



Our Redeemer

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

8:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

9:30 a.m. Education Opening and 9:40 a.m. Christian Education

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Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (ORLC) is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. We are a traditional denomination of over 5700 churches that believe that the Bible is the inerrant Word of God and that Jesus died to atone for our sins. This Jesus also rose again bodily and has sent the Holy Spirit to call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify us. More information about the LCMS can be found at www.lcms.org

GUESTS/VISITORS: We welcome you! Please stop at our welcome center and get information about our Church, programs and ministries! If you have a question, we would consider it a joy to be a resource to you in your walk with Jesus.

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WHEN CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is very important to us at Our Redeemer. We ask that you read the following questions and if your answer is "Yes" to each of them, then joyfully receive the Lord's gift in His Sacrament.

- Have you confessed your sins, asking God to forgive and do you resolve, with His help, to amend your sinful ways?
- Do you believe that faith in Jesus Christ as Son of God is the only way to eternal life?
- Have you been baptized and confirmed (or received adult instruction)?
- Do you believe that with the bread and wine are Christ's true body and blood (received in the eating and drinking of the Lord's Supper)?
- Do you understand that in the Lord's Supper you receive forgiveness of your sins?

If for some reason your answer is "No" to a question and you still wish to receive the Lord's Supper, you may talk to the service Captain or the Pastor for additional clarification.

Prelude/Welcome & Announcements/Sharing of the Peace

Hymn of Invocation

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

LSB 901

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be

en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;
done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
 There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
 Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
 May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing
 While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the

is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
 en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
 hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.
 foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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

A In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

A 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.

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

A 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 2:6–7; 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18

But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.

I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

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.

But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

Kyrie

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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

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[A] Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

[C] Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:
We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.
For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,
You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

A The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

A Let us pray. Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Children's Message

Mrs. Susan Shipman

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6

1"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. 2Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. 3For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. 4"Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and

I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. 5My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. 6Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 138; antiphon: v. 8a



1I give you thanks, O LORD, with | my whole heart;* before the gods I | sing your praise;
 2I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name | your steadfast love and your | faithfulness,*
 for you have exalted above all things your name | and your word.
 3On the day I called, you | answered me;* my strength of soul | you increased.
 4All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, | O LORD,* for they have heard the words | of your mouth,
 5and they shall sing of the ways | of the LORD,* for great is the glory | of the LORD.
 6For though the LORD is high, he regards the | lowly,* but the haughty he knows | from afar.
 7Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you pre- | serve my life;* you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my
 enemies, and your right hand de- | livers me.
 8The LORD will fulfill his pur- | pose for me;* your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
 Do not forsake the work | of your hands.

Epistle

Romans 11:33–12:8

33Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

34"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?"

35"Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"

36For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

1I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

13Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." 20Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

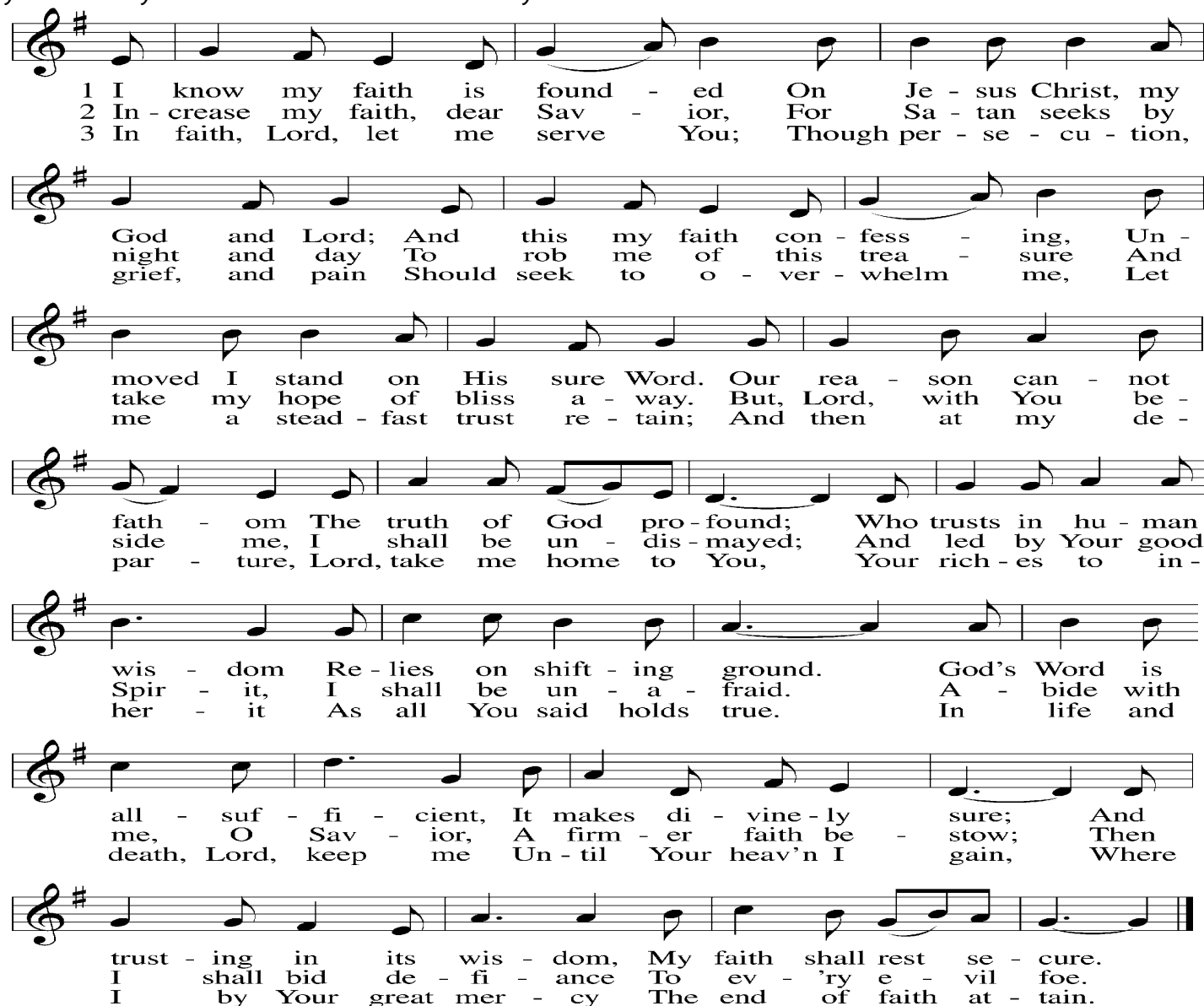
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

I Know My Faith Is Founded

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1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my
 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by
 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though per - se - cu - tion,

God night and Lord; And this my faith con - fess - ing, Un -
 grief, and day To rob me of this trea - sure And
 pain Should seek to o - ver - whelm me, Let

moved I stand on His sure Word. Our rea - son can - not
 take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with You be -
 me a stead - fast trust re - tain; And then at my de -

fath - om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in hu - man
 side me, I shall be un - dis - mayed; And led by Your good
 par - ture, Lord, take me home to You, Your rich - es to in -

wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is
 Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with
 her - it As all You said holds true. In life and

all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure; And
 me, O Sav - ior, A firm - er faith be - stow; Then
 death, Lord, keep me Un - til Your heav'n I gain, Where

trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.
 I shall bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.
 I by Your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

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Sermon

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 T of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

A Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

Offering

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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

LSB 161



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 Words of Our Lord Lord's Prayer

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.

Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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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.



Distribution

Distribution Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

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1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred
4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet
5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,
bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
and are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,
three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with
 And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to
 As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,

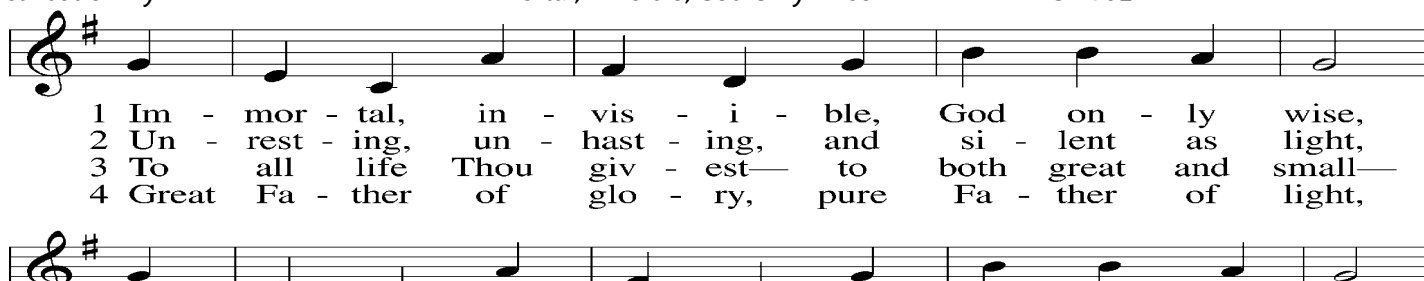
vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
 sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
 bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.
 bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: Latin, c. 4th cent.; German version Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774, Vienna; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900, alt.
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Distribution Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

LSB 802



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree
 All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
 Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

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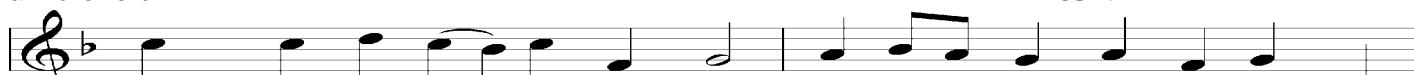
Stand - In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.

C Amen.

Thank the Lord

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 Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear His name.



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 Amen.

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.

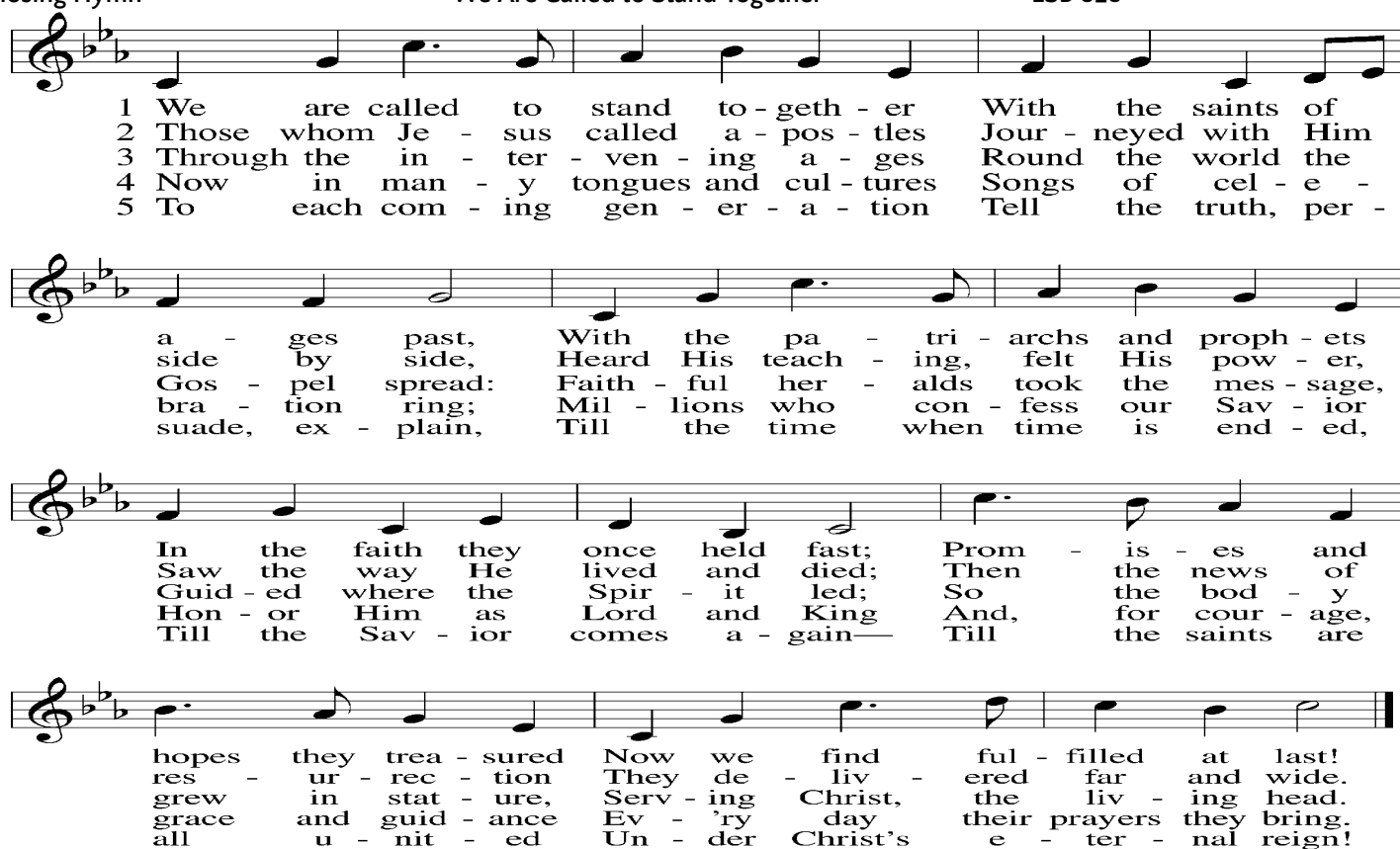
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

We Are Called to Stand Together

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P Chosen in Christ in our Baptism,

C We now go, gifted to serve Him always.

Postlude

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SERVANTS TODAY – AUGUST 23, 2026

	8:15am	11:00am
Preacher	Rev. Roger Schwartz	Rev. Roger Schwartz
Worship Leader	Brandon Lantz	Brandon Lantz
Communion Assistants	John Drake Andrew Reynolds Paul Whaley	Bill DeLoach Howard Durrell Ken Wingeier
Captain	George Walls	Andrew DeBrosse
Usher	Mark Reitz	Jonathon Waid
Greeter	Carolyn Phillpotts	Bonnie McClain
Acolyte	Claire Whaley	Logan Durrell
Reader	Michael Phillpotts	David Gresch
Brookdale	Bill DeLoach & Caleb Bowers	
Flowers	One vase is given to the glory of God by Jana Sandarg in loving memory of her husband, Bob Sandarg. One vase is given to the glory of God by Roger & Delores Schwartz on the occasion of their Thirty-Third Wedding Anniversary on August 14th.	