



# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



*Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord*

June 18, 2023 9:30 AM - Third Sunday after Pentecost



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# WELCOME

## to Holy Trinity

### Reconciling in Christ

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



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

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

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

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

*You are wanted here.*

### June Celebrations!

#### Happy Birthday!

Helen Goransson, Robert Scammon, Mark Edwards, Tom Bernth, Chris Berg, Bruce Larsen, Eileen Kackenmeister, Joe Reny, Juanita Sihotang, Barry Philbrick, Ron Evers, Wil Wesley, Lynda Johnson, & Hadley Larson.

#### Happy Anniversary!

Dalzell, B & L Larson, Soeun, Topping, Carson, Sanders, Vosburg, Hollister, Bush, Sullivan, Rodeman, Kath, Nania, Zollman, Gass-Dolcino, Anderson, Klein, Rivoire.

*(last names printed due to space issues)*

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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, Bob Hollister, Don Gindlesperger, Steve Bush, Joyce Rivoire, Richard Anderson, Yvonne Topping, Dave Smith, Larry Sanders, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, 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, Judy Hollister, Jean Klein. **Military:** Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

**Friends:** Bonnie Bly (Sue Althof's sister-in-law), Dave Bly (Sue Althof's brother), Cinda DeWerff (Rich Wilcox's sister), Kathy Wyrick (Linda Marshall's friend), Jacquelynn & Richard Murray (Jessica Feeley's sister and brother-in-law), Rich Conway & Karin Otero (Lois Laurence's friends), Renee Chin (Sue Althof's friend).

*Prayers will be listed for at least 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

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

## LECTIONARY

**This Week:** Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]; Genesis 18:1-15 [21:1-7]; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

**Next Week:** Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39; Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Musician(s):** Jon Bock, Jon Koelker, and Ken Galle

**Choir Director:** Jon Koelker

**Sound System:** Franklyn Vosburg

**Counters:** Barry & Phyllis Philbrick

**Altar Guild:** Bobbie Febbo & Joan Bauer

**Lector:** TBD

**Liturgical Deacon:** Yvonne Topping

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

**WEDNESDAY, June 21**

9:30 AM: Bible Study

**THURSDAY, June 22**

8:30 AM: Property Team

**SUNDAY, June 25**

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

<b>Sunday, June 4:</b>	78 (In-Person) + 31 (Online) = 109	<b>Offering:</b> \$7,115.90
<b>Sunday, June 11:</b>	91 (In-Person) + 22 (Online) = 113	<b>Offering:</b> \$2,840.45

## Announcements

**This year's Vacation Bible School** theme is "God's Living Water, Covered in Jesus' Grace." VBS will be held at Holy Trinity the evenings of July 9-12, 2023, from 5:00-7:30 PM. Dinner is included. There is a sign-up sheet by the whiteboard near the kitchen. We have planning sessions at 6pm on June 27 and July 6. For more information, contact Lara Scammon at (603) 781-0853 or [dscammon@aol.com](mailto:dscammon@aol.com).

**Dover Friendly Kitchen** will be on Tuesday, June 27 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.

**Operation Blessing:** Needs for Operation Blessing for the month of June: Pots and pans and any household utensils. Also snacks for children.

**Walk the Walk:** The time has come for Calumet to start their annual fundraiser: "Walk the Walk", beginning July 30 and ending on September 16. This is a wonderful and fun way for Holy Trinity to band together and support our favorite Lutheran Summer Camp. Every week, you will log and report your miles to the church office, who will in turn, report our church's miles to Calumet. Please sign up at calumet's website and follow the "register" link: <https://calumet.org/ontheroadagain>

**Confirmation Classes 2023-2024:** *Are you the parent or guardian of a youth who'll be entering Grades 7-12 this fall?* This applies to all youth and families who participate in either Immanuel Indonesian Lutheran Church or Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Please call Mark, our Office Coordinator, to register your interest before August 15th, so that he can forward your contact information to the confirmation class leaders. There is no need to call Mark if your youth is already active in the confirmation program. Lara Scammon and Glenn Oswald are preparing suggestions for our newly called Pastor Luther regarding 2023-2024 confirmation program curriculum, procedures, sessions and other activities. There'll be a Confirmation Class kick-off event around the first of September if Pastor Luther concurs.

**Air Conditioner in Office:** During the summer, the Church Office will have the Air Conditioner running, with the livestream of the service on the computer monitor. If you're feeling too hot and need a place to cool down, please take a seat at the Church Office desk.

## New England Synod: Bishop Election

Will you help us complete our Synod Profile?! A few weeks ago, we announced that we wanted your help to create our Synod's Profile in preparation to elect a new bishop in 2024. You can read that message here. The time is here! You can participate by accessing this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NewEnglandSynod> (*There is a QR Code on the bulletin board near the Church Office, and a link was sent out in The Tidings*)

Please fill it out to the best of your ability. We are so thankful your voice will be included! We are inviting all those who make up our synod to participate. Please - invite others in your congregation or ministry setting to share their voice, too! The more people we hear from, the more representative this feedback will be.

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## Welcome

### Confession and Forgiveness

—Please stand as able—

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

— A brief silence—

P: To you, O God,

C: **all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**Amen.**

P: By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of † Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

C: **Amen.**

# Gathering Hymn

ELW 857

—Please remain standing—

## Lord I Lift Your Name On High

Words and Music by  
Rick Founds

$\text{♩} = 86$

VERSE

G C/G D/G C/G G C/G

Lord, I lift Your name — on high; Lord, I love to sing — Your

4 D/G C/G G C/G D/G C/G

prais - es. — I'm so glad You're in — my life;

CHORUS

7 G C/G D D<sup>sus</sup> D C G C

I'm so glad You came — to save — us. — You came from heav - en to earth .

10 D C/D G C D C

— to show the way, — from the earth — to the cross — my debt to pay; .

13 G C D Em<sup>7</sup>

— From the cross — to the grave, — from the grave — to the sky; .

15 Am<sup>7</sup> D G

— Lord, I lift Your name — on high.

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## Greeting

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## Canticle of Praise

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

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.

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

**C: God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

The remaining lessons appointed for use on this Sunday are located in the announcements of this worship booklet. You are invited to read them during the collection of offerings or Communion. You are also invited to take this booklet home with you and read the lessons and prayers as part of family worship or individual devotions.



## First Reading

—Please be seated—

L: A reading from Exodus 19:2-8a

<sup>2</sup>[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.<sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

<sup>7</sup>So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. <sup>8a</sup>The people all answered as one: “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.”

L: Word of God, word of life

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalmody: Psalm 100

L: <sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

<sup>2</sup>Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God’s presence with a song.

**C: <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong;  
we are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.**

L: <sup>4</sup>Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;

give thanks and bless God’s holy name.

**C: <sup>5</sup>Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

## Second Reading

L: A reading from Romans 5:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and 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.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

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

# Gospel Acclamation

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— Please stand as able—

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel

**P:** The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 9:35 – 10:8

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

<sup>35</sup>Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

<sup>10:1</sup>Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax

collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>8</sup>Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

— Please be seated—



***Wheat Field, Vincent van Gogh, July 1888***

**Courtesy of <https://www.metmuseum.org/>**

## Now We Remain

*Refrain*



We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts.



Liv-ing, now we re-main with Je-sus the Christ.



1 Once we were peo-ple a - fraid, lost in the night. Then by your



cross we were saved; dead be-came liv-ing, life from your giv-ing.



2 Some-thing that we have known, some-thing we've touched, what we have



seen with our eyes, this we have heard: life-giv-ing Word.



3 He chose to give of him - self, be-came our bread; bro-ken,



that we might live; love be-yond love, pain for our pain.



4 We are the pres-ence of God; this is our call;



now to be - come bread and wine, food for the hun-gry, life for the



wea-ry; for to live with the Lord, we must die with the Lord.

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 Music: NOW WE REMAIN, David Haas  
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## **Apostles Creed**

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

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

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

## **Prayers of the People**

**LD: Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.**

**— A brief silence—**

**LD: For the church here and around the world, we pray. Seek out disciples and send them out with authority to proclaim good news, bring healing where there is pain, and counter the forces of evil. God, in your mercy,**

**C: hear our prayer.**

**LD: For the earth and all its creatures, we pray. Equip farmers, farm workers, and all who labor on the land to produce a harvest. Nourish crops with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Restore lands ruined by pollution or misuse. God, in your mercy,**

**C: hear our prayer.**

LD: For those who govern, we pray. Empower those who seek peaceful solutions to conflict and embolden those who advocate for all who are oppressed. Work through systems of government to establish justice throughout the world. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

LD: For those who suffer, we pray. Accompany those who feel helpless, alone, or abandoned. Embrace any who long for successful treatment for mental illness or freedom from addiction. Heal those who are sick. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. — **A brief silence**— God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

LD: We pray for our partners in mission and ministry: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Bishop James Hazelwood and the New England Synod, Pastor Livingstone Msungu and the Isimani congregation in Tanzania, Fundaninos Orphanage in Guatemala, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Congregation, Ascentria Care Alliance and Camp Calumet. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

LD: Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

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

P: May the peace of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – which passes all understanding, be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

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

# 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

### As the Grains of Wheat

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

The musical notation is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature. It consists of five lines of music. The first line is labeled 'Refrain'. The lyrics are placed below the notes. There are two alternative lyrics for the second line, numbered 1 and 2. The word 'Refrain' appears again at the end of the fifth line of music.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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## Offertory Prayer

LD: Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

**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,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
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** —To the tune hymn **Holy, Holy, Holy—**  
**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!**  
**Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory and Your grace.**  
**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who**  
**Comes in the name of the Lord God most high.**

## **Thanksgiving at the Table**

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the  
sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on  
the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we  
proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

**P:** Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

Feel free to use the version of the Lord's Prayer you are most comfortable with.

**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.**

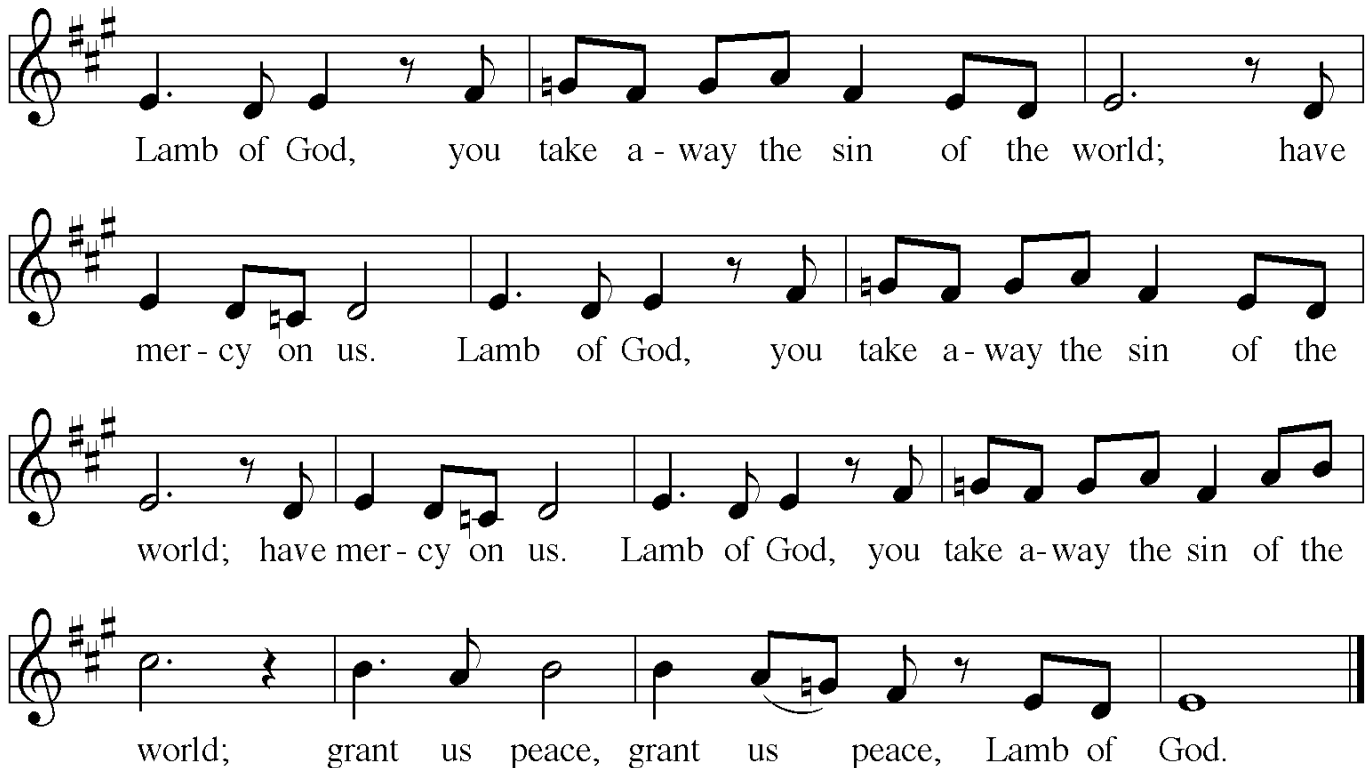
## **Invitation to Communion**

**P:** All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

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

## 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 483 – Here is Bread.

ELW 379 – Now the Green Blade Rises.

ELW 491 – Come, Let Us Eat.

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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.

**C: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.**

**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.

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises  
*Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona*

*Refrain— sung twice each time*



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -  
 Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa  
 hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*  
 prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
 2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

*Repeat stanza, then sing refrain*



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
 strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

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## **Blessing**

**—Please stand as able—**

**P:** The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus; and the blessing of God, the Voice, the Word, and the Listener, be among you and remain with you always.

**C: Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

**—Please remain standing—**

**LD:** Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**C: Thanks be to God.**