

# God's Sufficiency

That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:10 niv

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Welcome to worship here at Zion on this Seventh Sunday After Pentecost – we are glad you're here! In today's gospel reading, Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the "between": between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

# **WORSHIP NOTES:**

Thank you for joining us! If you are visiting us today, please fill out a Visitor Card, located in your pew rack, if you would like to have us contact you.

We practice an open communion table at Zion. All who believe in Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to celebrate Holy Communion with us, from the youngest to the oldest members of the body of Christ present in worship.

Children are welcome to fully participate in worship. What could be better than the whole family of God being together in worship? There are Children's worship bags available near the usher's table in the narthex. Should you or your child need a break, there is a nursery located across from Fellowship Hall for your use.

Nursing mothers are welcome to use the Mothers' Room, just one door down the hall from the nursery. Please knock before entering.

# + Indicates that you are invited to rise as you are able

## **BOLD PRINT INDICATES CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES**

Hymn numbers are the large numbers at the top of the page in the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, which is located in the pew racks. Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

**PRELUDE** Thee We Adore, O Savior David N. Johnson Dearest Jesus, at Your Word Johann Sebastian Bach

**Charles Potter** 

## ANNOUNCEMENTS THE BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP

# **# GATHERING #**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

#### + OPENING HYMN Let the Whole Creation Cry

**ELW 876** 



Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt. Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750, adapt. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

# + CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,

the God of manna,

the God of miracles,

the God of mercy.

## Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,

let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?

## Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

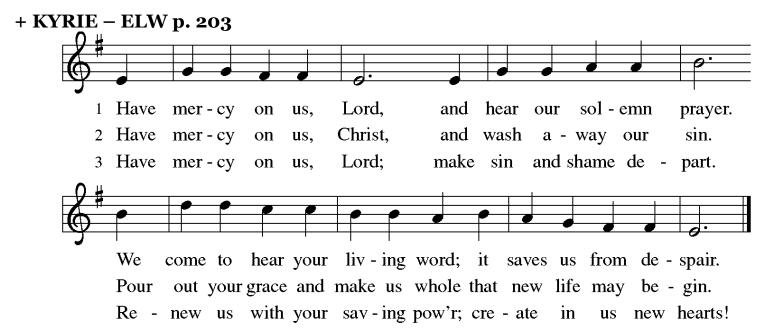
Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:

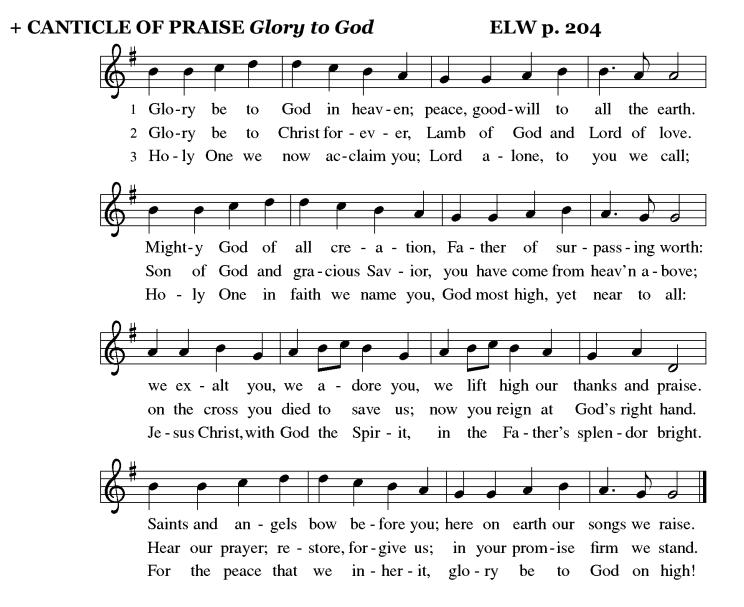
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

# Amen.

# + 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. God of the covenant,

in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Anthem

O Day Full of Grace

Nathan Paulsen, recorder Gail Pusateri, cello

## **# WORD #**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and son

# FIRST READING Ezekiel 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup>[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.<sup>2</sup> And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup> The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." <sup>5</sup> Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

# PSALM 123

<sup>1</sup>To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.

<sup>3</sup> Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt, <sup>4</sup> too much of the scorn of the in- dolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

# SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

<sup>2</sup> I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that such a person whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup> was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup> On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup> But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup> even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup> Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup> but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong. The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God** 

# **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW p. 205 Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word. Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred. Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

#### + GOSPEL READING

#### Mark 6:1-13

The holy gospel according to Mark.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.<sup>2</sup> On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." <sup>5</sup> And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup> He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup> He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup> If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

This is the gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

#### SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY We All Are One in Mission

ELW 576



#### + APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended 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.

## + PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer, responding to each petition with "hear our prayer".

#### Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

## + SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you** *Please share a sign of peace with one another at this time.* 

#### **# MEAL #**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

#### MUSICAL OFFERING We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing Gerhard Krapf Charles Potter

## + OFFERING PRAYER

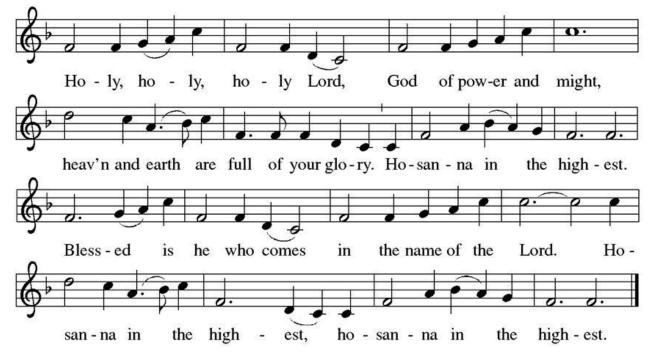
Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.** 

+ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW p. 206
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.

#### + PROPER PREFACE

It is right, our duty, and our joy.....and join their unending hymn.

+HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW p. 207



+ THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION On the Night

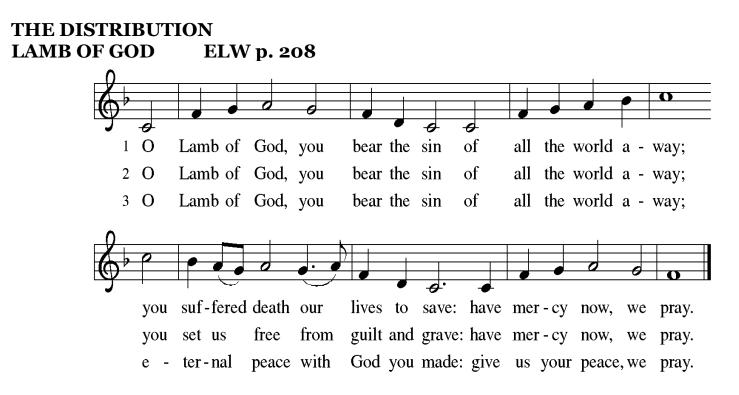
#### + THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### + INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!



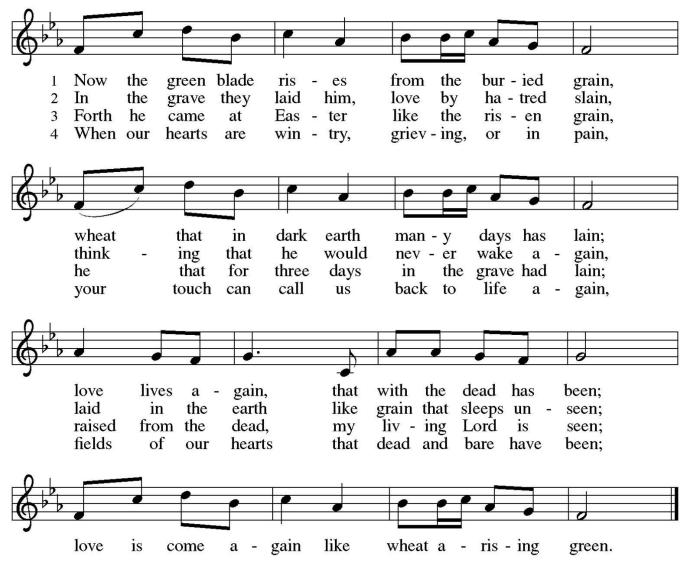
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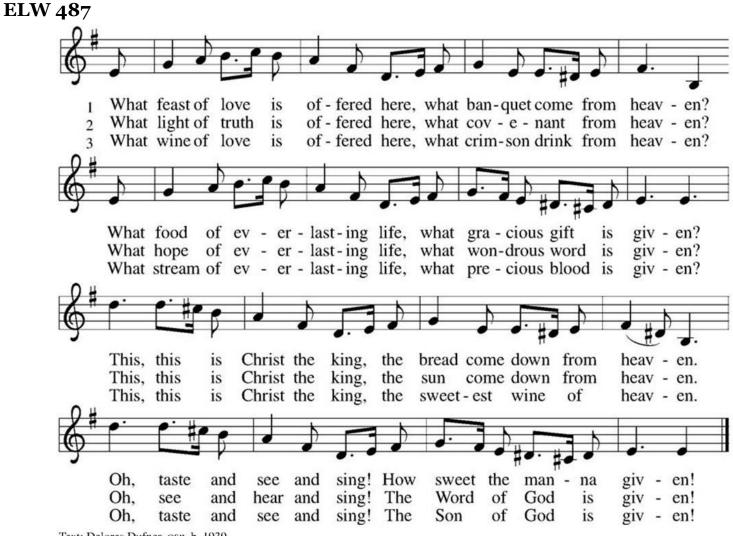
Now Thank We All Our GodElNow the Green Blade RisesElWhat Feast of LoveEl

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## + POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

May this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and forever. **Amen.** 

## + PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life,

we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.** 

## **\$ SENDING** *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

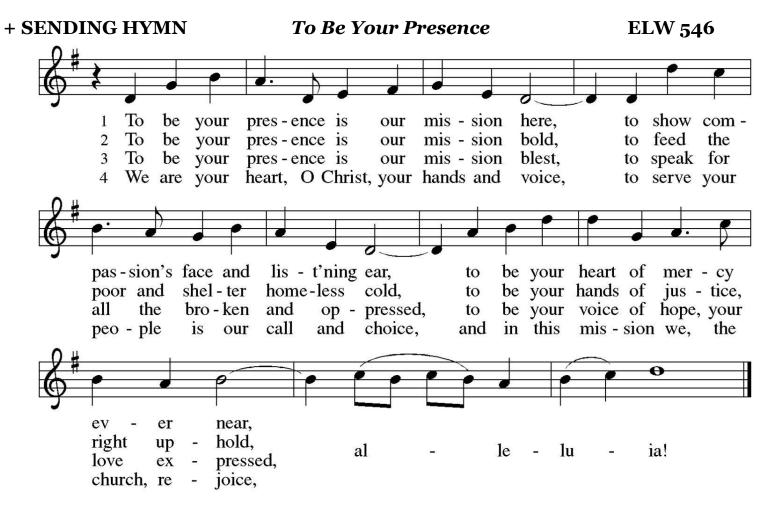
## + BLESSING

The blessing of God,

who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

+ be upon you now and forever.

# Amen.



#### + DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.** 

**POSTLUDE** Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth Charles Callahan Charles Potter