

# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

# August 14, 2022 9:30 AM – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



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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.

#### **August Celebrations!**

#### **Happy Birthday!**

Joan Bauer, Matthew Clement, Annika Clemmons, Lauren Gianino, Paul Gianino, Bob Hollister, Kurt Kasik, Julie Kath, Fred King, Ellie Moore, Rebecca Moore, Eva Mohr, Linn Opderbecke, Phyllis Philbrick, Dan Scammon, Ranap Siagian, Rebecca Schrumm, Paulette Sirois, Gisela Wemple.

#### **Happy Anniversary!**

Chris & Karen Berg, Dan & Stephanie Goupil, Robert & Jackie Refsdal, Ed & Fran Mallon.

#### 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!

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.

**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.

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 or call (603)436-1704 and leave a voicemail message.

## **Donate to Holy Trinity:** You can

place your offering in the offering plate during the service. We appreciate what you are able to give to help support our church and our ministries. Thank you.



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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, Richard Anderson, Yvonne Topping, Dave Smith. 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:** 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), Katy (Shirley Jackson's daughter), Jay Bartel (Bobbi Febbo's son), Susan Fischer (Lois Kfoury's cousin)

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.

#### NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

#### **LECTIONARY**

**This Week:** Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29--12:2; Luke 12:49-56; Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

**Next Week:** Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6

#### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Musician(s): Jon Keolker, and Dick Toppng

Choir Director: Jon Koelker

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

Counters: Bill & Julie Kath

Lector: Bill Kath

Altar Guild: Bobbie Febbo

#### THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, August 17 9:30 AM: Bible Study THURSDAY, August 18 8:00 AM: Property Team

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

SUNDAY, August 21

#### ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

**Sunday, July 31:** 67 (*In-Person*) + 26 (*Online*) = 93 **Offering:** \$4,379.26 **Sunday, August 7:** 44 (*In-Person*) + 22 (*Online*) = 66 **Offering:** \$5,580.45

#### **Announcements**

**Altar Guild Help Needed:** For the next six weeks, out Altar Guild is Short-staffed with only two volunteers to help. If you wish to help this very important ministry, please speak to the Church Office, or with Pam Shaw.

**Social Ministry:** Attention all Social Ministry team members! Jessica Feeley, our Social Ministry leader, had computer issues and has lost most of her files. If you were part of Social Ministry, please notify her or the church office that you are a Team Member. For anyone who wishes to join the team, please speak with her or the Church Office.

Just a little reminder about one of our social ministries, CaringConnections! Yes CaringConnections does still exist! Although the last couple of years have been challenging for the team and how things have been done, the team has been there meeting the needs of the congregation! Here is a brief description of the team and individual groups within the team! CaringConnections is a team set up to serve members and friends of HTLC. The mission of its overall objective is to bring God's gift of caring to those in the church who require and desire it. For more information about what CaringConnections does and how to help, please find our leaflet in the Gathering Area.

Property Team (Tidings Article): Even in the summer doldrums there is always something demanding the Property Team's attention. Things that were working fine a week or so ago are presenting with problems and need care ... loving or otherwise. The skylight windows in the Sanctuary overhead which were operating normally until recently now refuse to stay open when we really could stand to have them open for ventilation. On two recent occasions the emergency exit door near the Chapel has failed to perform as required. At this writing, the door is working in an acceptable manner, but I anticipate more problems with it. The lawn always tends to be stressed this time of year due to heat and lack of water. This summer it is browner and drier than most. I am optimistic that conditions may soon become more favorable. As evidenced by the plant growth coming up through various cracks in the parking lot, we will need to have some parking lot and driveway maintenance done this fall to seal cracks before the winter freeze. For crack repair I have typically used the company that last did re-sealing and re-striping of the parking lot and driveways. I believe they have given us honest assessments of when re-seal work is appropriate. The last full re-seal work was done in 2018 and has held up well. I hope many of you have had an opportunity to see our new sign at the boundary of our property and Spaulding Turnpike. I think it represents us well and is nicely visible day or night. We do need to cut back some of the tall Sumac growth between our property and Bernie and Phyl's in order to reduce some of the line-of-sight obstruction of the sign for northbound traffic on the Spaulding. I recently had the opportunity of chatting with our dear friend, long-time Property Team Leader and property mentor, Byrl Short. Among other things, we discussed most of what I have written above as well as how big the tree near the church office has grown, and I acknowledged his gentle reminder to keep the overhanging branches off the roof. It is an insect control issue. Once a Property Team Leader, always a Property Team Leader. Thanks, Byrl for keeping me on my toes!

Every Sunday morning during the summer, the Church Office will have the Air Conditioner running, with a livestream of the Worship Service on the computer. If you're feeling hot, you're welcome to sit in the Office to cool down and follow along with the worship service.

# **Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - Sunday, August 14, 2022 — 9:30 a.m.

#### Welcome

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Please stand as able

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

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, 

  → one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- —A brief silence—
- P: Merciful God,
- C: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.
- P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of 

  → Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.
- C: Amen.

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness





hand hath pro - vid - ed;

great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to

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

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## Greeting

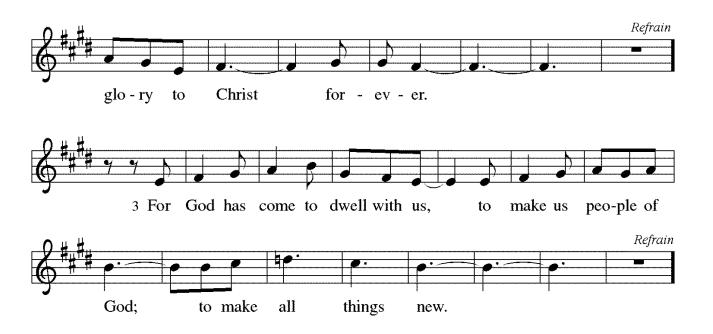
- P: May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- C: Amen.

#### **Canticle of Praise**

**ELW 167** 

## Now the Feast and Celebration





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#### Prayer of the Day

- P: Let us pray.
- C: O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

#### 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 Jeremiah 23:23-29

<sup>23</sup>Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### **Second Reading**

L: A reading from Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received

their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

- L: Word of God, word of life.
- C: Thanks be to God.

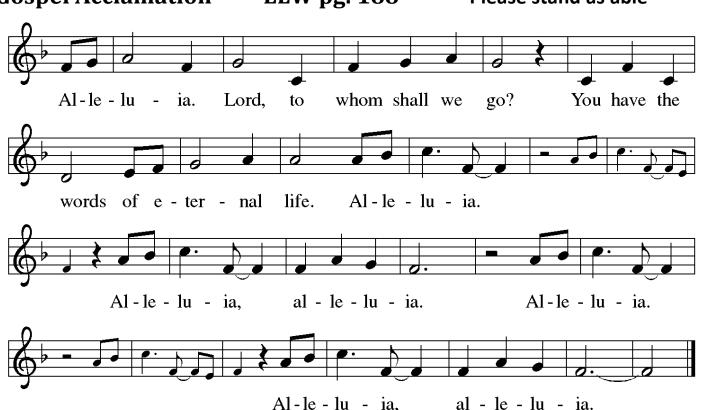
## Children's Message

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

## **Gospel Acclamation**

## **ELW pg. 188**

#### - Please stand as able-



#### Gospel

#### Please stand as able

- P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke 12:49-56
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup>"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

- P: The gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

—Please be seated—

# Be Thou My Vision



Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

#### **Apostles Creed**

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Prayers of the People**

LD: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

#### —A brief silence—

LD: Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners. Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

LD: Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters. Transform the devastation of floods and fires into

fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

LD: Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by racist discrimination, ableist discrimination, and all people discriminated against based on their gender identity or sexual orientation. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. Merciful God,

#### C: receive 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. Merciful God,

#### C: receive our prayer.

LD: Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep. In our joy and in our tears, be near us. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. —A brief silence—Merciful God,

#### C: receive 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. Merciful God,

- C: receive our prayer.
- LD: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.
- 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 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: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

#### The Celebration of Holy Communion

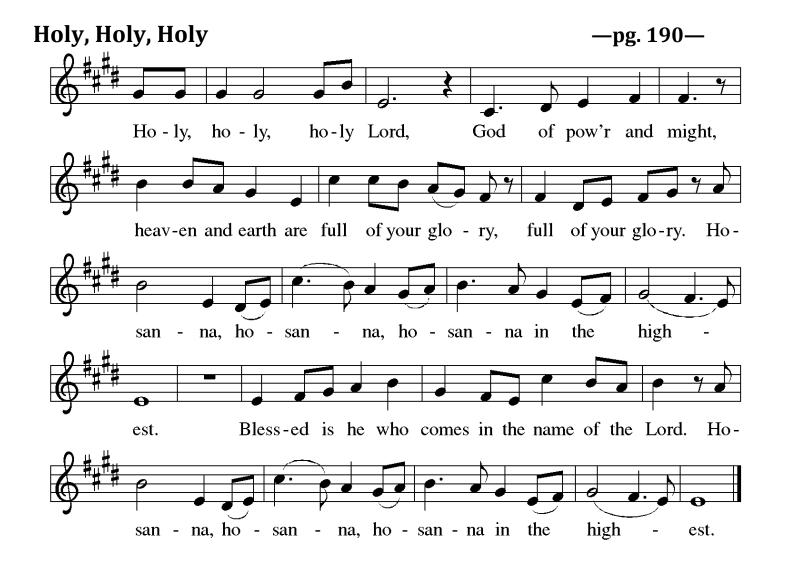
As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood. There will be a single communion station around the altar. You will receive a wafer (gluten free wafers are available). Next you may take a pre-filled glass of wine. Please put the 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. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## Thanksgiving at the Table

P: 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 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:

- C: 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.
- C: 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.
- C: 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.
- C: Amen.

#### **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: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

#### **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 496** 

# One Bread, One Body

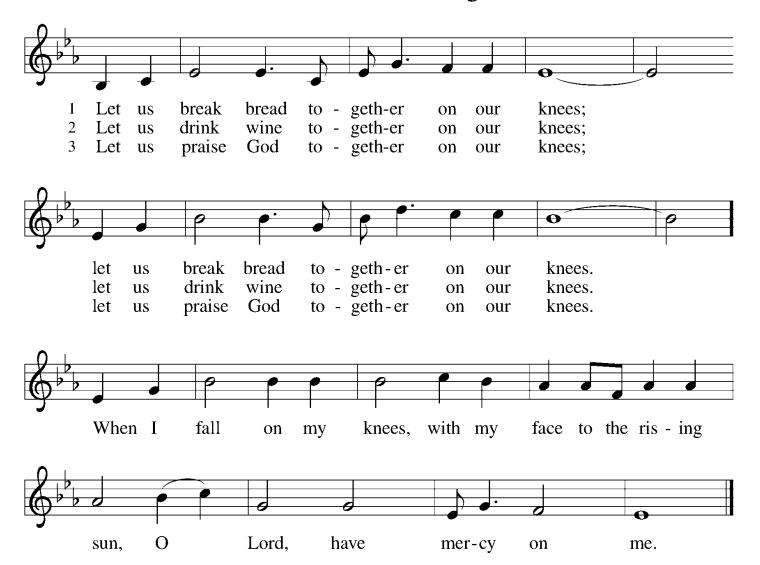


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Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, sJ

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# Let Us Break Bread Together



Text: African American spiritual

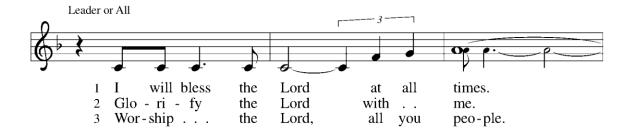
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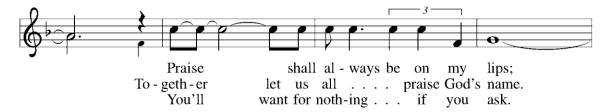
#### Communion Hymn #3: ELW 493

#### Taste and See













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#### **SENDING**

## The Prayer after Communion

- P: Let us pray.
- C: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

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.

#### **Blessing**

#### —Please stand as able—

- P: The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.
- C: Amen.

#### **Dismissal**

- LD: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
- C: Thanks be to God.

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