

*Welcome to*  
**Luther Memorial Church**  
*of the Erie Lutheran Parish*



19 NOVEMBER 2017  
The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.*

## LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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**19 NOVEMBER 2017**

**THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Holy Communion • Setting I • 10:30**

***GATHERING – “The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.”***

**PRELUDE – “Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand” (*Lobt Gott, ihr Christen*)**

**J. G. Walther  
Robert Lind**

#### **REFLECTION ON OUR CHRISTIAN LITURGY**

*“The Christian eucharist is considered both a sacred meal and a sacrifice. It is a sacrifice because bread and wine are offered, consecrated, and eaten and drunk with the understanding that the communicants enter into fellowship with the One who is both priest and victim. Put another way, sacrifice has served as a metaphor describing communion with Christ, who is our Passover sacrifice.”*

Christian Liturgy by Frank Senn

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS    1 John 1: 8-9**

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

☞ In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☞ **Amen.**



**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**

**so that we may delight in our will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P** The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Through the living Word, + Jesus Christ, God forgives your every debt, your every sin, and gives you a new heart and a new spirit.

**C Amen.**

*Please turn and reverence the cross of Christ.*

*As the cross passes you, turn and face the cross as it is carried to the chancel.*

*Text for this hymn is the work of a renowned 17<sup>th</sup> century English minister and author who wrote over 600 hymns. This text is the first part of Psalm 90. The melody was originally published anonymously, and its first phrase appears numerous times in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**LBW 320**

## O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
 soon bears us all away;  
 we fly forgotten, as a dream  
 dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,  
 still be our guard while troubles last  
 and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
 Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

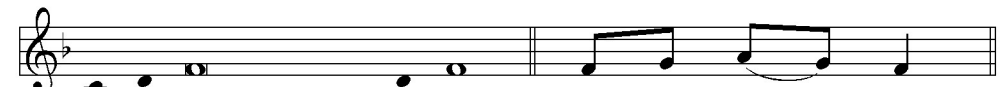
## GREETING 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

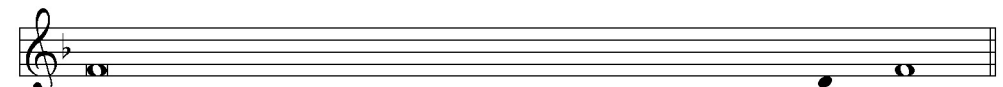
**C And also with you.**



## KYRIE Luke 17:13



**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mer - cy.**



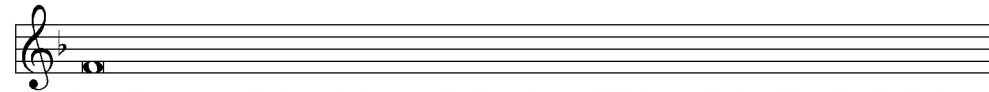
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



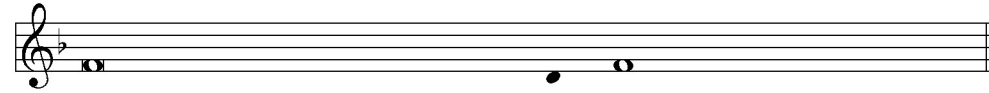
**C Lord, have mer - cy.**



**WORD – “God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.”**



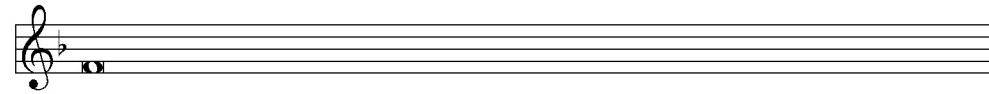
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** A - men

**PRAYER OF THE DAY Ruth 2:4**



**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray,

**G** Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**CHILDREN’S SERMON AND DISMISSAL FOR CHILDREN’S CHURCH**

*(Children 2 years old through sixth grade may join their teachers at the pulpit doorway to exit for Children’s Church.)*

**FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,  
he has consecrated his guests.

<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the people  
who rest complacently on their dregs,  
those who say in their hearts,  
“The LORD will not do good,  
nor will he do harm.”

<sup>13</sup>Their wealth shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them.

<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,  
the warrior cries aloud there.

<sup>15</sup>That day will be a day of wrath,  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
<sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.

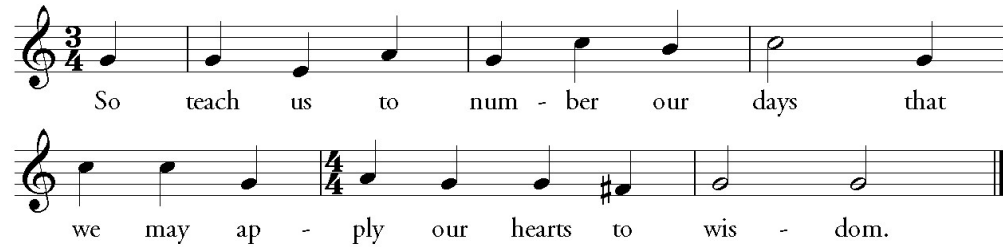
<sup>17</sup>I will bring such distress upon people  
that they shall walk like the blind;  
because they have sinned against the LORD,  
their blood shall be poured out like dust,  
and their flesh like dung.

<sup>18</sup>Neither their silver nor their gold  
will be able to save them  
on the day of the LORD’s wrath;  
in the fire of his passion  
the whole earth shall be consumed;  
for a full, a terrible end  
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12**



<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to another.  
<sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born,  
from age to age you are God.  
<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the dust and say,  
"Go back, O child of earth."  
<sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past  
and like a watch in the night. **R**  
<sup>5</sup>You sweep us away like a dream,  
we fade away suddenly like the grass:  
<sup>6</sup>in the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.  
<sup>7</sup>For we consume away in your displeasure;  
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.  
<sup>8</sup>Our iniquities you have set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. **R**  
<sup>9</sup>When you are angry, all our days are gone;  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.  
<sup>10</sup>The span of our life is seventy years,  
perhaps in strength even eighty;  
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,  
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.  
<sup>11</sup>Who regards the power of your wrath?  
Who rightly fears your indignation?  
<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. **R**

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; ►

we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

**L** The word of the Lord. **G** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

**VERSE**



**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



**GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property with them; <sup>15</sup>one he gave five talents, another two, another one, each according to their ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you gave me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ►

<sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?’ <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord

**G** Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Coleman**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Its text the work of an English poet, church worker and hymn writer, this hymn is sung to a celebrated Welsh tune whose name means good cheer and which gives us a foretaste of endless song.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**LBW 424**

**Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us**

1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your  
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly,  
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our  
 4 Yes, the sor - row and the suf - f'rings which on  
 5 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your

life - blood as the price, nev - er grudg - ing  
 free - ly, of your own. With the sun - shine  
 hum - blest char - i - ty in your own mys -  
 ev - 'ry hand we view chan - nels are for  
 life - blood as the price, nev - er grudg - ing

for the lost ones that tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
 of your good - ness melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
 te - rious sen - tence, “You have done it all to me.”  
 gifts and of - f'rings due by sol - emn right to you;  
 for the lost ones that tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.

and with that have free - ly giv - en bless - ings  
 till our cold and self - ish na - tures, warmed by  
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, that you  
 right of which we may not rob you, debt we  
 Give us faith to trust you bold - ly, hope, to

count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful  
 you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py  
 deign for alms to sue, say - ing by your  
 may not choose but pay, lest that face of  
 stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of

and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.  
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.  
 poor and need - y, “Give as I have giv'n to you?”  
 love and pit - y turn from us an - oth - er day.  
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.  
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**G** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the virgin Mary.  
 He 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,  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again 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 PRAYERS** 1 Timothy 2:1

**A** Remembering the saints who have gone before us and giving thanks for God's blessings, we pray for the church, all in need, and God's good creation.

*A brief silence.*

**A** We pray for Luther Memorial Church, that it continues to sow seeds of mercy, love, forgiveness, and joy, even as it anticipates your coming again to bring restoration to the new heaven and earth. Lord, in your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**A** We pray for hearts to give faithfully and joyfully as we prepare to make our offerings to you today and on Consecration Sunday. May we see the commitments we make as signs of our love for you and our service to the Gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**A** We pray for all who have and currently serve this nation within the armed services. May they seek justice and peace in the places you guide them, and may we always use our power wisely for the good of others. Lord, in your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**A** We pray for the lonely, the disheartened, those who suffer from debilitating illness, those who cannot speak for themselves, and those in any need, especially those we love, those we struggle to love, those names upon our prayer list and those we name upon our lips or quietly in our hearts..... Lord, in your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**A** We pray for our youth and leaders who will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston this upcoming summer. May you bless them and guide them in their preparation. We are also very thankful for this congregation's support of our youth and ministry. Lord, in your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A** We give thanks for all the saints, for their faithfulness and perseverance in following you, especially Ron Kraut and Lottie Turowski, who gather in the love and presence of the Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Receive our prayers and hopes, Good Shepherd, and keep us faithful to you by sharing the bounty you have given us.

**G** **Amen.**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**G** **And also with you.** Romans 16:16

*Please be seated.*

**MEAL – “God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.”**

**THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED** Psalm 116:12

An Individual Silent Prayer as We Prepare to Make our Offering:

*“Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.”*

*Acts 2:43-47*

**ANTHEM – “O Christ the Same”**

**WOV 778**

*O Christ the same, through all our story's pages--  
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;  
eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,  
unchanging still amid the passing years:  
O living Word, the source of all creation,  
who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze;  
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,  
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.*

*O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping  
our lives and loves, our days and years remain;  
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,  
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:  
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,  
for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;  
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,  
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY**



**G** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben-e-fits to me? I will



of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.



I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. ▶



I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all his peo-ple,



in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** Creator God,  
you made everything, and you provide for every need.  
The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you.  
As we eat and drink with thanksgiving,  
fill us with your love;  
let that love flow through us to others;  
and join us to the saints before us  
in a holy and boundless communion;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**G** Amen.

### GREAT THANKSGIVING *Matthew 21:9*



**P** The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**G** It is right to give him thanks and praise. ▶

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



**G** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san- na. Ho - san- na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san - na in the high - est.

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

**P** Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.  
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him  
should not perish, but have eternal life.  
We give you thanks for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.  
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith through this holy meal.

**G** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** 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. ▶



**☒** 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. *Matthew 6:9*



**AGNUS DEI**

**☒** 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.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

- ☐** Hunger no more. Thirst no more.  
Come into the banquet of life.
- ☒** Amen.

*The congregation is seated.*

*Today's service is a celebration of Holy Communion. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the gifts of bread and wine, bringing forgiveness of sins and new life to all who receive this sacrament. All baptized Christians who come at our Lord's invitation are welcome at His table of grace.*

*Please come forward by the center aisle. The distribution of the elements is by the method of intinction (dipping). Receive the bread and dip it into the chalice (cup). Wine is in the metal chalice. Grape juice, for those who prefer it, is in the earthenware chalice. Return to your place by the side aisle.*

**COMMUNION** *John 1:29*



*This text is a remarkable expression of faith born of grief. The author, an active Presbyterian layman who had just lost four daughters in a tragic shipwreck, wrote it while sailing to Paris to meet his wife, who had survived. The tune was named for the ship that sank.*

**HYMN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION**

**ELW 785**

**When Peace, like a River  
It Is Well with My Soul**



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888  
Music: VILLA DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

**BLESSING**

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

**G** Amen.

*The author of this hymn was a Norwegian catechist who ministered to a congregation in Oslo in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. He wrote the hymn for a meeting of the Norwegian Mission Society. The melody, which dates from the mid-16<sup>th</sup> century, was favored by J. S. Bach, who used it in two cantatas and several organ works.*

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**LBW 351**

**Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand**



Oh, hap - py day when we shall stand In heav - en with the  
Oh, bless - ed day when Christ shall come And show him - self as



saved; All peo - ples at the Lord's right hand Shall  
Lord, And thou - sands meet in their new home Which



find their names en - graved, Shall find their names en - graved.  
Je - sus has pre - pared, Which Je - sus has pre - pared.

Text: Wilhelm A. Wexels, 1797-1866; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943  
Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480-1561

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A** O God, the host at every meal,  
at this table you spread out a feast for all peoples,  
the bread of life and the cup of salvation.  
Send us from this banquet  
to invite others into these good things,  
to let justice roll down like waters,  
and to care for the least of our sisters and brothers;  
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and our Savior.

**G** Amen.

***SENDING – “God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.”***

**BLESSING** *Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** The love of God surround you;  
the grace of † Christ release you;  
and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength,  
now and forevermore.

**G** **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL** *Luke 7:50*

**A** Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** – "Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand" (*Lobt Gott, ihr Christen*)

**J. S. Bach**  
**Wilhelm Rudnick**

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