

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
Sunday, June 25, 2023
9:30 AM

Ministers: The people of Faith Lutheran Church



We are a church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace everyone as a whole person, with questions, doubts, complexities and all. We are moved by God's grace to welcome all who have ever felt marginalized, no matter your gender identity, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, marital status, or faith background. We welcome you as we worship, learn, and share Christ's love together.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
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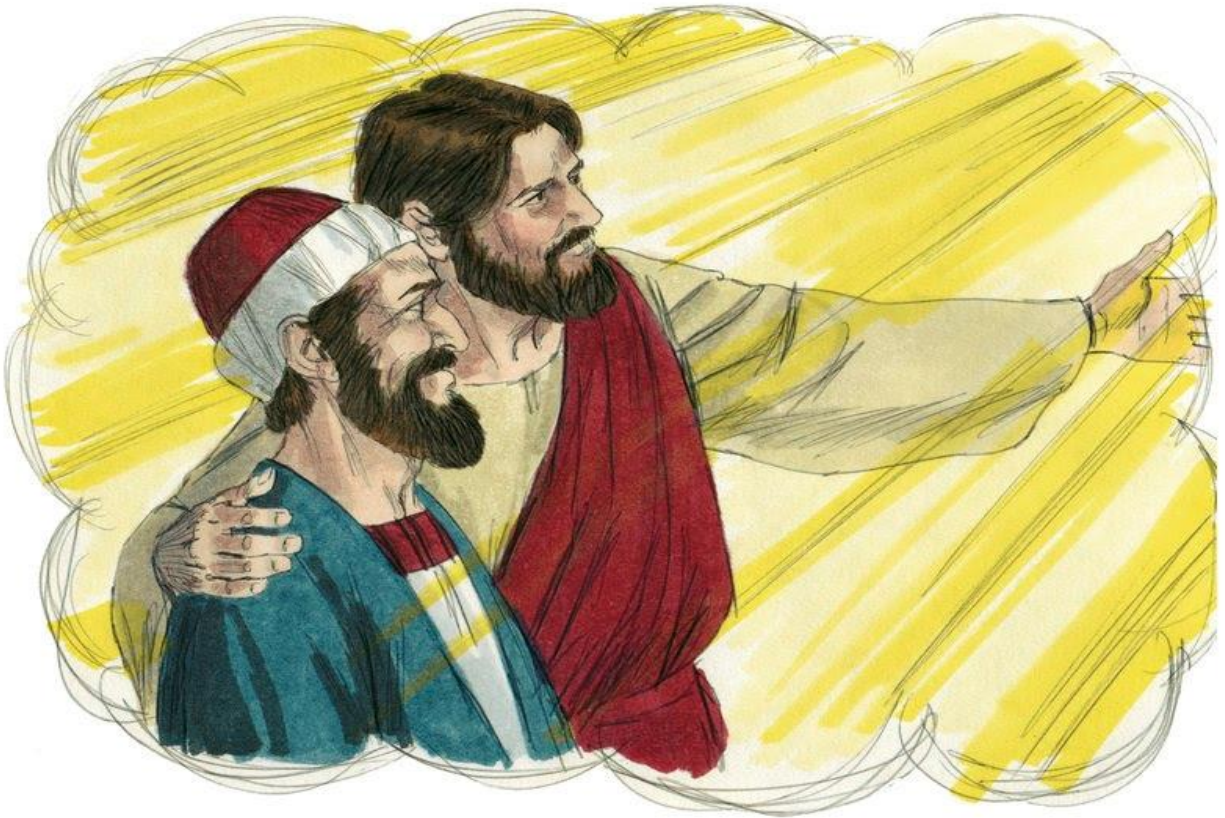
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INTRODUCTION OF THE DAY

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

GATHERING

In Nomine Jesu

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Music to prepare us for worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Crossroads

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: This is the day the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Presider: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

All: Amen.

Presider: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Presider: Merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Presider: Righteous God,

All: we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Presider: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"How Firm a Foundation"

ELW #796
Red Hymnal

GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Assisting Minister: The Lord be with you.

Many: and also with you.

A.M.: Let us pray. . . . Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve,

All: to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

You may be seated

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.

Reader: ⁷O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;

you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughing-stock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!'

For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹If I say, 'I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name',

then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

¹⁰ For I hear many whispering:
'Terror is all around!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.

'Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him.'

¹¹ But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

¹² O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the Lord;
praise the Lord!

For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM READING

*Psalm 69:7-18**Answer me, O lord, for your love is kind. Psalm*

- Reader: ⁷It is for your sake that I have borne reproach,
that shame has covered my face.
- ⁸I have become a stranger to my kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.
- ⁹It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.
- All: ¹⁰When I humbled my soul with fasting,
they insulted me for doing so.**
- Reader: ¹¹When I made sackcloth my clothing,
I became a byword to them.
- ¹²I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate,
and the drunkards make songs about me.
- ¹³But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD.
At an acceptable time, O God,
in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.
- All: With your faithful help ¹⁴rescue me
from sinking in the mire;
let me be delivered from my enemies
and from the deep waters.**
- Reader: ¹⁵Do not let the flood sweep over me,
or the deep swallow me up,
or the Pit close its mouth over me.
- ¹⁶Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.
- ¹⁷Do not hide your face from your servant,
for I am in distress—make haste to answer me.
- All: ¹⁸Draw near to me, redeem me,
set me free because of my enemies.**

SECOND READING*Romans 6:1-11*

In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.

Reader: 6 What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For whoever has died is freed from sin. 8 But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.



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

HOLY GOSPEL*Matthew 10:24-39*

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

Presider: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Presider: ²⁴ 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Presider: This is the gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated

SERMON

“Hard Words”

Pastor Dwayne Brown

Please stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

ELW #798
Red Hymnal

You may be seated

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

(After each petition the congregation will respond, “hear our prayer.”)

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Christ

GREETING OF PEACE

Presider: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Let us greet one another with a sign of God’s peace.

Please stand as you are able

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

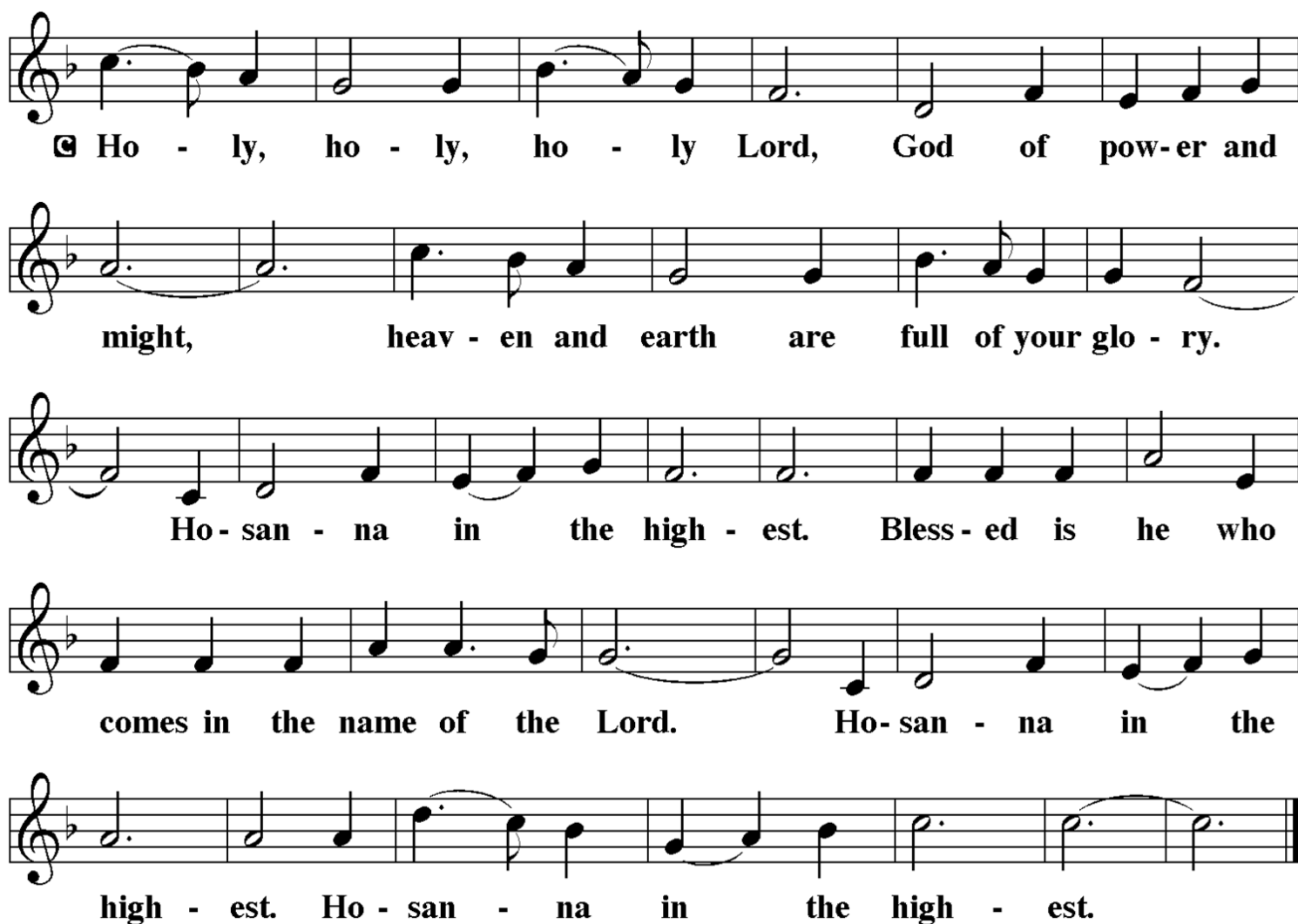
All: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider: 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 the great shepherd of your flock, our Savior Jesus Christ; who after his resurrection sent forth the apostles to preach the gospel and teach all nations, and promised to be with them, even to the end of the age. And so, with the glorious company of the apostles, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (*Holy*)



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. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER *(The pastor prays over the bread and wine)*

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but should have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus

Presider: *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.

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Presider: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

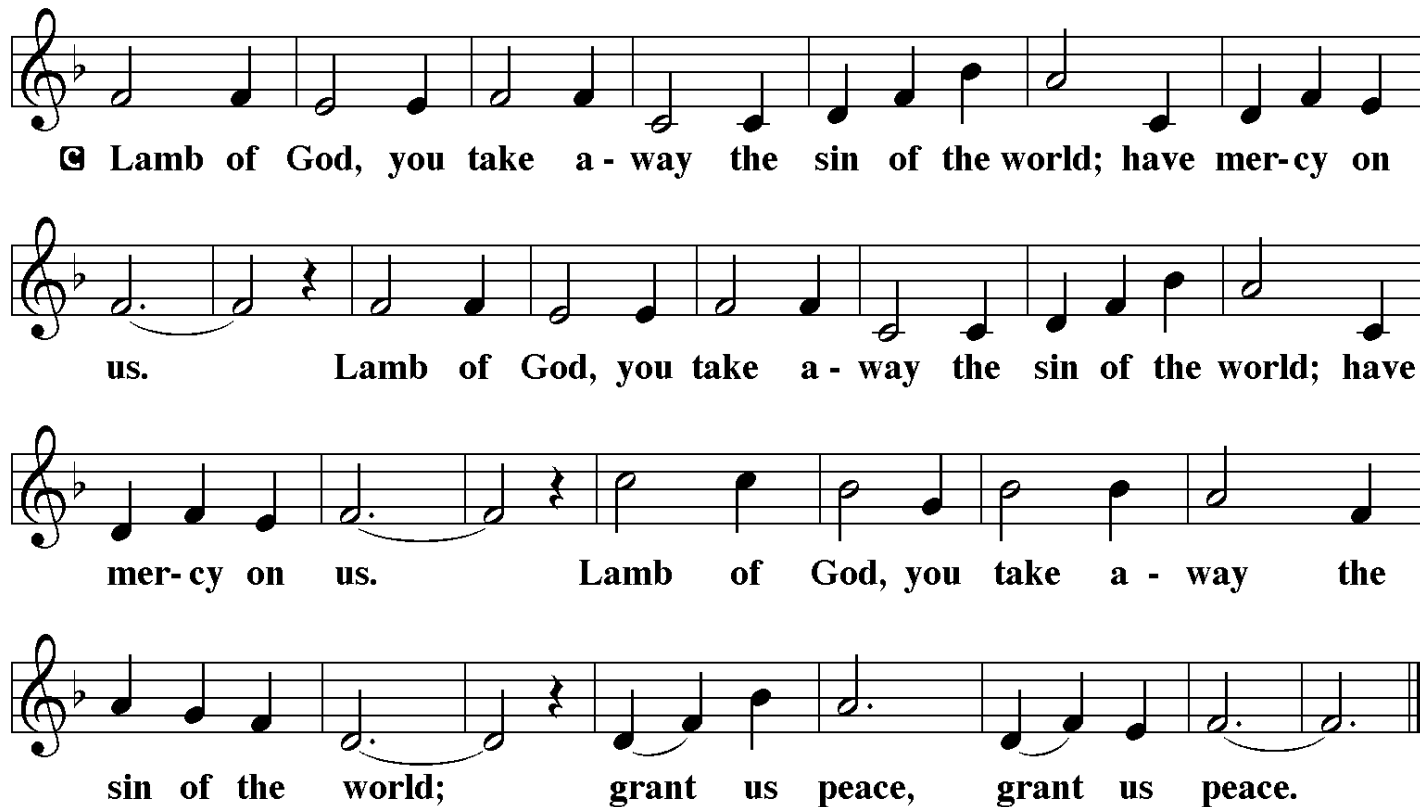
All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

You may be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider: At Faith Lutheran Church, ALL are welcome to receive communion. All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

AGNUS DEI (*Lamb of God*)



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.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

(Today we celebrate Christ's presence among us as he comes to us with grace and forgiveness in the ordinary bread and wine of the Holy Eucharist. The cups contain red wine and white grape juice. We have Gluten-Free bread available.

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Please stand as you are able when all have received communion.

COMMUNION BLESSING

Presider: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A.M.: We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.

All: Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Presider: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed †
bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

All: Amen.

You may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

SENDING

"I'm Going on a Journey"

ELW #446
Red Hymnal

DISMISSAL

A.M.: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

All: Thanks be to God.

Music to send us on our way into the world.

*Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the
Fellowship Hall after services today*

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