



# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord*

**May 22, 2022 9:30 AM – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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# WELCOME

## to Holy Trinity

### Reconciling in Christ

*At Holy Trinity, we welcome and affirm everyone—because God welcomes and affirms everyone—*



*regardless of age, race, ability, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other life circumstance.*

*You are welcome. Your family, children, friends, spouses, and partners are welcome.*

*You are welcome, whether you are a believer, a doubter, or a seeker.*

*Your diversity and uniqueness are welcomed and affirmed into the full life of Holy Trinity.*

*You are wanted here.*

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### **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.

Your presence at worship is a gift!

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**We love having children worship with us!** At this moment, our Nursery is not staffed. You may find Children's bulletins and activities on tables inside the sanctuary.

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**Prayer Requests:** Prayer Request Cards are available indoors on the Usher's Table. Simply fill one out and hand it to the Pastor, or place it in the Offering Basket.

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**Emergency Pastoral Contact:** If you need a Pastoral Visit, or you're experiencing a Pastoral Emergency, pastoral care is available for home or hospital visits, emotional support, and church ceremonies. Please contact Mark in the Church office and he will provide you with the Contact Pastor information during daytime and after work (emergencies) hours. Email [office@htelc.com](mailto:office@htelc.com) or call (603)436-1704 and leave a voicemail message.

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## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Health Issues:** Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Alice Peterson, George Parseghian, Sarah Meier, Judy Hollister, Marilee Clark, Don Gindlesperger, Steve Bush, Joyce Rivoire.

**Homebound:** Carol Saufley, Edith Rowan, Barbara Werdelin, Ron Evers, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Bernie Olsen, Anita Lindstrom. **Military:** Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

### Friends

Tony Marques (Paulette Sirois' friend), Sue Fischer (Lois Kfoury's cousin), Sherry & Lauren (Shirley Jackson's sister and daughter), Bill Casale (Jessica Feeley's friend), Stephanie Vocell (Jeremy & Krystal Small's friend), Martha LaPerle (Betty King's friend), Cinda DeWerff (Rich Wilcox's sister), Evertt Thorne (Rich Wilcox's friend), Sage Pirnie (Jessica Feeley's friend's grandchild), Christine Karmen (Joan Bauer & Stephanie Goupil's friend), Anita Creager (Jill & Jerry Schock's friend), Katie (Shirley's Jackson family member).

*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](mailto:office@htelc.com).*

## NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

## LECTIONARY (Readings)

**This Week:** Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5; John 14:23-29; John 5:1-9

**Next Week:** Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Musician(s):** Jon Bock

**Sound System:** Franklyn Vosburg & Mark Donahue

**Altar Guild:** Bobbie Febbo

**Counters:** Barry & Phyllis Philbrick

**Lector:** Jerry Schock

**Liturgical Deacon:** Glenn Oswald

**Greeters:** Jill & Jerry Schock

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

**TUESDAY, May 24**

3:45 PM: Dover Friendly Kitchen

**WEDNESDAY, May 25**

9:30 AM: Bible Study

**THURSDAY, May 26**

8:00 AM: Property Team

**SUNDAY, May 29**

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

**Sunday, May 15:** 81 (In-Person) + 21 (Online) = 102

**Offering:** \$3,700.40

## Announcements

**MSP Workshop Adult Forum will be held today after worship. This adult forum will help our congregation write a new Ministry Site Profile for our future Pastor to find.**

**Mark Donahue** will be out of the office and away on vacation on Sunday, May 29 & Monday, May 30. He will return to the office on Tuesday, May 31.

**Pastor George Koch** will be joining us every Wednesday for Bible Study, beginning this week, on May 18 at 9:30AM.

**Semi-Annual Meeting & Church Picnic:** On Sunday, June 12 after the 9:30 AM worship service, we will have our Semi-Annual Meeting & Church Picnic. The picnic will be the same as before with a potluck and we'll be grilling meats. We need your help to set up for the Church Picnic on Saturday, June 11 at 1pm. See Tom Bernth for more information on the Church Picnic.

**Dover Friendly Kitchen** will be held on Tuesday, May 24th at 3:45 PM, at St. Thomas Episcopal Hall in Dover, NH, across from the library. Any volunteers for cookies and for working at the meal can still contact Bonnie Sanders or Jill Schock.

**Bike and Build** will arrive on Monday, June 6, and will use our facilities until Sunday, June 12. During this time, our building will become busier than usual. If you see them, please greet them and introduce yourself. Bike & Build is a non-profit organization where college-aged students from around the United States bike in a summer-long cross-country journey to raise awareness for affordable housing. For more information on their journey, please go to <https://bikeandbuild.org/routes/nus>

**Summer Camp at Calumet** is happening this year. Holy Trinity will be offering small scholarships. The money allocated in the budget will be divided equally among those going to camp. If you are planning to send your child, please let Mark Donahue know to add your child's name to our list. It will be helpful for us to know by mid-June. Camp Calumet also offers scholarships, if money is tight. Information about Camp Calumet's summer resident camp is found at <https://www.calumet.org/summercamp/residentcamp>.

**Holy Trinity's Update to our Congregational Constitution:** The proposed constitution has been reviewed and approved by the Council, and will be reviewed and voted on by the congregation at the semi-annual meeting on June 12. Two documents are available for you to access and review prior to the meeting. One is a brief memo prepared by Russ Hilliard briefly describing changes that you will find in the second document which is the proposed constitution. Paper copies are available in the church office. Please read the documents in preparation for discussion at the meeting.

**Camp Calumet will have its annual fundraiser "Walk the Walk"** again in the summer 2022. It will be the same event as 2021, where you will have to sign up at Calumet's webpage, donate \$25, and report your July & August miles to Holy Trinity's team captain Mark Donahue, who will report our total miles to Camp Calumet. Registration has begun and you can sign up here: <https://www.vancoevents.com/BFXR>

**Graduation Sunday** will be celebrated in June. If you know someone from Holy Trinity who will graduate from High School, College, Grad School, or another school this year and would like to be recognized, please speak with the Church Office or Helen Goransson.

# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Sixth Sunday of Easter – Sunday, May 22, 2022 — 9:30 a.m.*

## Welcome

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

— Please stand as able—

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: 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.

—A brief silence—

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

# Gathering Hymn

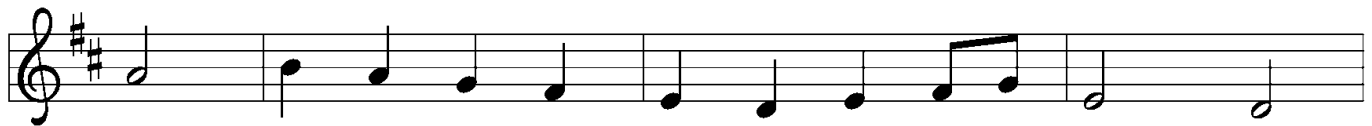
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— Please stand as able—

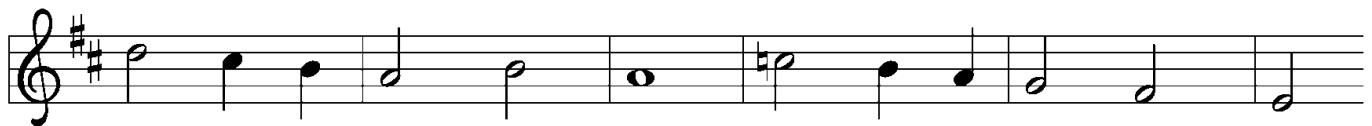
## Come Down, O Love Divine



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine  
2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn  
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,  
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—  
shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear  
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,  
no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.  
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833–1890

Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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## Apostolic Greeting

**P:** 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.**

# Canticle of Praise

# WOV 671

## Alleluia No. 1

Words and Music by  
Donald E. Fishel

C F Dm Gm C

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give \_ thanks to the Ris - en Lord, al - le -

5 F Dm Gm C F Fine

-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give \_ praise to His \_ Name.

9 F Dm B $\flat$  C

1. Je - sus is Lord of all the \_ earth,  
2. Spread the good news o'er all the \_ earth,  
3. We have been cru - ci - fied with \_ Christ.  
4. God has pro - claimed the just re - ward,  
5. Come let us praise the Liv - ing \_ God,

13 F Dm Gm C D.C. al Fine

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
Now we shall live \_ for - ev - er.  
life for all men, al - le - lu - ia.  
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - iour.

## Prayer of the Day

**P:** Let us pray.

**C:** Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through 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.

## First Reading

—Please be seated—

L: A reading from Acts 16:9-15

<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## Second Reading

—Please be seated—

L: A reading from Psalm 67

L: <sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

**C: <sup>2</sup>Let your way be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.**

L: <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**C: <sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the  
nations on earth.**

L: <sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**C: <sup>6</sup>The earth has brought forth its increase;  
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

L: <sup>7</sup>May God give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

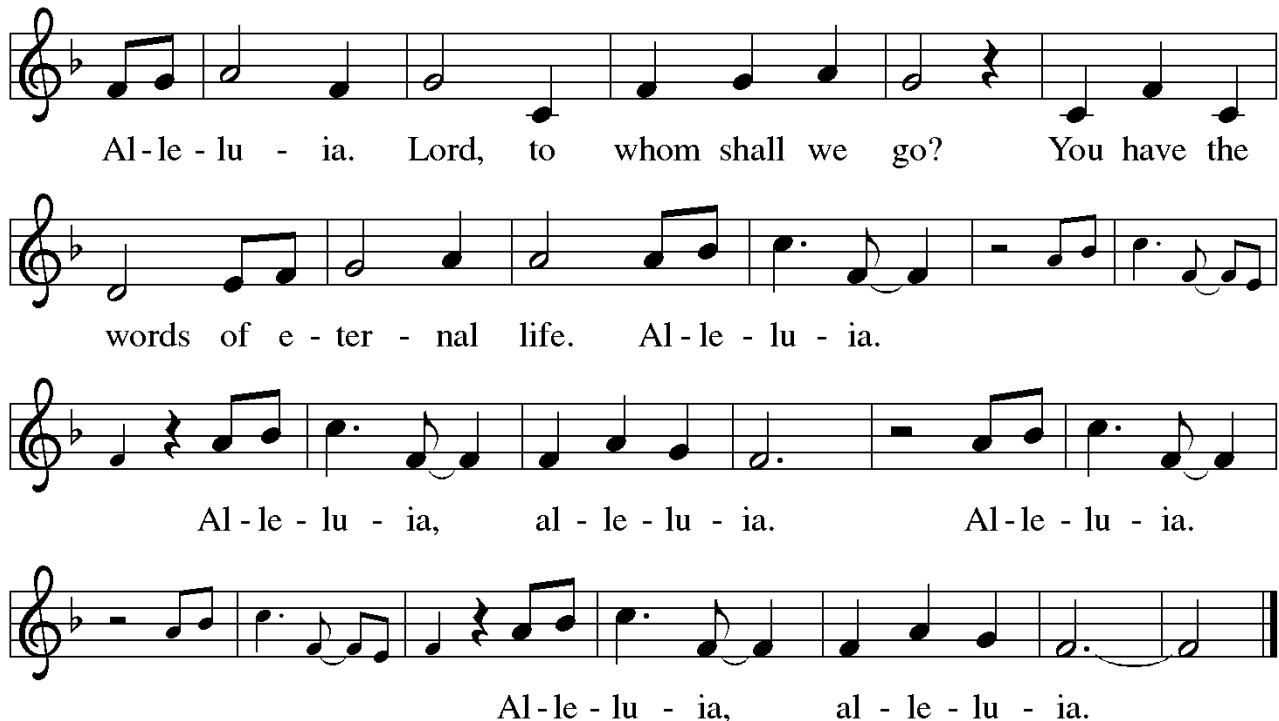
## Children's Message

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

## Gospel Acclamation

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— Please stand as able—



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

## Gospel

— Please stand as able—

**P:** The holy gospel according to St. John, Chapter 5:1-9

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. <sup>3</sup>In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. <sup>5</sup>One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” <sup>7</sup>The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” <sup>8</sup>Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” <sup>9</sup>At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath.

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788  
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

## **Nicene Creed**

**P: Let us confess our faith using the Nicene Creed.**

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

**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 the People

LD: 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—

LD: God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

LD: Give a vision of increase and abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

LD: Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

LD: Uphold the work of ministries and organizations in our communities who assist people experiencing homelessness, citizens returning from prison, and all marginalized people. Accomplish your will through their efforts. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

LD: Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace. Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. —**A brief silence**— God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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 and Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Congregation, Ascentria Care Alliance and Camp Calumet. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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

**C: Amen.**

## **The Sharing of God's Peace**

P: May the peace of the risen Christ be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to exchange expressions of peace with those near them. Please remain seated and avoid physical touch in the interests of everyone's health and safety.

# 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 Hymn

## Church Choir

## Offertory Prayer

P: Let us Pray.

**C: 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. 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 around the altar. You will receive a wafer (gluten free wafers are available). Next you may take a pre-filled glass of wine. Please put the glass in the basket by the baptismal font or the lectern. Pre-filled Communion Cups are still available for anyone uncomfortable coming forward to the altar. If you would like to receive communion from the Pastor, 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.

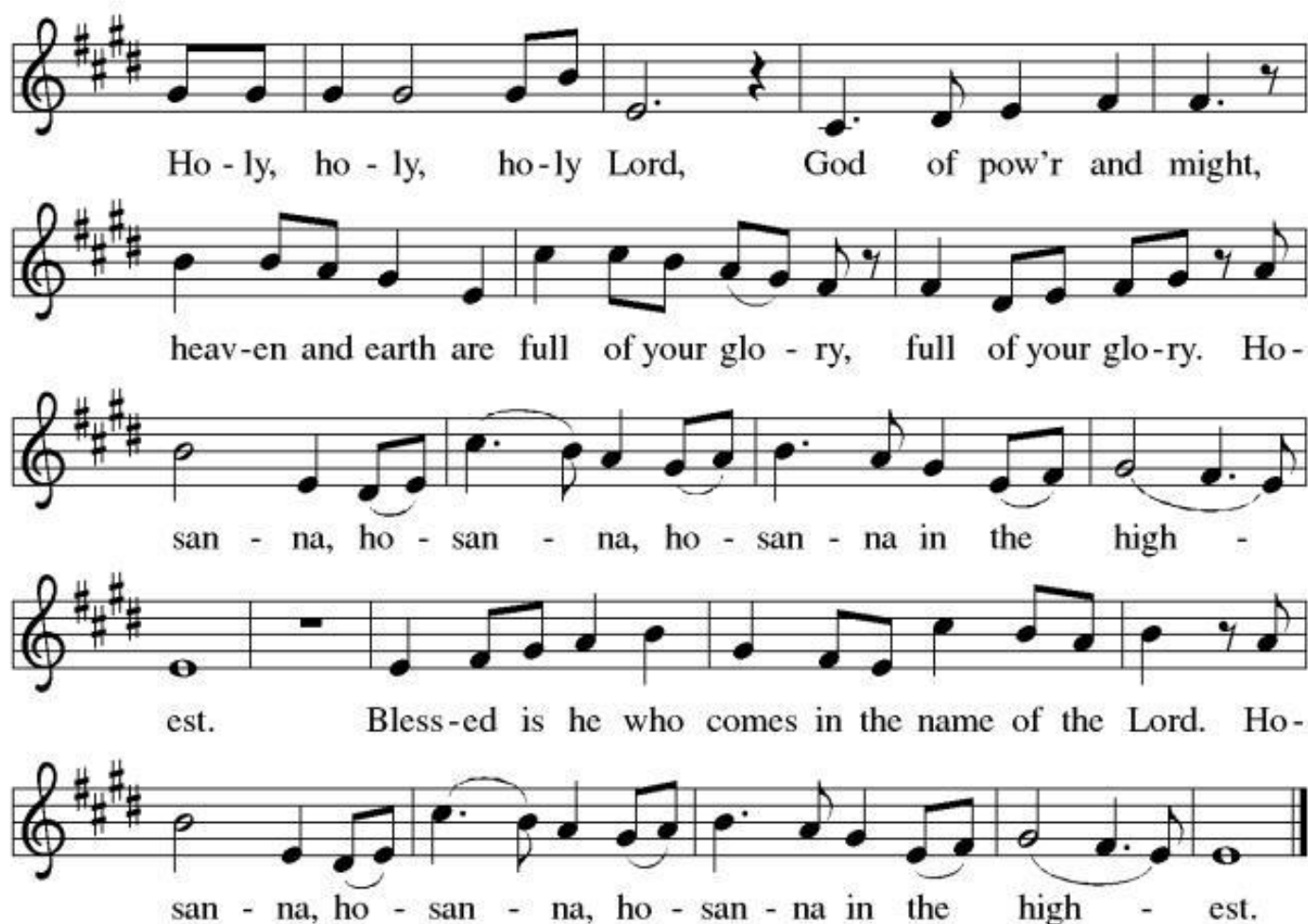
**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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

ELW pg 190



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



## **Words of Institution**

**(Sung response by congregation)**

P: In the night that Jesus was betrayed, by one of his own,  
He took the bread and blessed it as He said,  
“here’s my body broken for you.”

He took the cup and raised it up on high, bowed His head and prayed.  
And then He said, “My blood for you is shed. A cleansing stream to wash  
your sins away.”

**C: Come and see the glory of the Lord, come behold the Lamb.  
Come and taste the mercy of the King, bowing down before Him.  
For He is Lord above the heavens. Lord in all the earth.  
Lord of all the angels. Worthy to be served. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
Lord.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

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

P: Now, as our Lord taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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: Taste and See that the Lord is good.

## Communion

— Please be seated—

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

## 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 785**

### 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.

#### *Refrain*



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

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

## My Life Flows On in Endless Song



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.  
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

## O Blessed Spring



1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us  
 2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain  
 3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their  
 4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our  
 5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to  
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing  
 heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will  
 last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take  
 this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.  
 rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.  
 move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.  
 wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.  
 vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953  
 Music: BERGLUND, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950  
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# SENDING

## The Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray.

C: **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.**

## Announcements, Birthdays and Anniversaries

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.

## Blessing

—Please stand as able—

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

C: **Amen.**

## Dismissal

LD: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

LD: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C: **Thanks be to God.**