

Holy Eucharist

July 7, 2024

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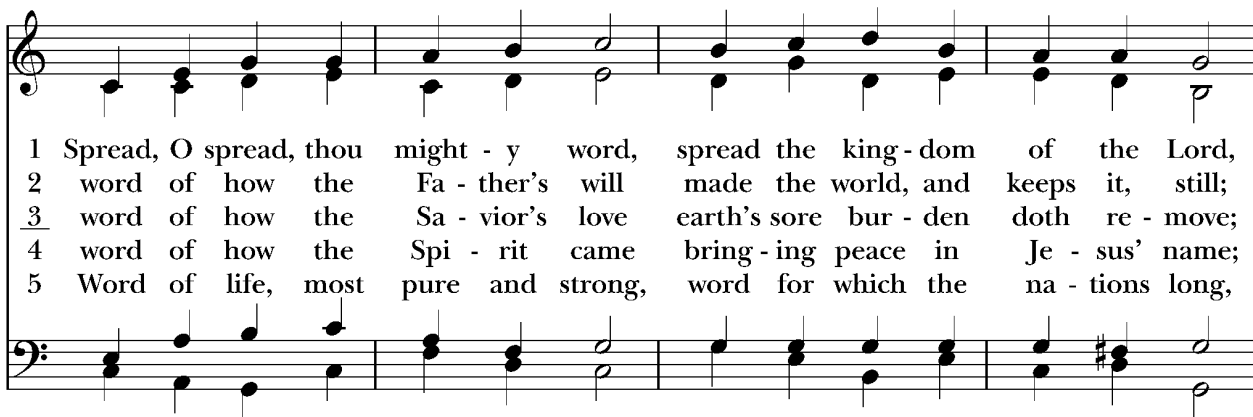
Prelude

All stand as they are able

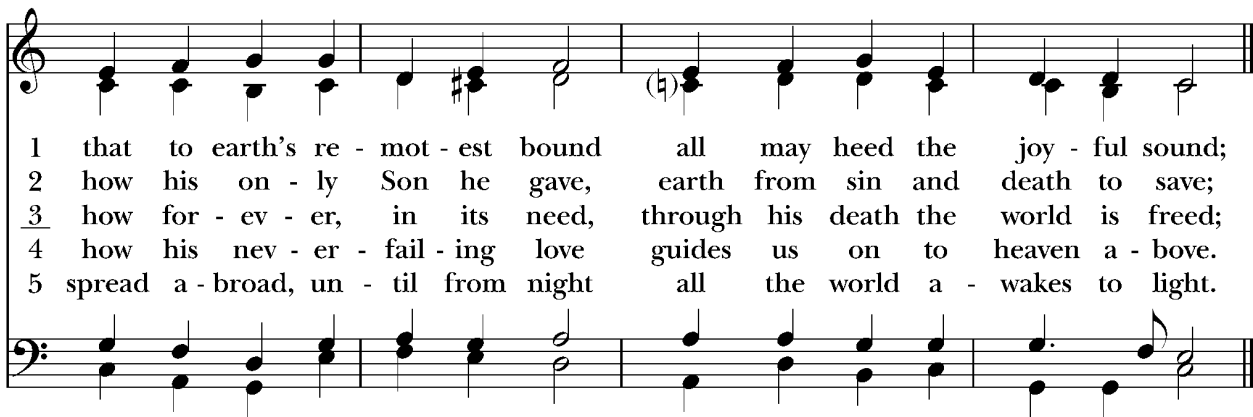
Opening Hymn

Hymnal 530

Spread, oh spread thy mighty word



1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,



1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.
5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

Presider Blessed be God: + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Presider begins the Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: **Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
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.
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.
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.**

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

First Reading

Ezekiel 2:1-5

A Reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

¹[The LORD] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated

Psalm 123

to be prayed in unison

- ¹To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
²As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
³So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until the Holy One show us mercy.
⁴Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
⁵Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Corinth.

²I know a person in Christ who, fourteen years ago, was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise, and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

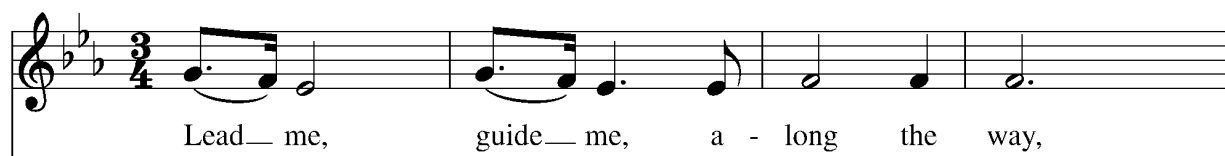
People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

LEVAS 194

Lead me, guide me



For if you lead me, I can not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

Fine
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and power to
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, be my

1. help me o - ver my weak - est hour; Help me
2. aid when sa - tan and sin op - press; I am

1. through the dark - ness thy face to see,
2. put - ting all my trust in thee.

D.C.
1. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
2. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:1-13

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.



Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Bill Stech

All then stand as they are able.

Nicene Creed

Presider Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**
**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

All remain standing as they are able.

Prayers of the People

Presider Sisters and brothers, children of God, our blessed Creator has filled the world with beauty, and our lives with precious freedom. Pray that we may be granted a spirit of gratitude for all that we have. Keep us ever mindful of those whose lives are challenged and limited by oppression and poverty.

Intercessor Holy One, you have claimed us for yourself and brought us close to your heart. Let your church rise to sing your praise as we align ourselves with your mission. Keep us mindful of those whose hearts yearn for you and for those who are persecuted around the world in your name. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Silence is kept.

We raise voices of thanksgiving for all of your grace toward us, and for our abundant blessings especially for the election of our new Presiding Bishop, Sean Rowe [and _____].

We thank you for bodies and minds, for friendships that nurture and challenge us. Keep us mindful of those who live in pain, or fear, or isolation [especially_____]. Strengthen our resolve to bring your love into their lives, to surround them with compassion.

We give thanks for those we have known and loved, and who now are in your eternal embrace [especially_____]. Keep us mindful of those who are dying, and keep alive the lessons of love we have learned from them. **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Silence is kept

Presider Reassure our hearts, O God, with the comfort of your guiding presence, that we may know that you are with us, and we will fear no evil. Strengthen us to join in the Spirit's work of

leading all people into your divine abundant love, that goodness and mercy may follow us all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Presider says to the people

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” *Mark 12:29-31*

Let us confess our sins to God.

All remain standing, or kneel, as they are able.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

A Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

All stand as they are able

Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and the People may offer God’s peace to one another in the name of the Lord.

The People then are seated.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Presider.

The people stand as they are able when the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Offertory Hymn

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The people remain standing as they are able

Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people continue to stand, or kneel, as they are able.

The Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them **+** by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us **+** also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Presider then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Presider says

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

These are the gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

When all who desire have received, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

A priest blesses the people, saying

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God;

and the blessing of + God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Concluding Hymn

Lord, you give the great commission

WLP 780

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; "I am

sick and preach the word." Lest the church ne -
 name bap - tize and teach." That the world may
 what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as
 with you to the end." Faith and hope and

glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -
 trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for
 pri - vate trea - sure all that you so free - ly
 love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in -

heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
 each, give us all new fer - With the Spir - it's
 give. May your care and mer -
 tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,

Refrain

with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.
 clos - er in com - mun - i - ty.
 to a just so - ci - e - ty.
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.

gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

Dismissal

Minister And now, my siblings in Christ, I bid you go out as did St Barnabas,
 the Encourager. Go out with joy and in peace, to love and serve our Lord.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

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This week in prayer

Please remember these persons and congregations in your prayers this week:

Our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Sean, Justin, Moises (TEC); Elizabeth, Donald and Craig (ELCA)

and for all priests, deacons, Ministry Teams, and those in formation

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

July 7 The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Diocese of Michigan Cycle of Prayer:

July 7 Church at Crossroads, Detroit; St Luke's, Ferndale; Church of the Great Commission, Doña Lila, DR

St Barnabas Cycle of Prayer: Jan V, Joseph, David, Marion

and our continuing prayers for: Jim M, Mardi, Pat, Robert, Selenah

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Faith in Action provides leadership in collecting donations to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They are in need of our continuing help. You may bring your donations to FIA, or to Nancy who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*, with "St Barnabas" on the memo line. The **next Food Drive** is Sunday, **July 21**. In the Spirit of Jesus, please contribute as generously as you can.

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Upcoming Commemorations

July 8 Priscilla and Aquila, Co-workers of the Apostle Paul

11 Benedict of Nursia, Monastic, c.543

12 Nathan Söderblom: Archbishop of Uppsala and Ecumenist, 1931

13 Conrad Weiser: Witness to Peace and Reconciliation, 1760

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BIBLE STUDIES
THAT WORK

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Impudent and stubborn! Lord, keep those epithets from ever describing us. Alas, like the children of Israel, we rebel against God daily, and God knows it. Whether it's our idolatrous love of worldly goods and money, our destruction of the natural world, our resentment of other people, or any number of sins, these rebellions are noted by God. But there is hope. God sends prophets like Ezekiel to call us back. God calls our priests, pastors, and teachers, our parents, friends, and neighbors to call us back. God sends his very son to call us back. And we can rest assured, even if we've *frequently* strayed *far* off the path, that we are never so far away that God will stop calling.

- When have you rebelled against God?
- How have you been called back toward God?

Psalm 123

There are times when we look around the world and see only devastation. The litany of things that are wrong with the world could go on forever – maybe this very week, you’ve made the familiar list of failures from yourself, those closest to you, and your community. If you spend your time cataloging these things, you’ll have precious little time to do anything else.

Of those failures, there are plenty that can be solved and plenty that cannot. We can and should work on ourselves, tapping into the virtues that God calls us to live. We can and should develop and refashion our advocacy, ministry, and relationships based on those virtues. And perhaps most importantly, we can and should – we must! – cast our eyes on God, asking for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to guide our hearts and minds in everything we do to address the problems in our lives.

- What lines from this psalm stick out to you? Why?

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.”

What a challenge. Again, God speaks to us through the ages, right through the channel he selected. The words are at once both tremendously reassuring and horrifyingly difficult: God tells us, through Paul, that some of our failures, our frustrations, our miseries will not end on this side of Jordan. Much as we might fervently pray – and God knows Paul did! – we may need to continue on in faith, enduring certain limitations, even calamities. This is a hard sell in a society in which happiness is (endlessly) just one purchase, one pill, one simple trick away. But how reassuring that God’s amazing grace and all-encompassing power are sufficient for us. Many of those flashy purchases, many of those wonder pills, many of those simple little tricks prey on our (just as endless) fears and anxieties. God steps in and says, “Don’t worry. The most important things I have already handled on your behalf.”

- What is your first reaction when you read, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness”?

Mark 6:1-13

In this passage, Jesus returns to his hometown for a lukewarm welcome. As the crowd listens in the synagogue, they’re incredulous. Who does this guy think he is? Does he think he’s better than us? We know where he came from, who his people are. And now he thinks he can lecture us? Thinks he can impress us? Pretty rich stuff! The people’s refusal to believe, their stubbornness and fear of being put to shame by this guy precludes them from seeing the miracle right in front of their faces.

So, what does our Lord do? He moves on to the next villages – likely less cosmopolitan and less exciting – with his disciples. This can be instructive for us; in Matthew Henry’s 18th-century commentary, he explains, “If we cannot do good where we would, we must do it where we can, and be glad if we may have any opportunity, though but in the villages, of serving Christ and souls.” May it be so.

- Where would you like to serve? What impediments stand in your way, and how could you overcome them?
- What other lessons can we learn from this episode?

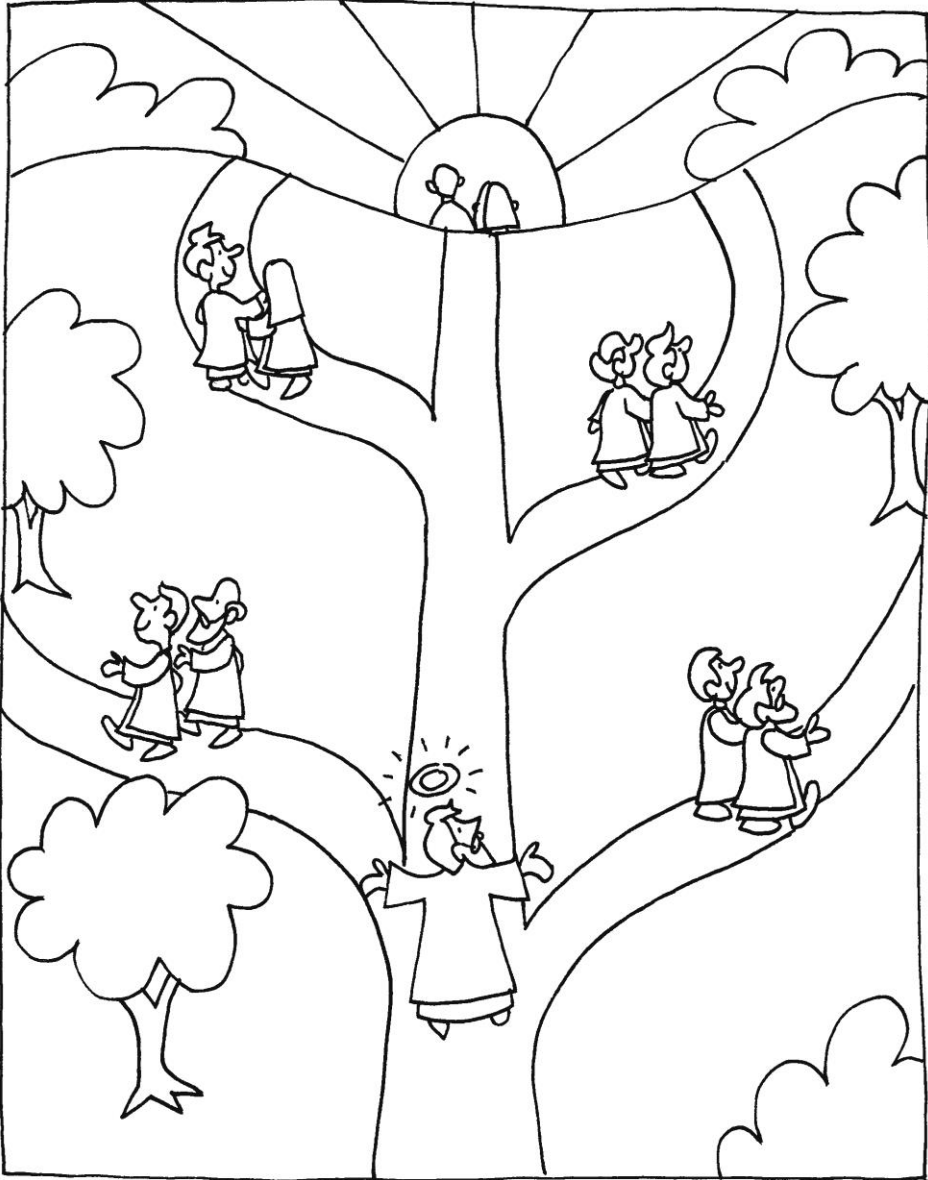
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Closing Hymn found at *Wonder, love and praise* #780

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Our Mission:

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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