



Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

March 12, 2023 9:30 AM – Third Sunday in Lent



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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.

March Celebrations!

Happy Birthday!

Susie Reny, Margareta Claesson, Dot Kasik, Bill Larson, Jaxon Small, Anders Claesson, Avelino Talabessy, Noah Berg, Nathan Goupil, Ken Galle, Judy Evans, Frank Moore, Chris Dunn, Kathy Beals, Lauren Eide, Lou Spoto, Bruce Clement, Jeff Galle, Warren Mellor, Grover Marshall, Ethan Crawford, Gabriel Simamora, Lynne Clement, Penelope Williams, Anggiat Sihotang.

Happy Anniversary!

Mike and Nancy Gilmore, Mark and Linda Edwards, Matt and Ann Stephen.

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.

Office Hours & Pastoral Emergencies:

Church Office: *Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm*

Pastor Luther: *Wednesdays 11am-2:30pm*

If you need a Pastoral Visit, or experiencing a Pastoral Emergency, pastoral care is available for home or hospital visits, emotional support, and church ceremonies. Please contact the Church Office and he will provide you with the Pastoral 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, 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), Casey Lavoie (Stephanie Goupil's friend), Danielle Elwanger & family (Bobbie Febbo's granddaughter), Lynn Geraci (Jill & Jerry Schock's friend), Robert Gjellstad (Jerry Schock's cousin), Helaine Wemple (Gisela Wemple's daughter).

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

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter.

LECTIONARY

This Week: : Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95;
Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

Next Week: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23;
Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

Choir Director: Jon Koelker

Sound System: Franklyn Vosburg & Mark Donahue

Counters: Phyllis & Barry Philbrick

Altar Guild: Pam Shaw

Lector: TBD

Liturgical Deacon: TBD

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, March 15

9:30 AM: Bible Study

7:00 PM: Holden Evening Prayer

THURSDAY, March 16

8:30 AM: Property Team

SUNDAY, March 19

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

10:30 AM: Confirmation class

10:30 AM: Lenten Book Discussion

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

Wednesday, February 22: 29 (12:00pm) + 30 (7:00PM) = 59

Sunday, February 26: 81 (In-Person) + 29 (Online) = 110

Sunday, March 5: 64 (In-Person) + 31 (Online) = 95

Offering: \$3,842.92

Offering: \$16,944.85

Announcements

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

Bell Choir interest: Holy Trinity is looking to start up our Bell Choir for the first time in years, and we would like to know who is interested in joining. We are looking both for new members to join us and experienced members to return. If you have an interest in joining the Bell Choir, please speak to Heidi Morrison or Dot Kasik, or let the Church Office know.

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*. 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. We are sold out of all copies of the book, but you are welcome to purchase them on Amazon.

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 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*), *Easter Breakfast to Follow*.

**Holy Trinity incorrectly listed a noon service for Maundy Thursday. There is NO 12:00PM service on Maundy Thursday.*

Operation Blessing is in need of plastic bags for clients to put the clothes they are taking home. The kind that are needed are just the simple one use bags from the grocery stores. Won't you please place them in the green buckets under the mailboxes. We still are collecting mustards, mayo and catsup and ground coffee, tea, and peanut butter and jelly. Thank you.

Indonesian Cooking Class in May: We are planning some opportunities for fellowship between the Holy Trinity 9:30 community and the Imanuel Indonesian 2:00 congregation during 2023. Our first event... do you like cooking? If so, please come to cooking class after 9:30 Worship on May 7 (tentative date)! Open to all ages and cooking skills. We will learn to cook Indonesian nasi goreng (fried rice) and lumpia (springrolls) from our fellow parishoners. We will all help with the chopping, rolling, frying and then sit down to enjoy the lunch we have cooked. Details are under discussion, more information coming soon.

Easter Breakfast: The council is excited to announce that our Annual Easter Breakfast will be returning on Easter April 9th after the 9:30 service. This is a "Potluck" breakfast where you can bring any breakfast or dessert dish to share. The church will provide baked ham for all who attend. The ovens will be in use that morning, so please bring a dish that is already heated or doesn't need to be warm. There will be a setup for tables, chairs, accessories on Saturday April 8th at 1:00pm. We will also need volunteers to help on Easter morning during the breakfast, but not during the actual Easter service. Many hands make the work light and fast. Speak to Tom Bernth if you're interested in helping.

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Third Sunday in Lent – Sunday, March 5, 2023 — 9:30 a.m.

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

—Please stand as able—

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: **Amen**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

—Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks—

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

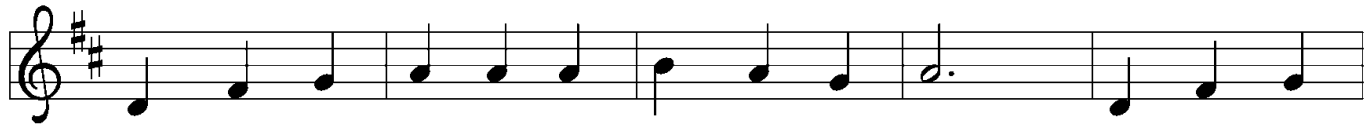
C: **Amen**

Gathering Song

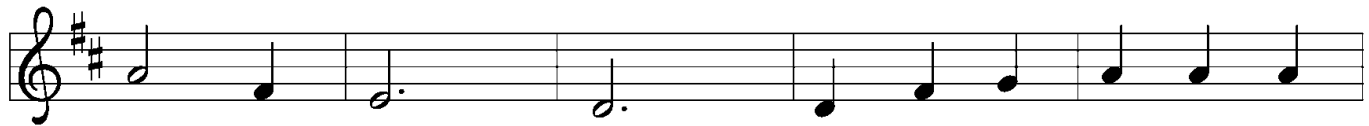
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— Please remain standing—

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934

Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson

Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration


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.**

Kyrie

Refrain




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.

Refrain

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: **Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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 Romans 5:1-11

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if

while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

L: A reading from Psalm 95

L: ¹Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**C: ²Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**

L: ³For you, Lord, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

**C: ⁴In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

L: ⁵The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

**C: ⁶Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

L: ⁷For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

**C: ⁸"Harden not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

L: ⁹There your ancestors tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

C: ¹⁰**Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my
ways.’**

L: ¹¹Indeed I swore in my anger,
‘They shall never come to my rest.’”

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

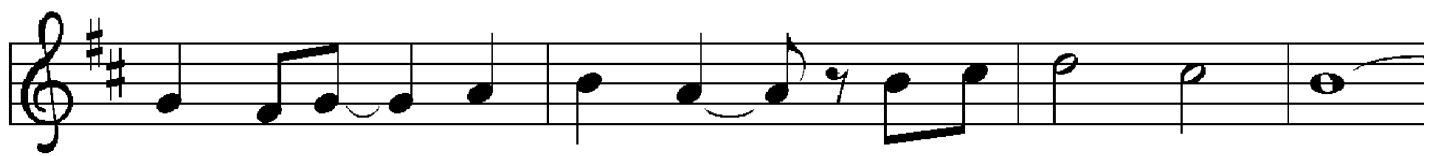
— Please stand as able—



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



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



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



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

Gospel

— Please stand as able—

P: The holy gospel according to St. John 4:5-42

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

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know;

we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you

said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

—Please be seated—

Hymn of the Day

ELW 611

— Please stand as able—

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “I am this dark world’s light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast.”
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live.”
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I’ll walk till trav’-ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

Apostles Creed

P: Let us confess our faith using the 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 into hell.
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: Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

—A brief silence—

LD: We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians and inter-religious dialogue. Guide the daily work of denominational and congregational leaders. Strengthen our combined witness for the sake of the gospel, that all experience your life-giving love. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: We pray for the universe. All creation teems with life, from the depths of the earth and seas to the skies above. Fill us with awe and reverence for the diversity and preservation of life. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: We pray for the nations of the world. Topple the dividing walls that separate us from our neighbors. Form us into your beloved community where diversity of gender, race, language, ability, and ethnic origin is celebrated and affirmed. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: We pray for this congregation, especially those preparing for baptism. Nurture their faith and pour your love into their hearts. Inspire our community by their testimony to God's grace in their lives. 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: We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Be present with all who are lonely, and give courage to all who are afraid. Comfort those who live with chronic illness or other sickness. Give them your living water always. 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 lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

The Sharing of God's Peace

P: May the peace of Christ 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: **God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.**

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.

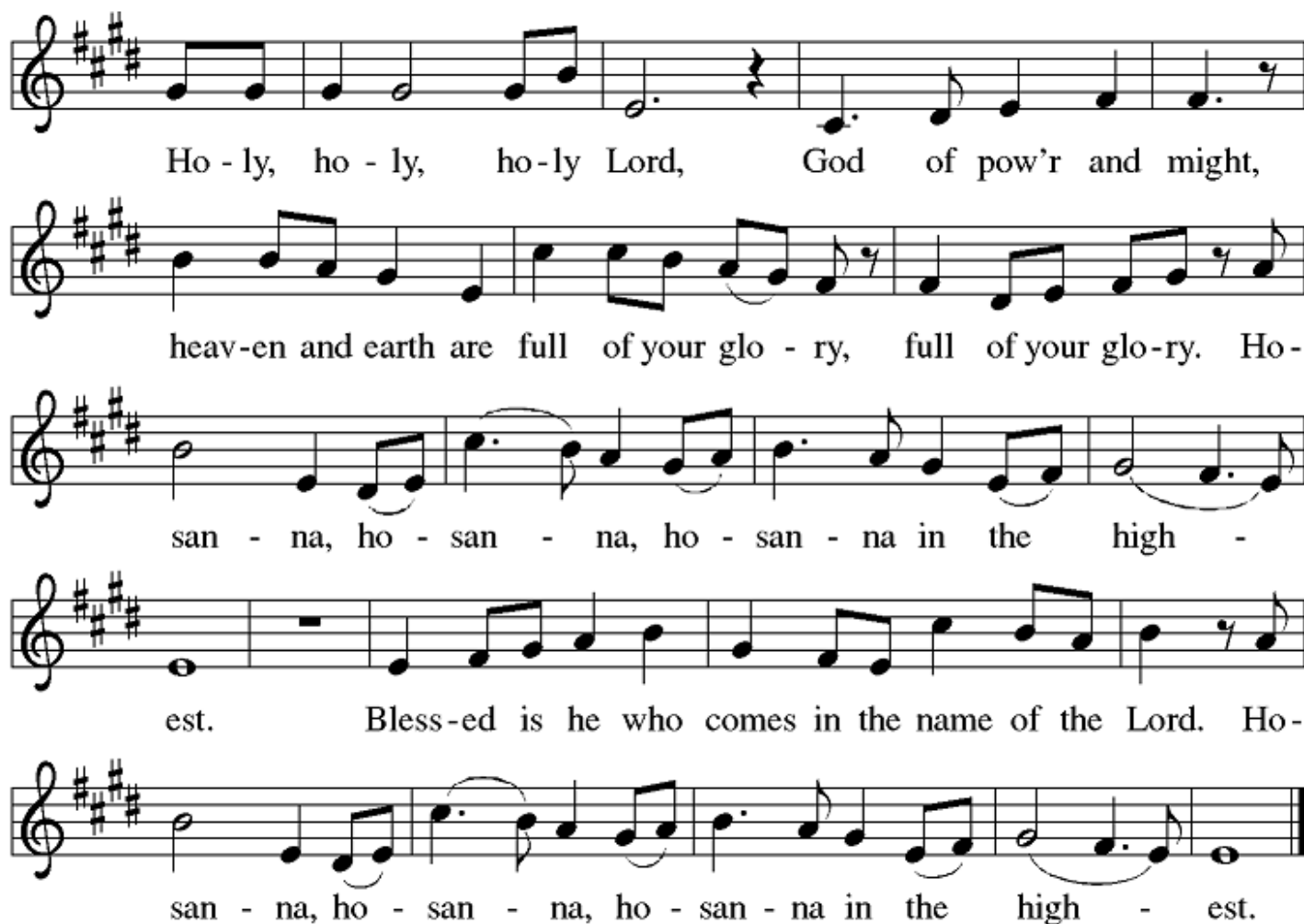
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace, we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for Him who died for us and rose again. 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: 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: Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

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. To follow along with the Communion Hymns, please locate the cranberry Hymnal under your seats.

ELW 474 – Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW 483 – Here is Bread

ELW 642 – Ubi Caritas

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The Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray.

C: **Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.**

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.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
 Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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Dismissal

LD: Go in peace. Serve in love.

C: Thanks be to God.

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New England Synod Hunger Team

Big Hunger Challenges, Bold Generous Response



“WE ARE FACING HUNGER ON AN UNPRECEDENTED SCALE, FOOD PRICES HAVE NEVER BEEN HIGHER, AND MILLIONS OF LIVES AND LIVELIHOODS ARE HANGING IN THE BALANCE. BUT... WE HAVE THE DATA AND KNOW-HOW TO CHANGE THE COURSE.” ANTONIO GUTERRES, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, 2022

Who: All Congregations in the New England Synod led by the NE Synod World Hunger Team!

What: “Big Hunger Challenges, Bold Generous Response”: A knowledge-raising and fund-raising initiative for ELCA World Hunger. The goal is to raise \$100,000 collectively as a Synod to be matched by an incredible challenge gift of \$100,000!

When: The Lenten and Easter Seasons (February 22, 2023, through May 28, 2023)

Where: Your New England Synod congregation!

Why: As members of the ELCA, our faith calls us to respond to the more than 820 million people in our world who are hungry. Gifts to ELCA World Hunger allow for incredible work to continue both nationally and internationally. From microloans to community meals, water wells and support for farmers, gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that both directly address hunger and get at the root causes of poverty.

Currently, we are seeing global hunger at unprecedented levels, the largest in modern history. The lack of grain coming from Ukraine combined with the largest drought in Africa in 40 years and the economic consequences of COVID-19 means the time is now to pray, participate, and provide.

Details: Throughout the Lenten and Easter Seasons (Ash Wednesday through Pentecost), congregations throughout the New England Synod are encouraged to share the work and witness of ELCA World Hunger. The NE Hunger Team is inviting all congregations to participate however they would like, but we will provide resources such as a Lenten Study Guide, World Hunger resources, fundraising ideas, etc.

We also invite all congregations to participate in New England Synod Hunger Sunday on April 30. We will provide sermon starters, worship ideas, ELCA World Hunger resources, music suggestions, and more. More information to come.

All gifts sent to the Synod with the designation ELCA World Hunger will be matched up to \$100,000! That’s a possible \$200,000 that our New England Synod can raise to help combat hunger and support the ministry of ELCA World Hunger! Please note: we are asking all congregations to send their funds through the Synod rather than directly to ELCA World Hunger so that we can have an accurate account of the money raised.

If you have any questions or are in need of more information, please contact Doreen and Pastor David Rinas, co-chairs of the New England Synod World Hunger Team, at doreen.rinas@gmail.com and david.rinas9201@gmail.com. To learn more about ELCA World Hunger, visit www.elca.org/hunger