



Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

September 4, 2022 9:30 AM – 13th 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.

September Celebrations!

Happy Birthday!

Tracy Barry, Steve Bauer, Erik Bygd, Bill Clapp, Serena Gerome, Judy Gessner, Don Gindlesperger, Emily Goupil, Russ Hilliard, Edie Hudak, Peter Johnson, Mary Kuck, Leo Larson, Heidi Morrison, Joan Parseghian, Yosua Siagian, Rick Swiatocha II, Sonia Talabessey.

Happy Anniversary!

Martha and Rich Belanger, Mark and Erlinde Beliveau, Dan and Lara Scammon, Paul and Lauren Gianino, Carl and Eileen Kackenmeister, Angie and Paul Eide.

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, Larry Sanders. **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: 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), Jay Bartel (Bobbi Febbo's son), Susan Fischer (Lois Kfoury's cousin), Jill Duncan (Bobbie Febbo's friend), Sherry (Shirley Jackson's sister).

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

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

LECTIONARY

This Week: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33; Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Next Week: Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10; Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician(s): Judy Evans, Jon Koelker, Dick Topping
Choir Director: Jon Koelker
Sound System: Franklyn Vosburg & Mark Donahue
Counters: Barry & Phyllis Philbrick
Altar Guild: Pam Shaw

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, September 7

9:30 AM: Bible Study

THURSDAY, September 8

8:00 AM: Property Team

SUNDAY, September 11

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

10:45 AM: Celebration and Prayers for our Transition Team, MSP Team, and Call Committee.

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

Sunday, August 21: 72 (In-Person) + 22 (Online) = 94

Sunday, August 28: 61 (In-Person) + 23 (Online) = 84

Offering: \$6,276.90

Offering: \$6,172.40

Announcements

Altar Flowers have been placed by the Altar from Jessica Feeley in honor of her 43rd wedding anniversary with her late husband.

Church Office Closed on Labor Day: Mark will be out of the office on Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day.

Next Sunday, After Worship: We are going to hold a gathering to thank everyone on the Transition Team and the MSP writing team. We will pray for our Call Committee, as they prepare to interview prospective pastoral candidates in the coming months. On Sunday, September 18, we will have a special celebration for Pastor George Koch, who has gone above and beyond serving our congregation over the past summer.

The Ministry Site Profile (MSP) has been completed and will be sent to the Synod office shortly. Thanks to the MSP team members - Mark Beliveau, Dot Kasik, Eileen Kackenmeister, and Linda Edwards - for preparing the document based on the results of the work done by the Transition Team and all of you. The document is a summary of all the comments and discussions that we had between January and June. For those of you who remember the last MSP, please note that the Synod has adopted a new form that is quite different than the version in use a few years back. Please take time to pick up a paper copy in our Gathering Area today. Thanks for your continued prayers as we move to this next phase in our journey.

Welcome Back, Pastor Luther: We're pleased to announce that on Sunday, September 25, Pastor Luther Zeigler will be returning to Holy Trinity as our interim pastor. He will remain in this position through the end of the year when we will reevaluate our relationship depending on the status of the search for a permanent pastor. Pastor Luther will be with us on Sundays and Wednesdays, and potentially other times as situations arise. Please join us on September 25 to welcome Pastor Luther back into our midst.

Stewardship: Never Fear! It is going to happen and soon! The Time and Talent volunteer form will be coming out in mid-September. The Stewardship Committee and Ministry chairpersons hope that everyone who attends Holy Trinity will find an area where they can be of help to the congregation, the area, and the world. Each of us has a unique interest or expertise in something which will make a better place for all. When Pastor Luther begins his interim ministry, there will be many opportunities. Many of our world-wide ministries have faltered during the Pandemic, but now we are again able to come together to put ourselves into volunteering. We ask you consider where your interest lies and to use that interest in helping.

Tables of Eight: This popular Adult Fellowship event at Holy Trinity is a great way to get to know others from your Holy Trinity family. Those who sign up will enjoy 4 meals together over the next year. Each group decides the meals...potluck, theme menus, picnic, eat out, etc. If you would like to participate in the coming year, we invite you to sign up ASAP by contacting Jo Whiting (text 603-828-7494 or email tidewatch9@comcast.net) or Mark in the church office (office@HTELC.com). If you participated last year, you will automatically be assigned to a Tables group this year unless you let Jo or Mark know otherwise.

Altar Guild Help Needed: For the next few weeks, our 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.

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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, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C: **Amen.**

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

—A brief silence—

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**

Amen.

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

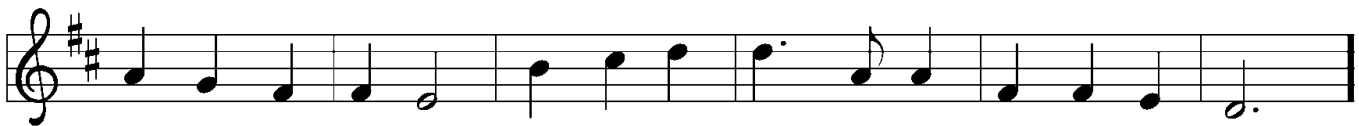
Great Is Thy Faithfulness



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 fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: **Amen.**

Kyrie* : **From Missa Luba (Congo)**

C: **Kyrie ... (Repeats)**

Christe ... Christe ... (Repeats)

Kyrie ... Kyrie ... Kyrie ... (Repeats)

*[Translated from the Greek, "Lord have Mercy, Christ have Mercy, Lord have Mercy]

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: **Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through 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 Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would

welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

L: A responsive reading from Psalm 1:1-6

L: ¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**C: ²Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

L: ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

**C: ⁴It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

L: ⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**C: ⁶For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

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. Luke 14:25-33

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

—Please be seated—

Shout to the Lord



My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.

My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;

let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise

to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the

sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;

for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.

Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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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: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let
us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's
good creation.**

—A brief silence—

**LD: We pray for the church around the world and for the mission of the
gospel. Refresh the hearts of your people, deepen our understanding of
every good thing we share, and strengthen our partnerships in the faith.
God of grace,**

C: hear our prayer.

LD: For the well-being of the earth and all its creatures: for trees and forests, for all that will yield fruit this season, and for streams and other bodies of water. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: For the nations and those in authority: for the elected leaders of our towns, states, and country, and for international organizations. Grant wisdom to those who govern and raise up citizens who make decisions in the best interest of their neighbors. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: For this community of faith: for all our labors—begun, continued, and ended in you—that they glorify your holy name. Bless your people with the strength to live into their many vocations for the sake of the world. God of grace,

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 of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: For all in need: for those who suffer from disease, who struggle with homelessness or food insecurity, for those whose family life is difficult, and for all in this community who need your care. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. —**A brief silence**— God of grace,

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 of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. 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.

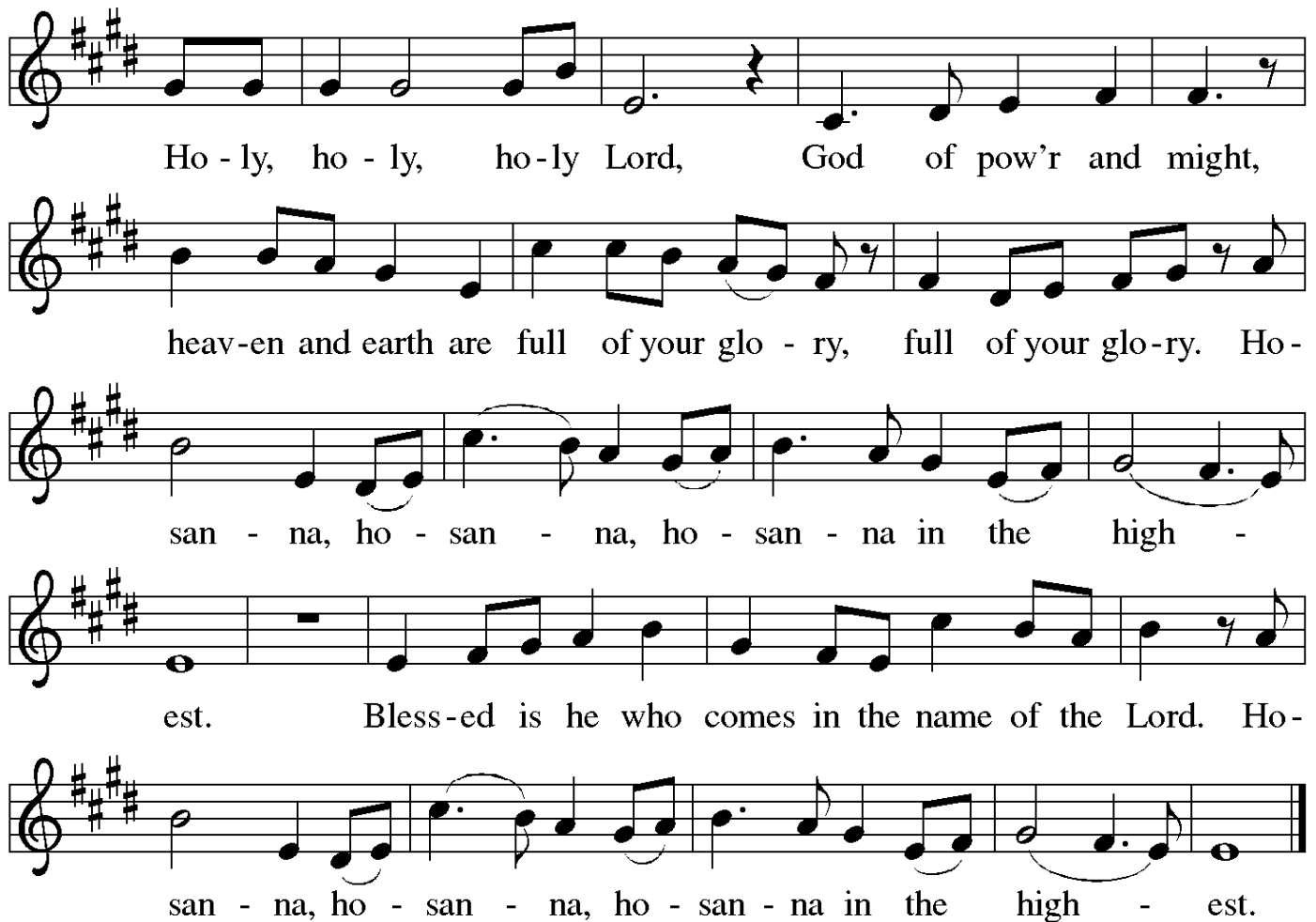
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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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: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

Communion

— Please be seated—

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

Communion

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—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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Agnus Dei' in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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 493**

Taste and See

Refrain – All

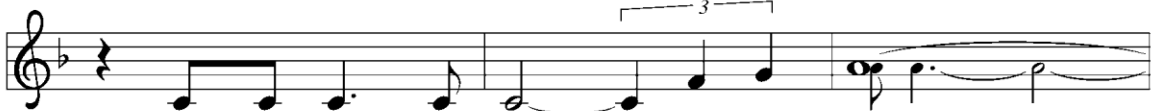


Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All



1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
 2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . me.
 3 Wor - ship . . . the Lord, all you peo-ple.



Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
 To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
 You'll want for noth - ing . . . if you ask.



my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;
 I called the Lord, . . who an - swered me;
 Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;

Refrain



for God has been so good to me.
 from all my trou - bles I was set free.
 in God we need put all our trust.

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Here is Bread



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
 Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

SENDING

The Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray.

C: **God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

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: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: **Amen.**

Dismissal

LD: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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