



# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



*Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord*

April 23, 2023 9:30 AM - Third Sunday of Easter



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# WELCOME

## to Holy Trinity

### Reconciling in Christ

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



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

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

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

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

*You are wanted here.*

### April Celebrations!

#### Happy Birthday!

Molly Goupil, Dave Arrington, Melinda Mallon, Mac Rouleau, Lois Kfoury, Martha Mercer, John Moore, Glenn Oswald, Mark Donahue, Jeremiah Sihotang, Adeline Mei, Alex Bock, Ron Indorf, Ade Monareh, Carol Suafley, Matt Nania, Emily Sullivan, Jim McKenna, and Joyce Rivoire,

#### Happy Anniversary!

Jo Whiting & Russ Hilliard, Jill & Jerry Schock, Bill & Jill Larson, and Jonathan & Sue Bock.

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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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#### 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](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, Shirley Jackson, Julie Moore, Dick Topping. **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:** 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), Frank & Lucille Febbo (Bobbie Febbo's cousins), Mark and Janet Febbo (Bobbie Febbo's cousins).

*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

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

## LECTIONARY

**This Week:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

**Next Week:** Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

**Choir Director:** Jon Koelker

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

**Counters:** Phyllis & Barry Philbrick

**Altar Guild:** Yvonne Topping

**Lector:** Bonnie Sanders

**Liturgical Deacon:** Glenn Oswald

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

**WEDNESDAY, April 26**

9:30 AM: Bible Study

**THURSDAY, April 27**

8:30 AM: Property Team

**SUNDAY, April 30**

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

10:45 AM: Confirmation Class

10:45 AM: Congregational Vote regarding the Call of Pastor Luther Zeigler.

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

<b>Sunday, April 9:</b>	180 (In-Person) + 58 (Online) = 238	<b>Offering:</b> \$4,621.90
<b>Sunday, April 16:</b>	101 (In-Person) + 28 (Online) = 129	<b>Offering:</b> \$6,537.40

## Announcements

**Reconciling in Christ Celebration today:** Today we celebrate the one-year anniversary of becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation, last April 2022. Last year, we celebrated with a dedication of an RIC stole, and ended the service with a free concert from the New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus. Our Welcoming Statement is printed on the previous page in the bulletin.

**Baptized into Christ** this morning is Harrison James Brosseau, son of George and Heather Brosseau.

**Christian Sympathy** to Lynne Clement. Her mother, Edith Rowan, passed away on Friday, April 14.

**Christian Sympathy** to Jill Larson. Her friend Linda Smith passed away recently.

**Easter Flowers:** Anyone who has ordered Easter flowers are welcome to take it home after Worship.

**Contact Pastor Larsen:** Please use the following email address **InterimPastor@htelc.com** to reach Pastor Larsen while he serves as our Interim Pastor this summer.

**Dover Friendly Kitchen** will be on Tuesday, April 25 at 3:45 PM. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Dover. Volunteers are welcome to help support this important ministry. Additionally, please drop off cookies with the Church Office by noon on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Please speak to Bonnie Sanders for more information: [larbonsand@comcast.net](mailto:larbonsand@comcast.net), 603-749-2572 or cell: 603-767-6186.

**Indonesian Cooking Class:** Please sign up for our Indonesian cooking class, held on May 7, after worship! We will learn how to make nasi goreng (fried rice) and lumpia (springrolls). All cooking skill levels welcome. Also, we need some eaters to help us eat this yummy lunch. Cooking starts at 10:45 PM. Eating starts at 12:00 PM. We would like 15 cooks. These people should bring: a small cutting board and knife, for cutting up vegetables. Also, one salad OR dessert to share. We would like 15 additional eaters. These people should bring their appetites and some kind of beverage to share. There is an activity planned for the eaters while they wait for the food to be made. Sign-ups are limited to 30 people, 15 cooks and 15 eaters. Please sign up in advance on the clipboard in the Gathering Area. If we find we have more than 30 people interested, we will plan another cooking class in the late summer or fall. All little kids (to accompany the 30 people mentioned above) also welcome. No signups necessary.

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

**The Call of Rev. Luther Zeigler:** On Sunday, April 30, Rev. Steve Wilco will be here to facilitate on congregational vote on the call of Rev. Luther Zeigler. For the official vote, people are only able to cast a vote in-person during the meeting. Our Constitution and Bylaws do not allow proxy votes by phone, email, or mail for a Pastoral Call vote. Beginning Monday, May 1, Pastor Luther will have a Holy Trinity email address for you to directly reach him.

**Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting** will be on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM. All who wish to help volunteer and plan this year's VBS is welcome to attend the meeting.

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Welcome

Gathering Song ELW 641 vs 1-4 — Please stand as able—

All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
claim the faith of Je - sus:  
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
end to fear and dan - ger:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

## Greeting

P: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

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

P: Sing my tongue, the glorious battle; tell the triumph far and wide.

C: **We tell aloud the wondrous story, of the cross, of Christ crucified.**

P: We tell of the bonds that could not hold him, the linens from which he was set free;

C: **We tell of his rising from death, the Resurrection; we celebrate Christ's victory!**

## Canticle of Praise

ELW 167

### Now the Feast and Celebration

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion  
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;  
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!  
1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

*Refrain*

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

*Refrain*

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

*Refrain*

God; to make all things new.

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## Prayer of the Day

**P:** Let us pray.

**C:** O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, 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

L: A reading from Acts 2:14a, 36-41

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>36</sup>“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

L: Word of God, word of life

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## **Psalmody: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19**

L: <sup>1</sup>I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,

**C: <sup>2</sup>for the Lord has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**

L: <sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.

**C: <sup>4</sup>Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”**

L: <sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the Lord  
for all the good things God has done for me?

**C: <sup>13</sup>I will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

L: <sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all God’s people.

**C: <sup>15</sup>Precious in your sight, O Lord,  
is the death of your servants.**

L: <sup>16</sup>O Lord, truly I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed  
me from my bonds.

**C: <sup>17</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

L: <sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all God’s people,

**C: <sup>19</sup>in the courts of the Lord’s house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

## Second Reading

L: A reading from 1 Peter 1:17-23

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

L: Word of God, word of life

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

—Please be seated—

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

# Gospel Acclamation

S188

— 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

**P:** The holy gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 24:13-35.

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

13 Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who

was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,<sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.<sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.<sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,<sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.<sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.”<sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!<sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?”<sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.<sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them.<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.<sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.<sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”<sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.<sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”<sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

— Please be seated—


Hymn of the Day

ELW 612


—Please stand as able—

## Healer of Our Every Ill

*Refrain*




Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your  
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is  
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,  
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

*Refrain*

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# 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: George and Heather, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Harrison James Brosseau baptized into Christ? If so, answer I do.

*Response:* **I do.**

P: As you bring Harrison James 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.

George and Heather, do you promise to help Harrison James grow in the Christian faith and life? If so, answer, I do.

*Response: I do.*

The presiding minister addresses sponsors

P: Sponsor(s) of Harrison James, do you promise to nurture Harrison James in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? 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 Harrison James 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.**

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, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into those who are here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and 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:** Harrison James, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**LD:** Harrison James, 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 Harrison James 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: Harrison James, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: **Amen.**

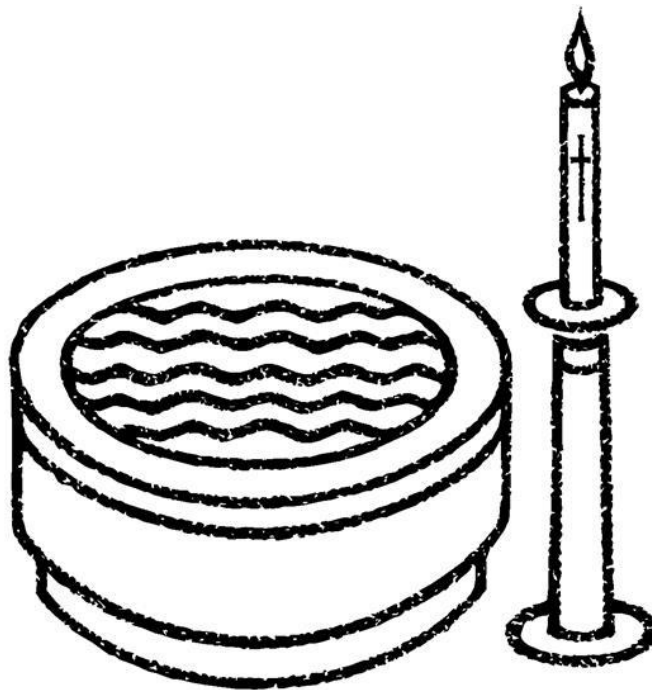
A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

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 – Harrison James Brosseau.

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.**



## Prayers of the People

LD: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

— **A brief silence**—

LD: Ever-present God, you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread and in the bonds of community. Reveal yourself to us in the faces of all we meet. Strengthened by your body and blood, let us boldly live out your good news. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

LD: As we know you in the breaking of the bread, we know you in the grains of the field and the flowing waters. Care for the earth you lovingly create. Strengthen those who safeguard threatened land and water. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

LD: You are the authority to whom we dedicate our lives. Help us keep the needs of those most vulnerable at the forefront of our community. Move us to care for any who are disregarded or oppressed. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

LD: Mothering God, you feed and comfort those who hunger. Open the hearts of those who hoard resources and lead them to share your abundance. We pray for anyone hungering for your comforting presence this day. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. — **A brief silence**— Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

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. Hear us, O God.

LD: We give you thanks that you have called us to be a Reconciling in Christ congregation. By your Spirit, grant us an ever deeper desire to work for the reconciliation of all people, and the will to be part of how you reconcile all people. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

LD: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**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.

### **Choir Anthem**

**Offertory Song**      **ELW 879 (verses 1&5)**    —Please stand as able—  
**For the Beauty of the Earth**



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

*Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.  
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

## Offertory Prayer

LD: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

**C: 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.

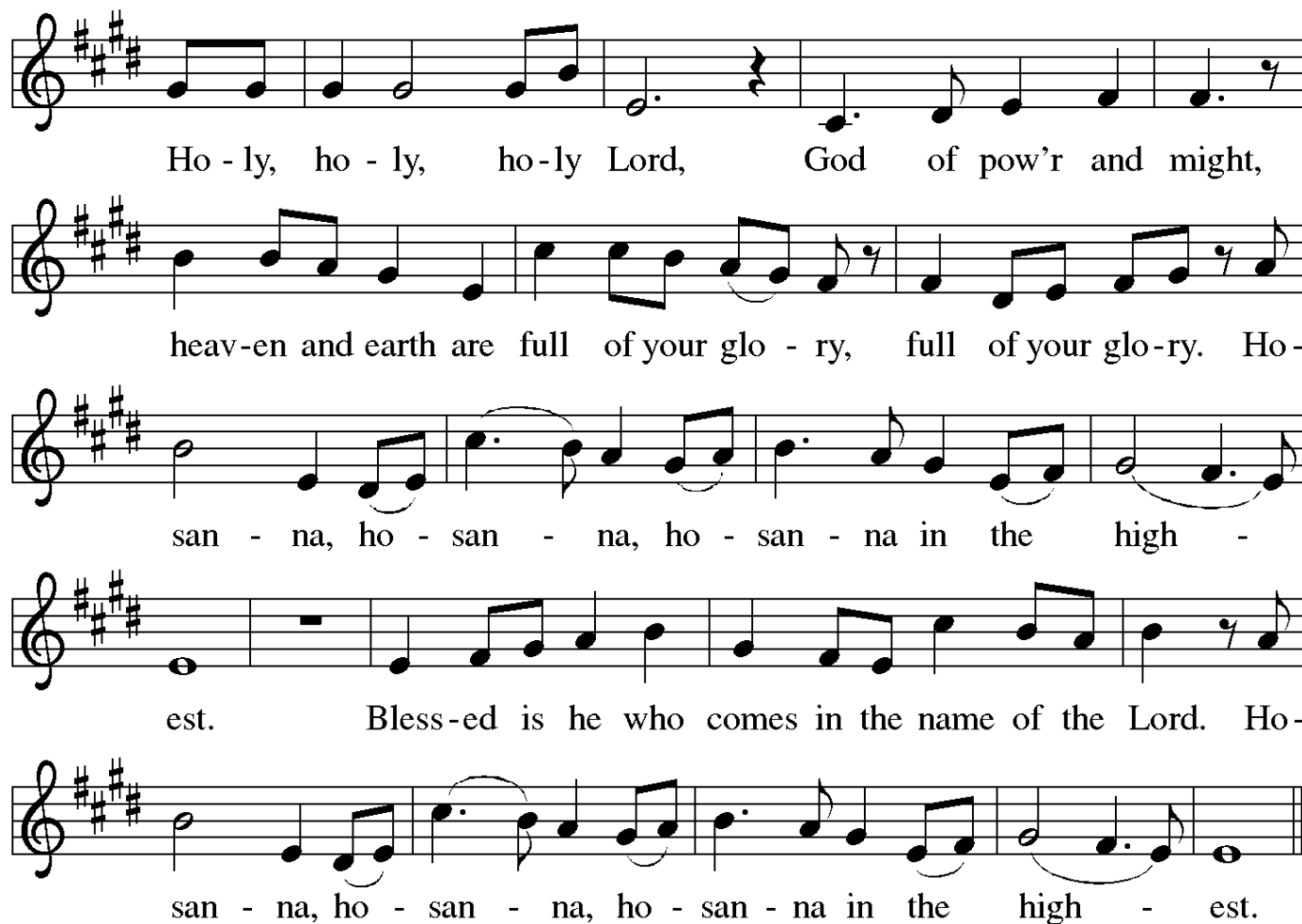
**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. 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.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:  
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
You have filled all creation with light and life;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:  
the promise to Israel,  
the rescue from Egypt,  
the gift of the promised land,  
the words of the prophets;  
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,

who proclaimed the good news in word and deed  
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.**

P: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup  
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,  
we await his coming in power  
to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**



P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share in Christ's body and blood  
may live to the praise of your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants  
of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.  
Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

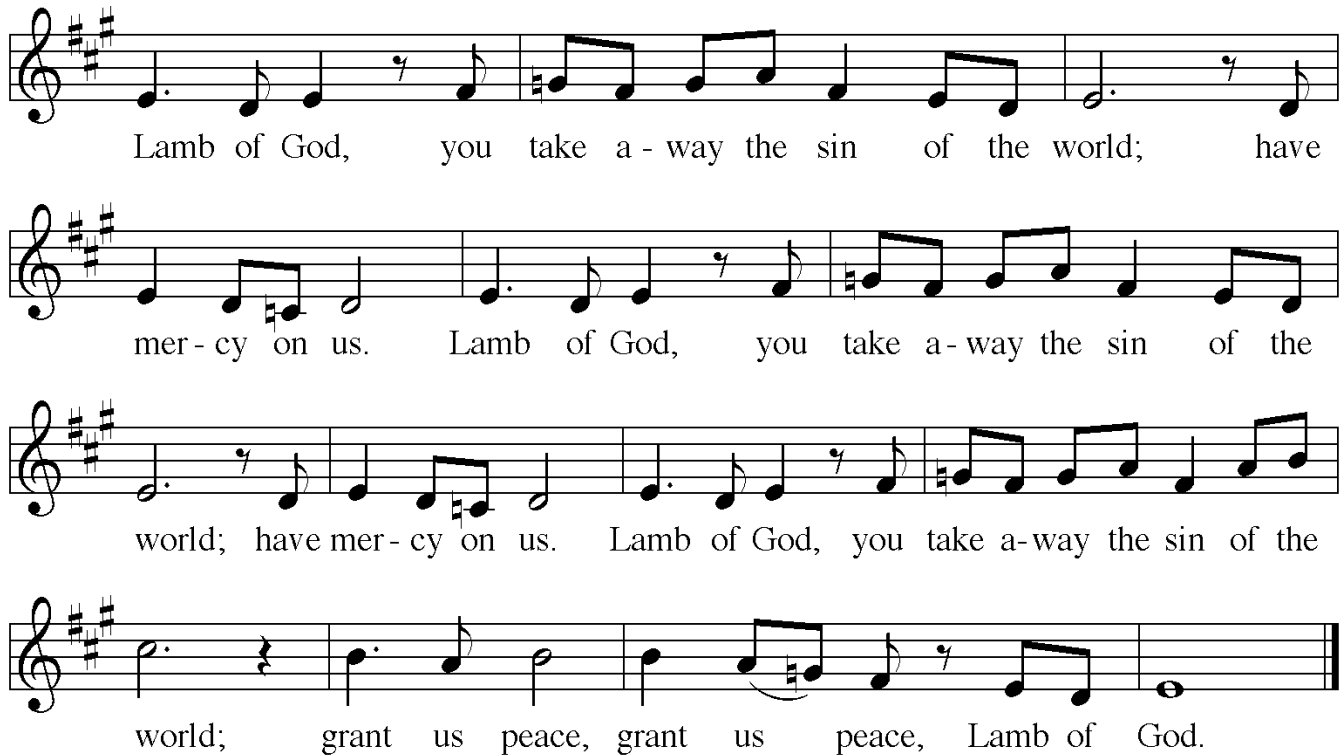
## **Invitation to Communion**

P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

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

— 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.

## 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 482 – Here is Bread.

ELW 487 – What Feast of Love

ELW 471 – Let Us Break Bread Together.

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## Communion Blessing

— Please stand as able—

**P:** The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ keep you in God's grace.

**C:** Amen.

## **Prayer after Communion**

LD: Let us pray.

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **Rites of Passage and Announcements**

**—Please be seated—**

The congregation is invited to share birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events in the life of its members. Subsequently, brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the congregation's participation in God's mission in the world.

### **Blessing**

**—Please stand as able—**

P: The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

**C: Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

**—Please remain standing—**

LD: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**C: Thanks be to God.**