

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



**OCTOBER 13, 2019 – 10:30 AM  
WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION  
CARE SUNDAY**

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WOODCLIFF LAKE, NEW JERSEY**

## WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

**TODAY WE GATHER TO WORSHIP** and learn how God is present and active in our lives. [Sundays and Seasons]

**IT'S A JOY TO HAVE YOU WORSHIPPING WITH US:** If you are a visitor, we would like to know you better—just complete one of the orange “Glad you’re here!” cards from a pew rack to place into the offering plate as it circulates.

**BREAKING THE SOUND BARRIER!** We invite you to try one of our listening devices to allow you to sit anywhere in the sanctuary. They are available by speaking to an usher.

**PINK PRAYER CARDS:** You may write names for prayer on a pink card found in the pew rack and place it on the altar rail for inclusion in prayers of the day. For a name to be added to our printed prayer list (for four weeks), write “Prayer List” on the card. Please be sure this request is approved by the person for whom we pray.

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**HOLY COMMUNION:** All who are baptized are invited to the table where Christ is bodily present in the bread and wine. At the directions of our ushers, all who are able kneel at the rail to receive this gift. The individual cups contain wine and grape juice (grape juice is in the center of the tray). A common cup with wine is also available. Children who commune should hold out their hands to the server.

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## PRELUDE

### CONGREGATION ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

[Pink prayer cards with your joys or concerns may be placed on the altar rail.]

[For today's worship all *portions in italics will be spoken by our worship leaders*. Congregational responses are in **bold-faced type**.]

[Please stand as you are able.]

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us,  
anoints us, and makes us new.*

**Amen.**

*Let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.*

*God at the margins,*

**we have wandered far from your home;  
again and again, we lose our way.**

**We turn inward, afraid of the world around us.**

**We forget that you have saved your people before  
and promise to do so again.**

**Do not remember the deeds of our past,  
but turn our faces toward the future,  
where your forgiveness is sure,  
your welcome is clear, and your love overflows.**

**Amen.**

*Like a hen who gathers her chicks,  
God embraces you in tender care.*

*Like manna in the desert,  
God feeds you with surprising mercy.*

*Like a loving parent,  
God runs to meet you again this day,  
forgiving your sins for the sake of ☩ Christ,  
leading you from death into life.*

**Amen.**

### THE PEACE

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

[We share the peace via handshake or the peace sign.]

[Remain standing]

# GATHERING SONG – “Crown Him with Many Crowns” [ELW 855, verses 1-4]

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4  
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

## **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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

**Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON** [The congregation may sit]

### **THE FIRST READING – 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c**

<sup>1</sup>*Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy.* <sup>2</sup>*Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife.* <sup>3</sup>*She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."* <sup>7</sup>*When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."*

<sup>8</sup>*But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."* <sup>9</sup>*So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house.* <sup>10</sup>*Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean."* <sup>11</sup>*But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and*

cure the leprosy! <sup>12</sup>Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup>But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" <sup>14</sup>So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

<sup>15a-c</sup>Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **THE SECOND READING – 2 Timothy 2:8-15**

<sup>8</sup>Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup>for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>The saying is sure:

*If we have died with him, we will also live with him;*

<sup>12</sup>*if we endure, we will also reign with him;*

*if we deny him, he will also deny us;*

<sup>13</sup>*if we are faithless, he remains faithful—*

*for he cannot deny himself.*

<sup>14</sup>Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening.

<sup>15</sup>Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** [Please stand as you are able.]

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

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Luke 17:11-19**

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" <sup>18</sup>Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

[The congregation may sit.]

**SERMON – "Outsiders" Rev. Dr. LL DuBreuil**

[Please stand as you are able.]

**HYMN OF THE DAY – “Beautiful Savior”** [ELW 838 , all verses]

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in the flow'rs of spring;  
bright in the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Sciss, 1823–1904  
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

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[Please remain standing.]

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**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 to the dead. 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**

[The congregation may sit.]

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need. [A brief silence.]*

*O God, you promise your church: if we die with you, we will also live with you; if we endure, we will also reign with you; even when we are faithless, you remain faithful. Bless the bishops of the ELCA, Elizabeth and Tracie, and the many ecumenical partners the ELCA has including the United Church of Christ, The Moravian Church, and the United Methodist Church. Strengthen us to believe your gracious promises. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.***

*Great are your works, O Lord, and we delight in the wonder and majesty of creation. As the earth brings forth its fruit, renew your creation so that all creatures are sustained and nourished. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.***

*The heritage of nations belongs to you and your Spirit fills the earth. Bless presidents, prime ministers and chancellors. We pray especially for Donald, the President; the United States Congress; Carlos, the mayor of Woodcliff Lake, and all city council members. Be with all lawmakers, judges, governors, and county officials, so that they reflect your faithfulness and uprightness in their work for the people. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.***

*You wash us and we are made clean. In your compassion, immerse all who are sick and suffering in your care, especially:*

**Jon Acito, Beverly Albert, Dolores Albert, Kristine Ariatabar, Sharon Bongard, Cathy Cipoletti, Elizabeth Danko, Dave, Ken Eastlund, Jackson Fehr, Flynn, Jay Franks, Gabrielle, Katie, Lois Hainsselin, Kim Herrera, Mae Hulburt, Tracy Klempmer, Camp Koinonia, Lorraine Sadlon, Jimmy Saladino, Alice Sheer, Nancy Sweet**

*Heal us, even when there may be no cure, and give us thankful hearts. Lord, in your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

*You called a people to be your own and yet you have shown limitless love and mercy to people of every nation. Open our hearts so that, like you, we welcome the stranger in our midst. Lord, in your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

*With love and thanksgiving, we remember those who have died in you. Give us certainty to trust the salvation that is in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

*Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

**Amen.**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** – ***“Let All Things Now Living”*** [Traditional Welsh melody]

**Lois Hainsselin, soloist**

**THE OFFERING IS TAKEN**

**THE ELEMENTS ARE RECEIVED AND THE OFFERTORY IS SUNG**

[Please stand as you are able for the Offertory Song on the following page.]

## **OFFERTORY SONG** – “As We Gather at Your Table” [ELW 522, verse 1 ]



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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## **OFFERING PRAYER**

*Let us pray.*

*Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

**Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

*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 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,*

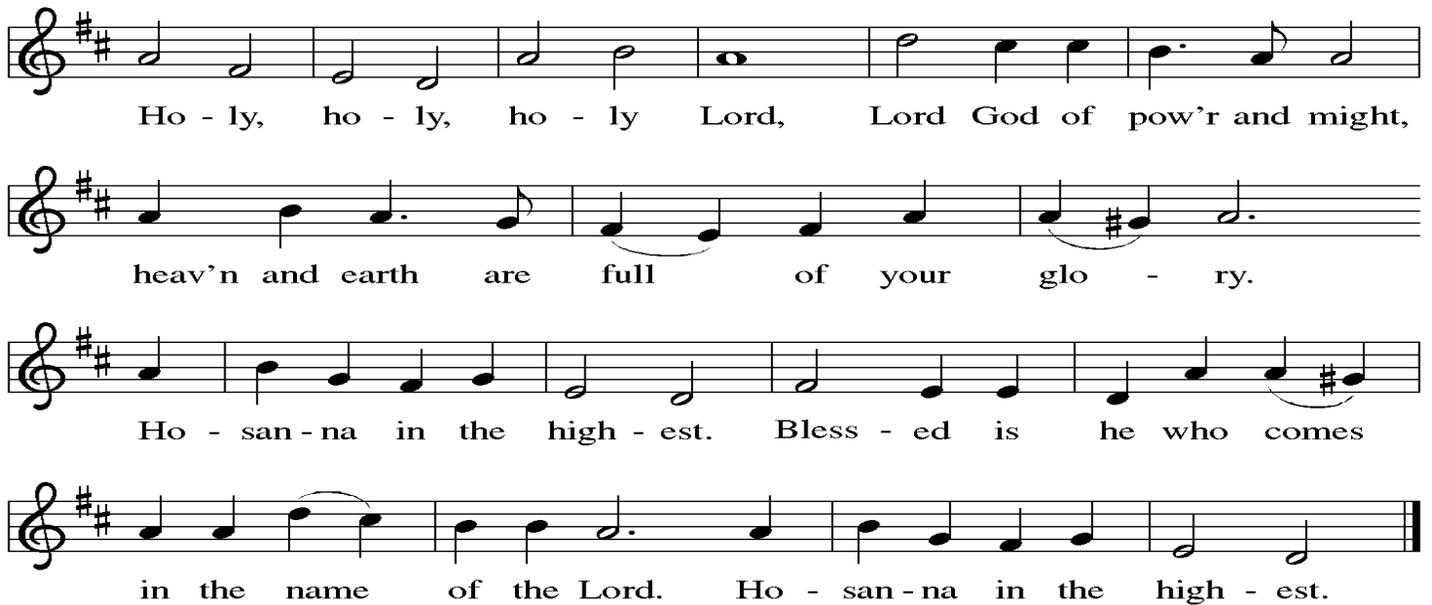
*and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.*

*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:*

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.  
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.  
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.  
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.***

## **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.**

*Come, not because you are perfect but because, through Christ Jesus, you are invited.*

[The congregation may sit.]

## HOLY COMMUNION

[All are invited to the Table where Christ is bodily present in the bread and drink.

At the direction of our ushers, everyone who is able kneels at the rail.

Bread will be distributed first (gluten free wafers are available),  
followed by wine and grape juice in individual cups.

A chalice with wine is also available.

Children and all who have not received First Communion will receive a blessing.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.]**

[The following songs are sung by the congregation during the distribution of Holy Communion.]

### COMMUNION SONG — *“Lamb of God”*



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.

**COMMUNION SONG – “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”** [ELW 708, all verses]

*Refrain*



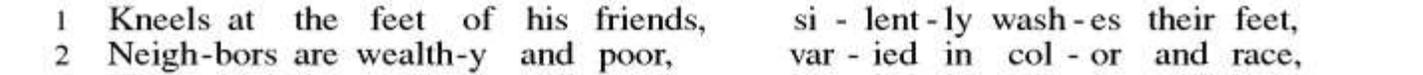
Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,



2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,



3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;

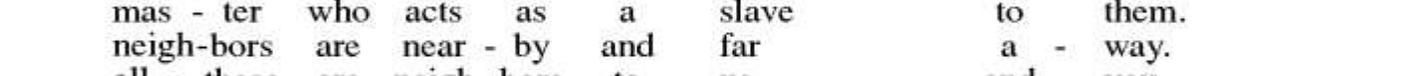


4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:

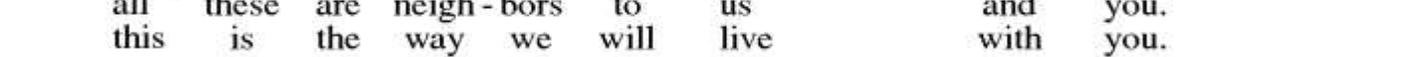
*Refrain*



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.



neighbors are near - by and far a - way.



all these are neighbors to us and you.



this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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[Please stand as you are able.]

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

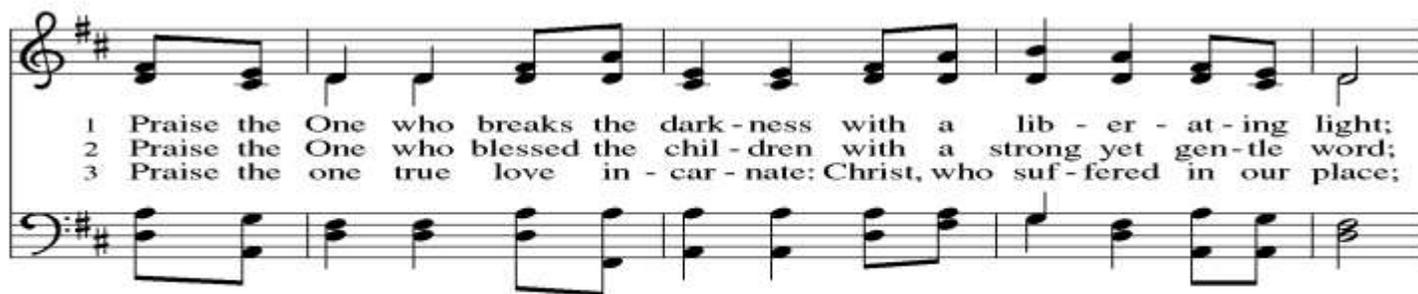
**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

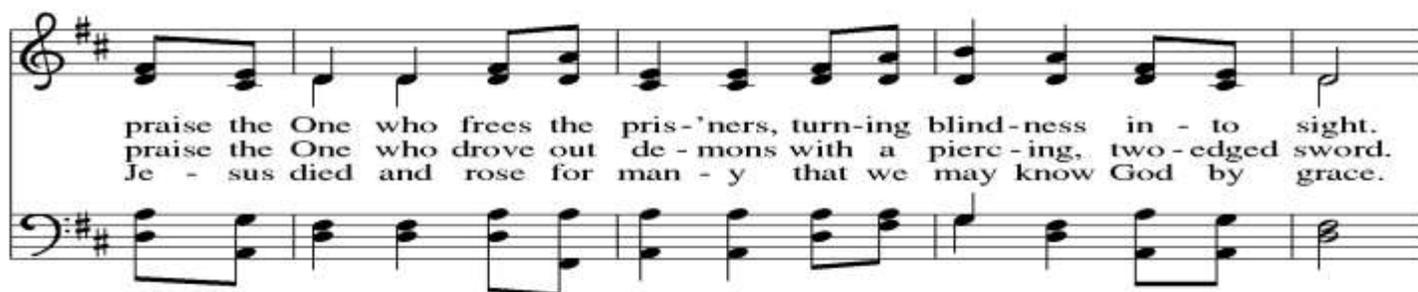
**THE BLESSING**

*Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.*

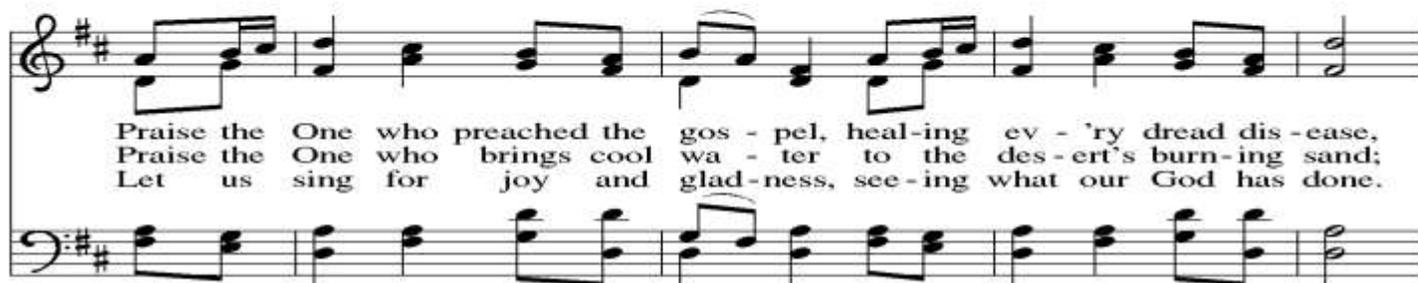
**SENDING SONG – “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”** [ELW 843, all verses]



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;  
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955  
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**DISMISSAL**

*Go in peace. Remember the poor.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

## **REFLECTION: "How God Sees"**

**Pastor Marc Stutzel**

Today's reading from 2 Kings started in a strange place. Naaman was a successful military commander of Aram, a kingdom centered in modern day Syria. He did not follow the God of Israel yet we hear, in the very first verse, that God was with him. We don't always think about God being with those who don't believe. Yet, that's where this story began. Naaman was a foreigner with immense power given to him by his King and Israel's God. Yet his life was not perfect. Even though he was powerful, he was sick. And he could not remove the leprosy that afflicted him.

However, one of his slaves was a young girl who would be the catalyst for his salvation. She had been captured during one of the many Aramean raids on Israel during this period. Aram's success on the battlefield meant Israel was oppressed by their stronger neighbor. At this moment in history, the power gap between Israel and Aram was huge. Israel could barely defend itself. And in the case of this young woman, her power when compared to Naaman was even more at odds. She was enslaved by the very military leader who succeeded in destabilizing her community. She had no control over the violence done to her while Naaman could exercise his power in any way he saw fit. In the eyes of the world, she was nothing while he was everything. Yet God chose to speak through her. Naaman's healing would not come through his worldly power. Rather, his healing came through the people the world saw as powerless.

Because, as evident throughout Scripture, those who have no one to trust but God are the ones who can see God's work in the world. After being informed by the prophet Elisha to go and take a bath, Naaman almost didn't do it. Elisha's words seemed too easy. Yet those around Naaman, especially his powerless servants and slaves, knew what God was up to. They convince Naaman to embrace what God was doing. Naaman finally washed and was healed.

But there's more to the story than a simple healing. We need to look at the Hebrew. Our English translation is based on to truly see what God was doing. In the words of Dr. Rolf Jacobson, "The Hebrew for 'young boy' is na'ar qaton—the masculine equivalent to the young girl (na'arah qatannah) whom the great man had enslaved and from whom his salvation began." In God's eyes, Naaman has become like the young girl - beloved, welcomed, and included. God chose to make Naaman brand new. And in that newness, God encouraged Naaman to see others in a new way, too. He was invited, I believe, to see that young girl not the way the world does, as a slave. Rather, he should see her through God's eyes, setting her free, because she, like every human being, is worth more than any army of chariots, horses, and mighty warriors.