



Day of Pentecost



***Welcome to
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Fired Up!

Acts 2:1-21



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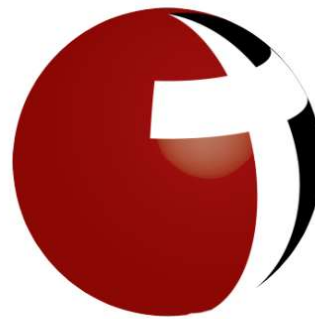


Psalm 104:24-35

Pentecost

WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU JOINED US



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***“Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it”
- Unknown***

Have a safe and happy Memorial Day

A Memorial Day banner featuring a dark blue background with a repeating pattern of small white stars. The text "MEMORIAL DAY" is centered in a white, serif font, flanked by two horizontal white lines, each with a small white star above it. Below the text, there are five larger white stars of varying sizes arranged in a slight arc. At the bottom of the banner, the stripes of the American flag (red and white) are visible, along with a portion of the blue field with stars.

MEMORIAL DAY

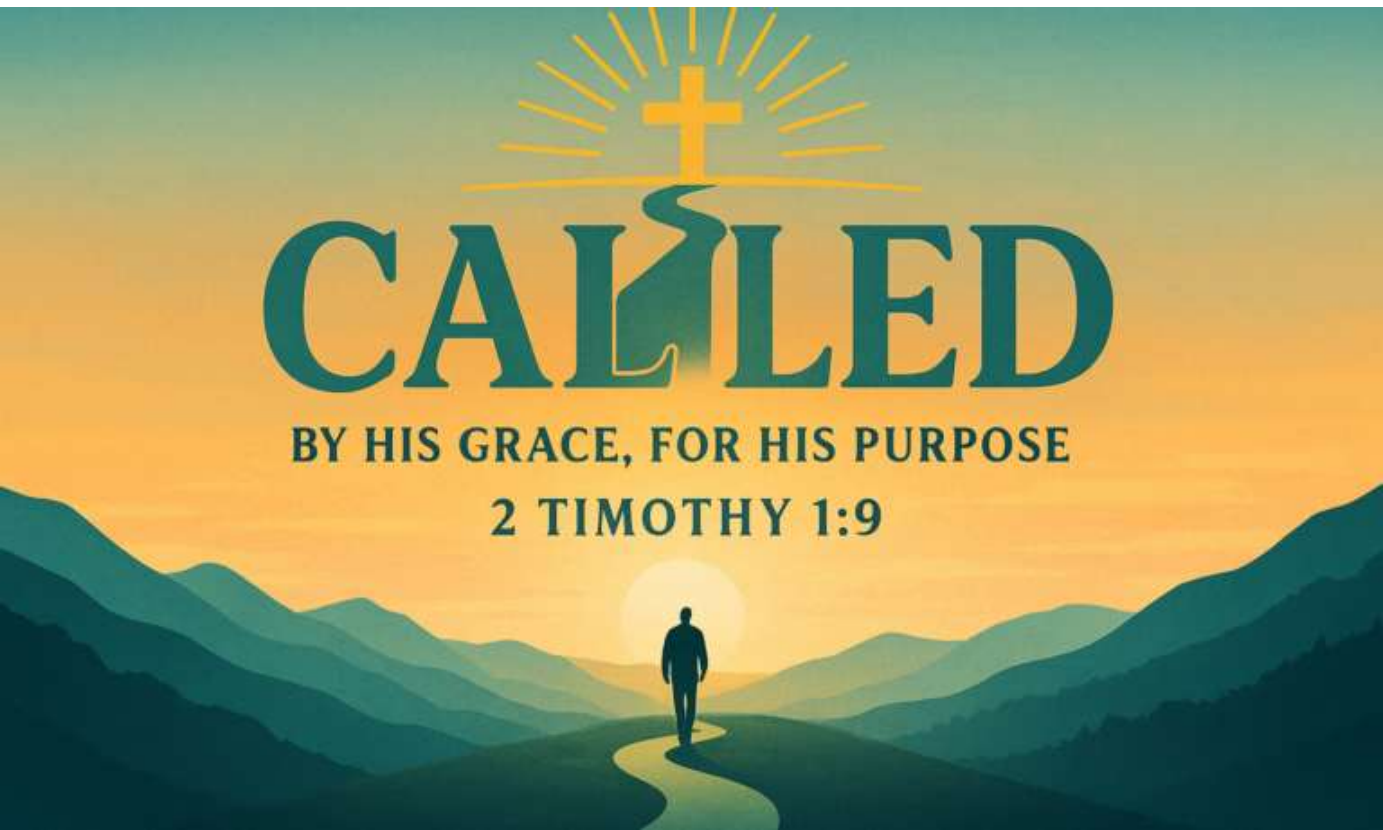
REMEMBER AND HONOR



**No
BRUNCH
Today**

**Brunch will resume
on May 31st**





CALLED
BY HIS GRACE, FOR HIS PURPOSE
2 TIMOTHY 1:9

St. Paul
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Taylor, TX
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Mark Your Calendar!

2026 Annual TX District Gathering, July 24-25

St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Braunfels, Texas



PRAY FOR: MOUNTAIN REGION CHURCH

We pray together that the flames of Holy Spirit revival would ignite a church in the Mountain region.

“He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.”

Acts 11:14



WORLD MISSION PRAYER LEAGUE

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INTRODUCTION

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts.

Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to
come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of
life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and
resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of
life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of
baptism,
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor
and praise,
now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Song

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

Hymn # 398

**¹ Holy Spirit, truth divine,
dawn upon this soul of mine;
breath of God and inward
light,
wake my spirit, clear my sight.**

Hymn # 398

**³ Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,
fortify this will of mine;
by your will I strongly live,
bravely bear, and nobly strive.**

Hymn # 398

**Final Holy Spirit, right divine,
king within my conscience
reign;
be my guide, and I shall be
firmly bound, forever free.**

Hymn # 398

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

And also with you.

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy.

Glory To God

*Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on
earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your
glory.
[Refrain]*

[Refrain]

*Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on
earth.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated
at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.*

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

*Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on
earth.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord
you alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the
glory of God the Father. Amen.*

[Refrain]

[Refrain]

*Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on
earth, and peace to God's people
on earth.*

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?”

⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

24 How manifold are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

25 **Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶ There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

**²⁷ All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.**

²⁸ You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good
things.

**²⁹ When you hide your face, they are
terrified;
when you take away their breath, they
die and return to their dust.**

³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

**³¹ May the glory of the Lord endure
forever;**

O Lord, rejoice in all your works.

³² You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

**³³ I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my
being.**

³⁴ May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in the Lord.

^{35b} **Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

^{3b} No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia.

You have the words of eternal Life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to John 20:19-23

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



CHILDREN'S
SERMON

Sermon

Rev. Dr. George R. Qualley

COME, HOLY SPIRIT



Hymn of the Day (Verse 1 and 2)

“Baptized in Water”

Hymn # 456

**¹ Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of
Christ our king:**

Hymn # 456

**heirs of salvation,
trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we
sing.**

Hymn # 456

**² Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ
our king:**

Hymn # 456

**one with his rising,
freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise
we sing.**

Hymn # 456



Please be seated.

PRESENTATION

*Candidate for baptism, sponsors, and parents
gather with the minister at the font.*

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

I present Mason Eugene Schwettman for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your *child* baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring your *child* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *him* among God's faithful people,
bring *him* to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach *him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the
Ten Commandments,

place in *his* hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture *him* in faith and prayer,
so that your *child* may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your *child* grow in the
Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Mason Eugene Schwettman and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

Mason Eugene Schwettman, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain *Mason Eugene Schwettman* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Mason Eugene Schwettman, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ
and into the mission we share: join us in
giving thanks and praise to God and
bearing God's creative and redeeming
word to all the world.**

Hymn of the Day (continued – Final Verse)

“Baptized in Water”

Hymn # 456

**Final Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ
our king:**

Hymn # 456

**born of the spirit,
we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praise we
sing.**

Hymn # 456

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

O God, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and we remember our friends and family members before you.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

O Lord, we remember the fallen soldiers who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom. We come before you and ask healing for their families and protection over all those serving in our military, especially those now serving in our war with Iran. May we live every day in gratitude for the freedoms we share.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for all our military, especially those deployed. We keep in our prayers all the Wounded Warriors that have returned home to heal. We pray for our missionary Liv in the Middle East, serving with the World Mission Prayer League, and for our sister congregation at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Irvine, California.

Today we also give you thanks for St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Point Comfort, Texas. Bless their work for your Kingdom's sake.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief.
We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith
whose witness to your mighty works continues to
inspire our lives.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these
prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all
the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Amen.

Canticle of Thanksgiving

Refrain ***Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb for ever and
ever.***

¹ Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe; just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations.

Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name?

Refrain **Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and
ever.**

***2 For you alone are the Holy One,
and blessed is the one whose
name is the Word of God.
All praise and thanks to you, holy
God!***

Refrain **Salvation belongs to our God
and to Christ the Lamb forever and
ever.**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you
peace.

Amen.

Sending Song

“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

Hymn # 400

**¹ God of tempest, God of
whirlwind,
as on Pentecost descend!**

Hymn # 400

**Drive us out from sheltered
comfort;
past these walls your people
send!**

Hymn # 400

**Sweep us into costly service,
there with Christ to bear the
cross,
there with Christ to bear the
cross!**

Hymn # 400

**2 God of blazing, God of
burning,
all that blocks your purpose,
purge!**

Hymn # 400

**Through your church, Christ's
living Body,
let your flaming Spirit surge!**

Hymn # 400

**Where deceit conceals injustice,
kindle us to speak your truth,
kindle us to speak your truth!**

Hymn # 400

**³ God of earthquake, God of
thunder,
shake us loose from lethargy!**

Hymn # 400

**Break the chains of sin asunder,
for earth's healing set us free!**

Hymn # 400

**Crumble walls that still divide
us;
make us one in Christ our Lord,
make us one in Christ our Lord!**

Hymn # 400

**Final God of passion, God
unsleeping,
stir in us Love's restlessness!**

Hymn # 400

**Where the people cry in
anguish,
may we share your heart's
distress.**

Hymn # 400

**Rouse us from content with evil;
claim us for your kingdom's
work,
claim us for your kingdom's
work!**

Hymn # 400

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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