

# Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church

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Mission Statement:

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church is a community of faith grounded in love for God and love for our neighbors



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***3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

***Julie Varilek, Accompanist***

**Prelude: "This Is My Father's World" arr. Lorie Line**

## **Welcome, Friends in Christ,**

*To assist in worship, this bulletin includes all portions of our service; prayers, readings, hymns, congregational responses in **bold**.*

*We also provide activity bags for children. You may request these from an usher to use during the service.*

*Whether you are first time visitors or long time friends returning to share in worship with us, we are grateful for your presence today.*

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## **Welcome: Pastor Todd Bertani**

### **Call to Worship: "Worship God with Music" by Natalie Sleeth**

*(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)*

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,† one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*(Brief silence for reflection)*

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins.**

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

**In your mercy, call us back to you.**

**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.  
Rest in God's love.

**Amen.**

## Opening Hymn: "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet" *Hymn 523*

*Refrain*

Let us go now to the banquet, to the  
feast of the universe. The table's set and a place is  
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -  
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all  
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm  
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

*Refrain*

walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.  
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

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Music: VAMOS TODOS AL BANQUETE, Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955  
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# Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

# Kyrie

*(Congregation sings the highlighted text)*

*Assistant:*  
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*Congregation:*  
**Refrain** Lord, have mer - cy.

*3rd time to Coda* ⊕

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

*Assistant:*  
For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the  
For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you  
world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the  
praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the

⊕ *Coda* **Refrain**  
Help, save, and de - fend us, O

\* *Ending for Kyrie*  
God.  
A - - - - - men.

# Now The Feast

(Refrain, Verse 1, Refrain)

## Refrain

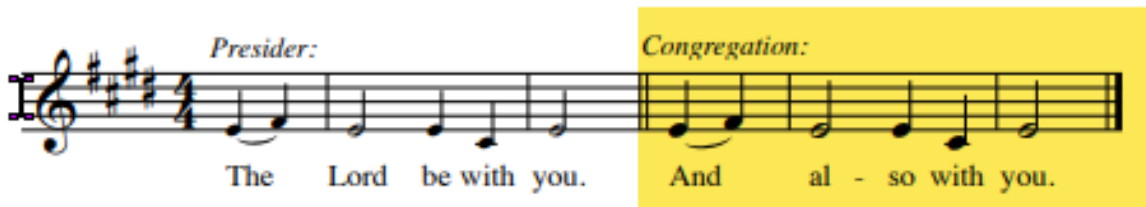
*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

## Verse 1

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
God. *to Refrain*

## Salutation



Presider: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

God of compassion, **you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## First Reading: Ruth 2:1-23

<sup>1</sup>Now Naomi had a kinsman on her husband's side, a prominent rich man of the family of Elimelech whose name was Boaz. <sup>2</sup>And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain behind someone in whose sight I may find favor." She said to her, "Go, my daughter." <sup>3</sup>So she went. She came and gleaned in the field behind the reapers. As it happened, she came to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. <sup>4</sup>Just then Boaz came from Bethlehem. He said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you." They answered, "The Lord bless you." <sup>5</sup>Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, "To whom does this young woman belong?" <sup>6</sup>The young man who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the young Moabite woman who came back with Naomi from the country of

Moab. <sup>7</sup> She said, 'Please, let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the reapers.' So she came, and she has been on her feet from early this morning until now without resting even for a moment."

<sup>8</sup> Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. <sup>9</sup> Keep your eyes on the field that is being reaped and follow behind them. I have ordered the young men not to bother you. If you get thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn." <sup>10</sup> Then she fell prostrate, with her face to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?" <sup>11</sup> But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. <sup>12</sup> May the Lord reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!" <sup>13</sup> Then she said, "May I continue to find favor in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, even though I am not one of your servants."

<sup>14</sup> At mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here and eat some of this bread and dip your morsel in the sour wine." So she sat beside the reapers, and he heaped up for her some parched grain. She ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over. <sup>15</sup> When she got up to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, "Let her glean even among the standing sheaves, and do not reproach her. <sup>16</sup> You must also pull out some handfuls for her from the bundles and leave them for her to glean, and do not rebuke her."

<sup>17</sup> So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. <sup>18</sup> She picked it up and came into the town, and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gleaned. Then she took out and gave her what was left over after she herself had been satisfied. <sup>19</sup> Her mother-in-law said to her, "Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had

worked, saying, “The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz.”<sup>20</sup> Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, “Blessed be he by the Lord, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!” Naomi also said to her, “The man is a relative of ours, one of our nearest kin.”<sup>21</sup> Then Ruth the Moabite said, “He even said to me, ‘Stay close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.’ ”<sup>22</sup> Naomi said to Ruth, her daughter-in-law, “It is better, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, otherwise someone might bother you in another field.”<sup>23</sup> So she stayed close to the young women of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests, and she lived with her mother-in-law.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 107:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble

<sup>3</sup> and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

<sup>4</sup> Some wandered in desert wastes,  
finding no way to an inhabited town;  
<sup>5</sup> hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

<sup>6</sup> Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress;

<sup>7</sup> he led them by a straight way,  
until they reached an inhabited town.

<sup>8</sup> Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
for his wonderful works to humankind.

<sup>9</sup> For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

*(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)*

## Gospel Acclamation

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

## Gospel: Luke 6:36-38

The holy gospel according to Luke Chapter 6.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup> “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

## Sermon: Pastor Todd Bertani “Kindness Poured Out”

### Sermon Notes:

## Sermon Hymn: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" Hymn 588



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;  
3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea - sures of our mind;



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.  
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.  
Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

## Apostle's Creed

**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.

### **Intercessory Prayer**

Each petition ends: “God of grace”  
Response is “hear our prayer.”

### **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**Choir Anthem: “Standin’ in the Need of Prayer”** *setting by Joel Raney*

### **Receiving of Gifts**

*(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)*



# As the Grains of Wheat

## Refrain

*Congregation:*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath-ered in - to one in you.

## Verses

1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst  
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when  
*to Refrain*  
may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.



## Offering Prayer

Loving God,  
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.  
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,  
so that all creation can taste your abundance.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.  
Amen.

## Great Thanksgiving *(Congregation sings highlighted text)*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al-so with you.

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts. *Congregation:* We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Congregation:* It is

right to give God thanks and praise.



# Preface

*Presider:*

It is our duty and de - light that we should everywhere and always offer  
thanks and praise to you, O God, through Je - sus Christ...  
who calls us to follow his way of humble service ...and so with the church on earth, all creation and the  
and love,  
host of heaven we praise your name and join their un - end - ing  
*in rhythm* *To Holy, Holy*  
hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

## “Holy, Holy, Holy”

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## Eucharistic Prayer

You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God;  
everything is filled with your glory.

We give you thanks for your promise and presence which have  
sustained the faithful in this and every generation.

Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and  
deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation and peace.

On the night of his betrayal 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.

After the 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death,  
his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again,  
even as we cry:

## Eucharistic Acclamation

*Presider:*

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A -

*Congregation:*

men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord

Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that all of your promises may come to us  
and your whole creation.

*Presider:*

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A -

*Congregation:*

men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.  
And now, make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba  
as we pray:

## The Lord's Prayer

**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. 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.**

## Invitation to Communion

Heaven has come near.  
Come, share in the feast!

*We commune by 'Intinction', by dipping the wafer in wine or grape juice.  
We are **all** guests at God's table. **Everyone** is invited to receive communion.*

*(Please be seated)*

# Lamb of God

*Congregation:*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
you break the chains of ha - tred and  
you are the way of jus - tice and  
you are the way of mer - cy and

*Congregation:*



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
fear:  
peace:  
love.

**Final Stanza**



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

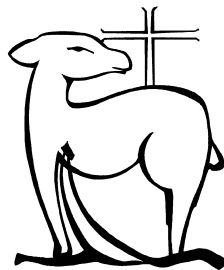
*Congregation:*



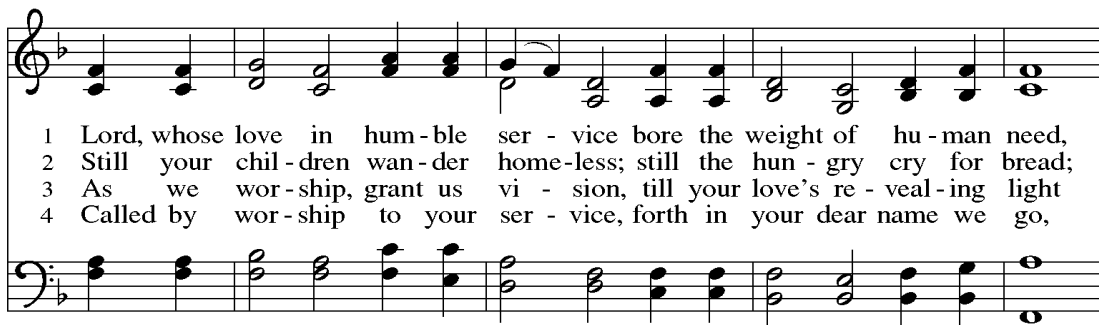
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



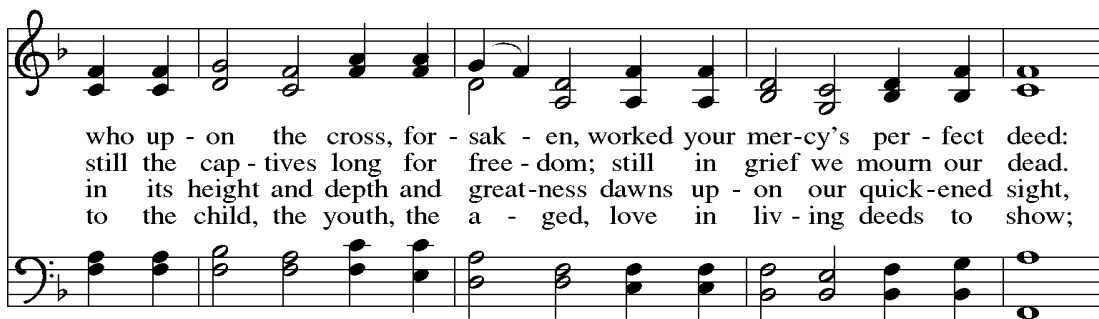
grant us peace, grant us peace.



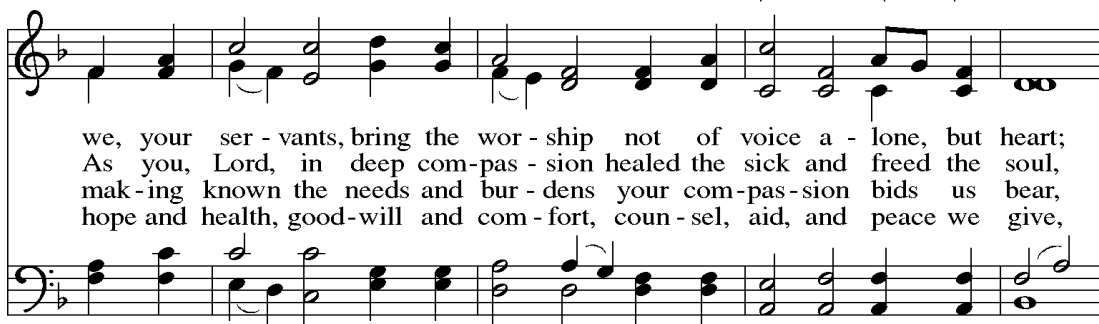
## Communion Hymn: "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" Hymn 712



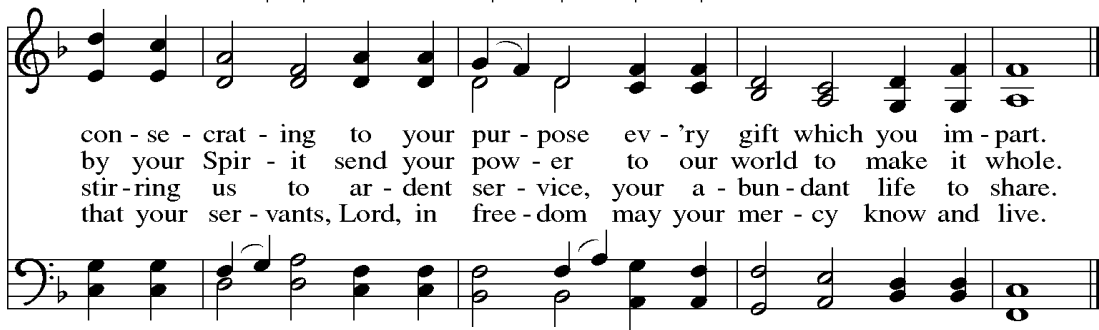
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,  
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light  
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:  
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,  
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
 hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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 Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985  
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## Post Communion Blessing

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen.**

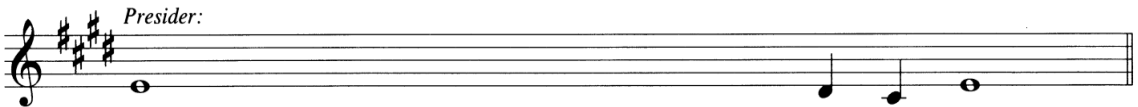
## Post Communion Prayer

Compassionate God,  
through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## Ministry Highlights

*(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)*

## Blessing



May God bless us and keep us.  
May God's face shine on us and be gracious to us.  
May God look on us with favor and + give us peace.



## Sending Hymn: "O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate" Hymn 722

1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.  
 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,  
 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,

Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.  
 so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.  
 that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.

The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme  
 Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,  
 We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield

to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.  
 and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.  
 that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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**Sending:** .... go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: "He Is Exalted" Twila Paris**