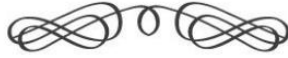




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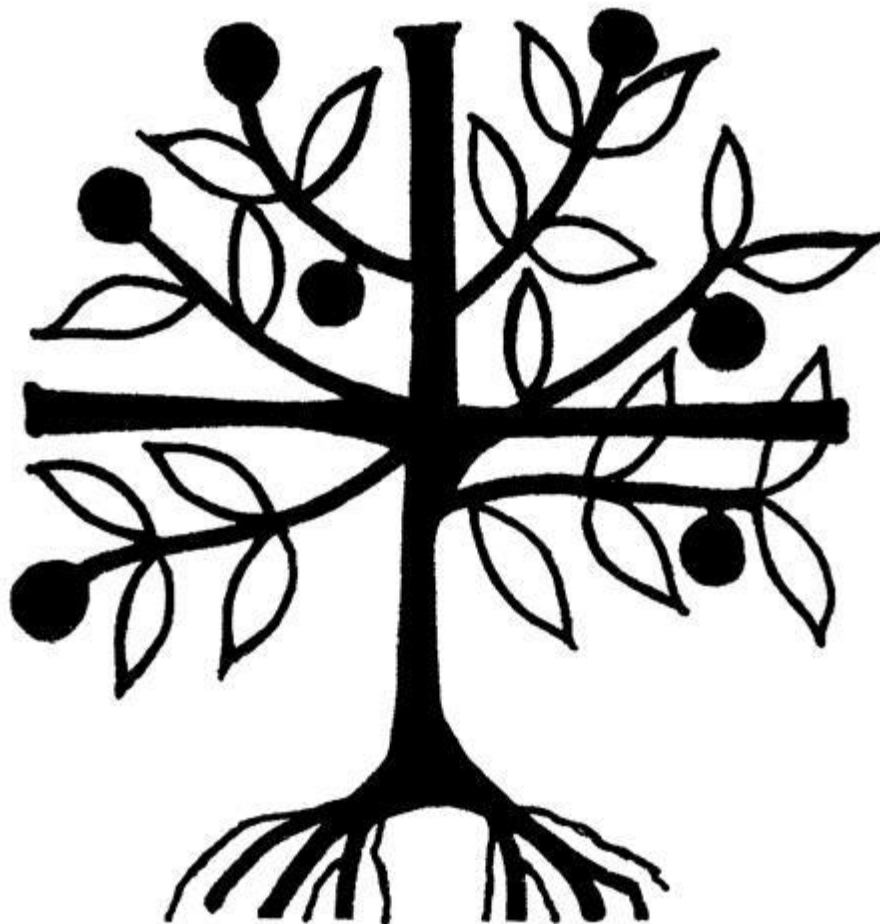
March 1, 2020 11:00 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY

Your presence at worship is a gift! Take a moment to introduce yourself to someone near you. To our visitors, we offer a special welcome and invite you to sign the visitor's sheet near the entrance. Please allow us to get to know you by staying for refreshments and fellowship.

If you are new to Holy Trinity, please turn the next page for more information.



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Worship Information

A Warm Welcome as you worship with us today! Whether you are here for the first time or a long time member, know that you are welcomed in Christ's Name, joined to be with us, Christ's Body the Church, as we worship God.

Children: We love having children worship with us! We invite parents or caregivers to sit with their child(ren) around one of our children's worship tables where they can be a part of our service and engaging in quiet activities. If your child gets restless, an usher can show you and your children to our fully staffed **Wiggle Room (Nursery)** where your children can play until they are able to return. **One of the attendants will give you a pager in case your child needs you.**

Communion: It is our privilege to welcome you to the Lord's Table! We welcome all who are baptized and wish to receive the promise offered in the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, to come and share in receiving Holy Communion. As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like to receive a pastoral blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest and the pastor will bless you instead.

Prayer Requests: Prayer Request Cards are available at the usher's stand, or can be filled out using our website under the **Need Help** page. Simply hand your prayer request to the Pastor or an usher.

Worship Photos & Videos may be taken for the purpose of posting in the media of our congregation. The photographer's credit will be provided and any image will be removed upon request. Parents are asked to fill out a release form concerning images of minors and no minor's pictures will be used without consent.

Personal Hearing Systems are available from an usher for anyone who has difficulty hearing and understanding the service. **Visual Problems?** In addition to the large print bulletins, we can offer you bulletins on your tablet or smartphone. See the Church Office for details.

Missed Last Week's Service? Our weekly Sermon is available to listen on our website, **htelc.com**, under Worship, and Recent Sermons. Subscribe to our podcast on iTunes & Stitcher.

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Today at Holy Trinity

8:30 AM: Contemporary Worship **9:30 AM:** Faith Learning Groups **11:00 AM:** Traditional Worship

| Worship Assistants | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | 8:30 Contemporary Service | 11:00 Traditional Service |
| Musical Director | Jon Koelker | Ken Galle |
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| Coffee Clean Up | Joan & Steve Bauer | |

| This Week At Holy Trinity | | | | |
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| Day | Date | Start | Event | |
| Tuesday | 3/3 | 06:00 PM | 8:30 Choir Rehearsal | |
| Wednesday | 3/4 | 09:30 AM | Bible Study | |
| | | 05:30 PM | Lenten Monastery Meal | |
| | | 06:00 PM | Holden Evening Prayer | |
| Thursday | 3/5 | 08:30 AM | Property Team | |
| | | 05:30 PM | Bell Choir | |
| Friday | 3/6 | N/A | Women's Retreat at Calumet begins | |
| Sunday | 3/8 | 08:30 AM | 8:30 Sunday Worship | |
| | | 10:00 AM | 11:00 Choir Rehearsal | |
| | | 11:00 AM | 11:00 Sunday Worship | |

| Last Week at Holy Trinity | | |
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| <u>Date</u> | <u>Worship Attendance</u> | <u>Offering</u> |
| Wednesday, February 19 | 13 | |
| Sunday, February 23 | 68 (8:30) + 58 (11:00) = 126 | \$3,088.35 |

Emergency Contact Information: Please call the church office at **(603) 436-1704** and wait for the voicemail options. When instructed, press **6**, and you will be immediately transferred to Pastor Krick's cellphone.

Prayer Concerns

Please include the following in your daily prayers:

Members & Attenders

Health Issues: Leah Waldschlagel, Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Shirley Jackson, Sue Anderson, Pastor Linn Opderbecke.

Homebound: Madeline Brandt, Marie Edin, Carol Saufley, Edith Rowan, Barbara Werdelin.

Military: Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

Friends

Lynn Geraci & Judi Thomson (Jill & Jerry Schock's friends), Martha Laperle (Betty King's friend), Pastor John H. Krahn (Dave & Joyce Rivoire's friend), Kathy Germain (Franklyn Vosburg's sister), Megan Zadig (David & Carol Arrington's daughter), Joseph & Julia Spataro (Dave & Joyce Rivoire's friends), Tammy Hickey (Tina Maiorino & Linda Sunderland's friend), Cinda DeWerff & Linda Aten (Rich Wilcox's sisters), Garnet D. Wilcox (Rich Wilcox's brother), Fred Keen (Rich Wilcox's brother-in-law), Bonnie Beatty (Rich Wilcox's niece).

Prayers will be listed for 6 weeks unless told otherwise. If you would like a prayer concern listed in the bulletin, please fill out a Prayer Request at the Usher's table or contact the Church Office at office@htelc.com.

Lectionary (Readings)

This week: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32;
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Next week: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121;
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Notes on today's services

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

(Matthew 4:1-11) Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

Announcements

Christian Sympathy to Jean Klein & family.

Len Klein passed away on Monday, February 24, surrounded by family. A memorial service will be held at Holy Trinity on Thursday, March 19, with a time of the service TBD.

Today we welcome Bishop Hazelwood to Holy Trinity to preach and host an Adult Forum on his new book, *"Everyday Spirituality"* between services. We will be reading from his book during our Wednesday Holden Evening Prayer worship services during Lent. Copies of his book are available in the Church library or on Amazon.com.

Annual Contribution Statement is available in your mailbox. If you do not have a mailbox, your statement has been mailed. Any question(s), please see Dan Scammon, Financial Secretary or send an email to financialsecretary@htelc.com.

Lenten Meals will be served every Wednesday evening during Lent (March 4 – April 1), beginning at 5:30pm, followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 6:00pm. Soup will be available for adults, and Mac & Cheese will be served for young children.

End 68 Hours of Hunger will meet on Thursday, March 19. We pack at the First United Methodist Church, 129 Miller Ave. Portsmouth and we meet at 6 PM. This program is designed to provide food for children in need that would sustain them for the weekend when school is not in session. For more info, please contact Kathy McKenna or Lauren Gianino.

Next RIC Conversation: On March 15 & 18 we welcome guest panel of people presenting their journey of identifying LGBTQ (some from within and outside our congregation). Also, please be on the lookout soon for a letter about the next step in conversations of RIC.

Upcoming Events at Holy Trinity & Camp Calumet:

What are you doing to breakup the winter doldrums? How about a Youth Ski Weekend? Women's Retreat? Clean up at Camp Calumet? Planning for VBS? Bi-weekly Faith Learning Groups? Here is a brief schedule of what's happening! Please See Heidi Morrison for questions or to sign up!

- Women's Retreat at Camp Calumet- Mar 6-8. Cost \$172. Sign up on Kiosk. See Leslie Carson or Heidi Morrison for details.
- Sunday School Weekend at Calumet- Mar 27--29. Cost \$30. Sign up in Narthex.
- Camp Calumet Clean Up- May 1-3.
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- July 19-23. Lots of Volunteer opportunities. More info to come!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Join Pastor Tim on a discussion on this week's lectionary. ALL are welcome Wednesdays from 9:30 – 10:30 AM!

RIC Hosts LGBTQ History Project Displays: The Reconciling In Christ Team (RIC) invites all HTELC participants to view selected displays from the Seacoast NH LGBTQ History Project in the Gathering Area during the first half of March. These displays are intended to coincide with the March RIC Forums. The Seacoast NH LGBTQ History Project is proud to present stories that illustrate the experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people and highlight their contributions to the rich past and thriving present of the Seacoast. What you see in the displays are only a small selection of Seacoast stories. For more information, please pick up a paper copy of *The Tidings* in our Narthex.

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

First Sunday in Lent – Sunday, March 1, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

Confession & Forgiveness

— Please stand as able—

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

C: **Amen.**

P: If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

—A brief silence—

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

P: Receive good news: God turns to you in love. “I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.

C: **Amen.**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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Greeting

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

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: **Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us 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.**

WORD

The remaining lessons appointed for use on this Sunday are located in the announcements of this worship booklet. You are invited to read them during the collection of offerings or Communion. You are also invited to take this booklet home with you and read the lessons and prayers as part of family worship or individual devotions.

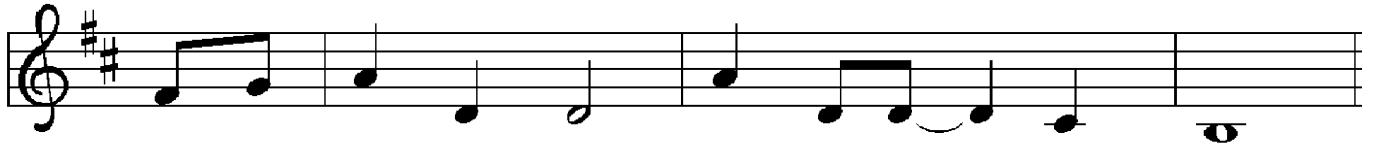
Children's Message

—Please be seated—

The children are invited to come forward to join the Pastor at the Chancel for a message.

Gospel Acclamation

— Please stand as able—



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 4 [1-11]

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

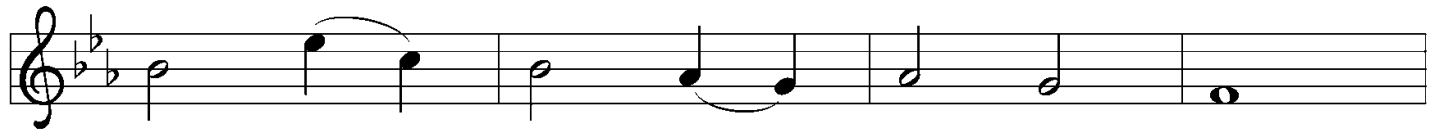
Sermon

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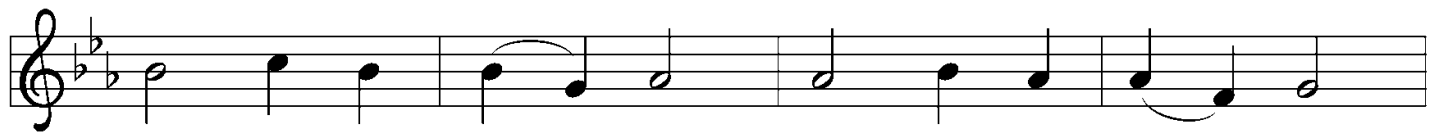
Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Prayers of the People

LD: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

—**A brief silence**—

LD: God of the wilderness, we pray for the church. Lead us in showing grace and hospitality to all who struggle with doubt or shame. Make your church holy ground where all people can be seen and loved for who you have created them to be. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Y: We pray for creation. Show your glory in deserts and on mountaintops. Nourish gardens and orchards and bless those who tend them. Forgive us for our desire to dominate creation instead of serving as faithful stewards and caretakers. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

LD: We lift before you all those whose work puts them in harm's way for the sake of others, especially first responders and servicewomen and men who are stationed around the world. Allow all people to return home safely and keep them close to you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Y: We pray for those in need. Sustain those who are hungry and alone, those who are anxious, those facing difficult decisions, and those facing a recent diagnosis or new grief. We pray especially for those whose names are said out loud or silently. —**A brief silence**— Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

LD: We pray for our partners in mission and ministry: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Bishop

James Hazelwood and the New England Synod, Pastor Livingstone Msungu and the Isimani congregation in Tanzania, Fundaninos Orphanage in Guatemala, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Congregation, Ascentria Care Alliance and Camp Calumet. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Sharing of God's Peace

P: May the peace of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – which passes all understanding, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

The congregation is invited to exchange expressions of peace with those near them. Please remember to greet the children too. Please be seated after the Sharing of God's Peace.

MEAL

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.

Offertory Song

ELW 807 vs 1-2

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

Offertory Prayer

LD: Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends.
Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us
to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now
and forever.

C: Amen.

The Celebration of Holy Communion

As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood. There will be a single communion station. You will receive a wafer (gluten free wafers are available). Next, you may drink from the common cup, or you may take a pre-filled glass of non-alcoholic wine. Please put the glass in the basket at the end. If you would like to receive communion, but you are unable to come forward, please ask someone to talk to the ushers and we will bring communion to you.

Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

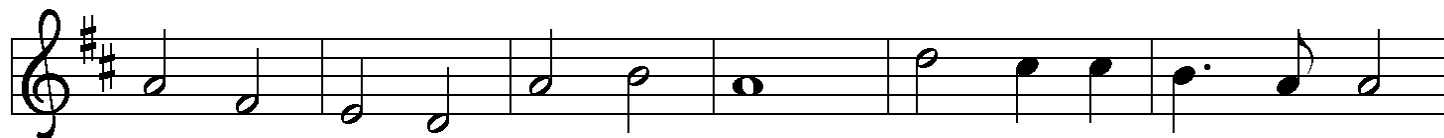
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Preface

P: 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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

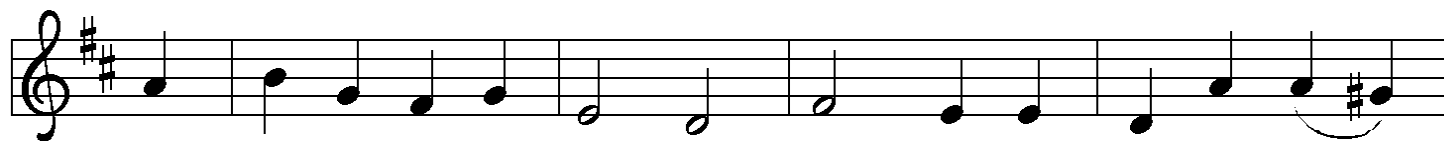
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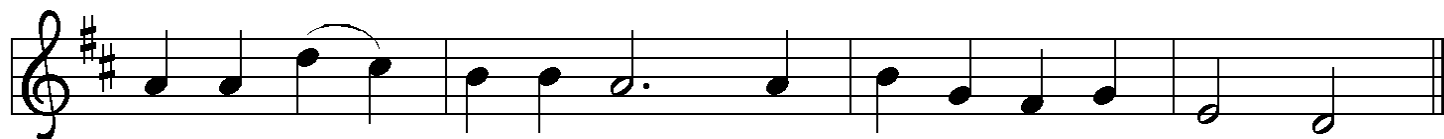
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n 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.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Feel free to use the version of the Lord's Prayer you are most comfortable with.

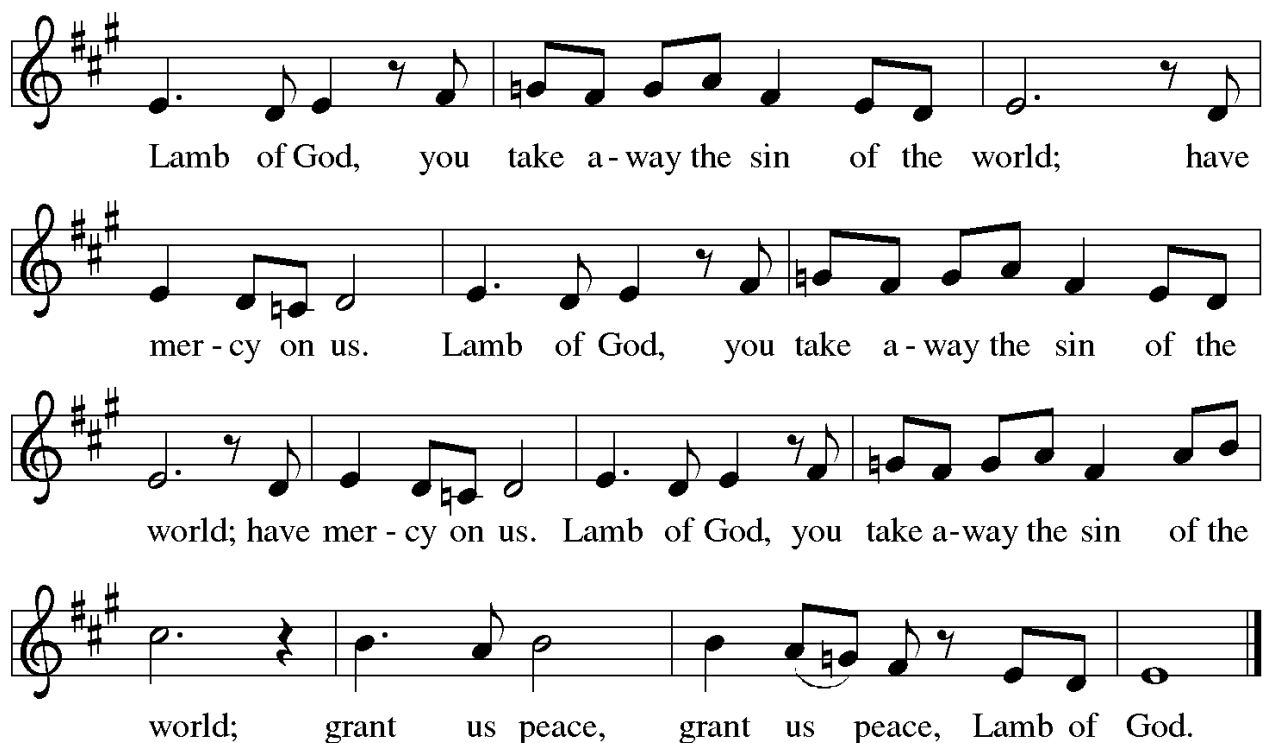
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.

Communion

— Please be seated—



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, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymns:

While others are communing, you are invited to sing a communion hymn or to meditate on the readings and prayers for the day. **Communion Hymn #1: ELW 666**

What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

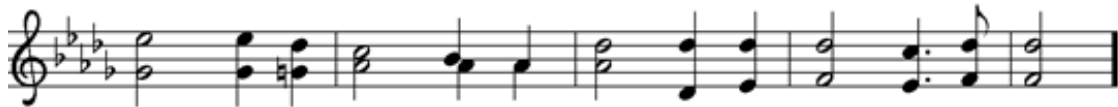
When Peace, like a River It Is Well with My Soul



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

We Come to the Hungry Feast



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever

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Sending of Communion

—Please remain seated—

P: Gracious God, whose mercy endures from generation to generation: Bless those who go forth to carry your Word and sacrament to our sisters and brothers who are homebound. In your love and compassion, nourish and strengthen them with hope through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Rites of Passage and Announcements

The congregation is invited to share birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events in the life of its members. Subsequently, brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the congregation's participation in God's mission in the world.

Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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Benediction

Please move across the aisle and join hands.

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you ☩ peace.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

LD: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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