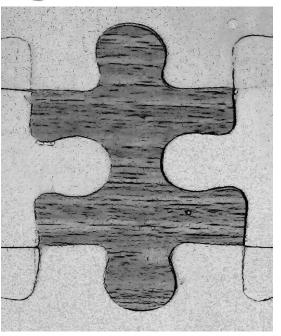
# "Growing God's Kingdom"



# THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**TODAY'S INTRODUCTION:** Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

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# TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 1, 2021 – 9:15 a.m.

\*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

#### **PREPARATION**

CHIMES
GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRELUDE:

[Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.]

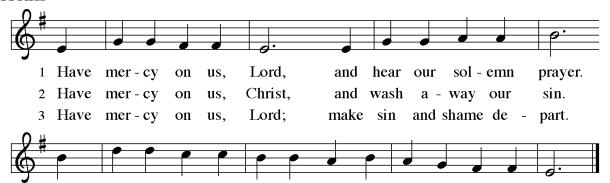
- \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
  - P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
  - C Amen.
  - P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
  - C Amen.
  - P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
  - P Gracious God,
  - C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **GATHERING**

- \* GATHERING HYMN
- "O Living Bread from Heaven"
- bulletin, pg. 11

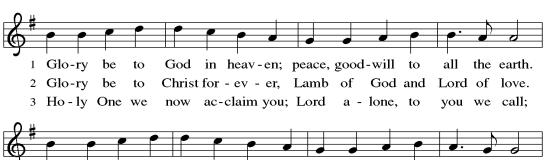
- \* GREETING
  - P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
  - C And also with you.

#### \* KYRIE



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin. Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

#### \* CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

- \* PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)
  - P Let us pray...
  - C O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### WORD

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. <sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining." <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God."

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 78:23-29 (Responsively)

<sup>23</sup>So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,

<sup>24</sup>raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.

<sup>25</sup>So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.

<sup>26</sup>The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,

<sup>27</sup>raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

<sup>28</sup>letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.

<sup>29</sup>So the people ate and were well filled,

for God gave them what they craved.

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

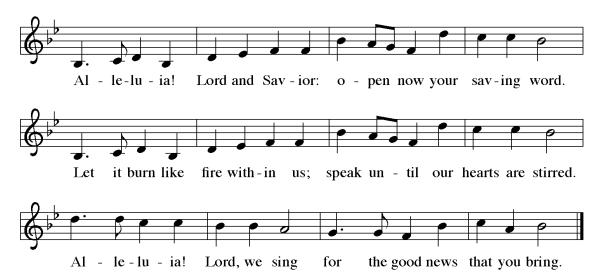
SECOND READING...... Ephesians 4:1-16

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

<sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

- L: The word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

#### \* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

- - P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter.
  - C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

<sup>24</sup>When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. <sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup>They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

CHILDREN'S SERMON SERMON HYMN OF THE DAY Vicar Sam Leister Vicar Sam Leister "Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God" bulletin, pg. 12

\* APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 INTERCESSION
  - P Hear us, O God.
  - C Your mercy is great.

OFFERING PRESENTATION

#### \* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

#### \* OFFERING PRAYER

- P Let us pray. Merciful God,
- C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### \* HOLY COMMUNION

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

#### C Amen.

#### \* THE LORD'S PRAYER (all)

- P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

- P The Body of Christ given for you. (Wafer)
- P The Blood of Christ shed for you. (Juice)

- \* COMMUNION BLESSING
  - P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
  - C Amen.
- \* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
  - P Let us pray,

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### **SENDING**

- \* BLESSING
  - P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
  - C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)
- \* SENDING HYMN

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

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- \* DISMISSAL
  - P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
  - C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

#### PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN WITH YOU AND DISPOSE OF AT HOME!

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR - Andrea Cameron

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner (8/2/21—8/29/21)

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES - Hannah Ehrisman & Braedon Walton

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING PRESENTERS - Haley Mummah & Slone Smith

#### WELCOME TO ALL!

JUST A THOUGHT – Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor, Theologian & Martyr (1906 – 1945): The responsible person seeks to make his or her whole life a response to the question and call of God.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Mike and Larry Goss and families on the passing of their father, Paul Goss on July 26, 2021 at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville. Please keep Mike and Larry and families in your prayers.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Richard Nace by Carole, Heidi and family and Jennifer and family.

#### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS <u>THURSDAY</u> NOON.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Vicar Leister at <u>sleister@gmail.com</u>.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for <u>one month</u>. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact the church office at 436-6213 or <u>mlchurchoffice@gmail.com</u>. If you have anyone who is a "last minute" addition after the bulletin has been printed on Fridays, please fill out an orange prayer card in the pew and lay it on the stand where the gluten free wafers are placed PRIOR to the morning worship service.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE for any change in addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or for any requests for building usage. There are a lot of activities and some coordination is needed so events are not "overbooked" in any specific areas of the church (this also applies to church groups who meet in the church). Please contact the office at 436-6213 or email <a href="mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com">mlchurchoffice@gmail.com</a> for any changes or requests.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY NEEDS OR CONCERNS, please contact Vicar Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Vicar Leister know. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at <a href="mailto:sleister@gmail.com">sleister@gmail.com</a>.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION - We will be using communion kits that are pre-packaged and sealed that include a wafer and grape juice. Each person desiring to share in the meal will take a packaged kit when you receive a bulletin.

THE AUGUST 2021 "MESSIAH HERALD" is now available online. Hard copies are available in the church office, Adult Sunday School Room, Kitchenette, and Fellowship Hall. If you want something placed in the Messiah Herald, please contact BOTH the church office at <a href="mailto:mlc.com">mlc.com</a> prior to the newsletter deadline, which is listed on the calendar in the newsletter, or online at <a href="www.mlcmifflintown.org">www.mlcmifflintown.org</a>. Also, if anyone would like to add or remove names from our email list, please let Bob know as well.

AUGUST'S "MISSION OF THE MONTH" at Messiah will again be Lutheran Disaster Relief. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to Lutheran Disaster Relief by way of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. These funds will help those across the United States, from the building collapse in Miami Beach to flooding and tornado victims among many others. In addition to your generosity, the PPC allocated funds to match congregational donations up to \$1,000.00. This is just one way in which we can continue to extend our mission in Christ's love beyond the walls of our church building.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS for the fall are needed in the youth department. The classes will be small in number, but if we have two teachers per class, six additional teachers will be needed. PLEASE consider helping out. Contact Linda at 717-348-8262 or email at <a href="mailto:lnclark13@embargmail.com">lnclark13@embargmail.com</a>.

COPIES OF MAY 23, 2021 PPC MINUTES are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

#### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Friday – 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

WEEKLY OFFERING REPOF July 18, 2021 Attendance – 5	,	Other Funds		
Total Offering \$2,511.00 Other Funds 315.00 General Fund \$2,196.00	Benevolence Building Fund Lutheran Disaster Total	\$ 	135.00 80.00 100.00 315.00	
July 25, 2021 Attendance – 4	Other Funds			
Total Offering \$1,922.00 Other Funds	Benevolence Building Fund	\$	30.00 25.00	
General Fund \$1,867.00	Total	\$	55.00	

OUR WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE AT MESSIAH has begun talks about possibly changing the starting times of all Sunday services to an earlier time. Discussion centered around possibly starting services at 10 AM at the beginning of 2022, with the Sunday School hour then being adjusted as well. HOWEVER, we need your input!! Is 10 AM a time which would seem a good time to have all Sunday services? (Please remember that we now have air conditioning in our building. The lack of A/C in the past was a huge reason why we started having summer services at 9:15 AM). What do YOU think about a 10 AM start time? Would you prefer another, earlier time? What time would you like to see the Sunday School "portion" of the morning to begin?? Again, WE NEED YOUR INPUT! Please take the time to talk to any of our Worship & Music Committee members – Vicar Sam, Bob St. Clair, Diana Wise, Michelle Stoner, Andrea Cameron, or Jamie Miller – and share any ideas you may have concerning our start time in 2022. Remember, whatever time is selected will be that same start time all year round. But, as you may have heard, WE NEED YOUR INPUT!! Reach out to one of the committee members today!

#### WOMEN OF THE ELCA

NEW BATH-SIZE BARS OF SOAP (4 oz. to 5 oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) is continuously collected as an on-going project for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the basket on the blue table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

MESSIAH WELCA will meet on Thursday, August 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area.

WELCA will be collecting items for school kits this year. Each kit requires four [70-80 sheet] notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper 8 by 10½, one 30 centimeter ruler or one with inches on one side and centimeters on the other side, one pencil sharpener, one pair of <u>blunt</u> scissors, five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, five black or blue ballpoint pens [no gel pens], one box of 16 or 24 crayons, and one 2½ inch eraser. We will have information on the Seafarers bags later this summer.

#### **COMMUNITY**

#### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR AUGUST:**

CLEANING SUPPLIES & PERSONAL CARE ITEMS. SUMMER BACKPACK PROGRAM: SINGLE SERVE FRUIT CUPS, JELLO CUPS, NON-CHOCOLATE PUDDING, & SINGLE SERVE MEALS. WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH AND GIFT CARDS FOR GROCERY & DISCOUNT STORES.

#### THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today: -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion. Monday: -7:00 p.m., AA in Youth Area.

Wednesday: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion.

#### **PRAYER LIST**

Shirley Aumiller Steve & Linda Bahorik Donna Barton

> Donna Bell Harmon Bender Andy Berrier Chrissy Berrier

Ken Berrier Roxanne Boyer

Wanda Boyer Dan Brown Charlotte Burd

Andrea Cameron Pam Campbell Ron Chambers

Andrew & Daris Ciecierski

Randy Clark
Terry Coder
Vincent Cramer
Leann Crimmel
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Bentley Fulkroad Joan Fulkroad

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Ruthlee Gloss & Family

Sam & Diane Goshorn Family of Paul Goss Family of Helen 'Ditty' Guss

Amy Hart Joyce Hart Beth Harris

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Curt & Judy Houtz Dean Hutchinson

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Rick & Audrey Peters Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine

Dave Phelan

Family of Evelyn Phillips Butch & Sandy Pines

Mia Raish Betty Ranck Keith Ranck Mike Rhoades Bill & Claudette Satzler

Mackenzie Shearer

Ron & Arlene Shearer Mike Sparks

Andy Spigelmyer Bob & Jeanette St. Clair

Dorothy Towsey George & Kay Varner

Rich Walters Erma Williamson

Erma Williamso Jim Woltman

Mackenzie Wray George Zimmerman

Linda Zimmerman

#### PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

Ray Bramm Minnie Minick
Ruth Cisney Edith Nipple
Max Ernest Carol Simonton
Sieber & Ona Stoner Ken Stuck

Margaret Guss Gail Henderson Mona Lawson Jane Marhefka

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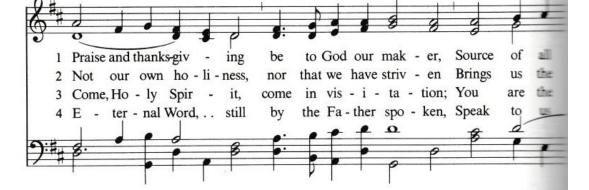
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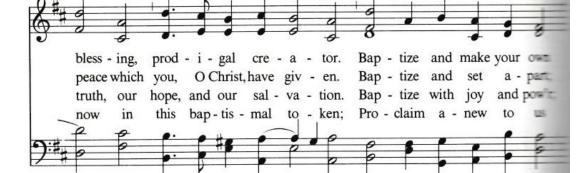


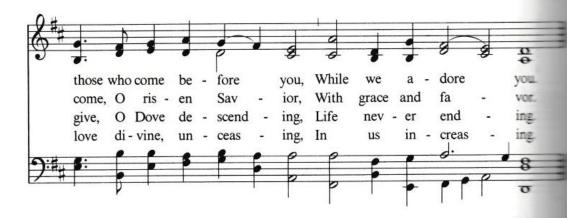
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## 191 Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God







5 Praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: One Lord, one faith, one source of ev'ry merit. Here now renew your Church through this symbol given; Grant peace from heaven.

<sup>©</sup> Text: Harold F. Yardley, b. 1911; Frank J. Whiteley, b. 1914, alt. Tune: Antiphoner, Paris, 1681

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## Let Us Break Bread Together

