

**+ THE HOLY COMMUNION +**  
**Seventeenth Sunday after**  
**Pentecost**



**IF YOU HAD FAITH  
THE SIZE OF  
A MUSTARD SEED,  
YOU COULD SAY TO  
THIS MULBERRY TREE,  
'BE UPROOTED AND  
PLANTED IN THE SEA,'  
AND IT WOULD OBEY YOU.**

**LUKE 17.6**

**OCTOBER 2, 2022**  
**10:00 A.M.**

# CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA

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*Judy Johnson – Music Director*

*Peggy Keen – Pianist*

## Mission Statement

*Growing in Christ, loving our neighbor!*

*A cordial welcome to all!*

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Welcome to Cross of Christ! We invite you to sign our **guest book** in the narthex at the entrance of the church. Those who are able are encouraged to follow the directions for sitting, standing, and turning as they appear in this bulletin. If you need any assistance during the service, the ushers are here to serve you.

### *Church facilities*

**Restrooms** are available down the hallway on the left side. There is a baby changing table in each restroom.

**Classrooms** are located along the far side of the Fellowship Hall.

**The Fellowship Hall** is available for rental. For details, please call the church office.

**A Large-print Bulletin** is available from the usher.

### *Families*

**We believe that children of all ages belong in worship. They are a welcomed part of the assembly, and we enjoy hearing them as well as seeing them.** There are Children’s bulletins along with crayons at the back of the sanctuary. If you find it helpful, feel free to move around the sanctuary or stand in the back to help soothe your child. If you find it necessary to leave the worship space for a short time, the middle classroom off the Fellowship Hall has a rocking chair. The service can be heard through a speaker system. Please return as soon as you feel comfortable. **Children and youth of all ages are also encouraged to participate in worship leadership roles when parents feel they are ready.** If you need assistance for any reason, please don’t hesitate to ask an Usher or the Council Person on duty.

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*A little faith goes a long way is our Lord's point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth has miraculous potential, The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in water and the word (holy baptism), bread and wine (holy communion), the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.*

**The color for the Sundays after Pentecost is green, which represents growth.**

## GATHERING

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*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.*

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*As you gather in the sanctuary, please be mindful of those around you that may be praying or preparing for worship by quieting their hearts and minds. During the prayers of intercession, you will have opportunity to voice your prayer concerns.*

**PRELUDE "He Is Lord"** Arranged by Janet Vogt © 2007 Lorenz Pub.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

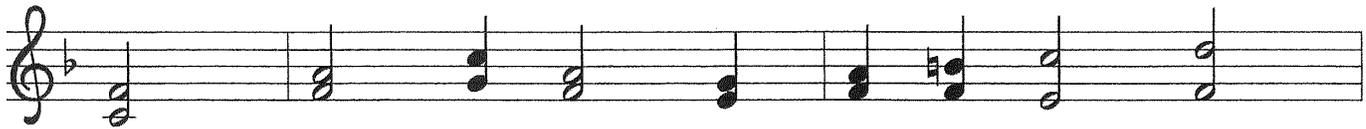
Dear friends together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**GATHERING Hymn** “*Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*” ELW #527



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; our  
 2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise in  
 3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, “O  
 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and



hearts in true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with  
 end - less hymns through all our days; in - crease our faith and  
 ho - ly, ho - ly Lord Most High!” And in the light of  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



light di - vine, and let your truth with - in us shine.  
 light our minds; and set us free from doubt that blinds.  
 that blest place we then shall see you face to face.  
 Trin - i - ty, be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

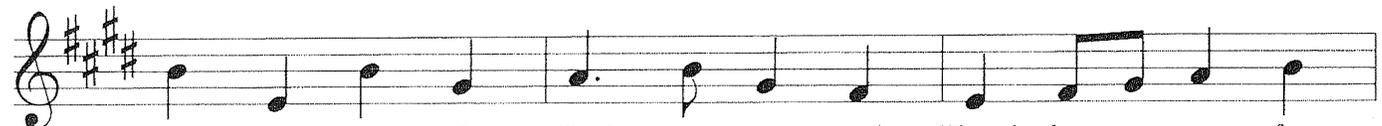
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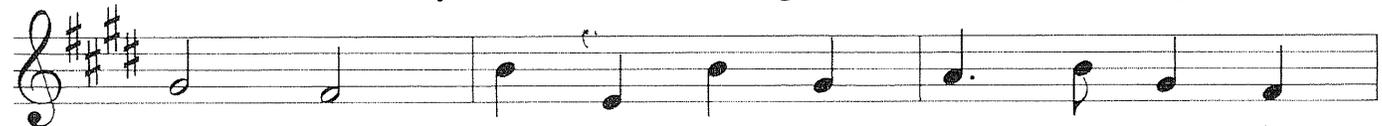
**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** “*Praise to You, O God of Mercy*” WOV #790



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy! Thanks be to you for -  
 2 From of old you loved and sought us! Thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:

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thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 thanks be to you for -

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -

To vs. 2

mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

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ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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 Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
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THANKS BE TO YOU  
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The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Benevolent, merciful God: **When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

*Assembly sits.*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## WORD

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**First Reading**, a reading from Habakkuk

(Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4)

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous – therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**A reading from Psalm 37**, read responsively.

(*Psalm 37:1-9*)

Do not fret because of the wicked;

**do not be envious of wrongdoers,**  
for they will soon fade like the grass,  
**and wither like the green herb.**

Trust in the Lord, and do good;

**so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.**  
Take delight in the Lord,  
**and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the Lord;

**trust in him, and he will act.**  
He will make your vindication shine like the light,  
**and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;  
**do not fret over those who prosper in their way,  
over those who carry out evil devices.**

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.

**Do not fret—it leads only to evil.**

For the wicked shall be cut off,

**but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.**

**Second Reading** a reading from **Second Timothy.**      (*2 Timothy 1:1-14*)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God – whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did – when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Assembly stands.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - ELW Page 205

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Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## HOLY GOSPEL *(Luke 17:5-10)*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea’ and it would obey you. Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

*Assembly sits.*

## SERMON

Assembly stands.

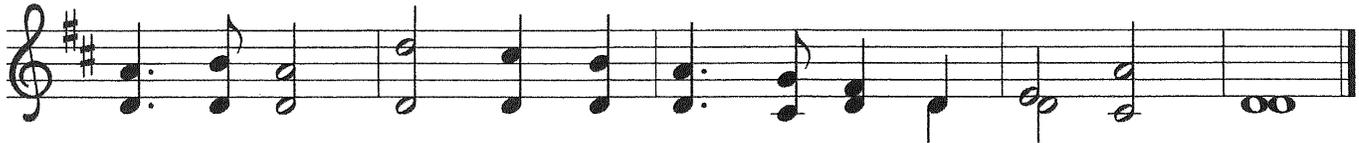
**HYMN OF THE DAY** “*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*” ELW #759



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's  
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887  
Music: Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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## **Apostles' Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Prayers reflect the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world.*

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ. Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster; relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornados, and hurricanes. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of wisdom and might, we ask that you continue to watch over the members of this congregation, our families, and the members of our community. Please keep everyone safe and hear the prayers of all, as we continue to be part of you and the love you have for us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You may now offer the prayers of your heart, whether silently or spoken (*brief silence*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died. Bring eternal life with you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*(All greet one another with a gesture of peace, using words such as, "Peace be with you.")*

*Assembly sits.*

## MEAL

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### GATHERING OF GIFTS

*Gifts are gathered for those in need and for the mission and purpose of our congregation. You may place your offering in the offering plate, mail it in, or you can donate on-line at [Givelify.com](http://Givelify.com). There is a wheelbarrow for the collection of food in the Narthex. If anyone needs offering envelopes, they are available in the church office. **Visitors** – your presence with us is gift enough. We expect members to support the mission and ministry of this congregation. Visitors are invited to just enjoy worship and fellowship.*

**OFFERING HYMN** “*Change My Heart, O God*” words and music by Eddie Espinosa arranged by Mark Hayes. © 1982 Mercy Publishing

*As the gifts of bread, wine, and money are brought forward, the **people stand and sing.***

### OFFERTORY “*Give Thanks*”

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the  
Ho - ly One; Give thanks be - cause He's giv - en Je - sus  
Christ, His Son. And

now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the  
 poor say, "I am rich" be - cause of  
 what the Lord has done for  
 us. Give thanks.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. (*Silence for reflection and meditation*)

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make these gifts a banquet of blessing and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is our duty and our joy to thank you, Lord God, our hope and our foundation, because you made this sunrise of wonder, and you established the heavens in bright array. With great joy you called a people and set them free. Finally in your Son Jesus you came among your people and let loose the power of your Spirit. In Jesus'

death and resurrection, you transformed our meanness and cruelty into your unfailing joy and grace. And so, we praise you with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending praise.

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Exhilarating God, in Jesus you have given us the architect of our salvation, and in this meal you show us your willingness to be broken and poured out to win us back to you. Send down your Holy Spirit, that your people may be sanctified by your grace, and these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Generous God, as you fill us with the bread of life, renew our hope that not only we but all your people may never be hungry again. Make us heralds and apostles and teachers, that we may know your power to save, be called to spread your grace and mercy, and build one another up in the ways of righteousness and peace; that our tradition may be renewed in trust, deepened in suffering, and resolute amid shame, until we see you face to face, and your justice shines throughout the earth, and all people rise to enjoy your glory, ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The minister addresses the assembly:*

Christ invites you to this table.  
Come, taste and see.

## THE AGNUS DEI      *"Jesus, Lamb of God"* ELW #199

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937  
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*Assembly sits.*

## COMMUNION

*Our Lord's body and blood are truly present in the bread and wine to forgive and strengthen us. We practice open communion: all Baptized Christians are welcome to commune with us. White grape juice is available at communion for those who prefer it. It is located in the center ring of each tray of glasses. Gluten free wafers are available. Please indicate to the pastor during distribution if you would rather have gluten free wafers. If you prefer communion at your seat, please let one of our ushers know. In preparation for receiving the Sacrament, a simple prayer such as this or another appropriate prayer may be said "May the Blood of Christ bring me everlasting life."*

**COMMUNION HYMN "Softly and Tenderly"** Arranged by Craig Curry © 2016 Lorenz Pub.

*After all have communed, the assembly stands.*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of the abundant table, **you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING

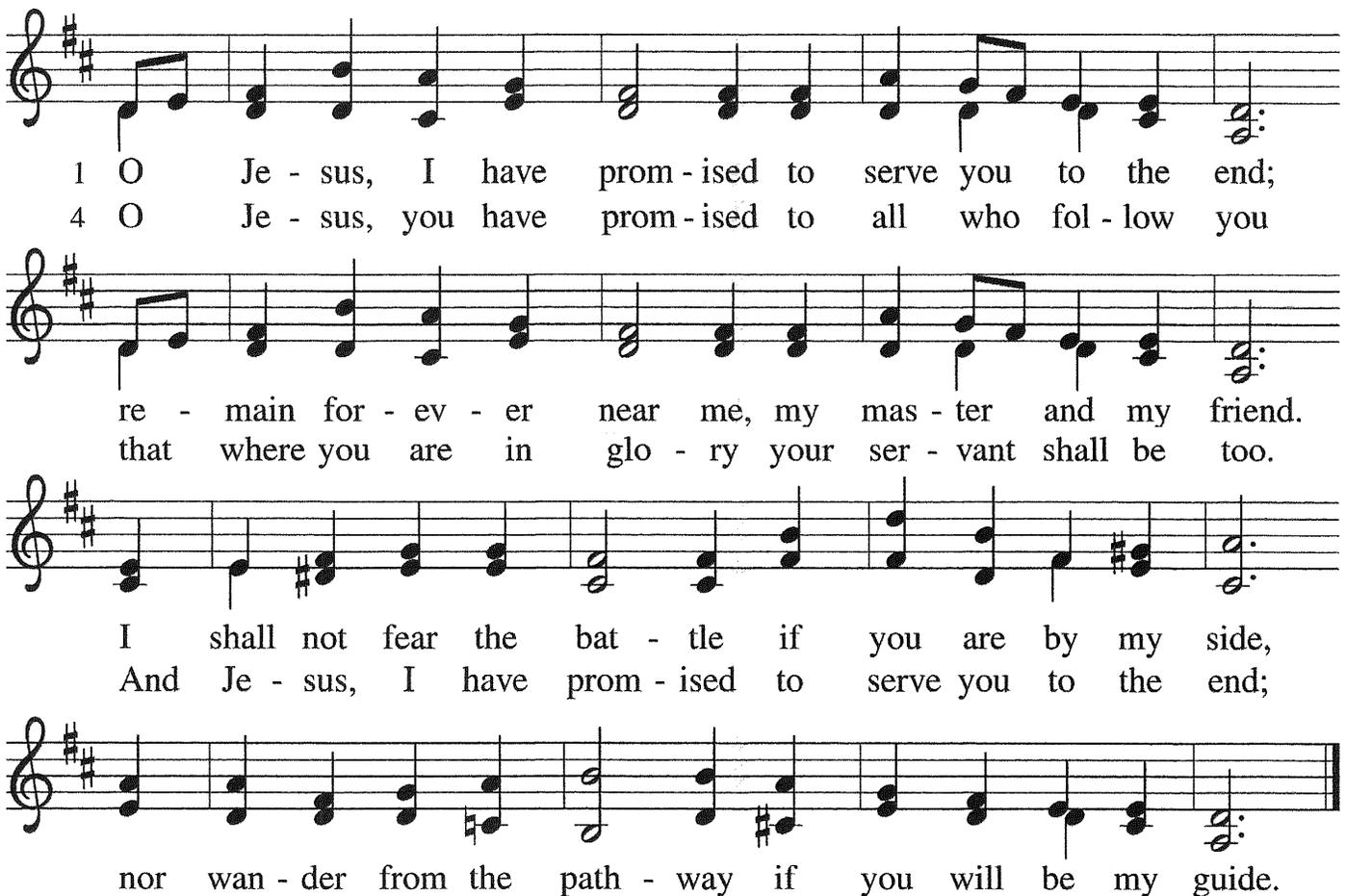
*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope and love. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN "O Jesus, I Have Promised" ELW #810 vs. 1 & 4



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you  
re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.  
I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.

oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.  
Music: *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**Growing in Christ, loving our neighbor! Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”* Arr. by Kurt Kaiser © 1998 Word Music

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