Sunday, May 17, 2020

OPENING HYMN

***"Abide With Me"***

ELW Page 629

(Verses 1, 3, 4)

**1.**

Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!

**3.**

I need Thy presence every passing hour;  
What but Thy grace can foil the Tempter's power?  
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me!

**4.**

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;  
Where is death’s sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

SERMON HYMN

***“Lord of All Hopefulness”***

ELW Page 765

(Verses 1, 3, 4)

**1.**

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

**3.**

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

**4.**

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,   
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

CLOSING HYMN

***"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"***

ELW Page 536

(Verses 1, 2, 3)

**1.**

God be with you till we meet again,  
By good counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd’s care unfold you,  
God be with you till we meet again.

**Refrain:  
*Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus’ feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.***

**2.**

God be with you till we meet again,  
Holy wings securely hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you,  
God be with you till we meet again.

**Refrain:  
*Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus’ feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.***

**3.**

God be with you till we meet again,  
When life’s perils thick confound you,  
Put unfailing arms around you,  
God be with you till we meet again.

**Refrain:  
*Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus’ feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.***

Let's do as our Opening hymn this Sunday, May 17, ELW 629 "Abide With Me" verses one, three and four.

Let's have the Sermon hymn be, ELW 765, "Lord of All Hopefulness" verses one, three and four.

And let's do as our Closing hymn,  ELW 536, "God Be with You Till We Meet Again," all three verses.

Gathering Song

“Spirit of Gentleness”

ELW Page 396

(Verses 1, 3, 4)

**O HOLY SPIRIT, ENTER IN**

**ELW Page 786 (Verses 1, 2, 3)**

O Holy Spirit, enter in,   
and in our hearts your work begin,   
and make our hearts your dwelling.  
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,   
around and in us brightly shine,   
your strength in us upwelling.  
In your radiance life from heaven   
now is given overflowing,   
gift of gifts beyond all knowing.

**2** Left to ourselves, we surely stray;  
oh, lead us on the narrow way,   
with wisest counsel guide us;  
and give us steadfastness, that we  
may follow you forever free,   
no matter who derides us.  
Gently heal those hearts now broken;  
give some token you are near us,   
whom we trust to light and cheer us.

**3** O mighty Rock, O Source of life,   
let your good Word in doubt and strife  
be in us strongly burning,   
that we be faithful unto death,   
and live in love and holy faith,   
from you true wisdom learning.  
Lord, your mercy on us shower;  
by your power Christ confessing,   
we will cherish all your blessing.