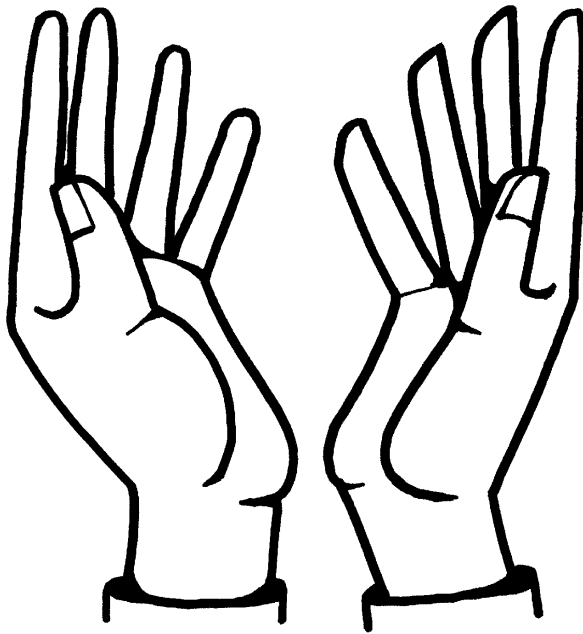


FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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Today at Worship

Presider/Preacher:

Pastor Ben Dueholm

Organist/Pianist:

Dr. Hando Nahkur

Cantor: Betsy Lintel**Guitar:** Soren Dueholm**Percussion:** Murray Smith**Acolyte:** Samantha Morton**Assisting Minister:**

Steve Reichmuth

Communion Assistant:

David Marshall

Crucifer: A.J. Chabria**Altar Guild:** Connie & Jeff Uhri**Altar Flowers:** Cissy Palomares**Ushers:** Jeff & Connie Uhri,

Russ Sharp and Murray Smith II

Audio Tech: Gary Haschke

The Altar flowers are given by Cathy Barr.

We are always excited to have children in worship! We welcome the sounds and sights of young people in our Sanctuary and want them to experience worship. If your young worshiper (or you) need a break from the Sanctuary, we offer a tended nursery to the left and down the hall from the rear Sanctuary doors.

In Lutheran worship, we usually stand to pray and sing, and as a special sign of respect when we hear the words of the Gospel. We sit to listen to the announcements, the readings, and the sermon. If you ever prefer to sit while others are standing or to stand and stretch your legs while others are sitting, please feel free to do so! Sitting or standing is never required. Please let an usher know if you need to receive Holy Communion in your seat rather than coming to the front.

PRELUDE: "O Living Breath of God" - Swedish Folk Tune

Hando Nahkur

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand

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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: #519 - "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"

Please turn and face the Cross as it enters the sanctuary



1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal-le-lu-jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
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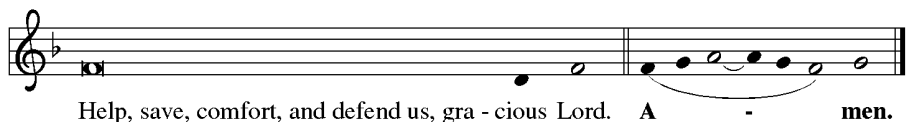
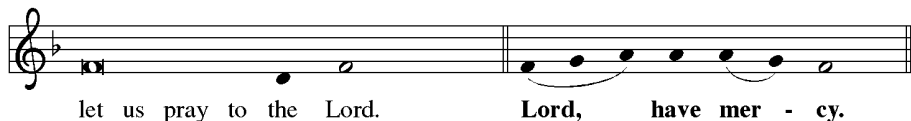
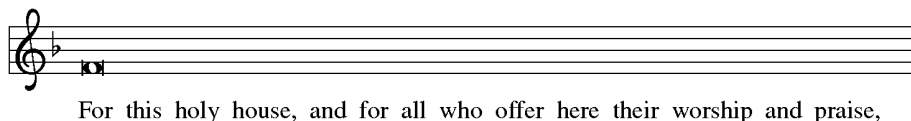
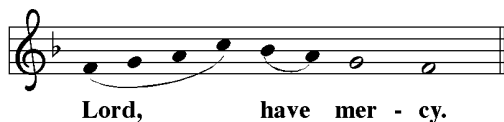
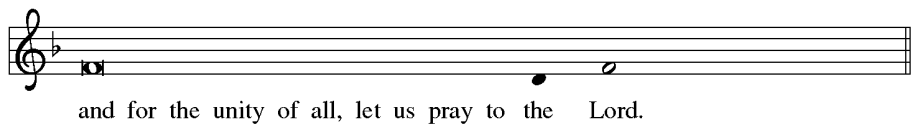
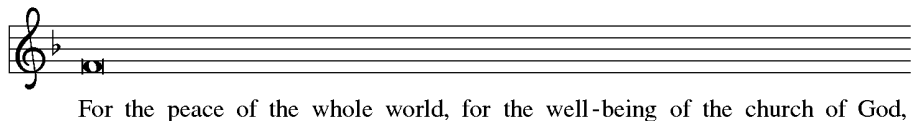
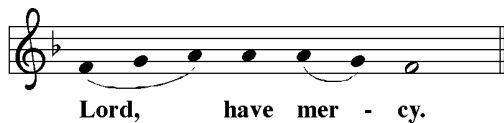
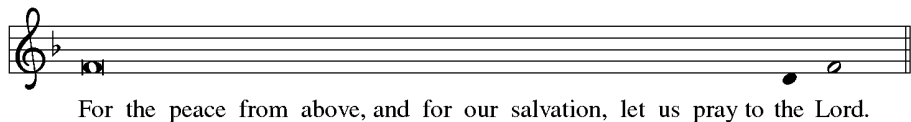
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GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



All

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray (Silence). Compassionate God,

C: you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Please be seated

READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (*Common English Bible Translation*)

Now concerning meat that has been sacrificed to a false god: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes people arrogant, but love builds people up. If anyone thinks they know something, they don't yet know as much as they should know. But if someone loves God, then they are known by God.

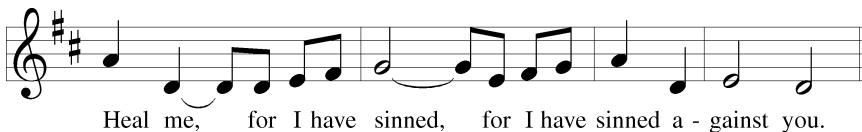
So concerning the actual food involved in these sacrifices to false gods, we know that a false god isn't anything in this world, and that there is no God except for the one God. Granted, there are so-called "gods," in heaven and on the earth, as there are many gods and many lords. However, for us believers, There is one God the Father. All things come from him, and we belong to him. And there is one Lord Jesus Christ.

All things exist through him, and we live through him. But not everybody knows this. Some are eating this food as though it really is food sacrificed to a real idol, because they were used to idol worship until now. Their conscience is weak because it has been damaged. Food won't bring us close to God. We're not missing out if we don't eat, and we don't have any advantage if we do eat. But watch out or else this freedom of yours might be a problem for those who are weak. Suppose someone sees you (the person who has knowledge) eating in an idol's temple. Won't the person with a weak conscience be encouraged to eat the meat sacrificed to false gods? The weak brother or sister for whom Christ died is destroyed by your knowledge. You sin against Christ if you sin against your brothers and sisters and hurt their weak consciences this way. This is why, if food causes the downfall of my brother or sister, I won't eat meat ever again, or else I may cause my brother or sister to fall.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 111 (The refrain is sung once by the cantor and repeated by all. The cantor sings the verses and the congregation joins in the refrain.)



Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with ¹ my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the ¹ congregation.

Great are your ¹ works, O LORD,
pondered by all who de- ¹ light in them.

Majesty and splendor ¹ mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- ¹ dures forever.

You cause your wonders to | be remembered;
you are gracious and full | of compassion.

C: Refrain

You give food to | those who fear you,
remembering forev- | er your covenant.
You have shown your people the power | of your works
in giving them the lands | of the nations.
The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice;
all of your pre- | cepts are sure.
They stand fast forev- | er and ever,
because they are done in | truth and equity.

C: Refrain

You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever;
holy and awesome | is your name.
The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- | dures forever.

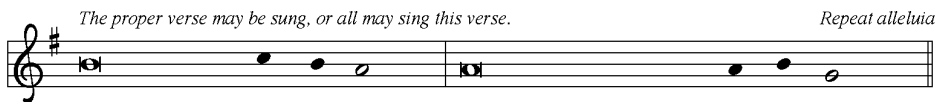
C: Refrain

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW 168)

Please stand

*The Acclamation is sung by the cantor and repeated by all
(Evangelical Lutheran Worship)*



The people who sat in darkness have seen | a great light;
for those who sat in the shadow of death | light has dawned.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

P: The holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the syna-
gogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authori-
ty, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and

he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Repeat Acclamation

SERMON

Please be seated

After the sermon, silence for reflection is kept.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #310 - “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” (Vs. 1, 3 and 4)

Please stand



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

After each petition:

A: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

When instructed, the congregation is invited to offer up their prayer petitions.

P: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Please be seated

Many of our members give electronically. Learn more at clcdallas.org

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Blessed Assurance” - F.J. Crosby, P.P. Knapp
Betsy Lintel

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Please stand

OFFERTORY HYMN: #583 - “Take My Life That I May Be”


Refrain/Estribillo

To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,
da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;
y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.


To stanzas *Last time*



1 *Que* *mi* *vi* - *da_en* - *te* - *ra_es* - *té*
 1 Take my hands and let them move
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
 3 Take my voice and let me sing
 4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - *sa* - *gra* - *da_a* *ti,* *Se* - *ñor*;
 at the im - pulse of thy love;
 not a mite would I with - hold;
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que_a *mis* *ma* - *nos* *pue* - *da* *guiar* *el* *im* -
 take my feet and let them be swift and
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
 take my lips and let them be filled with
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



pul - *so* *de* *tu_a* - *mor*. *Refrain/Estribillo*
 beau - ti - ful for thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 mes - sag - es from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. (Silence) Giver of every gift, who makes Christ's body to be our food, and makes us to be Christ's body: Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE - P:

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,

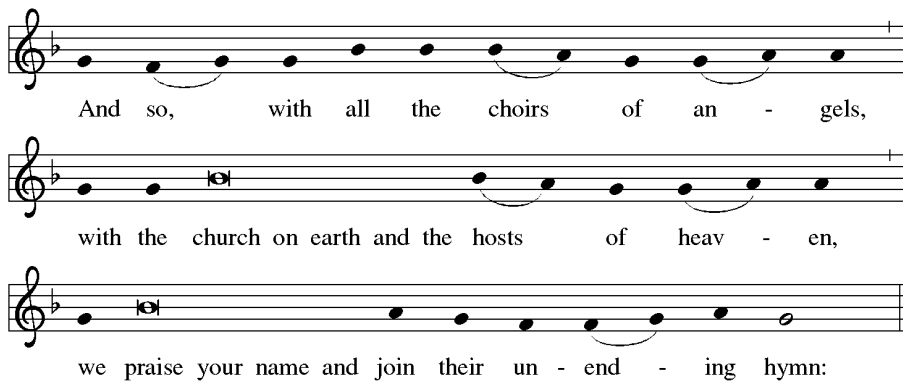
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.

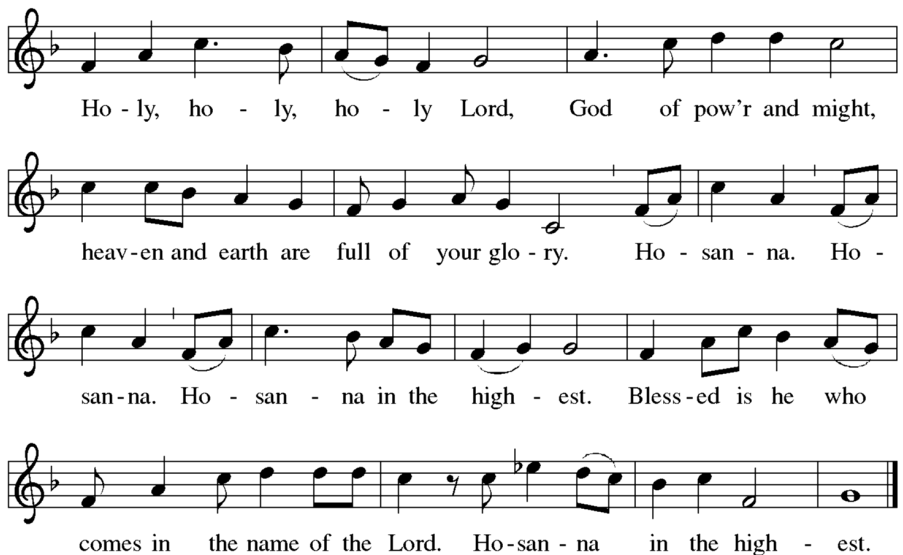
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all na - tions;

in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your be - lov - ed Son,

and in the miracle of water turned to wine he re - vealed your glo - ry.



C:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

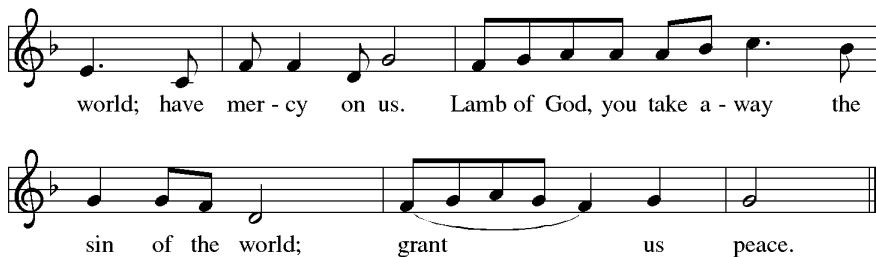
LAMB OF GOD



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



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Please be seated

As you come forward for the Sacrament, please sanitize your hands with the sanitizer in your pew. Communion will be distributed continuously at the front of the center aisle. You will be given the host, which you may dip in the chalice containing red wine or white grape juice. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please fold your arms before your chest. Remember that communion in one kind (only host or chalice) is a proper way to receive the Sacrament. You're invited to stand or kneel at the altar rail for prayer after you receive communion. There will be someone to pray with you if you wish. When the altar is cleared, the presider will invite the people to stand as they can.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

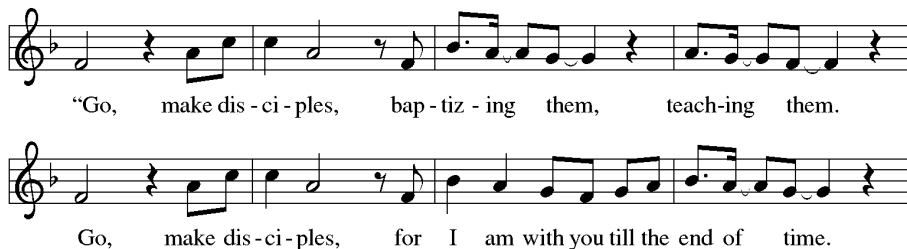
Please stand

A: Eternal God, heavenly Father,

C: you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood, Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION - *The presider blesses the people*

SENDING HYMN: #540 - "Go, Make Disciples"





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."

DISMISSAL

A: We are a community of faith reaching out to change lives. Let us go out in peace and share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Remember Me" - M. Schultz

Brandon Parsons and Ashley Mahon