

# Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024



Jesus Heals a Boy with an Unclean Spirit

Mark 9:14-29

## 533 Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

1 Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal,  
 2 Je - sus has come! Now see bonds rent a - sun - der!  
 3 Je - sus has come as the might - y Re - deem - er.  
 4 Je - sus has come as the King of all glo - ry!

Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning and End;  
 Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis - ap - pear.  
 See now the threat - en - ing strong one dis - armed!  
 Heav - en and earth, O de - clare His great pow'r,

God - head, hu - man - i - ty, u - nion su - per - nal,  
 See Him burst through with a voice as of thun - der!  
 Je - sus breaks down all the walls of death's for - tress,  
 Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en - ly sto - ry;

O great Re - deem - er, You come as our friend!  
 He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,  
 Brings forth the pris - 'ners tri - um - phant, un - harmed.  
 Wel - come Him now in this fast - fleet - ing hour!

Heav - en and earth, now pro - claim this great won - der:  
 Lifts us from shame to the place of His hon - or.  
 Sa - tan, you wick - ed one, own now your mas - ter!  
 Pon - der His love! Take the crown He has for you!

Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal!  
 Je - sus has come! Hear the roll of God's thun - der!  
 Je - sus has come! He, the might - y Re - deem - er!  
 Je - sus has come! He, the King of all glo - ry!

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## Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

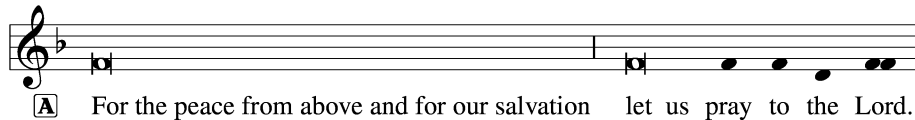
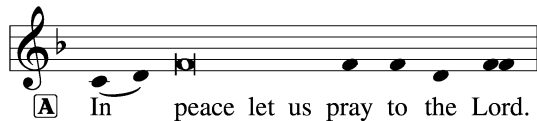
### Introit

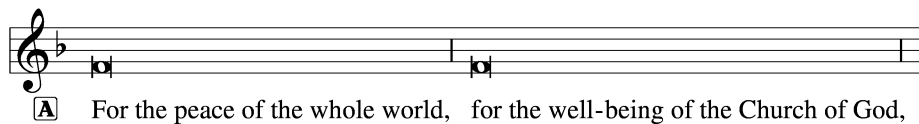
*Psalm 31:14–16; antiphon: v. 24*

Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,\*  
all you who wait | for the LORD!  
But I trust in you, | O LORD;\*  
I say, “You | are my God.”  
My times are | in your hand;\*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse- | cutors!  
Make your face shine on your | servant;\*  
save me in your | steadfast love!  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**  
Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,\*  
all you who wait | for the LORD!

### Kyrie

*LSB 152*





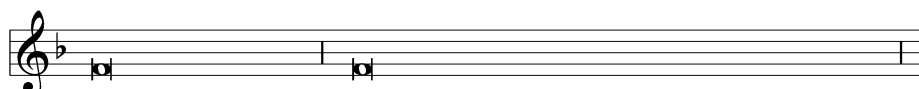
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



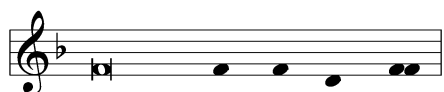
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



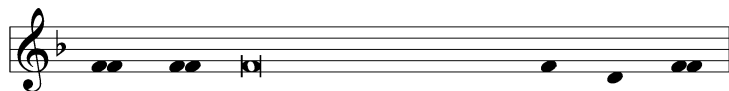
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## This Is the Feast

LSB 155




**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.  
 Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 50:4–10*

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
 the tongue of those who are taught,  
 that I may know how to sustain with a word  
 him who is weary.  
 Morning by morning he awakens;  
 he awakens my ear  
 to hear as those who are taught.  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
 and I was not rebellious;  
 I turned not backward.  
<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike,  
 and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
 I hid not my face  
 from disgrace and spitting.  
<sup>7</sup>But the Lord GOD helps me;  
 therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
 and I know that I shall not be put to shame.  
<sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near.  
 Who will contend with me?  
 Let us stand up together.  
 Who is my adversary?  
 Let him come near to me.  
<sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;  
 who will declare me guilty?  
 Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;  
 the moth will eat them up.  
<sup>10</sup>Who among you fears the LORD  
 and obeys the voice of his servant?  
 Let him who walks in darkness  
 and has no light  
 trust in the name of the LORD  
 and rely on his God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalms 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,\*  
 for those who fear him lack | nothing!  
 Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,\*  
 but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

## Epistle

*James 3:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. <sup>4</sup>Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup>but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 9:14–29*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup>When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup>And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. <sup>16</sup>And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" <sup>17</sup>And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. <sup>18</sup>And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." <sup>19</sup>And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." <sup>20</sup>And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup>And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. <sup>22</sup>And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." <sup>23</sup>And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." <sup>24</sup>Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" <sup>25</sup>And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." <sup>26</sup>And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." <sup>27</sup>But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. <sup>28</sup>And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" <sup>29</sup>And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
With the pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
wa - ter, To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## Nicene Creed

**C** 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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

*Sit*

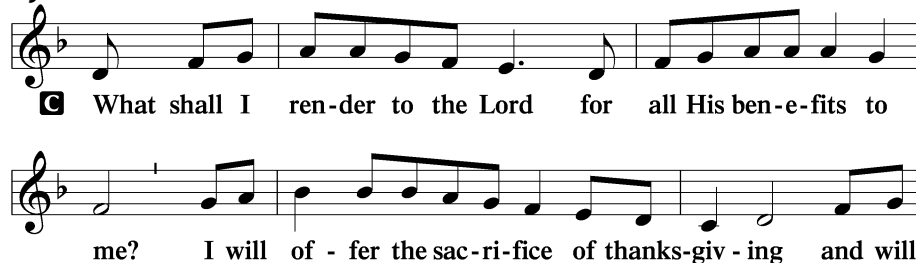
## Offering

*"This is the Gospel"*  
Adult Choir

*Stand*

## Offertory

*LSB 159*



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



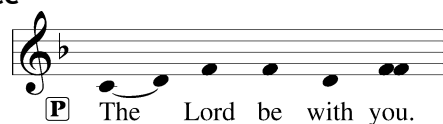


call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

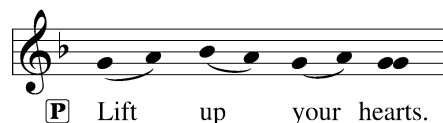
LSB 160



**P** The Lord be with you.



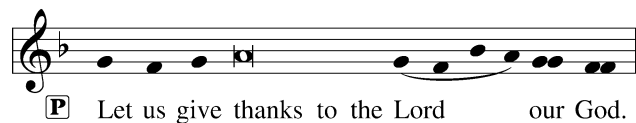
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

LSB 161



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful 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.

- C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- C** 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.

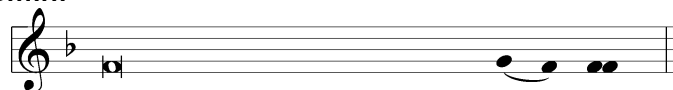
## The Words of Our Lord

- 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

LSB 163



- P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



## Agnus Dei

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

*Sit*


## Distribution

## 629 What Is This Bread

1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y  
2 What is this wine? The blood of  
3 So who am I, That I should  
4 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By  
5 Is this for me? I am for -

ris - en from the dead; This bread we break,  
Je - sus shed for mine; The cup of grace  
live and He should die Un - der the rod?  
Word and prom - ise clear, In mouth and soul  
giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve

This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our re -  
Brings His em - brace Of life and love un - til I  
My God, my God, Why have You not for - sak - en  
He makes us whole— Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this  
That I re - ceive His ver - y bod - y and His



lease.	O taste and see—	the Lord is peace.
sing!	O taste and see—	the Lord is King.
me?	O taste and see—	the Lord is free.
meal.	O taste and see—	the Lord is real.
blood.	O taste and see—	the Lord is good.

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## 521 Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken



1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, un - shak - en By the dev - il's  
2 Mi - chael fought the heav'n - ly bat - tle, God - ly an - gels  
3 Long on earth the bat - tle ra - ges, Since the ser - pent's  
4 Je - sus came, this word ful - fill - ing, Tram - pled Sa - tan,



seeth - ing rage, Thwarts the plan of Sa - tan's min - ions;  
by his side; Warred a - gainst the an - cient ser - pent,  
first de - ceit; Twist - ed God's com - mand to Ad - am,  
death de - fied; Bore the brunt of our temp - ta - tion,



Wins the strife from age to age; Con - quers sin and  
Foiled the beast, so full of pride, Cast him earth - bound  
Made for - bid - den fruit look sweet. Then the curse of  
On the wretch - ed tree He died. Yet to life was



death for - ev - er; Slams them in their steel - y cage.  
with his an - gels; Now he prowls, un - sat - is - fied.  
God was spo - ken: "You'll lie crushed be - neath His feet!"  
raised vic - to - rious; By His life our life sup - plied.

- 5 Swift as lightning falls the tyrant  
From his heav'nly perch on high,  
As the word of Jesus' vict'ry  
Floods the earth and fills the sky.  
Wounded by a wound eternal  
Now his judgment has drawn nigh!

- 6 Jesus, send Your angel legions  
When the foe would us enslave.  
Hold us fast when sin assaults us;  
Come, then, Lord, Your people save.  
Overthrow at last the dragon;  
Send him to his fiery grave.

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## 763 When Peace, like a River



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The

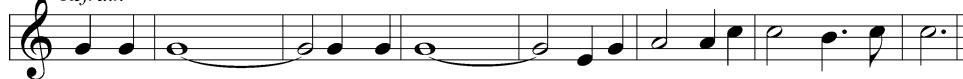


sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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## 545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth



1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from  
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to  
 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our  
 4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth  
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,  
 mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;  
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,  
 Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the  
 Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in  
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.  
 world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.  
 pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.  
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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# Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165



**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

## Post-Communion Collect

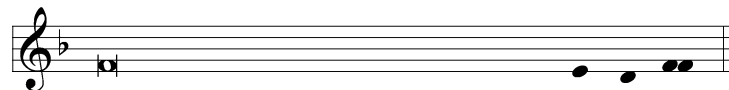
- A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives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



**C** A - men.

## Benediction

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- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## 846 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old  
 2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,  
 3 O be our great de - liv - 'er still,

Was strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o - ver  
 Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and  
 The Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,

ills and death, O'er dark - ness and the grave.  
 fren - zy calmed Re - vealed You, Lord of light.  
 soothe and bless, With Your life - giv - ing breath.

To You they came, the blind, the mute,  
 And now, O Lord, be near to bless,  
 To hands that work and eyes that see

The pal - sied and the lame, The lep - ers in their  
 Al - might - y as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by  
 Give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and

mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.  
 beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.  
 weak and strong May praise You ev - er - more.

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