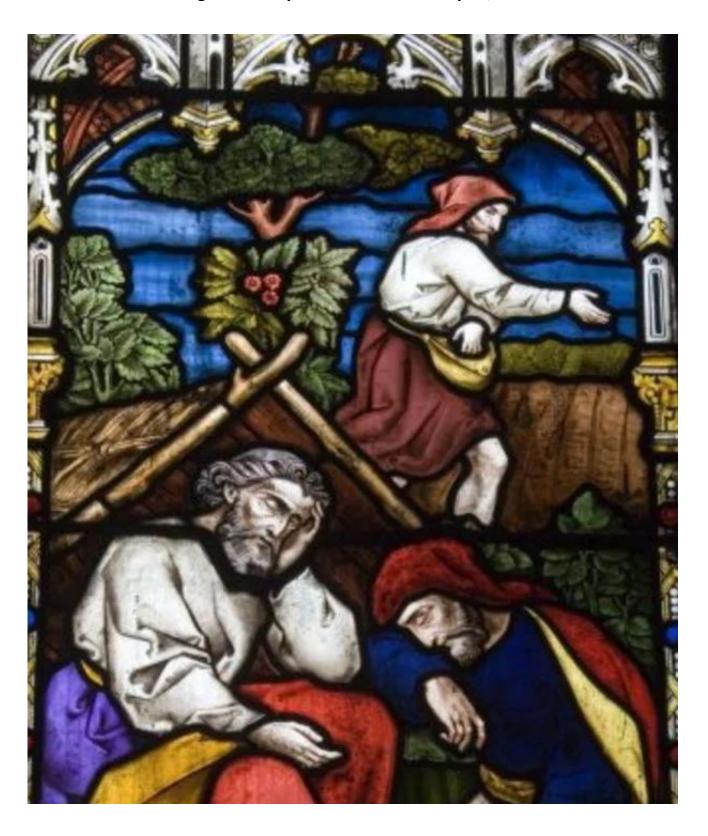
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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – July 23, 2023



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PRELUDE

"We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit"

Dietrich Buxtehude

SHARE THE PEACE OF THE LORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (10:30 a.m.)

804 O Worship the King



- 5 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail. Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!
- 6 O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
 While angels delight to hymn Thee above,
 Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
 With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

Stand

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

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

- C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C 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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Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;* listen to my | plea for grace.
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Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk | in your truth;*
unite my heart to | fear your name.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart,*
and I will glorify your name for- | ever.

For great is your steadfast | love toward me;*
you have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.

O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men | seek my life,*
and they do not set you be- | fore them.

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious,*
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and | faithfulness.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;* listen to my plea for grace.

Kyrie LSB 204



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204



2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray; 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth! O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.
Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

¹Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the | wicked,* nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of | scoffers;

²but his delight is in the law | of the LORD,* and on his law he meditates | day and night.

³He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not | wither.* In all that he does, he | prospers.

⁴The wicked | are not so,* but are like chaff that the wind | drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,* nor sinners in the congregation of the | righteous;

⁶for the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,* but the way of the wicked will | perish.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Epistle Romans 8:18–27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

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 + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit 663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray



TITLE OF THE SERMON:

" UNRIGHTEOUS WEEDS - RIGHTEOUS WHEAT"

TEXT: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 DATE: 7-23-23

LITURGICAL DAY: 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: The kingdom of heaven is like good seed sowed in the field.

- I. THE SOWER OF THE SEED Jesus Christ The Son of Man
- II. THE FIELD AND THE WEEDS The World The Sons of the Devil

III. THE GOOD SEED AND THE WHEAT -The Righteous Ones - The Sons of God

CONCLUSION:

At the harvest at the end of the age, the weeds will be thrown into the fiery furnace of hell and the wheat will be brought into the barn of heaven.

There the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father!

The Reality: Only in Jesus Christ's righteousness earned for us on the cross can we be accounted righteous in God the Father's kingdom!

HOLY COMMUNION POLICY:

Holy Communion is administered to Lutheran Church Missouri Synod members and LCMS guests who have been instructed, catechized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith.

If you are visiting, please speak to the Elder of the day, or to the Pastor about receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

ATTENDANCE AND COMMUNION REGISTRATION:

During the gathering of the Offerings, members and visitors please pick up the Ritual of Friendship pad at the end of the pew, take out a white (member) or tan (visitor) sheet and pass the pad down the pew to the people sitting next to you.

Please fill out the date, address and phone number information as well as e-mail addresses.

The sheets will be collected in the baskets in the narthex as you leave. Thank you!

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Note: If you would like a prayer included in the Divine Service today, please fill out the form and hand it to the elder or usher at the beginning of the service. You may also call the church office, e-mail, or leave a message on the answering machine for special prayers.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023 In the Hospital OR Receiving Treatments OR Recuperating:

Madisen Lemke, Arlesa Tarver, Anne Anderson, Mary Rogers, Amy Johnson, Kandie Darmody, Tim Anderson, Mike Patton, Kristopher Tomlinson, Larry Miller, Michael Meyer, John Turcotte, Jennifer Weber, Gary Brosowske

Other Needs We Pray for

- * Trinity Lutheran Church, Early Childhood & Campus Ministries
 * Storm Victims in Oklahoma, Texas & Florida
 - * End to the War in Ukraine

Military Service Members & their Families

Mike Gobble, Emily Shelton, Alex Laffin, Ricardo Bitanga, Danny Greene, Courtney Tate, Eli Wiley

Police and Firefighters

<u>Birthdays</u>			
John Depe	7/25	Derek Meinke	7/25
Robert Huntley Jr.	7/25	Caden Hartman	7/26
Jerry Tucker	7/26	Rev. Myron Maltz	7/28
Pastor Bill Willenbrock	7/28	Vickie Bair	7/29
Wayne Brown	7/29	Kurt Schweiger	7/29
Gretchen Winger		7/29	

<u>Anniversaries</u>	<u>Years</u>		
Doranne & Roger Beavers	7/24/1976	47	
David & Susan Hartman	7/25/1987	36	
Darin & Erin Davis	7/26/2004	19	
Jerry & Mary Tucker	7/26/2003	20	
Don & Barbara Nist	7/28/2006	17	
Greg & Jennifer Wells	7/28/1997	26	

Missions

David and Barbara work with the China Evangelical Lutheran Church' the Synod's partner church in Taiwan, to explore and establish a ministry to the deaf and those with special needs. In this role, David visits with congregations, schools for the deaf and schools for special education to determine their needs and resources and connect them to the CELC.

Offering

Offering

(Fill out the **Ritual of Friendship** sheet and place it in the baskets in the narthex as you leave. Place your offerings in the offering plates as they are passed down the pew)

We thank you for presenting your weekly offerings

to the church in one of four ways:

- 1. Place your offerings in the offering plates that are passed down the pew
 - Mail your offering envelopes to the Church Office
 - 3. Bring your Offerings to the Church Office
- You may place your offering in the wooden box on the bench by the glass doors.
 - 4. Use the "Simply Giving" service to give your offerings digitally online.

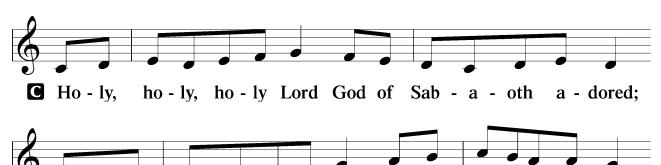
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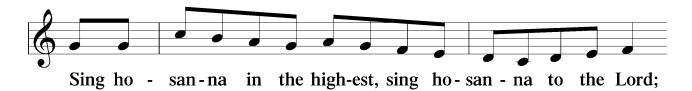
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- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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 208



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.





Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

The Words of Our Lord

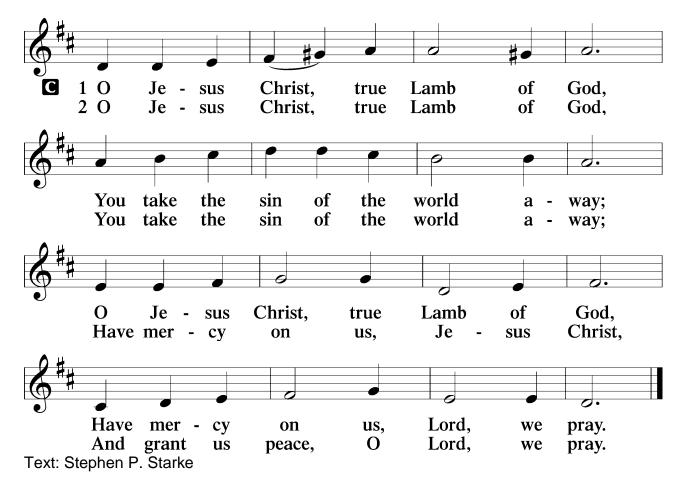
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 210



Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

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 + in peace.
- C Amen.

761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



- 1 Rock of A ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my self in Thee;
- 2 Not the la-bors of my hands Can ful-fill Thy Law's de-mands;
- 3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring; Sim ply to Thy cross I cling.
- 4 While I draw this fleet ing breath, When mine eye lids close in death,



Let the wa-ter and the blood, From Thy riv-en side which flowed, Could my zeal no res-pite know, Could my tears for-ev-er flow, Na-ked, come to Thee for dress; Help-less, look to Thee for grace; When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,



Be of sin the dou-ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r. All for sin could not a-tone; Thou must save, and Thou a-lone. Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav-ior, or I die. Rock of A-ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my-self in Thee.

827 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling



- 1 Hark, the voice of Je sus call-ing, "Who will go and work to day? 2 Some take up His task in morn-ing, To their Lord re - spond-ing soon;
- 3 For as rain and snow from heav en Wa ter seeds in dust y soil,
- 4 Hear ken to the Lord whose com ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing—Who will bear the sheaves a - way?" Some are called in heat of mid-day, Oth - ers late in af - ter-noon; Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil; When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de-scend.

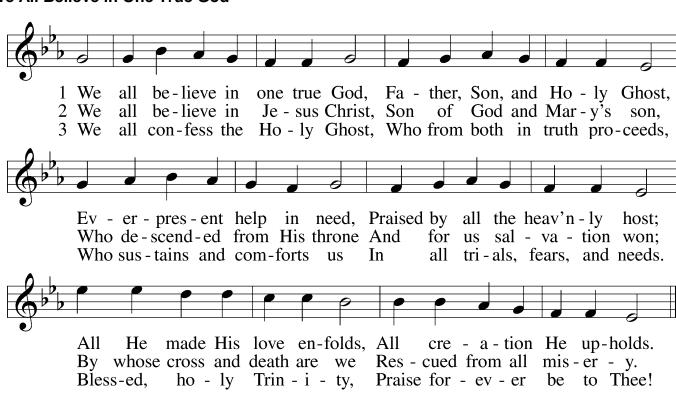


Loud and long the Mas-ter call-eth; Rich re-ward He of-fers thee. E-ven as the sun is set-ting, Some are sent in to the fields, So the Lord sends forth His prom-ise, Words of life and joy and peace—Soon the night, the fi-nal har-vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.

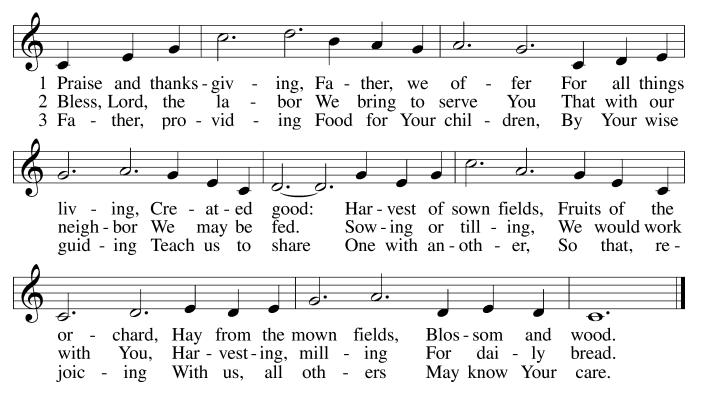


Who will an-swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"? There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God's Word so rich - ly yields. Nev - er void to Him re-turn-ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease. Then the souls His grace has gar-nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

953 We All Believe in One True God



789 Praise and Thanksgiving



Stand

Nunc Dimittis LSB 211



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.

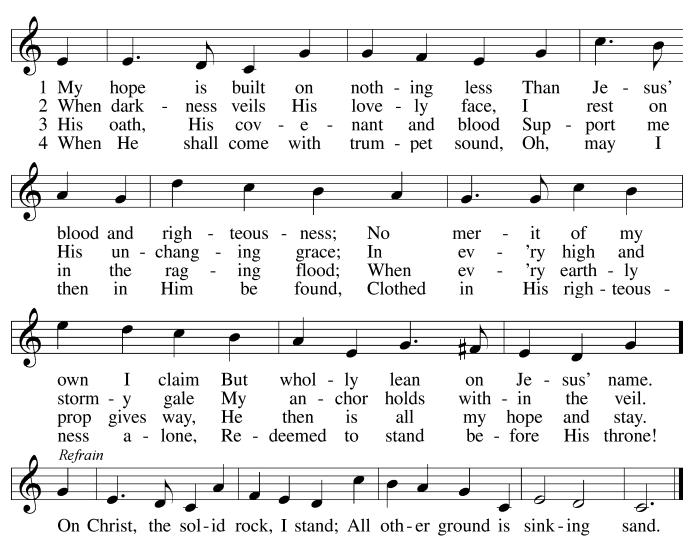
Benedicamus LSB 212

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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.

575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



POSTLUDE

"Fight the Good Fight"

Austin C. Lovelace

