

GOD GAVE THE SAME
GIFT TO THEM AS HE
GAVE TO US WHEN WE
BELIEVED IN THE LORD
JESUS CHRIST.



ACTS 11:17, ESV

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The Mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to honor our Lord Jesus Christ through worship and ministering to all God's people equipping them for service to God and to each other.

DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE

PRELUDE

Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Peace Handbell Choir

"America the Beautiful" – arr. by Donald Allured

OPENING HYMN "O Holy Spirit, Enter In" LSB 913

- 1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,
And in our hearts Your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we may be
Truly living,
To You giving
Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.
- 2 Give to Your Word impressive pow'r,
That in our hearts from this good hour
As fire it may be glowing,
That in true Christian unity

We faithful witnesses may be,
Your glory ever showing.
Hear us, cheer us
By Your teaching;
Let our preaching
And our labor
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

- 3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
In us be strongly burning
That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith,
From You true wisdom learning.
Your grace and peace
On us shower;
By Your power
Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

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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. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Psalm 32:5*

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*

C Amen.

Service of the Word

INTROIT

Psalm 135:1–3; antiphon: v. 13

P Your name, O LORD, endures forever,
your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.

**C Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD,
give praise, O servants of the LORD,**

P who stand in the house of the LORD,
in the courts of the house of our God.

C Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

GLORIA PATRI

LSB 186



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

KYRIE *Mark 10:47*

LSB 186



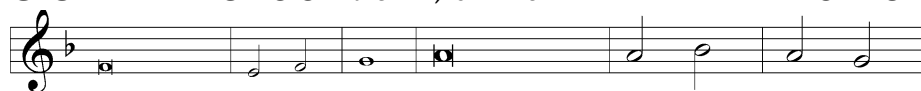
C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



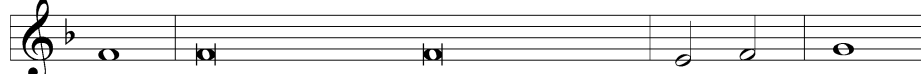
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

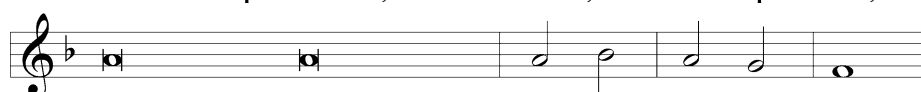
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P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



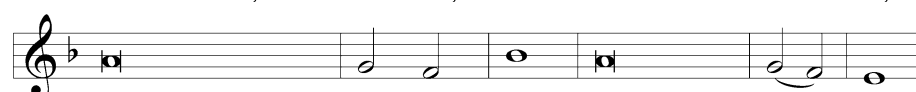
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



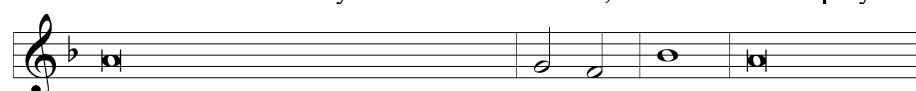
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



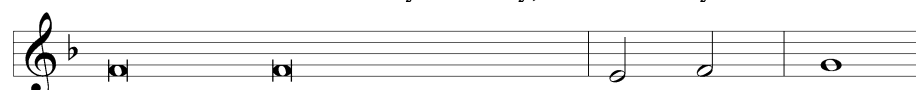
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



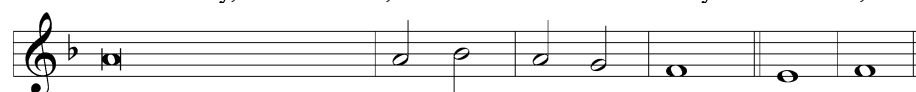
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 189

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your faithful servant Barnabas sought not his own renown but gave generously of his life and substance for the encouragement of the apostles and

their ministry. Grant that we may follow his example in lives given to charity and the proclamation of the Gospel; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 42:5–12

⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
 who gives breath to the people on it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
 I will take you by the hand and keep you;
 I will give you as a covenant for the people,
 a light for the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
 to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸I am the LORD; that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to carved idols.

⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
 before they spring forth
 I tell you of them.”

¹⁰Sing to the LORD a new song,
 his praise from the end of the earth,
 you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it,

the coastlands and their inhabitants.

¹¹Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice,
 the villages that Kedar inhabits;
 let the habitants of Sela sing for joy,
 let them shout from the top of the mountains.

¹²Let them give glory to the LORD,
 and declare his praise in the coastlands.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 112

P Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
 who greatly delights in his commandments!

**C His offspring will be mighty in the land;
 the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

P Wealth and riches are in his house,
 and his righteousness endures forever.

**C Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
 he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

P It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;
 who conducts his affairs with justice.

**C For the righteous will never be moved;
 he will be remembered forever.**

P He is not afraid of bad news;
 his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

**C His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,
 until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.**

P He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;
 his righteousness endures forever;
 his horn is exalted in honor.

**C The wicked man sees it and is angry;
he gnashes his teeth and melts away;
the desire of the wicked will perish!**

SECOND READING

Acts 11:19–30, 13:1–3

¹⁹Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. ²⁰But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. ²¹And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. ²²The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, ²⁴for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. ²⁵So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

²⁷Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). ²⁹So the disciples determined, everyone according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. ³⁰And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul. . . .

¹Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius

of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ²While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” ³Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA

LSB 190




Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:7–13

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



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁷And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— ⁹but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that people

should repent.¹³ And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 158

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and
the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY “By All Your Saints in Warfare” LSB 518 (v. 1, 17, 3) Tune: LSB 527

- 1 By all Your saints in warfare,
For all Your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus,
Forevermore be blest!
For You have won the battle
That they might wear the crown;
And now they shine in glory
Reflected from Your throne.
- 17 For Barnabas we praise You,
Who kept Your law of love
And, leaving earthly treasures,
Sought riches from above.
O Christ, our Lord and Savior,
Let gifts of grace descend,
That Your true consolation
May through the world extend.
- △ 3 Then let us praise the Father
And worship God the Son
And sing to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One,
Till all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne,
Ascribing pow’r and glory
And praise to God alone.

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SERMON

Rev. Dennis Wenholz

“THE ENCOURAGER”

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:7*

C Amen.

Stand

OFFERTORY *Psalm 51:10-12* *LSB 192*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

HOLY BAPTISM *LSB 268*

Henry Joseph Chong

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR A VA CHAPLAIN

(From Lutheran Worship Agenda pgs. 228-234)

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

C Amen.

P Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Reverend **Dennis Wenholz** has been called by the Board for National Mission, of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, to serve as a chaplain to the **Department of Veterans Affairs**. I ask you now in the presence of God: Will you support him by your gifts and fervent prayer? If so, answer: We will with the help of God.

C **We will with the help of God.**

P Hear what Holy Scripture says concerning the office of the public ministry.

THE INSTITUTION OF THE OFFICE
OF THE PUBLIC MINISTRY

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matt. 28:18-20)

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE
OF THE PUBLIC MINISTRY

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of His appearing and His kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears

want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. (2 Tim. 4:1-5)

THE STRENGTH AND PROMISE IN THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC MINISTRY

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Tim. 3: 14-17)

P Dear brother in Christ, the Lord grant that you receive and keep these words in your heart that you may be strengthened and encouraged in your labors. God gathers His Church by and around His holy Word and also grants it growth and increase. That this may be done, He has established the office of the public ministry into which you were ordained. It is fitting, in accordance with the call extended you, that you should again acknowledge the responsibilities of this holy office.

In the presence of God and of this congregation I now ask you: Do you believe the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

R *I do.*

P Do you accept the three Ecumenical Creeds, namely, the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds, as faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and do you reject all the errors which they condemn?

R *I do.*

P Do you believe that the Unaltered Augsburg Confession is a true exposition of the Word of God and a correct exhibition of the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church; that the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Small and Large Catechisms of Martin Luther, the Smalcald Articles, the Treatise on the Authority and Primacy of the Pope, and the Formula of Concord—are also in agreement with this one scriptural faith?

R *I do.*

P Do you solemnly promise that you will perform the duties of your office in accordance with these Confessions, or Symbols, and that all your teaching and your administration of the sacraments will be in conformity with the Holy Scriptures and with the aforementioned Symbols?

R *I do.*

P Will you faithfully instruct both young and old in the chief articles of Christian doctrine; will you forgive the sins of those who repent, and do you promise never to divulge the sins confessed to you; will you minister faithfully to the sick and dying; will you demonstrate to the Church a constant and ready ministry, admonishing the people to a lively confidence in Christ and holy living?

R *I will with the help of God.*

P Finally, will you adorn the office of the public ministry with a holy life?

R *I will, the Lord helping me through the power and grace of his Holy Spirit.*

P Are you willing and ready to assume this trust and responsibility?

R *I am.*

P **Dennis Wenholz**, I install you as a chaplain in the **Department of Veterans Affairs** in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in you what is pleasing in Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

C Amen.

P Let us pray. O Lord God of hosts, we thank You for calling Your servant **Dennis** for ministry in Your name to the veterans of our nation. Grant him grace and zeal that he may faithfully perform the work of an evangelist and pastor and set an example for all in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity. Stretch forth Your almighty arm to protect those who have served in the armed forces. Give them courage and loyalty, and keep them from temptation and harm; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

HYMN *“Onward, Christian Soldiers”* LSB 662

1 Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.
Christ, the royal master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle
See His banners go! *Refrain*

Refrain

*Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

2 Like a mighty army
Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided,
All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity. *Refrain*

3 Crowns and thrones may perish,
Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus
Constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never
'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise,
And that cannot fail. *Refrain*

4 Onward, then, ye faithful,
 Join our happy throng,
 Blend with ours your voices
 In the triumph song:
 Glory, laud, and honor
 Unto Christ, the king;
 This through countless ages
 Men and angels sing. Refrain

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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

LSB 196

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.**

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.

A Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO PASTOR & KIMI

L Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, **Pastor Dennis Wenholz** has accepted a call to a new field of service in the Church. At this time of farewell and Godspeed, let us hear the Word of the Lord.

A ³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in

my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. *Philippians 1:3-8*

- A** ⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Psalm 112

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

My help comes from the LORD,
who made heav'n and earth.

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Blessèd shall you be in the city,
and blessèd shall you be in the field.

Blessèd shall you be when you come in,
and blessèd shall you be when you go out.

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Let your work be shown to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Stand

- L** Let us pray.
O Lord God, merciful and gracious Father, we give thanks for all the blessings You have bestowed on this congregation, its members, and the Church through the ministry of Your servant **Dennis**. By Your Holy Spirit grant him grace in his new field of service, readiness, and steadfastness in his ministry, patience, understanding, a cheerful spirit, and great zeal. Support and strengthen him that by Your Word Your Church may be built and increased; through Your Son, our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

- L** Let us also pray for our pastor's family as they depart from us. Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have so faithfully nourished our pastor's family with us in the communion of this congregation. Bless, protect, and defend them as they now depart from us. Preserve them in the confession of Your name and in loving service to others. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

- P** Go in peace and joy. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and bless and strengthen you for faithful service in His name.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *“Lift High the Cross” LSB 837*

Refrain

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.*

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine. *Refrain*
- 3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *Refrain*
- 4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. *Refrain*
- 5 Let ev’ry race and ev’ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Organist

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