

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ goes with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

C: I love this Church!



Travels, Trips, and Journeys

Year C

July 27, 2025

Notes

Parts of the liturgy, written and musical, are reprinted from sundaysandseasons.com and used by permission. License # SAS025923. Copyright © 2023 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Some hymns are reprinted from sundaysandseasons.com and used by permission. OneLicense # A-722362. Some parts of the musical liturgy, some hymns, and the Statement of Faith are taken from Dakota Road Music Copyright © 1999. All rights reserved and used by permission OneLicense # A-722362. A Place for You and Grace art by Rev. Dan Erlander.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Guide to the Bulletin

C: Congregation P: Presider A: Assisting Minister

GATHERING HYMN

WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God.

nyen' kwen - khos', Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
we are march - ing in the light of God.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: All who are hungry, come!

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

All are welcome to Christ's table.

Holy Communion

Everyone, including children, who seek God and are drawn to Christ
are welcome to Christ's table.

Gluten free wafers are available. Simply ask the Pastor.

Cups in the tray: The inner ring of cups is white grape juice.
The outer ring of cups is rose wine.

DISTRIBUTION

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Please rise as you are able

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love
might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P The Lord watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore

In the name of the Father,

✠ Son,

and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

C: O Trinity of love and pow'r,
all trav'lers guard in danger's hour
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns
and praise from land and sea.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P: Let us pray.
O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life
with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others,
and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.
C: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Now let us say together the words of the Lord's prayer
C: Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

GREETING

P: The God who created space and time, journeyed with us in human form, and travels with
us still, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER

P: Let us pray.
O God, our beginning and our end, you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the
days of their pilgrimage, you led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and
by a star you led the magi to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide us when we travel.
Make our ways safe and our homecomings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly
home, where you dwell in glory with our Lord Jesus Christ and the life-giving Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: And also with you.

Psalms 139:1-12

P: ¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

C: ²**You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

P: ³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

C: ⁴**Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.**

P: ⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

C: ⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

P: ⁷Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

C: ⁸**If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

P: ⁹If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

C: ¹⁰**even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

P: ¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night,"

C: ¹²**even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

Prayers of Intercession – July 27 Campout – Pentecost 7

A: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A: O God, we give you thanks for those who have traveled the path of faith: for Abraham and Sarah, who trusted in your promise; for Mary and Joseph, who acted according to your word; for Paul, who spread the good news of Christ. Lead us also in your way, your truth, and your life. God of the journey,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Watch over all who travel. Grant rest and joy for their spirits. Be with bus drivers, flight attendants, pilots, road crews, and all who strive to make our travels safe and our homecomings joyful. God of the journey,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You sent your Son into the messiness of our world. Smooth the pathways between people and nations, that together we will move toward your justice and peace. God of the journey,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You walk with us on all the paths of life. Be with those facing hardship this day: the grieving, the poor, the lost, the sick (*especially*). Hold them in the palm of your hand. God of the journey,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

C: And Also with you.

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

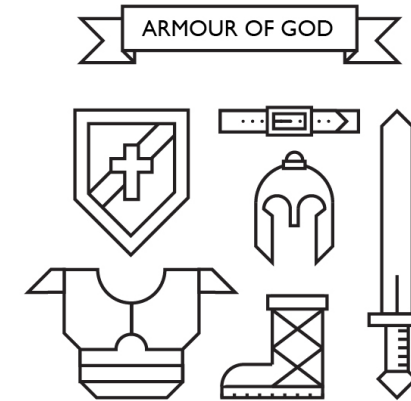
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of 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.**

PLANS AND PREPERATIONS

Ephesians 6:10-17

A brief silence for prayer and meditation



DIALOGUE AND PRAYER

P: What should we pack as we begin our journey?

C: What should we bring along?

P: The word of God to illumine our path.

C: The light of Christ to show us the way.

P: The gifts of the Spirit to share with those we meet.

C: The love of God to be our compass and guide.

P: Let us pray. God of our salvation,

C: you are the source of all our beginnings.

As we plan for our journeys, strengthen us through your word.

Orient our lives toward Christ, the bright Morning Star.

Send your Holy Spirit as our companion along the way. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

SETTING OUT

Genesis 12: 1-9

A brief silence for prayer and meditation

DIALOGUE AND PRAYER

P: God called to Abraham:

C: “Go! Set out! And I will bless you.”

P: God calls to us:

C: “Come! Feel the water on your head!

P: Hear the promise of new life.

C: Spread my word through all the world.”

P: Let us pray. God of beginnings,

C: you called Abraham and Sarah, leading them to unknown places.

In the waters of baptism, you claim us and send us out as your children.

Wash us with your grace and shower us with your Spirit, so that we journey into the world overflowing with your love.

In Jesus’ name we pray.

Amen.

REFLECTION

Guided conversation among those present.

P: God’s word is a lamp to our feet

C: and a light to our path.

(Please sing)

THY WORD

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path

When I feel afraid

Think I've lost my way

Still you're there right beside me

Nothing will I fear

As long as you are near

Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path

I will not forget

Your love for me and yet

My heart forever is wandering

Jesus, be my guide

And hold me to your side

And I will love you to the end

Nothing will I fear

As long as you are near

Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path

And a light unto my path

You're the light unto my path


Songwriters: Amy Lee Grant, Michael Whitaker Smith

Just a Closer Walk with Thee


Refrain



Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;



dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;

2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal-ter, Lord, who cares?

3 When my fee-ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



Refrain

I'll be sat-is-fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Who with me my bur-den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
guide me gent-ly, safe-ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Text: North American traditional
Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

ON THE ROAD

Mark 1:35-39

A brief silence for prayer and meditation.

DIALOGUE AND PRAYER

P: On the Galilean road, Jesus stopped to reflect and pray.

C: We, too, long for rest and a balm for our souls.

P: Seeing those in need, Jesus healed, taught, and fed.

C: We are called to live as servants, loving our neighbors as ourselves

P: Holding the children close, Jesus blessed them;

C: for to such as these the kingdom of heaven belongs.

P: On the road to Bethlehem, the true light came into the world.

C: And the Word became flesh and lived among us and we have seen his glory.

P: Let us pray. God of incarnation,

C: you entered our world as a tiny baby and you journey with us through each stage of our lives. Be with our children and youth who are growing in your love.

Guide us all as the years and decades pass.

Send us in the light of your grace and truth.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

WHEN THE WAY BECOMES HARD

1 Kings 19: 1-8

A brief silence for prayer and meditation.

DIALOGUE AND PRAYER

P: We sit like Elijah alone in the wilderness.

C: “It is enough, O Lord.”

P: The troubles of life overwhelm our spirits.

C: “It is enough, O Lord.”

P: The way seems too dark; the valleys, too deep.

C: “It is enough, O Lord.”

P: God rescues us from despair and grants us strength.

C: “You are beloved, my precious child.”

P: Let us pray. God of our sorrows,

**C: when we grieve a loved one, face an illness, or lose a job, the road seems long, lonely, and treacherous. Comfort us in our despair, guide us through the wilderness, and enfold us in your loving embrace.
Grant your mercy and peace. To all those in need this day.
In Jesus’ name we pray.
Amen.**

JOYFUL HOMECOMINGS

Philippians 3:12—4:1

A brief silence for prayer and meditation.

DIALOGUE AND PRAYER

P: “Do not let your hearts be troubled.”

C: We believe in God, we believe in Christ.

P: “I go to prepare a dwelling place for you.”

C: You are the way, the truth, and the life.

P: “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.”

C: Lord, we abide in your love.

P: “You know the way to the place where I am going.”

C: Jesus, lead us in the path of your peace.

P: Let us pray. God of resurrection,

**C: neither death nor life will separate us from your love.
Walk with us when our journeys lead toward home.
Strengthen us to follow the way of the cross and bring us at last Into the joy of your heavenly kingdom.
In Jesus’ name we pray.
Amen.**