

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table, we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

*Worship leaders' parts are in regular font.
Responses of the assembly are in bold font.*

Notations

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+ Gathering +

Prelude Music

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

**Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy,
abounding in steadfast love.**

Amen

**Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.**

(kneel - Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Eternal God our creator,

in you we live and move and have our being.

Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

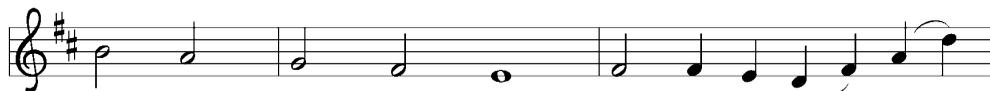
**Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins.**

Amen.

Give to Our God Immortal Praise!



1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
 2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
 3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of



truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to
 dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
 kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er



God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Greeting

(stand)

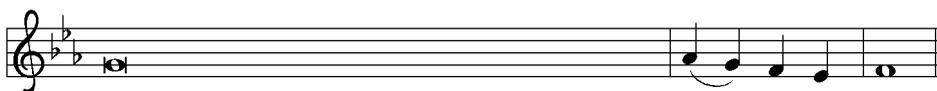
**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
 And also with you.**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



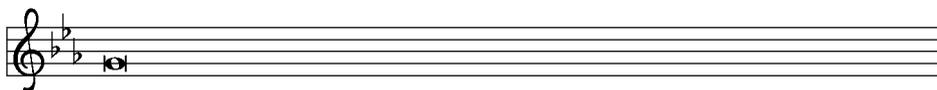
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



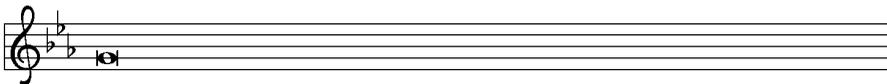
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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

(sit)

+ Word +

First Reading:

Exodus 19:2-8a

At Sinai God assured Israel, "You shall be my treasured possession," and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God's will.

²[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a}The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

After the First Reading the following will be said:

Word of God, Word of Life!

Thanks be to God!

Psalm

(Congregation: refrain and verses in bold print)

Psalm 100:1-5

(red print can be sung by pastor or soloist if available)

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all you lands!

²Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence | with a song.

³Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom | we belong; we are God's people and the sheep | of God's pasture.

⁴Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the | courts with praise;

give thanks and bless God's | holy name.

⁵Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is | everlasting,

whose faithfulness endures from | age to age.

Second Reading:

Romans 5:1-8

We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God, because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death. A tested character has been forged for us which empowers endurance in the midst of suffering and hope for final salvation.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

After the Second Reading the following will be said:

Word of God, Word of Life!

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation: *(stand - sung)*

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

(Proper verse is sung by a soloist followed again by the four-fold Alleluia)

(red print can be sung by pastor or soloist if available)

**The kingdom of God | has come near;
repent, and believe in | the good news.**

Gospel: *(stand)*

Matthew 9:35--10:8

The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.

The Gospel is announced:

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Children of the Heavenly Father

Truggare kan ingen vara

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, fã - geln ej i kãn - da nãs - tet.
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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Apostles' Creed *(stand)***With the whole church, let us confess our faith.****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.

Prayers of Intercession *(stand)*

Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the mending of God's world.

We remember those within the Trinity family who are sick, hospitalized, or in special need, especially . . .

We remember those who are serving in the armed forces, especially . . .

We remember those outside the Trinity membership who are sick, hospitalized, or in special need, especially . . .

A brief silence.

Steadfast God, you send your church as laborers into your harvest. Heal our divisions and unite us in mission. Make us one at your table. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Faithful Creator, protect your earth and breathe life into its future. Stir our hearts to compassion, that we become healers for the sake of your whole creation as it is made new. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy One, you desire peace for all nations. Give rulers and citizens wisdom in the use of power, that wars may cease and all who suffer exile, hunger, and terror find safe haven. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Compassionate One, you have brought us to yourself. Stay near to all who suffer broken hearts, fearful spirits, and disruptive illness. Bring healing and hope to your people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abba, Father, your love for your children is boundless. Bless all who father among us and all who yearn for a protective father. Grant wisdom, patience, and good humor. Thank you for those who have shown us fatherly care. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Living Lord, all who live and all who die belong to you. Thank you for all whose lives have witnessed to your glory. Comfort all who mourn. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

+ Meal +

Offering

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

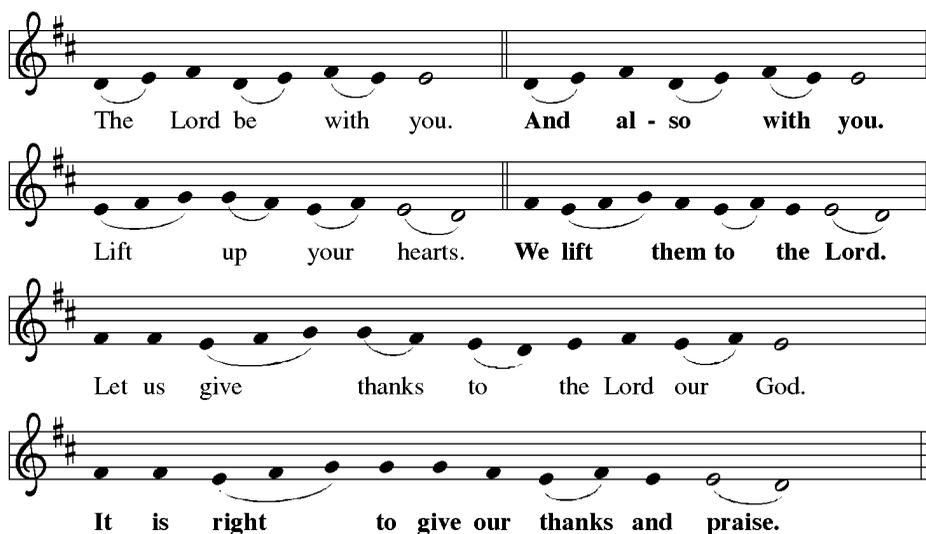
Merciful God,

you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us.

Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it.

Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

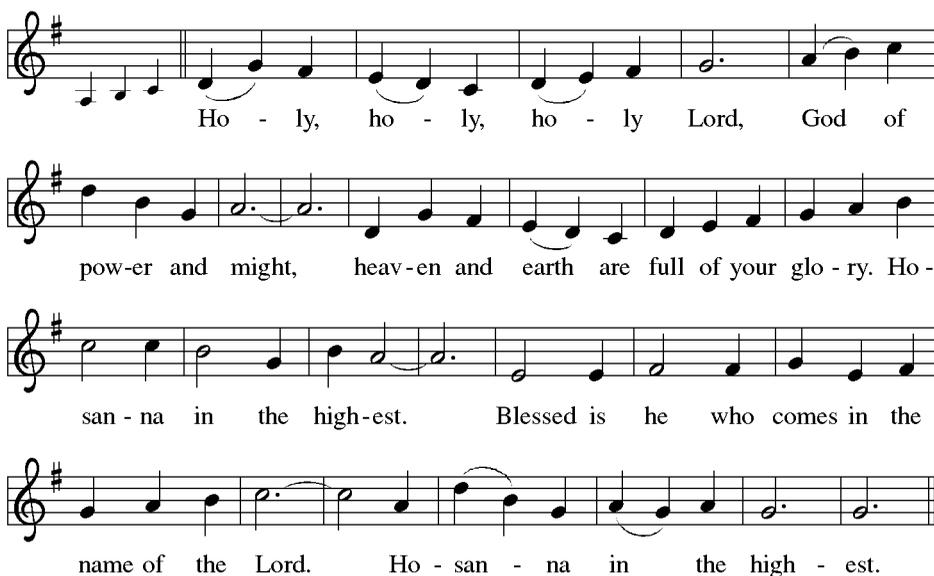


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.**

**Who on this day overcame death and the grave,
And by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.**

**And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.**

**In the night in which he was betrayed,
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.**

**Again, after 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.**

**Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection,
and ascension, we await his coming in glory.**

**Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this
heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our
Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (stand)

**Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught
us.**

**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**

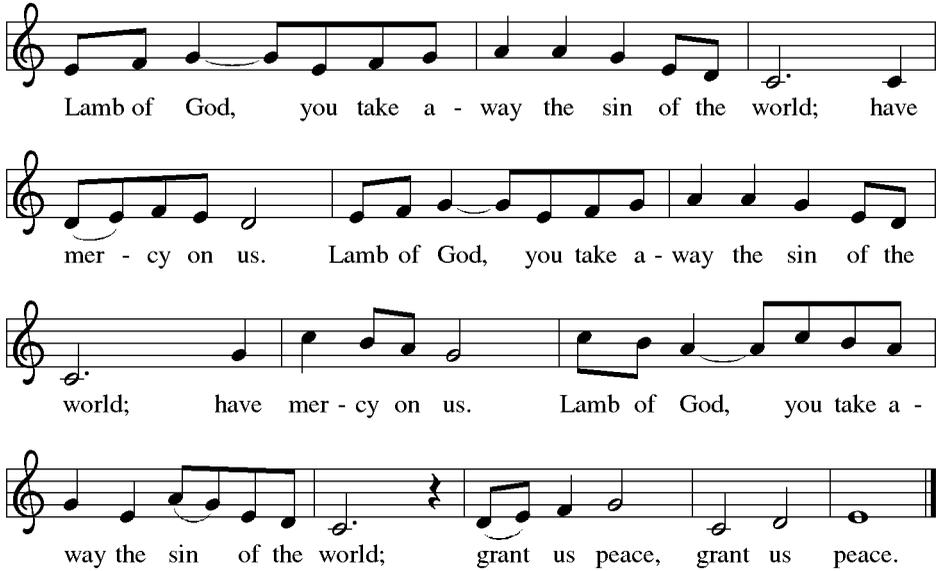
Invitation to Communion (stand)

**Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together.**

Communion Song

(stand)

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Distribution of the Sacrament

If you have been baptized, have received your First Communion, and share our belief in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament, you are invited to receive Holy Communion. The Eucharist will be distributed by *intinction* (*the wafer dipped into the wine*). Please come to the altar at the direction of the ushers.

Children not receiving holy communion are invited to come to the communion rail to receive a blessing. They should bow their heads for the blessing as they are approached by the pastor.

Post-Communion Blessing:

(stand)

The Body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

Song after Communion

(stand - sung)

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Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

Prayer After Communion

(stand)

Let us pray.

**Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
you have given us not only this bread and cup,
but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.
Filled again by these signs of your grace,
may we hunger for your reign of justice,
may we thirst for your way of peace,
for you are Lord forevermore.**

Amen

+ Sending +

Blessing:

(stand)

**May God, whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine,
grant you the gifts of faith and hope.
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.**

Amen

How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

Dismissal

(stand)

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

Have Courage, Take Heart

By the time he pulled together his disciples and spelled out the mission he had for them, Jesus had become rather famous. His exciting tour throughout the villages and countryside of Galilee drew huge crowds eager to hear any good news that mattered in their burdened lives. He attracted staggering parades of people offering him their pain and long-lost hopes. By most any standard his mission looked immensely successful and wildly popular. Who would not want to ride the thrilling wave of a movement so promising? Imagine, then, how shocking his instructions to the disciples must have sounded when he told them what to expect in the future. Suddenly Jesus exposed their need for courage!

The English word *courage* comes from the old Norman French word *coeur*, meaning “heart.” Courage to go where Jesus leads is a matter of the heart. It is beautiful, holy, courage that not only proclaims the good news but, yes, does the good news! Impart wholeness to the afflicted; unearth life where it is buried; expose the beauty in the untouchables; embrace the despised outcasts; and defy the faces and fists of evil. Jesus’ courage takes heart!

Jesus gives instructions and Jesus makes promises, both unnerving and inspiring. Listen. Take heart. Have courage. Disciples, the center and the cause of discord, will be like sheep in the midst of wolves, rejected, abused, hated, and punished when the compassion of Jesus collides with a world of resistance. Listen. Take heart. Have courage. Disciples have authority from Jesus, are shown the way, receive all that they need, and are given the Spirit of God.

Jesus’ way of grace breaks hearts open to receive and give peace and to embrace a new future where the kingdom of heaven stuns the world with compassion.

Have courage. Take heart.

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