

23rd Sunday after Pentecost and Reformation Day Holy Communion at Resurrection Lutheran Church October 31, 2021

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Prelude in E Minor”, BWV 533, J.S. Bach

GATHERING HYMN “Rise, Shine You People” ELW 665

Rise, Shine, You People!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur-round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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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 God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

A reading from Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people, ¹Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, ²so that you and your children and your children’s children may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all the decrees and the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. ³Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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

PSALM: 119:1-8 (ELW Tone 11)

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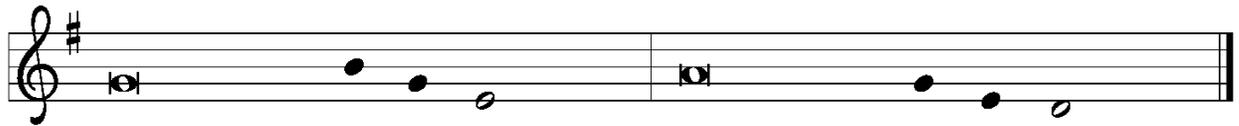


Hap-py are they who seek the LORD with all their hearts.

Psalm 119:2

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The Congregation sings the verses in bold.

- ¹Happy are they whose way is blameless,
who follow the teaching of the Lord!
- ²**Happy are they who observe your decrees
and seek you with all their hearts,**
- ³who never do any wrong,
but always walk in your ways.
- ⁴**You laid down your commandments,
that we should fully keep them. R**
- ⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!
- ⁶**Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments.**
- ⁷I will thank you with a true heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- ⁸**I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me. R**

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-14

A reading from Hebrews.

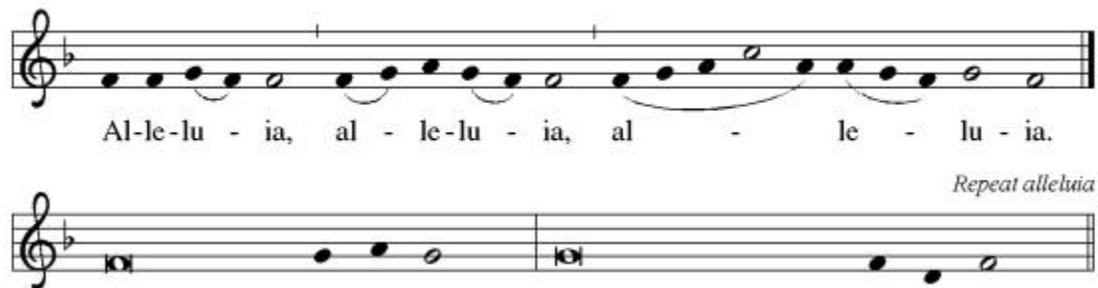
¹¹When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), ¹²he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. ¹³For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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



Beloved, since God loved ¹us so much,* we also ought to love ¹one another.

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the twelfth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard Jesus and the Sadducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” ²⁹Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ ³¹The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” ³²Then the scribe said to Jesus, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘God is one, and besides God there is no other’; ³³and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” ³⁴When Jesus saw that the scribe answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the dominion of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart” ELW 750

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee, ne'er from me de-part;
 2 Yea, Lord, thine own rich boun-ty gave my bod - y, soul, and all I have
 3 Lord, let at last thine an-gels come, to A-br'ham's bos-om bear me home,

with ten-der mer-cy cheer me. Earth has no plea-sure I would share,
 in this poor life of la - bor. Lord, grant that I in ev - ry place
 that I may die un-fear - ing; and in its nar - row cham-ber keep

yea, heav'n it - self were void and bare if thou, Lord, were not near me.
 may glo - ri - fy thy lav - ish grace and serve and help my neigh - bor.
 my bod - y safe in peace-ful sleep un - til thy re - ap - pear - ing.

And should my heart for sor-row break, my trust in thee can noth-ing shake.
 Let no false teach-ing me be-guile, let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.
 And then from death a-wak-en me, that these mine eyes with joy may see,

Thou art the por - tion I have sought; thy pre - cious
 Give strength and pa - tience un - to me to bear my
 O Son of God, thy glo - rious face, my Sav - ior

blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and Lord,
 cross and fol - low thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and Lord,
 and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at - tend,

my God and Lord, for - sake me not! I trust thy word.
 my God and Lord, in death thy com - fort still af - ford.
 my prayer at - tend, and I will praise thee with - out end!

Text: Martin Schalling, 1532-1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
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Affirmation of Baptism

PRESENTATION

Those making affirmation may gather with the ministers at the font. They may be joined by others from the assembly.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly with these or similar words.

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

The presiding minister may note briefly the occasion for this affirmation.

Those making affirmation are presented by a sponsor or another representative of the congregation:

I present Christopher Bergman and Nathaniel Tsitsibelis, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

The presiding minister may continue with prayer.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *these sisters and brothers*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called *them* to yourself,
enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit,
and nourished *them* in the community of faith.

Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly may stand and join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

AFFIRMATION

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support Christopher and Nathaniel and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Those making affirmation may kneel. The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

The blessing may be repeated for each person. The minister may lay both hands on the head of the person and say:

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in name the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *her/his* faith, guide *her/his* life, empower *her/him* in *her/his* serving, give *her/him* patience in suffering, and bring *her/him* to everlasting life.

Amen.

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

Let us rejoice with these Christopher and Nathaniel, our siblings in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Prayers of Intercession

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

God of neighbor love and Holy Spirit advocacy,

We pray for the Church...we know change happens over time. We pray to be beautifully multiracial, multiethnic, and antiracist. We pray to nurture good pastors and kind communities of faith. We confess that inclusion is an expression of the Gospel, close to God's own heart.

Loving God,
Your mercy is great.

We pray for our community...we know God longs for us to be radically caring. Caring when we protest, the Women's March and Black Lives Matter, Climate Activism and Indigenous activists. Change what has become normal to us, especially in the United States. Only you know what each of are carrying, and we ask to become more empathetic and compassionate. We pray especially for those who have lost their jobs and their lives to COVID 19. We confess that there's a whole world beyond our own, and yet we get stuck in our own issues such as sexism, racism, and climate change. Help our hearts to be moved to action for the sake of each other, for the sake of future generations, and for the world you love.

Loving God, **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for our leaders...that you might search their motivations, and have them act beyond just their own interests. That we might be servant leaders and public servants. Console us with the knowledge that people's lives can be made better so we can act from this commitment. We acknowledge that our leader's decisions impact whole communities, that we are not invited to think individually. May we support and engage our leaders, and increase our respect for leaders who can consider more than one priority at a time. Thank you for leaders who take risks alone when it is necessary.

Loving God, **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the world God made...for people's needs for safe housing, clean water and nutritious food. Instill peace after war, and love after loss. Nurture friendships and comfort the grieving. Care for the sick, and surround us with the wisdom we require as advice, mentorship, trust and storytelling. We ask that support might match our actual lives, and be easier to find. As we center the nearly five million people who have died of COVID 19, help us to be committed to public safety in our daily choices.

Loving God, **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for civic engagement...that we might choose policies and leaders with our hearts and not only our minds. That we might be always discerning and asking—who and what will be best for our communities? That we might value research and changed understandings, seeking to better understand what we care about and what our leaders stand for. We pray that as we make decisions, that we make them deliberately; that we mean them. We pray to care for the whole be considering impact, and taking responsibility for each other's care and safety.

Loving God, **Your mercy is great.**

We offer thanks to God...for vaccines, for masks, for those recovering after being sick, for those that are healing with a community of support and those that are healing privately, for nourishing and affordable meals and those that prepare and grow our food, for old and new friendships, for needing help and receiving it, for opened schools and community spaces, and for the gift of seeing friends and family. And we pray especially for....

1. Roy Guenther
2. Nancy MacDonald
3. Grant Aldonis
4. Jeanne Broyhill
5. Ellie Barnes
6. Janette Wray
7. Sandy Lindamood
8. Judy Frank
9. Effie Stallsmith
10. Malcolm Stark
11. Barb Jensen
12. Charlotte Boeck
13. Lynn Kiewel
14. Phillip Swingler

15. Maria Liwski
16. Tucker Dean
17. Irene Belcher
18. Sharon Kravetz
19. Dipankar Ghosh
20. Analyse, Ramon, and Nicky Villatoro
21. John and Anneliese Arnold

Loving God, **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hand, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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 "Nica Te Deum", Ronald Turner

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.

The image shows a musical score for a liturgical text. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has two measures: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has two measures: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with quarter and eighth notes, and rests.

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

O God before time, O God at the end,
we delight in the splendor of your universe.
Daily we laud your continuing creation,
and we give thanks
for all the homelands of your Reformation people.
We glorify you, now and forever.
We glorify you, now and forever.

O God of the covenant, O God of the church,
we hear you speaking to centuries of your people.
We come as your children to this table,
and we give thanks for your presence
among Lutheran congregations around the world.
We praise you, now and forever.
We praise you, now and forever.

You gave us Mary and Magdalene, Peter and Paul,
Luther and Melanchthon, Henry Muhlenberg, and
Elizabeth Fedde, Katharina Luther the homemaker, Cranach the artist,
Bach the musician, Nicolai the hymnwriter,
Nommensen the missionary, Kierkegaard the philosopher,
Bonhoeffer the martyr, Hammarskjöld the statesman,
countless other servants of the Reformation.
We bless you, now and forever.
We bless you, now and forever.

You came as Jesus, our wisdom, our guide,
embodying forgiveness, granting us grace, setting us free,
dying for sin, and alive for the life of the world.
We worship you, now and forever.
We worship you, now and forever.

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 his death, we cry out Amen.

Amen.

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

Amen.

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

Amen.

Come, Holy Spirit, and make here the body of Christ.
Breathe onto this food, that it bring us your life.
Empower your Reformation people throughout the world
to preach and teach, baptize and feed,
pray and sing, comfort and heal.
By your Spirit,
preserve what is faithful;
reform what we treasure;
create in us what is vital and new.
We honor you, now and forever.
We honor you, now and forever.

O God before time, O God at the end,
Father, Son, and Spirit,
we laud you,
Covenant Lord, our Redeemer, the Strength of truth.
Glory and praise, blessing and worship,
honor and power and might be to you, our God,
forever and ever.

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 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" ELW 505

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



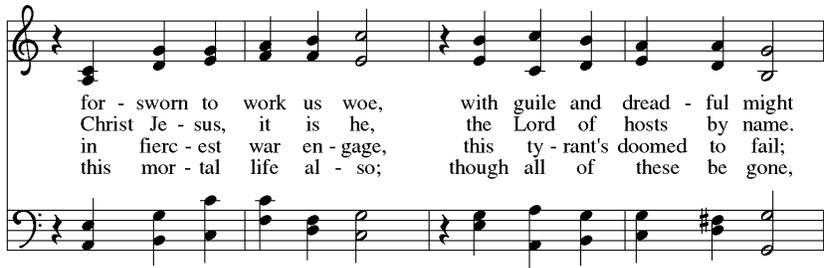
1 A migh - ty for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 If we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing turns to
 3 Though all the world with dev - ils fill and threat - en to de -
 4 God's Word shall stand a - bove the pow'rs, shall end all their thanks-



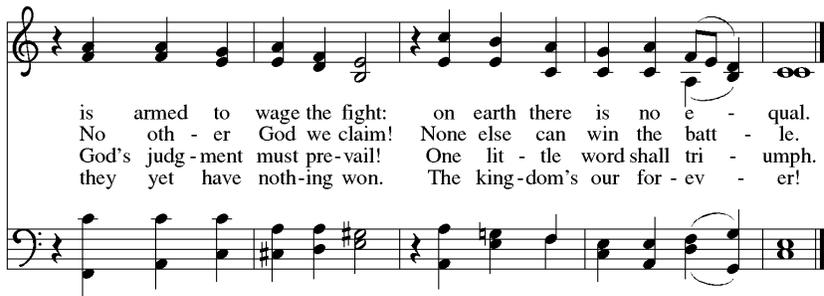
fail - ing; our help - er frees us from the flood of
 los - ing; the righ - teous one fights by our side, the
 vour us, we trem - ble not, we trust God's will: they
 giv - ing. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe,
 one of God's own choos - ing. You ask who this may be:
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Though Sa - tan rant and rage,
 God with us is liv - ing. Let goods and kin - dred go,



for - sworn to work us woe, with guile and dread - ful might
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, the Lord of hosts by name.
 in fierc - est war en - gage, this ty - rant's doomed to fail;
 this mor - tal life al - so; though all of these be gone,



is armed to wage the fight: on earth there is no e - qual.
 No oth - er God we claim! None else can win the batt - le.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word shall tri - umph.
 they yet have noth - ing won. The king - dom's our for - ev - er!

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Dismissal

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

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