

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY will return to a ZOOM format. We'll begin at 9:45 am. We are starting a study of Deuteronomy. If you would like to be added to the invitation list, please let me know (Herbert-Burhenn@utc.edu).

SACK SUPPER SAINTS - will resume meeting in the Youth Room, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. 6 pm for sack suppers (bring your own) and start the study at 630. If the weather is nice, please bring a camp chair so we can meet outside. Masks are essential.

SUNDAY SERVICE SERVERS –Some of the ways of serving are: Helping the **Altar Guild** set up before the service, **Greeting** people as they arrive, **Assisting** the Pastors during the service, **Reading** aloud from the Bible, **Counting** offering after the service, **Cleaning up** the Welcome area & loading the dishwasher after the 11:15 service, **Ushering** and tidying up the sanctuary after services... We can't do it without you. Let us know if you can assist. Contact the office for more information.

SOCIAL MISSIONS UPDATE! After a very productive meeting on August 25th our social missions team has some exciting updates for you all! Many city-wide programs have been changing how they serve our community and the food voucher program through the Chattanooga Food Bank is one of them. The biggest change is that they have decided not to hand out vouchers at churches anymore but to do so at the food bank. This change started as a COVID precaution, but it seems like this change will continue.

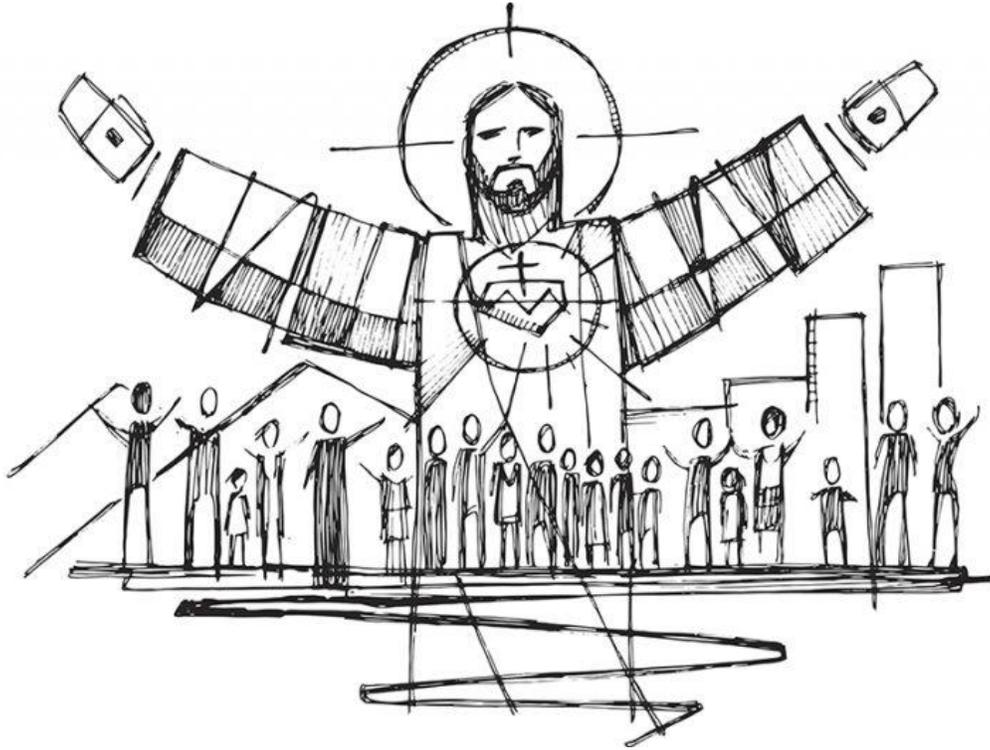
Our food pantry has been an important part of our voucher program for years. It has been a great way to provide those in need with a box of food to tide them over in times of emergency. With our food voucher program changing to being donation based we had to decide what to do with our pantry.

We will continue stocking our pantry to serve those who come to our doors in need of food, but we will also start taking the food directly to those in need! Pastor Elise will start taking volunteers out on Wednesdays to distribute food boxes to the homeless of our city. We'll be calling this ministry "Food Box Wednesdays"! This will change what kinds of items we collect from month to month as well. We will put a list together and publish it in the announcements as well as share a link to an amazon wish list on our Facebook pages.

If you are interested in helping with social missions' projects, including Food Box Wednesday please contact Pastor Elise @803-730-2466 or email her at pastoreliseanderson@gmail.com.

She will be serving as the interim head of social missions while we restructure and rebuild our mission and interaction with our community! New ideas and volunteers are welcomed and encouraged!

FOOD VOUCHER PROGRAM NEEDS HELP! The social missions' food voucher program helps those in urgent need of food; serving the elderly, disabled, as well as families and individuals who need help to make ends meet. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic Trinity was able to sponsor almost double the usual number of vouchers for people hit hardest by the economic downfall associated with this pandemic. Because of this effort our Neighbors in Need fund has been depleted. We are asking that if you are able, you would consider making a special donation to Social Missions so that we can continue our support of the Food Voucher program and continue to feed and support our neighbors that need it most. Thank you!



**Trinity Lutheran Church
16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 12, 2021
Traditional Services**

Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

WELCOME/PRELUDE

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Leader: We gather in the Name of the Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Let us lift our voices in praise and song before the Lord of Hosts!
In our hearts we praise Almighty God for every blessing we have received.

And we open our hearts to the Lord's leading in all we do in life.
And we ask God's help that we should use our words for good and not evil. (Kneel or Sit)

For we have been blessed with an awesome gift in the power of words.

But we sometimes use those same words for ill.

We say, "Sticks and stones may break our bones
But names will never hurt us."

But the truth is that names do hurt
And our words can cause great pain.

Forgive us Lord, for the things we have said that have caused pain.
Forgive us Lord, for those times when we should have been silent.

Forgive us Lord, for those things we should have said but didn't.
Forgive us Lord, for those times when we should have spoken up for others.

Forgive us Lord, when we have wrongly acted on our words.
Forgive us Lord, when we have not backed up our words with action.

For the sake of the Word made Flesh, God forgives you all your sins.

Amen. Such forgiveness is music to our ears.

GATHERING

Great is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie/Hymn of Praise (Choir)

Italics: Cantor

Bold: Congregation



Light a fire in our hearts, O Lord, have mer - cy and hear us. Give_



mean - ing to our lives, O Lord, have mer - cy and hear us. Give us peace from a - bove, di -



rect our ev' - ry move, u - nite us with the Spi - rit through the pow - er of your love, O



Lord, have mer - cy and hear us. A men. A men.

Fire of life, Ho - ly one, Burn in us like a sun.
 Fire of life, Coun - se - lor, Keep us from the temp - ter's snare.
 Fire of life, fill the Earth, Light us up, give us new birth.
 Fire of life, make us one with the Fa - ther and the Son, who

Fire of life you we a - dore, Help us love you ev - er -
 Fire of life, be our guide, show us heav'n's gate o - pen
 Fire of life, breath of heav'n, Be in us a ho - ly
 rule to - geth - er, One in Three, now and through e - ter - ni -

more. Let al - le - lu - ias fill our days as you teach us how to
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sing God's praise. Let al - le - lu - ias fill our days as you
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teach us how to sing God's praise. praise. A - men. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-9

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the
grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name of the LORD:**

“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

⁶**The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.**

⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul.

for the LORD has dealt well with you.

⁸**For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine yield figs? No more can saltwater yield fresh.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL Will You Come and Follow Me? V 1 & 5 ELW 798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

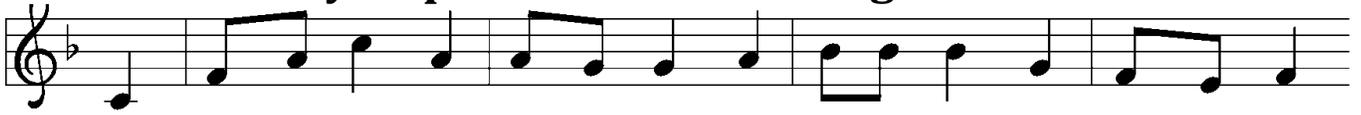
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Stan Combs

SERMON

Pastor Stan Combs



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
 2 Whendark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
 when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. *(Kneel or Sit)*

AM: With our tongues and voices we bless you O Lord, and praise you for your many gifts, especially for the gift of language. Help us to see the power in words and to choose our words wisely that they might be for good rather than for harm. Lord in your mercy...
Hear our prayer.

AM: Lord Jesus, you are the Word made Flesh. Speak to your Church, its leaders and people that they might strive to make your presence and love manifest among the peoples of the world. Especially do we pray for compassion for those fleeing from Afghanistan. Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

AM: You speak life and hope into creation. Sanctify our homes with your presence and joy. Keep our children in the covenant of their baptism and enable their parents to rear them in a life of faith and devotion. By the spirit of affection and service unite the voices of all families, that they may show your praise in our land and in all the world. Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

AM: We pray for the leaders of our nation as well as all the leaders of the world that they would seek justice and peace. Safeguard those dealing with wildfires, storms and their aftermath. Comfort and uphold all those who this day are facing hunger, homelessness, poverty and oppression. Use our voices to speak for those who have no voice that justice might someday prevail. Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

AM: We lift our voices to pray for the sick and the suffering, travelers by land, by water and by air, as well as all those grieving this day the loss of loved ones. Especially do we lift up to you... **The family of Tom Hamilton** (Gene Haar), **Jaime** Raines & **Brenda** Childers (Muncy family), **Isaac** (John Szeglin), **Madison** & **Branson** Bowman (Cathy Muncy), **Regina** & **Michael** (Marlene Hiltunen), **Steve** Jackson, **Elfie** Owen, **Michael** Pell (Joyce Davis), **Gigi** Penticuff, **Laura** Peucker, **Apryl** Reno (Carol Bell), **Elaine** Schoeller (Anne Cain), **Ida** Seneker, **Karen** Smith, **Leon** & **Pat** Stonecipher (Joyce Davis), Perry Sullivan (Jackson family), **Maureen** Turner (Carol Bell), **Troy** Varner (Jodi Doss), **Eleonore** Williams...as well as those whom we name in our hearts or out loud before you now... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

AM: On this 20th anniversary weekend of the horrific acts of 9/11, we remember with thanksgiving the first responders and ordinary citizens who acted with courage and heroism – some even to giving their lives for others. May their acts of bravery strengthen us in our own faith journey until that day when we are reunited in our new heavenly Father's home. Lord in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Lord, we commend all those for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE (*stand*)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER (*stand*)

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY COMMUNION

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might. Heav'n and earth are
 full of your glo-ry, ho - san - na in the high-est. Blessed is the One who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

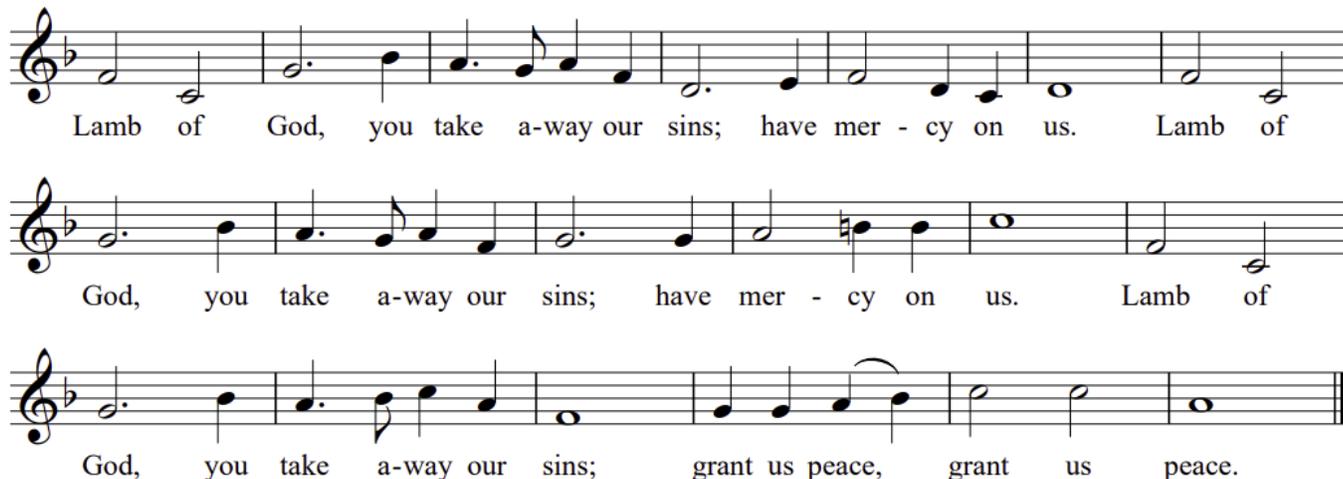
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready. **Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way our sins; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a-way our sins; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a-way our sins; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Let us pray together: **Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING (stand)

In the beginning, God spoke and there was life and light. Today God spoke and filled you with grace and hope, go forth now to share the words you've heard with the blessing of Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

SENDING

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

DISMISSAL: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Go in peace, Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**