

Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

September 26, 2021 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

IF YOU ARE ONLINE

We're glad that you are with us today! We hope that you will share your prayers and participation in the chat during worship. We also hope, that if you are able, you will join us in the sanctuary sometime by filling out an [RSVP here](#).

IF YOU ARE IN THE SANCTUARY

We're glad you're here! Please remember that we are still taking precautions due to COVID. Therefore, we appreciate if you will help us care for the most vulnerable among us by doing the following:

Wear your mask at all times, unless you are consuming communion or leading part of worship.

Keep a wide distance from those around you and refrain from a lot of close contact. For example, we appreciate you passing the peace in a way other than hugging or handshakes.

When you receive communion, please leave plenty of space between yourself and others. We'll ask you to gather the elements from our communion servers, and then remove your mask and consume them when you reach the wicker basket.

After worship, we invite you to join us for fellowship in the courtyard garden or outside the front doors. These outdoor spaces afford us a lot more freedom than indoor spaces. The courtyard will be great for sitting to chat, the front will be great for standing to chat. You're welcome to stay for as long as you like to catch up with friends.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please don't hesitate to ask one of our ushers who greeted you on the way in.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION

Please stand as you are able

Pastor Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Holy and gracious God,

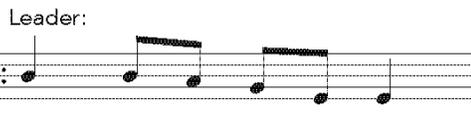
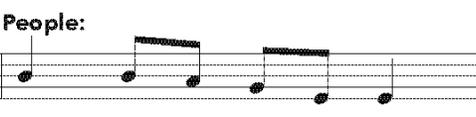
All We confess that we have sinned against you. Some of our sin we know – the thoughts and words and deeds of which we are ashamed – but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ we ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace. Amen.

Pastor As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

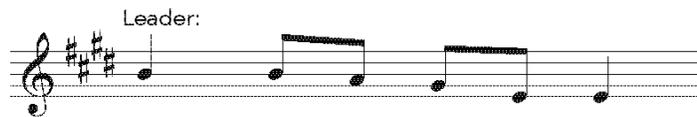
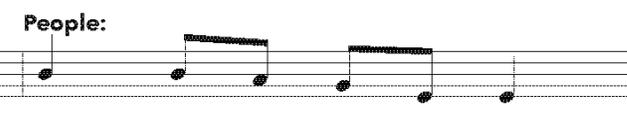
All Blessed be God forever.

COME, LET US WORSHIP GOD

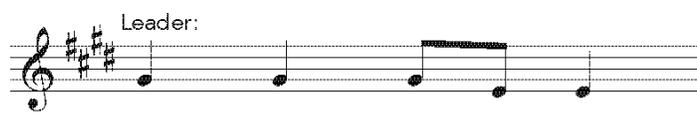
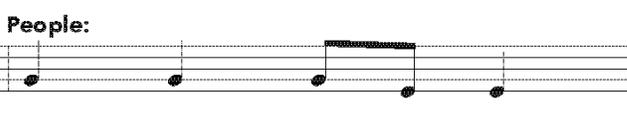
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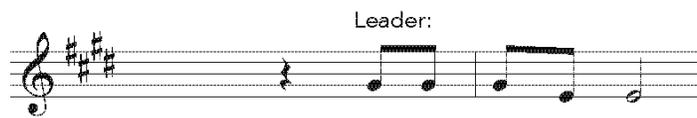
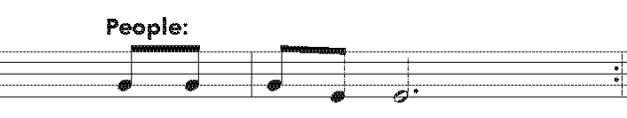
Come, let us wor-ship God... **Come, let us wor-ship God.**
 Rest for the wea - ry... **Rest for the wea - ry.**
 Food for the hun - gry... **Food for the hun - gry.**

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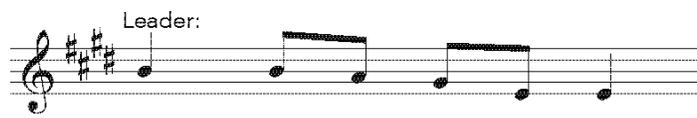
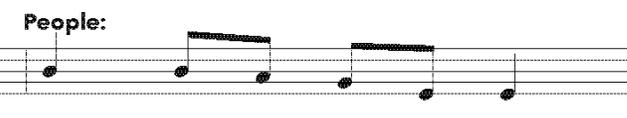
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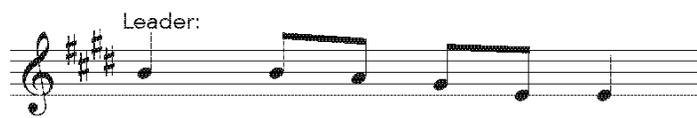
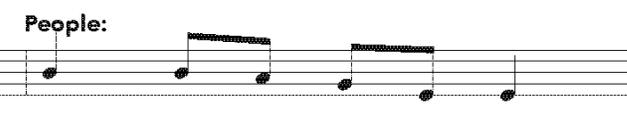
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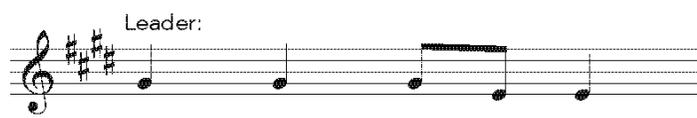
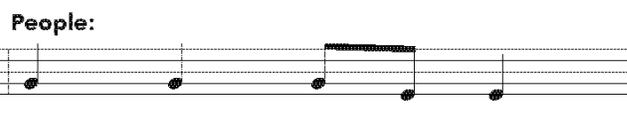
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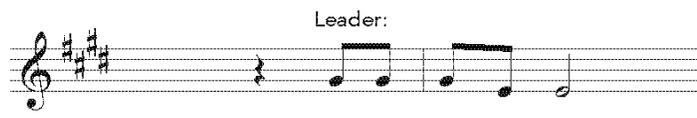
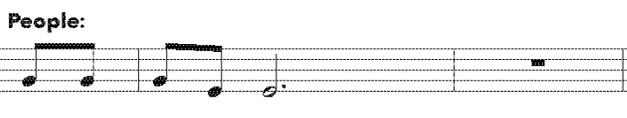
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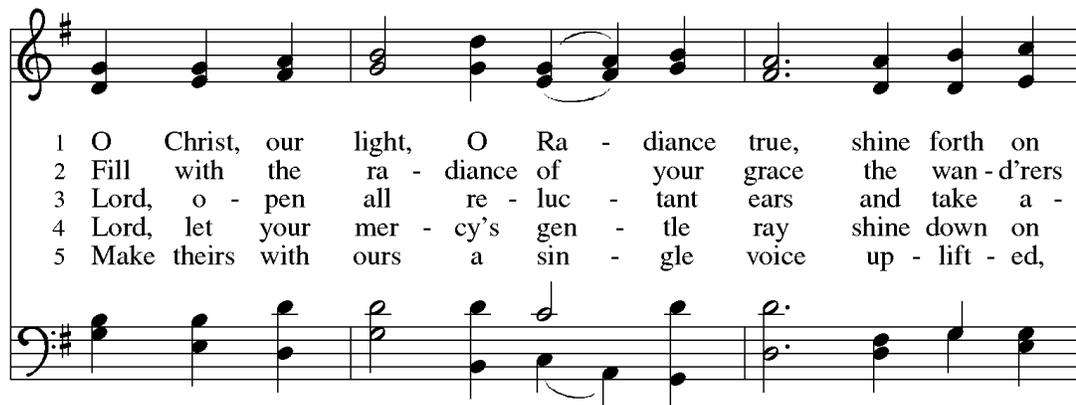
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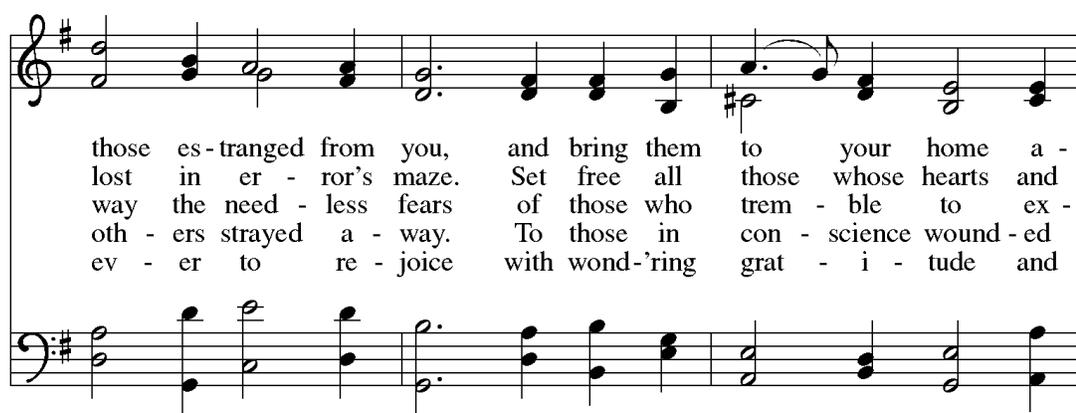
Pastor The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

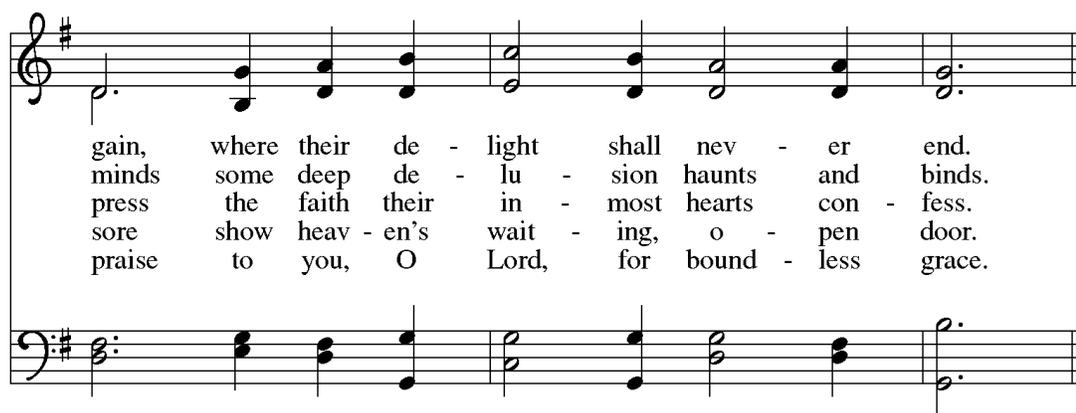
GATHERING SONG - O CHRIST, OUR LIGHT, OUR RADIANCE TRUE



1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the wan - d'ers
 3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -
 4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on
 5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,



those es - tranged from you, and bring them to your home a -
 lost in er - ror's maze. Set free all those whose hearts and
 way the need - less fears of those who trem - ble to ex -
 oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed
 ev - er to re - joice with wond - 'ring grat - i - tude and



gain, where their de - light shall nev - er end.
 minds some deep de - lu - sion haunts and binds.
 press the faith their in - most hearts con - fess.
 sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.
 praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Deacon Let us pray:

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

All Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Reader The word of God from Numbers, the eleventh chapter.

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

¹⁶So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the

seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

Reader Word of God, Word of Life.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Reader Today's Psalm is Psalm 124, and shall be read responsively.

Reader ¹If the Lord had not been on our side,
let Israel now say;

All ²**if the Lord had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us,**

Reader ³then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their fierce anger toward us;

All ⁴**then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over us;**

Reader ⁵then would the raging waters
have gone right over us.

All ⁶**Blessed be the Lord
who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**

Reader ⁷We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

All ⁸**Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able

Part I:

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GOSPEL READING

Reader The word of God from Mark, the ninth chapter.

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Reader Word of God, Word of Life.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See music on previous page

Please be seated

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY – CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please stand as you are able

Deacon Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world,
and all in need.

(a brief silence)

Holy One, you bring your people together in worship. Enliven your church.
Guide all evangelists, preachers, prophets, and missionaries who seek to
share your love through word and deed. Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Deacon You provide water for thirsty ground and sunshine to feed hungry plants. Bless all who advocate for healthy forests, unpolluted air, and clean waterways. Inspire all people to show care for the world you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Deacon You show no partiality. Increase justice in all nations. Encourage leaders and governments to work with one another for the good of our common world. Unite us in seeking the health, safety, and dignity of all. Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Deacon You accompany those who are most in need. Shelter all fleeing violence or persecution, protect any who are in danger, and sustain them through uncertain and unstable times. Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Deacon You embrace all who have died in the faith and brought them into your glorious presence. We thank you for their example and rejoice in their lives. Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

Deacon For what else do the people pray?

We invite you to offer your own prayers aloud, ending with "Lord, in your mercy."

Deacon Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

Pastor The peace of Christ be with you all.

All And also with you.

We encourage you to share a sign of peace with others without touching. Giving your neighbor the peace sign and tell them "Peace be with you" or putting your hand on your heart and saying "God's peace be with you" are two of many options for sharing a sign of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To get more information about what is happening with the community at CGS, visit our website at cgslc.org or stop by the church office on Wednesdays between 9am and 12pm.

OFFERING

God has dealt abundantly with us. We practice that abundance by relinquishing our gifts and wealth as a sign of trust that through relationship, God continues to deal abundantly with the whole human family. Our collected offerings proclaim that abundance through our shared mission. If you would like to join this community in mission, you send your offerings to 1550 Meridian Avenue, San Jose, CA 95125 or give online at www.cgslc.org/donate.

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Please stand as you are able

Deacon Let us pray. God of goodness and growth,

All 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.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Pastor May the Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to God.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All It is right to give God our praise and thanks.

Pastor 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:



Pastor

All praise to you, glorious God of grace.
Throughout the ages you have blessed us with foremothers of the faith.
With Sarah, we bless you for your gift of life.
With Ruth, we praise you for family and food.
With Miriam, we celebrate our escape from the foe.
Remembering Deborah, we honor the words of your prophets.
Remembering the woman at the well, we laud you for living water.
Remembering Junia, we thank you for those who minister among your people.
One with the daughter of Jairus, we wake to life in you.

With Mary, we magnify your name:
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Remembering Martha and Mary, we join Jesus at this meal.
Living, he healed the bleeding woman;
dying, he cared for his mother;
risen, he sent Mary Magdalene in mission.

On the night before he died, he 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 remembering 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 remembering me.

With Mary, again we magnify your name:
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Mighty God of mercy, as you heard the prayers of Hannah, so now hear us.
Send your Spirit on this bread and wine,
that sharing the body and blood of Christ we become his body in the world.
Send your Spirit on this assembly, that like Phoebe,
we serve one another with zeal.
Send your Spirit on the church, that like Anna, we tell others of your mercy.
Send your Spirit into our hearts, that like Dorcas, we care for the poor and needy.

With Mary, once more we magnify your name:
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

All praise to you, powerful God of peace.
We adore you, our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
You who mother and feed and comfort us,
Today, tomorrow, and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We invite you to pray in the native language of your heart.

**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

Just as Christ welcomes all people, all people are welcome at Christ's table here at CGS. We invite you to share holy communion regardless of your age, race, creed, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, social status, physical ability or mental health. There are gluten free wafers for those who need them; please just ask the pastor when you go forward. The small cups contain red wine and white grape juice. If you wish to receive a blessing in lieu of grain and grape, let the pastor know when you come forward. They will be happy to give you a blessing.

As you go forward to receive communion, form one line. Please do not remove your mask until you reach the wicker basket at the end. There, you may consume the elements and replace your mask before returning to your seat.

Take your time! There is plenty of time. Ask the pastor or communion server if you have any questions or needs.

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 your
peace, grant us your peace.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER

Please stand as you are able

Now the bod - y bro - ken; now the blood is shed;
now the eyes are o - pen_ to the liv - ing Bread: Bread of
life, Bread of hope, Bread of peace. Now with wills u -
nit - ed, _ now with o - pen hands, now with hearts de -
light - ed_ hear our God's com - mand: "Share the life, share the hope; share the
life, share the hope; share the life, share the hope, share the peace."

Deacon Let us pray:

All 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

Pastor Receive a blessing:
God, the Source of glory,
God, the Word of life,
God, the Spirit of truth
✠ bless you all, now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG – GO, MAKE DISCIPLES



“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.



Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.



Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.



Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're



serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”

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