



Eleventh Sunday in Pentecost

August 9, 2026 * 10:00am

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." — Romans 15:13

Worship and Picnic at Keller Regional Park

Pastor Sharon Kelly, Guest Preacher

Barb Rossow, Choir Director

Amy & Adams, Music Leaders

Ellen Hacker, Accompanist

Arlington Hills Lutheran (AHLC), Pastor Walter Still

First Lutheran (FLC), Pastors Chris Olson Bingea & Stanley Ayashim

Grace Lutheran (GLC), Pastor Karen Williams

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran (GALC), Pastors John Hierlinger & Ruthie Mhanga

Our Redeemer Lutheran (ORLC), Pastor Bethany Ketchem

WELCOME

First Lutheran

ONE: Welcome to this shared worship of the Eastside Collaborative Churches. Today we gather from five congregations but around one table, one Spirit and one Lord. We gather beneath God's open sky to celebrate the hope we share in Jesus Christ and the growing relationships among our congregations. Whether you worship regularly with one of our churches, are joining us for the first time, or are simply curious, know this: You are welcome. You belong and hope lives here!

The Land Declaration:

As we gather today, we acknowledge that our churches are located on land that is the ancestral homeland of the Dakota and Anishinaabe people, near the sacred convergence of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers known as B'dote. And here in the bluffs along the Mississippi River, we recognize the land, Wakan Tipi, as the sacred burial grounds of the Dakota people. In knowing the past, we become better caretakers of the earth together today and in the future.

PRELUDE

"Put Your Hand in the Hand"

Gene MacLellan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gustavus Adolphus

ONE: When the waters rise and the winds are strong...

ALL: God is our refuge and our hope.

ONE: When fear whispers that we cannot go on...

ALL: Jesus says, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

ONE: When we gather from many places...

ALL: The Holy Spirit makes us one community.

ONE: When hope seems distant...

ALL: God is already drawing near.

ONE: Come, let us worship the One who walks toward us through every storm, calls us by name and fills us with hope. Amen.

*You may make the sign of the cross on your forehead or your heart
to remember you are beloved.*

Please stand for the Gathering Hymn

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My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.

My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;

let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise

to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the

sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;

for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.

Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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GREETING

Our Redeemer

ONE: The amazing grace of Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, and the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: Let us pray. Steadfast God, You speak peace to your people and call us beyond our fears. When the storms of life threaten to overwhelm us, you come near in Jesus, saying "Take heart, I am here." Plant your hope deeply within us. Strengthen our faith when it wavers. Help us trust your presence even when we cannot see the shore. Gather your church into one body of compassion and courage, that together we may become signs of hope for our neighbors and for the world. Remind us that your love is wider than any boundary, deeper than every fear, and stronger than every storm through Jesus, whose name is love.

ALL: Amen.

Please be seated for the readings

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 85:8-13

Grace Lutheran

(read responsively by whole verse)

ONE: Let me hear what God will speak, for God will speak peace to the people, to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

ALL: Surely salvation is at hand for those who stand in awe, and God's glory will dwell in our land.

ONE: Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; goodness and peace have kissed each other.

ALL: Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and goodness looks down from the sky.

ONE: God will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

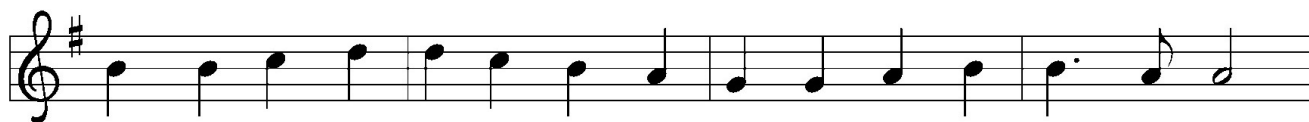
ALL: Goodness will go before the Lord and will make a path for God's steps.

ONE: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

CHOIR ANTHEM**“Song of Hope”**
ESCO Pop-Up Choir**Robert A. Hobby***Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****“Joyful, Joyful we Adore Thee”****ELW# 836**

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- 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,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



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.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

Jesus insisted that the disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side. Having sent the crowds away, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray, remaining there alone as night fell. Meanwhile the boat, already a thousand yards from shore, was being tossed about in the waves which had been raised by the fierce winds. At about three in the morning, Jesus came walking toward them on the lake. When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water, they were terrified. "It is a ghost!" they said, and in their fear they began to cry out. Jesus hastened to reassure them: "Don't worry, it's me! Don't be afraid!" Peter spoke up and said, "If it is really you, tell me to come to you across the water." "Come!" Jesus said. So Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was, he became frightened. He began to sink, and cried out, "Save me!" Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter. "You have so little faith!" Jesus said to him. "Why did you doubt?" Once they had climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat showed great reverence, declaring to Jesus, "You are indeed God's Own!"

ONE: Word of God! Word of Life!

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

Please be seated

SERMON**The Rev. Sharon Kelly**

Please stand for the hymn of the day



HYMN OF THE DAY “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

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- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Arlington Hills Lutheran

ONE: Let us boldly proclaim our faith in our common creed:

**ALL: We are not alone. We live in God's world.
We believe in God who has created and is creating, who has come in
Christ, to reconcile and make new.**

**We trust God, the Holy Spirit, who calls us to be the Church; to love and
serve others; to seek justice and resist evil; to proclaim Jesus, crucified
and risen, Our Redeemer and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

"Hope of All Creation"

First Lutheran



ONE: God of hope, you are our steady companion through every season of life. We pray for people of faith throughout the world. Unite us in proclaiming the good news of God's love for all people. We pray for our East Side Collaborative Churches: Arlington Hills, First, Grace, Gustavus Adolphus, and Our Redeemer. Bless our pastors, musicians, leaders, volunteers, children, youth, and members. Continue to deepen our partnership as we serve our neighbors together.

ALL: Hope of all creation...

ONE: God of hope, we pray for St. Paul's East Side. Bless our neighborhoods, schools, businesses, healthcare workers, first responders, neighborhood organizations, and community leaders. Help us become faithful neighbors whose welcome reflects the love of Christ.

ALL: Hope of all creation...

ONE: God of hope, we pray for those who experience homelessness, hunger, loneliness, grief, addiction, financial hardship, or illness (especially those we know of whom we name out loud or silently now...) Guide all who work for justice, affordable housing, healthcare, food security, and compassionate care.

ALL: Hope of all creation...

ONE: God of hope, we pray for your whole creation. Protect those affected by storms, fires, drought, extreme heat, and changing climates. Teach us to care faithfully for the earth you have entrusted to us. And we pray for peace among nations. Comfort refugees. Protect those caught in war and guide world leaders toward justice and reconciliation.

ALL: Hope of all creation...

ONE: For the prayers we carry silently, for the dreams you are growing among us, for the hopes we have written upon these leaves we gather today, continue shaping us into people of hope. And now into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus, the One who frees us.

ALL: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Gustavus Adolphus

ONE: The peace of God is with you always!

ALL: And also with you.

Take the time to greet those near you with a sign of peace or words of peace.

COMMUNION

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Arlington Hills Lutheran

ONE: For the power of love in human life and history, we give thanks and praise. Long ago our ancestors knew love's power and they became the tellers of love's tale. Love bound them in covenant, teaching them to live in community with compassion and concern for the poorest among them.

Yet centuries of domination and violence shaped a different kind of community based on selfishness and inequality. In the struggle against oppression, Jesus became the face of love, showing us the way to abundant life. In word and deed, He announced love's new reign of justice, reconciliation, and peace. Filled with the courage and passion of love's spirit, He gave his life to challenge the unjust systems of this world.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ONE: On the night of his betrayal and arrest, as he shared a meal with his friends, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his followers, saying: "Share this bread among you; this is my body which will be broken for justice. Do this to remember me."

When supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Share this cup among you; this is my blood which will be shed for liberation. Do this to remember me."

Let us pray together the Lord's Prayer...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

ONE: Jesus welcomed all to the table and continues to invite us today. Whether this congregation is your church home, you are visiting from another congregation, or you are seeking Christ's presence for the first time, you are welcome at this table. Come just as you are. All are welcome. No exceptions!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All Churches

(NOTE: We commune by intinction. Receive a piece of bread and dip it in the red liquid which is wine or the yellow liquid which is grape juice.

And just ask if you need gluten-free bread.

Small children are also welcome to receive the elements).

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Bind Us Together”

WOV# 748

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Refrain

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er in love.

1 There is on - ly one of God. There is
2 You are the fam - 'ly of God. You are the

on - ly one King. There is on - ly one Bod - y;
prom - ise di - vine. You are God's cho - sen de - sire, . . .

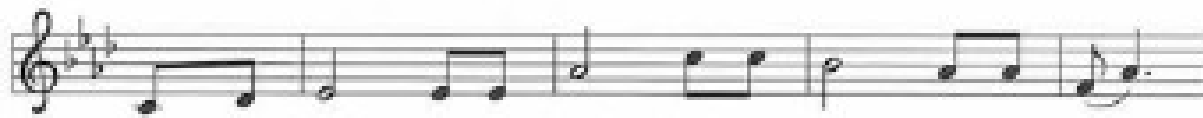
that is why we can sing: you are the glo - rious new wine.

Refrain

Precious Lord

WOV# 731

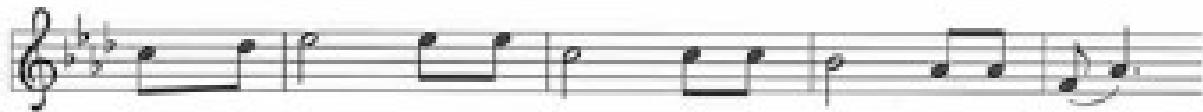
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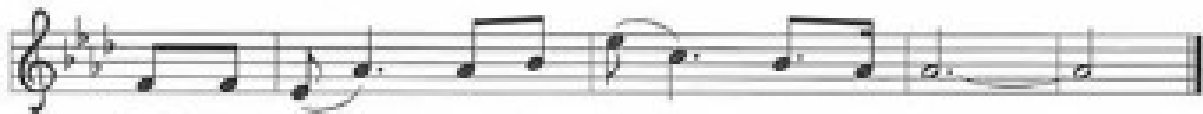
1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

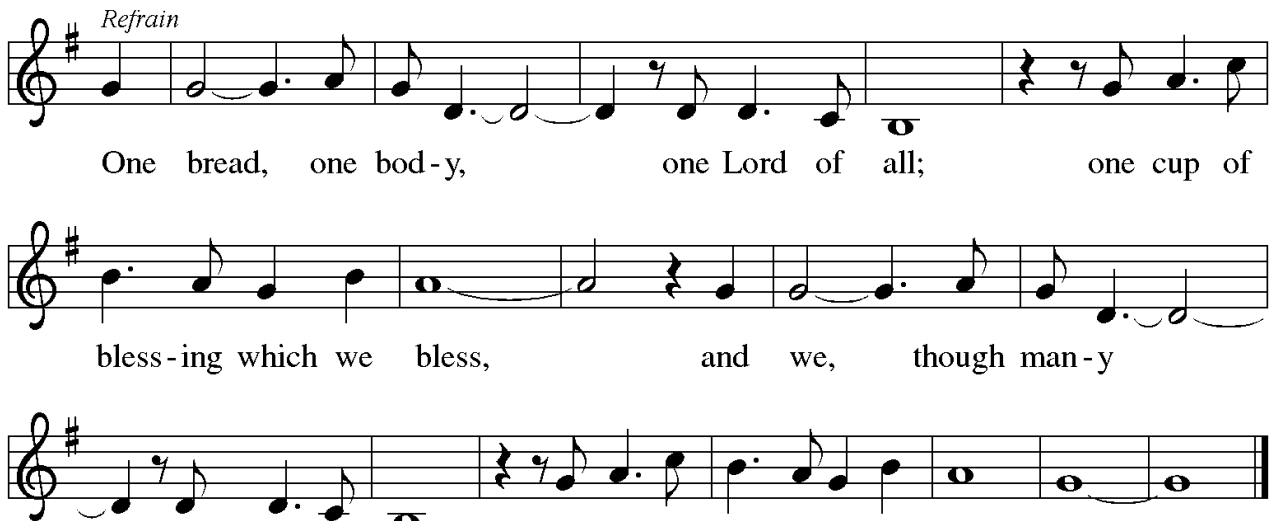
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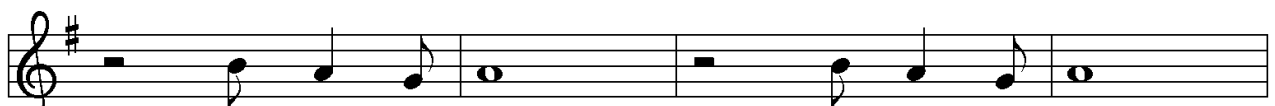
One Bread One Body
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WOV# 710

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



Refrain

wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grace Lutheran

ONE: God of abundance, You have met us at this table with grace upon grace. You have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of hope. Strengthen us now to walk with courage wherever Christ calls us. May the meal we have shared deepen our love for one another, renew our commitment to our neighbors, and send us into the world as people who carry hope, extend welcome, and embody your peace. Through Jesus, the One who frees us.

ALL: Amen.

BLESSING OF THE CONGREGATIONS

Our Redeemer

*(Representatives from each Congregation come forward,
we extend hands in blessing)*

ONE: Let us pray. Gracious God, We thank you for the faithful witness of Arlington Hills Lutheran, First Lutheran, Grace Lutheran, Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran, and Our Redeemer Lutheran. Bless each congregation with wisdom for its leaders, joy in worship, courage in following and leading, generosity in service, and deep love for its neighbors.

Strengthen every volunteer, musician, teacher, council member, staff person, and pastor who shares in this ministry.

Help each congregation continue to grow in faith while discovering the joy of walking together. Where there are differences, grant understanding. Where there is uncertainty, grant courage. Where there is weariness, grant renewed strength. Where there is hope, let it overflow. May our partnership become a witness that the Church is strongest when we pray together, serve together, and proclaim together the good news of Jesus Christ.

By your Holy Spirit, make us one in purpose, rich in compassion, generous in hospitality, and steadfast in hope, so that the people of Saint Paul's East Side may know your love through our shared ministry. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Please stand for the Sending Hymn

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Optional descant

I will call up-on the Lord

I will call up-on the Lord who is wor-ty to be

who is wor-ty to be praised. So shall I be

praised. So shall I be saved from my en - e - mies.

saved from my en - e - mies.

I will call up - on the Lord. The

Lord liv-eth, and bless-ed be the Rock, and let the God of my sal -

va - tion be ex - alt - ed. The Lord liv-eth, and bless - ed be the Rock,

and let the God of my sal - va - tion be ex - alt - ed.

Text: Michael O'Shields

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BENEDICTION

First Lutheran

ONE: May the God of hope fill us with joy and peace today. May Jesus meet us in every storm, steady our steps on uncertain waters, and strengthen our faith when fear arises. May the Holy Spirit send us forth as people of hope—to welcome the stranger, to love our neighbor, to work for justice, and to proclaim the love and peace of Jesus + bless us now and bring us to new life.

ALL: Amen

Please be seated for the Postlude

POSTLUDE

“Peace Like a River”

Amy and Adams

DISMISSAL

TABLE BLESSING FOR THE MEAL

Arlington Hills Lutheran

ONE: And now go in peace! Be love in the world!

ALL: We will! Thanks be to God!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Preaching: Pastor Sharon Kelly

Hosting Congregations:

Arlington Hills Lutheran and First Lutheran - Pastor Chris Binge Olson

Additional Participating Congregations:

Grace Lutheran – Pastor Karen Williams

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran – Pastor John Hierlinger and Pastor Ruthie Mhanga

Our Redeemer Lutheran – Pastor Bethany Ketchem

The Musicians:

Amy and Adams

Combined Choir

Barbara Rossow, Director – Arlington Hills Lutheran Church

Ellen Hacker, Keyboard – First Lutheran

GATHERING HYMN

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!

HYMN OF THE DAY

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

- 1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning, (*Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, (*leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)
leaning on the everlasting arms.

- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929

COMMUNION HYMNS

Bind Us Together

Refrain:

Bind us together Lord, bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together Lord, bind us together
in Love.

1 There is only one God.
There is only one King.
There is only one Body.
That is why we sing. *Refrain*

2 You are the family of God
You are the promise divine
You are God's chosen desire
You are the glorious new wine. *Refrain*

Precious Lord

Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm worn
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light

Refrain: Take my hand, precious Lord Lead me home

In my way grows drear
Precious Lord, linger near
When my life is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand, lest I fall

Refrain

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river, I stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand

Refrain

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One Bread, One Body

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

- 1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*
- 2 Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*
- 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

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SENDING HYMN

I Will Call Upon the Lord

I will call upon the Lord
who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my enemies.
I will call upon the Lord.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

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**Thank you everyone who planned, participated and joined in
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