



*Homecoming Service*

October 2, 2011  
9:30 a.m.

# Order of Service

## Preservice Music

### Hymn CW 531

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ, our head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious,  
Binding all the Church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever  
And our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you,  
Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
Come with all your loving kindness,  
Hear your people as they pray;  
And your fullest benediction  
Speak within these walls today.

Grant, we pray, to all your faithful  
All the gifts they ask to gain;  
What they gain from you, forever  
With the blessed to retain;  
And hereafter in your glory  
Evermore with you to reign.

### *Stand*

Praise and honor to the Father,  
Praise and honor to the Son,  
Praise and honor to the Spirit,  
Ever three and ever one,  
One in might and one in glory  
While unending ages run!



**M:** O Lord, o - pen my lips.



**C:** And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



**M:** Has - ten to save me, O God.



**C:** O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



**M:** (Advent) Behold the \_\_\_\_\_ King comes: let us wor - ship him.  
 (Christmas) Unto us the \_\_\_\_\_ Christ is born: let us wor - ship him.  
 (Epiphany) The glory of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ is re - vealed: let us wor - ship him.  
 (Lent) Behold the \_\_\_\_\_ Lamb of God: let us wor - ship him.  
 (Easter) The Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ ris - en: let us wor - ship him.  
 (Pentecost) The Spirit of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ fills the world: let us wor - ship him.  
 (General) Praise be to God, the Father,  
 the Son, and the Holy \_\_\_\_\_ Spir - it: let us wor - ship him.

*Note: Canticle follows on next page.*



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*Be seated*

## Psalm 100 – We Are His People

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Choir: We are his people, the flock of the Lord.

Congregation: REFRAIN

We \_\_\_\_\_ are his peo - ple, the  
flock \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

Choir: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all you lands, all you lands.  
Serve the Lord now with gladness, come before him singing for joy.

Congregation: REFRAIN

Choir: Know that the Lord is God! Know that the Lord is God!  
He made us – we are his, his people, the sheep of his flock!

Congregation: REFRAIN

Choir: Go, now within his gates giving thanks, giving thanks.  
Enter his courts singing praise, give thanks and bless his name.

Congregation: REFRAIN

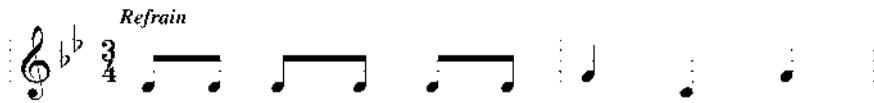
Choir: Indeed, how good is the Lord, his mercy endures forever,  
For the Lord – he is faithful, he is faithful from age to age.

Congregation: REFRAIN

**Lesson:** John 14:1-7

## Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled

*Refrain*



Do not let your hearts be trou - bled; have



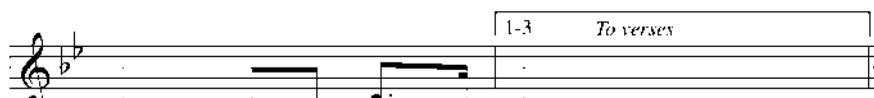
faith in God and faith in me. I will go



forth to pre - pare a place for you: then I'll come

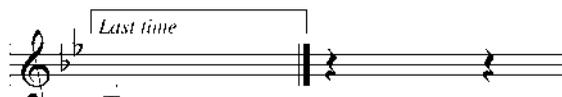


back to take you with me, that where I



am, you may al - so be.

*Last time*



be.

*Verses*



1 In God's  
2 I am the  
3 The words I



house there are man - y plac - es For you a -  
Way, the Truth, and the Life; On - ly through  
speak are not on - ly of my - self; It is your



lone to dwell in safe - ty. You know the  
me can you know what I know, If you knew  
God who lives with - in me. If you be -



way to where I'll lead you; If you are  
 me. you would know the Fa - ther; If you see  
 lieve that your God and I are one, I will pro -

*To Refrain*



lost, I will show the way.  
 me, you see your God.  
 vide when you call my name.

Text: John 14:1-3,6,7,10-14; alt. David Haas, b. 1957  
 Tune: DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED (88 11 99 99 99)  
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## Sermon: John 14:1-7

### A Psalm of Praise

Text and music: Kenneth T. Kosche, b. 1947

Sing to the Lord with a voice of thanksgiving,  
 Shout unto God with a psalm of praise:  
 Thanks for the blessings of ev'ryday living;  
 Praise for God's grace, which crowns all our days.

Give to the Lord all honor and blessing,  
 Wisdom and power and glory and might;  
 Give to the Lord all honor and blessing:  
 Praise to the Lord, immortal praise!

**Offering:** Designated for Martin Luther College Student Assistance

*Stand*



**M:** In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

**C: Our Father in heaven,**  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins,**  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
**Lead us not into temptation,**  
but deliver us from evil.  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

## **Pilgrims' Hymn**

Text: Michael Dennis Browne, b. 1940

Music: Stephen Paulus, b. 1949

Even before we call on Your name  
To ask You, O God,  
When we seek for the words to glorify You,  
You hear our prayer;  
Unceasing love, O unceasing love,  
Surpassing all we know.

Glory to the father,  
And to the Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in,  
We breathe Your name,  
And through all the days that follow so fast,  
We trust in You;  
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace,  
Beyond all mortal dream.

Both now and forever,  
And unto ages and ages,  
Amen

*The PRAYER OF THE DAY or a prayer for the season or another prayer may follow, concluding with the PRAYER FOR GRACE.*

## **PRAYER FOR GRACE**

**M:** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C:** Amen.



M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

## Blessing



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - - men.

## Praise the Almighty, My Soul Adore Him

Text: Johann D. Herrnschmidt, 1675-1723

Translation: Alfred E. R. Brauer, 1866-1949, alt.

Tune: *Lobe den Herren, O meine Seele*

Setting: Walter L. Pelz, b. 1929

### All

Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore him!  
Yes, I will laud him until death;  
With songs and anthems I come before him  
As long as he allows me breath.  
From him my life and all things came;  
Bless, O my soul, his holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Choirs

Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal;  
Earth-born they are and soon decay.  
Vain are their counsels at life's last portal,  
When the dark grave engulfs its prey.  
Since mortals can no help afford,  
Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Women of congregation

Blessed, oh, blessed are they forever  
Whose help is from the Lord most high,

Men of congregation

Whom from salvation nothing can sever,  
And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.

All

To all who trust in him, our Lord  
Will aid and counsel now afford.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Choirs

Penitent sinners for mercy crying,  
Pardon and peace from him obtain;  
Ever the wants of the poor supplying,  
Their faithful God he will remain.  
He helps his children in distress,  
The widows and the fatherless.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

All

Praise, all you people, the name so holy  
Of him who does such wondrous things!  
All that has being, to praise him solely,  
With happy heart its amen sings.  
Children of God, with angel host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Presiding Minister

Pastor John C. Boeder

Preacher

Pres. Mark Zarling

Chorale

Prof. Kurt Wittmerhaus

Men's Choir

Dr. Wayne Wagner

Women's Choir

Prof. Robert Potratz

Organist/Pianist:

Instructor Brent Nolte

Cantor:

Tutor Abram Degner

Brass:

Abigail Horn  
Lucas Proeber  
Naomi Schwark  
Aaron Stuedemann

Timpani:

Amy Hankemeier

Guitar:

Caleb Schmiede  
Peter Schlicht