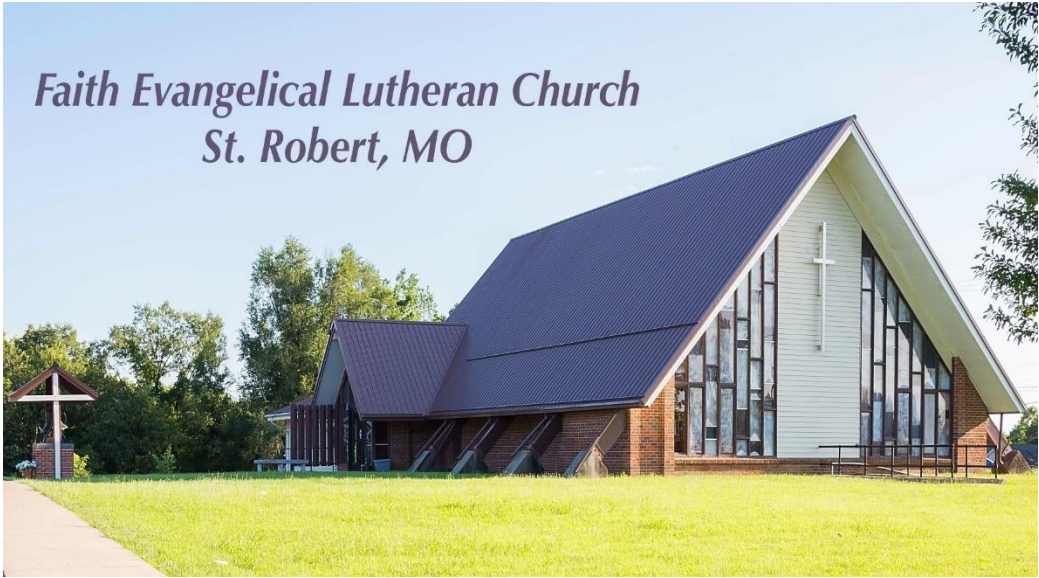
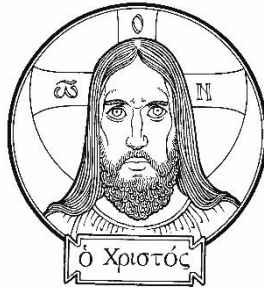


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## *§ A Heartfelt Welcome To Our Guests §*

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church (FELC). We're pleased you've come to receive the blessings our Lord gives in the Divine Service. Please help us get to know you and record your attendance by signing the red record of fellowship book as it is passed down the pew and/or the guest book in the narthex. Most Sundays we host refreshments after the service. Please join us downstairs in the Parish Fellowship. This is a great way to get to know the members of the family of FELC.

## *Holy Communion Announcement*

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Faith in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased.

***How Can We Help You?*** We want your visit to be a blessing to you and strive to be as user friendly as possible. Our pastor is also available for pastoral care whether you're here for a week, months, years, or permanently. Faith is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

## **Those Serving August 27<sup>th</sup> at Faith**

<b>Organist</b>	Heidi Perling	<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Dennis Engstrom
<b>Acolyte</b>		<b>Greeters</b>	Hans Gregor
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lee Phinney	<b>Refreshments</b>	
<b>Ushers</b>	Tristan Boerner, LeRoy Tronstad Chris Myers, Fred Brady	<b>Sermon Title</b>	Apostolic Letters

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*The order of service for today is located on page 167 of the Lutheran Service Book.*

## Confession and Absolution

*Please rise. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**C** Amen.

**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.**

*The Congregation reflects silently on God's Word using the Ten Commandments to examine specific sins committed in thought, word, and deed.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

# Service of the Word

## 596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of  
 2 You were be-fore your day of birth, In-deed, from your con-  
 3 But all of that was washed a-way— Im-mersed and drowned for-  
 4 In Bap-tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful-ly



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of  
 cep-tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with-  
 ev-er. The wa-ter of your Bap-tism day Re-stored a-  
 cov-ered With all that He once sac-ri-ficed And free-ly



Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The  
 out ex-cep-tion. For like your par-ents' flesh and blood, Turned  
 gain what-ev-er Old Ad-am and his sin de-destroyed And  
 for us suf-fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!  
 in-ward from the high-est good, You con-stant-ly de-nied Him.  
 all our sin-ful selves em-ployed Ac-cord-ing to our na-ture.  
 makes us ho-ly, right, and good Be-fore our heav'n-ly Fa-ther.

5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift  
 And give God thanks forever!  
 It gives the power to uplift  
 In all that you endeavor.  
 When nothing else revives your soul,  
 Your Baptism stands and makes you whole  
 And then in death completes you.

6 So use it well! You are made new—  
 In Christ a new creation!  
 As faithful Christians, live and do  
 Within your own vocation,  
 Until that day when you possess  
 His glorious robe of righteousness  
 Bestowed on you forever!

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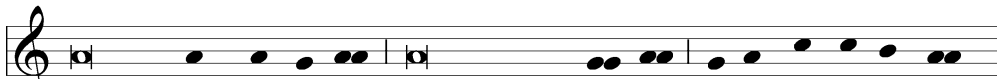
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# Kyrie

Mark 10:47



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



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



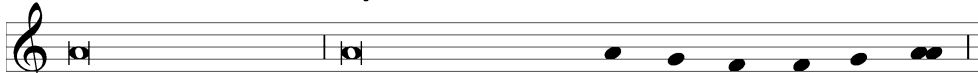
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



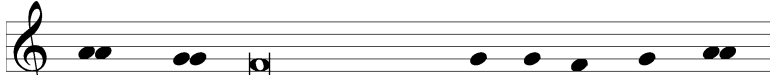
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

# Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, 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.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Please be seated.*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 51:1-6*

**A** The Old Testament Reading for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from Isaiah, chapter 51.

<sup>1</sup>“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD:  
look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

<sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
that I might bless him and multiply him.

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD comforts Zion;  
he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup>“Give attention to me, my people,  
and give ear to me, my nation;  
for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near,  
my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples;  
the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;  
but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.



Antiphon The LORD will fulfill his pur- | pose for me;\*  
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures for | ever.



<sup>1</sup>I give you thanks, O LORD, with | my whole heart;\*  
before the gods I | sing your praise;

<sup>2</sup>I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your | faithfulness,\*  
for you have exalted above all things your name | and your word.

<sup>3</sup>On the day I called, you | answered me;\*  
my strength of soul | you increased.

<sup>4</sup>All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, | O LORD,\*  
for they have heard the words | of your mouth,

<sup>5</sup>and they shall sing of the ways | of the LORD,\*  
for great is the glory | of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>For though the LORD is high, he regards the | lowly,\*  
but the haughty he knows | from afar.

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you pre- | serve my life;\*  
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,  
and your right hand de- | livers me.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD will fulfill his pur- | pose for me;\*  
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work | of your hands.



Antiphon The LORD will fulfill his pur- | pose for me;\*  
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures for | ever.



## Epistle

*Romans 11:33—12:8*

**A** The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 11.

<sup>33</sup>Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

<sup>34</sup>“For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his counselor?”

<sup>35</sup>“Or who has given a gift to him  
that he might be repaid?”

<sup>36</sup>For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever.  
Amen.

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup>Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please rise.*

## Verse of the Day



*Ephesians 2:19b–20*

Alle | luia.\*

You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the house | hold of God,  
built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the | cornerstone.\*

Alle | luia.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13–20

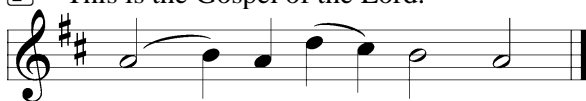
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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



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

*Please be seated.*

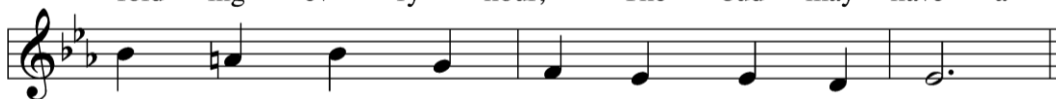
## 765 God Moves in a Mysterious Way



1 God moves in a mys - te - rious way His  
2 Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, But  
3 His pur - pos - es will rip - en fast, Un -



won - ders to per - form; He plants His foot - steps  
trust Him for His grace; Be - hind a frown - ing  
fold - ing ev - 'ry hour; The bud may have a



in the sea And rides up - on the storm.  
prov - i - dence Faith sees a smil - ing face.  
bit - ter taste, But sweet will be the flow'r.

4 Blind unbelief is sure to err  
And scan His work in vain;  
God is His own interpreter,  
And He will make it plain.

5 You fearful saints, fresh courage take;  
The clouds you so much dread  
Are big with mercy and will break  
In blessings on your head.

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## Sermon

*Please rise.*

## Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the Church throughout the world, that built on the confession of the Gospel and assured that the gates of hell will not overcome it, we may have the faith and courage to confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For the Church, that we may proclaim thanksgiving to God and tell of all His wondrous deeds, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** That the Office of the Keys may be honored among us, that we may confess our sin and be absolved in Christ's name, and that we may forgive others as He has forgiven us, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** For all families, children, single adults and youth; and for those who teach and those who learn, that they may advance in wisdom and grace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

- A** For victims of violence and oppression, and for those who live with injustice and fear, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For all nations and their leaders, that they may act for peace and promote godliness, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For victims of disaster and those stricken by illness or infirmity; for the aged and infirm; and for those who grieve, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For repentance and faith as we approach the Lord's table, that we may not think more highly of ourselves than is right, but that we would set our hearts and minds on the things of God, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** From You and through You and to You are all things! To You, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, be glory now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

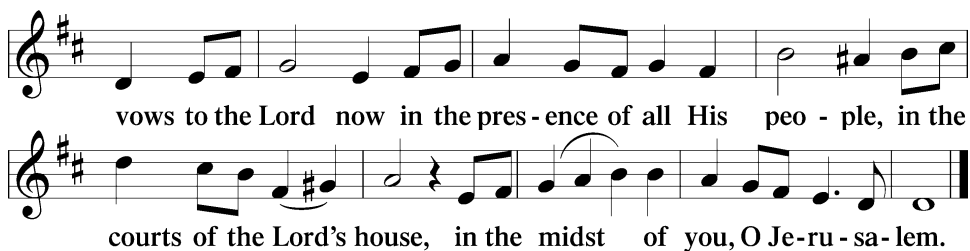
## Offering

*Please rise.*

## Offertory

*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*

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



## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*



### Proper Preface

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

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. 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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

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

- C** Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;  
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

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

## Proclamation of Christ

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

**C** **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.**

## Pax Domini

*John 20:19*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*



**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, grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

## Communing at Faith

### Distribution

#### 975 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual  
4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer  
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we  
Chris - tian love; The fel - low - ship of  
ar - dent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our  
bur - dens bear, And of - ten for each  
bit - ter pain; Yet, one in Christ and  
shall be free And per - fect love and  
kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.  
oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.  
friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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## 535 How Wide the Love of Christ



- 1 How wide the love of Christ! It knows not class or race But  
 2 How long the love of Christ! Its pa - tience will not cease Un -  
 3 How high the love of Christ! Be - yond all thought it soars, And  
 4 How deep the love of Christ, De - scend - ing to a cross! He  
 5 All praise to You, O Christ, For love whose depth and height, Whose



holds our one hu - man - i - ty With - in its broad em - brace.  
 til this bro - ken world is bound In ev - er - last - ing peace.  
 yet up - on our pass - ing lives Un - mea - sured mer - cy pours.  
 bears with - in His wound - ed hands All hu - man pain and loss.  
 length and breadth fill time and space With end - less life and light!

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## 845 Where Charity and Love Prevail



- 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There  
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His  
 3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As



God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er  
 char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and  
 we our faults con - fess, And let us love each



by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.  
 mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.  
 oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.

- 4 Let strife among us be unknown;  
 Let all contention cease;  
 Be God's the glory that we seek;  
 Be ours His holy peace.
- 5 Let us recall that in our midst  
 Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
 As members of His body joined  
 We are in Him made one.

*Turn page for stanza 6*

6 For love excludes no race or clan  
That names the Savior's name;  
His family embraces all  
Whose Father is the same.

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*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.

*Please rise.*

### Nunc Dimittis

*Luke 2:29–32*



The musical score for the Nunc Dimittis is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The text is in a serif font, with some words in all caps and some in title case. The score ends with a double bar line.

**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.

## Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*

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



*Please be seated.*

# 645 Built on the Rock

# Postlude - Benjamin Culli

1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most  
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His  
 stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in  
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His  
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
 ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -  
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -  
 ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove  
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,  
 But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,  
 Choos - es to live with us in love,  
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
 Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.  
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.

4 Here stands the font before our eyes,  
 Telling how God has received us.  
 The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice  
 And what His Supper here gives us.  
 Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim  
 Christ yesterday, today, the same,  
 And evermore, our Redeemer.

5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,  
 That, when the church bells are ringing,  
 Many in saving faith may come  
 Where Christ His message is bringing:  
 "I know My own; My own know Me.  
 You, not the world, My face shall see.  
 My peace I leave with you. Amen."