup> will I bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.**  
<sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and greatly <sup>1</sup> to be praised!  
There is no end <sup>1</sup> to your greatness.  
<sup>4</sup>**One generation shall praise your works <sup>1</sup> to another  
and shall declare your power.**  
<sup>5</sup>I will speak of the glorious splendor <sup>1</sup> of your majesty  
and all your <sup>1</sup> marvelous works.  
<sup>6</sup>**They shall tell of the might of your <sup>1</sup> wondrous acts,  
and I will recount your greatness.**  
<sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of <sup>1</sup> your great goodness;  
they shall sing joyfully <sup>1</sup> of your righteousness.  
<sup>8</sup>**The LORD is gracious and full <sup>1</sup> of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in <sup>1</sup> steadfast love.**

### **SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30**

A reading from Philippians.

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

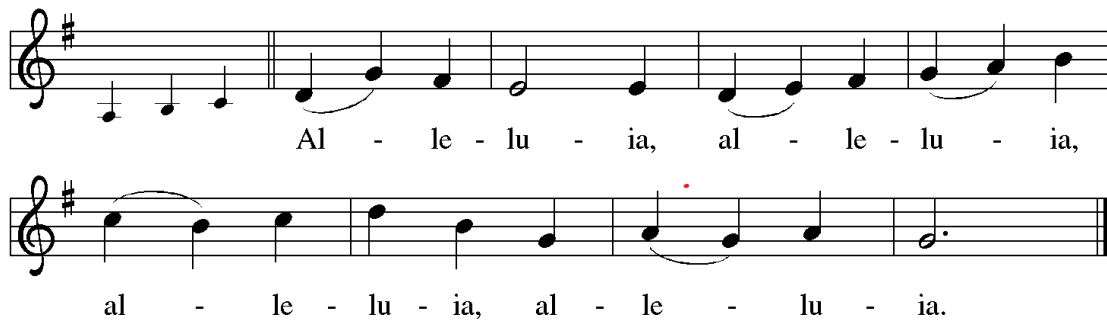
<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that

you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—<sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the

scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY      “LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS”      #765**

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| <p>1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy: be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.</p> <p>2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.</p> | <p>3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace: be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.</p> <p>4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm: be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.</p> |
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Text: Jan Struther, 1901-1953  
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## **BLESSING OF THE LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTS**



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

God who is gracious and merciful, teach your church to invite and welcome all. Lead us to be grateful for the blessing of community. Challenge your church to choose equity and compassion over judgment. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who sends the wind and the sun, you know every worm and bush by name. Help us remember that even the humblest parts of creation are precious to you. Show us how best to care for the earth and its creatures. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who is ready to relent from punishing, impart your compassionate wisdom to legislators, judges, members of the military, and law enforcement. Give them courage to serve their communities in times of uncertainty, stress, or exhaustion. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God who saves, direct your people who are tempted by evil ways. Protect your children from calamity and disaster. Strengthen all who are incarcerated. Encourage all who are in despair or pain of any kind (*especially*). Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God who abounds in steadfast love, we give thanks for the saints called to the kingdom of heaven (*especially*). United with them in spirit, hold us firm as we labor in this life and look to the life to come. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Online worshipers may greet one another in the "Comments" section.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### OFFERING

*While the organ plays, an offering is gathered for the mission of the church.*

### OFFERTORY HYMN      PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSING FLOW

*As the offering is brought forward, the assembly stands.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

### OFFERING PRAYER

*The assisting minister may lead the following prayer.*

Let us pray together.

**God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.**

**We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.**

**Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

### DIALOGUE

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

### PREFACE

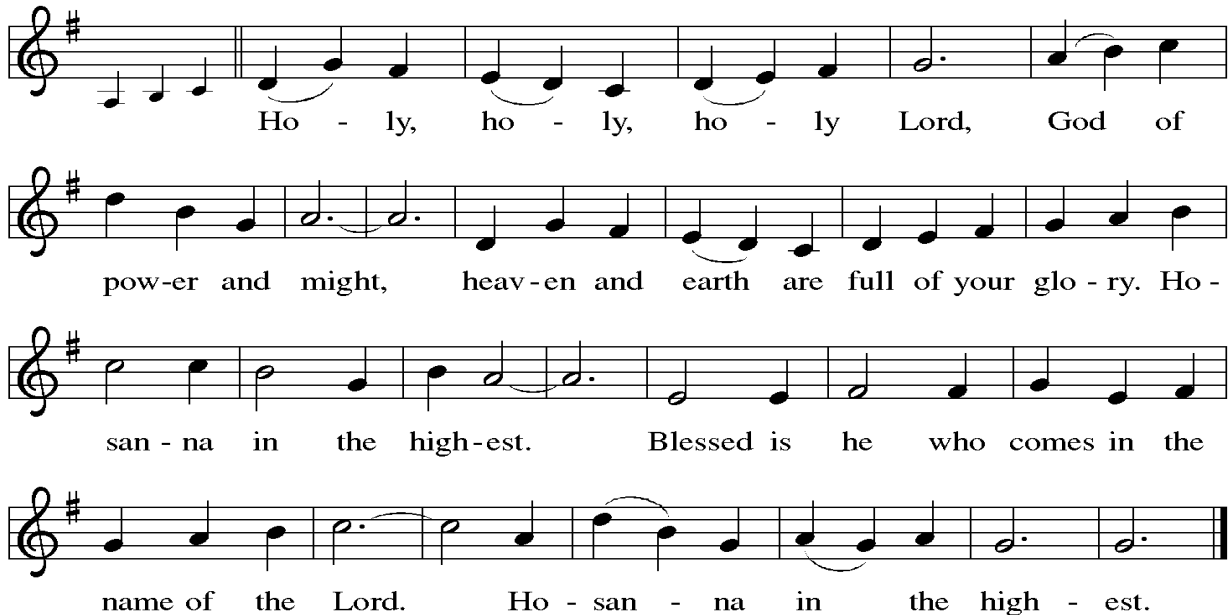
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*The assembly sings the Sanctus, based on Isaiah 6:1-8 and Matthew 21:9*



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

## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

*Those with hearing difficulty may follow the text below as the presider offers a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.*

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.

**Amen**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

*The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly in the words of Psalm 34:*

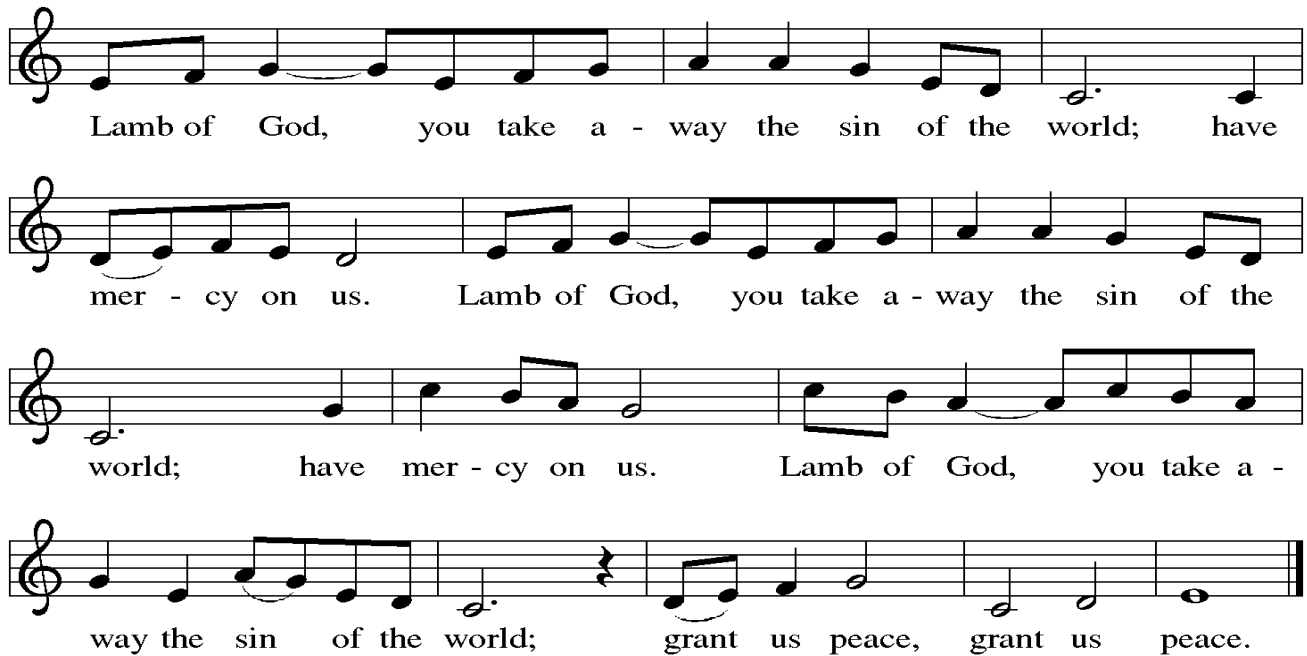
Jesus invites you to this table.

**Come, eat and live.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## LAMB OF GOD

*We sing the canticle Agnus Dei, based on John 1:29*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

## COMMUNION MEDITATION

TEXT AND MUSIC - JAY ALTHOUSE; ALFRED PUBLISHING CO

*When invited, gather at the altar, either kneeling or standing. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Those who do not receive may cross their arms over their chest and receive a blessing.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*The organ plays as the people come forward.*

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The assisting minister leads the prayer after communion.*

Let us pray.

**Blessed be your name, O God,  
for we have feasted on your Word,  
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.  
Strengthened by this food,  
send us to gather the world to your banquet,  
where none are left out and all are satisfied.  
In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## BLESSING

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENDING SONG

### “RISE UP, O SAINTS OF OLD”

#669

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|---|---|
| 1 Rise up, O saints of God!<br>From vain ambitions turn;<br>Christ rose triumphant that your<br>hearts with nobler zeal might burn. | 4 Give heed, O saints of God!<br>Creation cries in pain;<br>stretch forth your hand of healing<br>now,<br>with love the weak sustain.     |
| 2 Speak out, O saints of God!<br>Despair engulfs earth's frame;<br>as heirs of God's baptismal grace,<br>the word of hope proclaim. | 5 Commit your hearts to seek<br>the paths which Christ has trod;<br>and, quickened by the Spirit's<br>pow'r,<br>rise up, O saints of God! |
| 3 Rise up, O saints of God!<br>The kingdom's task embrace;<br>redress sin's cruel consequence;                                      |   |

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936  
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**DISMISSAL**

*The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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