

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
LITTLETON, COLORADO

October 21, 2018

8:00 am



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

His Work Is Our Rest

AS WE GATHER

Imagine yourself on vacation. Perhaps you are staying at a nice hotel with people you love, enjoying your favorite activities, and savoring some much-needed rest. Now, notice something: while you are resting, others are working. They are cleaning rooms, making beds, preparing your food, serving your drinks. Someone else's work enables you to rest. So it is with God. Today your gracious Father invites you to enter into His rest, His Sabbath, through the saving work of Jesus. He has already done the work—savor it! Rest in His presence as He serves you with His living and active Word and as He prepares His Table of grace for you to enjoy.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRELUDE “Prelude and Fugue in C Major” J.S. Bach

PASTORAL GREETING

TOLLING OF THE BELL *Congregation, please stand.*

HYMN “Come unto Me, Ye Weary” LSB 684

Verse 2: Choir Only arr. Stephen Johnson

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Hebrews 4:9–10*

Pastor: There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,

People: **for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from His.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Matthew 11:28*

Pastor: Today our Father invites us to enter into His presence and experience the gift of His rest. Let us come before Him in repentance and faith.

(Silence for meditation upon God’s Word and our need for Christ’s forgiveness.)

Pastor: Holy God, merciful Father,

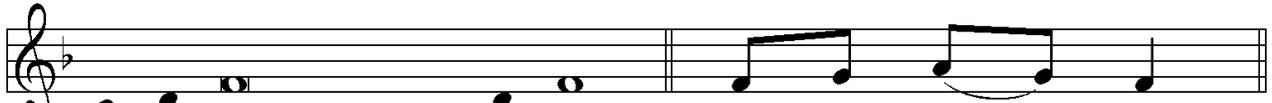
People: **too often we pull away from the peace You promise to Your children. Forgive us for the ways in which our thoughts, our words, and our actions go against Your will for our lives. For our neglect of You and Your gift of grace, we ask for mercy. In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, whose work on the cross has secured our place in Your kingdom, renew us and lead us that we may rest in Your presence. Amen.**

Pastor: Jesus says, “Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Receive the rest for your souls that only Jesus’ work has secured. As your pastor, I announce God’s saving grace to you and, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

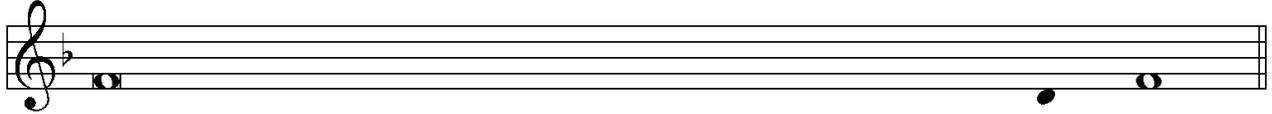
People: **Amen.**

✂ WORD ✂

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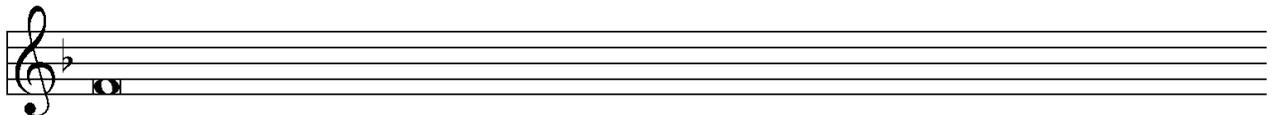
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



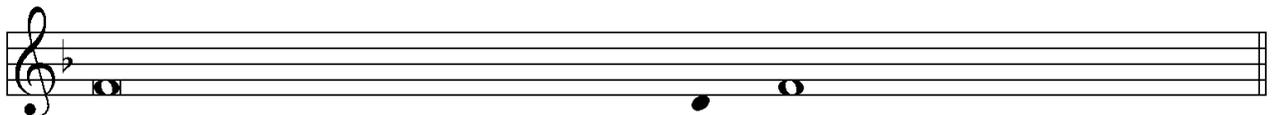
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



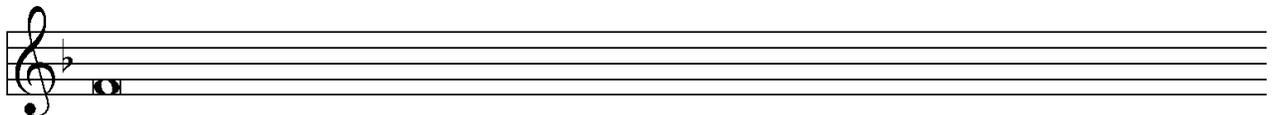
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



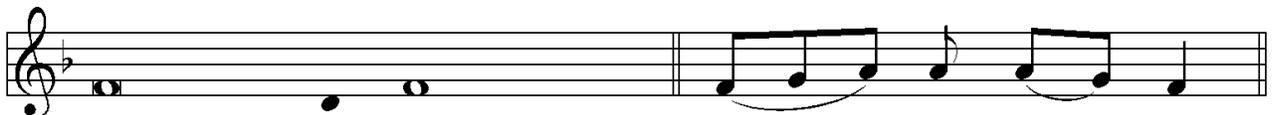
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This is the Feast”

Refrain

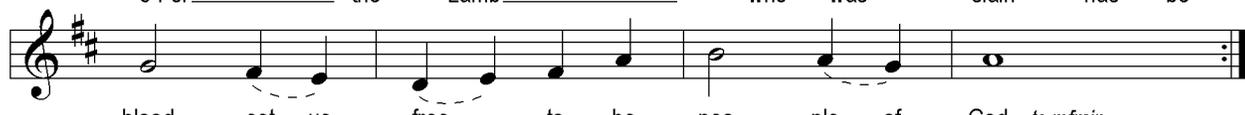


This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Verses



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *to refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *to refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - - - - tion: **to verse 4**
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - - - men. *to refrain*
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - - - - ia! **to Final Refrain**

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, our Creator, You set in order all things in heaven and on earth for the benefit of Your children. Grant that we rest from our labors and receive the peace Your Son has given; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

(We rejoice and rest in the gifts of God.)

Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless. As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them? The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep. I have seen a grievous

evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owner, or wealth lost through some misfortune, so that when he has a son there is nothing left for him. Naked a man comes from his mother's womb, and as he comes, so he departs. He takes nothing from his labor that he can carry in his hand. This too is a grievous evil: As a man comes, so he departs, and what does he gain, since he toils for the wind? All his days he eats in darkness, with great frustration, affliction and anger. Then I realized that it is good and proper for a man to eat and drink, and to find satisfaction in his toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given him--for this is his lot. Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work--this is a gift of God. He seldom reflects on the days of his life, because God keeps him occupied with gladness of heart.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: Hebrews 4:1-13

(There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.)

Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith. Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said,

"So I declared on oath in my anger,
'They shall never enter my rest.' "

And yet his work has been finished since the creation of the world. For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in these words: "And on the seventh day God rested from all his work." And again in the passage above he says, "They shall never enter my rest."

It still remains that some will enter that rest, and those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not go in, because of their disobedience. Therefore God again set a certain day, calling it Today, when a long time later he spoke through David, as was said before:

"Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts."

For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the

thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation, please rise for the Alleluia Verse and the Gospel.

VERSE *Mark 10:27b*

Pastor: Alleluia. With man it is impossible, but not with God.

People: **For all things are possible with God. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:23–31

(How difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God!)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

Peter said to him, "We have left everything to follow you!"

"I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields--and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"

LSB 782

SERMON "The Best Thing About Money"

Pastor John Larson
TEXT: Mark 10:17-27

NICENE CREED *Text found in the back of the Hymnal.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the advancement of Christ's kingdom, that we be strong in the Lord and strive to enter into His rest and share this rest with others, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord of the Sabbath, let us rest in You.**

Pastor: For all pastors, teachers, musicians, missionaries, and other servants of the Church, that their work be a reflection of Christ, whose work enables us to have peace and joy, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord of the Sabbath, let us rest in You.**

Pastor: For all who serve in positions of leadership in our government, along with those who wear the uniform of our country, that our Savior, upon whose shoulders the government rests, grant them wisdom, comfort, and satisfaction in their labors, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord of the Sabbath, let us rest in You.**

Pastor: For all who are broken in body, mind, and spirit, [*especially . . .*], that the Lord would bind up their wounds and grant them full healing and restoration, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord of the Sabbath, let us rest in You.**

Pastor: . . . *Other intercessions may be added here . . .*, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord of the Sabbath, let us rest in You.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy and grace, for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

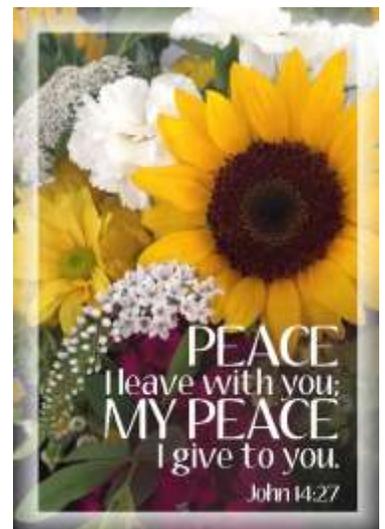
People: **Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

We share the Lord's peace with one another, saying, "Peace be with you."



OFFERING

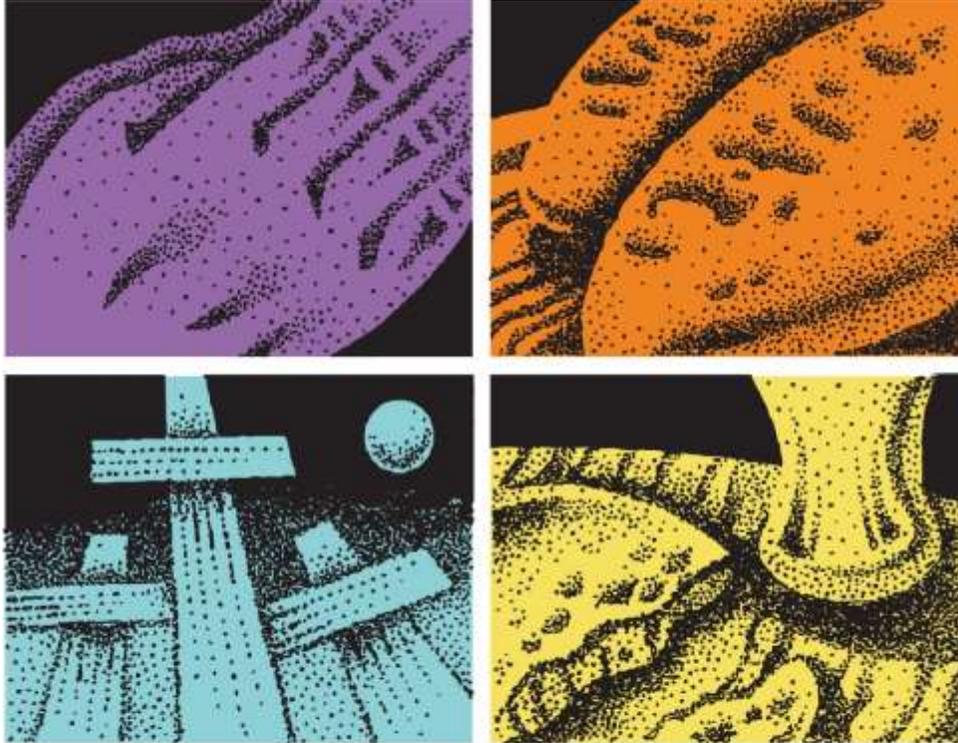
OFFERTORY "All Creation, Clap Your Hands"

Jeffrey Honoré
Ascension Chorale

Ann Westra, flute; Brian Wilson, synthesized clarinet

HOLY COMMUNION AT ASCENSION

The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with "Amen!", a word of affirmation and belief.



GIVEN FOR YOU

✘ SACRAMENT ✘

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Into the very fabric of Your creation You have woven the gift of Your rest. By Your saving grace, grant that we join with those who have come before us and enter into the rest of our Savior, who opened the kingdom of heaven to all who believe. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (Divine Service, Setting Three)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \times body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the

new testament in My ✕ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

LORD’S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*) *Text found in the back of the Hymnal.*

Agnus Dei (Divine Service, Setting Three)

□ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Balm in Gilead”

arr. Joseph Martin
Diana Gaide, pianist

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

LSB 680

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

LSB 721

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”

LSB 643

GENERAL COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION *Hebrews 4:9–10*

Pastor: There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,

People: for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from His.

Pastor: in His presence, we continue our day and begin our week with His blessing:
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: **Amen.**

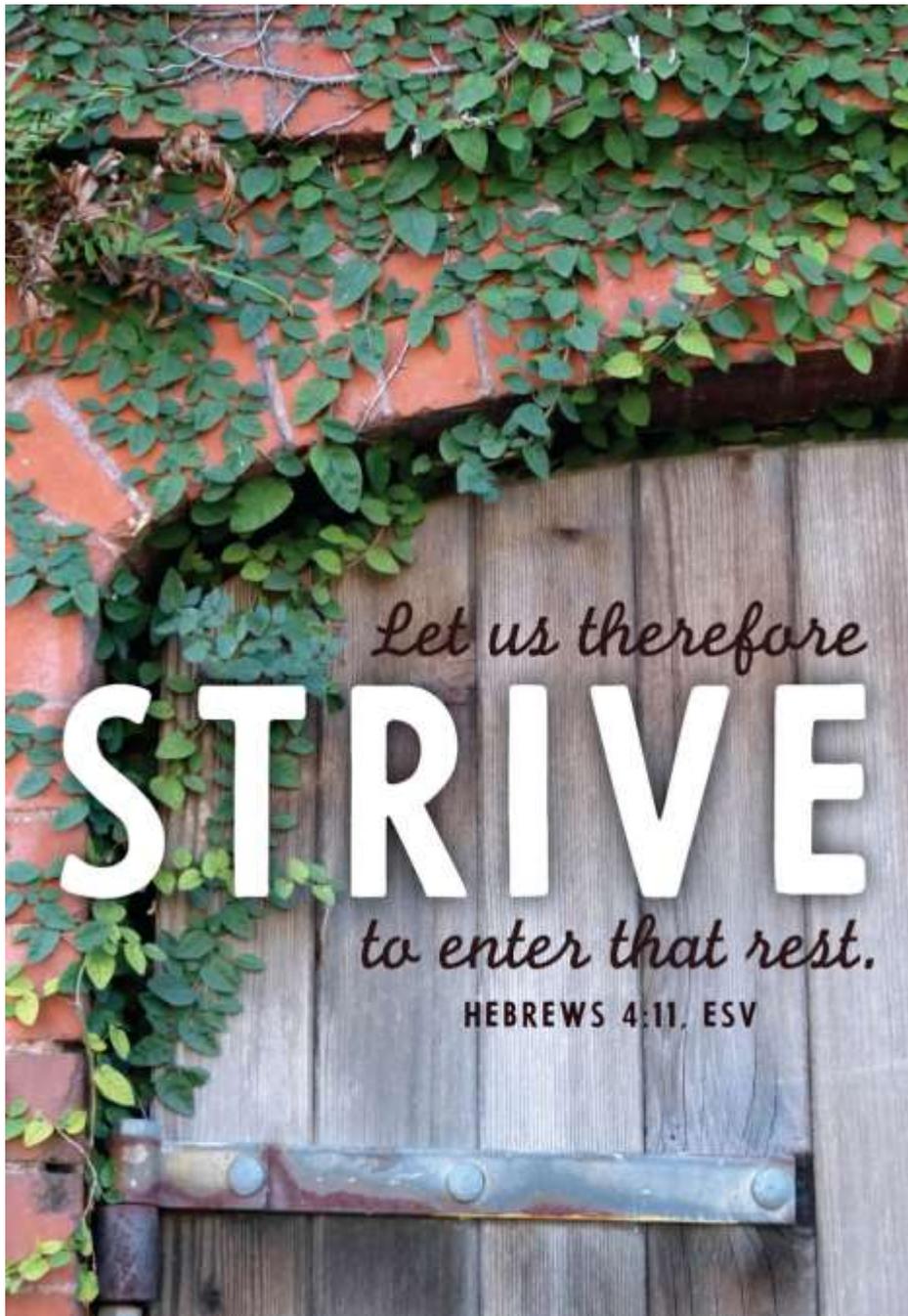
HYMN “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

LSB 924

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

POSTLUDE “Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”

Michael Burkhardt



Serving in Worship

OFFICIANT and CELEBRANT
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES
CHOIR ACCOMPANIST
YOUTH PRAISE BAND

Pastor John Larson
Michael Zehnder
Diana Gaide
Ashley Boeding, Brooke Boeding, Larry Boeding, Lilly Brinkman, Brian Johnson, Christa Kirschner, Will Kopriva, Bob Shiflet

ELDER 8:00
10:30

Scott Luethy
Don Loptien

LECTOR 8:00
10:30

Dana Thom
Margo Pasha

ACOLYTE 8:00
10:30

Ann Ranisate
Soraya Rivera

USHERS 8:00
10:30

Clyde Wiggins, Members of the
Congregation

SERVER 10:30
ALTAR GUILD

Jason Dierking, Members of the
Congregation

FLOWERS

Collin Brinkman
Shelia Beu, Joyce Dowdy, Charmaine Rohde

Laurel & Joel Shurtleff & Julia Brent, in
loving memory of Virginia Maurer.

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