



## 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, let us gather with true hearts that confess our sins to God, that earnestly ask for forgiveness and that trust in our renewal through the work of our Savior Jesus the Christ.*

*A: Our help is in the name of the Lord,*  
**C: who made heaven and earth.** [Psalm 124:8]

*A: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.*  
**C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.** [Psalm 32:5]

*A: Almighty God, merciful Father:*  
**C: I confess to you all my sins with which I have offended you and my neighbors. I am sorry for them. I devote myself to repentance and pray for your mercy. In your boundless grace and compassion send me your Holy Spirit that I may be strengthened in my faith and made ready for a life obedient to your will and your way.**

*P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of steadfast love. [Exodus 34:6] 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.**

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised, good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## 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

### Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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.



*Refrain*  
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.



*Refrain*  
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.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

## Prayer of the Day

*P: The Lord be with you*

**C: And also with you**

*P: Let us pray:*

**C: Holy God in your mercy you have always sought us out when we have wandered from your Way, and you have rejoiced when we have returned to faithfulness. Empower us now with the same mercy and joy so that we will find those needing to be found, welcome all you have called and seek to proclaim your faithfulness, grace and love through all we do. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

## First Lesson

Exodus 32

*God is mistakenly thought to have abandoned God's people*

**W**hen the people saw that Moses was shamefully late in coming back down from the mountain (*where he was allegedly meeting with God*), the people assembled against Aaron, and said to him, "Get up! Make a god for us who will actually go before us and lead us, for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt - we have no idea what has become of him."

Aaron said to them, "Remove the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me."

So, all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!!!" When Aaron saw this, he built a slaughter-site before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow is a festival to Yahweh."

They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

### *Yahweh knows of the Sin of the Golden Calf*

Yahweh said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have wrought ruin; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them. they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'"

### *Yahweh decides on Punishment*

Yahweh said to Moses, "I see this people - and here, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

### *Moses Intercedes with Three Appeals*

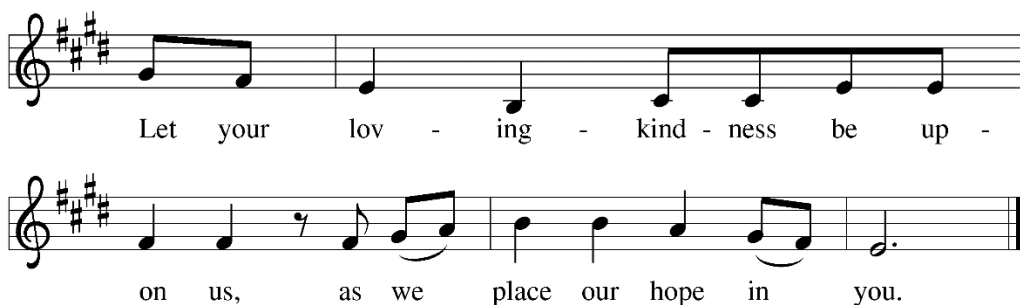
But Moses soothed and softened the face of Yahweh his God, and said, "For-what-reason, O Yahweh, should your anger flare against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? For-what-reason should the Egyptians say, yes, say; 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your flaming anger; be sorry for the evil intended against your people! Recall Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by yourself, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'"

And Yahweh let himself be sorry concerning the evil that he had spoken of doing to his people.

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

*Psalm*

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*Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.*

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin. R**

*For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.*

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,**

*So that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.*

**Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me. R**

*You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.*

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

*Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.*

**Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.*

**Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

*Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit. R*

## Second Lesson

I Timothy I

### *I received mercy*

**I**, Paul, am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I

had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

### Blessing of the Backpacks & Verse

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### Gospel Acclamation

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

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

### Gospel

*Luke 15*

#### *Three Parables about the Lost being Found*

**N**ow all the tax collectors and sinners were coming close to Jesus to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

#### *The Lost Sheep*

So Jesus told them this parable:

"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it and when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices, and when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost!'"



Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

### *The Lost Coin*

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it, and when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost!'"

Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

### *The Son who Returns and the Father who Welcomes him*

Then Jesus said,

"There was a man who had two sons.

The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me right now the share of your property that will belong to me as an inheritance when you die!'

And the father divided his life between them.

A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property, living wastefully. When he had freely spent all that he had, a severe famine took place throughout that country and he began to be in need. And being hungry, he was forced to go work for a citizen of that country who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. The younger son would gladly have filled himself with even the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

But, when he finally came to himself again he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough to eat and even to spare, but with a famine I am being made to die here. I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands!"'

So he set off and went to his father.

But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. His father ran and put his arms around the younger son and kissed him.

Then the younger son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your

son.'

But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it and let us be merry; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!'

And they began to be merry.

Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on.

The slave replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.'

That angered the elder son and he refused to go into his father's party. So, his father came out and began to plead with him.

But the elder son answered his father saying, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that with I could have a party with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!'

Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It is necessary to be merry and to rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

## Sermon

**Hymn of the Day** *Far From Home We Run Rebellious* [tune 712]

1. Far from home we run, rebellious,  
Seeking cities bright with dreams,  
Casting loose from love that claims us,  
Craving life that glitters, gleams.  
Dreams that lured us on have vanished;  
Freedom's road has run its course.  
All that glittered now lies tarnished,  
Robbed of joy by guilt, remorse.
2. Long the road that winds us homeward,

Faint the hope that love still waits;  
Yet the feet that once were wayward  
Lead us toward familiar gates.  
Swift the Father runs to meet us,  
Bearing love that covers shame.  
Sin and guilt no more defeat us;  
Grace restores a home, a name.

3. Arms, long empty, close around us,  
Binding hearts in warm embrace.  
Love we'd lost once more has found us,  
Holds us in the hope of grace.  
Cherished Law which we have broken  
Righteous judgment should proclaim,  
But we know the joy of mercy  
Gone our guilt in Jesus' name.

## *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*

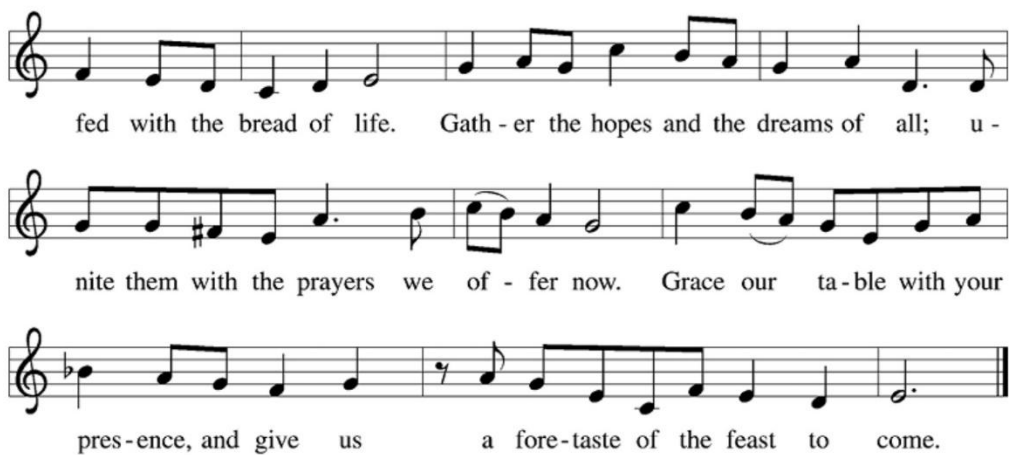
### *Offering / Offertory*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



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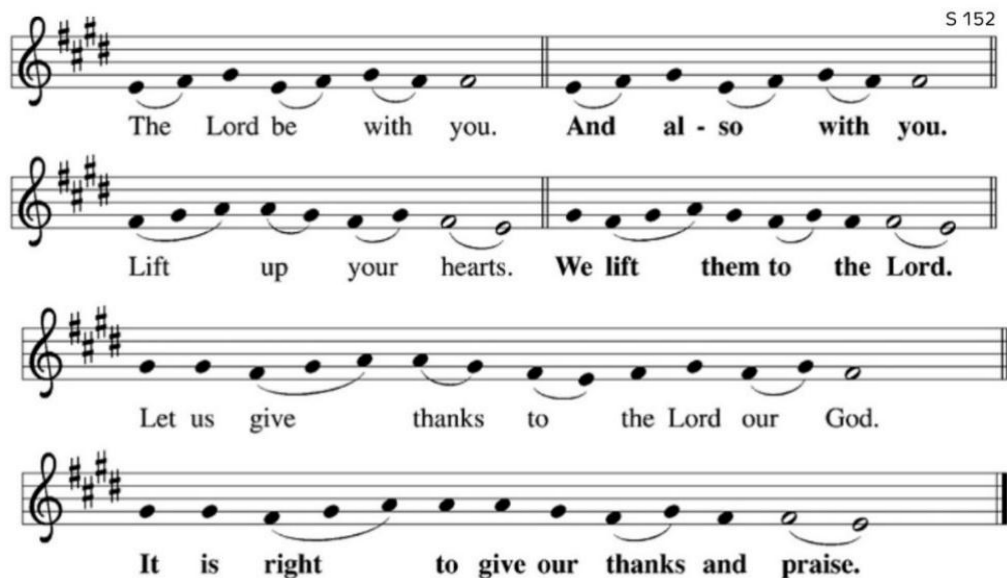
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*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.**

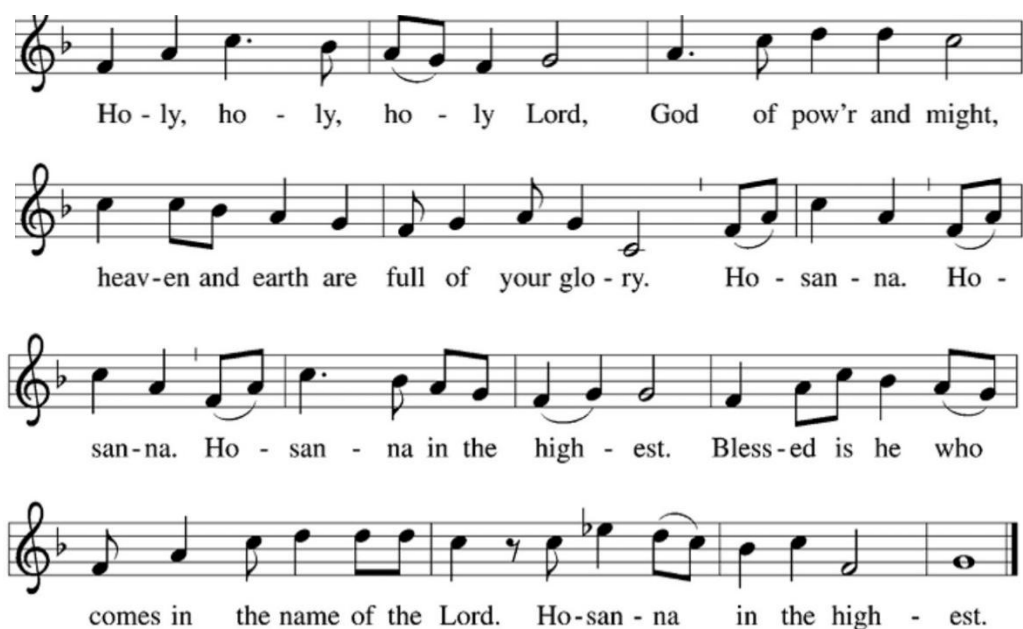
## Great Thanksgiving

ELW Setting 2



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 . . .*



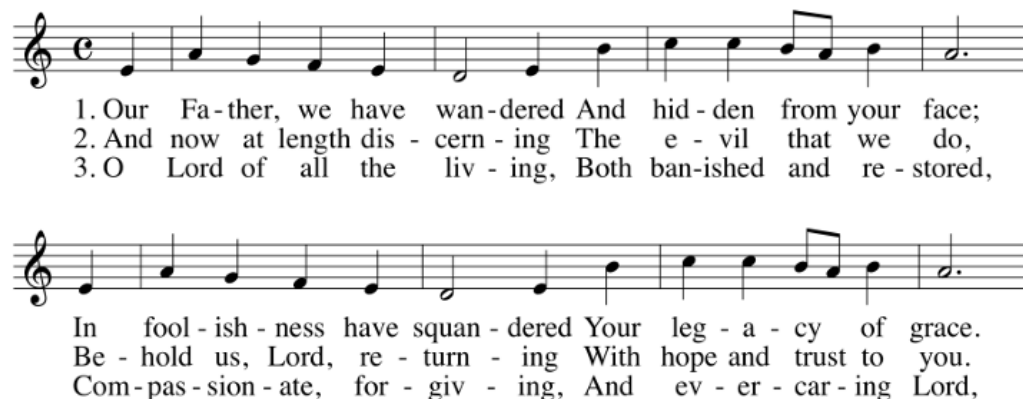
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## 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. Our Fa-ther, we have wan-dered And hid - den from your face;  
 2. And now at length dis - cern - ing The e - vil that we do,  
 3. O Lord of all the liv - ing, Both ban-ished and re - stored,  
 In fool - ish - ness have squan - dered Your leg - a - cy of grace.  
 Be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing With hope and trust to you.  
 Com-pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, And ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, We rise with fear and shame,  
In haste you come to meet us And home re - joic - ing bring,  
Grant now that our trans - gress - ing, Our faith - less - ness may cease.



As, dis - tant but com - pell - ing, We hear you call our name.  
In glad - ness there to greet us With calf and robe and ring.  
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, In par - don, and in peace.



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a con - flict,  
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
man - y\_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

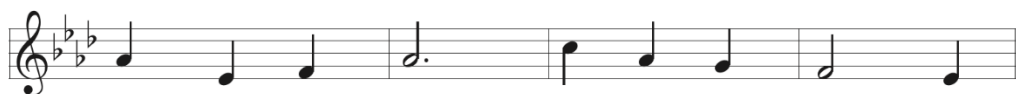


O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



# Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

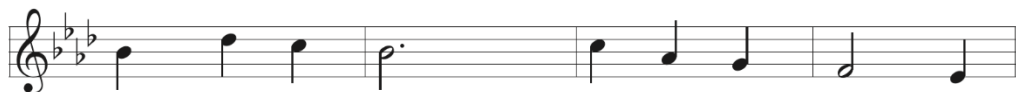
## Benediction & Recessional *God's Work Our Hands* tune: 731



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your Gos - pel.

# Postlude & Dismissal

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## **Sunday, September 7**

*God's Work Our Hands Sunday*

*Name Tag 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

## **Monday, September 8**

9:30 a.m. Widowed Support Group

7:00 p.m. Social Ministry/Green Team Meeting

## **Tuesday, September 9**

6:30 a.m. Early Bird Bible Study & Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Chris – hybrid

3:30 p.m. Bible Study Lite 101 w/Pastor Chris

4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Chris – online only

## **Wednesday, September 10**

9:00 a.m. Piecemakers Quilting Group

1:00 p.m. Grace Book Club

## **Thursday, September 11**

7:30 p.m. Grace Digital Committee Meeting

## **Sunday, September 14**

*Last Day to order memorial garden bricks*

*Blessing of the Quilts*

8:30 a.m. Worship

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

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

11:00 a.m. Worship