

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## SONGS OF ASCENSION

August 5, 2018

11:00 am



### AS WE GATHER

In today's Gospel, the crowds are still trying to stay close to Jesus, but He says it's for the wrong reason. They want to fill their stomachs, and He declares that He is the bread of life. As the manna in the wilderness wasn't produced by Moses, but was a gift from God, so Jesus didn't come to produce physical bread. He is God's gift to us for what we need in every part of our lives here in time and for eternity. The Epistle focuses on our being part of the Body of Christ, with "one Lord, one faith, one Baptism." Indeed, we are gifts of God to one another, called to faith to speak the truth in love and to work together to build up the Body to the measure of Christ Himself.

### PRE-SERVICE

*Instrumental*



**WELCOME**

### ✘ PREPARATION ✘

**OPENING SONG** "We Believe" Hooper/Fike/Ryan (tied #18)

**In this time of desperation, When all we know is doubt and fear.  
There is only one foundation. We believe, we believe.  
In this broken generation, When all is dark, You help us see.  
There is only one salvation. We believe, we believe.**

**CHORUS: We believe in God the Father, We believe in Jesus Christ,  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, And He's given us new life,  
We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.  
We believe in the resurrection, And He's coming back (again. We believe.)**

**So let our faith be more than anthems. Greater than the songs we sing.  
In our weakness and temptations. We believe, we believe. CHORUS**

**Let the lost be found and the dead be raised. In the here and now let love invade.  
Let the church live loud our God we'll say, We believe, we believe.  
And the gates of hell will not prevail. For the pow'r of God has torn the veil.  
Now we know Your love will never fail. We believe, we believe. CHORUS**

**He's coming back again, He's coming back again, We believe, we believe.**  
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*(Please Stand)*

### OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 150*

**Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary;  
praise Him in His mighty heavens!**

**People: Praise Him for His mighty deeds;  
praise Him according to His excellent greatness!**

Pastor: Praise Him with trumpet sound;  
praise Him with lute and harp!  
**People: Praise Him with tambourine and dance;  
praise Him with strings and pipe!**

Pastor: Praise Him with sounding cymbals;  
praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!

**People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord!**

**ALL: 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.**



### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*(If you would like private confession and absolution, please call the office at  
(314) 832-5600 to make an appointment with Pastor Clark)*

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: 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.

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

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

**(OR)**

Seminary Student: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
*John 1:12, Philippians 1:6*

**People: Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Merciful Father, You gave Your Son, Jesus, as the heavenly bread of life.

**People:** **Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacrament, that we may be nourished unto life everlasting;**

**Pastor:** through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



**OLD TESTAMENT** *Exodus 16:2–15* (Although the Israelites, freed from Egypt, grumble, God provides quail and manna in the wilderness.)

<sup>2</sup> And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup> and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. <sup>5</sup> On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” <sup>6</sup> So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup> and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” <sup>8</sup> And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.” <sup>9</sup> Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” <sup>10</sup> And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup> “I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’” <sup>13</sup> In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. <sup>14</sup> And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup> When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**



**EPISTLE** *Ephesians 4:1–16* (God has created, redeemed, and called us all to the one Church, a unity shown in our love for one another and all people.)

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the

one hope that belongs to your call—<sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup> But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.<sup>8</sup> Therefore it says, “When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.” <sup>9</sup> (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup> And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*



**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 6:22–35* (Referring to the manna in the wilderness,  
Jesus calls Himself the bread of life.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

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

<sup>22</sup> On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. <sup>23</sup> Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup> So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. <sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” <sup>30</sup> So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?” <sup>31</sup> Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup> Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup> They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of Lord.

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

22समुद्र पारि रहेको भीडले भोलिपल्ट त्यहाँ एउटा मात्र डुङ्गा देखे। तिनीहरूलाई थाहा थियो, कि येशू आफ्ना चेलाहरूसँग डुङ्गामा चढनु भएको थिएन, तर उहाँका चेलाहरू मात्र गएका थिए। 23तब तिबेरियासबाट अरू डुङ्गाहरू त्यस ठाउँको नजिक आए, जहाँ प्रभुले धन्यवाद चढाएपछि तिनीहरूले रोटी खाएका थिए। 24येशू र उहाँका चेलाहरू त्यहाँ नहुनुभएको थाहा पाएर ती मानिसहरू येशूलाई खोज्दै डुङ्गाहरूमा चढेर कफर्नहुममा गए।

25तिनीहरूले उहाँलाई समुद्र पारि भेटाएर उहाँलाई सोधे, “रब्बी, तपाईं यहाँ कहिले आउनुभयो?”

26येशूले तिनीहरूलाई जवाफ दिई भन्नुभयो, “साँचै म तिमीहरूलाई भन्दछु, तिमीहरू चिन्हहरू देखेर होइन, तर अघाउज्जेल रोटी खाएको कारणले मलाई खोज्दछौ। 27नष्ट हुने भोजनको निम्ति परिश्रम नगर, तर अनन्त जीवनसम्म रहने भोजनको निम्ति परिश्रम गर, जो मानिसको पुत्रले तिमीहरूलाई दिनेछ। किनभने परमेश्वर पिताले उसमाथि आफ्नो छाप लगाउनुभएको छ।”

28तिनीहरूले उहाँलाई भने, “परमेश्वरले चाहनुभएको काम गर्नलाई हामीले के गर्नुपर्छ?”

29येशूले तिनीहरूलाई भन्नुभयो, “परमेश्वरको काम यही हो: जसलाई उहाँले पठाउनुभयो उसमाथि विश्वास गर।”

30यसकारण तिनीहरूले उहाँलाई भने, “तपाईं के चिन्ह देखाउनुहुन्छ, सो हामी हेरौं, र तपाईंलाई विश्वास गरौं? तपाईं के गर्नुहुन्छ? 31हाम्रा पिता-पुर्खाले उजाड़-स्थानमा मन्त्र खाए, जसरी लेखिएको छ, ‘उहाँले तिनीहरूलाई खानलाई स्वर्गबाट रोटी दिनुभयो।’” प्रस १६:४,१५; भज ७८:२४

32येशूले तिनीहरूलाई भन्नुभयो, “साँचै, म तिमीहरूलाई भन्दछु, तिमीहरूलाई स्वर्गबाट रोटी दिने मोशा होइनन्, तर स्वर्गबाट तिमीहरूलाई साँचो रोटी दिनुहुने मेरा पिता हुनुहुन्छ। 33किनभने परमेश्वरको रोटी त्यही हो, जो स्वर्गबाट ओर्लिआउँछ, र संसारलाई जीवन दिन्छ।”

34तिनीहरूले उहाँलाई भने, “प्रभु, यो रोटी हामीलाई सधैं दिनुहोस्।”

35येशूले तिनीहरूलाई भन्नुभयो “जीवनको रोटी म हुँ। मकहाँ आउने भोकाउनेछैन, र ममाथि विश्वास गर्ने कहिल्यै तिर्खाउनेछैन।



## APOSTLES' CREED

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विश्वासको सार

**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 thence 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)



## CHILDREN'S TIME “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LSB 790, v. 1

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!**

म विश्वास गर्दछु एक ईश्वर सर्वशक्तिमान पिता,  
स्वर्ग र पृथ्वी सृजनेमाथि ।  
अनि उहाँका एकलो पुत्र हाम्रा प्रभु येशू ख्रीष्टमाथि ।  
उहाँ पवित्र आत्माको शक्तिले देहधारी हुनुभयो ।  
कन्या मरियमदेखि जन्मनुभयो ।  
पन्तियस पिलातसको अधिकारमा दुःख भोग्नुभयो ।  
ऋसमा टाँगिनुभयो ।  
मारिनुभयो अनि गाडिनुभयो ।  
आत्मालोकमा उत्रनुभयो ।  
तेश्रो दिनमा मरेकाहरूबाट बिउँतनुभयो ।  
स्वर्गमा चढिजानुभयो ।  
सर्वशक्तिमान ईश्वर पिताको दाहिने हातपट्टि  
बस्नुभएको छ ।  
जहाँदेखि उहाँ जीउँदो र मरेकाहरूको  
न्याय गर्नलाई आउनुहुनेछ ।

म विश्वास गर्दछु पवित्र आत्माथि,  
पवित्र विश्व मण्डलीमाथि,  
पवित्रहरूको संगतिमाथि,  
पाप मोचनमाथि  
शरीरको पुनरुत्थानमाथि  
र अजम्बरी जीवनमाथि । आमेन ।

“Amazing Grace”

LSB 744

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!**

**The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.**

**Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven’s joy and peace.**

**When we’ve been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise Than when we’d first begun.**



### SERMON

*(Please Stand)*



### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the Holy Christian Church here and everywhere, for all people in their various circumstances, both our neighbors and those among the nations around the world. Paul writes in today’s Epistle that Christ gave to the Church “the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists.”

**People: Strengthen them, heavenly Father, to go where they are sent, to teach the truth in love, and to call all people to the Gospel of Your Son.**

Pastor: Christ also gave “the shepherds and teachers.”

**People: Guide all pastors and lay leaders, Lord Jesus, to nurture Your people, young and old, strong and weak, in faith and love.**

Pastor: Christ gave these gifts so that we may each function as part of the Body of Christ as it builds itself up in love.

**People: Help us, O Holy Spirit, to use all our gifts to build one another up in love here and, through our mission efforts, around the world.**

Pastor: God rescued His people from slavery in Egypt, destroying the forces of the nation of Egypt and providing for the Israelites, wandering in the desert.

**People: Raise up leaders in the governments of the nations, Lord, that freedom and justice abound within their borders and peace break out between neighboring peoples. Give protection and courage to refugees and resources and strength to those who care for them. Grant wisdom and courage to all who provide protection within communities and to all who defend our nation and others around the world.**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus offered much more than physical food—He gave Himself, the bread of life, to the disciples and all His followers in their need.

**People: Hear the prayers of all who call out to You, O Lord, in their distress from ills of body or soul, problems of house or home, employment and finances, dignity and food, (especially . . .)**

(Special Petitions)

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
People: Amen.

(Please Be Seated)



## GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Step By Step”

Strasser

**O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You.  
O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You.  
I will seek You in the morning and I will learn to walk in Your ways.  
And step by step You'll lead me. And I will follow You all of my days. REPEAT SONG**

**And step by step You'll lead me. And I will follow You all of my days.**

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(Please Stand)



## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

*We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christian to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.*

## PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.  
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 209

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

**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.**

हे हाम्रा स्वर्गमा बस्ने पिता,  
तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र गरिओस्  
तपाईंको राज्य आओस् ।  
तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा भैँ यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस् ।  
हाम्रो दिनभरिको भोजन आज हामीलाई दिनुहोस् ।  
हाम्रा अपराध क्षमा गर्नुहोस्,  
जसरी हामीले पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं ।  
हामीलाई परीक्षामा नल्याउनुहोस्,  
तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस् ।  
किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा सदा सर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन् । आमेन ।

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

LSB 209

**PAX DOMINI** — *The Peace of the Lord* John 20:19

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

People: **Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*

**DISTRIBUTION SONGS** “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” Tomlin/Newton/Giglio

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.**

**CHORUS: My chains are gone I've been set free. My God my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love amazing grace.**

**The Lord has promised good to me. His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. CHORUS X2**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine.  
But God who called me here below will be forever mine.**

**Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.**

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“Glory to God Forever” Fee/Beeching (tied #29)

**Before the world was made, before You spoke it to be,  
You were the King of kings - yeah, You were, yeah You were!  
And now, You're reigning still, enthroned above all things;  
Angels and saints cry out, we join them as we sing:**

**CHORUS: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God forever!  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God forever!**

*(Interlude)*

**Creator, God, You gave me breath, so I could praise  
Your great and matchless name all my days, all my days!  
So, let my whole life be a blazing offering  
A life that shouts and sings the greatness of our King! CHORUS**

**Take my life, and let it be all for You, and for Your glory;  
Take my life and let it be Yours.  
Take my life and let it be all for You, and for Your glory;  
Take my life and let it be Yours. We sing: CHORUS**

**Take my life, and let it be all for You, and for Your glory;  
Take my life and let it be Yours.  
Take my life and let it be all for You, and for Your glory;  
Take my life and let it be Yours. We sing: CHORUS**

**CHORUS: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God forever!  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God forever**  
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*(Please Stand)*



**BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION** *Psalm 103:1*

**Pastor:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

**People:** **Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG** “Grace Like Rain” Agnew/Collins/Excell/Newton (tied #22)

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now I'm found  
was blind but now I see so clearly.**

**CHORUS: Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me. Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away,  
they're washed away.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace  
appear the hour I first believed. CHORUS**

**When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing Your  
praise than when we first begun. CHORUS X 2**

**... They're washed away.**

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**POSTLUDE**

*Instrumental Music*

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# ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## SONGS OF ASCENSION

August 5, 2018

11:00 am



### AS WE GATHER

In today's Gospel, the crowds are still trying to stay close to Jesus, but He says it's for the wrong reason. They want to fill their stomachs, and He declares that He is the bread of life. As the manna in the wilderness wasn't produced by Moses, but was a gift from God, so Jesus didn't come to produce physical bread. He is God's gift to us for what we need in every part of our lives here in time and for eternity. The Epistle focuses on our being part of the Body of Christ, with "one Lord, one faith, one Baptism." Indeed, we are gifts of God to one another, called to faith to speak the truth in love and to work together to build up the Body to the measure of Christ Himself.

### PRE-SERVICE

*Instrumental*



**WELCOME**

### ✂ PREPARATION ✂

**OPENING SONG** "We Believe" Hooper/Fike/Ryan (tied #18)

**In this time of desperation, When all we know is doubt and fear.  
There is only one foundation. We believe, we believe.  
In this broken generation, When all is dark, You help us see.  
There is only one salvation. We believe, we believe.**

**CHORUS: We believe in God the Father, We believe in Jesus Christ,  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, And He's given us new life,  
We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.  
We believe in the resurrection, And He's coming back (again. We believe.)**

**So let our faith be more than anthems. Greater than the songs we sing.  
In our weakness and temptations. We believe, we believe. CHORUS**

**Let the lost be found and the dead be raised. In the here and now let love invade.  
Let the church live loud our God we'll say, We believe, we believe.  
And the gates of hell will not prevail. For the pow'r of God has torn the veil.  
Now we know Your love will never fail. We believe, we believe. CHORUS**

**He's coming back again, He's coming back again, We believe, we believe.**  
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*(Please Stand)*

### OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 150*

**Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary;  
praise Him in His mighty heavens!**

**People: Praise Him for His mighty deeds;  
praise Him according to His excellent greatness!**

Pastor: Praise Him with trumpet sound;  
praise Him with lute and harp!  
**People: Praise Him with tambourine and dance;  
praise Him with strings and pipe!**

Pastor: Praise Him with sounding cymbals;  
praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!

**People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord!**

**ALL: 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.**



### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*(If you would like private confession and absolution, please call the office at  
(314) 832-5600 to make an appointment with Pastor Clark)*

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: 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.

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

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

**(OR)**

Seminary Student: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
*John 1:12, Philippians 1:6*

**People: Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Merciful Father, You gave Your Son, Jesus, as the heavenly bread of life.

**People:** **Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacrament, that we may be nourished unto life everlasting;**

**Pastor:** through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



**OLD TESTAMENT** *Exodus 16:2–15* (Although the Israelites, freed from Egypt, grumble, God provides quail and manna in the wilderness.)

<sup>2</sup> And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup> and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not.” <sup>5</sup> On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” <sup>6</sup> So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup> and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” <sup>8</sup> And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.” <sup>9</sup> Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” <sup>10</sup> And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup> “I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’” <sup>13</sup> In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. <sup>14</sup> And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup> When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**



**EPISTLE** *Ephesians 4:1–16* (God has created, redeemed, and called us all to the one Church, a unity shown in our love for one another and all people.)

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the

one hope that belongs to your call—<sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup> But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.<sup>8</sup> Therefore it says, “When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.”<sup>9</sup> (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth?<sup>10</sup> He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)<sup>11</sup> And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,<sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,<sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,<sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.<sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,<sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*



**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 6:22–35* (Referring to the manna in the wilderness,  
Jesus calls Himself the bread of life.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

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

<sup>22</sup> On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. <sup>23</sup> Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup> So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. <sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” <sup>30</sup> So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?” <sup>31</sup> Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup> Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup> They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of Lord.

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

22समुद्र पारि रहेको भीडले भोलिपल्ट त्यहाँ एउटा मात्र डुङ्गा देखे। तिनीहरूलाई थाहा थियो, कि येशू आफ्ना चेलाहरूसँग डुङ्गामा चढनु भएको थिएन, तर उहाँका चेलाहरू मात्र गएका थिए। 23तब तिबेरियासबाट अरू डुङ्गाहरू त्यस ठाउँको नजिक आए, जहाँ प्रभुले धन्यवाद चढाएपछि तिनीहरूले रोटी खाएका थिए। 24येशू र उहाँका चेलाहरू त्यहाँ नहुनुभएको थाहा पाएर ती मानिसहरू येशूलाई खोज्दै डुङ्गाहरूमा चढेर कफर्नहुममा गए।

25तिनीहरूले उहाँलाई समुद्र पारि भेटाएर उहाँलाई सोधे, “रब्बी, तपाईं यहाँ कहिले आउनुभयो?”

26येशूले तिनीहरूलाई जवाफ दिई भन्नुभयो, “साँचै म तिमीहरूलाई भन्दछु, तिमीहरू चिन्हहरू देखेर होइन, तर अघाउज्जेल रोटी खाएको कारणले मलाई खोज्दछौ। 27नष्ट हुने भोजनको निम्ति परिश्रम नगर, तर अनन्त जीवनसम्म रहने भोजनको निम्ति परिश्रम गर, जो मानिसको पुत्रले तिमीहरूलाई दिनेछ। किनभने परमेश्वर पिताले उसमाथि आफ्नो छाप लगाउनुभएको छ।”

28तिनीहरूले उहाँलाई भने, “परमेश्वरले चाहनुभएको काम गर्नलाई हामीले के गर्नुपर्छ?”

29येशूले तिनीहरूलाई भन्नुभयो, “परमेश्वरको काम यही हो: जसलाई उहाँले पठाउनुभयो उसमाथि विश्वास गर।”

30यसकारण तिनीहरूले उहाँलाई भने, “तपाईं के चिन्ह देखाउनुहुन्छ, सो हामी हेरौं, र तपाईंलाई विश्वास गरौं? तपाईं के गर्नुहुन्छ? 31हाम्रा पिता-पुर्खाले उजाड़-स्थानमा मन्त्र खाए, जसरी लेखिएको छ, ‘उहाँले तिनीहरूलाई खानलाई स्वर्गबाट रोटी दिनुभयो।’” प्रस १६:४,१५; भज ७८:२४

32येशूले तिनीहरूलाई भन्नुभयो, “साँचै, म तिमीहरूलाई भन्दछु, तिमीहरूलाई स्वर्गबाट रोटी दिने मोशा होइनन्, तर स्वर्गबाट तिमीहरूलाई साँचो रोटी दिनुहुने मेरा पिता हुनुहुन्छ। 33किनभने परमेश्वरको रोटी त्यही हो, जो स्वर्गबाट ओर्लिआउँछ, र संसारलाई जीवन दिन्छ।”

34तिनीहरूले उहाँलाई भने, “प्रभु, यो रोटी हामीलाई सधैं दिनुहोस्।”

35येशूले तिनीहरूलाई भन्नुभयो “जीवनको रोटी म हुँ। मकहाँ आउने भोकाउनेछैन, र ममाथि विश्वास गर्ने कहिल्यै तिर्खाउनेछैन।



## APOSTLES' CREED

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विश्वासको सार

**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 thence 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)



## CHILDREN'S TIME “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LSB 790, v. 1

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!**

म विश्वास गर्दछु एक ईश्वर सर्वशक्तिमान पिता,  
स्वर्ग र पृथ्वी सृजनेमाथि ।  
अनि उहाँका एकलो पुत्र हाम्रा प्रभु येशू ख्रीष्टमाथि ।  
उहाँ पवित्र आत्माको शक्तिले देहधारी हुनुभयो ।  
कन्या मरियमदेखि जन्मनुभयो ।  
पन्तियस पिलातसको अधिकारमा दुःख भोग्नुभयो ।  
ऋसमा टाँगिनुभयो ।  
मारिनुभयो अनि गाडिनुभयो ।  
आत्मालोकमा उत्रनुभयो ।  
तेश्रो दिनमा मरेकाहरूबाट बिउँतनुभयो ।  
स्वर्गमा चढिजानुभयो ।  
सर्वशक्तिमान ईश्वर पिताको दाहिने हातपट्टि  
बस्नुभएको छ ।  
जहाँदेखि उहाँ जीउँदो र मरेकाहरूको  
न्याय गर्नलाई आउनुहुनेछ ।

म विश्वास गर्दछु पवित्र आत्माथि,  
पवित्र विश्व मण्डलीमाथि,  
पवित्रहरूको संगतिमाथि,  
पाप मोचनमाथि  
शरीरको पुनरुत्थानमाथि  
र अजम्बरी जीवनमाथि । आमेन ।

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!**

**The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.**

**Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven’s joy and peace.**

**When we’ve been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise Than when we’d first begun.**



**SERMON**

*(Please Stand)*



**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the Holy Christian Church here and everywhere, for all people in their various circumstances, both our neighbors and those among the nations around the world. Paul writes in today’s Epistle that Christ gave to the Church “the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists.”

**People:** **Strengthen them, heavenly Father, to go where they are sent, to teach the truth in love, and to call all people to the Gospel of Your Son.**

**Pastor:** Christ also gave “the shepherds and teachers.”

**People:** **Guide all pastors and lay leaders, Lord Jesus, to nurture Your people, young and old, strong and weak, in faith and love.**

**Pastor:** Christ gave these gifts so that we may each function as part of the Body of Christ as it builds itself up in love.

**People:** **Help us, O Holy Spirit, to use all our gifts to build one another up in love here and, through our mission efforts, around the world.**

**Pastor:** God rescued His people from slavery in Egypt, destroying the forces of the nation of Egypt and providing for the Israelites, wandering in the desert.

**People:** **Raise up leaders in the governments of the nations, Lord, that freedom and justice abound within their borders and peace break out between neighboring peoples. Give protection and courage to refugees and resources and strength to those who care for them. Grant wisdom and courage to all who provide protection within communities and to all who defend our nation and others around the world.**

**Pastor:** Our Lord Jesus offered much more than physical food—He gave Himself, the bread of life, to the disciples and all His followers in their need.

**People:** **Hear the prayers of all who call out to You, O Lord, in their distress from ills of body or soul, problems of house or home, employment and finances, dignity and food, (especially . . .)**

(Special Petitions)

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
People: Amen.

(Please Be Seated)



## GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Step By Step”

Strasser

O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You.  
O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You.  
I will seek You in the morning and I will learn to walk in Your ways.  
And step by step You'll lead me. And I will follow You all of my days. REPEAT SONG

And step by step You'll lead me. And I will follow You all of my days.

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## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

*We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christian to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.*

## PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.  
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

हे हाम्रा स्वर्गमा बस्ने पिता,  
तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र गरिओस्  
तपाईंको राज्य आओस् ।  
तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा भैँ यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस् ।  
हाम्रो दिनभरिको भोजन आज हामीलाई दिनुहोस् ।  
हाम्रा अपराध क्षमा गर्नुहोस्,  
जसरी हामीले पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं ।  
हामीलाई परीक्षामा नल्याउनुहोस्,  
तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस् ।  
किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा सदा सर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन् । आमेन ।

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

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**PAX DOMINI** — *The Peace of the Lord* John 20:19

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

People: **Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*

**DISTRIBUTION SONGS** “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” Tomlin/Newton/Giglio

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.**

**CHORUS: My chains are gone I've been set free. My God my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love amazing grace.**

**The Lord has promised good to me. His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. CHORUS X2**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine.  
But God who called me here below will be forever mine.**

**Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.**

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“Glory to God Forever” Fee/Beeching (tied #29)

**Before the world was made, before You spoke it to be,  
You were the King of kings - yeah, You were, yeah You were!  
And now, You're reigning still, enthroned above all things;  
Angels and saints cry out, we join them as we sing:**

**CHORUS: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God forever!  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God forever!**

*(Interlude)*

**Creator, God, You gave me breath, so I could praise  
Your great and matchless name all my days, all my days!  
So, let my whole life be a blazing offering  
A life that shouts and sings the greatness of our King! CHORUS**

**Take my life, and let it be all for You, and for Your glory;  
Take my life and let it be Yours.  
Take my life and let it be all for You, and for Your glory;  
Take my life and let it be Yours. We sing: CHORUS**

**Take my life, and let it be all for You, and for Your glory;  
Take my life and let it be Yours.  
Take my life and let it be all for You, and for Your glory;  
Take my life and let it be Yours. We sing: CHORUS**

**CHORUS: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God forever!  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God forever**  
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*(Please Stand)*



**BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION** *Psalm 103:1*

**Pastor:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

**People:** **Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG** “Grace Like Rain” Agnew/Collins/Excell/Newton (tied #22)

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now I'm found  
was blind but now I see so clearly.**

**CHORUS: Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me. Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away,  
they're washed away.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace  
appear the hour I first believed. CHORUS**

**When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing Your  
praise than when we first begun. CHORUS X 2**

**... They're washed away.**

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**POSTLUDE**

*Instrumental Music*

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