

# Good Morning!

Sunday, June 16, 2024 – 8:30am

**To Our Guests:** We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today! Please stop by our Welcome Desk for more information about all our ministries. Please read below for more information about worshipping with us.

**We love children at Christ Our Savior.** Parents are encouraged to sit in the front pews so young children can see what is happening during worship. A nursery for children, infant to 3 yrs, and a family lounge off the Advent Lobby are available for those who prefer these areas. Ask an usher for directions.

**Joyful Giving Opportunities:** The offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary. You are welcome to place your offering there before and after the worship services. Or give online! Click here:



**Please check in with the Friendship Pad or Online.** Remove the Friendship pad from the hymn rack on the center aisle and fill out your information. Take note of the people sitting around you – welcome each other by name! Or check in online by clicking here:



**We welcome guests to Sunday School and Bible classes,** from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Sunday School	Lead by:	Where:
Pre K thru 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Karla Schettenhelm	Rooms 8 & 9
7 <sup>th</sup> grade thru 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Judy Bruder, Dan Young, Josh Kittleman	Youth Room
Adult Bible Studies		
Bethel Bible Series	Judy Mayle	Gethsemane Chapel
Callings for Lofe	Pastor Werner, Josh Kittleman, Fritz Quitmeyer	Gym

**The Lord's Supper.** When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we confess our common belief that Christ offers His Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine, for our forgiveness, life and salvation! We truly believe God's Word when He says, "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord" *1 Corinthians 11:27*. We want you to receive the Lord's Supper as God intended it – for your blessing – so those who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are asked to speak with a pastor or elder prior to communing. If you are not communing today, you are welcome to come to the communion rail to receive a blessing, the assurance that God loves you, or you may remain in your seat and use the time for prayer and meditation. **For those desiring to receive the Lord's Supper but are unable to come forward, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant as they come out into the congregation during distribution. They will commune you at your seat.** God bless your worship!

## AS WE GATHER

Once again, the Word of God in our ears this day speaks of the glorious and happy goal that God's salvation promises to all who believe in His saving mercy, grace, and love. From of old, the Lord has promised a secure future in His presence both now and especially in the eternity of life in the resurrection. Though we experience the weakness and maybe even dread of growing old, by faith we are like firm trees planted by the strength of God. That faith is the very creation of God the Holy Spirit, which grows and remains strong regardless of our circumstances. So even though we become discouraged at times, our confidence is always renewed by God as we remain steadfast in connection with His mighty Word.

## Order of Worship

*Divine Service, Setting Four with Holy Communion*

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Lindsay Miller

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ✝ Preparation ✝

### INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

### OPENING HYMN

"Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"

LSB 811

- 1. Oh, that I had a thousand voices To praise my God with thousand tongues!  
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, Would then proclaim in grateful songs  
To all, wherever I might be, What great things God has done for me.**
- 2. O all you pow'rs that He implanted, Arise, keep silence now no more;  
Put forth the strength that God has granted! Your noblest work is to adore.  
O soul and body, join to raise With heartfelt joy our Maker's praise.**
- 3. You forest leaves so green and tender That dance for joy in summer air,  
You meadow grasses, bright and slender, You flow'rs so fragrant and so fair,  
You live to show God's praise alone. Join me to make His glory known.**
- 4. All creatures that have breath and motion, That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,  
Come, share with me my heart's devotion, Help me to sing God's praises high.  
My utmost pow'rs can never quite Declare the wonders of His might.**
- 5. Creator, humbly I implore You To listen to my earthly song  
Until that day when I adore You, Together with the angel throng  
And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing Eternal anthems to my King.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

*2 Corinthians 5:1; Psalm 1:1–2*

- P** We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God,
- C** **a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.**
- P** Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, . . .
- C** **but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us prepare to receive God’s strengthening of our faith this day as we confess our weakness and sin.
- C** **Merciful God, we confess to You our discouragements; all our sins of thought, word, and deed; and the inward groaning of our souls. For the sake of Your Son’s own bitter suffering and death on behalf of all, grant us forgiveness and the strength of renewed faith that we may live today as joyful citizens of heaven.**
- P** You are the planting and the harvest of the Lord. I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 ✠

### KYRIE

*Lord, Have Mercy*

*LSB 204*



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



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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***(A promise of the Messiah)*

Ezekiel 17:22–24

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. <sup>24</sup>And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE***(Awaiting the new body and a new creation)*

2 Corinthians 5:1–17

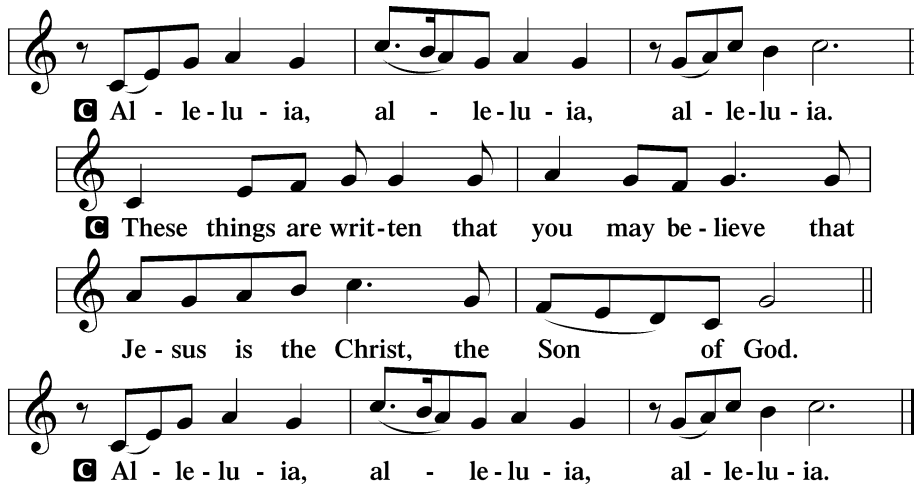
<sup>1</sup>We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup>For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup>if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup>For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup>He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. <sup>6</sup>So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. <sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup>and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. <sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 20:31



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*(The growing seed and the mustard seed)*

Mark 4:26–34

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

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup>He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." <sup>30</sup>And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." <sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. <sup>34</sup>He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

1 Your king - dom, O God, is my glo - ri - ous trea - sure,  
 2 Your king - dom, O God, is a - live with the pow - er  
 3 Your king - dom, O God, is a field for the grow - ing

My pearl of in - com - p'ra - ble worth.  
 Your Word and Your Spir - it be - stow.  
 Of seeds that Your mer - cy has sown;

Its val - ue ex - ceeds ev - 'ry stan - dard of mea - sure,  
 Like yeast, they af - fect the whole mea - sure of flour,  
 But still in our midst is the en - e - my sow - ing

Sur - pass - ing the wealth of the earth.  
 En - a - bling Your king - dom to grow.  
 The weeds that im - per - il Your own.

Lord, give me Your grace and the pow'r of the Spir - it  
 Em - pow - er me, Lord, as I live Your com - mis - sion,  
 Sus - tain me, O Lord, till Your day of re - turn - ing

To val - ue this trea - sure a - right  
 Though hum - ble my ser - vice may be,  
 And har - vest me home - ward at last,

That, nev - er al - lured by the world, I in - her - it  
 And bring ev - 'ry plant - ing to per - fect fru - i - tion,  
 To shine in the home - land that qui - ets all yearn - ing,

Your king - dom of glo - ry and light.  
 A mus - tard seed grown to a tree.  
 Where sor - row and dan - ger are past.

## THIS IS WHAT WE BELIEVE

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 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray. We pray, O Lord, for Your holy church throughout the world. As at creation You spoke and it was created, so by Your mighty Word spoken into the hearts and through the witness of prophets and apostles, Your church has grown over all the earth throughout the ages. Continue to speak Your blessing and power to and through all pastors and teachers, and inspire the shared witness of all Your people to the joy and salvation of many people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** As nations continue to be disrupted by conflicts, wars, and rumors of wars, send leaders who know and desire the ways of peace. Grant unity of purpose especially to our country that we may live in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** For all Your people here present who have received Your blessed Word, grant the increase of faith and confidence to know that You bless us with Your promise of eternal life both now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Hear our prayers for all who are in trouble, adversity, need, sickness, or fear of death. Touch each one who calls on You with Your healing and steady hand, and give them courage even in their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

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- P** Remembering all Your saints, the faithful who have gone before us, especially those most dear to us, keep us in firm faith all our days with the joyous prospect of the day of resurrection and life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

**OFFERING**

*The ushers bring forward our gifts as a response to His blessings in our lives.  
Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary both before and after services.*

**PRAYER AT OFFERING**

- P** Heavenly Father, in following Your example, we offer these gifts to you today. As you have blessed us without measure, we bring these tithes to you and pray that You would bless them for the continuance and growth of Your kingdom. A kingdom that waits for joyfully for Jesus' return. Bless us as we offer ourselves to You in our vocations, so that we manage and use all the gifts you have bestowed on us to Your glory.
- C** **All that I have is Yours, Lord Jesus. All that I have is You.**
- P** Use then all of our gifts for works of love, mercy, witness, and unto the increase of Your glory.
- C** **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

*We ask that all visitors carefully read our communion statement found in the front of this service bulletin before approaching the communion table.*

**PREFACE**

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.**

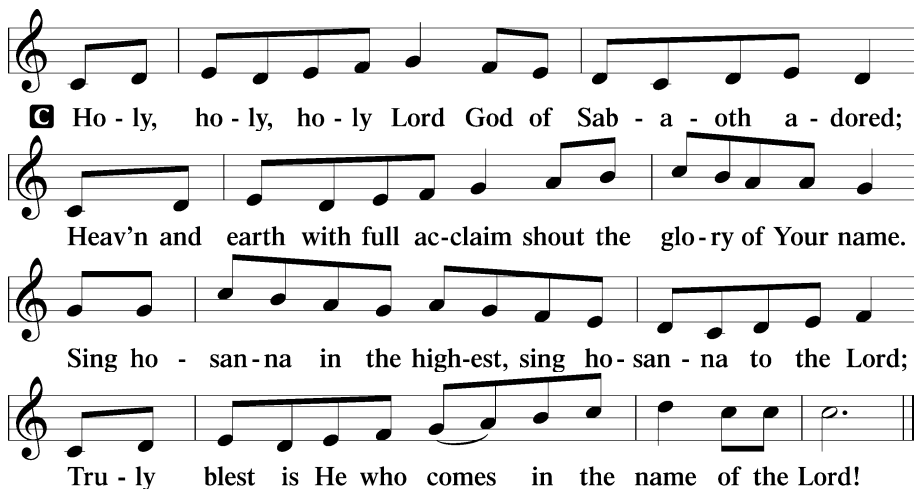
## PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and for our salvation that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*LSB 208*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

- P** 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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  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

Our Father, who  
art in heaven hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on  
earth as it is in heav'n. Give us this dai - ly bread;  
day our  
and forgive us our trespasses, trespass a - gainst us; And  
lead us not into us from evil. For Thine is and the pow'r,  
the kingdom,  
and the glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

# PAX DOMINI

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

**C** Amen.

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*The ushers will direct the congregation to the communion rail via the side aisles. When at the communion rail, you are welcome to kneel, as you are able, or remain standing. If you have come to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. As the pastor/elder offers you the bread (host) please hold out your hand to receive it. If you require a gluten-free host, please signal to the pastor/elder and take a gluten-free host from the center of the plate. Similarly, if you require an alcohol-free alternative to the wine, please take one of the individual cups from the center of the tray. After receiving the Lord's Supper, please return to your seat by the center aisle. **If you are communing at your seat, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant, and they will commune you there.***

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

"Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

1. **Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright,  
 Illumined with the light of grace That issues from Your holy face.**
2. **Remove the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all my impurity  
 That I may have the strength and will Temptations of the flesh to still.**
3. **Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey Your Word.  
 Let what You will be my desire, And with new life my soul inspire.**
4. **Grant that I only You may love And seek those things which are above  
 Till I behold You face to face, O Light eternal, through Your grace.**

1. Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.
2. God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.
3. Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.
4. Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

NUNC DIMITTIS

*Song of Simeon*

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST- COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** 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.

**G** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**P** 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.

**G** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

"Our Father, by Whose Name"

*LSB 863*

- 1. Our Father, by whose name All fatherhood is known,  
Who dost in love proclaim Each family Thine own,  
Bless Thou all parents, guarding well, With constant love as sentinel,  
The homes in which Thy people dwell.**
- 2. O Christ, Thyself a child Within an earthly home,  
With heart still undefiled, Thou didst to manhood come;  
Our children bless in ev'ry place That they may all behold Thy face,  
And knowing Thee may grow in grace.**
- 3. O Spirit, who dost bind Our hearts in unity,  
Who teachest us to find The love from self set free,  
In all our hearts such love increase That ev'ry home by this release  
May be the dwelling place of peace.**

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## SILENT PRAYER

## POSTLUDE



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By Paul Komraus, in celebration of his wife, Sandra's birthday.

By Dan & Christine Wiersig, in celebration of their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

By Mark & Amy Ingersoll, in memory of Mark James Ingersoll II.

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