# July 3, 2022 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Opening Hymn: 700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling LSB 700



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88 Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–87 Text and tune: Public domain Invocation Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

**P** In the name of the Father and of the 

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

#### **Exhortation**

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3-4; Luke 18:13 LSB 203

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

  Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

#### **Confession of Sins**

LSB 203

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

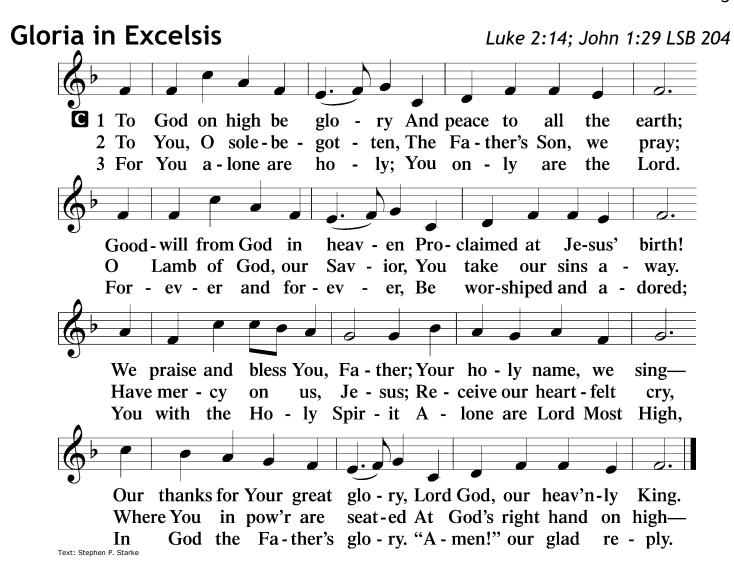
[John 20:19-23] LSB 203

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Mark 10:47 LSB 204

C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



# Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have built Your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your Church may be kept free from all harm and danger; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 66:10-14

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 66.

<sup>10</sup>"Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her; <sup>11</sup>that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious abundance." <sup>12</sup>For thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees. <sup>13</sup>As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like the grass; and the hand of the LORD shall be known to his servants, and he shall show his indignation against his enemies."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

# **Epistle**

Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

**A** The Epistle is from Galatians, chapter 6.

<sup>1</sup>Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup>But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>5</sup>For each will have to bear his own load.

<sup>6</sup>One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. <sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup>For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup>And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. . .

<sup>14</sup>But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. <sup>16</sup>And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

<sup>17</sup>From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

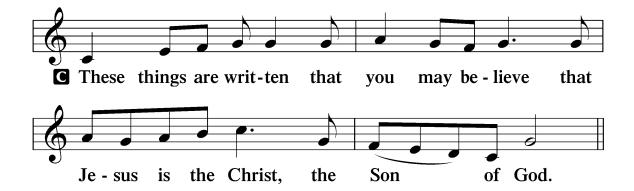
<sup>18</sup>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand



Verse John 20:31 LSB 205



Alleluia LSB 205



Holy Gospel

Luke 10:1-20

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.
- **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. 5Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' 6And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. <sup>9</sup>Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' 12I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

<sup>13</sup>"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>14</sup>But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. <sup>15</sup>And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

<sup>16</sup>"The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

<sup>17</sup>The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" <sup>18</sup>And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup>Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall

hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

#### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life 

→ of the world to come. Amen.

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#### **Announcements**

Hymn of the Day: Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying LSB 826



- 1 Hark, the voice of Je sus cry ing, "Who will go and work to day?
- 2 If you can-not speak like an gels, If you can-not preach like Paul,
- 3 If you can-not be a watch-man, Stand-ing high on Zi on's wall,
- 4 Let none hear you i dly say ing, "There is noth-ing I can do,"



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing— Who will bear the sheaves a-way?" You can tell the love of Je-sus, You can say He died for all. Point-ing out the path to heav-en, Of-fring life and peace to all, While the mul-ti-tudes are dy-ing And the Mas-ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas-ter call-eth; Rich re-ward He of-fers thee. If you can - not rouse the wick-ed With the judg-ment's dread a - larms, With your prayers and with your boun-ties You can do what God com-mands; Take the task He gives you glad-ly, Let His work your plea-sure be;



Who will an-swer, glad-ly say-ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"? You can lead the lit-tle chil-dren To the Sav-ior's wait-ing arms. You can be like faith-ful Aar-on, Hold-ing up the proph-et's hands. An-swer quick-ly when He call-eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

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Sermon

Rev. Philip Zielinski

## Offering

Note: Please continue to place your offerings into the plates as you enter or leave church as we will not be passing the plates through the congregation. The offering plates will be brought forward at this time to remind us that our offerings are given in thankfulness to Him for His blessings to each of us.

Stand

## Prayer of the Church

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For laborers in God's kingdom, that the Lord of the harvest would send them into His vineyard to proclaim peace and the coming of His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For all pastors, that they would faithfully deliver the Word of God without fear of the wolves who threaten to devour them, continuing in the footsteps of the apostles and the 72 and trusting at all times that in the Lord their labor is not in vain, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For Christian homes, that the proclamation of peace would take root therein, so that all husbands and wives would love and honor one another and all children would be nurtured in fear and faith toward God's name, so that the kingdom of God would indeed draw near to us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For civic leaders and the citizens whom they serve, that the Lord would extend peace to this sin-sick world, and that violence, injustice and wrongdoing would be undone as the will of God is carried out upon the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For [\_\_\_\_\_\_ and for] all who have any need, that even as Jesus has borne the burdens of all mankind, He might likewise look upon them in mercy and grant them healing now and patience to await the resurrection on the Last Day, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

- For our hearts and minds as we bring our tithes and offerings to the Lord this day, that He would keep us from greed and pride of heart and accept our gifts together with our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For all who dine at the Lord's altar this day, that they may receive the abundant comfort and satisfaction God promised to His people of old in Jerusalem and fulfilled in our Lord's body and blood, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- How awesome are Your deeds, O Lord. You have planted us and directed us to pray that You would send workers into Your vineyard. You have answered that prayer through Your Son and His Church. As Your kingdom draws nearer each day, teach us to boast only in the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ, rejoicing that our names are written in heaven; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

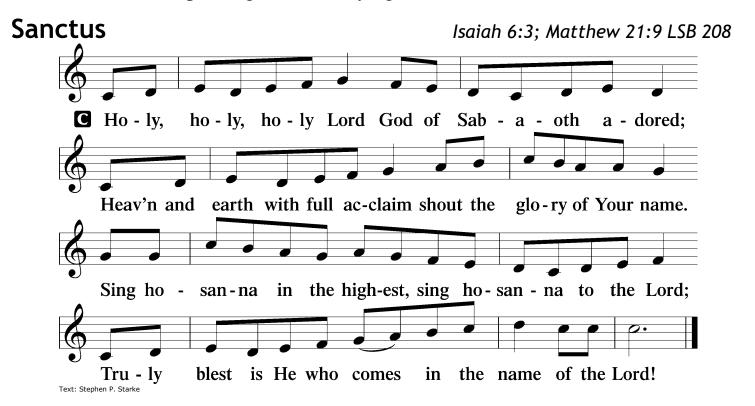
## Service of the Sacrament

#### **Preface**

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136] LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and

laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

# Lord's Prayer

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;
and 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
forever and ever. Amen.

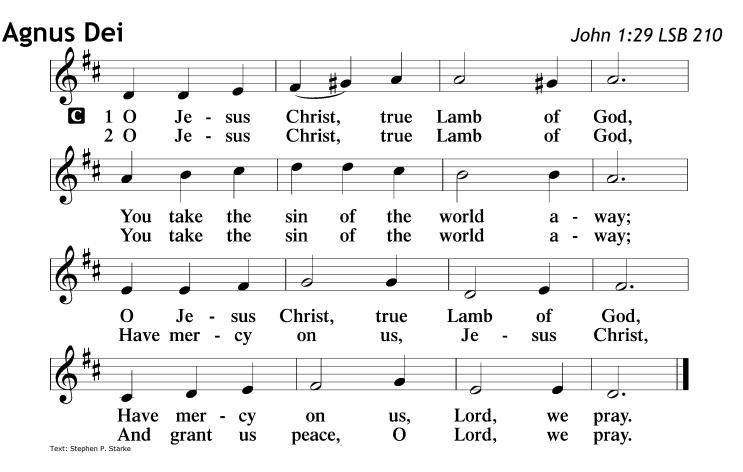
#### The Words of Our Lord

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 + 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."

#### Pax Domini

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



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# Distribution

#### **AS YOU RECEIVE THE LORD'S SUPPER**

- If—for any reason—you prefer to receive communion while remaining at your seat, please let an usher know as you arrive so that we can bring communion to you.
- Directions
  - o Ushers will dismiss the congregation beginning from the back of the sanctuary.
  - Fill the communion rail beginning from the lectern side (left).
  - Kneel or stand as you are able.
  - Pastor will distribute the body of Christ followed by the assistants with the blood of Christ (individual or common cup).
  - Once you have received the body and blood of Christ, dismiss yourself and return to your seat via the Fellowship Hall through the side door.
  - If you have received an individual cup, place it in the basket provided on your way out the door.
- Gluten-free communion bread is available. Simply ask pastor for this option as you come forward for communion.
- A low/no-alcohol option is also available. On the tray of individual cups are several
  plastic cups that contain juice with a drop of wine included. This dilute amount of wine
  uses the element with which the Lord's Supper was instituted (wine) while providing an
  alternative if needed. Please feel free to see Pastor or an Elder if you have any
  questions.



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#### Distribution Hymn: 832 Jesus Shall Reign LSB 832 $\mathbf{O}$ 1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the Does sun its suc-Him shall end -2 To end - less less prayer be made, And 3 Peo - ple and realms of tongue Dwell on His ev -'ry 4 Bless-ings a - bound wher e'er He reigns: The pris-'ners 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise bring Hon - ors pe and sive jour His king-dom stretch from ces neys run; name like prais - es His head; His sweet crown per love with sweet And in - fant voic est song; es leap, un loose their chains, The wea - ry find e cu liar our King; An gels de - scend with to Till moons shall wax shore to shore and wane no more. fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn sac - ri fice. ing

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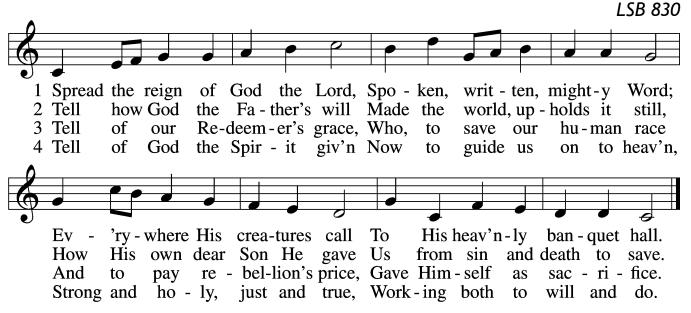
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# Distribution Hymn: 830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord



5 Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe the promise of its yield. But the reapers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!

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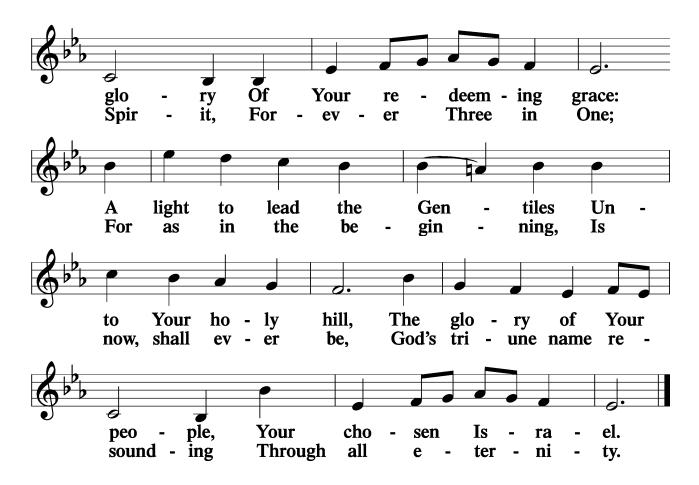
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#### The Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart 

  in peace.
- C Amen.





#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## **Benedicamus**

Psalm 103:1 LSB 212

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

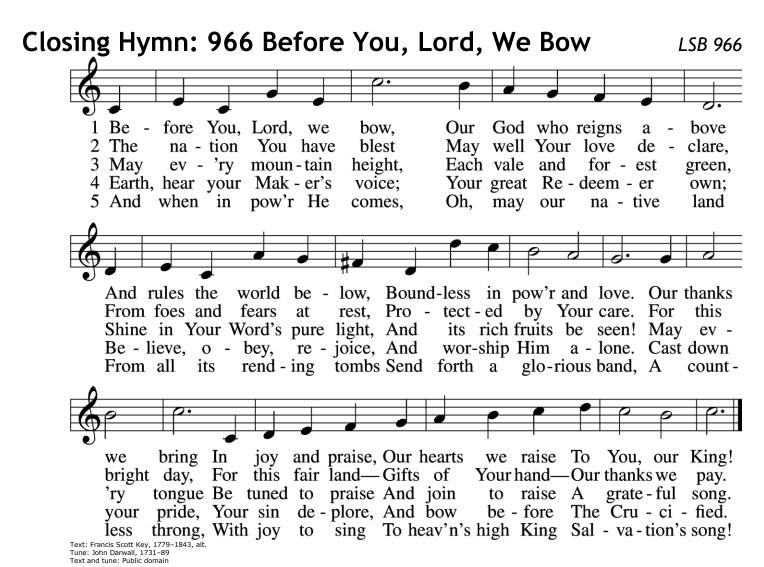
#### Benediction

- 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.
- C Amen.



# Notes on the Closing Hymn text by Francis Scott Key

Nearly eighteen years had passed since the anxious night of September 13-14, 1814, as Francis Scott Key (1779-1843) awaited the outcome of the British bombardment of Fort McHenry in Baltimore. The successful American defense of the fort occasioned the writing of the poem that launched Key into the national literary fame: "The Star-Spangled Banner." Now, presumably anticipating the celebration of the fifty-sixth anniversary of American independence, the 52-year-old lawyer wrote "Hymn for the Fourth of July, 1832." The text was published in *The Baltimore Sun* on July 4, 1848, and again in his posthumous *Poems of the Late Francis S. Key Esq.* (1857).

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#### **THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL**

Today 12:00 PM-2:00 PM Walk-In Communion Tuesday 5:00-7:00 PM Walk-In Communion Wednesday NO Bible Study (Resumes July 20<sup>th</sup>)

**LWML** is collecting mites today. Thank you.

<u>ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC</u> This event will again be catered, and to help with planning we'd like to know how many to expect. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center. Mark your calendars for **Sunday**, **July 31st at 10:30 AM** at Mill Stream Park Pavilion 1200 Maple St, Valley City, OH 44280. Beginning with the Worship Service, food, fun and fellowship will follow.

<u>PORTALS OF PRAYER</u> the July-Sept devotion booklets are available in the Narthex hallway, please take one home today.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all who assisted last week with the Health Fair and those who participated. It was a great success!

**THANK YOU** Branko and I would like to share our praise and thanks to God for His care and healing throughout Branko's knee replacement surgery and recovery! We would also like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, calls, and visits during his rehab and may God's blessings enfold you! Branko & Charlie Djordjevic

**INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION** The Valley City Community Group in partnership with the Liverpool Township Historical Society and Trustees present Independence Day in Valley City; Monday, July 4th.

#### Schedule:

10 AM – Parade Line-up (Marching Units and Autos [classic & antique] at the Depot Museum 6629 Center Rd; Bikes and Floats at EUCC, 6656 Center Rd) Registration not required.

11:00 AM – Parade Steps Off (State Route 303 to West River to School Street to Maple Street, ending at Mill Stream Park)

11:45 AM – Car Show at Mill Stream Park. Concessions available benefiting BSA Troop 502

7:00 PM - Live Music: Soundcheck, a 4-piece female fronted classic rock band Refreshments served by BSA Troop 502; Beer Tent by Valley City Community Group (Personal alcohol prohibited)

Dusk – Fireworks at Mill Stream Park; please follow parking attendants lead; patience upon exiting park.

Frog Jump: July 24th

**SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE** We are taking a door offering to provide relief to those affected by the war in Ukraine. Thank you to everyone who has shown their generosity.

<u>WORSHIP BULLETINS & ATTENDANCE SLIPS</u> You're encouraged to take home your worship bulletins (use the scriptures, hymns and prayers for your own devotions!). Please use the blue recycle tub that is located in the hallway as you leave the sanctuary to place ONLY bulletins and <u>unused attendance slips</u>. Thank you.

#### **COMMUNION OPPORTUNITIES**

Pastor is still providing individual communion opportunities for the foreseeable future.

- 1. Check the posted times for "walk-in" communion below.
- 2. Scheduling an appointment with Pastor at church or in your home.

#### "Walk-In" times at Church:

- Sundays, 12 2pm
- Tuesdays, 5 7pm

#### Scheduling an appointment for communion at church or in your home:

- To schedule a time other than the walk-in times
  - o Call Pastor 440-458-0189
  - Visit <u>www.spvc.org</u> and click "Book with Pastor" to see available times for appointments.

**TITHES & OFFERINGS** are needed; our Lord still provides for us and we return to Him a portion of His generosity. You have several ways to continue contributing:

- 1. In-person Worship on Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 AM
- 2. Mail your contributions to the church.
- 3. Talk to your bank about "bill-pay" options. They can likely send a check directly to the church on a scheduled basis.
- 4. Visit <a href="www.spvc.org">www.spvc.org</a> and click on "Give Online" you'll be taken to our secure online giving site where you can make a one-time or on-going contribution.

**WATCH LIVE OR ON-DEMAND** 8:00 AM on Sundays, or on-demand at YouTube, Facebook, or www.spvc.org – on the homepage is a viewer for the livestream (when active) and for the most recent service. Bulletins are available via the link. Select the bulletin for the date of the service you are watching.

**IN-PERSON SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS** watch LIVE or On-Demand just like our worship services (YouTube, Facebook, or www.spvc.org) on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** at 10:00 AM. Attend in-person or watch the stream live and on-demand.

**PASTORAL CARE** Should you desire pastoral care, please contact the church office 330.483.3883, or 330.483.4119 and leave a message for Pastor.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** can be sent to prayer@spvc.org - also, email there to join the prayer chain and receive all the updates.

			JOIN	JULY 2022		
	SERVICE	July 3rd	July 10th	July 17th	July 24th	July 31st
		SUNDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
		Communion		Communion		PICNIC
ELDER	8am	Tim Wadle / Steve Kato	Steve Kato	Tim Wadle / Jim Jackson	Tim Wadle	
	10:30am	Jim Jackson / Steve Kato	Rob Zacharias	Sam Jakabcic / Rob Zacharias	Jim Jackson	
USHERS	8am	Mark Gordon	Jim Sherry	Chris Duran	Dave Hesketh	All Eldon Ono Coming DAM
	10:30am	Brian Dearth	Jay Moser	Brian Dearth	Jay Moser	
GREETERS	8am	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes	David & Mackenzie Duran	Dean & Beth Bremke	Heinrich & Irmgard Cordes	
	10:30am	Elder	Barb Pijor	Elder	Barb Pijor	
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Stephen Kato						
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Tim Wadle						
216-214-7109						
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330-391-6393						
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## **Prayers for Worship**

## On entering a church

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

## Before worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for His sake. Amen.

## After worship

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

#### Before confession and absolution

Almighty, everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may be ever watchful and live true and godly lives in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

#### Before communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send me Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

#### For blessing on the Word

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.