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THE FATHER HAS LEFT YOU AN INHERITANCE

WELCOME

Welcome in the name of Christ Jesus. As we worship, we pray that you will open your heart in preparation as our Savior comes to us through the word and sacraments. If you are a guest, please sign your name, address and most importantly your phone



number in our Guest Book in the entrance and come and worship with us again. If we can be of assistance to you in your spiritual walk through life please let us know. We invite you to join us for refreshments after the service in the room adjoining the worship facility.

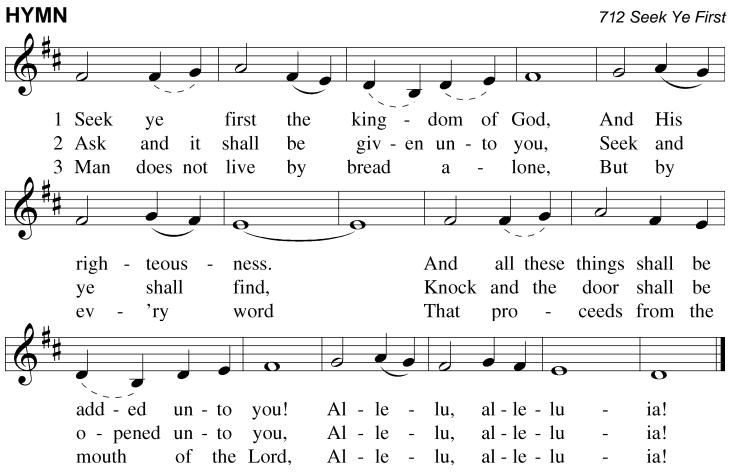
AS WE GATHER

In today's Old Testament Reading, when Abram trusted God's promise of a son, he and Sarai were old and childless. But God had much more than one son in mind for the patriarch: the Promised Land as an inheritance and innumerable descendants. The Epistle is a list of people who have preceded us in faith. And now it is our turn, for in one of Abraham's offspring, Jesus, all God's promises were fulfilled. And by the Holy Spirit's gift of faith, we can trust Him for all we need. The promise is not only for the physical things we think we need; the inheritance is the promised land of heaven and citizenship in God's kingdom. "Seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you," our Lord promises (Luke 12:31). Our faith-filled response echoes today's Psalm: "Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You" (PSALM 33:22).

COMMUNION PRACTICE

Lamb of God celebrates the Lord's Supper in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see MATTHEW 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-34.

+ PREPARATION +



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↑ INVOCATIONMatthew 28:19b; 18:20

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Luke 12:32

- Let us go to our gracious God, confessing our sins, trusting Him for grace and forgiveness.
- We confess, heavenly Father, that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, strengthen our faith, and focus our hearts on Your kingdom, the inheritance He won for us in His death and resurrection.
- Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."
 As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

+ WORD +

KYRIE

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- 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.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.



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SALUTATION

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- Let us pray: Almighty and merciful God, You promised great blessings to the faith-filled people who have gone before us.
- Grant that we confidently trust that we have joined them to receive the gracious inheritance because of Your Son's fulfilling all Your promises in His death and resurrection;
- through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 15:1-6

- The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, chapter 15.
 - ¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.
- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 33:12-22; antiphon: v. 20

¹²Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! ¹³The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man; ¹⁴from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, ¹⁵he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds. ¹⁶The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. ¹⁷The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue. ¹⁸Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, ¹⁹that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine. ²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. ²¹For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. ²²Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

EPISTLE Hebrews 11:1–16

L The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapter 11.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.







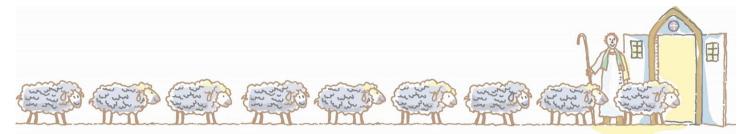
HOLY GOSPEL Luke 12:22–34

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.
- G Glory to You, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³²"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.





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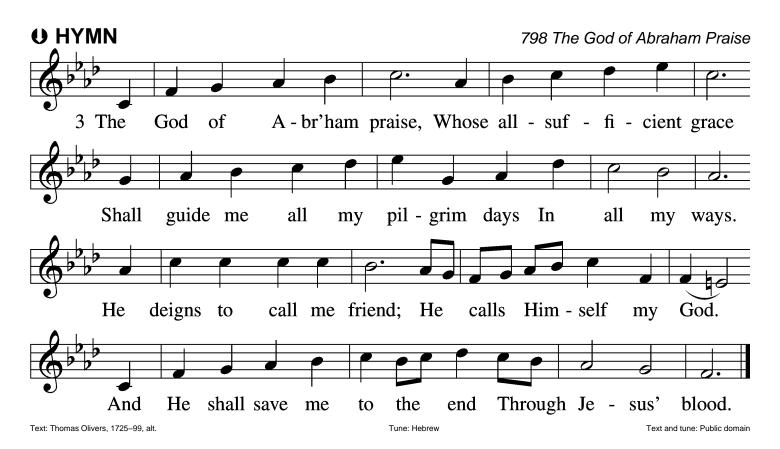
SERMON



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.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

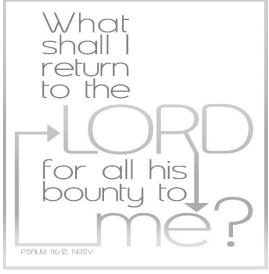
- Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances. God said, "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield." Let us pray for everyone who faces this day in fear. We join our prayers with everyone imprisoned unjustly, terrorized in lawless areas on earth, or trapped in painful illnesses. Gracious God, strengthen the faith they have or open their hearts to receive the Gospel; give them courage to act where it is wise and to know Your peace and protection amid unchanging circumstances. Lord, hear our prayer.
- Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.
- Desus said, "Do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on." Let us pray for all people who do not have adequate food, clothing, or shelter. Guide governments, expand relief agencies, and inspire caring individuals of our communities, nation, and world so they may be Your instruments, O God, to provide what their citizens and neighbors need for life. Through their actions, provide relief and calm the anxiety of the poor, dispossessed, and lonely; grant that they give You the glory. Meet their needs as fits Your gracious plans for them. Lord, hear our prayer.
- Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.
- P Jesus asserted, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Let us pray for the Church here and around the world, especially Anchorage Lutheran Church and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Bristol Tennessee. Grant us growth in faith and numbers, Lord Jesus, as we gather to hear Your Word, celebrate the Sacraments, and love the people around us. Wherever the Church is found on earth, raise up leaders to proclaim the Gospel and faithful people to exhibit their faith in Your promises and the inheritance You have promised. Lord, hear our prayer.
- Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.
- Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Let us pray for people who do not see the results of their labors in the lives of other people. Heavenly Father, strengthen and support farmers awaiting harvest, ranchers providing food and pasture for their flocks, shopkeepers greeting clients, all who work from home, those in offices, and those working in factories. Grant them a vision of their wider roles to provide harvests, supplies, and products to meet the needs of people they cannot see. Grant them a willingness to serve You by faith as they use their talents and abilities together with so many others. Lord, hear our prayer.
- Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

- In Your Son's earthly ministry, people brought to Him all those who were sick and suffering that He might touch and heal them. Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. This ministry of healing continued through His disciples in the earliest church. Even now, we know that Jesus heals, renews, and restores through the Means of Grace He has provided for our benefit. Heavenly Father, we remember here before You all who are in sorrow, need, sickness or adversity [especially . . .]. By Your Spirit calm their fears, grant healing and especially steadfastness and confidence of faith in Your never-ending kindness and power to help. Be with all to whom death draws near. Grant Your compassion and skill to all who care for those who suffer. In the shadow of Your healing presence, we boldly confess:
- Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.
- P Jesus said, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:

 O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.
- These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.
- C Amen.

OFFERING

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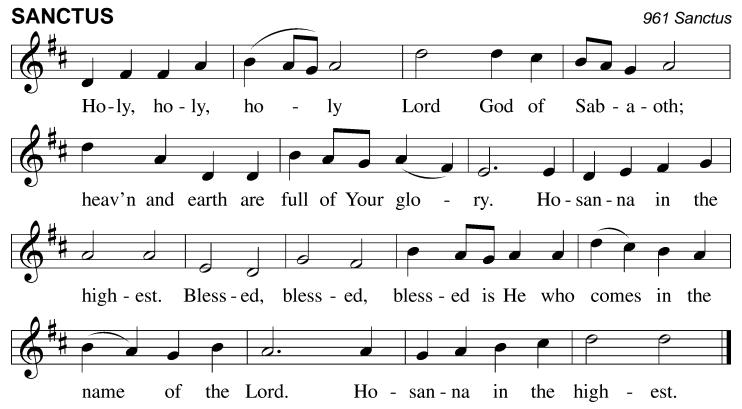
+ SACRAMENT +

O PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and all places give thanks to You, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who fulfilled all Your promises and by His death and resurrection has assured us of the eternal inheritance awaiting us in Your heavenly kingdom. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on Your people, granted us faith in Your promises, and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive His own righteousness and the inheritance of Your kingdom, which He won for us in His death and resurrection.

Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood for the strengthening of our faith-filled response to Your great mercy. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful who have gone before us the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My
→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

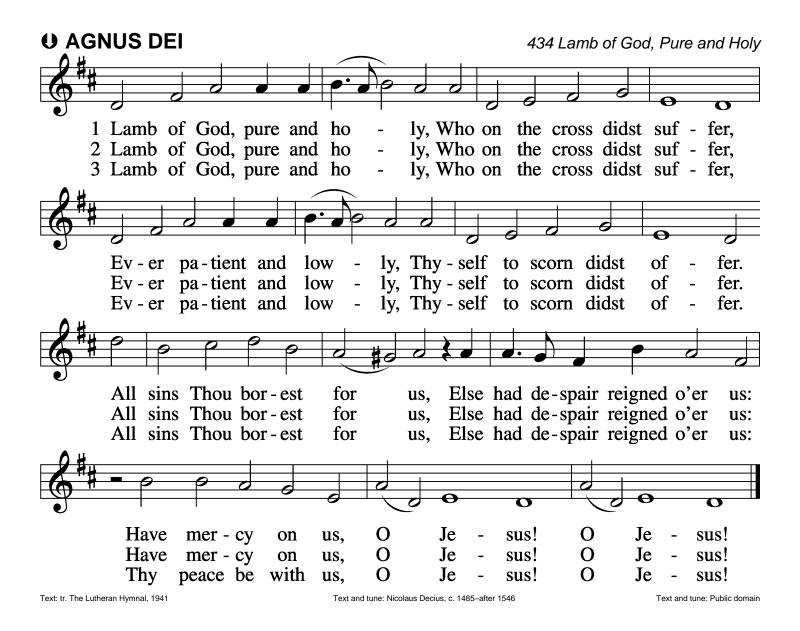
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

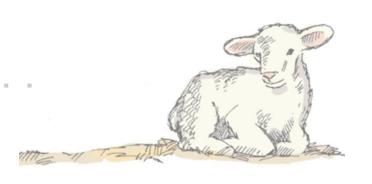
PAX DOMINI

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

WE SHARE THE PEACE



Lamb of God,
Pure and Holy . . .







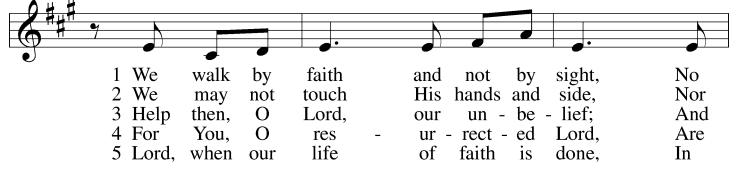
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720 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight





gra - cious words we hear fol - low where He trod: faith bound may our a found vine: in di means light realms of clear - er

From Him who spoke as His prom - ise But in You To call on when Be - neath the wa ter We be - hold You may



none e'er spoke, we re - joice You are near and the Word, as You are,

be - lieve But Him we near. God!" And cry "My Lord and You found. And seek where are Be - neath the bread wine. and With full and end less sight.

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639 Wide Open Stand the Gates



While a - dorned with 1 Wide o - pen stand the pearl. gates 2 He speaks bread and the Word the wine to bless: "This their 3 The cher - u - bim, fac - es veiled from light, While



round God's gold - en throne The choirs of saints in My flesh blood!" He bids and eat and is us saints in won - der kneel, Sing praise Him whose to



end - less cir - cles curl, And joy - ous praise the Son! thank - ful - ness gift ho - ly drink with This of food. face with glo - ry bright No earth - ly masks con - ceal.



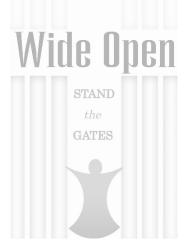
They watch Him now de - scend - ing To vis - it wait-ing earth. All hu - man thought must fal - ter— Our God stoops low to heal, This sac - ra - ment God gives us Binds us in u - ni - ty,

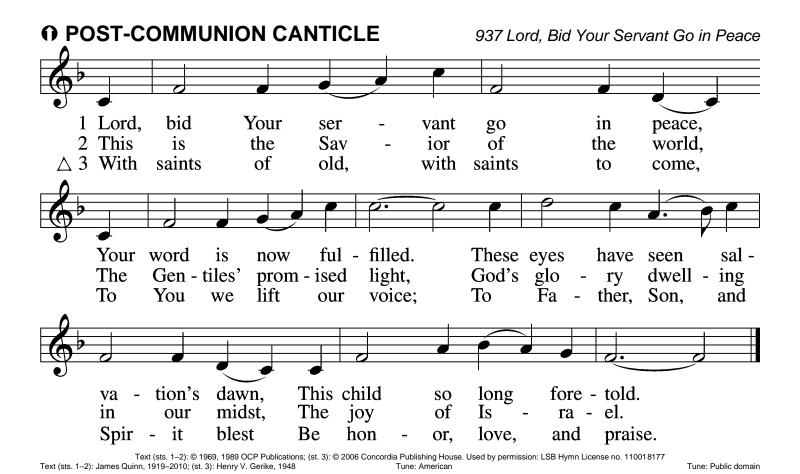


The Lord of Life un - end -Now pres - ent on the al -Joins earth with heav'n be - yond ing Brings dy - ing hope new birth! tar, For us both host and meal! us, Time with e - ter - ni - ty!

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

O ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BIRTHDAYS



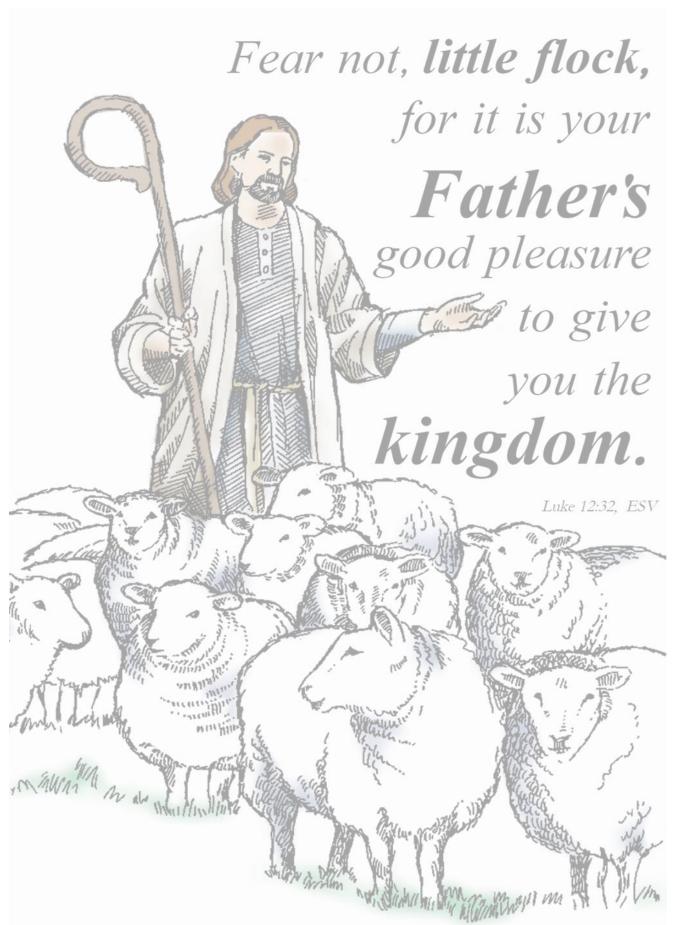
- C Amen.

Benediction



DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God!



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