



Florida-Bahamas Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**Closing Service of Holy Communion ✠ Pentecost
June 5, 2022**

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

GATHERING

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

GATHERING MUSIC**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

AD **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,
flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth,
through the city,
through every living thing.
You rescued Noah and his family from
the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the
Israelites.
Now in these waters you flood us with
mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.
You open the gate of righteousness
and we pass safely through.
In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble
the waters.
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.

You call us forth and send us out.
In lush and barren places, you are with
us.
You have become our salvation.
Now breathe upon this water
and awaken your church once more.
Claim us again as your beloved and holy
people.
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts;
wipe away every tear.
To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and
thanksgiving,
now and forever.

AD **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN
Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

ELW 582
INBABILONE



1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er dwell-ing in the ho-liest realms of light;
 2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er liv-ing as the church's ver-y life;
 3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er work-ing through the church's min-is-try;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er striv-ing through us in a cease-less strife;
 quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab-solv-ing, set-ting cap-tive sin-ners free;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er rais-ing those of earth to thrones on high;
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ:
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul



liv-ing, life-im-part-ing Spir-it, you we praise and mag-ni-fy.
 you we praise with end-less wor-ship for your gifts and fruits un-priced.
 in com-mu-nion nev-er end-ing, you we wor-ship and ex-tol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874–1939, alt.

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contradansen*, 1710

GREETING

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

A And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. 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. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray.

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

☞ A reading from Acts.

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

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.

¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷In 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.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

Word of God, word of life.

AI Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 104

The assembly sings the refrain. Soloists sing the stanzas.

1. Lord, send out your Spir-it, and re - new the face of the

2. earth! Lord, send out your

Spir - it, and re - new the face of the earth!

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord, my God, you are great indeed! How manifold are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your creatures!

2. If you take away their breath, they die and they return to their dust. When you send forth your Spirit of Life, they are created in your sight!

3. May his glory last for all time; may the Lord be glad in his works. Pleasing to him will be my theme; I will be glad in the Lord!

SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-17

Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive a new name in our adoption: child of God.

☐ A reading from Romans.

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Word of God, word of life.

AD Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

GOSPEL: John 14:8-17, 25-27

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

P The holy gospel according to John.

AD Glory to you, O Lord!

⁸Philip said to [Jesus,] “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

After the reading:

📖 The gospel of the Lord.

🎵 **Praise to you, O Christ!**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

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NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWENA

Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.
 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.

Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.
 It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain

*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.*

*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.*

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
nor rootless liberty;
turn disquiet to contentment,
doubt into certainty.

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,
unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness,
which you alone assure.

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Music: NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA, Wilson Niwagila; arr. Egil Hovland, b. 1924
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CREED

A Together, let us confess our faith:

AD We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

(continued)

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

▲ Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A Holy Living One, Holy Moving One, Holy energy of the Church, burst open our locked doors, and by your Spirit drive us out into the world proclaiming your mighty deeds. Direct our words and actions, trusting the Advocate abiding in and among us. God, in your mercy,

AD **hear our prayer.**

A Feed and care for creatures that remain hidden to us yet contribute to the vibrancy of your creation. Train us to interact with creation from a place of wonder, awe, and reverence. God, in your mercy,

AD **hear our prayer.**

A Send your Spirit to places where language is a barrier to justice and mercy for those who seek it. Bless the work of translators, interpreters, and teachers. Promote understanding for the sake of those longing for true freedom and peace. God, in your mercy,

AD **hear our prayer.**

A Comfort all who live in constant fear and any who are suffering. Remind them that your Spirit has made them your children and that they are never far from your glory. God, in your mercy,

AD **hear our prayer.**

A Guide all bishops, especially Elizabeth and Pedro, pastors, missionaries, and other ministers of the gospel as you did for Boniface, whom we commemorate today. Foster our relationships with our new missions and our partner synods, that our visions and actions are Spirit-led. God, in your mercy,

AD **hear our prayer.**

A We give you thanks and praise for the many gifts the Synod Parish deacons bring to their ministries within their congregations. God, in your mercy,

AD **Hear our prayer.**

A We give you thanks and praise for the gifts of the Spirit manifest in this year's Assembly. Stoke within us the desire for unity. God, in your mercy,

AD **hear our prayer.**

A Gather your people across regions, nations, and lands. Root our common life in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and by your Spirit bind us together with all the saints who have gone before us. God, in your mercy,

A **hear our prayer.**

P In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

The assembly may stand.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

A **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. Please be mindful of those who are practicing social distancing.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

Aaron David Miller

OFFERING HYMN *Now the Silence*

ELW 460



Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed



Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come



Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing



Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion



Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing



Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny



Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Music: NOW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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OFFERING PRAYER

A Living God,
 you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together
 in your peaceable reign,
 and you welcome us all at your table.
 Reach out to us through this meal,
 and show us your wounded and risen body,
 that we may be nourished and believe
 in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
AD Amen.

DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE

P

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.

Ful - filling the promise of the res - ur - rec - tion,

you pour out the fire of your Spir - it, uniting in one body people of ev'ry

na - tion and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter

and all the witnesses of the res - ur - rec - tion

with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,

and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,

we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

☐ Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**AD Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

P O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

AD Come, Holy Spirit.

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

AD Come, Holy Spirit.

P With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

AD Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

A **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**

P The risen Christ dwells with us here.
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

COMMUNION HYMN
O Living Breath of God

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- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
 O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
 O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

Refrain



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

The assembly stands at the direction of the presiding minister.

PRAYER

Ⓐ Let us pray.

We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.

Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Ⓐ **Amen.**

SENDING

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

COMMISSIONING OF THE LUTHER SPRINGS SUMMER STAFF

Ⓑ I present for commissioning these summer staff members who have been chosen by Jesus to share in His ministry of love and service in the world, to the glory of God, to serve, support, and nurture the people of God in their faith and witness.

A reading from First Peter: Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of us has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 4:9-11)

Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, pour out your Holy Spirit upon this staff. Guide, bless, and keep them in their serving that they may faithfully carry out the ministry entrusted to them. Let their lives and actions so reflect your grace that many may come to know you and love you through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Ⓐ **Amen.**

Ⓑ The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

Ⓐ **Amen.**

Ⓔ Let it be acclaimed that these people are commissioned for the ministry of summer camp, called to serve among God's people as together we bear God's creative and redeeming love to all the world.

Ⓐ **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

The bishop addresses the assembly:

A reading from Romans.

As in one body we have many members,
and not all the members have the same function,
so we, who are many, are one body in Christ,
and individually we are members one of another:
We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us:
prophecy, in proportion to faith;
ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching;
the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity;
the leader in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The bishop addresses those being installed.

Will you assume the office to which you have been elected,
and will you endeavor to carry out its duties faithfully,
to the glory of Christ our Lord and in service to the one holy church?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

The bishop addresses the assembly.

People of God, will you support and pray for *these people* in their work?

Response: We will, and we ask God to help us.

The bishop addresses those being installed.

The office of synod council member/committee member is committed to you
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The bishop continues with prayer.

Let us pray. Gracious God, you call your people to service
and give them varied tasks in the world and in your church.
Grant *these servants* grace and strength,
that *they* may serve you faithfully to the glory of your name;
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The bishop addresses the newly installed.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great Shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you complete in everything good
so that you may do God's will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight;
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.
Amen.

CLOSING OF AN ASSEMBLY

The bishop begins the dialogue and the assembly responds.

B Jesus said, You will be my witnesses

A **To the ends of the earth.**

B I chose you and appointed you

A **To bear fruit that will last.**

B The Lord be with you.

A **And also with you.**

B Let us pray.

Faithful and Steadfast God of new beginnings,
We have gathered together over these past days as your people,
having been called from various parts of this Florida-Bahamas Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
During our time here in this place,
we celebrated your promise of grace and mercy
poured out in Word and Sacrament,
received the guidance of your Holy Spirit
in our discernment of how we will work together
to bring about your kingdom here on earth,
and gave thanks for those who served our Synod
and those who are called to serve in a new way.

Pour out your blessing upon us
that we have strength and courage
to continue this work to which we are called as one body,

in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A1 Amen

B I declare this assembly closed

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A1 Amen

BLESSING

P God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever.

A1 Amen.

SENDING HYMN (*See next page.*)
The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

ELW 538
ENVIADO

En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,

pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.

Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain

un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;

me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.

A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

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DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

AD **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

AD **Thanks be to God.**

As you depart, please be mindful of all who may be practicing social distancing.

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