



# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



*Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord*

**February 12, 2023 9:30 AM - Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**



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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.*

### February Celebrations!

#### Happy Birthday!

Sappy Lugalla, Chris Burbank, Stephanie Goupil, Somchai Williams, Sarah Cutting, Jo Whiting, Carol Bush, Linda Edwards, Bill Quirk, Mark Cutting, Claire Nania, Susan Duderwicz, Jill Larson, William Pierce, Matthew Rouleau, June Slipp, Jeff Morrison, Julie Moore, and Heather Oliver-Mohr.

#### Happy Anniversary!

Erik and Stephanie Johnson

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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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#### 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, Sarah Meier, Bob & Judy Hollister, Don Gindlesperger, Steve Bush, Joyce Rivoire, Richard Anderson, Yvonne Topping, Dave Smith, Larry Sanders, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Jean Klein, Joe Lugalla, Geri Seig, Rani Marcus, Grover Marshall.

**Homebound:** Carol Saufley, Edith Rowan, Barbara Werdelin, Ron Evers, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Anita Lindstrom.

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

**Friends:** Katy and Sherry (Shirley Jackson's daughter and sister), Linda Smith and Bill Hutchins (Jill Larson's friends), Geri Sieg (former member of Holy Trinity), Casey Lavoie (Stephanie Goupil's friend), Monica Amundson (Julie Moore's friend), Danielle Elwanger & family (Bobbie Febbo's granddaughter) Linda Aten (Rich Wilcox's sister), Lynn Geraci (Jill & Jerry Schock's friend), Robert Gjellstad (Jerry Schock'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](mailto:office@htelc.com).*

## NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community.

## LECTIONARY

**This Week:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20;  
Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8;  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

**Next Week:** Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Musician(s):** Jon Bock, Jon Koelker, and Dick Topping

**Choir Director:** Jon Koelker

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

**Counters:** Bill & Julie Kath

**Altar Guild:** Joan Bauer

**Lector:** Yvonne Toppng

**Liturgical Deacon:** Julie Kath

**Greeter:** Yvonne Topping

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

**WEDNESDAY, February 15**

9:30 AM: Bible Study

**THURSDAY, February 16**

8:30 AM: Property Team

**SUNDAY, February 19**

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

10:30 AM: Confirmation class

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

<b>Sunday, January 29:</b>	87 (In-Person) + 21 (Online) = 108	<b>Offering:</b> \$3,204.03
<b>Sunday, February 5:</b>	86 (In-Person) + 35 (Online) = 121	<b>Offering:</b> \$6,345.45

## Announcements

**Baptized into Christ** this morning is Gabriel Ranto Björn Simamora, son of Joddy Tiratdy Simamora and Hannah Mei.

**Altar Flowers** have been placed on the alter and donated by the Scammon Family, in celebration of little Gabriel's baptism this morning.

**PRAYERS AND RELIEF FOR TURKEY AND SYRIA:** The devastating earthquake this week in Turkey and Syria have left a staggering number of people dead, injured, displaced, homeless and grieving. Please consider giving to Lutheran World Relief's fund set up to assist the victims. Go to [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org) to see how you can help. Just as importantly, keep these hurting people in your prayers: "We pray to you, Almighty God, for the victims of the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria. You are always our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble. Welcome into your loving arms those who have died, care for the injured and displaced, comfort the grieving, strengthen the aid workers and rescue teams, reassure the confused, weak, and vulnerable, and deliver any who are still in peril. All this we pray in your Son's name, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." Faithfully, Pastor Luther

**Ash Wednesday, February 22:** Plan now for the start of Lent. Worship services will be offered at 12:00 noon and at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The worship will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

**Women's Retreat at Calumet March 10-12:** This year's theme will be "Kaleidoscope, the Sacred facets of our lives". Please join us for a lively weekend. The total cost is \$172. Please sign up and grab the paperwork in the gathering area on the kiosk. Please do this, if possible, by the end of February so we can get Calumet our numbers, If you have questions or would like the paperwork sent to you electronically please contact Leslie Carson at [carsonsl@maine.rr.com](mailto:carsonsl@maine.rr.com).

**Holden Evening Prayer** will begin during the season of Lent, starting Wednesday, March 1, at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to join us for this special service, written by Marty Haugen.

**The Desert of Compassion, a Lenten Book Discussion:** For Lent, Holy Trinity is invited to read a new book by Pastor Rachel Srubas entitled *The Desert of Compassion: Devotions for the Lenten Journey*. A Benedictine oblate and Presbyterian minister, Rachel pastors a Presbyterian church in Tucson, Arizona. The book is organized so that for each day of Lent, from Ash Wednesday all the way to Holy Saturday, there is a short Scripture reading, a reflection, and a prayer. After church on Sundays during Lent starting March 12, those who are interested can join Pastor Luther for a discussion of each week's entries as we make our way through the book. Copies of the book are available in the Church Office for \$20. If you would like to read the book but are having financial issues, please speak with Pastor Luther.

**Holy Week:** Please note the upcoming schedule for Holy Week 2023. Further details to come shortly.

Palm Sunday, April 2 (*Worship at 9:30 AM*), Maundy Thursday, April 6 (*Worship at 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM*)  
Good Friday, April 7 (*Worship at 7:00 PM*), Holy Saturday, April 8 (*Online Worship only*)  
Easter Sunday, April 9 (*Worship at 9:30 AM*).

# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany – Sunday, February 5, 2023 — 9:30 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship Service

## 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:** And also with you.

## Gathering Song

**ELW 732**

— Please remain standing—

### Borning Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



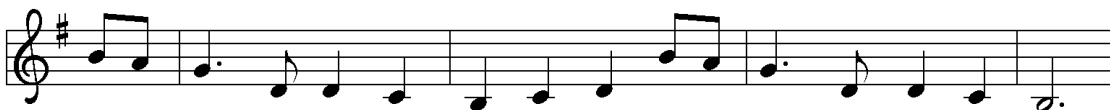
I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937  
Music: WATERLIFE, John C. Ylvisaker  
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## Prayer for Baptism

P: Let us pray.

C: **Merciful and most high God, creator and giver of life, you have called all people from darkness into light, from error into truth, from death into life. Grant grace to Gabriel Simamora and bless him. Raise him by your Spirit. Revive him by your word. Form him by your hand. Bring him to the water of life and to the bread and cup of blessing, that with all your people he may bear witness to your grace and praise you forever through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## The Baptism

—Please be seated—

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

P: Joddy and Hannah, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Gabriel Ranto Björn baptized into Christ? If so, answer I do.

*Response:* **I do.**

P: As you bring Gabriel Ranto Björn to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:  
to live with him among God's faithful people,  
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in his hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture him in faith and prayer,  
so that all your children may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Joddy and Hannah, do you promise to help Gabriel Ranto Björn grow in the Christian faith and life? If so, answer, I do.

*Response:* **I do.**

The presiding minister addresses the congregation.

P: People of God, do you pledge to help pass faith to Gabriel Ranto Björn and to support and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C: **We do.**

## **Profession of Faith**

— **Please stand as able**—

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The congregation joins in the responses.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response:* **I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response: I renounce them.*

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response: I renounce them.*

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the congregation.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## Children's Message

The children are invited to come forward to watch the baptism by the font.



At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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

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

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

P: Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

P: By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

The assembly may be seated. The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. The candidate is immersed into the water, or water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

P: Gabriel Ranto Björn, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

LD: Gabriel Ranto Björn, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

LD: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:

P: Sustain Gabriel Ranto Björn with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

P: Gabriel Ranto Björn, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

LD: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly.

LD: Let us welcome our newly baptized brother – Gabriel Ranto Björn Simamora.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

The Congregation greets the newly baptized.

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

# Kyrie

— Please stand as able—



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

# 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 Deuteronomy 30:15-20

[Moses said to the people:] <sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

L: A reading from Psalm 119:1-8

L: <sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose way is blameless,  
who follow the teaching of the Lord!

**C: <sup>2</sup>Happy are they who observe your decrees  
and seek you with all their hearts,**

L: <sup>3</sup>who never do any wrong,  
but always walk in your ways.

**C: <sup>4</sup>You laid down your commandments,  
that we should fully keep them.**

L: <sup>5</sup>Oh, that my ways were made so direct  
that I might keep your statutes!

**C: <sup>6</sup>Then I should not be put to shame,  
when I regard all your commandments.**

L: <sup>7</sup>I will thank you with a true heart,  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

**C: <sup>8</sup>I will keep your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.**

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation ELW 314, Verse 4 — Please stand as able—**

**Arise, Your Light Has Come!**

4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun-tains burst in song!

Rise up like ea-gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

The image shows a musical score for a four-part setting of the hymn 'Arise, Your Light Has Come!'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: '4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun-tains burst in song!' and 'Rise up like ea-gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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**Gospel**

**— Please stand as able—**

**P:** The holy gospel according to St. Matthew 5:21-37

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to

terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**—Please be seated—**



“Shine Jesus Shine”

*Refrain*



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the



2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,



play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us,



mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

*Refrain*



Shine on on me, shine on on me:



Shine on on me, shine on on me:

Text: Graham Kendrick  
 Music: SHINE, JESUS, SHINE, Graham Kendrick

## Prayers of the People

LD: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

—A brief silence—

LD: Inspire your church that it may be a sign of life throughout the world. From the exploration of faith with children and new believers to missionaries and bishops, shape lives of faithfulness, so that all find abundant life in your ways. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

LD: Nourish your creation. Accompany all who plant and water. Bless the work of farmers; provide for subsistence farmers facing drought and climate change. Guide the work of agricultural scientists toward sustainable ways to feed the world. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

LD: Give growth where there seems to be no hope for life. In nations and regions where reconciliation seems impossible, empower peacemakers with your Spirit. Where death holds sway through violence, disease, and hunger, equip relief workers to bring hope. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

LD: Encourage this congregation. Call us to a common purpose and keep us from quarrelling. Turn our hearts toward you and guide our leaders, so that our choices may be lifegiving for all. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

LD: We pray for the members of our call committee as they seek to discern, on our behalf, a new leader to guide us in our mission so that we may move forward together in peace, unity, love and service. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

LD: Nurture all in need. Bring healing to all who experience trauma caused by systems of injustice and destructive relationships. Give courage to those struggling to repent and those seeking reconciliation. Sustain all who work for restoration. 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: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**C: Amen.**

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

P: May the peace of the Lord, be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to exchange expressions of peace with those near them.

# 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

—Please stand as able—

P: Let us Pray.

**C: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,**

**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

—Please remain standing—

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, 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.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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: Come and taste the joy of God!

## 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 479**

### 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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## Come, Let Us Eat

Leader or All



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
 come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
 in Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest.  
 rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.

Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.  
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.  
 in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.  
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Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt.

Music: A VA DE, Billema Kwillia, adapt.

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## Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;  
 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.  
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.  
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAL BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

## SENDING

### The Prayer after Communion

**P:** Let us pray.

**C:** Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

**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—

Pastor Zeigler will now lead a blessing for the end of our worship service.

## Sending Hymn

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— Please stand as able—

## I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

## Dismissal

LD: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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