

# **GOD'S GENEROSITY STORIES**

**SERMON SERIES - NOVEMBER 11, 18, 22 & 25**



God's power abounds in a  
community of generous givers.

**26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 18, 2018**

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## ***WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,  
Mandi Diver – Choir/New Music Accompanist

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### ***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.

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### ***SERVING TODAY***

#### ***Sunday 8:00AM***

***Elders:*** JJ Jones  
***Comm/Asst. Elder:*** **OPEN**  
***Acolytes:*** Holly Faitsch, Emma Megerle  
***Lay Readers:*** Margie & Ted Tatgenhorst  
***Ushers:*** Paul DeLassus, John Kozlik  
***Greeters:*** The Lahera Family,  
The Leicht Family  
***Fellowship:*** Sanders & Vana Families  
***Nov. Altar Guild:*** Diane Mundrick  
***Nov. Counters:*** Monte Stoltzman

#### ***Sunday 10:45AM***

***Bob Souza***  
***Monte Stoltzman***  
***Annika Chudy, Jake Chudy***  
***Linda & Bob Piepenbrink***  
***Jay Souza, Lance Rasmussen***  
***Bob & Linda Piepenbrink,***  
***The Bill Ratzburg Family***  
  
***Deborah Wuethrick***  
***Bill & Kathy Schwartz***

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### ***TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:***

Lynda and Bill Oesterreich in memory of Lynda's dad, Lester Gerber, and  
Lauri and Jerry Rizzo in memory of Laurie's mother, Lucille Oye.

# In Today's Prayers

*If you have something you'd like added,  
please go to one of the Prayer Stands,  
write down your request, & put in the plastic rack.*



In our weekly Worship Prayers, we lift up praises, thanksgivings, requests, and concerns to our Lord. In order to help us pray to God about the wholeness of our lives in the world, we have a schedule for when we will focus on specific areas for prayer. Any immediate needs will always take priority, but in general, we will follow this schedule. Please note that this means on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, Pastor will speak the names of everyone on our health concerns list, but on other Sundays, this will be lifted up only as a general prayer for health and healing.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

### Government & Safety

Local, State and Federal government and leaders  
Local police and fire departments

### Local concerns

Marc & Pedro, men who burglarized Bethel, 30 months probation/rehabilitation  
The people around us who do not know Jesus and salvation in His Gospel

### Congregation: Spiritual Conversation

Help us talk about spiritual things that are the source and foundation for life, and build relationships and friendships that include these conversations

## ***DIVINE SERVICE I***

This service is from *Divine Service, Setting One*, in Lutheran Service Book.

### **Opening Hymn**

### ***Christ the Eternal Lord***

LSB 829 sts. 1-4



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,  
2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,  
3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,  
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,



Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;  
Whose time - less teach - ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip - ture's page;  
And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;  
Our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,  
Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,  
In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,  
That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.  
With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.  
That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.  
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.

## **Invocation**

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

C: **Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)**

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.**

1 John 1:8-9

P: We pause in silence to reflect on our personal sins that trouble us.

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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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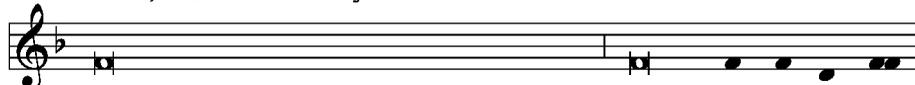
# Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



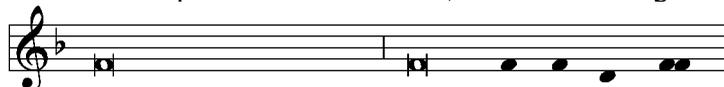
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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



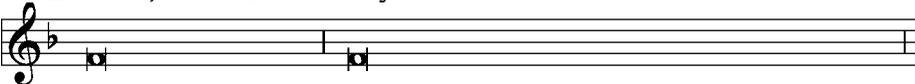
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



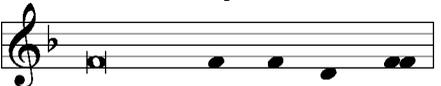
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



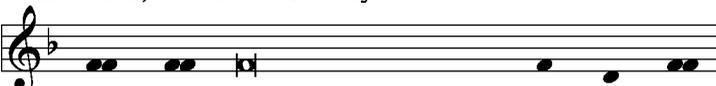
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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**

*Refrain*

**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.

## Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You show us what love, charity, and compassion are. Grant Your Church the grace to show generosity and love to all people—children and the poor and and the widowed and the elderly and the distressed. Give us ways to plead the cause of those who have no helper, especially those tossed by tempests of doubt or grief. We ask this for the sake of Him who gave His life for us, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

### **Anthem**

### **“Praise God, Ye Servants of the Lord”**

### **Adult Choir**

- Use the anthem’s music and words to help you to meditate on God’s Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

*Praise God, ye servants of the Lord, O praise His name with one accord;  
Bless ye the Lord, His name adore From this time forth forevermore.*

*From rising unto setting sun Praised be the Lord, the Mighty One;  
He reigns o’er all, supreme in might, Above the heav’ns in glory bright.*

*On whom but God can we rely, The Lord our God who reigns on high,  
Who condescends to see and know The things of heav’n and earth below.*

*He lifts the poor and makes them great, With joy He fills the desolate;  
Praise ye the Lord and bless His name, His mercy and His might proclaim.*

**Old Testament Reading****Daniel 12:1–3 (ESV)**

[One like a Son of Man said to Daniel]: <sup>1</sup>“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle (New Testament Letter)****Hebrews 10:11–25 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup> Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

<sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup>waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

<sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

<sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,”

<sup>17</sup>then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

# Song of Praise

# Counting Every Blessing



5 1. I was blind, now I'm see - ing in col - our. I was dead, now I'm liv - ing for -  
lost, now I'm found by the Fa - ther. I've been changed from a ru - in to



ev - er. I had failed, but You were my Re - deem - er. I've been blessed be - yond all meas -  
tre - a - ure. I've been giv - en a hope and a fu - ture. I've been blessed be - yond all meas -

9 1. 2.



13 ure. 2. I was I am count - ing ev - ry bless - ing, count - ing ev - ry bless - ing,



16 Let - ting go and trust - ing when I can - not see. I am count - ing ev - ry bless - ing.



19 count - ing ev - ry bless - ing. Sure - ly ev - ry sea - son You are good to me. I am

2. 19



22 good to me. Oh, You are good to me.



Oh, You are good to me.

## Holy Gospel

**Mark 13:1–13 (ESV)**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter.



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

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!”

<sup>2</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

<sup>3</sup>And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>“Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup>And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

<sup>9</sup>“But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. <sup>10</sup>And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. <sup>11</sup>And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. <sup>12</sup>And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. <sup>13</sup>And you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - boye.  
 Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.  
 Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di - vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
 Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
 Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine!

## Sermon

### Confession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.—And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.—And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Nicene Creed

## Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

### Offertory

### Lord of All Good

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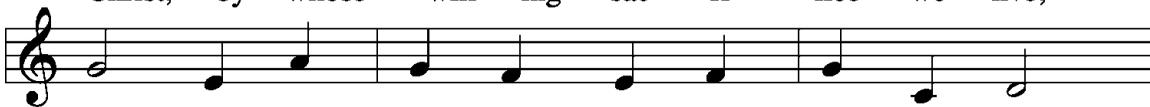
(Sung as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;  
2 We give our minds to un - der - stand Your ways;  
3 Fa - ther, whose boun - ty all cre - a - tion shows;



Use them Your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill.  
Hands, eyes, and voice to serve Your great de - sign;  
Christ, by whose will - ing sac - ri - fice we live;



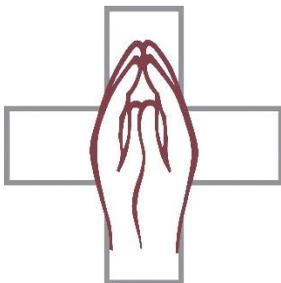
To - kens of love and pledg - es they shall be  
Hearts with the flame of Your own love a - blaze—  
Spir - it, from whom all life in full - ness flows:



That our whole life is of - fered to Your will.  
Thus for Your glo - ry all our pow'rs com - bine.  
To You with grate - ful hearts our - selves we give.

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## Prayers



## **The Lord's Supper: What We Believe**

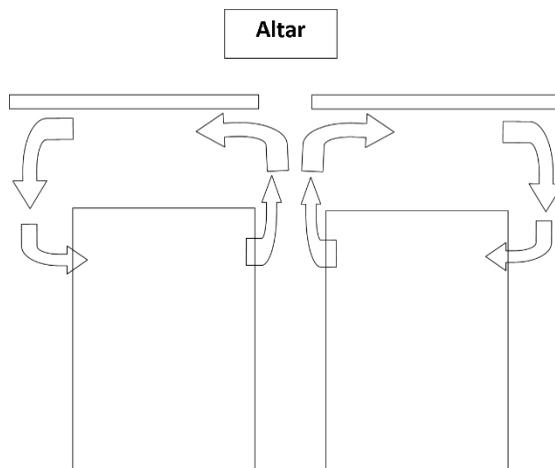
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

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.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



## Preparation for the Lord's Supper

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**P** The Lord be with you.



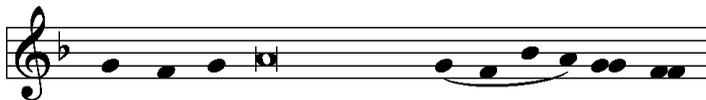
**C** And al - so with you.



**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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

LSB 161



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



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## ***The Lord's Prayer***

P: Lord, 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.")

### ***Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)***

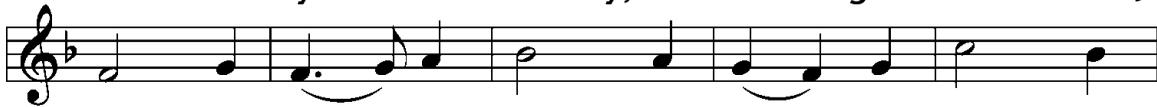
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The musical score for "Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)" is written on four staves of music in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in a soprano clef. The lyrics are: "Lamb 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." The word "grant" is underlined with a slur. The score ends with a double bar line.

**■** 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.

**First Distribution Hymn Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us**

LSB 851



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your  
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,  
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our  
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your  
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious  
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."  
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You  
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful  
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your  
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.  
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?  
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

**Second Distribution 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.

**Common Dismissal**

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord... C: Amen.

**Post-Communion Prayer**

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

**Benediction**

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: Amen.

**Closing Hymn**

**Praise to You and Adoration**

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1 Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,  
2 Hold me ev - er in Your keep - ing; Com - fort me in



Son of God, Who, to serve Your own cre - a - tion, Came to  
pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with



share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I nev - er may  
me through - out my life. Give me great - er love for You,



From Your fold or pas - tures stray, But with zeal and  
And my faith and hope re - new In Your birth, Your



joy ex - ceed - ing Fol - low where Your steps are lead - ing.  
life, and pas - sion, In Your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

# BUDDY BENCH

Spaulding Elementary (Gurnee District 56) recently collected hundreds of pounds of plastic caps from bottles that are turned into a Buddy Bench for their playground. The Buddy Bench is a place for a student to go sit, signaling to others that they're looking for someone to play with. This sounds a lot like



Bethel's "Park Bench" metaphor from our *Mission Glossary*:

"A park bench is anything that brings people together in relationships."

## EVERY PEW IS A BUDDY BENCH

In worship, we're not just individuals. We are brothers and sisters in Christ; Jesus gathers us as a community of disciples in this place. So every pew, every row of chairs is a Buddy Bench. We use our time together as opportunities to introduce ourselves to others, to maybe have to reintroduce yourself and admit you forgot someone's name, to welcome someone you haven't met yet, and to watch for ways to encourage one another in Jesus.

## MY WORSHIP BUDDIES

Use this space to write down the names of the people around you today: