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Revelation 7:9-10

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11-12, 2019

AS WE GATHER

Sermon Theme:

"Rescuing Revelation, Part I: Alpha & Omega"

The book of Revelation can be an incredibly confusing and sometimes even a frightening book to read, but the truth is that it wasn't meant to be either confusing or frightening! In fact, behind the violent passages of judgment in Revelation lies many beautiful pictures of the self-sacrificial love of Jesus Christ triumphing over the darkness we encounter in our world today. We are beginning a series this Easter season as we dive deeper into what John wrote and dispel some common misconceptions of what it means as we celebrate the Easter victory and the future that it promises!

This week's sermon, "Rescuing Revelation: The Great Multitude" is based on the last portion of Revelation chapter 7. Without a doubt you have been in a great crowd before, whether it's a sports event, a parade, a conference, or something else. For many, there is something inspiring and even exciting about a great crowd of people all in one place for the same reason.

Here today we get an image of the people - God's people - all gathered around the risen and resurrected Jesus Christ in heaven!

Holy Communion at Holy Cross is celebrated in accordance with the Lutheran confession that Christ's body and blood are truly given to us with the bread and wine to give forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Missouri-Synod Lutherans united with us in that confession are invited to receive the Sacrament with us. Others who desire to commune should first speak with the pastor or an elder. Both common and individual cup are offered. For those whose health or circumstance may require it, Holy Cross offers an alcohol-removed red wine (containing less than 0.5% alcohol) located in the center of each communion tray. Please take the cup you prefer.

LIVE-STREAMING of 8 AM SERVICE WEEKLY: Holy Cross live streams the 8 AM service each Sunday on a link at our website (hcross.com). We provide this service for our members who cannot attend worship. The video perspective from the choir loft looks toward the altar and shows all aspects of the service from the sixth row of pews forward. This includes baptisms, children's talks, and communion.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Divine Service, Setting Two

May 11-12, 2019

Opening Hymn: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" LSB 821

PLEASE STAND

Holy Baptism LSB 268

5 PM

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

People: Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Pastor: Almighty God, in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 78:70-72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

Lector: I am the good shepherd,

People: I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Lector: He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds;

People: from following the nursing ewes He brought him to shepherd Jacob His people, Israel His inheritance.

Lector: With upright heart He shepherded them

People: and guided them with His skillful hand.

Lector: But we Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever;

People: from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.

All: 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.

Lector: I am the good shepherd,

People: I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Kyrie

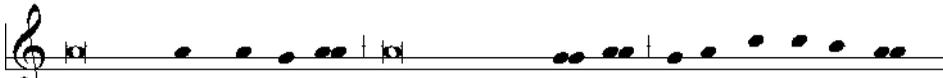
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



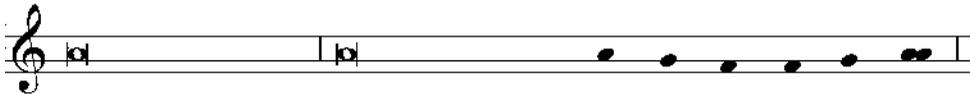
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



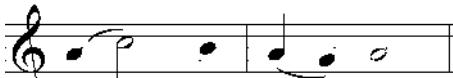
and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



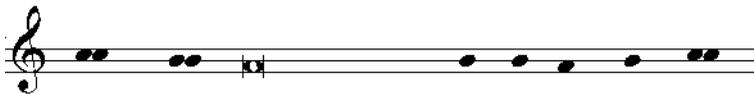
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - - men.

Hymn of Praise: "This is the Feast"

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A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



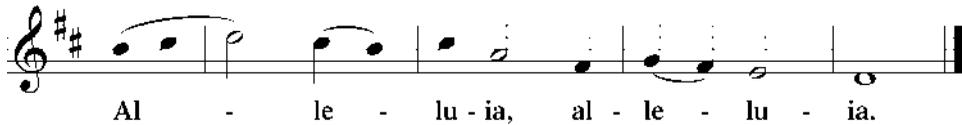
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Salutation and Collect of the Day

Lector: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Lector: Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

First Reading: Acts 20:17-35

PLEASE SIT

(I did not shrink from proclaiming to you the whole counsel of God.)

Lector: The First Reading for the Fourth Sunday of Easter is from Acts, chapter twenty.

Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him.

¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹servng the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Revelation 7:9-17

(The Lamb will be their Shepherd.)

Lector: The Epistle is from Revelation, chapter seven.

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Verse: *Romans 6:9; John 10:14*

PLEASE STAND

People: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: John 10:22-30

(No one can snatch the sheep out of the Shepherd's hand.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Talk

PLEASE BE SEATED

Hymn of the Day: "O Church Arise"

see bulletin pages 20-21

Sermon: "Rescuing Revelation: The Great Multitude"

Revelation 7:9-17

Apostles' Creed

PLEASE STAND: 5 PM & 8 AM

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

Nicene Creed

PLEASE STAND: 10:30 AM

**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.**

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people as they have need.

Brief silence

○ Lord, You have heard the cries of Your people and delivered the martyr from defeat and the saints to everlasting life. Wipe away the tears from Your grieving people, and raise us up to joy in the promise of the resurrection and the life death cannot steal. We acknowledge before You the saints who loved You and served You faithfully, and we pray You to bring us with them into the joy of Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

○ Lord, You will not allow any power or enemy to triumph over Your saving purpose or snatch Your lambs from Your hand. Give to us wise and faithful leaders who will govern in our land according to Your Law and defend the lives of the unborn, the orphaned, the widowed and the aged. Bless all those who make, administer and judge our laws, that they may not hinder Your purpose. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

○ Lord, You have provided us with the gift of family. Bless those who have shown to us a mother's love and nurtured our lives from childhood. Bless and protect all mothers with child, all those who have suffered miscarriage or the death of a child, and all those who have yearned for a child and lived with the pain of this unfulfilled longing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

○ Lord, You have not forgotten us in our afflictions or abandoned us in our weakness. Deliver the sick and suffering according to Your will, and give Your comfort to the dying, especially to those who have requested our prayers [*including _____*]. Guard us against despair, and grant us patience in the days of our trouble as we await Your perfect healing in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

○ Lord, You led Your holy apostles to ordain ministers for the proclamation of Your Word and the faithful administration of the Sacraments of Christ. Grant to this congregation the guidance of the Holy Spirit to choose a suitable pastor according to Your will for the blessing of Your Church in this place. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You want all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Magnify the power of the Gospel in the hearts of Your faithful people that Your Church may spread the good news of salvation. Be with our Mission of the Quarter, Mission Central in Iowa, as they uphold the arms of those who serve in that capacity. Protect, encourage, and bless all missionaries who proclaim the saving cross that Christ, being lifted up, may draw all people to Himself. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Offering & Rite of Fellowship

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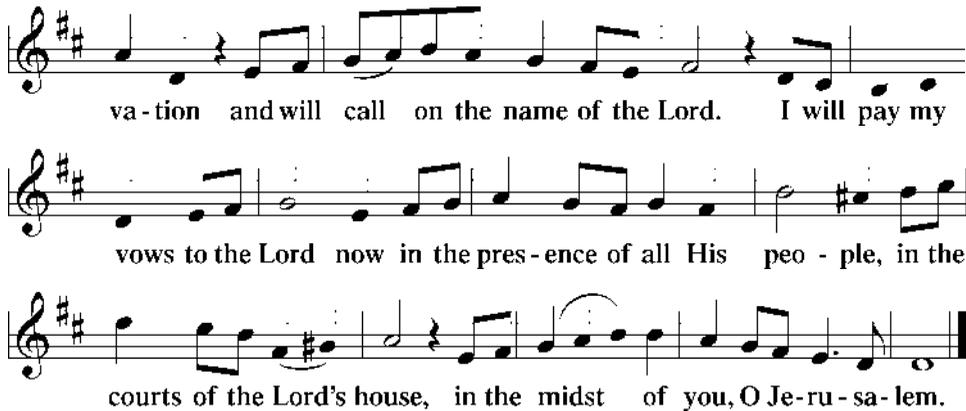
As we gather our offerings, we invite members and guests alike to take a moment to sign the red fellowship pad located at the end of the pew by the center aisle. Please provide contact information if you are interested in membership or if you would like to be contacted by the church. After signing, please pass it to your neighbor and then return it to its spot by the aisle.

Offertory

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What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa-lem.

*The 5 PM and 8 AM services continue below,
 and the 10:30 AM Holy Communion service continues on page 15.*

Lord's Prayer

SPOKEN BY ALL

People: 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.

Benediction

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you;
 The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;
 The LORD look upon you with His favor and ✠ give you His peace.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn: "The Saints in Christ are One in Every Place"

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

[Psalm 136]

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

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The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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.

Words of Our Lord:

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \times body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Peace of the Lord

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

People: Amen.

Agnus Dei ~ "O Lamb of God"

LSB 180



L 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.

Distribution

PLEASE SIT

Distribution Hymns

“Sing with all the Saints in Glory”

LSB 671 TUNE LSB 849

- 1 **Sing with all the saints in glory,
 Sing the resurrection song!
 Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
 To the former days belong.
 All around the clouds are breaking;
 Soon the storms of time shall cease;
 In God's likeness we awaken,
 Knowing everlasting peace.**

- 2 **Oh, what glory, far exceeding
 All that eye has yet perceived!
 Holiest hearts for ages pleading
 Never that full joy conceived.
 God has promised, Christ prepares it;
 There on high our welcome waits.
 Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
 Christ has passed the_ eternal gates.**

3 **Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices:**
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders,
Saints shall stand before the throne!

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"Be Still, My Soul" LSB 752

"Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs" LSB 812

Dismissal

PLEASE STAND

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.
 Depart ✕ in peace.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Thank The Lord"

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Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
 He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
 joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
 es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -



Post-Communion Collect

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction

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Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you His peace.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn: "The Saints in Christ are One in Every Place"

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Silent Prayer & Chimes

Postlude

Hymn of the Day: "O Church, Arise"

A⁷sus D G/B A/C# D D/F# G A⁷

1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; hear the call of Christ our Cap -
 2. Our call to war - to love the cap - tive soul, but to rage a - gainst the cap -
 3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the Son of God is strick
 4. So Spir - it come, put strength in ev - ery stride, give grace for ev - 'ry hur -

D A⁷sus D G/B A/C#

tain. For now the weak can say that they are strong in the
 tor; And with the sword that makes the wound - ed whole, we will
 en; Then see His foes lie crushed be - neath His feet, for the
 dle, that we may run with faith to win the prize of a

D D/F# G A⁷ D D/F# G D/F#

strength that God has giv - en. With shield of faith and belt of...
 fight with faith and val - or. When faced with trials on ev - 'ry...
 Con - quer - er has ris - en! And as the stone is rolled a -
 serv - ant good and faith - ful. As saints of old still line the...

Asus A D/F# G D/F# Bm⁷ A A⁷sus

truth, we'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's lies; an ar - my
 side, we know the out - come is se - cure, and Christ will
 way and Christ e - mer - ges from the grave, this vic - tory
 way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their

D G/B A/C# D D/F# G A7

bold, whose bat - tle - cry is love, reach-ing out to those in dark -
 have the prize for which He died— an in - her - it - ance of na -
 march con - tin - ues till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see
 calls and hun - ger for the day when with Christ we stand in glo -

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2.Our call to
 3.Come see the
 4.So Spir - it

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Closing Hymn: "The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place"

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1 The saints in Christ are one in ev - 'ry place
2 In chains for Christ! His pris'n - ers love to sing,
3 To live is Christ, for us, to die is gain;
4 Lord Je - sus Christ! Heav'n's praise let earth re - peat;



To serve the Gos - pel of His cost - ly grace;
For slaves and free re - joice to praise our King;
Where then shall be our hun - ger, dan - ger, pain?
The work that You be - gan. You will com - plete.



From those first days to this, our hope the same:
What though the Church on earth still suf - fers wrong?
Our joy to preach good news to rich and poor,
By grace let ev - 'ry foe be - come Your friend;



The love of Christ, one Lord, one sav - ing name.
The cross of Christ re - mains our pil - grim song.
Then be with Christ, to live for - ev - er - more.
Your day, O Christ, shall dawn and nev - er end.

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Silent Prayer & Chimes

Postlude

Serving in God's House Today

May 11-12, 2019

Preacher		Pastor Andrew J. Gimbel
Director of Christian Education		Meghan Flanick
Director of Music		Michelle Sliger
Song Leader		Joyce Niewald
Elder	5:00 PM	Solomon Conrad
	8:00 AM	Brian Belter
	10:30 AM	Greg Emerick, Byron Alton
Ushers	5:00 PM	Dan Spearman, John Allquist
	8:00 AM	Paul Bertram, John Bertram, Randy Sagez, Bruce Linn
	10:30 AM	Emerick Family
Greeters	5:00 PM	Bill & Joy Adams
	8:00 AM	Mike & Dawn Kahler
	10:30 AM	Jim & Glenda Kramer
Altar Guild:	Millie Stevens, Susan Bollinger, Michelle Kincaid	

Counters: Jayne Jepsen, Elaine Howard

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The most fun thing about painting this painting was when I came to paint the persecuted people from the nations, they seemed to have a life of their own and introduced themselves while I moved my paint brush over them. "These are the people who have come out of the great persecution and have washed their clothes and made them white with the blood of the lamb. Day and night they serve God in his temple and he will put his shikinah upon them. They will never again be hungry, they will never again be thirsty. The sun will not beat down on them or any burning thing. For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will lead them to springs of living water and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

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