

September 12, 2021

Installation of Pr. Adrienne Meier

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION WITH HOLY COMMUNION

We are honored that you are joining our worship today. We hope to make you feel welcome whether you are visiting with us for the first time or have been worshipping with us for years.

Welcome

St. Thomas Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered community that lives, shares, and celebrates God's grace with all people!

As disciples of Christ who value the faith, gifts, and ministry of all God's people, and who seek justice and reconciliation, we welcome all God's children to an inclusive community. This welcome is extended without exception and regardless of sex, race, national origin, educational background, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, age, or economic condition.

Worship Aids

In this worship bulletin, worshipers are invited to stand at the places marked with an * and bold type denotes the congregation's response. Everything you need to participate in worship is found in this bulletin. You are encouraged to join us in praying, singing, sharing the peace, and receiving Holy Communion as you feel moved.

Children in Worship

We welcome all children to worship with us—including full participation in Holy Communion. Whether talking, crying, laughing or singing, the sounds of children in worship are joyful sounds of praise. God put the wiggle in children and we rejoice! Our unstaffed nursery is open for quiet, supervised play (masks are required inside). Children's bulletins are also available.

A Note About Our Livestream Service

Today's service is livestreamed. By attending this service you are giving permission to be in the video we produce.

A Few Requests

We ask that you silence your cell phone or electronic devices.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

Dietrich Buxtehude

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, creator of the stars of night,
companion at the evening table, breath over the deep waters.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy and gracious God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you this day. Some of our sin we know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which we are ashamed—but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ we ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace. Amen.

P: As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

C: Blessed be God forever.

*ENTRANCE HYMN

PRAYER

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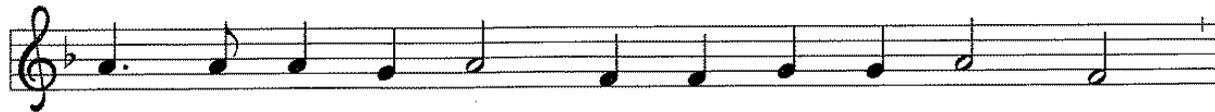
Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray



1 Now to the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray
2 O sweet - est Love, your grace on us be - stow;
3 Tran - scen - dent com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,
4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light,



for true faith, most need - ed on our way:
set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow,
help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed,
that we Je - sus Christ may know a - right,



Guide us and de - fend us when life is end - ing
that with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er,
that we may not fal - ter, nor cour - age fail us
cling - ing to our Sav - ior, whose blood has bought us,



and our jour - ney home - ward is tend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!
ev - 'ry strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!
when the foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!
who to our true home - land has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

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*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.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Lecia Beck

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.
A voice cries out:
'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'
A voice says, 'Cry out!'
And I said, 'What shall I cry?'
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.
Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'
See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99 (spoken responsively, assisting minister/**congregation**)

¹The LORD is king; let the ^l people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let ^l the earth shake.

²**The LORD, ^l great in Zion,
is high a-^lbove all peoples.**

³Let them confess God's name, which is ^l great and awesome;
God is the ^l Holy One.

⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es-^ltablished equity;
you have executed justice and righteous-^lness in Jacob.**

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD
and fall down be-^lfore God's footstool;
God is the ^l Holy One.

⁶**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those
who call upon your ^l name, O LORD;
they called upon you, and you ^l answered them,**

⁷you spoke to them out of the pil-^llar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree ^l that you gave them.

⁸**O LORD our God, you answered ^l them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their ^l evil deeds.**

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD
and worship upon God's ^l holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the ^l Holy One.

SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Beloved, pray for us.

Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41 NRSV emended

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

On that day, *after speaking with the crowds all day*, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

P: The Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

STEWARDSHIP

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

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1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

***APOSTLES' CREED**

A: 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.**

+ INSTALLATION +

***PRESENTATION**

P: Having been authorized by the church to install Adrienne Margaret Meier, our co-worker in the gospel, as pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

R: After prayerful deliberation, we, of St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran Church, have called Adrienne Margaret Meier as pastor. I present her and this letter certifying the call.

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

P: *A reading from John:* Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (*John 20:21-23*)

P: *A reading from Matthew:* Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (*Matthew 28:18-20*)

P: *A reading from First Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Timothy 4:12-16)*

P: Adrienne, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church? Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and in your use of the means of grace? Will you love, serve, and pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

C: Amen.

The assembly stands.

P: People of God, will you receive Adrienne as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?
Will you regard her as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

P: Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

P: Adrienne, the office of pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***BLESSING**

P: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

C: Amen.

P: Receive these signs of your calling to serve God and the people of God in the ministry of word and sacrament.

R: You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

R: You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

R: You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.

P: People of God, I present to you Adrienne, your pastor. Let us welcome her in the name of Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice.

Each petition ends:

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Concluding petition:

P: We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

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

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

A box is provided on the table at the top of the drive to receive your gifts to support the ministry of St. Thomas. You can also give on our website stlconline.org

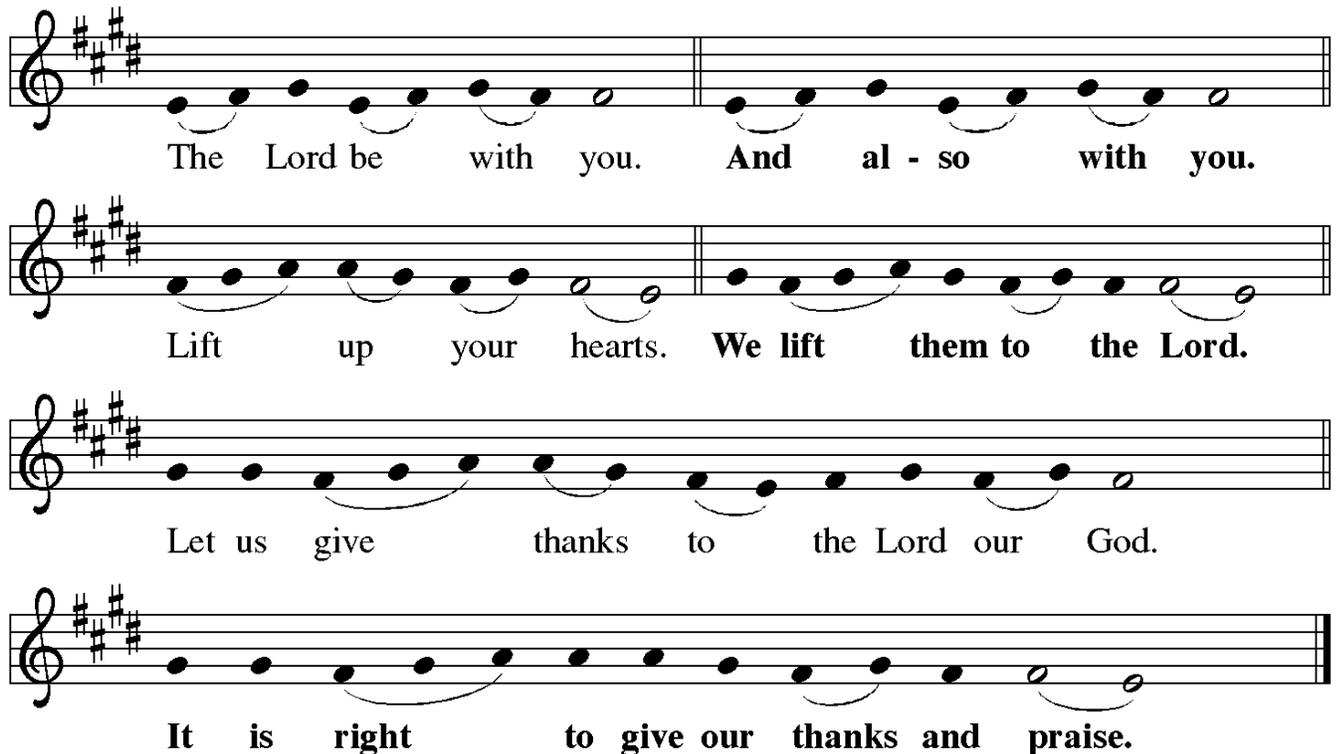
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Holy God, you abide with your creation and in Jesus Christ you gather us at your table. As you stayed with your disciples for an evening meal, so now stay with us. As we receive these gifts of bread and wine, open our hearts to share what we have received, the abiding love of Jesus, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

+ MEAL +

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



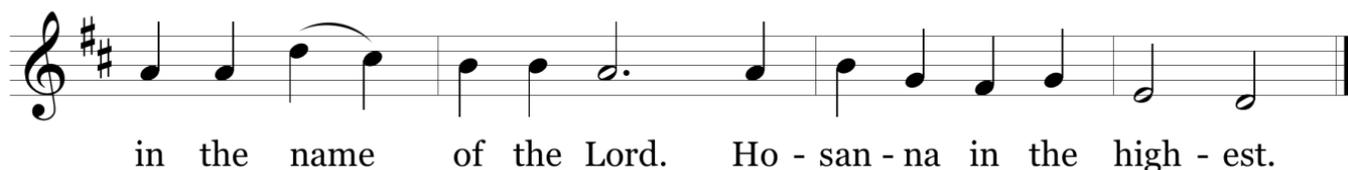
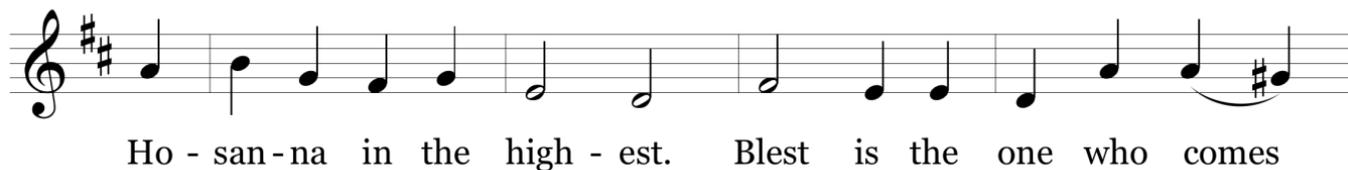
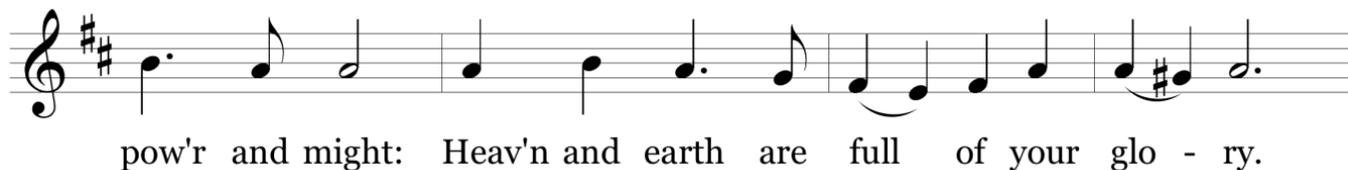
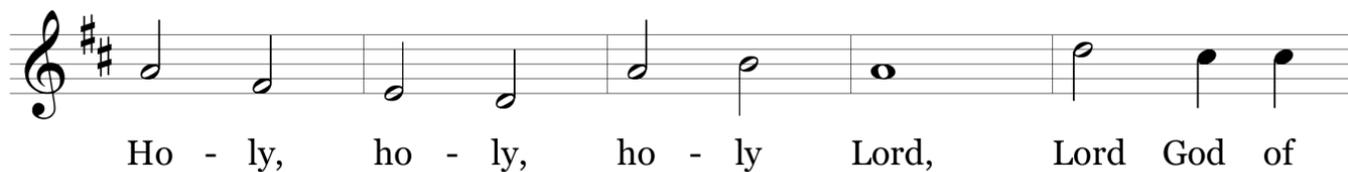
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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 right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

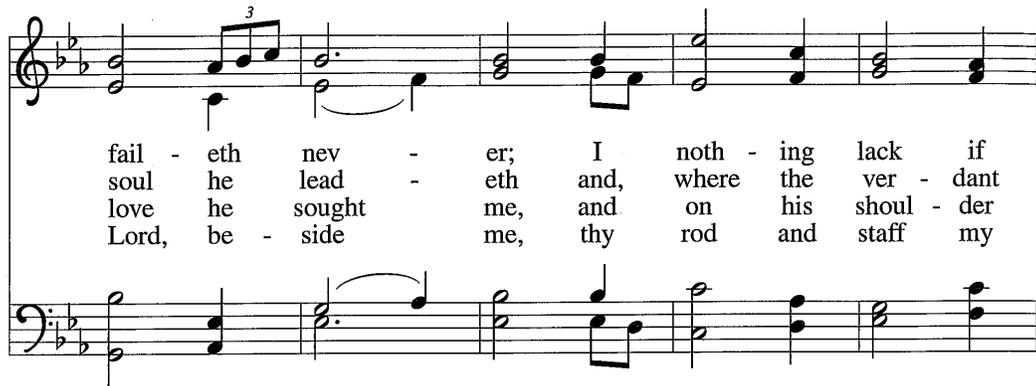
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HOLY COMMUNION

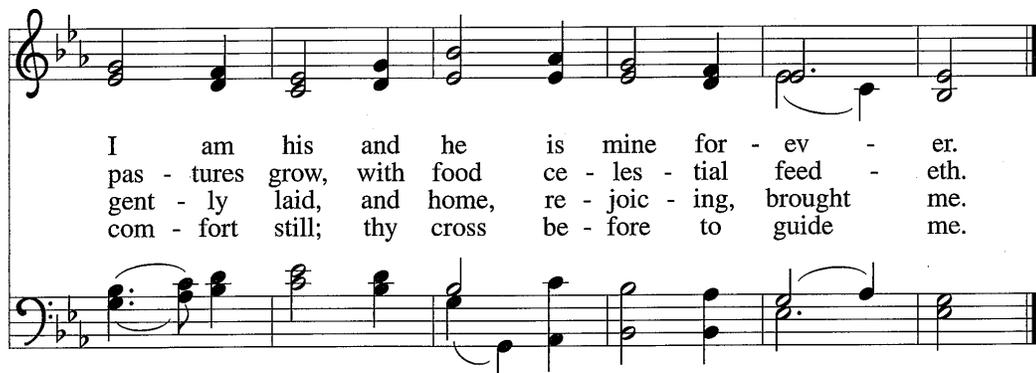
502 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Now We Join in Celebration

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1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.



***EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING**

C: Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

***BENEDICTION**

P: God, the Source of glory; God, the Word of life; God, the Spirit of truth + bless you all, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

PRAISE, THANKSGIVING

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Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens

*We depart in peace to continue our worship in lives of witness
to Christ's love in work, play, service, and care for creation.*

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Enter through the rear patio doors, turn right and return outside
to enjoy fellowship with one another.
Please wear a mask inside the building.**

Installation Worship Leaders

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