

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Holy Communion ELW Setting 10 (red) ~ Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Rally Sunday/Friends of Creation ~ Water

[ \* Indicates when the congregation is seated.  
Please only stand as able ]

[ **Bolded** section of text is for congregation to recite ]

Accompaniment: David Knarr

## Gathering

### \* Prelude

### \* Welcome & Announcements

### \* Call to Worship

Come to the water, all you who thirst—  
**come drink deeply from the river of life.**

Come to the water, all you who are weary—  
**come rest in the quiet pools of God's love.**

Come to the water, all you who long for a justice—  
**come be renewed in God's ever-flowing stream.**

For God is here among us,  
washing away the dust and grime of our lives,  
**and pouring out the Spirit on all who thirst.**

Let's worship God together. **Amen.**

### \* Blessing for the New Schoolyear

Dear God, you created everything so wonderfully.  
We stretch ourselves out. Let us grow!  
*(Get on your tippytoes and stretch your arms in the air)*

Give us good thoughts!  
*(lay hands on your head)*

And take from our shoulders what weighs us down!  
*(lay hands on your partners shoulder and wipe an imaginary dust ball away)*

Fill us anew with courage and strength!  
*(form a bowl with your hands)*

Strengthen and preserve us.  
*(cross arms in front of your chest)*

When things get stormy be our protection and shelter.  
*(form a roof over your head)*

Be with us on our way. Bless us.  
*(form a circle hold hands, move together into the circle)*

Amen.  
*(say Amen loud and throw your arms into the air)*

### **Hymn (red) ELW 802 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
follow his example pure,  
through a world that would deceive us  
and to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in his footsteps treading,  
trav'lers here, our home above,  
full of faith and hope and love,  
let us do our Savior's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where you guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus,  
and with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
where he is there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
we shall reap celestial joy:  
all discomforts that annoy  
shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share your woe;  
help me there your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
Since by death he conquered death,  
he will free us from destruction,  
give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion  
that would lead us into sin;  
and the grave that shuts us in  
shall but prove the gate of heaven.  
Jesus, here with you I die,  
there to live with you on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.  
He has risen from the dead

that to life we may awaken.  
Jesus, you are now our head,  
we are your own living members;  
where you live, there we shall be  
in your presence constantly,  
living there with you forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be;  
life eternal grant to me.

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### **Apostolic Greeting (p. 203)**

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

Response: **And also with you.**

### **Canticle of Praise (p. 204)**

- 1 Glory be to God in heaven;  
peace and goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation,  
Father of surpassing worth:  
we exalt you, we adore you,  
we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you;  
Here on earth our songs we raise.
- 2 Glory be to Christ forever,  
Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Saviour,  
you have come from heaven above;  
on the cross you died to save us;  
now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us;  
in your promise firm we stand.
- 3 Holy One we now acclaim you;  
Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you,  
God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,  
in the Father's splendour bright.  
For the peace that we inherit,  
glory be to God on high!

### **Prayer of the Day**

Creator God, the waters of the earth refresh, revive and nourish your creation. We thank you for the beautiful waterfalls, the sparkling blue green oceans, the refreshing fresh water sources, and the rains that nourish our crops and cool our earth. Help us to be better caretakers of these gifts. Help us to keep our water sources germ, disease and pollution free to not only continue to nurture humanity, but also to sustain our plant and animal life too. Help us to remember that all things are interconnected and help us to continue to be strong co-creators with you. **Amen.**

## Word

### \* **First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2** (Contemporary English Version)

The First Reading is from Genesis, chapter 1:

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was barren, with no form of life; it was under a roaring ocean covered with darkness. But the Spirit of God was moving over the water.

Response: Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### \* **Psalm 104:5-16** (sung responsively)

Psalm 104 is sung responsively:

<sup>5</sup> You set the earth upon | its foundations,  
so that from now until forever it shall nev- | er be moved.

<sup>6</sup> **You covered it with the deep as | with a garment;**  
**the waters stood a- | bove the mountains.**

<sup>7</sup> At your rebuke the | waters fled,  
scattered by your | voice of thunder.

<sup>8</sup> **They went up into the mountains and descended down |**  
**to the valleys, to the place where | you assigned them.**

<sup>9</sup> You set the limits that they | should not pass;  
never shall they return to cover the | earth again.

<sup>10</sup> **You made the springs | into rivers**  
**that flow be- | tween the mountains.**

<sup>11</sup> All the animals drink their | fill from them,  
and the wild donkeys | quench their thirst.

<sup>12</sup> **Beside them the birds of the air | make their nests;**  
**among the branches they | lift their voice.**

<sup>13</sup> From your dwelling on high, you wa- | ter the mountains;  
the earth is satisfied with the fruit | of your works.

<sup>14</sup> **You make grass to grow for the cattle,**  
**and plants to serve | humankind,**

**that they may bring forth food | from the earth,**

<sup>15</sup> wine to gladden human hearts, oil to | make the face shine,  
and bread to strengthen the | human heart.

**<sup>16</sup> The trees of the LORD are | well supplied,  
the cedars of Lebanon | that he planted.**

### **Gospel Acclamation (p. 205)**

Alleluia! Lord and Saviour:

Open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us;

speaking until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing

for the good news that you bring.

### **Gospel: John 4:7-15 (Contemporary English Version)**

Response: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water from the well. Jesus asked her, "Would you please give me a drink of water?" <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> "You are a Jew," she replied, "and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink of water when Jews and Samaritans won't have anything to do with each other?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered, "You don't know what God wants to give you, and you don't know who is asking you for a drink. If you did, you would ask me for the water that gives life." <sup>11</sup> "Sir," the woman said, "you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. Where are you going to get this life-giving water?" <sup>12</sup> Our ancestor Jacob dug this well for us, and his family and animals got water from it. Are you greater than Jacob?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again. <sup>14</sup> But no one who drinks the water I give will ever be thirsty again. The water I give will become in that person a flowing fountain that gives eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman replied, "Sir, please give me a drink of that water! Then I won't get thirsty and have to come to this well again."

Response: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Hymn (blue) ELW ACS 1000 God's Work, Our Hands**

1 God's work, our hands: working together,  
building a future, repairing the world,  
raising up homes, planting new gardens,  
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.  
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
sharing the good news of your gospel.

2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,  
following Jesus to places unknown,  
walking as friends, marching for freedom,  
running the race with God's future the goal.

Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,  
sharing the good news of your gospel.

3 God's work, our voice: singing together,  
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,  
praying for peace, shouting for justice,  
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
sharing the good news of your gospel.

4 God is at work in and around us:  
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!  
Washed and set free, humbled and honoured,  
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.  
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,  
sharing the good news of your gospel.

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### \* **Message**

Grace and Peace from our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Water is life. We know that, on average, a human can only survive without water for about three days. In the Lake Chad Basin, where communities rely on this precious resource for everything from drinking and cooking to farming and fishing, survival is precarious, as water in the region becomes more scarce and harder to access. The Lake Chad area once supported millions of people with its rich water resources, but the lake has shrunk by 90% since the 1960s, primarily due to climate change, unsustainable water use, and deforestation. As the lake recedes, many families struggle to find enough water for daily use—whether it's for crops, livestock, or personal consumption. Women and girls, in particular, bear the brunt of this burden, as they are traditionally responsible for fetching water, often travelling long distances in dangerous conditions. This puts them at risk of gender-based violence. The lack of clean water means not only thirst, but also increased disease, as families are forced to drink from contaminated sources. Livelihoods connected to water, such as fishing and farming, are also directly impacted, making life increasingly precarious. Water is life.

In a resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 28 July 2010, the United Nations declared that:

*The right to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation is a human right that is essential for the full enjoyment of life and all human rights; that all States and international organizations need to provide financial resources, capacity-building and technology transfer, through international assistance and cooperation, in particular to developing countries, in*

*order to scale up efforts to provide safe, clean, accessible and affordable drinking water and sanitation for all;*

In short: water is life, and everyone has the right to safe, clean drinking water. And we all have the duty to ensure that all our siblings have access to it.

As we dig into our gospel this morning, we encounter a Samaritan woman who comes to the well in the heat of the day and meets a stranger. Not only a stranger, but a Jew—someone with whom she had nothing in common. Someone with whom society said she was not to associate. Someone who had no reason to speak to her, and yet asks her for a drink. What business is it of hers that he is thirsty? What business is it of his to offer her life? The woman comes to the well at midday to avoid the ridicule and judgement of her peers. She is seen as less than—unworthy, an outcast. To avoid those who would shame her, she waits until no one else is likely to be at the well, and makes that long, hot, burdensome walk then. Her plan is somewhat foiled, in that she isn't alone—and finds herself in the company of a Jewish man.

Jesus comes to the well not biologically thirsty. He doesn't need the Samaritan woman to fetch him water. He uses this request to engage her in conversation. He speaks first, as would be custom, but that is where tradition ends. She is surprised by, and perhaps leery of, his question. After all, he is a man and a Jew—breaking all the social protocols and norms by simply speaking to her. But she can't resist entering into the conversation. Isn't that just like Jesus—opening the door and inviting us to enter, then waiting for us to engage?

Jesus has something to share with this woman. He isn't simply offering to fill her biological need for H<sub>2</sub>O—he's offering her so much more. "The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." We know this to be our truth as Christians. We have each been immersed in that water through our baptism. We have been given the gift of the living water Jesus speaks of in this passage. So, what does it mean for us, that we have been blessed with "a spring of water gushing up to eternal life"?

First and foremost, we have been given the gift of grace. We don't have to keep returning to a source of water to do the work of hauling up a bucket. Rather, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit offers us that renewal, that refreshment, that nourishment—without strings, and without us having to earn it. Secondly, when we think of water gushing up, we don't think of a tap that can be turned on and off at will. Rather, this source of water is unstoppable, abundant, and overflowing. The grace that has been poured into us is more than we need—more than we can contain. So, what do we do with it? As Christ-bearers, all we are being asked to do is allow that water gushing up within us to overflow and fill others. We do this when we care for our family, our friends, and the people we encounter day by day. We know how to care for our water ways. We engage in beach cleanups, we're mindful of microplastics, we conserve water at home by turning off taps and fixing leaks.

These are the things we've been learning for years. But how can we affect water justice and climate care in places so far away? How can our overflow fill Lake Chad and the people of the area? Working with the Friends of Creation project through CLWR offers us the opportunity to pour our overflow to those who need it by the restoration of access to water and reversing some of these climate change trends in a number of ways. First, we can work with nature to be part of the solution. The project is using nature-based solutions—like planting native trees that help keep water in the soil and stop erosion. It also supports communities to use simple ways to save and protect water, like building small basins to hold rainwater and digging irrigation channels. These systems help farmers use water more wisely, grow more food, and rely less on unpredictable rain.

Second, the project is helping to fix local irrigation systems, repair small water structures, and build mini-dykes to stop flooding. These changes help make sure water is still available during the dry season and help communities prepare for a changing climate. In addition to planting new trees, the project is also supporting assisted forest regeneration—helping native trees and shrubs grow back in places where the land is worn out. Their deep roots protect the soil from being washed away, slow down rainwater, and help the ground soak up and hold more water. Alongside this, native trees are being planted. These trees give long-term benefits, like food, income, and better soil, to the people who live there. By using the grace-filled gifts we have been given to help others, we continue to allow our cups to be filled to overflowing by God, and also fill others in turn. The best part of all of this is the amazing abundance God continues to pour out on us. This is what hope looks like. It looks like water returning to dry land. Like trees taking root along the banks of the Chari River. Like a Samaritan woman, told that she is worthy of life that overflows. The living water Christ offers is for all people. When we respond to that gift by letting it overflow into acts of justice and love, we take part in God's vision for a world where no one thirsts. Amen.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

### **Hymn (red) ELW 798 Will You Come and Follow Me**

- 1 "Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind

and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r  
in you and you in me?

- 3 "Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?
- 4 "Will you love the you you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?"
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

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### **Apostles' Creed (p. 217)**

With the whole church we confess our Christian faith.

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

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession (written by Charlotte, Colton, Carl, Sophia and Olivia)**

Response: Response: ... and in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. Each prayer petition ends with the response: '... and in your mercy, hear our prayer'.

*Silence for personal reflection.*

We pray, holy God, for the church universal—for the unity of the church. For the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. For The Annunciation Church in Minnesota, whose congregation has suffered from gun violence in recent days. For our leaders — Pastor Heike, Bishop Carla, National Bishop Larry, and for the newly retired National Bishop Susan. Empower them to lead us down the right path. O God, our Sanctuary, empower the church, and in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray, omnipotent God, for the well-being of creation — for the will and wisdom to care for the earth

For the beauty of our provinces but especially the Maritimes, as well as all the places affected by wildfires. For The Great Lakes, and the Grand River, whose water has been a life source for our Indigenous siblings since time immemorial. For important and endangered species such as pollinators and bees, seals, the California Condor, and the North Atlantic Right Whales. O God, Rainbow of promise, preserve the earth, and in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray, righteous God, for peace and justice in the world—for efforts toward international cooperation. For countries affected by violence and humanitarian crisis', such as Ukraine, Russia, Iran, Israel, Gaza, Pakistan, and Yemen. For an increase of justice in all countries, but especially The United States and Canada. For our elected officials — PM Carney, Premier Ford, Mayor Berry Vrbancovic, and our city counsellors. Guide them to make our city, province, and country the greatest places to live. O God, Sovereign and Judge, guide the nations, and in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray, benevolent God, for the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely— for the hungry and the homeless, for persons without family or friends. For People who are oppressed because of their identities. For people sick with the measles, people who struggle with their mental health, and people who struggle with physical disabilities. O God, Shepherd and Mother, protect the needy, and in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray, compassionate God, for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit— for those in hospitals and other institutions of care. For those who have no medical care. For those who are incarcerated. We pray especially for those on our prayer list ..... and

for those we name in our hearts ..... O God, Healer and Nurse, heal the sick, and in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray, creating God, especially for the communities in the Lake Chad Basin, where rain is uncertain and both drought and flood bring hardship. Be near to those who walk for hours to find clean water. Protect women and girls who carry this daily weight. Bless the hands restoring the land—with trees, tools, and care. May small actions lead to lasting change. O God, Creator of this World, guide us in this challenge, to honour your creation and uplift our neighbours, and in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray, gracious God, for all who started into a new school year, students, teachers, professors, coaches, tutors, Sunday School Teachers and parents. O God, companion in the storms of our lives, spread your arms out wide in blessing, to give protection, comfort, and in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray, faithful God, for our congregation—for deeper faith and stronger commitment for us all, for our homebound members. For our outreach programs such as The Sharing Place, and our Blessing Box, both so often used by our community. We pray for those on the search committee for our new music director, and for all who have put their name forward for consideration. O God, Everlasting Arms, embrace this assembly, and in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Receive our thanksgiving, eternal God, for all who have died in the faith — that at the end we will join with them to rejoice in your presence. O God, our Homeland, gather us to yourself, and in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

### **Sharing of the Peace (p. 206)**

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

Response: **And also with you.**

## **Meal**

### **\* Offering**

### **Offering Hymn (red) ELW 583 Take My Life, That I May Be**

#### *Refrain*

Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

1 Take my hands and let them move

at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain*

2 Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain*

3 Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee. *Refrain*

4 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne. *Refrain*

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, adap.; Spanish text: Vicente Mendoza, 1875-1955

### **Offering Prayer**

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Great Thanksgiving (p. 206)**

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 thanks and praise.**

### **Preface**

It is 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 Saviour 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:

### **Response (p. 207)**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.

### **Thanksgiving at the Table**

God's table is open to all people — no matter who you are or what you believe or what you've been told.

Here at the Lord's table we remember the simple gathering of a chosen family that came together for a meal that proclaimed a new way of being in this world.

We remember God's radically inclusive love made real in the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

We remember the One who befriended the forgotten, embraced the outcast, and saw the Image of God in all people.

We remember the One who confronted every power that disconnected, marginalized, oppressed, and "other-ed."

It is here at this table that we find hope and imagination to see God's dream and promise of a world of wholeness, and it is here that we receive the nourishment and strength to continue on the paths of justice.

We recall that on 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.

God, we thank you for breathing this world into existence and proclaiming from its birth: "It is good."

We come to you with gratitude for the endless blessings that we see, feel, and know on our journeys of life.

We celebrate the rich diversity of your creation — every beautiful body, every shade of skin, every expression of love.

Through your Spirit, open our hearts to the joy we can find in the midst of life's challenges. Remind us that we are loved — fiercely and forever.

And however the world may try to hold us down or tell us who to be, remind us that nothing can separate us from your presence. **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer (p. 208)**

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.**

### **Invitation**

Jesus welcomes all and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy. Taste and see that the Lord good.

### **\* Words of Distribution for Live-Stream**

The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

### **\* Distribution**

At the direction of the usher(s), communicants come forward, entering the center aisle from both sides and receive the bread from the pastor and then proceed to take wine from the common cup or an individual cup from the tray closest to the pew you are sitting in (used cups are placed in baskets right beside the Worship Assistant). Individuals not receiving communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

### **‘O Lamb of God’ (p. 208)**

- 1 O Lamb of God,  
you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save:  
have mercy now, we pray.
- 2 O Lamb of God,  
you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave:  
have mercy now, we pray.
- 3 O Lamb of God,  
you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made:  
give us your peace, we pray.

### **\* Hymns (red) ELW 810, 461, 469**

### **Table Blessing**

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

### **Prayer after Communion**

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## **Sending**

### **Blessing**

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Hymn (red) ELW 808 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song**

- 1 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;  
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:  
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.  
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.
- 2 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.  
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
- 3 As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,  
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.  
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.  
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.
- 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;  
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.  
And with all of the family you saved by your love,  
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

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### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**

### **\* Postlude**

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