



## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*Disciples live out their vocation through faith*

# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH | Lodi, California

October 4, 2020

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness given to us. If you would like to learn more about our church, please speak with our pastor or one of our members after the service.

- **Bathrooms** are located in the fellowship hall. A changing table is located in the women's bathroom.
- A worship monitor is to the right as you exit. We encourage children of all ages to participate in our worship. Please bring them into the service. We have a nursery room with toys, books, and other items that you can use with your child.
- Our order of worship is printed in this booklet.
- Before you leave, please sign our guest register. Located on the lectern in the entryway.

## WORSHIP THEME

Those who labor in his vineyard depict the wide diversity of vocations to which disciples are called. We are called to live and serve by faith in his promises. In mercy he has chosen to bear "The burden of the heat of the day," on our behalf. The way of the LORD is foolish to the world and foreign to our way of thinking. But he draws near, so that he may be found, have compassion, and pardon. Whether in life or death we serve the LORD.

What is our God like? The next Sundays the Church hears Jesus tell four parables that reveal characteristics of our God. Today's lessons cause us to ask: Is God fair? No, he's not. He doesn't give us what we deserve, and that's called mercy. In fact, he gives us what we don't deserve, and that's called grace.

## THE DIVINE SERVICE

*The Common Service – Christian Worship pg. 15*



# OPENING HYMN

419 If God Himself Be for Me



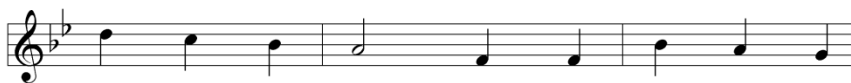
1 If God him - self be for me, I may a  
2 This I be - lieve, yea rath - er, Of this I  
3 I build on this foun - da - tion: That Je - sus  
4 He can - celed my of - fen - ses, De - liv - ered  
5 No sin can now con - demn me Or set my



host de - fy; For when I pray, be - fore  
make my boast, That God is my dear Fa -  
and his blood A - lone are my sal - va -  
me from death; He is the Lord who clean -  
hope a - side. Now hell no more can claim



me My foes, con - found - ed, fly, If Christ,  
ther, My friend who loves me most, And that,  
tion, My true, e - ter - nal good. With - out  
ses, My soul from sin through faith. In him  
me; Its fu - ry I de - ride. No sen -



my head and mas - ter, Be - friend me from  
what - e'er be - tide me, My Sav - ior is  
him all that pleas - es Is val - ue - less  
I can be cheer - ful, Cou - ra - geous on  
tence now re - proves me; No guilt de - stroys



a - bove, What foe or what dis - as -  
at hand Through storm - y seas to guide  
on earth; The gifts I have from Je -  
my way; In him I am not fear -  
my peace, For Christ, my Sav - ior, loves



ter Can drive me from his love?  
me And bring me safe to land.  
sus A - lone have price - less worth.  
ful Of God's great Judg - ment Day.  
me And shields me with his grace.

6 No danger, thirst, or hunger,  
 No pain or poverty,  
 No earthly tyrant's anger  
 Shall ever vanquish me.  
 Though earth should break assunder,  
 You are my Savior true;  
 No fire or sword or thunder  
 Shall sever me from you.

7 My heart for joy is springing  
 And can no more be sad.  
 'Tis full of joy and singing,  
 Sees only sunshine glad.  
 The sun that cheers my spirit  
 Is Jesus Christ, my King;  
 The heav'n I shall inherit  
 Makes me rejoice and sing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, st. 1-3, 6-7, alt.; unknown, st. 4-5, alt.  
 Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN (76 76 D) Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.

*Please stand*

## INVOCATION

*Matthew 28:19*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.<sup>1</sup>

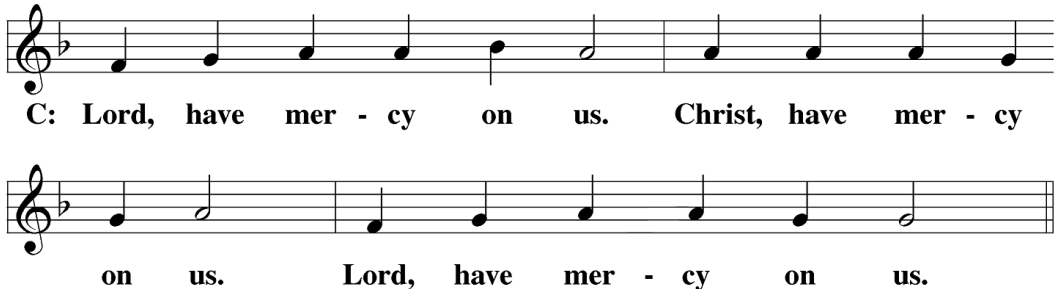
**C: Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY – *Kyrie*<sup>2</sup>



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy

on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

<sup>1</sup> We are standing in the presence of God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—in whose name we have been baptized.

<sup>2</sup> Having entered God's presence, the Kyrie (Latin for "Lord") serves as our earnest plea for his grace and peace.

## ABSOLUTION

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son  $\oplus$  and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## GLORY BE TO GOD – *Gloria in Excelsis*



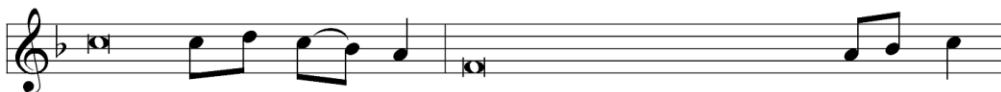
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



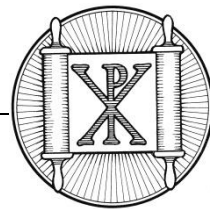
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;  
 you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Spirit,  
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## The Service of the Word

*Having just received absolution for their sins, believers now gather around the Word of God to find encouragement and peace for their lives on earth.*



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The **Collect** (also known as the "Prayer of the Day") is a concise prayer which "collects" the thoughts of the day and presents them to God in his mercy. Many of these prayers have been in use in the church for more than 1,500 years.*

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:6–9

*His thoughts are higher than our thoughts. His plan for the salvation of sinners is by grace alone. While there is time, seek the LORD while he may be found.*

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call to him while he is near.

<sup>7</sup>Let the wicked one abandon his way  
and the sinful one his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD,  
so he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will freely forgive.

<sup>8</sup>“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
and your ways are not my ways.”  
This is the LORD’s declaration.

<sup>9</sup>“For as heaven is higher than earth,  
so my ways are higher than your ways,  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 27 / CW p.75

### Refrain



### Psalm tone



Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;

be merciful to me and answer me.

Do not hide your face from me,

do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

Do not reject me or forsake me,

O God my Savior.

***Refrain***

Though my father and mother forsake me,  
the LORD will receive me.

I am still confident of this:

I will see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD:

be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

***Refrain***

**SECOND LESSON**

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

*Paul was in prison because he is a Christian. In life or death Paul can serve Christ. God's grace leads Paul to serve and see death as gain.*

<sup>12</sup>Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually advanced the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard, and to everyone else, that my imprisonment is because I am in Christ. <sup>14</sup>Most of the brothers have gained confidence in the Lord from my imprisonment and dare even more to speak the word<sup>[a]</sup> fearlessly.

<sup>19</sup>because I know this will lead to my salvation<sup>[a]</sup> through your prayers and help from the Spirit of Jesus Christ. <sup>20</sup>My eager expectation and hope is that I will not be ashamed about anything, but that now as always, with all courage, Christ will be highly honored in my body, whether by life or by death.

<sup>21</sup>For me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>Now if I live on in the flesh, this means fruitful work for me; and I don't know which one I should choose. <sup>23</sup>I am torn between the two. I long to depart and be with Christ—which is far better—<sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for your sake. <sup>25</sup>Since I am persuaded of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that, because of my coming to you again, your boasting in Christ Jesus may abound.



<sup>27</sup> Just one thing: As citizens of heaven, live your life worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or am absent, I will hear about you that you are standing firm in one spirit, in one accord,<sup>[b]</sup> contending together for the faith of the gospel,<sup>28</sup> not being frightened in any way by your opponents. This is a sign of destruction for them, but of your salvation—and this is from God. <sup>29</sup> For it has been granted to you on Christ's behalf not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him,<sup>30</sup> since you are engaged in the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I have.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

1 Timothy 1:10

**Alleluia.** Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. **Alleluia.**



*Stand*

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1–16

*God calls us to serve him. Not everyone has the same work but by grace we have been called to serve in his vineyard.*



**20** “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> After agreeing with the workers on one denarius,<sup>[a]</sup> he sent them into his vineyard for the day. <sup>3</sup> When he went out about nine in the morning,<sup>[b]</sup> he saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. <sup>4</sup> He said to them, ‘You also go into my vineyard, and I’ll give you whatever is right.’ So off they went. <sup>5</sup> About noon and about three,<sup>[c]</sup> he went out again and did the same thing. <sup>6</sup> Then about five<sup>[d]</sup> he went and found others standing around<sup>[e]</sup> and said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day doing nothing?’

<sup>7</sup> “‘Because no one hired us,’ they said to him.

“‘You also go into my vineyard,’ he told them.<sup>[4]</sup> <sup>8</sup> When evening came, the owner of the vineyard told his foreman, ‘Call the workers and give them their pay, starting with the last and ending with the first.’

<sup>9</sup> “When those who were hired about five came, they each received one denarius. <sup>10</sup> So when the first ones came, they assumed they would get more, but they also received a denarius each. <sup>11</sup> When they received it, they began to complain to the landowner: <sup>12</sup> “These last men put in one hour, and you made them equal to us who bore the burden of the day’s work and the burning heat.’

<sup>13</sup> “He replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I’m doing you no wrong. Didn’t you agree with me on a denarius?’ <sup>14</sup> Take what’s yours and go. I want to give this last man the same as I gave you. <sup>15</sup> Don’t I have the right to do what I want with what is mine? Are you jealous<sup>[4]</sup> because I’m generous?’<sup>[4]</sup>

<sup>16</sup> “So the last will be first, and the first last.”<sup>[4]</sup>

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## NICENE CREED

*Stand*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**  
**Through him all things were made.**  
**For us and for our salvation,  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**  
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

<i>Dt. 6:4</i>	<i>The Nicene Creed</i>
<i>2 Cor. 6:18</i>	<i>is the great</i>
<i>Is. 51:13</i>	<i>Confession of the</i>
<i>Col. 1:16</i>	<i>Christian faith</i>
<i>1 Cor 8:6</i>	<b><i>professed by</i></b>
<i>Jn. 3:16</i>	<b><i>all Christians.</i></b>
<i>Heb. 1:2,5</i>	<i>The Creed</i>
<i>Jn. 1</i>	<i>originated at the</i>
<i>Jn. 10:30</i>	<i>First Council of</i>
<i>Jn. 1:3</i>	<i>Nicaea (c. AD.</i>
<i>1 Th. 5:9</i>	<i>325)</i>
<i>Jn. 6:38</i>	
<i>Lk. 1:35</i>	
<i>Gal. 4:4</i>	
<i>Mk. 15:15</i>	

He suffered death and was buried.	1 Cor. 15:3-4a
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.	1 Cor. 15:4b
He ascended into heaven	Ac. 2:33-34
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.	Heb. 1:13
He will come again in glory	Mt. 25:31
to judge the living and the dead,	2 Tim. 4:1
and his kingdom will have no end.	Lk. 1:33
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,	Job 33:4
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,	Jn. 15:26
who in unity with the Father and the Son	Jn. 4:24
is worshiped and glorified,	
who has spoken through the prophets.	2 Pet. 1:25
We believe in one holy Christian	Mt. 16:18; Eph. 2:19-20
and apostolic Church.	
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.	Eph. 4:5; Ac. 2:38
We look for the resurrection of the dead	1 Cor. 15:21-22
and the life of the world to come. Amen.	Rev. 22

*The Creed itself  
was crafted as  
a confession of  
Scripture in  
opposition to  
the Arian  
heresy, which  
denied that the  
Lord Jesus and  
the Holy Spirit  
are God.*

*Be seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

390 Salvation unto Us Has Come



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace  
 2 What God does in his law de - mand And none to him  
 3 It is a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God his law  
 4 Yet as the law must be ful - filled Or we must die  
 5 Since Christ has full a - tone - ment made And brought to us



and fa - vor. Good works can - not a - vert our doom;  
 can ren - der Brings wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand  
 has giv - en That sin - ners can them-selves re - deem  
 de - spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled,  
 sal - va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad



They help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to  
 For man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has  
 And by their works gain heav - en. The law is  
 Our hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for  
 And build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a -



Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for all the  
 not those pure de - sires The spir - it of the  
 but a mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred  
 us the law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's  
 lone, dear Lord, I plead; Your death is now my



world a - tone; He is the one Re - deem - er.  
 law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.  
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.  
 venge - ance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.  
 life in - deed, For you have paid my ran - som.

6 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise  
 To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
 The God who saved us by his grace—  
 All glory to his merit!  
 O Triune God in heav'n above,  
 You have revealed your saving love;  
 Your blessed name be hallowed!

Text: Paul Speratus, 1484–1551, abr.; tr, composite.

Tune: ES IST DAS HEIL (87 87 887) *Etlich Cristlich lider*, Wittenberg, 1524, alt.

## SERMON

*Using the words of Psalm 51, we pray that God use the Word which we have just heard to “create a pure heart” in us. We pray that he “not cast us away,” but instead show us salvation.*



**C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -**  
**new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -**  
**way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it**  
**from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -**  
**tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.**

*Be seated*

## OFFERING

*In response to God's love and forgiveness, we give back a portion of what he has given us. The members of Christ Lutheran Church have joined to proclaim the gospel to this community. These offerings support that work. While our guests are welcome to participate, they should not feel obligated to do so.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Stand*

**M:** Gracious God and Father, we praise You for the countless blessings which we receive from Your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank You for Your saving Word and for Your Son's body and blood, which You give us to eat and

to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, You send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

**C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another**

M: Great God and Lord, without Your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of Your grace and move us to use the gifts that You give us to share Your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government and all good institutions that You have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering and bring Your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C Amen**

## **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 Service of the Sacrament

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*This greeting marks a new service, so to speak. These ancient introductory words & phrases help to highlight, celebrate and bring attention to the Sacrament.*

## PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY – Sanctus<sup>3</sup>**

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<sup>3</sup> *Sanctus means “holy.” Used as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians by the fourteenth century.*

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
 heav'n and earth are full of your 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 who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** - *The Words of institution both proclaim the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's Supper.*

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my ☩ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my ☩ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."



The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

## **O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD** – *Agnus Dei*

**C:** O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

*Be seated*

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*Participation in the Sacrament is an expression of a common faith. Our guests today who are not members of a congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or a church in fellowship with the WELS) are invited to speak with the pastor to learn how you might receive the sacrament with us in the future.*

## THANKSGIVING

*Stand*

### SONG OF SIMEON – *Nunc Dimittis*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C: And his mercy endures forever.**

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

Numbers 6:22-27

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Be seated*

The  **blessing** of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So I will put my name on them, and I will bless them."

# CLOSING HYMN

318 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con -  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing, To God ev - er -  
fess - ing, The peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take  
liv - ing, The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will  
leave. The sup - per is end - ed; Oh, be now ex -  
face. Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er  
tend - ed The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be -  
car - ing, Em - brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and  
lieve. The seed of his teach - ing, Re - cep -  
race. With your feast you feed us; With your  
tive souls reach - ing, Shall blos - som in ac - tion for  
light now lead us; U - nite us as one in this  
God and for all. His grace did in - vite us; His  
life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing With  
love shall u - nite us To work for God's  
praise and thanks - giv - ing Give hon - or to  
king - dom and an - swer his call.  
Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, b. 1916, alt. © 1964 World Library Publications, Franklin Park, IL, [www.wlpmusic.com](http://www.wlpmusic.com).

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Tune: THE ASH GROVE (66 11 66 11 D) Welsh folk tune.

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