

# **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion at Resurrection Lutheran Church October 10, 2021**

*The assembly gathers in seating in the nave, maintaining appropriate physical distance and wearing face masks.*

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** “Cleansing Fountain,” Lowell Mason

## ***Confession and Forgiveness***

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
whose teaching is life,  
whose presence is sure,  
and whose love is endless.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter:  
like lost sheep, we have gone astray.  
**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**  
**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.**  
**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**  
**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**  
**Listen when we call out to you for help.**  
**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.  
By the gift of grace in ✚ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.  
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN "Rise Up, O Saints of God" ELW 669

## Rise Up, O Saints of God!

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;  
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;  
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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## *Greeting and Prayer of the Day*

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.**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## *First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15*

A reading from Amos.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live,  
or the LORD will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

<sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!

<sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.

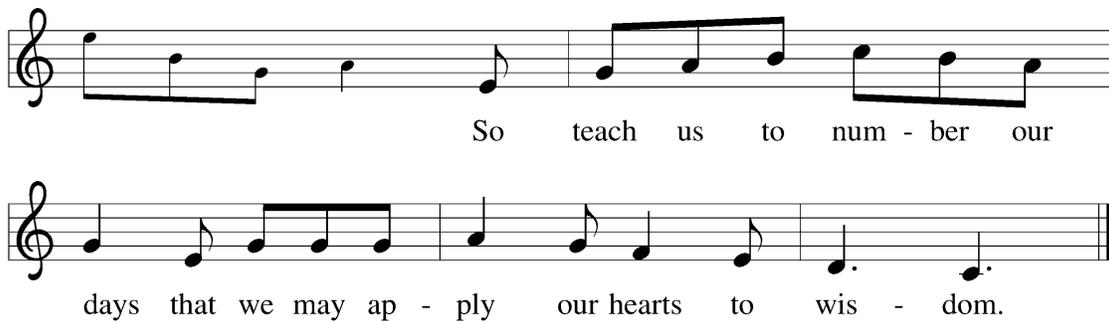
<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;

for it is an evil time.  
<sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil,  
 that you may live;  
 and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
 just as you have said.  
<sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good,  
 and establish justice in the gate;  
 it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
 will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 90:12-17 (ELW Tone 4)**



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<sup>12</sup>So teach us to num- | ber our days  
 that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.  
<sup>13</sup>**Return, O LORD; how long | will you tarry?**  
**Be gracious | to your servants.     R**  
<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love | in the morning;  
 so shall we rejoice and be glad | all our days.  
<sup>15</sup>**Make us glad as many days as you af- | flicted us**  
**and as many years as we suf- | fered adversity.**  
<sup>16</sup>Show your ser- | vants your works,  
 and your splendor | to their children.  
<sup>17</sup>**May the graciousness of the Lord our God | be upon us;**  
**prosper the work of our hands; pros- | per our handiwork.     R**

## ***Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16***

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before God no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

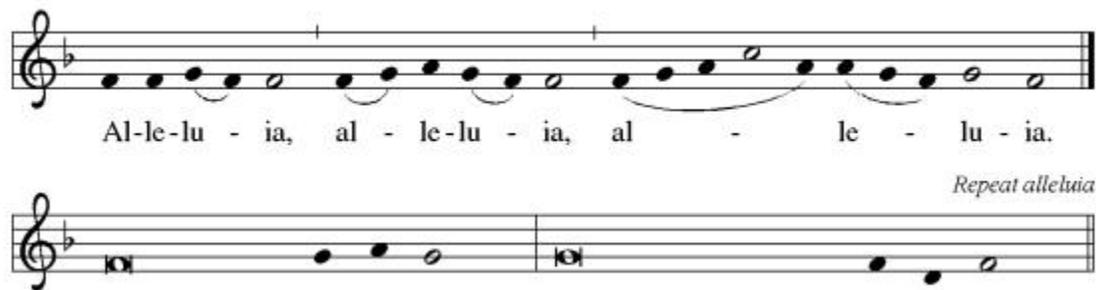
<sup>14</sup> Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ***Gospel Acclamation***

*Alleluia sung by the assembly. Verse sung by the cantor.*



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Blessed are the <sup>1</sup>poor in spirit,\* for theirs is the king- <sup>1</sup>dom of heaven.

## ***Gospel: Mark 10:17-31***

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the tenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>The man said to Jesus, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>When the man heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the dominion of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the dominion of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the dominion of God.” <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to Jesus, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## ***Sermon***

Here is a summary of points made by Pastor Gordon Lathrop in his sermon for today:

Jesus' saying in Mark is quite serious; he means a *camel* and a *needle*. So the question of the disciples is also serious: "Then who can be saved?" If a relatively decent and religiously observant rich man cannot, then the implied answer is "No one." Certainly not us: we have not kept all the commandments since our youth and we have not given all our possessions to the poor. Amos heightens the critique: we have not done public justice in an aching world. These words pierce us like a sword and lay us bare before the eternal judge. How shall we enter the kingdom of God? "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God." Blessed be this God that Jesus also looks at *us* and loves *us*. Or, to say the matter with the Letter to the Hebrews, we have a high priest who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses. He is the one who, in his death, has given away all. In the risen Christ, we may come before God and find mercy and grace. More: in the church, though undeserving, we already now have 100-fold sisters and brothers and mothers and children. We already, in the assemblies gathered into Christ by the Spirit, have 100-fold houses. In God's beloved world we already have 100-fold fields. To our astonishment, we are already on the other side of the eye of the needle. Beginning again to do justice and to share what we have with the poor, let us live like that is so!

*Hymn of the Day: "Gather Us In" ELW 532*

## Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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## *Prayers of Intercession*

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need, responding to each petition with the words "hear our prayer."

### *A brief silence.*

Uniting God, you call forth unique gifts among your followers. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of church members. Bless our congregation in its efforts of faith formation, and sustain those Christians who face persecutions and hardship for the faith. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land, and make us generous in sharing your gifts with others. Provide good working conditions for farmers and their employees. Save the wildlife that is threatened by California's oil spill. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Bless the deliberations of the Supreme Court during this momentous season. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among the poor and dispossessed. Provide safe places to sleep for migrants and all the homeless, and protect all who are incarcerated. Sustain those ministries in Arlington that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind. Make the coronavirus vaccine available to all people. We pray especially for

1. Jeanne Broyhill
2. Ellie Barnes
3. Janette Wray
4. Sandy Lindamood
5. Judy Frank
6. Effie Stallsmith
7. Malcolm Stark
8. Barb Jensen
9. Charlotte Boeck
10. Lynn Kiewel

11. Phillip Swingler
12. Maria Liwski
13. Tucker Dean
14. Irene Belcher
15. Sharon Kravetz
16. Dipankar Ghosh
17. Analyse, Ramon, and Nicky Villatoro

. . . Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us, and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in your world. Bless communities of indigenous peoples the world over, and abide with Canadians at this their Day of Thanksgiving. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died. Make us confident in your promise of salvation, and support us in our own journey of faith. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

### *Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The assembly greets each other with Christ's Peace by bowing to each other, waving, or offering another appropriate gesture. For continued safety, please refrain from handshakes and hugs.*

**CHOIR ANTHEM** “Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing,” Aaron David Miller

***Offering and Setting the Table***

*While the table is set for Holy Communion, members of the assembly may prepare to bring their offering forward when ushers invite them to come to the chancel where baskets are available to receive your gift. Communion ministers will sanitize and cleanse their hands prior to handling the gifts of bread and wine.*

***Offering Prayer***

Let us pray.  
God of abundance,  
you cause streams to break forth in the desert  
and manna to rain from the heavens.  
Accept the gifts you have first given us.  
Unite them with the offering of our lives  
to nourish the world you love so dearly;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

***Dialogue and Preface***

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resur - rec - tion

opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.

And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,

we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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*Holy, Holy, Holy* ELW Setting Ten



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## *Thanksgiving at the Table*

We praise you, all-holy God,  
our maker, our lover, our keeper,  
for the universe beyond our knowing,  
for lands and seas and all their animals,  
and for friends and strangers and family,  
for homes and grocery stores and schools,  
for our Arlington community and for our hundred-fold fields in the earth.

We praise you for your covenant people,  
for Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam,  
for the prophet Amos  
and for centuries of faithful Christians,  
for Mary and Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul,  
and for the writer of the letter to the Hebrews.

We praise you above all for your Son Jesus Christ,  
who looks at us with love,  
who saves us from sin and from evil, as through the eye of a needle,  
who welcomes us to hundred-fold houses and mothers and siblings  
and children,  
and who on the night before he died 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.

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for your Holy Spirit,  
your breath, your fire, your wisdom,  
gathering us together in this house.

By the power of the Spirit  
nourish us with the body and blood of Christ,  
inspire your people for service,  
for sharing what we have with those in need,  
and for doing justice.  
Renew the world with your mercy,  
with your healing, your justice, and your peace,

We praise you, all-holy God,  
the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit,  
today, tomorrow, and forever. Amen!  
**Amen!**

### *Lord's Prayer*

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

**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.**

### *Breaking of Bread and Invitation to Communion*

All who hunger and thirst, come.  
The table is ready.

*At the direction of ushers, baptized and communing members of the assembly wishing to commune will proceed to the front of the nave in a continuous line, maintaining appropriate physical distance. Others may also come forward for a blessing. To receive the bread, place your hands palms up and level so that the presiding minister is able to drop the bread onto your uplifted hands without touching you. Using a receptacle, such as a small juice glass which you have brought from home, hold it firmly that the assisting minister is able to pour wine from the common cup into your individual glass. For health safety reasons, you may **not** dip the bread into the wine in the chalice. You may also elect to commune by receiving the bread only. You may, of course, remove your mask to commune. Gluten free hosts are available to those who need that option. Once you have received the bread and wine, return to your places by the side aisles, while maintaining appropriate physical distance from your neighbors.*

**Lamb of God: ELW Setting Ten, S 208**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

*Prayer after Communion*

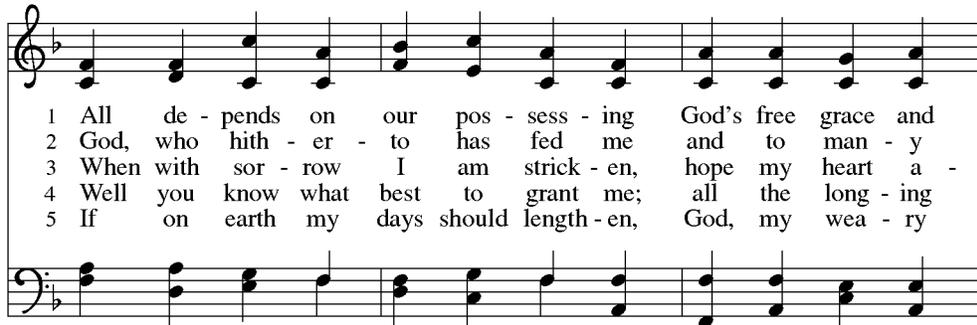
Let us pray.  
Lord of life,  
in the gift of your body and blood  
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.  
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,  
bearing witness to the abundance of your love  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Blessing*

People of God,  
you are Christ's body,  
bringing new life to a suffering world.  
The holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN "All Depends on Our Possessing" ELW 589***

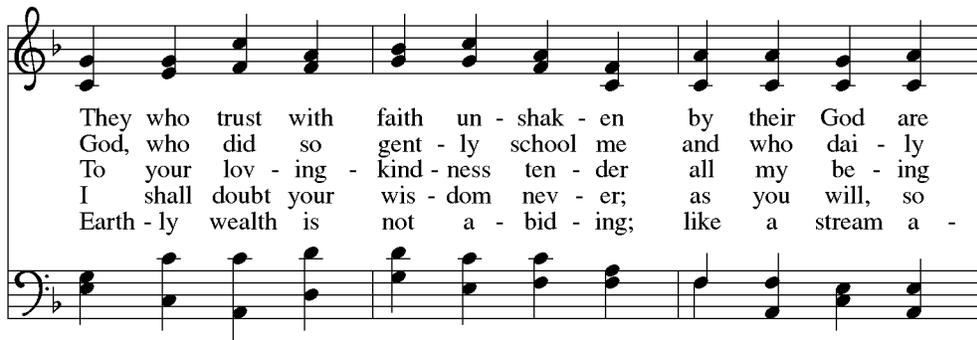
## All Depends on Our Possessing



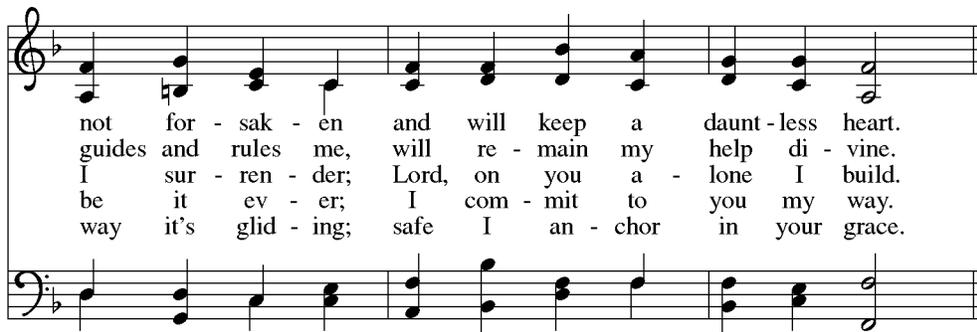
1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's free grace and  
 2 God, who hith - er - to has fed me and to man - y  
 3 When with sor - row I am strick - en, hope my heart a -  
 4 Well you know what best to grant me; all the long - ing  
 5 If on earth my days should length - en, God, my wea - ry



con - stant bless - ing, though all earth - ly wealth de - part.  
 joys has led me, is and ev - er shall be mine.  
 new will quick - en, all my long - ing shall be stilled.  
 hopes that haunt me, joy and sor - row, have their day.  
 soul still strength - en; all my trust in you I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en by their God are  
 God, who did so gent - ly school me and who dai - ly  
 To your lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der all my be - ing  
 I shall doubt your wis - dom nev - er; as you will, so  
 Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing; like a stream a -



not for - sak - en and will keep a daunt - less heart.  
 guides and rules me, will re - main my help di - vine.  
 I sur - ren - der; Lord, on you a - lone I build.  
 be it ev - er; I com - mit to you my way.  
 way it's glid - ing; safe I an - chor in your grace.

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1676; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: ALLES IST AN GÖTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.

*Dismissal*

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

***CLOSING VOLUNTARY*** “Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven,” John Behnke

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