

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹²It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹⁴No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Psalms 25:1-10

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may

be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

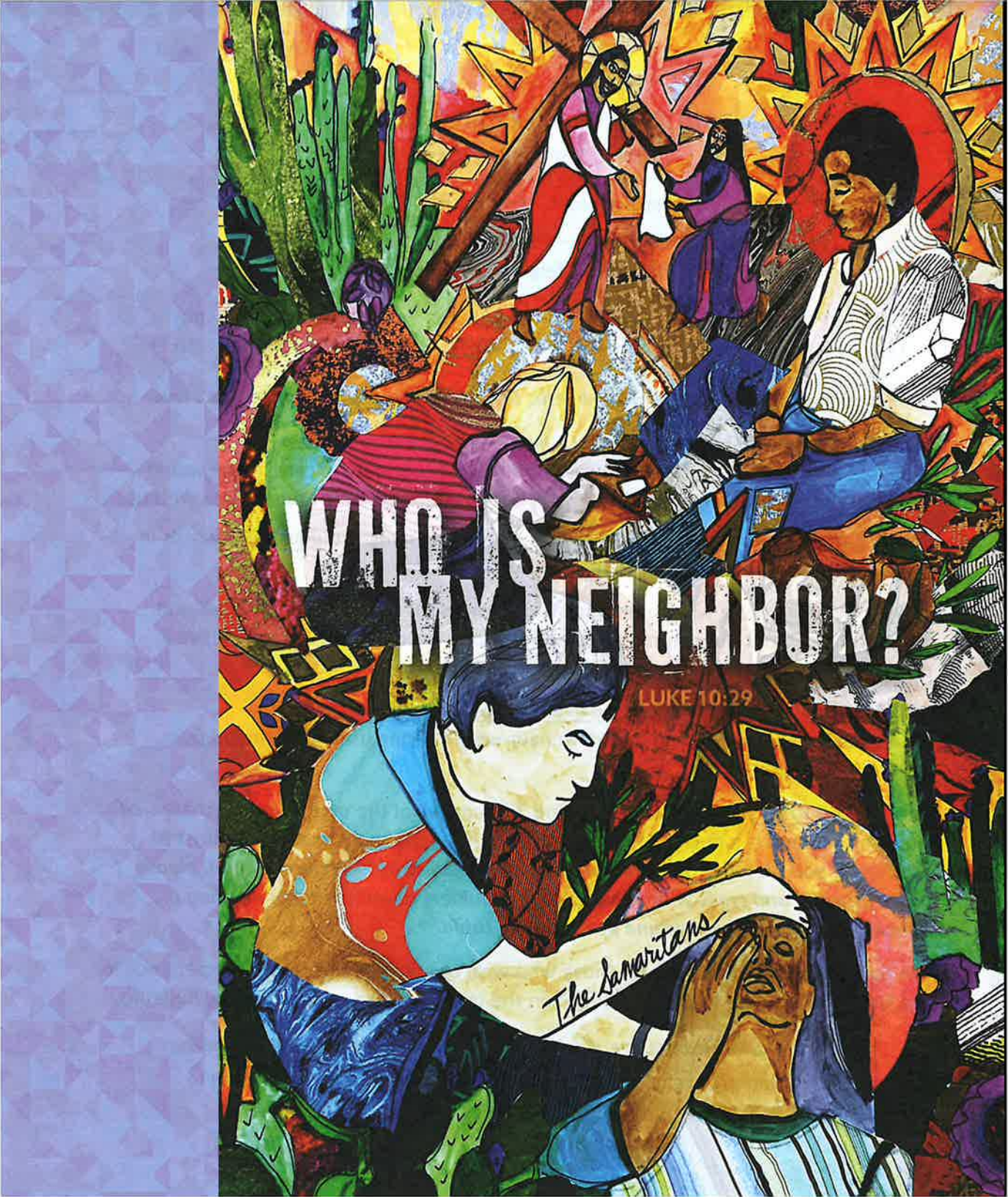
Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42.

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Our mission is to invite people to know Jesus Christ so that we may all share God's love.

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel - We are delighted to have everyone worshiping with us today. We invite you to sign a communion card, if you would please, so that we might have a registry of those sharing Holy Communion with us.

Prayer before Worship: Dear Lord, place your hand on my shoulder, your words in my mouth, and guide my steps to follow you. Amen.

Prayer Requests: We welcome requests of prayers for our members, friends and families throughout our communities and beyond. Anyone is welcome to leave a note on the desk in the office or contact the pastor.

Offering envelopes are located and available on the table in the entry.

Please designate how you would like to have your offering used if for anything other than general funds.

The Lord's Supper, (offered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month) the Eucharist, or Holy Communion is a means of God's grace whereby the real presence of Christ is offered. ***If you would rather receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please come forward and cross your arms to your shoulders as indication of needing a blessing today. All are welcome at the Lord's table.***

We have Children's Bulletins for those who wish to enhance the worship experience for the kids. They can be found each week on the table with the regular Sunday Bulletins.

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This Week at Immanuel 10:30 am - Worship

Sunday, July 13, 2025

WORSHIP LEADERS: MARCIA BUCHS, SAM
Lay Reader: Suzie Kukuck
Greeters: Eli & Katelyn Petersen
Ushers/Acolytes: Rylee Kukuck, Ty Harms
Communion: na
Organist: Kimberly Petersen

Sunday, July 20, 2025

WORSHIP LEADERS: PASTOR NATHAN FEIG
Lay Reader: Elton Mau
Greeters: Terry & Kay Bose
Ushers/Acolytes: Jerry & Suzie Kukuck
Communion: Denny & Amy Winterland
Organist: Cindy Wilson

Please include the following people in our prayers:

Lois Barker, Gary Kessinger, Cheryl Poppe, Jeannie Weber, Bob & Nancy Lasser, Bob & Judy Logan, Kevin and Chad Allen (family members of Von Becker), Cindy Harris, and Rebecca Casson
[Please share known updates for any changes to this list.]

Announcements

Mark your Calendars for the Community Worship Service on Sunday, August 10 at 9:30 am in Downtown Colfax. A lunch will be provided following the service. We had a wonderful turnout last year, in spite of the heat, and we are hoping for another great service. More details will be coming soon.

Wanted – anyone who would be willing to share ideas, a little time and energy to help us put a float in the Colfax parade on August 9th.

LWR Quilts - We will be knotting quilts on Tuesday, July 29 from 12:30-3 pm.

If you can thread a needle and tie a knot, we could use your help!

Also, there is a box in the parish hall of pre-cut packages of quilt squares that can be sewn into quilt tops. Please use 1/2" seam, a tight/short stitch, and do not make a cross pattern. Questions, see Dee Winterland.



U.S. FLOODING LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

ELCA.org/flooding

In the face of disaster, the ELCA, through Lutheran Disaster Response, shares relief today and builds resilience for tomorrow.

Flooding is one of the most common natural disasters in the United States. Across the country, we support communities as they recover from devastating floodwaters. LDR works with synods and partners to respond to urgent needs, give emotional and spiritual care, support long-term recovery (including disaster case management and meeting unmet needs), and provide educational training for synods and partners in affected regions.

Lutheran Disaster Response works through strong partnerships with ELCA synods, congregations and other organizations. We recognize that every disaster is local and responses need to be rooted in community. Our partners know their communities the best and can address local needs.

Your gifts to LDR support our church's work to share healing and renewal with people who lives have been disrupted by disaster. Together we can reflect Christ's light and hope to our neighbors in their time of need. Give today to support survivors in the United States and around the world, wherever and whenever a disaster may strike.

YES, I WANT TO HELP!

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☐ U.S. Flooding \$ _____ DDG0069

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Address _____

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Give through your congregation, by phone (800-638-3522) or by mail. Checks or money orders can be mailed to **Lutheran Disaster Response, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.**

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TEXAS FLOODS Your love is needed

lwr.org/HelpTexas

The needs of our neighbors in Texas are growing as floods destroy homes, communities and families.

Our partners at Lutheran World Relief are already responding. Thankfully, **LWR Quilts & Kits** were already prepositioned in Texas. Within 12 hours of the flash flooding, they were in the hands of those that needed them most.

But so much additional help is needed. Families in the flood zone — and beyond — need food, water, shelter and essential supplies. Together we can help ensure no one goes without the care and support they need.

Right now, the number one need is financial gifts so that the team at Lutheran World Relief can reach our neighbors as quickly as possible.

HOW TO GIVE

You can give directly through Lutheran World Relief at lwr.org/HelpTexas, by scanning the QR code below or by mailing a check to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Please write **TEXAS** in the memo line.

Gifts can also be made through our congregation. Designate "**LWR TEXAS**" when making your gift and we will rush a gift from the church to Lutheran World Relief.

Thank you for sharing God's love with our neighbors when and where they need it most.

**Until your love reaches
every neighbor.**



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**
LWR.ORG/HELPTexas

Outreach Committee Student Clothing Drive

- Coats: new or gently used (hats & gloves, too)
- Clothing: new or very gently used
- Shoes and Socks: children through adult sizes
- Little kids elastic pants/shorts for kids who have accidents, to keep in the office and provide to students when needed.
- Backpacks: full size for boys and girls
- Headphones/Earbuds

During the open registration day at Ridgeview Elementary School, we can offer 2 tables of clothing/shoes, similar to a free garage sale to allow families to "shop" for clothing when they pick up their free school supplies. We may not be able to offer every size that is needed, but we can share from our abundance for those who struggle to provide the basic items when preparing for school.

Boxes for drop-offs will be available at the back of the church through July. School Registration Day is August 1, 2025.



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please stand as you are able.*

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the worship leader begins -

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

C: **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

L: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen. *Congregation may be seated.*

OPENING HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

ELW 708

*GREETING *Please stand as you are able*

L: 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.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray. O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Congregation may be seated.

READING

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

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Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

After the reading . . . L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 25:1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

**You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners
in your way.**

You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

**All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those
who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

READING

Colossians 1:1-14

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The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

After the reading . . . Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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*GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:25-37

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L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HOMILY

Marcia Buchs, SAM

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW 729

*APOSTLES' CREED *please stand as you are able*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church
and pray for the needs of the world.

After each petition: L: God of grace, C: **hear our prayer.**

L: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the
name of Jesus Christ.

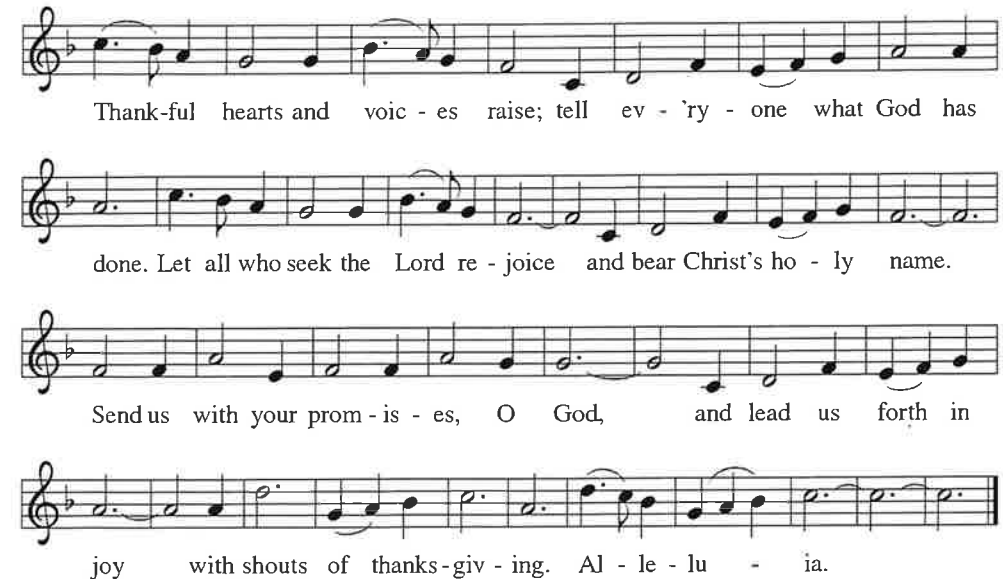
C: **Amen.**

*LORD'S PRAYER *sung from insert found in the front or back cover of the pew hymnal*

WE GATHER OUR OFFERINGS AND GIFTS

*OFFERING HYMN *Please stand as you are able.*

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*OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray... Creator God,

C: **in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that
we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

* BLESSING

L: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your
hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

* HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW 679

*DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE