

**Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; July Aug. 3-8, '20.**

**Mon. Joel 3:12-16** What is the Valley of Jehoshaphat? The clue lies in his name: "Jehovah has judged," for in God's Valley of Decision (14) God used Jehoshaphat to work reformation in church and state. Jehoshaphat's dedication reflects God's way of doing things in His kingdom in every generation, including those old-timers and ourselves. Depending on Jesus to shelter us (16), we are ready for the day of the LORD, now closer than ever before.

**Tues. John 6:25-35** Jesus had fed the 5,000, but they grew hungry again, so He served them with better fare. They knew about the manna (31), but not enough about Jesus, who IS the bread of life. Translation: Jesus has all the nourishment that our souls need, so we are holding our seats at His table.

**Wed. Romans 8:26-27** God's Spirit deserves credit for the tutoring He is doing in our minds and hearts. When we get confused about our place in God's plans or ambivalent about how to serve Him best or just too weak to focus, that's when the Spirit speaks up for us. God the Father knows what the Spirit has in mind, for He understands non-linguistic communication, too. Bottom line: God understands us – and loves us anyway.

**Thurs. Psalm 18** We tend to speed-read a long Psalm, but we should note how the Foreword sets the stage for this outburst of adoration and praise, sponsored by the Holy Spirit. The details are instructive, too—that God can set the world on its heels (7-19) for the sake of His children, He empowers us to overcome sizable obstacles (8-36), and He subdues death itself for us (4-6).

**Fri. John 6:47-58** His audience was obtuse about spiritual matters, so Jesus tried valiantly to enlighten them—which helps us also. When Jesus spoke about eating His flesh and drinking His blood, He was not referring to the Lord's Supper but was using picture language for appropriating Him internally, absorbing Him spiritually, and inwardly digesting His Saviorhood. Check it out in v. 35, where Jesus says it plain and simple: He who believes in Me shall never [again suffer] thirst. Same message, different style.

**Sat. Acts 14:18-28** How fickle people are! One day they worshiped Paul, the next day they almost killed him. God repaired his brain concussion and sent him onward (19-20) to other cities where the Holy Spirit prospered his proclamation of Jesus (21-22). Then things settled down to a new normal in the local congregations (23). Paul's return to headquarters went smoothly, too, and Jewish Christians were getting used to the idea that God had opened heaven to non-Jews, too. Really? Yes, God is blind to skin color and human genetics; He wants every living, breathing human with Him in heaven. People don't expect God to be that generous—but He is. Hallelujah!

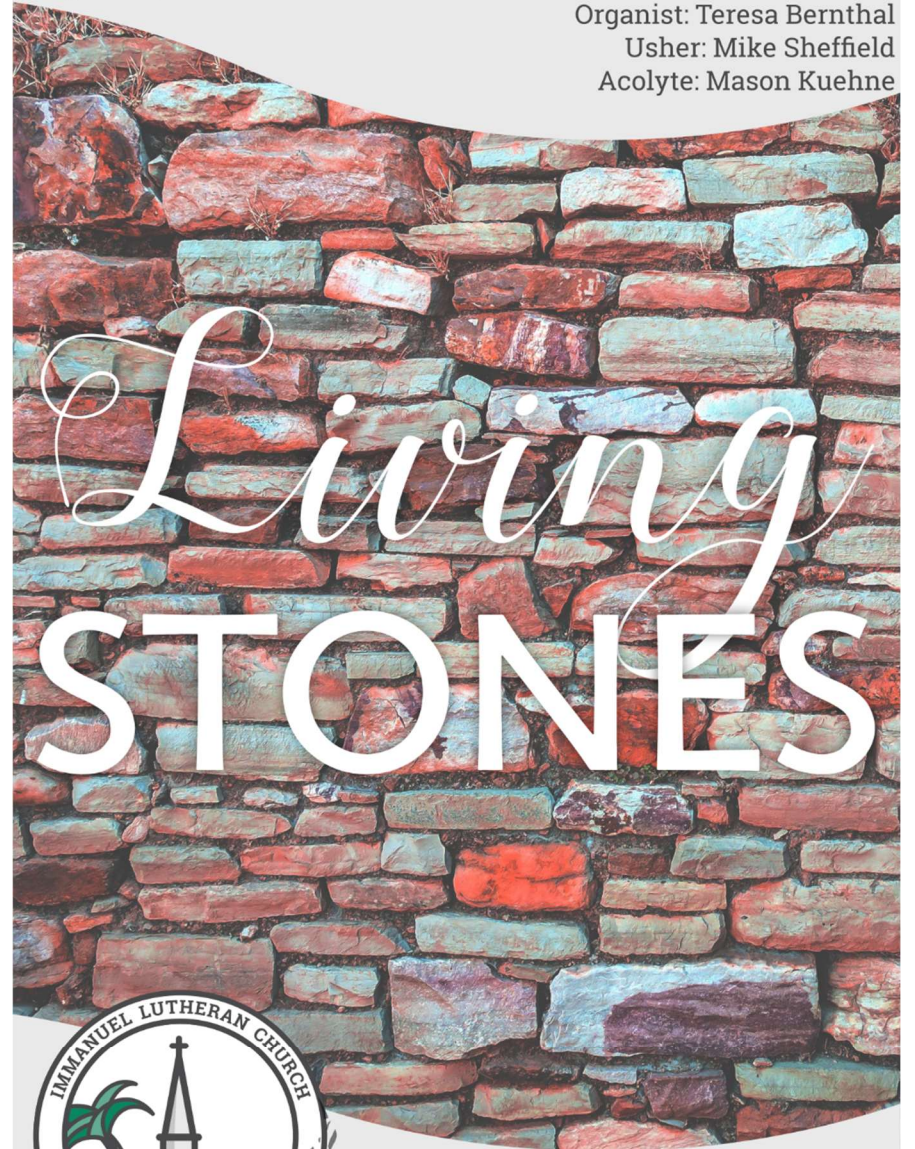
**August 2, 2020**

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## PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 146

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! <sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. <sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. <sup>4</sup> When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. <sup>5</sup> Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, <sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; <sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; <sup>8</sup> the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. <sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. <sup>10</sup> The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

## ✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

### OPENING PRAYER


 Pastor

 Congregation

**HYMN: TLH #2:1-3,6-7**

**"To Thy Temple I Repair"**

- 1. To Thy temple I repair; Lord, I love to worship there  
When within the veil I meet Christ before the mercy-seat.**
- 2. I through Him am reconciled, I through Him become Thy child.  
Abba, Father, give me grace In Thy courts to seek Thy face.**
- 3. While Thy glorious praise is sung, Touch my lips, unloose my  
tongue, That my joyful soul may bless Christ the Lord, my  
Righteousness.**
- 6. While Thy ministers proclaim Peace and pardon in Thy name,  
Through their voice, by faith, may I Hear Thee speaking from the  
sky.**
- 7. From Thy house when I return, May my heart within me burn  
And at evening let me say, "I have walked with God today."**

 In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

 Amen.

mostly housebound. **Crystal Shaw** recently had a heart operation recently and is recovering. **Bill Hartmann's** health is deteriorating quickly. **Bob Doriot** recently underwent hip replacement and is awaiting another hip surgery. **Paulette Galstad** is suffering through bad back pain. **Mark Moorehead** is recovering from surgery and has begun therapy. **Mr. Beymer** is still quarantined at Southern Gardens. **Belinda King** is struggling through a prolonged respiratory illness that has greatly affected her ability to continue working as a nurse. **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain, among other ailments. **Loye Issitt** is hospitalized. **David Kleinschmidt** has been struggling through several health problems.

**In Lieu of In-Person VBS**, two of our sister CLC congregations have produced very high quality online VBS materials. If you have small children, I would encourage you to make use of one of the following options:

- **At-home VBS program:** Since our summer VBS program has been cancelled this year due to COVID complications, we are happy to announce that an "at-home VBS" has been produced by our sister congregation, Immanuel of Mankato, MN. It is entitled "*Christ Over Viruses, Infections, and Disease*." The series features video presentations of Bible stories, discussion questions, music, craft time, and a daily scavenger hunt. You can find an online resource page with instructions and all the links at [tinyurl.com/vbs20resource](http://tinyurl.com/vbs20resource). If you would prefer a hard copy of the student packets, you may pick them up on the table in the narthex. Choose an upcoming week for "at-home" VBS, and make use of these excellent materials!
- **Virtual Vacation Bible School:** Our sister CLC congregation, Mt. Zion of Detroit, MI, has produced a video VBS series in lieu of in-person Vacation Bible School this summer. Join us as we embark on a three-day video journey that explores some of Jesus' most powerful miracles. Each short video contains a bible story, craft, and memory verse. Please visit Mt. Zion's YouTube channel to watch: <https://bit.ly/3jOfTYu>

If you would like a link that you can click rather than type in off of a bulletin announcement, visit our webpage at [winterhavenlutheran.org](http://winterhavenlutheran.org), and click the menu link for Online VBS.

**Last Week (7/26)** WH – 26 Orlando – 12

General = \$2,345 | Tuition = \$50 | CLC Missions = \$50 | Property = \$50  
JoAnn Sedberry Memorial = \$25 **Total Offering = \$2,520**

**August Usher:** Mike Sheffield

| **Cleaning (8/8):** Bernthal

| **Acolyte (8/9):** Mason G.

## THE BENEDICTION:

*The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
- G** Amen!

### HYMN: WS #798:1,3-4 "God, We Praise You"

1. God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You sovereign Lord! Mighty King whom angels worship, Father, by Your church adored: All creation shows Your glory, Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Singing "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts, and God alone!"
3. Jesus Christ, the king of glory, Everlasting Son of God, Humble was Your Virgin Mother, Hard the lonely path You trod: By Your cross is sin defeated, Hell confronted face to face, Heaven opened to believers, Sinners justified by grace.
4. Christ, at God's right hand victorious, You will judge the world You made; Lord, in mercy help Your servants For whose freedom You have paid: Raise us up from dust to glory, Guard us from all sin today. King enthroned above all praises, Save Your people, God, we pray.

## ✠ Announcements ✠

**Please consider** donating offerings to the Tuition Grant Fund and the Building Fund. Both funds are running low. Thank you!

**School begins** next Monday here at Immanuel. Please remember to keep the teachers and students in your prayers, that the Lord would grant health to all of us and continue to enable us to share the Word daily in our classrooms.

**The Church Council and Trustees** are meeting after the service.

**Shut-in/Encouragement List.** Patti Meno continues to receive regular dialysis and is awaiting a kidney transplant. Bill Issitt III remains mostly housebound due to poor health. Johanna Jaehnigen remains

### Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Aug. 2:** WH Masks-On 9 am  
Communion Sunday
- ✠ **Aug. 9:** Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ **Aug. 10:** School Begins
- ✠ **Aug. 16:** WH Masks-On 9 am
- ✠ **Aug. 23:** Orlando Service 8 am

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

*We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

- P** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
- G** If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- G** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P** Let us pray.
- G** Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.
- P** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.
- G** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## INTROIT

*Ps. 139:1-6*

*A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.*

- P** O LORD, You have searched me and known me!
- G** You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.
- P** You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
- G** Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.
- P** You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.
- G** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.
- P** O LORD, You have searched me and known me!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**P** Let us pray. . . and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Jeremiah 16:14-21** "Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when it shall no longer be said, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,'<sup>15</sup> but 'As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.' For I will bring them back to their own land that I gave to their fathers.<sup>16</sup> "Behold, I am sending for many fishers, declares the LORD, and they shall catch them. And afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks.<sup>17</sup> For my eyes are on all their ways. They are not hidden from me, nor is their iniquity concealed from my eyes.<sup>18</sup> But first I will doubly repay their iniquity and their sin, because they have polluted my land with the carcasses of their detestable idols, and have filled my inheritance with their abominations."<sup>19</sup> O LORD, my strength and my stronghold, my refuge in the day of trouble, to you shall the nations come from the ends of the earth and say: "Our fathers have inherited nothing but lies, worthless things in which there is no profit.<sup>20</sup> Can man make for himself gods? Such are not gods!"<sup>21</sup> "Therefore, behold, I will make them know, this once I will make them know my power and my might, and they shall know that my name is the LORD."

**GOSPEL READING – Matthew 16:13-26** Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"<sup>14</sup> And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."<sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."<sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.<sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.<sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."<sup>20</sup> Then he

C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For  
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
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**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

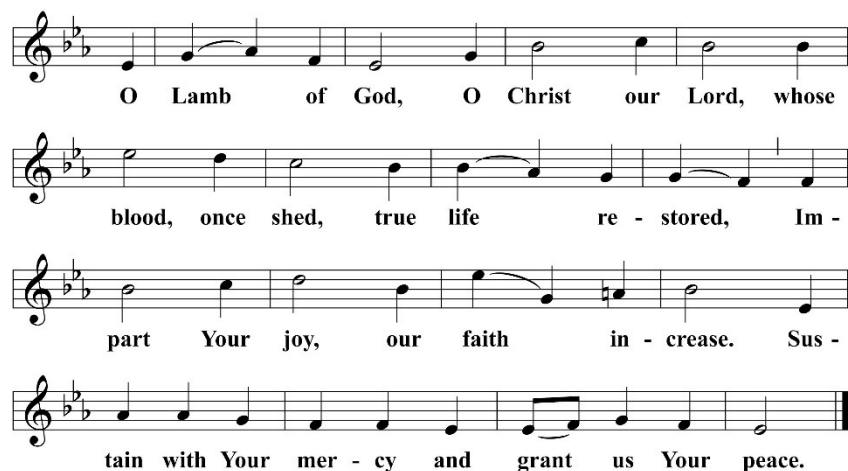
C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,  
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es  
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your  
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

**♩ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabbaoth, adored; Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose  
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -  
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -  
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

**Please Note:** *Out of love for the Word of God and His commands, we ask that only those who are communicant members of Immanuel join us for the Lord's Supper this morning. Thank you!*

**THE DISTRIBUTION** *Please remain seated.*

**P** Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This cup is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

May this body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. Amen.

strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.<sup>21</sup> From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.<sup>22</sup> And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you."<sup>23</sup> But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.<sup>25</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.<sup>26</sup> For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**♩ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** *The Nicene Creed*

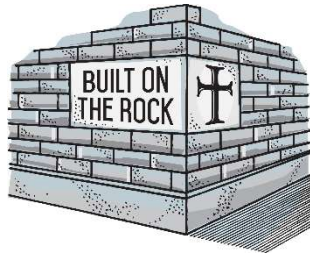
**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone, Chosen of the Lord and precious Binding all the Church in one. Holy Zion's help forever And our confidence alone.
2. To this temple, where we call you, Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay; Come with all your loving-kindness, Hear your people when they pray. And your fullest benediction Speak within these walls today.
3. Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful All the gifts they ask to gain, What they gain from You forever With the blessed to retain, And hereafter in Your glory Evermore with You to reign.
4. Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son, Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One One in might, and one in glory, While unending ages run!

**SERMON – 1 Peter 2:4-10 (NIV)** As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—<sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." <sup>7</sup> Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," <sup>8</sup> and, "A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



### God's Living Stones: Jesus and You

- I. Rejected by men as fraudulent
- II. Chosen by God and precious

### OFFERTORY

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*In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.*

- C** ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

### HYMN: TLH #467:1-4 "Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand"

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| <p>1. Built on the Rock the Church doth stand,<br/>Even when steeples are falling;<br/>Crumbled have spires in every land,<br/>Bells still are chiming and calling,<br/>Calling the young and old to rest,<br/>But above all the soul distrest,<br/>Longing for rest everlasting.</p> <p>3. We are God's house of living stones,<br/>Builded for His habitation;<br/>He through baptismal grace us owns<br/>Heirs of His wondrous salvation.<br/>Were we but two His name to tell,<br/>Yet He would deign with us to dwell,<br/>With all His grace and His favor.</p> | <p>2. Surely in temples made with hands,<br/>God, the Most High, is not dwelling;<br/>High above earth His temple stands,<br/>All earthly temples excelling.<br/>Yet He whom heavens cannot contain<br/>Chose to abide on earth with men,<br/>Built in our bodies His temple.</p> <p>4. Now we may gather with our King<br/>E'en in the lowliest dwelling;<br/>Praises to Him we there may bring,<br/>His wondrous mercy forthtelling.<br/>Jesus His grace to us accords;<br/>Spirit and life are all His words;<br/>His truth doth hallow the temple.</p> |
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*The Offering plate is in the middle of the aisle.*

### PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER



### Order of Holy Communion



- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts!
- C** We lift them up to the Lord!
- P** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God: In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying: