

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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Church Office Hours (Mon-Fri): 9am-1pm Email: stpaulwa@hickorytech.net

Mission Statement

“Empowered by God’s Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people.”

Vision Statement

*“We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members,
community,
and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching
and
teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”*

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER – MAY)

- † Divine Service w/Holy Communion:
 - 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- † Sunday School: 10:15 am and Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.

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- **Nursery available:** For families with small children, there is a designated room in the basement (down the hall, on the right, from the youth room). You will find a changing table, crib, a few books and toys. Please feel free to use anytime during the worship service.
- **Radio Broadcast:** Today's broadcast (KOWZ 1170 AM or 106.3 FM) is dedicated to the glory of God.
- **Lutheran Hour:** The Lutheran Hour can be heard on radio stations WCCO 830AM, Sunday, 6:05 AM; and KDHL920 AM, Faribault, Sunday, 6:00 PM.
- **Sunday School:** We will meet every Sunday at 10:15am in the Parish Hall for snacks, and then go downstairs for music and a lesson.



- **WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in our visitor's book located at the back of church at the visitor's desk. We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.
- **Individual or Family Pastoral Care:** Please remember that Private devotion and Holy Communion are available for individuals or couples that are homebound, at greater risk for COVID, or in times of emergency. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 to schedule an appointment when needed.
- **Live Streaming on Facebook** for the 9:00 worship service for your convenience.
- **Radio Ministry** has gone up to \$100.00 per Sunday radio broadcast. If you are sponsoring a Sunday, please note the increase. Thank you for your continued support. Board of Evangelism.
- Quarterly Voter's meeting is scheduled for Sunday October 29th at 10:15am.
- Remember to send a card and a note of encouragement to your Brother or Sister in Christ, and continue to pray for him/her.
- Fall Bible Institute and Circuit Reformation Service - Sunday, October 29 at Camp Omega. See bulletin board for more information and the deadline to sign up is Oct. 15th.
- We are partnering with Christ the King for a Trunk or Treating event this year on October 31st. Board of Ed is looking for 3-6 people who are willing to decorate a "trunk" or to donate candy. Find more information on the bulletin board or call the church office to sign up.
- I delivered 14 pounds of food stuff from church to the Waseca Food Shelf on Oct. 2nd. Ron Wood and the Board of Stewardship
- Thank you to the Buker family who donated the beautiful "**Jesus with Children**" statue at the front of the church by the baptismal font in memory of Duane and Arlene Buker.
- Cotta Guild is looking for volunteers to help with the Connection project this year beginning Monday October 30th thru November 3rd. We provide supper for the homeless people in Mankato. If you are interested in helping, please contact Linday Seifert or Judie Waters.
- Friday October 20th from 6p-8pm students from 3 years old to 16 years old are invited to an Ice Cream Social here at St Paul!! Ice Cream, Games and devotions!! Hope to see you there.
- LIVE NATIVITY planning meeting will be Monday October 16th at 6pm.

20th Sunday After Pentecost: Clothed in the Righteousness of Christ, We Partake of His Wedding Feast

By His cross and resurrection, the Lord has swallowed up death forever, and by His Gospel He “will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth” (Is. 25:8). Therefore, “let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation” (Is. 25:9). On the mountain of the Lord of hosts — in His Church on earth, as in the kingdom of heaven — He has made “for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine” (Is. 25:6). It is the royal “wedding feast” of the Son of God, “and everything is ready” (Matt. 22:1, 4). Thus, His servants are sent into the highways and byways to invite and gather as many as they find, “both good and bad,” to fill the wedding hall with guests (Matt. 22:8–10). In Holy Baptism, He clothes them all in the “wedding garment” of His own perfect righteousness (Matt. 22:11). Therefore, “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God,” and “rejoice in the Lord always” (Phil. 4:4–6).

Processional Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

LSB 803

Greetings and Announcements

DIVINE SERVICE: Setting Three

LSB 184

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

Introit

Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2



P I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;*
I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

C I will greatly rejoice | in the LORD;*
my soul shall exult | in my God,

P for he has clothed me with the garments of sal- | vation;*
he has covered me with the robe of | righteousness,

C as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful | headdress,*
and as a bride adorns herself | with her jewels.

Kyrie

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day: Proper 23 (Year A)

LSB 189

Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6–9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,

the veil that is spread over all nations.
⁸He will swallow up death forever;
 and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
 and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
 for the LORD has spoken.
⁹It will be said on that day,
 "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
 This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
 let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 91:11; 103:1



P He will command his angels con- | cerning you*
 to guard you in | all your ways.

C **Bless the LORD, | O my soul,***
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

Epistle: Philippians 4:4–13

Philippians 4:4–13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand)

- P Alleluia. The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." Let the one who hears say, "Come."
C **Let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1–14

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

Nicene Creed

LSB 191

Hymn of the Day: A Multitude Comes from the East and the West

LSB 510

Sermon

Offertory

LSB 192

Offering

Prayer of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

- T We believe, teach, and confess in accordance with Holy Scripture that the Lord's Supper is a precious gift from God, in which Christ gives us His true body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.
- T The Bible teaches that this sacrament may also be spiritually harmful when misused, *(For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body*

eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ~ 1 Corinthians 11:26-30)

- T The Lord's Supper is a testimony of the unity in faith. We ask that only those who have been instructed and who are in fellowship with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod come with a contrite and joyful heart to the Lord's Table. *(And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ~ Act 2:42)*
- T Any guest wishing to receive communion here at St. Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or the Elder on duty, prior to the church service.
- T **Preparing for Holy Communion:** To assist our time of preparation, prayers are located in the front cover and on pages 329-330 of your hymnal. Both individual and common cup are offered on both sides. For anyone with alcohol concerns, diluted cups are located in the center of the tray. Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request.

<u>Preface</u>	LSB 194
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<u>Distribution Hymn:</u> Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness	LSB 636
<u>Distribution Hymn:</u> Sent Forth by God's Blessing	LSB 643
<u>Nunc Dimittis</u>	LSB 199
<u>Thanksgiving</u>	LSB 200
<u>Benedicamus</u>	LSB 202
<u>Benediction</u>	LSB 202
<u>Hymn to Depart:</u> Behold a Host, Arrayed in White	LSB 676

IN OUR PRAYERS:

- **Called Home:**
- **Cancer Treatment:** Debbie Pehrson, Gerald Schroeder
- **Surgery:**
- **Prayer for continued recovery and healing:** Jacob Williams, Judy Bochman
- **Medical Procedure:** Karen Thompson waiting for available Kidney
- **Illness:** Cindy Kuschel
- **Treatment:** Kraig Deling, Terry George, Kirsten Tharp, Randy Gehring, Dixie Flitter, Tim Andree
- **Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.**
- **All the service men & women who are serving in the military:** Gavin Doering, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson
- **Waseca Circuit Missionaries:** Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan) & John Wolff (Kenya)
- **Pastor Grannis and his family as they continue to work on their move to our town and congregation.**



Please contact the church office if you wish to speak with Pastor Grannis and Aimee will be happy to put you on his calendar during his office hours. Thank you



The next mission trip will be to **Florida June 4th – 11th, 2024**. We will be going to Orlando Florida and work at “Give Kids the World”!! The cost will be \$300.00 per person. Let me know if you are going!! You must be 12 years and older to go on this trip.
Mark Pehrson



Today October 8th following Service before Bible Study in the Parish Hall.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: October 15th – October 22nd, 2023

Sunday (15th):

- 9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:15 am Adult Bible Study and Coffee hour
10:15 am Sunday School

Monday (16th):

- 10 am Prayer Team
6 pm NSC Board Meeting

****** Newsletter Articles due ******

Tuesday (17th):

- 1:00 pm Quilters

Wednesday (18th):

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
3:30 - 5pm 6th, 7th, 8th grade Confirmation
5pm- 6:30pm YOUTH GROUP grades 6th – 12th.
7pm Senior Choir and Contemp. Ensemble

Thursday (19th):

- 6:00 a.m. Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Bean

Friday (20th):

- 5p-7p Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru
6p-8p Ice Cream Social for ages 3yrs to 16 yrs.

Sunday (22nd):

- 9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study and Coffee hour
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:

THIS WEEK: October 15th, 2023:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood
ACOLYTE: Kameron Kunkel
ELDER/DEACON: Jerry Flogstad/ Kraig Deling
RADIO MONITOR: Kathy Flogstad
FACEBOOK: Geri Kuschel

NEXT WEEK: October 22nd, 2023:

ORGANIST: Cindy Wood
ACOLYTE: Joel Hammer
ELDER/DEACON: Jerry Flogstad/Kraig Deling
RADIO MONITOR: Cindy Gilmore
FACEBOOK: Kathy Flogstad

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:

Worship Attendance on: Sunday October 8th: 107 Bible Study: 26 Sunday School: 13

General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit): \$3,448.00

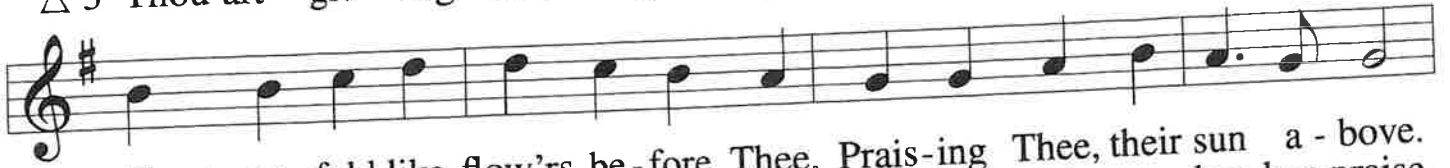
Improvement Fund: \$35.00 Caring Fund: \$125.00 Other: Organ fund: \$20.00

***** Needed each week to make budget: \$ 3,000.00*****

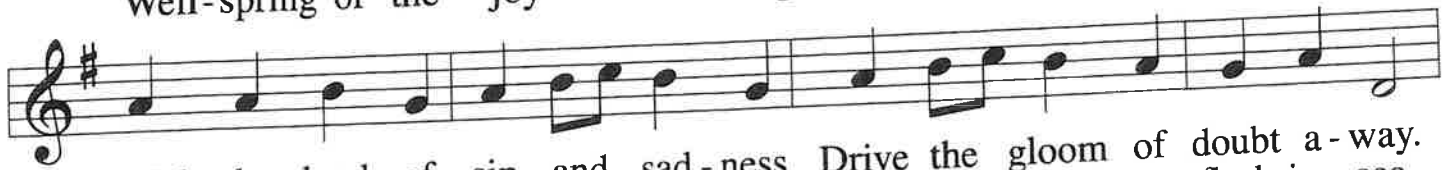
Processional Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,
 △ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.
 Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.
 Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap-py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.
 Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.
 Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine!

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 Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1796–1867
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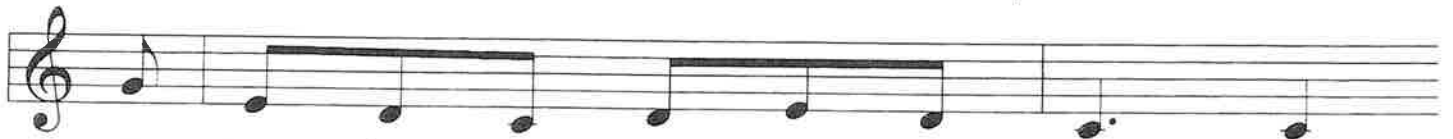
1 A mul - ti - tude comes from the east and the west
 2 O God, let us hear when our Shep - herd shall call
 3 All tri - als shall be like a dream that is past,
 4 The heav - ens shall ring with an an - them more grand



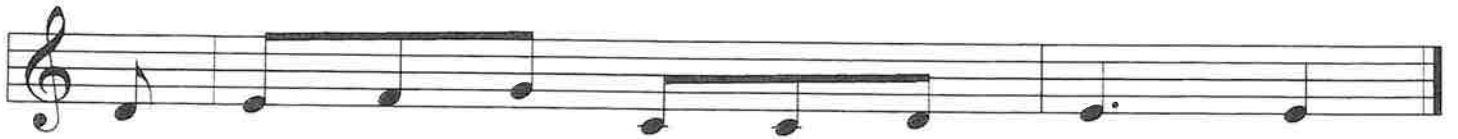
To sit at the feast of sal - va - tion
 In ac - cents per - sua - sive and ten - der,
 For - got - ten all trou - ble and mourn - ing,
 Than ev - er on earth was re - cord - ed.



With A - bra - ham, I - saac, and Ja - cob, the blest,
 That while there is time we make haste, one and all,
 All ques - tions and doubts have been an - swered at last,
 The blest of the Lord shall re - ceive at His hand



O - bey - ing the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion.
 And find Him, our might - y de - fend - er.
 When ris - es the light of that morn - ing,
 The crown to the vic - tors a - ward - ed.



Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!
 Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!
 Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!
 Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!

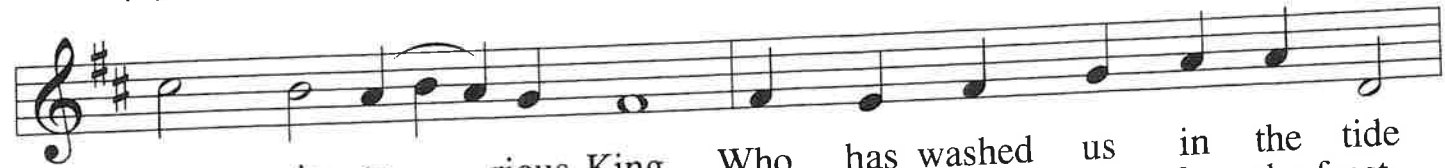
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Distribution Hymn: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 633



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - umphant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–68, alt.
Tune: Kirchengeseng, 1566, Ivancice
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1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.
 bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.
 riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.
 la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618-77; (sts. 1, 4-5): tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978; (sts. 2-3, 6-8): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78,
alt.

Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

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1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
 2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,
 The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
 The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.
 The Sup-er is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
 Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,
 The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
 Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.
 The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
 With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
 Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
 U-nite us as one in this life that we share.
 His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
 Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing
 To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
 Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

Hymn to Depart: Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

LSB 676



1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, Like thou - sand
2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; But now, how
3 O bless - ed saints in bright ar - ray Now safe - ly



snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; Who
glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, A
home in end - less day, Ex - tol the Lord, Who



is this band Be - fore the throne of light? These are the
priest - ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. On earth they
with His Word Sus - tained you on the way. The steep and



saints of glo - rious fame, Who from the great af -
wept through bit - ter years; Now God has wiped a -
nar - row path you trod; You toiled and sowed the



flic - tion came And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood
way their tears, Trans - formed their strife To heav'n - ly life,
Word a - broad; Re - joice and bring Your fruits and sing



Are cleansed from guilt and shame. They now serve God both
And freed them from their fears. They now en - joy the
Be - fore the throne of God. The myr - iad an - gels



day and night; They sing their songs in end - less light. Their
Sab - bath rest, The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; The
raise their song; O saints, sing with that hap - py throng! Lift



an - thems ring As they all sing With an - gels shin - ing bright.
Lamb, their Lord, At fes - tive board Him - self is host and guest.
up one voice; Let heav'n re - joice In our Re - deem - er's song!

