

## GATHERING SONG

## My Song Is Love Unknown

LSB 430 v. 1–4



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some-times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es  
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would  
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their  
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,  
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,  
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
 Who at my need His life did spend!  
 And for His death They thirst and cry.  
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of their  
 Baptism.*

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
the keeper of the covenant,  
the source of steadfast love,  
Our rock and our redeemer.

**C Amen**

**P** God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ.  
Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Fountain of living water,

**C pour out your mercy over us.**

**Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.**

**Rebuild what we have ruined  
and mend what we have torn.**

**Wash us in your cleansing flood.**

**Make us alive in the Spirit**

**to follow in the way of Jesus,**

**as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen**

**P** Beloved, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:

By the saving love of Jesus Christ,

The wisdom and power of God,

your sins are ✠ forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

Journey in the way of Jesus.

**C Amen**

**P** Let us pray together:

**C** **Mender of division, you sent Christ to heal the world and to gather those on the margins. Bring your healing power to us. May we extend your power and grace to those separated from their communities and those longing for a tangible sign of your love. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

### **In Community with those on the Margins**

*Jesus crosses barriers to attend to those on the margins.*

#### **Mark 5:1-20**

<sup>1</sup>They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. <sup>2</sup>And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. <sup>3</sup>He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, <sup>4</sup>for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. <sup>5</sup>Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and bruising himself with stones. <sup>6</sup>And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. <sup>7</sup>And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." <sup>8</sup>For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" <sup>9</sup>And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." <sup>10</sup>And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. <sup>11</sup>Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, <sup>12</sup>and they begged him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them." <sup>13</sup>So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out, and entered the pigs, and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and were drowned in the sea.

<sup>14</sup>The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. <sup>15</sup>And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>16</sup>And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. <sup>17</sup>And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. <sup>18</sup>As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. <sup>19</sup>And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." <sup>20</sup>And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

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

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

## **Engaging with Scripture**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

### **One Day as Jesus Traveled**

*By Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*

*(sung to the tune "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers" LSB 515)*

One day as Jesus traveled to places wild, untold,  
He met a man unraveled by evil's awful hold.  
The demons that possessed him saw Christ and screamed in fear;  
They knew, in their resisting, their days were numbered here.

*(hymn continued on the next page)*

That man knew only suffering, a life of grief and pain;  
He could not yet imagine that he'd be whole again.  
The demons cried to Jesus, "Just send us to those swine!"  
When evil faces goodness, it seeks a new design.

When goodness meets great evil, when faith encounters sin,  
The field is never level, for God's great love will win.  
Yet legions cry in anger while clinging to their days;  
They seek to trouble longer, to harm in other ways.

When churches seek to practice the faith with which we're blessed  
By seeking love and justice and helping the oppressed,  
So often there is tension that tears the heart and soul,  
A struggle, a resisting of all that makes us whole.

The demons cried to Jesus, "Just send us to those swine!"  
Yet soon those pigs stampeded right down a steep incline.  
For things that bring destruction will one day fall away;  
And God is surely bringing a new and joyful day.

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## **PRAYERS**

Pastor:

*(Include prayers for those who are marginalized in your community. Also pray for those who are forgotten and those we have failed to realize are marginalized. Include prayers for those in the world who are suffering).*

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL: 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.**

### **OFFERING**

#### **BLESSING**

**P** You are what God made you to be:  
Created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
Chosen as holy and beloved,  
Freed to serve your neighbor.  
God bless you ✝ that you may be a blessing in the name of the holy  
and life-giving Trinity.

**C Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN     God, We Sense Your Peace and Power**  
**(Sight)** *by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*

*(sung to the tune "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LSB 686)*

God, we sense your peace and power  
In this place we love so much.  
We are moved by gentle fragrance;  
We are blessed by healing touch.  
In these pews we hear the gospel;  
We see life beyond compare.  
Here we gather at your table,  
Tasting love in meals we share.

Once a man, cast out and wounded,  
Far from his community,  
Saw in Jesus: change was coming!  
Here was one to set him free!  
He saw Jesus had a mission —  
And the demons saw it, too!  
God, we pray for clearer vision  
As you build a world that's new.

God, you fill your earth with beauty;  
There is so much we can see —  
Banners, art, and stained glass windows,  
Sculpture, quilt, and tapestry.  
You give art to lift our spirits;  
You help artists do their best.  
In their work, we see your goodness.  
Through their art, our lives are blest.

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## **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace, joined together in Christ.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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