

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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WHAT ABOUT...?

A SERMON SERIES

**Isn't life only worth protecting if it has
perceived value?**

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Order of Service: SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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The Service: Setting Two

✠ Gathering ✠

OPENING HYMN

679 - God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized
3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized
4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing to this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it, gave my
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus'
in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion, I am
in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness to in -
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing: e - ven



full re - demp-tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures man - y?
cleans-ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y con-science seize me
not so soon en-ticed. Now that to the font I've trav - eled,
her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in dust and ash - es
there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a - waits its rais - ing,



I have one worth more than an - y that brought me sal -
since my bap - tism did re - lease me in a dear for -
all your might has come un - rav - eled, and, a - gainst your
faith's as - sur - ance bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
still my soul con - tin - ues prais-ing: I am bap - tized



Stand

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

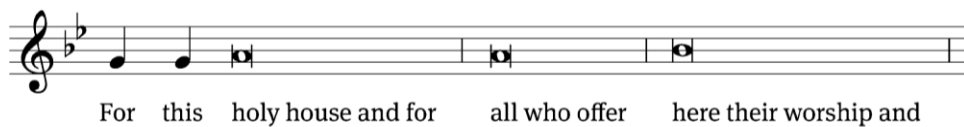
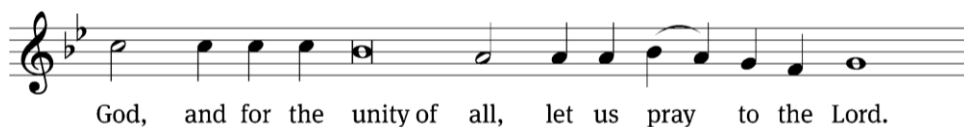
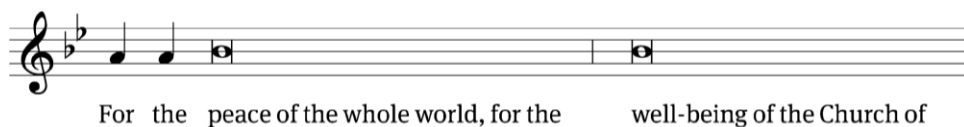
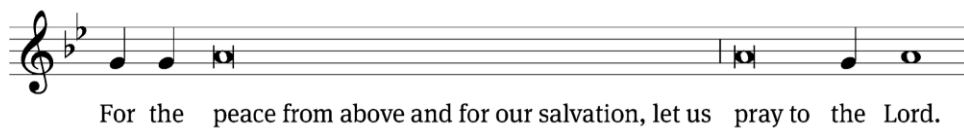
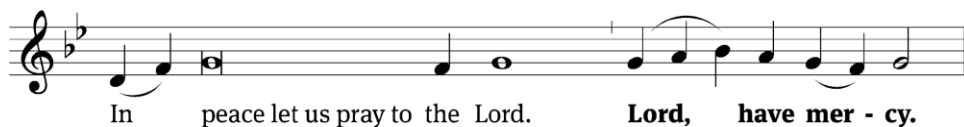
with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

After a brief introduction, the congregation is invited to sing.

The musical score is written on ten staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, aligned with the corresponding measures. The text is as follows:

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God,
heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Be seated

✠ The Word ✠

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:26–30

God's creation of humankind reveals the special place God gives to all human life.

GENESIS 1:26 Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

²⁷So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

²⁹Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it – I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

The Word of the Lord.

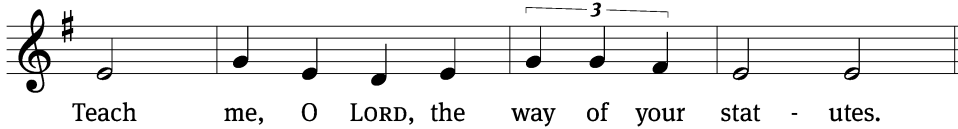
Thanks be to God.



PSALM

119B - Teach Me, O LORD

Refrain



Tone



Turn my eyes away from / worthless things;
preserve my life according / to your word.
Fulfill your promise to your / servant,
so that you / may be feared.
How I long for your / precepts!
In your righteousness pre- / serve my life.

**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. *Refrain***

SECOND READING

Galatians 6:7–10

“All people” includes every life — regardless of age, ability, or perceived value.

GALATIANS 6:7Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. 9Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

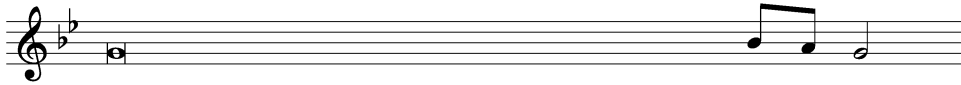
After an introduction, the congregation sings the refrain:

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone (sung by the cantor)



My word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I de - sire

Repeat the refrain



and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:31–40

Faith makes itself known in the way we treat our neighbor, especially those deemed “least”.

MATTHEW^{25:31}“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

³⁷“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

⁴⁰“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

506 - For the Fruits of His Creation



1 For the fruits of his cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For his gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
found us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

✠ Sermon ✠

Genesis 1:27 and Matthew 25:40

Treasure Life Because It Belongs to Christ

Sermon notes:

Stand

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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS and MUSICAL OFFERING

We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of God's Kingdom here and throughout the world.

Offerings can be given in any of these ways:

- *Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary*
- *On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>*
- *Scan the QR code to the right...*



Give us a record of your visit through our online Connection Card, or by filling out the card in the pew and placing it in the offering plate as you leave. The Connection Card tab can be found at the bottom right of any page of the Calvary website, <https://calvarydallas.org> or by scanning the QR code above.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

You may remain seated for prayer

God, you invite us to pray and promise to listen. We come to you in prayer by night and day. We cry out to you with our mouths; **your praise is on our tongue.**

You chose and called us by your purpose and grace. Help us endure all things. Increase our faith. Make us sincere in word and action. Fill us with your power and wisdom. We cry out to you with our mouths; **your praise is on our tongue.**

Open spiritually blind eyes and deaf ears to the truth of your Word. Open our lips to tell what you have done for us. Let the sound of your praise be heard. We cry out to you with our mouths; **your praise is on our tongue.**

Give the members of your Church boldness as they hold on to your teaching, confess you and the truths of your Word, and show themselves to be your holy people. We cry out to you with our mouths; **your praise is on our tongue.**

As your Son once drove out demons, show your power and love by helping and healing those who are oppressed by temptation, trouble or illness [*especially...*]. Give them deliverance, relief and healing that they may serve you with joy and declare your praise. We cry out to you with our mouths; **your praise is on our tongue.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

In the silent prayers of our hearts we cast all our cares on you.

Silent prayer.

Eternal Lord, mighty God, you sent your Son to crush the head of the serpent and to destroy the works of the devil. With your almighty arm defend us. Do not let Satan deceive your people or let him have any power over us, since you love and defend us, our unconquerable God and Lord, praised forever. **Amen.**

✠ The Sacrament ✠

PREFACE

Stand

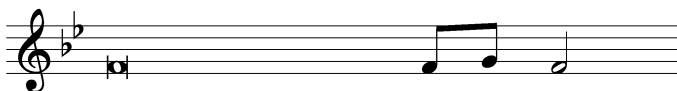


The Lord be with you.

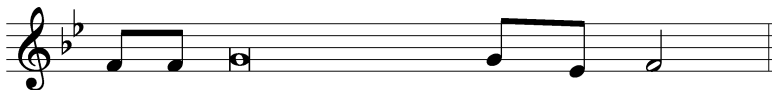
And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

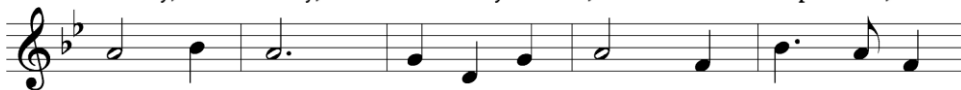
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)

184 – Holy, Holy, Holy

After a brief introduction, the congregation sings the Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



God of might. Heav - en 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, ho -



san - na in the high - est!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Be seated

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

JESUS, LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei)

CW 186

After a brief introduction, the congregation sings the Agnus Dei

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

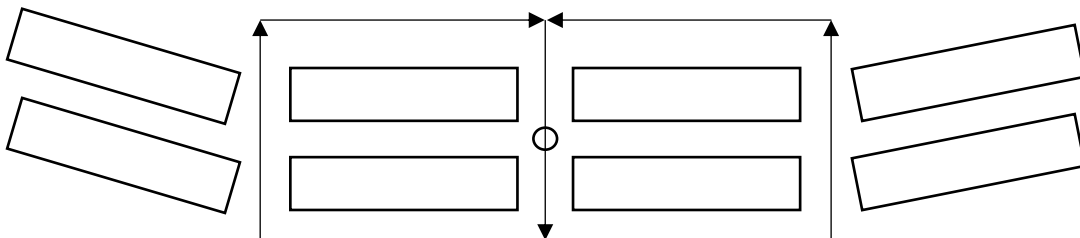
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

Enter along the side aisles toward the altar area. Move toward the center (unless otherwise directed). After receiving the Supper, return to your seat down the middle aisle, depositing your cup in the receptacle.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

878 - Christ Alone the World's Redeemer



1 Christ a - lone the world's Re - deem - er, Christ, God's own be -
 2 Word a - lone, in - spired and ho - ly, Word re - veal - ing
 3 Grace a - lone, and not our work - ing, brings sal - va - tion
 4 Faith a - lone from God the Spir - it can God's gra - cious
 5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry, to the Fa - ther,

got - ten Son, Christ, the sac - ri - fice for sin - ners,
 Christ our Lord, liv - ing, ac - tive voice of Je - sus,
 un - to all. Grace a - lone! Your gifts you give us
 gift re - ceive; not by hu - man works or ef - fort,
 and the Son, and to God the Ho - ly Spir - it;

by his death sal - va - tion won. Christ a - lone our me - di -
 sharp - er than a two - edged sword, Word to teach and to ad -
 as we hear your gen - tle call. Un - i - mag - ined love—ex -
 God is call - ing to be - lieve. Faith is liv - ing, bus - y,
 glo - ry to the Three in One. Hymned by saints of earth and

a - tor, Christ a - lone our great High Priest, in his right - eous -
 mon - ish, Word to com - fort and to heal— God's own Word en -
 chang - ing all our sin for right - eous - ness, grace on grace thro'
 ac - tive, ev - er seek - ing ways to care, in the least, the
 heav - en and by an - gels at his throne, all cre - a - tion

ness he clothes us. Christ a - lone is our true peace.
 dures for - ev - er all his coun - sel to re - veal.
 Christ re - ceiv - ing, clothed in his own ho - li - ness.
 lost, the need - y, seek - ing Je - sus ev - 'ry - where.
 joins to praise him: glo - ry be to God a - lone!

Stand

PRAYER

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

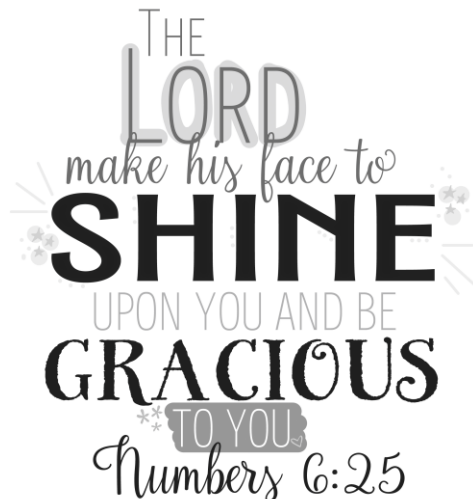
Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

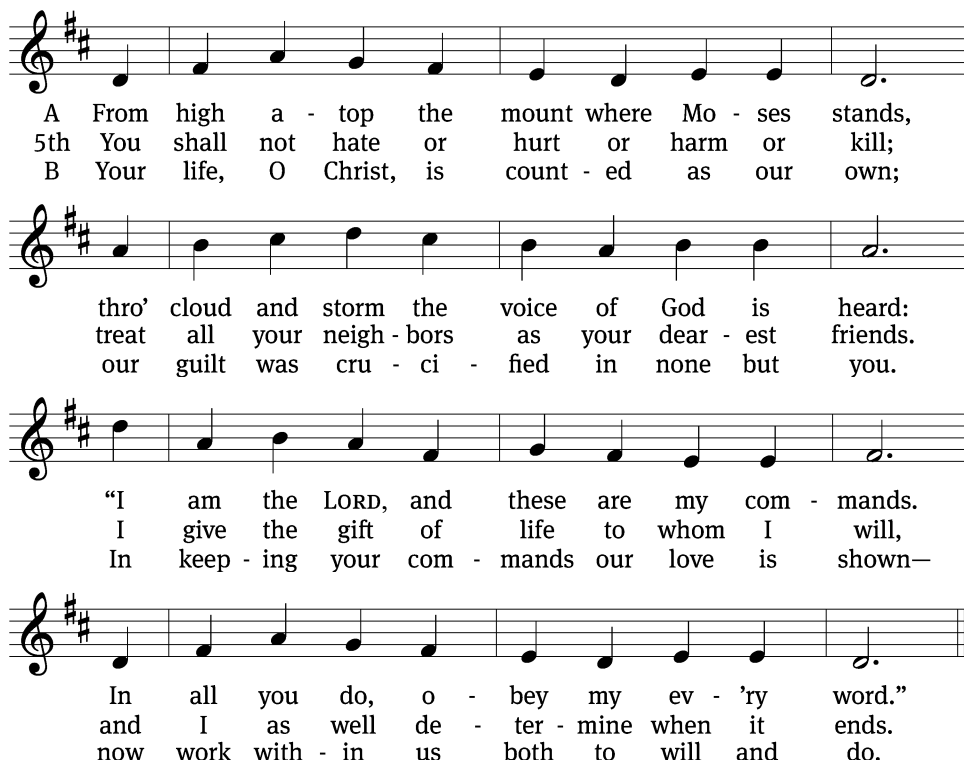
Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**



CLOSING HYMN

635 (sts. 1, 8, 3) - From High Atop the Mount



A From high a - top the mount where Mo - ses stands,
5th You shall not hate or hurt or harm or kill;
B Your life, O Christ, is count - ed as our own;

thro' cloud and storm the voice of God is heard:
treat all your neigh - bors as your dear - est friends.
our guilt was cru - ci - fied in none but you.

"I am the LORD, and these are my com - mands.
I give the gift of life to whom I will,
In keep - ing your com - mands our love is shown—

In all you do, o - bey my ev - 'ry word."
and I as well de - ter - mine when it ends.
now work with - in us both to will and do.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.

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Hymn 679 - God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

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Tune: Johann Caspar Bachofen, 1695–1755, alt.

Scripture references: Ro 6:10; Tit 3:4-7; Heb 10:22

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Psalms 119B - Teach Me, O LORD

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Hymn 506 - For the Fruits of His Creation

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

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Scripture references: Ge 8:22; Ps 104:14,15; Mt 25:34-40; Mk 4:26-29; Lk 19:10

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Hymn 878 - Christ Alone the World's Redeemer

Text: Steven P. Mueller, b. 1964

Tune: Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse . . . Contradanseu, Amsterdam, c. 1710

Scripture references: Gal 3:13; Heb 10:10-18; 2 Pe 1:19-21; Eph 2:1-10; 2 Th 2:13,14

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Hymn 635 - From High Atop the Mount

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Scripture references: Ex 20:1-17; Lev 19:2; Eph 5:1,2

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Prayer of the Church

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Notes: Response is adapted from Psalm 66:17.

“Give the members of your Church boldness...” is in remembrance of the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, June 25.

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**... whenever we have an
opportunity, let us work
for the good of all ...**



Galatians 6:10, NRSV