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Experiencing Christ's Love

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Welcome and Greeting

Please Stand

Call to Worship

P This is the day the Lord has made!

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

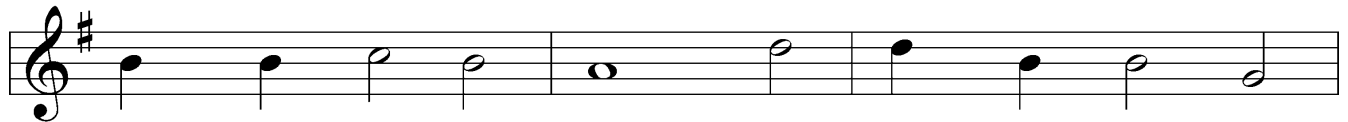
P We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

697 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, And
2 To us on earth He came to bring From
3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who
4 For us Christ lived, for us He died, And



Christ shall give you light; So learn His love, its
sin and fear re - lease, To give the Spir - it's
died that He might save; With kind and gen - tle
con - quered in the strife; A - wake, a - rise, go



length and breadth, Its full - ness, depth, and height.
u - ni - ty, The ver - y bond of peace.
hearts for - give As God in Christ for - gave.
forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

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Confession of Sin

P If God is for us, who is against us? He who gave us his own Son, now gives us the Spirit and power! The Holy One is in our midst, but we realize that we are far from being holy. We know our failures and come to our Lord in humility to confess our sins, and God meets us with mercy.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Prayer of Confession:

P If we confess our sins, God is faithful and will cleanse us.

- ☐** Loving Father, there is more to life than we can grasp, yet how often we try to shrink the mystery of your Spirit, or limit what is possible by your grace. Your Spirit is always blowing new life into our days, surprising us with wonder and blessing. Forgive us for dull awareness, resistance to your will, and for being hesitant witnesses to your power in our lives. Cleanse us and make us new once again. Thank you for your love for us in Jesus. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Faith

- ☐** Because God has lavished his love and mercy on us in Jesus we are forgiven. He sends and fills us with his Holy Spirit. We are more than conquerors; we are forgiven!
- ☐** Praise God, we are set free! We are overwhelmed by your Mercy and Grace!

Please be seated

Hymn of Praise Video: "Overwhelmed" by Big Daddy Weave

Prayer of the Day

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. . . .

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

☐ This is the Word of the Lord.

☐ Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

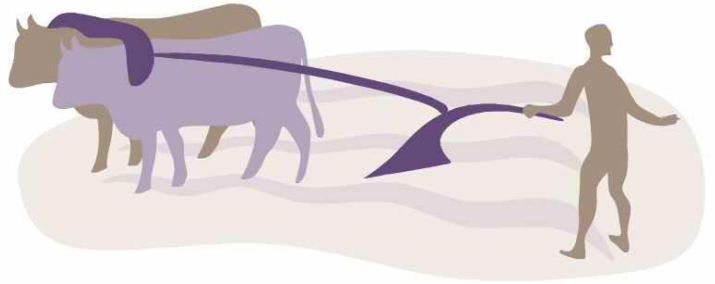
Luke 9:51-62

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” But he turned and rebuked them. And they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

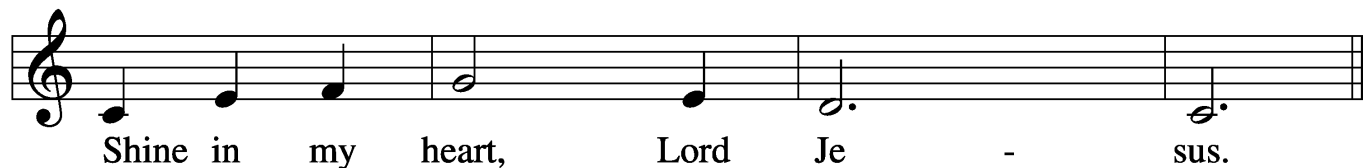
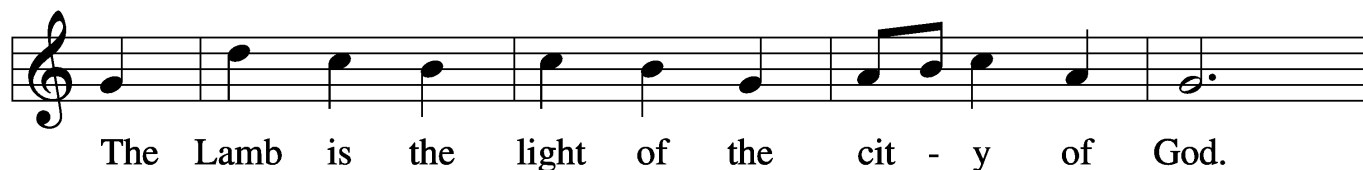
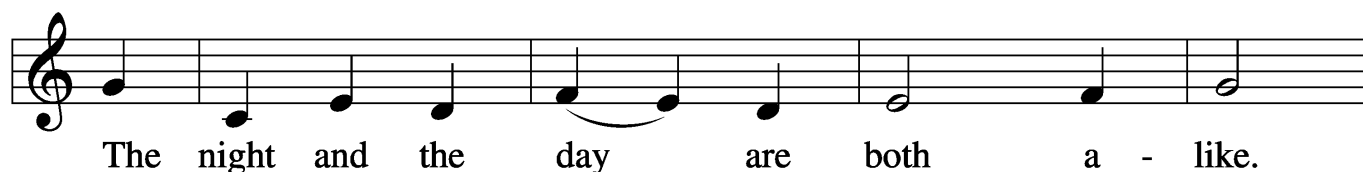
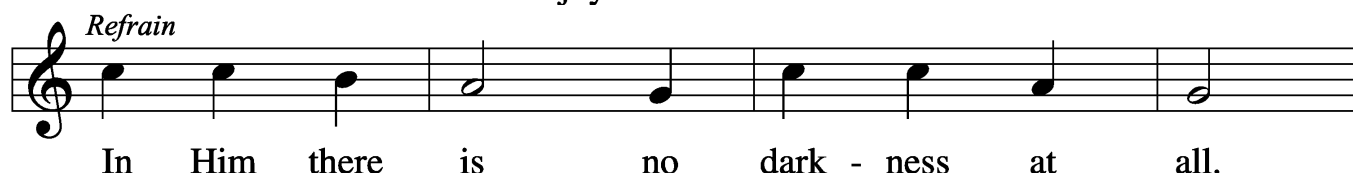
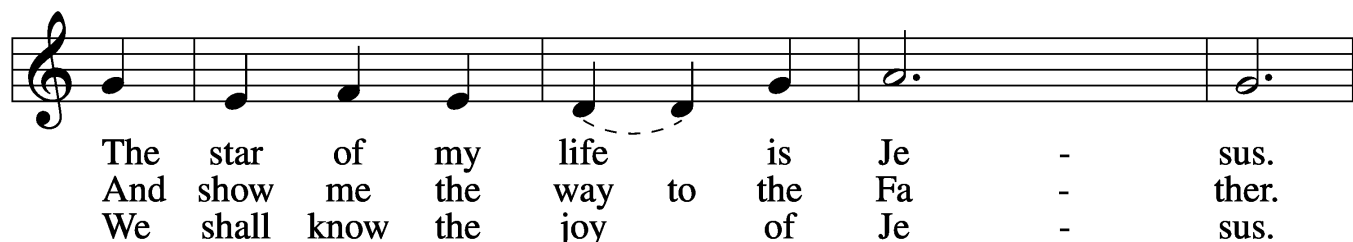
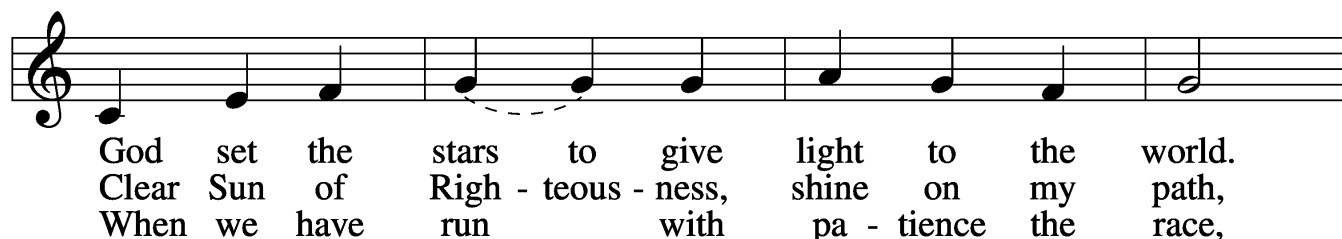
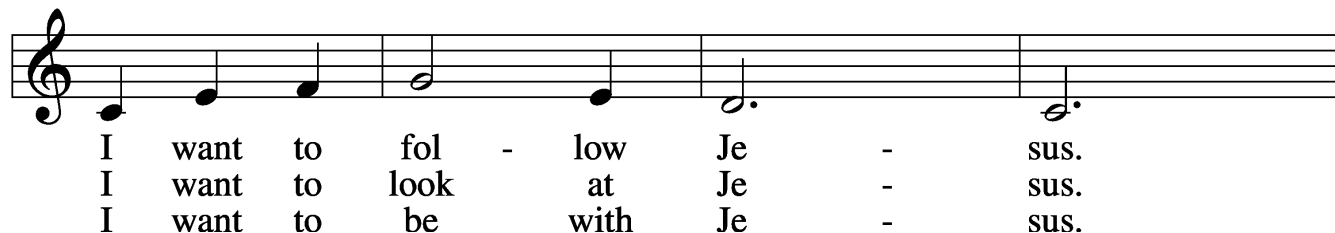
C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



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SERMON:
STEPS OF FREEDOM
GALATIANS 5:1, 13-25

Please Stand

783 Take My Life and Let It Be

sts. 1, 5-6



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no long - er mine;
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its trea - sure store;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

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Prayer of the Congregation

- A** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

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;
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.

Please remain standing

Words of the Institution

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated

Video During Communion:
"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone" by Chris Tomlin

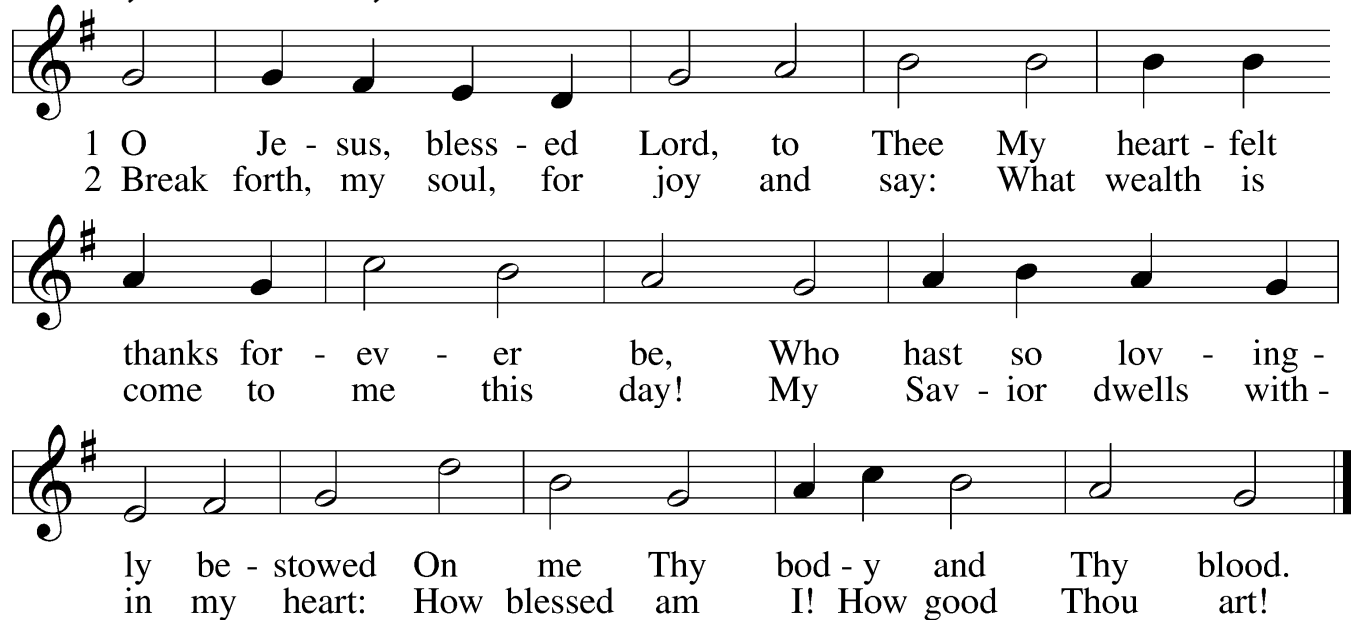
Continuous Distribution by Pastor

(Family units come forward to receive the elements and take them to their seats. Please wait to eat and drink until instructed.)

All Receive the Sacrament together

(Pastor will indicate when to take the wafer and then the cup.)

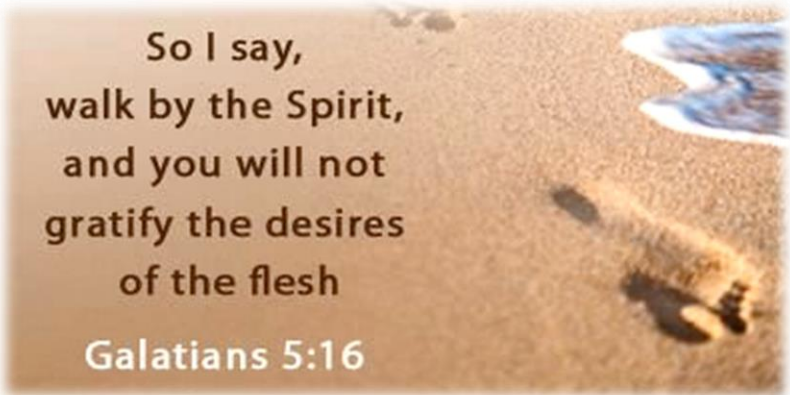
632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee



1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is
thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -
ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.
in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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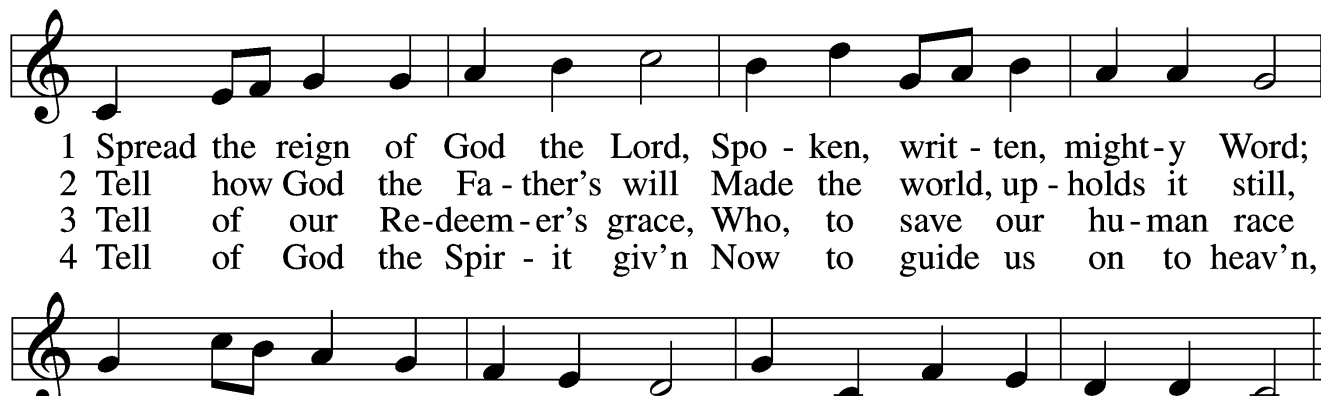
So I say,
walk by the Spirit,
and you will not
gratify the desires
of the flesh

Galatians 5:16


Benediction

830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord

sts. 1–4



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
3 Tell of our Re-deem-er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban - quet hall.
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
And to pay re - bel-lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

Text: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier, 1774–1841; tr. composite

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The Dismissal

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Please be seated and please wait for the ushers to dismiss you.

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