

*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
*July 27, 2025*



*Lord of Love Lutheran Church (ELCA)*

*10405 Fort St., Omaha, NE 68134*

*"Celebrating and sharing God's Love in a welcoming community of faith, while serving others"*

*Worship 9:00 a.m.*

***Bold type** indicates Congregational responses.*

*\* Congregation please stand as you are comfortable*

**Introduction**

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

***Welcome to Lord of Love! We are the body of Christ, and we are not whole without you.***

**Visitors:** We're so glad you're here, and we'd love the opportunity to connect with you! Text WELCOME to 402493-2946 so we can follow up with you.

**Nursery:** The nursery (just off the Narthex) is open during worship. Please know that children are always welcome in the Sanctuary for worship. Quiet toy bags are available from the ushers.

**Offering:** An offering plate is at the back of the Sanctuary, and gifts may be placed there. Children may put their offering in the noise jar during the offering song.

**Communion:** Everyone is welcome at communion. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking a communion server. In the communion trays, the wine is red and grape juice is white.

**Prayer Requests:** If you have a prayer request, you can text PRAY to 402-493-2946.

**Fellowship:** Donuts and coffee are available in the Narthex after worship. Please join us!

**Prelude** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” ..... Converse/Hayes

**Announcements**

**Ringling of the Bell**

**\*Gathering Song:** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” ..... ELW 742

**\*Greeting**

P: 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.**

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**you free us to love others,**

**but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,**

**but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness,**

**and generosity,**

**but we grow weary in doing what is right.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.**

**Do not give up on us.**

**Heal us, break our bonds,**

**and show us the path of life.**

**Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God’s children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**Amen.**

## **\*Hymn of Praise**



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray.

**Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**Special Music** *"Fantasy on What Wondrous Love"* ..... arr. Marilyn Carlson  
Claudia Rowen, Violin

***Psalm: Psalm 138***

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of  
your steadfast love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.

**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They will sing of the ways of the LORD,  
that great is the glory of the LORD.

**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall  
save me.

**You will make good your purpose for me;  
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of  
your hands.**

***Second Reading: Colossians 2:6-19***

L: As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

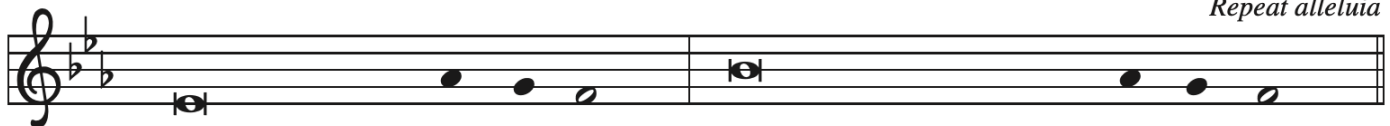
Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**\*Gospel: Luke 11:1-13**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Sermon** ..... Rev. Becky Sells

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**Hymn of the Day:** “Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright” ..... ELW 745

**Holy Baptism for Colter Steven Shupp**

**Presentation** (from ELW, pg. 227)

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*Sponsors present the candidates:*

P: Who presents this child for the sacrament of baptism?

*Sponsors respond:* **We present Colter Steven for baptism.**

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your child* baptized into Christ?

*Parents respond:* **We do.**

As you bring *your child* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

- to live with *him* among God's faithful people,
- bring *him* to the word of God and the holy supper,
- teach *him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
- place in *him* hands the holy scriptures,
- and nurture *him* in faith and prayer,
- so that *he* may learn to trust God,
- proclaim Christ through word and deed,
- care for others and the world God made,
- and work for justice and peace.

*Parents, Do you promise to help him grow in the Christian faith and life?*

*Parents respond: I do.*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *him* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help *him* live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors respond: I do.*

People of God, do you promise to support *Colter* and pray for *him* in *his* new life in Christ?

*Assembly responds: We do.*

### ***Profession of Faith***

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Parents/Sponsors respond: I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Parents/Sponsors respond: I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Parents/Sponsors respond: I renounce them.*

*(All respond to next questions.)*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary,  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended into hell  
On the third day He rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

### ***Thanksgiving at The Font***

P: The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise. Amen.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### ***Baptism***

P: *Colter Steven*, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain *Colter Steven* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Colter Steven*, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with



the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

### ***Welcome***

L: Jesus said, let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ  
and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
and bearing God's creative  
and redeeming word to all the world.**

### ***\*Peace***

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share signs of peace with one another.*

### ***\*Prayers of Intercession***

L: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience prayerful intimacy with you. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. Be with those traveling near and far taking in new places, people and insights to the beautiful world you have created. Grant persistence in prayer and action for the sake of the earth, our common home. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Teach rulers of the earth to sing of your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs. We also pray for those on our prayer list and the names of those we lift up to you in our hearts now... Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service. From the youngest to the oldest, may we know and proclaim your love and grace to one another and those around us. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being ready to assist those who seek help. Strengthen feeding, clothing, and housing ministries and community partnerships. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who have gone before us. May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Offering

Gifts may be placed in the offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary or given electronically at [www.lord-of-love.org](http://www.lord-of-love.org). Children may come forward to put their offering in the noise jar during this song.

Communion servers, please come forward during the offertory song.



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me  
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

## \*Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

**God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure.  
Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace.  
Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our  
communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.  
Amen.**

### ***\*The Great Thanksgiving***

P: The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in 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:

### ***\*Holy, Holy, Holy***

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

God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth. Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:

**The earth is full of your glory.**

### ***\*The Lord's Prayer***

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

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

### ***Communion Invitation***

P: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

## **Lamb of God**



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.

## **Communion**

**Communion Music** “Prelude on Break Thou Bread of Life” ..... Sherwin/Callahan

### **\*Post-Communion Prayer**

P: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

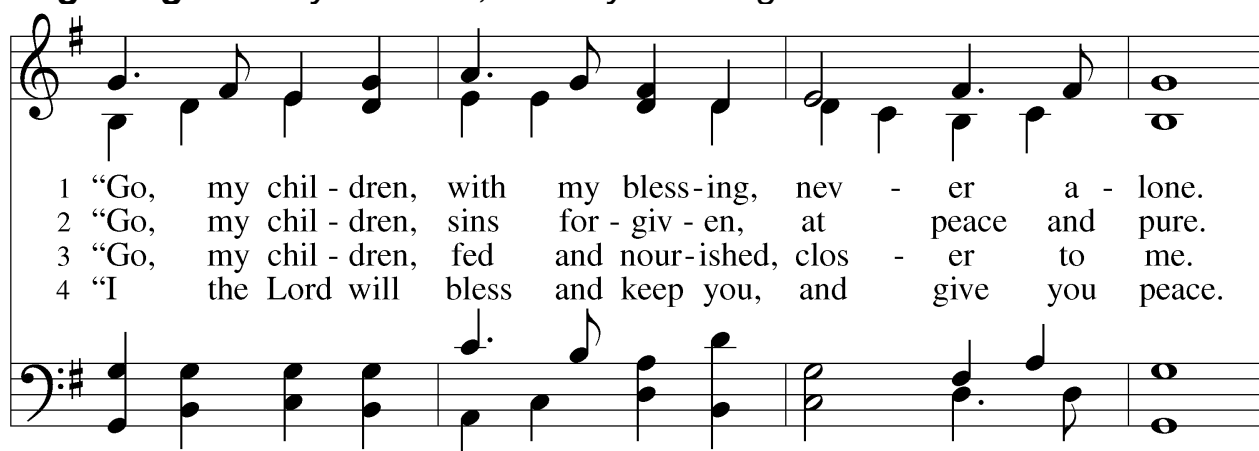
**Amen.**

### **\*Benediction**

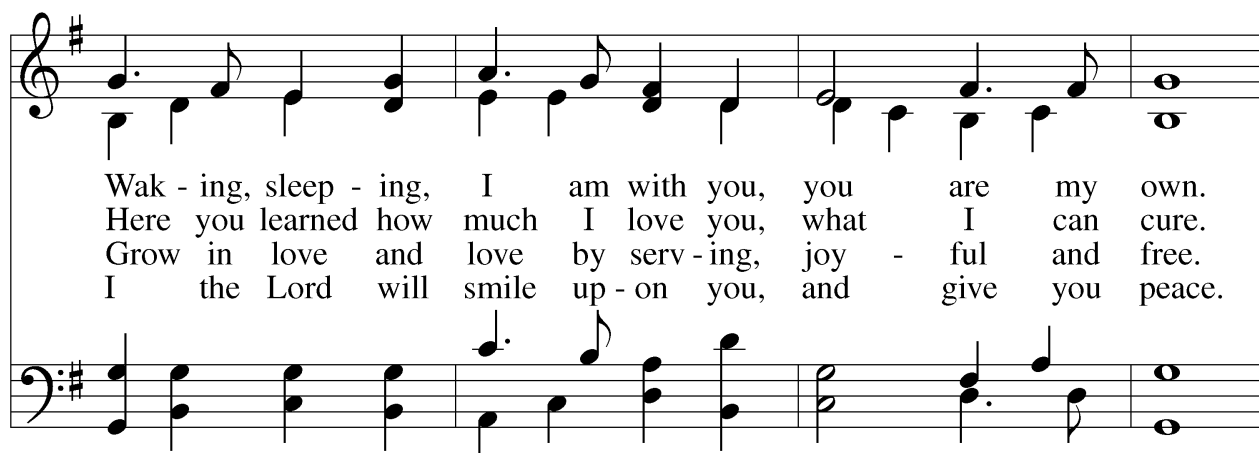
P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

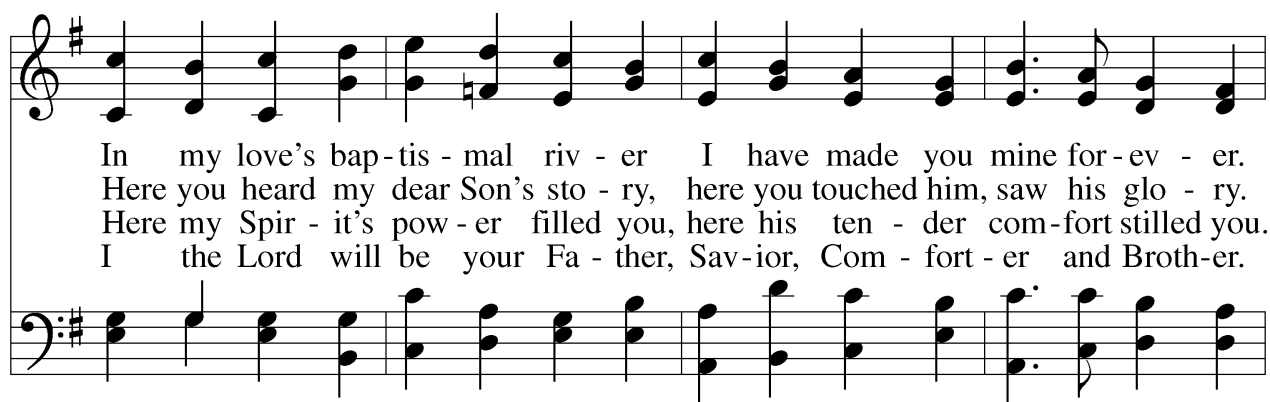
**\*Sending Song: "Go My Children, with My Blessing".....WOV 721**



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.  
 4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.  
 I the Lord will smile up-on you, and give you peace.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com-fort stilled you.  
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav-i-or, Com - fort - er and Broth-er.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."  
 Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

***\*Dismissal***

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God!**

***Ringling of the Bell***

***Postlude “This World Is Not My Home”*** ..... arr. Marilyn Carlson  
*Claudia Rowen, Violin*

*Go My Children, with My Blessing*

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