

# Pentecost 12

August 31, 2025

*"... that they may see your good works . . . "*

## Prelude

## Confession & Absolution

*P: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit*

**C: Amen**

*P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, on this Labor Day Sunday, we celebrate and honor our calling in Christ to labor for God's Kingdom with our good works of compassion, grace and justice. Yet, we also confess our bondage to a labor system rife with the hardships, exploitations and injustices of sin. Let us confess our struggle to be faithful, confronting our weakness and imploring God's forgiveness, that we may be renewed in our efforts to be more like God's people in every way.*

*A: We confess a concern for the reward of our labors and the satisfaction of our needs and wants that too often overlooks, ignores or intentionally closes our eyes to the peril and plight of others whose work we benefit from.*

**C: We have faltered in our faithfulness, O Lord.**

*A: When what we buy seems too complex to have concern and compassion for all the hands that conceived, designed, mined, refined, produced, assembled, packaged, marketed, delivered, and sold the goods we consume, forgive our lack of holding ourselves even as accountable as we could be.*

**C: We have faltered in our faithfulness, O Lord.**

*A: When we can know and we can decide between the results of labor done with justice and equity and labor that is exploitative and oppressive, yet we make price and cost to us more important, forgive us.*

**C: We have faltered in our faithfulness, O Lord.**

*A: For too often being silent supporters of a society and an economic system that rewards the labor of a few "elites" with astronomical compensation while allowing the many receiving minimum wage and other unsustainable salaries to suffer, forgive us.*

**C: We have faltered in our faithfulness, O Lord.**

*A: When we fail to advocate for equal pay for equal work, for eliminating any discrimination in hiring for the workplace, for policies and regulations that protect the well-being, safety and health of all employees, forgive us.*

**C: We have faltered in our faithfulness, O Lord.**

*A: And when we, ourselves, are disrespectful, uncourteous and ungrateful to anyone who labors on our behalf, forgive us.*

**C: We have faltered in our faithfulness, O Lord.**

*P: God, the Father, in a great labor of love, sent the Son, our Savior, Jesus the Christ, to do the faithful work of suffering, dying and rising, that we might know the promise and hope of forgiveness and salvation even in the face of our shortcomings and sin. Therefore, in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare the entire forgiveness of all your sin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

## Entrance Hymn    *My Master was a Worker*                      tune **521**

1. My Master was a worker,  
With daily work to do,  
And those who would be like Him  
Must be a worker, too.  
Then welcome honest labor,  
And honest labor's fare,  
For where there is a worker,  
The Master's own is there.

2. My Master was a colleague,  
A trusty friend and true,  
And those who would be like Him  
Must be a colleague, too.  
In happy hour of singing,  
In silent hours of care,  
Where goes a loyal colleague  
The Master's own is there.

3. My Master was a helper,  
The woes of life He knew,  
And those who would be like Him  
Must be a helper, too.  
The burden will grow lighter,  
If each will take a share,  
And where there is a helper,  
The Master's own is there.

4. Then, workers brave and honest,  
Together let us be,  
For He, who is our Master,  
The Lord of all is was He.  
And all who would be like Him  
Are wanted everywhere,  
And where they love each other  
The Master's own is there.

## Greeting

*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

ELW Setting 2

*P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*



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



*P: 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.*



*P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

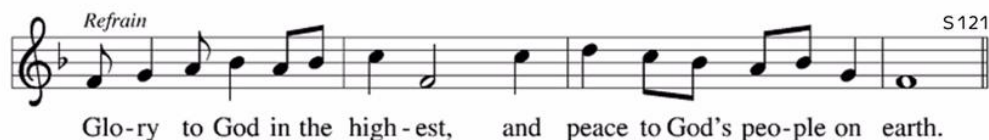


*P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*



## Hymn of Praise

ELW Setting 2





1 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 God's peo-ple on earth.



2 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 God's peo-ple on earth.



3 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.



## Prayer of the Day

*P: The Lord be with you*

**C: And also with you**

*P: Let us pray:*

**C: God whose works formed all heaven and earth and established the environment which nurtures and sustains all living things, we pray that our worship this day will acceptably reflect our thanks for your labors, and that you will fill us with the Spirit so that we will be inspired to mirror your good works by diligently attending to the good works we have been called to accomplish as your people. We ask this in the name of the one whose faithful labors even to death has brought us new life, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

## First Lesson

Genesis 3

**A**fter Adam and Eve confessed to God that they had disobeyedly eaten the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, God explained the consequences of this sin to the Serpent who had enticed Eve to desire the fruit. Then God spoke to Eve who had given into her desire and taken a bite before presenting it to her husband, Adam, who also took a bite. Finally God spoke to Adam, saying:

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the soil because of you; with hardship will you eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it will sprout for you; and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you will eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you will return."

*Reader: The Word of the Lord!* **C: Thanks be to God!**

*Lord, you have been our refuge  
in every generation.*

**Before the mountains were brought up,  
or even before you had formed the earth and the world -  
from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

*You turn us back to dust,  
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."*

**For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday when it is past,  
or like a watch in the night.**

*The days of our life are seventy years,  
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;  
even then their span is only toil and trouble;  
they are soon gone, and we fly away.*

**So teach us to count our days  
that we may gain a wise heart.**

*Turn, O Lord! How long?  
Have compassion on your servants!*

**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

*Let your work be manifest to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.*

**Let the blessing of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and prosper for us the work of our hands--  
O prosper the work of our hands!**

## Second Lesson

## Exodus 20

**G**od gave the Commandments to God's people while they were still in the wilderness. As the third of the ten commandments, God said, "Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you will labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On that day, you will not do any work--you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For, in six days the Lord made

heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but on the seventh day the Lord rested. Therefore, the Lord blessed the sabbath day and declared it to be a holy day."

*Reader: The Word of the Lord!* **C: Thanks be to God!**

### Verse



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

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### Gospel Acclamation

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

### Gospel

### Matthew 5

**J**esus said, "You are the light of the world. A city has no power to be concealed when it has been laid out on the top of a mountain. Likewise, no one lights a lamp and then places it under a trash can. No! The lit lamp is placed on a table where it can shine on everything that is in the house. So, you, likewise, should shine your light before everyone, so that they may, perhaps, see your good works and may, perhaps, give glory to your Father in the heavens.

*P: The Gospel of the Lord!* **C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

### Sermon

# Hymn of the Day

## All Labor Gained New Dignity

1. All la - bor gained new dig - ni - ty Since  
 2. No work is com - mon - place if all Be  
 3. Each small - est com - mon thing He makes Serves  
 4. His ser - vice is life's high - est joy, It

He who all cre - a - tion made Toiled  
 done as un - to Him a - lone; Life's  
 Him with its mi - nut - est part; Man  
 yields fair fruit a hun - dred fold: be

with his hands for dai - ly bread Right man - ful - ly.  
 sim - plest toil to Him is known Who know - eth all.  
 on - ly with his wand - 'ring heart His way for - sakes.  
 this our prayer; "Not fame, not gold, but, Thine em - ploy.

## 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.**

## Prayers & Passing of the Peace

### Offering / Offertory

**Words:** Charles Wesley, *Hymns and Poems*, 1739

**Tune:** 754

1. Servant of all, to toil for man  
Thou didst not, Lord, refuse;  
Thy majesty did not disdain  
To be employed for us.

2. Son of the carpenter, receive  
This humble work of mine;  
Worth to my meanest labor give,  
By joining it to Thine.

3. End of my every action Thou,  
In all things Thee I see;

Accept my hallowed labor now,  
I do it unto Thee.

4. Thy bright example I pursue,  
To Thee in all things rise;  
And all I think or speak or do  
Is one great sacrifice.

5. Careless through outward cares I go,  
From all distraction free;  
My hands are but engaged below,  
My heart is still with Thee.

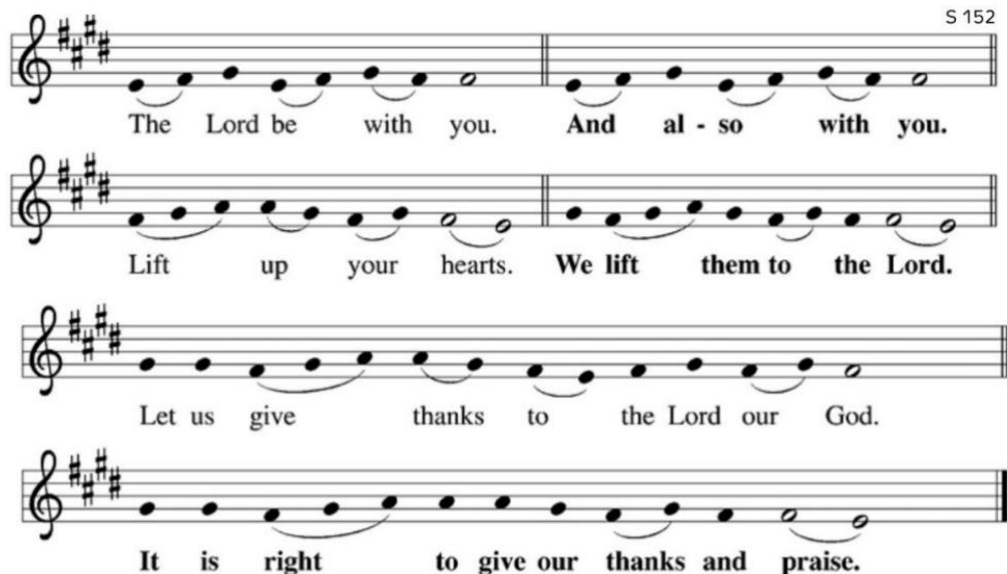
*A: Let us Pray*

**C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

# Great Thanksgiving

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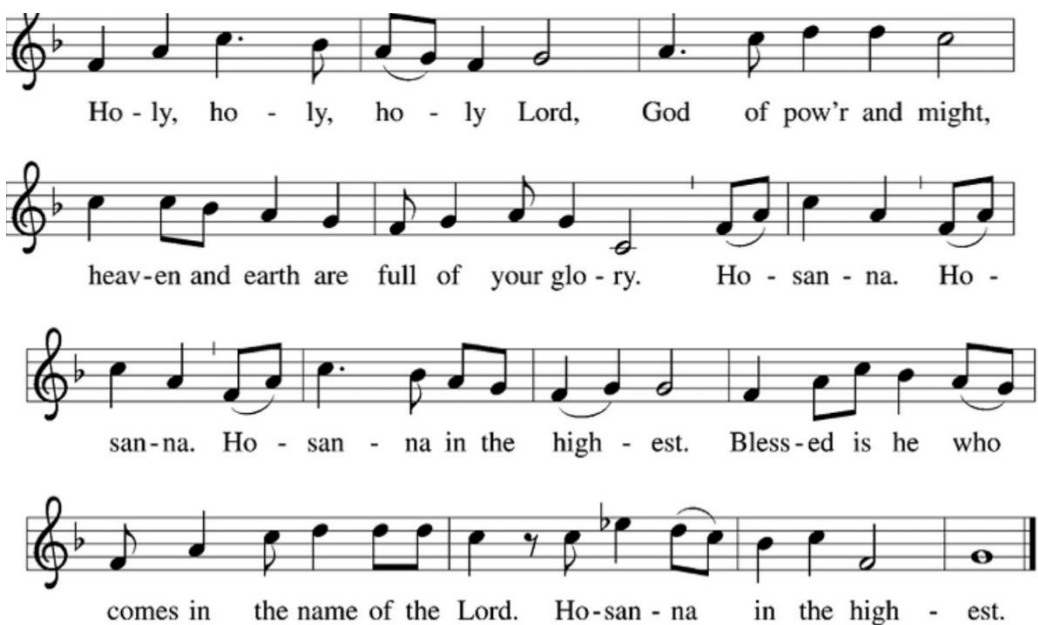
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

*P: It is indeed . . .*



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

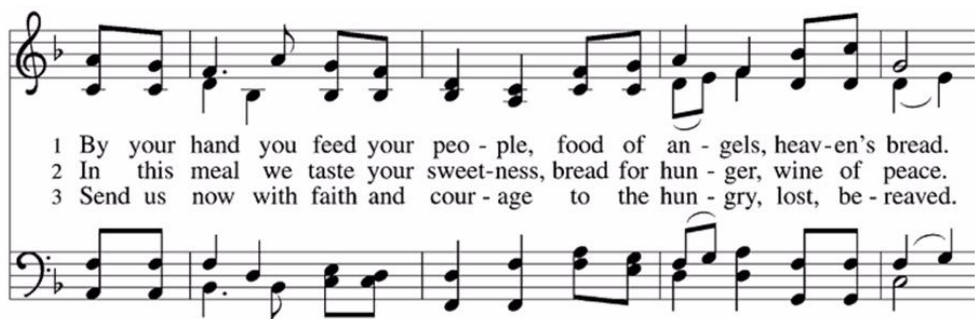
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. 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 now and forever. Amen.

## Distribution Hymns

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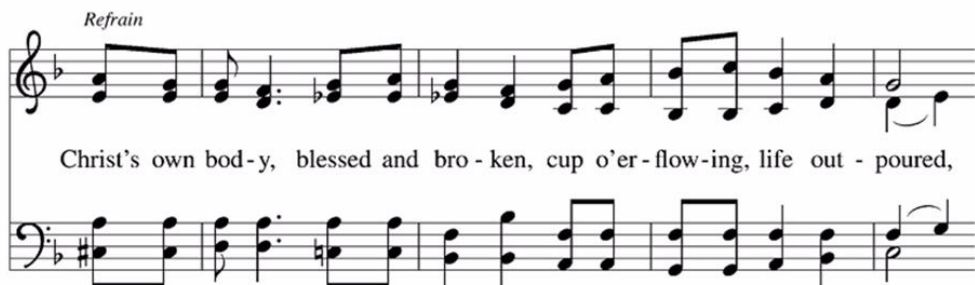


1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.  
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.  
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.

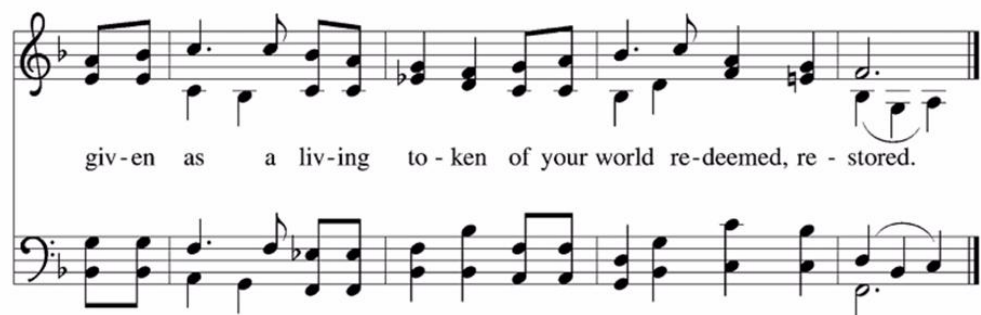


For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis-dom sat - is - fy our deep-est needs.  
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

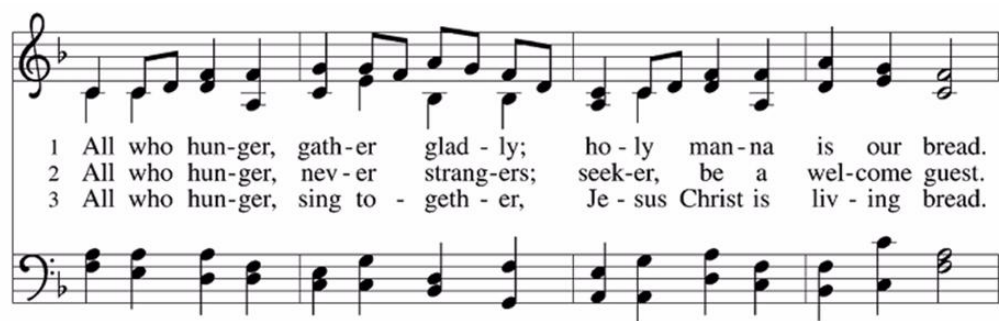
*Refrain*



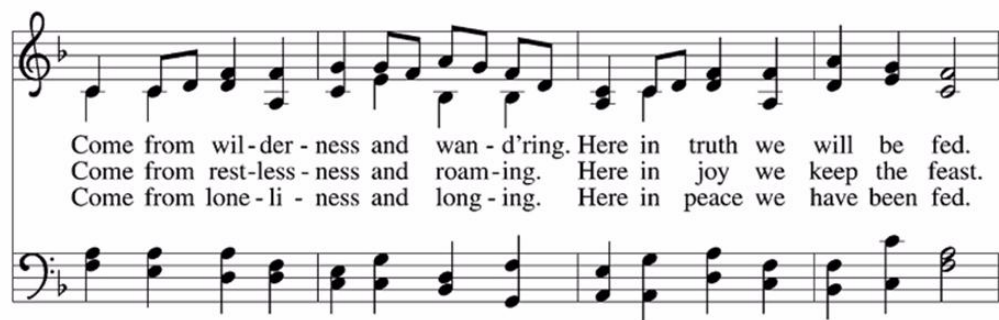
Christ's own bod-y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er-flow-ing, life out - poured,



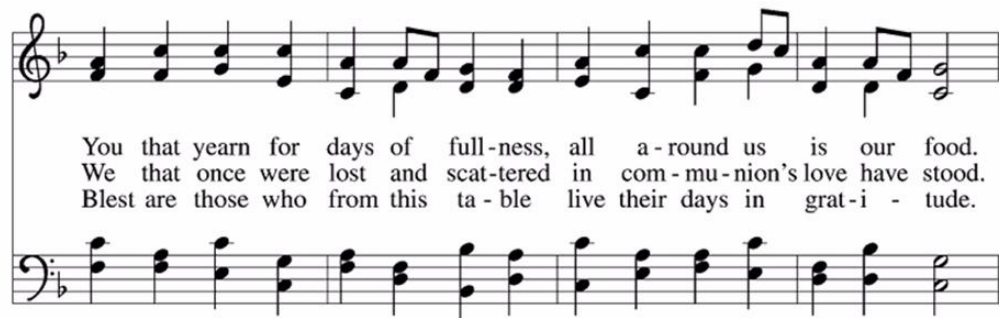
giv-en as a liv-ing to - ken of your world re-deemed, re - stored.



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
 Come from rest-less - ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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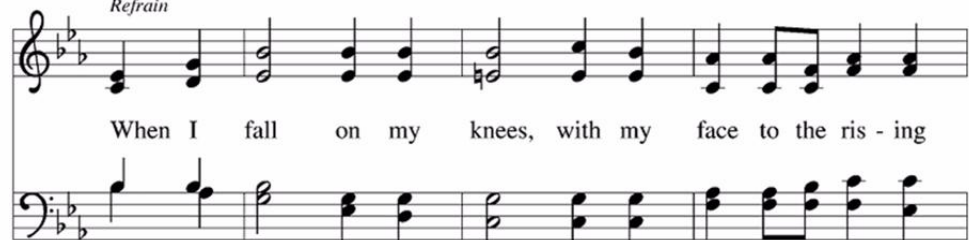


1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

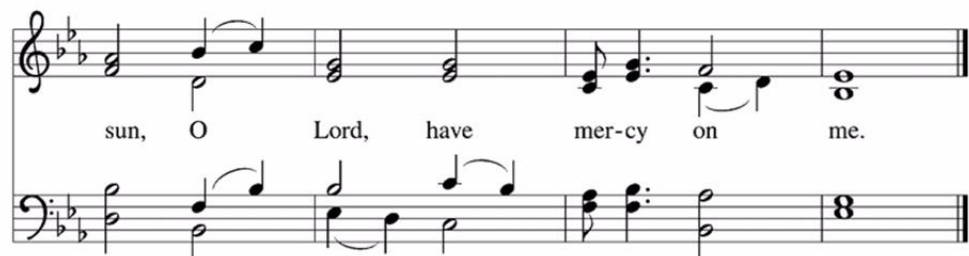


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*Refrain*



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

# Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

## Benediction

### Recessional

*Sons of labor, dear to Jesus,*      tune: **823**

Sons of labor, dear to Jesus,  
To your homes and work again;  
Go with brave hearts back to duty,  
Face the peril, bear the pain.  
Be your dwellings ne'er so lowly,  
Yet remember, by your bed,  
That the Son of God most holy  
Had not where to lay His head.

Sons of labor, think of Jesus  
As you rest your homes within,  
Think of that sweet Babe of Mary  
In the stable of the inn.  
Think how in the sacred story  
Jesus took a humble grade,  
And the Lord of Life and Glory  
Worked with Joseph at His trade.

Sons of labor, pray to Jesus;  
Oh, how Jesus prayed for you!  
In the moonlight, on the mountain,  
Where the shimmering olives grew.  
When you rise up at the dawning,  
Ere in toil you wend your way,  
Pray, as He prayed, in the morning,  
Long before the break of day.  
Sons of labor, be like Jesus,

Undefiled, chaste, and pure;  
And, though Satan tempt you sorely,  
By His grace you shall endure.  
Husband, father, son and brother,  
Be ye gentle, just and true —  
Be ye kind to one another,  
As the Lord is kind to you.

Sons of labor, seek for Jesus,  
Where He tells you ye shall find,  
In the children, 'mid the mourners,  
In the sick, poor, lame and blind —  
"Search the Scriptures," He entreats  
you,  
"For of Me they testify";  
Love His altar, where He meets you,  
Saying, "Fear not — It is I."

Sons of labor, live for Jesus,  
Be your work your worship, too;  
In His Name, and to His glory,  
Do whate'er you find to do;  
Till this night of sin and sorrow  
Be for ever overpast;  
And we see the golden morrow,  
Home with Jesus, home at last!

## Postlude & Dismissal

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Flowers on the altar are placed by Art Schroder in memory of Josephine Halada.



**Sunday, August 31**

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. \*Last\* Outdoor worship service for the summer

11:00 a.m. Worship

Summer fellowship in the narthex after each service

**Tuesday, September 2**

5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, September 3**

9:00 a.m. Piecemakers Quilting Group

**Friday, September 5**

Deadline to donate items for Personal Care Kits

7:00 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting

**Sunday, September 7**

*God's Work Our Hands Sunday*

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation classes begin

9:45 a.m. Post Confirmation Student Group Meeting

9:45 a.m. Personal Care Kit assembly in the fellowship hall

11:00 a.m. Worship



Donations for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits are now being accepted! Individual bars of soap (4 oz size) or lightweight dark-colored bath towels are what is needed. Those donations can be dropped in the collection box located outside the church office.

Want to make a monetary donation to support this ministry? Visit our website to donate securely @ [www.GraceYorktown.org](http://www.GraceYorktown.org)



# BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, Sept. 7th  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Bring your school backpack to worship on this Sunday for a special time of blessing by Pastor Chris.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL



# BEGINS!

Sunday School Opening  
Sunday 9/7 @ 9:45

To Learn More  
To Sing  
To Pray Together



# CONFIRMATION

## 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADES



## Weekly Classes Begin

Sunday Sept 7 @ 9:45 am *or*  
Tuesday Sept 9 @ 4:30 pm

