

Second Sunday After Pentecost

Jesus Calls Sinners

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As We Gather

Once I read a novel where a guy went out with a girl for a while but eventually broke up with her because of all her drama. She was always saying and doing things that caused hard feelings, or whining about what other people were doing that made her feel bad. Finally the guy had enough and left.

I'm glad that Jesus doesn't do that with us. As human beings, we often get tangled up in drama in our relationships and in our lives. All too often we say and do things that are not right, and then have to deal with the resulting problems.

But Jesus doesn't give up on us. He knows everything we have done and he loves us anyway. Jesus said that he did not come to earth to call righteous people, but sinners (Matthew 9:9-13). Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead to forgive us (Romans 4:25). We will never get to heaven by our good deeds, because we have often broken God's Law; nevertheless Jesus has saved us (Romans 4:13-25). Even when God allows us to suffer the consequences of our sins, he still hopes for us to return to him and be saved (Hosea 5:14 – 6:6). Jesus calls sinners.

Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.

Patient and loving, he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home.

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "Oh sinner, come home!"

Prelude:

Words of Welcome

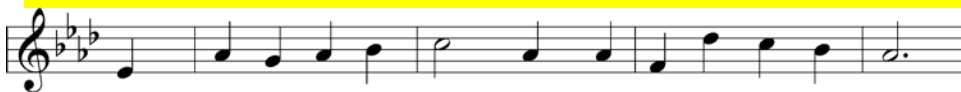
Stand

Sharing God's Peace with One Another

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "Peace be with you" as a sign of our unity and reconciliation in the Holy Spirit. As we are forgiven by God, so we forgive each other. (Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3)

Hymn: Come Unto Me, Ye Weary

Lutheran Service Book 684



- 1 "Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."
 2 "Come un - to Me, ye wan - d'ers, And I will give you light."
 3 "Come un - to Me, ye faint - ing, And I will give you life."
 4 "And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op-pressed!
 O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!
 O cheer - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to aid our strife!
 O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,



It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par - don, grace, and peace,
 Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;
 The foe is stern and ea - ger, The fight is fierce and long;
 Which, though we be un - wor - thy Of love so great and free,



Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.
 But Thou hast brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.
 But Thou hast made us might - y And strong - er than the strong.
 In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

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Today Your Mercy Calls Us

Lutheran Service Book 915



- 1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
 2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
 Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
 His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
 What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre-cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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Listen, God is Calling

Lutheran Service Book 833

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1:8-9)

We take a few moments for silent prayer and reflection.

- A** **Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Our very nature leads us astray. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved other people as you call us to love. We deserve to be punished. But for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us. Help us to walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

- P** Jesus said, "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." (Matthew 9:13) Jesus died on the cross to pay for all our wrongdoing. He rose from the dead and lives to forgive us. As pastor, I have the privilege to announce to you what God says in his Word: All of us who trust in Jesus are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Psalm 28: 1a, 2a, 8, 6, 9

P To you, Lord, I call. You are my Rock.

C Do not turn a deaf ear to me.

P Hear my cry for mercy

C As I call to you for help.

P The Lord is the strength of his people,

C A fortress of salvation for his anointed one.

P Praise be to the Lord,

C For he has heard my cry for mercy.

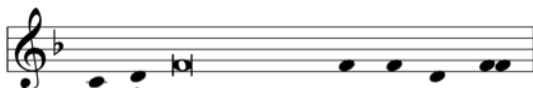
P Save your people and bless your inheritance.

C Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

A 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.

Kyrie (Ancient Prayer: "Lord, Have Mercy")

Lutheran Service Book 152



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



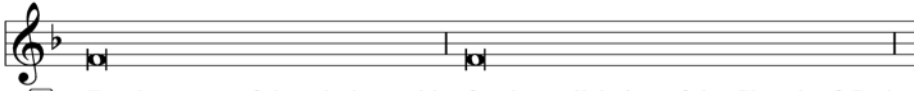
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



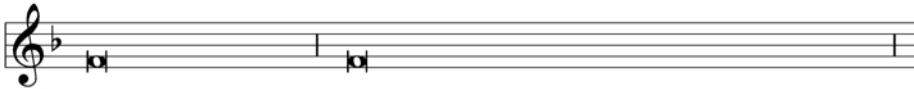
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Glory to God in the Highest

Lutheran Service Book 154



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,



You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer for this Day

Lutheran Service Book 156

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P We pray together:

C **Heavenly Father, you sent your Son Jesus to seek and to save the lost. Open our ears and our hearts to hear his call and to follow him by faith. Through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Hosea 5:14 – 6:6

(False religion and hypocrisy bring God's judgment;
but even then, God wants us to return to him and be saved.)

[God says:] "For I will be like a lion to Ephraim, like a great lion to Judah. I will tear them to pieces and go away; I will carry them off, with no one to rescue them. ¹⁵ Then I will return to my lair until they have borne their guilt and seek my face—in their misery they will earnestly seek me."

[Hosea says:] "Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. ² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence. ³ Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth."

[God says:] ⁴ "What can I do with you, Ephraim? What can I do with you, Judah? Your love is like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears. ⁵ Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets, I killed you with the words of my mouth—then my judgments go forth like the sun. ⁶ For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings." (NIV)

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading (Epistle)

Romans 4:13-25

(We have not kept God's law, but like Abraham
we have been made righteous through faith in Jesus)

It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

¹⁸ Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. ²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²² This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” ²³ The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. (NIV)

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia

Lutheran Service Book 156

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:9-13

(Jesus invites Matthew and other sinners to return to God.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 9.

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

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.

¹³ But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." (NIV)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

Song: I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true.
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Story Time (Children, youth, and others are invited to come forward for this time.)

Hymn: **The Coloring Song** Make a Joyful Sound (White Booklet) 56

Red is the color of the blood that flowed
Down the face of someone who loved us so.
He's the perfect Man, he's the Lord's own Son.
He's the Lamb of God, he's the only one
That can give us life, that can make us grow,
That can make the love between us flow.

Blue is the color of a heart so cold
That it will not bend when the story's told
Of the love of God for a sinful race,
Of the blood that flowed down Jesus' face,
That can give us life, that can make us grow,
That can keep our hearts from growing cold.

Gold is the color of the morning sun
That shines so freely on everyone.
It's the sun above that keeps us warm.
It's the Son of love that calms the storm,
That can give us life, that can make us grow,

That can turn our mornings into gold.

Brown is the color of the autumn leaves
When the winter comes to the barren trees.
There is birth, there is death, there is a plan,
And there's just one God and there's just one Man
Who can give us life, who can make us grow,
Who can make our sins as white as snow...
That can give us life, that can make us grow,
That can turn our mornings into gold...
That can give us life, that can make us grow,
That can keep our hearts from growing cold...
That can give us life, that can make us grow,
That can make the love between us flow.

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Lutheran Service Book 699

Different Tune: Vox Dilecti or Kingsfold



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.



Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on My breast."
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down and drink and live."
Look un - to Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found In Him my star, my sun;



I found in Him a rest - ing place, And He has made me glad.
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav - ling days are done.

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed (Public declaration of our faith)

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Jesus invites us to pray in his name for all our needs.

- P** Lord, we pray for unity and love in the church, asking you to open the minds and hearts of your people to Jesus and his love and forgiveness. In Jesus' name,
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Lord, we pray for all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our prayer list who are close to our hearts. Let them know your healing touch. In Jesus' name,
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Lord, we pray for all those who are suffering or struggling or grieving, especially our friends and relatives and fellow Christians on our prayer list. Comfort them and help them. In Jesus' name,
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** Lord, we pray for peace in our homes, in our neighborhoods, and in the world, especially in Israel and in the Ukraine and places where violence or persecution threaten. In Jesus' name,
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Lord, we pray for those who have not yet believed in you as their Savior. Help us to show them your love and give us words to tell them about your salvation. In Jesus' name,
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Lord, we pray for the soldiers, the policemen and firemen, and all who risk their lives to defend us and help us. In Jesus' name,
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Lord, we pray for our teachers and leaders, that you would guide them and encourage them. In Jesus' name,
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Lord, we pray for all the needs, physical and spiritual, in the world around us. In Jesus' name,
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** We trust in you, Lord, for you have power over death itself, and you have promised to hear us.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

Offering

The Bible says, "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income." (1 Corinthians 16:2a, NIV) Our offerings are part of our worship, part of our response to God's love.

Offering Options

You can contribute offerings using any of the following methods:

In-Person donations: You can place your donation in the offering plate as it is passed during the service.

On-line Banking donations: You can utilize the on-line bill pay option at your financial institution to donate to Ascension Lutheran Church, 6520 Loma de Cristo, El Paso, TX 79912.

Mail donations: Mail your check to the church office: Ascension Lutheran Church, 6520 Loma de Cristo, El Paso, TX 79912. The mail is checked daily.

Other Electronic donation option: You can make a secure contribution from your credit card or bank account at www.alconnect.faiht or by scanning the QR code below. We use Vanco, a reputable agency which specializes in donations to churches and nonprofit organizations. Your contribution can be set up to be recurring, such as each week or month, or as a one-time donation.

Donations via an app: If you prefer using your phone or tablet, you can download the Vanco Mobile app. You can easily set up an account and donate through the app.

The ministries of Ascension are supported by the love, generosity and sacrificial giving of our members and friends. As a guest, please do not feel obligated in any way to make a contribution. We believe that any gift to the Lord should be uncoerced and from the heart — as a loving response to God’s grace.



Special Music during the Offering:

Offering Prayer

A Heavenly Father, fill us anew with your Holy Spirit, and help us to live for you. Bless these offerings and use them to bring others to faith and to help those in need. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Offertory (Sung Prayer of Dedication)

Lutheran Service Book 159



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



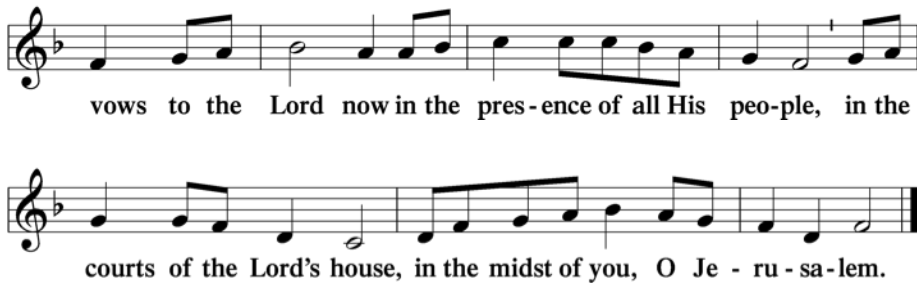
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Invitation and Preparation for Communion

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, one of the precious gifts that God gives to His people. In Communion, God wants to assure us that we have been forgiven through faith in Jesus who gave his body and blood for us on the cross.

To prepare for Communion, we follow what 1 Corinthians 11:28 says: "Let each man examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks the cup." Therefore, if you wish to participate in Communion today, we ask that you review and affirm the following questions:

1. Do I believe I am a sinner, that is, that I have failed to keep God's commands as I should, and that I need forgiveness?
2. Do I trust in Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior, who died and rose for me?
3. Do I believe as I eat the bread and drink the cup, that I also receive the true body and blood of Jesus that He gave for me on the cross – even though I can't fully explain it?
4. Do I intend, with the help of God, to follow Jesus more closely and obey him more faithfully?

If you answer "yes" to these questions, then you share a common faith with our Christian congregation and you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Our common faith is expressed in more detail in the Creed that we confess together during the worship service.

Special Instructions for Communion:

- Children and those who are not communing are welcomed to come forward for a blessing. Children do not commune until they have completed basic instruction classes about the Christian faith.
- If you are unable to go to the altar, please let an usher know and the Pastor will bring the Lord's Supper (Communion) to your pew. Please sit close to any of the three aisles in the church.
- During Communion, gluten-free communion wafers (bread) are available. Just ask the Pastor when he comes to give you the bread.
- During Communion, you may take one of the small communion cups from the tray, or you may wait and drink from the common cup.
- On the tray of small communion cups, those cups in the center of the tray have light-colored, non-alcoholic grape juice. The other cups have wine.

If you have any questions, please see the Pastor or one of the elders.

Preparation for Communion

Lutheran Service Book 160

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P Lord God, you are indeed worthy of all glory and praise, and you deserve for us to give you thanks always, because you have saved us through Jesus Christ. For this reason, together with all the angels in heaven and all Christians in heaven and on earth, we glorify your name in song.

Sanctus (Song of Praise)

Lutheran Service Book 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en 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 who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

A **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 Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

“Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini (John 20:19)

Lutheran Service Book 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God, John 1:29)

Lutheran Service Book 163



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Hymns during Communion

Hymn: Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling

Make a Joyful Noise 32

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me.
Patient and loving, he's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.

Refrain: Come home, come home,
You who are weary, come home!
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, "Oh sinner, come home!"

2. Why should we linger when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we wait, then, and heed not his mercies,
Mercies for you and for me? (Refrain)
3. Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,
Promised for you and for me.
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me. (Refrain)

Hymn: I Love to Tell the Story

Make a Joyful Sound (White Booklet) 4

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true.
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.


Refrain: I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story. More wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story. It did so much for me,
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. (Refrain)
3. I love to tell the story. 'Tis pleasant to repeat
What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word. (Refrain)
4. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best


Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
 And when in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
 'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. (Refrain)

Hymn: I Come, Oh Savior, to Thy Table

Lutheran Service Book 618



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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Hymn: What Wondrous Love is This

Lutheran Service Book 543



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, When
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, When I was sink - ing down Be -
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
 neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side His crown for my
 is the great I AM, While mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing His love for me, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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Hymn: Rise, Shine, You People

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1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
 He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
 Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing.
 Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
 All men and wom - en, who by guilt are -
 To all the world go out and tell the
 Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
 driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
 sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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After Communion:

Nunc Dimittis

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C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Closing Prayer

- P** We pray together:
C **Lord God, thank you for your forgiveness, for your love, for your promises of eternal life. Go with us as we leave this place, and help us to worship you with our lives and to share your love with everyone that you put in our path. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)
C **Amen.**

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C A - men.

Closing Hymn: Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name Lutheran Service Book 917



1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise
 2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
 3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
 4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
 With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.
 Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.
 Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;



Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,
 Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;
 Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.
 That in this house have called up - on Thy name.
 For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.
 Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

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Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
 3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
 pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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Sending

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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