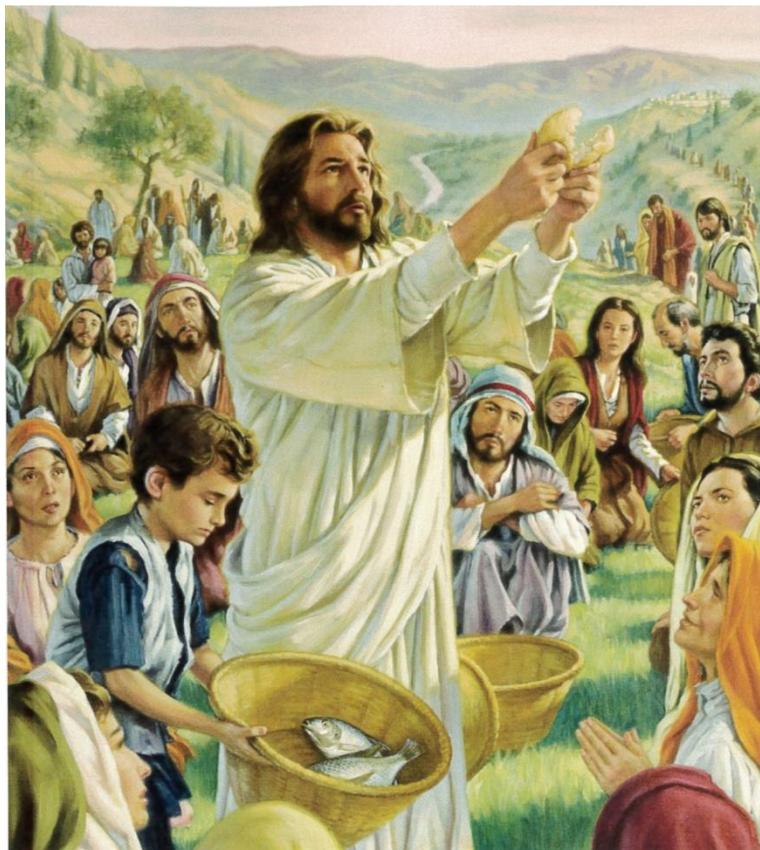


Know the Bible Now

A Visual Intro to the Bible

Summer Sermon Series



11th Week after Pentecost

Thursday, August 2, & Sunday, August 5, 2018

THIS WEEK'S SERVANT The Rev. Andrew Barkley
is a retired pastor in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.
He and his wife, Lynn, are members of Bethel.

*If you have prayer requests you'd like included in our worship prayers,
please go to the one of the Prayer List stands and write them down.
They will be given to Pastor Barkley before the worship prayers.*

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday 6:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays and the Thursday prior
Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,
Mandi Diver – Choir/New Music Accompanist

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated according to the Lutheran Confessions based on the teaching Jesus gave his disciples and us that he is truly present in this meal. Confident that our sins are forgiven, we experience our oneness with him and each other as he gathers us at his table. His true body and blood, given and shed for us, we share in this meal as he invites in Matthew 26:26-28, "Take and eat; this is My Body ... This is My Blood..." Baptized Christians sharing these beliefs are invited to receive Communion. All others are invited to the altar rail for a blessing. Wine can be taken by common chalice, individual cup, or by dipping your wafer into the chalice. Please address questions to the Elders or the Pastor. ***Non-alcoholic wine is in purple-colored cups.***

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

SERVING TODAY

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

Know the Bible Now

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Summer Sermon Series

People never feel like they know enough about the Bible. No matter if you're new to Christianity, haven't looked at the Bible since Sunday School some 20 years ago, or are in church every week, you still may doubt that you could learn the Bible.

This is one reason that God brings us together in the Church—we need to learn the Bible from each other. We keep encouraging one another to hear the Bible again, to return to it day after day, week after week. It is God's rich fountain of life-giving words.

This summer at Bethel you'll have a unique opportunity to review the major stories of the Bible. Kind of like Sunday School during Worship, each week we'll feature one of the stories that shape God's story of how He brought salvation for His people. Together with the companion book from Concordia Publishing House, this is a time to review those stories, learn new stories (or stories you've forgotten), while also seeing how God speaks to us through His Word to give us confidence and hope now.

Books are available for purchase at Bethel from the Resource Shelves (located between Katrina and Pastor's offices).

The suggested donation is \$15, but if you are unable to afford that, we still want you to take a copy for your family.

This sermon series refers to “Bible Stories”.
We don't call them stories as in a fable or fiction,
but a description of an event that really took place.

GENEROSITY SERVICE

A service celebrating God's generosity to us—especially in His generous salvation offered as a gift to us in Jesus Christ. May that generosity transform us.

Opening Hymn

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Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Generosity Praises

based on 1 Cor. 2:12; 2 Cor. 9:11; Prov. 11:25; Rom. 12:6,8; James 1:17

P: We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God,

C: that we may understand what God has freely given us.

P: You will be made rich in every way

C: so that you can be generous on every occasion.

P: A generous person will prosper;

C: The one who refreshes others will also be refreshed.

P: We have different gifts, according to the grace,
the gift of God, given to us. If it is encouraging,

C: let him encourage;

P: if it is contributing to the needs of others,

C: let him give generously;

P: if it is leadership,

C: let him lead diligently;

P: if it is showing mercy,

C: let him do it cheerfully.

P: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,

C: coming down from the Father of lights. Amen.

Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)

based on Titus 3:3-7

P: Confess—admit your sin before the Lord and before one another.

**C: In our sinful condition, we were foolish, disobedient,
deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures.
We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.**

P: But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,

C: He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done,

P: but because of his mercy.

C: He saved us through the washing of rebirth—

P: Your baptism into the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: He saved us through the renewal by the Holy Spirit—

P: The Spirit He poured out on you generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,

C: So that, now we are made right in God's eyes,

P: You are justified by his grace, a free gift to you through God's generosity. You are forgiven, made right, justified in the Name of the Father, the Son, & the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen! Now we inherit all the riches of the kingdom of God as His children.

P: You inherit the gift of the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Christ the Eternal Lord

LSB 829, st. 1

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics placed below each staff. The lyrics are: "I Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim, Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name; With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne, In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known." The score ends with a double bar line.

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Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And also with you.*

P: Most gracious and loving God, we have tasted your goodness in days gone by and it has satisfied us. Help us Lord, to empty ourselves of those things that hinder us from knowing the fullness of your love. We praise you for filling our emptiness with the goodness of Jesus—the Bread of Life. May our worship and praise express our thanks, O God, for Your gift to us of the true bread from heaven, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.

C: *Amen.*

Psalm Reading for the 11th Week after Pentecost

Psalm 145:10 –21 (ESV)

¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!

¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,
¹²to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

¹⁴The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

¹⁸The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

¹⁹He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

²⁰The LORD preserves all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Jesus Feeds Five Thousand

John 6

Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd was following Him, because they saw the signs that He was doing on the sick.

Jesus went up on the mountain. There He sat down with His disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand.

Lifting up His eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward Him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" Jesus said this to test Philip, for He Himself knew what He would do.

Philip answered Jesus, "Two hundred **denarii** would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little."

One of Jesus' disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?"

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number.

Jesus then took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted.

When the people had eaten their fill, Jesus told His disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten.

When the people saw the sign that Jesus had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

Perceiving then that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by Himself.

Words to Remember

This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!

John 6:14

P: This is our story for today which continues in today's appointed Gospel reading....

Holy Gospel for the 11th Week after Pentecost

John 6:22–35 (ESV)

²²On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. ²³Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” ²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³²Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

³⁵Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Praise to You, O Christ.*

Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

John 6:1–15

¹After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” ¹⁰Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

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Confession of Faith

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 everlasting. Amen.

Apostles’ Creed

Offering

Offertory

Take My Life and Let it Be

LSB 783 sts. 1, 4, 6

(Sung as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Prayers

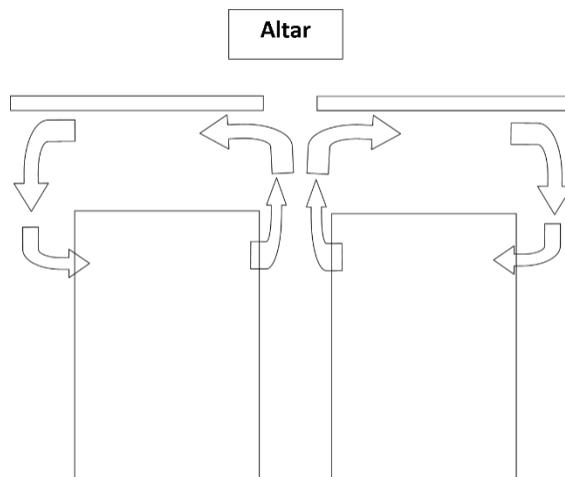
The Lord's Supper: What We Believe

All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.

Communion Distribution

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.



Preparation for the Lord's Supper & Lord's Prayer

LSB 290, 203, & others

P: I will go to the altar of God,

C: to God, my exceeding joy.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: Since we are gathered to receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, and in His incredible generosity shown to us in the death of His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. In perfect love for us Jesus Christ our God and Lord became incarnate, died, and rose for our sake. He bestows the benefits of His redeeming work on us as He places His body and blood into our mouths in the Sacrament of the Altar. As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: We pray: 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:

All: 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.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")

First Distribution Hymn

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Second Distribution Hymn

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Common Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and blood. . .and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Generosity Praises

based on Psalm 106:1, 145:13

P: Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: **his love endures forever.**

P: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

C: **and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

P: The LORD is faithful in all his words

C: **and kind in all his works. Amen.**

Benediction

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve you.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

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Announcements

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Opening Hymn How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds LSB 524



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My
 4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
 shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing
 Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.
 hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
 trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
 way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

5 How weak the effort of my heart,
 How cold my warmest thought!
 But when I see Thee as Thou art,
 I'll praise Thee as I ought.

6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim
 With ev'ry fleeting breath;
 And may the music of Thy name
 Refresh my soul in death!

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1 Christ, our hu - man like - ness shar - ing, Heav - en's love on
 2 Hear the word that Christ has spo - ken, Help the weak, the
 3 Christ, in ev - 'ry con - gre - ga - tion Build Your tem - ple,
 4 Come, O liv - ing Christ, re - new us, As of old in



earth por - trayed; Christ the Shep - herd, tend - ing, car - ing,
 hun - gry feed; See the pow'rs of dark - ness bro - ken,
 stone by stone, With Your word as firm foun - da - tion
 wind and flame; With the Spir - it's pow'r en - due us,



In His death our ran - som paid: Christ the Sav - ior,
 Sin - ners par - doned, cap - tives freed: Christ the Sav - ior,
 For a faith ma - tured and grown: Christ the Sav - ior,
 Ser - vants of Your sav - ing name: Christ the Sav - ior,



Christ the Ser - vant, Be Your life in us dis - played.
 Christ the Ser - vant, Help us meet our neigh - bor's need.
 Christ the Ser - vant, Make in us Your Gos - pel known.
 Christ the Ser - vant, Christ whose king - dom we pro - claim.

First Distribution Hymn

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

LSB 637



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow

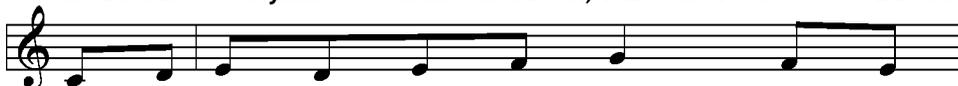


Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

Second Distribution Hymn

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

LSB 680



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
 3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

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Closing Hymn Sent Forth by God's Blessing LSB 643



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con - fess - ing,
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing,



The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take leave.
 The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.



The Sup - per is end - ed. O now be ex - tend - ed
 Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,



The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
 Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing



To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.