

Day of Pentecost  
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Evangelical Lutheran Worship Liturgy Setting 8

*We prepare our hearts and minds to center in God's presence.*

**Prelude**

*Please fill out the red friendship pad located in your pew. We ask that everyone, both members and visitors alike, write their contact information, including address, in the spaces provided. Please pass to the next person in your row. After all have signed, return the pad back to the other end, noting the names of others in your pew.*

**Bell Toll**

**Welcome**

*Stand*

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more.

Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**



1 O Spir - it all - em - brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,  
 2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,  
 3 Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies:  
 you show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.  
 and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart



un - fail - ing is your trea - sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;  
 We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;  
 to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



sur - pass - ing world - ly plea - sure, the rich - es you af - ford.  
 you fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.  
 to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;  
 Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;  
 for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;



come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.  
 un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.  
 in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874-1934

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## 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.**

## Kyrie

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Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for  
hun-gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam-i-ly; for  
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



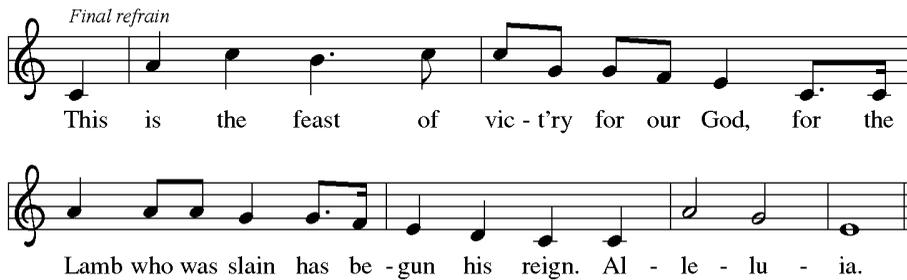
le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

**God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

## **First Reading: Acts 2:1-21**

*Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia,

Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>‘In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

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



## Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

*Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive a new name in our adoption: child of God.*

<sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

*Stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel: John 14:8-17, 25-27

### Glory to you, O Lord.

*Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.*

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup>"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

### Sermon

Pastor Bruce Falksen

*Stand*

### Hymn of the Day

"Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"

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Verses 1, 2 – All

Verse 3 – Choir

Verses 4, 5 – All

# Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

*Njoo kwetu, Roho mwema*

*Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.*  
1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.  
2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.  
3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.

*Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.*  
It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.  
Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.  
Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

*Refrain*

*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,  
nor rootless liberty;  
turn disquiet to contentment,  
doubt into certainty.

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,  
unswayed by earth's allure.  
Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
which you alone assure.

Text: Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922  
Music: NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA, Wilson Niwagila; arr. Egil Hovland, b. 1924  
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## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

## **Blessing of Graduates**

*All high school and college graduates who are here today, please come forward at this time.*

Dear graduates: At this special time in your life we are eager to show you how delighted we are that you have reached this milestone in your life. As fellow members of this community of faith we rejoice with you and want you to know of our pride and excitement as you move from this accomplishment into the next phase of your life. We also want you to know that wherever you go and whatever you do, you are going forward with our prayers for God's continued guidance, power, protection, and strength.

*(Place prayer shawls around the graduates' shoulders)*

Grant, O Savior, to each of these graduates the knowledge of your continued presence as they go forth into the future. Guide their steps. May these shawls be a physical reminder of your presence and the love of this congregation. Bless them and keep them now and forever.

**Amen.**

People of Church of Our Saviour, listen: Do you claim these graduates as siblings in Christ, called to ministry according to their talents?

**In God's love, we claim them.**

As their home congregation, do you promise to support them, take an interest in their future, be with them in their celebration and sadness, and welcome them whenever they return to Church of Our Saviour?

**In God's love, we support them.**

Do you promise to faithfully pray for these siblings, placing their futures into God's loving hands as they make their choices?

**In God's love, we pray for them.**

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you bless your servants with many achievements. We give thanks especially today for the milestones that these graduates have attained. As they begin new phases of their lives, may they know your love in all the experiences they have. Bless the families of these students, who have supported and nourished them in Christian faith. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Graduates –

Go out into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve our God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Graduates may return to their seats.*

*All Stand*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

**A.** Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Holy Living One, Holy Moving One, burst open our locked doors, and by your Spirit drive us out into the world proclaiming your mighty deeds. Direct our words and actions, trusting the Advocate abiding in and among us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Feed and care for creatures that remain hidden to us yet contribute to the vibrancy of your creation. Train us to interact with creation from a place of wonder, awe, and reverence. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send your Spirit to places where language is a barrier to justice and mercy for those who seek it. Bless the work of translators, interpreters, and teachers. Promote understanding for the sake of those longing for true freedom and peace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort all who live in constant fear and any who are suffering. We especially pray for healing and comfort for those on the prayer list. (*Here other intercessions may be offered*). Remind them that your Spirit has made them your children and that they are never far from your glory. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide all bishops, pastors, missionaries, and other ministers of the gospel. Foster our

relationships with partner synods and local ministry partners, that our visions and actions are Spirit-led. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gather your people across regions, nations, and lands. Root our common life in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and by your Spirit bind us together with all the saints who have gone before us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Please share a non-contact greeting with each other. Suggestions are to wave, nod, smile, elbow bump or share the peace sign.*

*Sit*

### **Offering/Special Music**

“Come, Spirit, Come”  
Adult Choir

Mary Kay Beall

*Stand*

### **Offertory Hymn**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
*Sing as gifts are brought forward.*

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Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.  
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

### **Offering Prayer**

**A.** Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

**Preface**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Words of Institution**

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.

## The Lord's Prayer

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.

*Sit*

## Holy Communion

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table, guests and members alike. Jesus' body and blood are given in the Eucharistic meal for the forgiveness of sins. The Lord invites you, and the decision to receive Holy Communion belongs to you. Children are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. Both sides of pews may come forward. The pastor will be in the middle and will give you a wafer to consume. Then proceed to the assisting minister or communion assistant that is on your side of pews. Take a small cup of wine or grape juice from the silver tray to drink. Grape juice is in the center. Gluten-free wafers are also available upon request. Baskets are provided for disposal of plastic cups. If you would like to bring communion to someone, disposable communion kits are available upon request.*

## Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. 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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.'

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;  
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;  
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;  
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;  
 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;

breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.  
 kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.  
 by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.  
 speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.  
 be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819–1892  
 Music: SONG 13, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

*Please stand after all have returned to their place.*

### **Blessing**

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace unto Everlasting Life. **Amen.**

### Prayer after Communion

**A.** We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### Sending Prayer for Communion to Sick and Homebound

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist us in this ministry on which we are sent forth. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence. **Amen.**

### Blessing

May the Creator bless you and keep you;  
may the beloved companion face you and have mercy on you;  
may the eternal Spirit's countenance be turned to you and give you peace;  
may the Three in One bless you. **Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

"O Day Full of Grace"

#627

1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on  
 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the  
 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the  
 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new  
 5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for

earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may  
 earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -  
 cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the  
 life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be  
 us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -

be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
 lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all  
 stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -  
 lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the  
 glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will

now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
 mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.  
 gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.  
 mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.  
 join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001, alt.  
 Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842  
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## Dismissal

**A.** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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## GOSPEL MESSAGE

Periodically a case of art forgery makes the news. Someone has created or tried to sell pieces of art that are purportedly the work of a well-known or an up-and-coming artist. The untrained viewer may see beauty in the piece and see the signature on the work and believe it to belong to the artist who is named.

These forgeries may also appear legitimate to an expert at first glance, but their training calls them to look more deeply at the work. They will examine methods, look for inconsistencies, and use various tools to assess the work's authenticity.

The disciples experience Jesus to be an unbelievably authentic teacher, healer, and miracle worker, but Jesus has made some bold claims about himself. They have just heard him say, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). They have questions. It is Philip who asks Jesus to show them the Father. Thomas has already asked how they can know the way to where Jesus is going.

In response to these questions, Jesus points them to his unity with the Father, but more so to his works. Just as the art expert looks deeply into the work on canvas, Jesus invites the disciples to go beyond his words and examine his works. He is training them to be experts at spotting God's grace operating all around them. They will have the Holy Spirit to assist along the way, but the world will neither see nor know the Spirit.

In worship we gather around the waters of baptism, we hear God's word, and we share in the bread and wine. These experiences are part of our training to be experts of grace. At the end of worship, we are sent out with the power of the Holy Spirit to look for grace at work, to share our good works, and to glorify our Father in heaven.

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