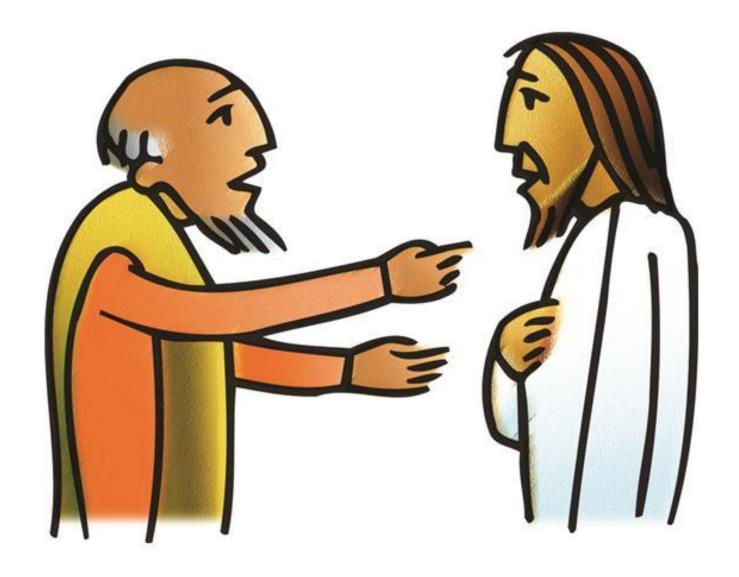


Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

August 27, 2023 9:30 AM - 13th Sunday after Pentecost



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WELCOME

to Holy Trinity

Reconciling in Christ

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



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

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

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

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

You are wanted here.

August Celebrations!

Happy Birthday!

Chandler Dalzell, Tristan Mei, Eva Mohr, Kurt Kasik, Tom Burbank, Joddy Tirtady, Matthew Clement, Joe Wesley, Annika Clemmons, Paul Gianino, Lauren Gianino, Dan Scammon, Bob Hollister, Ellie Moore, Julie Kath, Rebecca Schrumm, Paulette Sirios, Fred King, Nathan Wesley, Joan Bauer, Tim Althof, Phyllis Philbrick, Ranap Siagian.

Happy Anniversary!

Mercer, Berg, Goupil, Althof, Castellano, Mellor, Refsdal, Mallon.

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's Office: 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, Bob Hollister, Don Gindlesperger, Steve Bush, Joyce Rivoire, Richard Anderson, Yvonne Topping, Dave Smith, Larry Sanders, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Geri Seig, Rani Marcus, Shirley Jackson, Dick Topping. Homebound: Carol Saufley, 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: 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).

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.

NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

LECTIONARY

This Week: Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20; Exodus 1:8—2:10; Psalm 124

Next Week: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28; Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

Choir Director: Jon Koelker
Sound System: Franklyn Vosburg

Counters: Bill & Julie Kath **Altar Guild:** Yvonne Topping

Lector: Julie Kath
Liturgical Deacon: TBD

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, September 6

9:30 AM: Bible Study
THURSDAY, September 7
8:30 AM: Property Team
SUNDAY, September 10
9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

 Sunday, August 13:
 71 (In-Person) + 27 (Online) = 98
 Offering: \$3,454.82

 Sunday, August 20:
 75 (In-Person) + 43 (Online) = 118
 Offering: \$4,453.40

Announcements

Today marks the last Sunday of 2023 with Pastor Larsen. We are very thankful for Pastor Larsen, serving our congregation in the interim, while Pastor Luther was away for the summer. On the following Sundays, September 3 & 10, we will be joined by a Supply Pastor. Pastor Luther will return to Holy Trinity on Wednesday, September 13, and his first Worship Service back will be on Sunday, September 17.

Bible Study will be held this Wednesday, August 30 at 10:00 AM, instead of its normal time. We will revert back to the original time of 9:30 AM the following week.

Pastor Luther's Installation Service will be on Sunday, October 1 at 4:00 PM for a "Celebration of New Ministry" as we formally install Pastor Luther Zeigler as our 12th Pastor. We will have two choir rehearsals for the installation service, on Sunday, Sept. 17 and Sunday, Sept. 24, both at 1:30 PM. All are welcome to join the Installation choir.

Our End 68 Hours of Hunger team comprised of Kathy McKenna and Lauren Gianino have retired, effective end of 22/23 school year. They took over from Leslie Carson in 2016. We've been involved with End 68 Hours since 2011. The need has decreased to about 45 bags with sporadic two volunteers from 2016, when there were 6-8 volunteers packing about 95 bags per month. She needs someone to take responsibility for the program.

God's Work Our Hands: If anyone has any suggestions for our upcoming God's Work, Our Hands event, please speak with Jessica Feeley, or the Church Office.

Our Property Team's Thursday group is looking for more people to join the group. Over the past couple of years, our numbers have been dropping for various reasons and we need to increase our numbers again so we can continue taking care of ongoing tasks that need to be done in and around the building and grounds. The group typically takes care of light cleaning and maintenance as well as grounds work such as mowing, trimming, removing debris, maintaining gardens and plantings. If you are available on Thursday mornings, please consider coming to Holy Trinity to help the Property Team. The team typically starts work about 8:30 am or so and wraps things up about 11:00 am. If you are willing and able to help, but Thursday morning just does not work for you, contact Dave Mercer at church or call (603) 953-3855 to see if your services can be used at other days and times or in other ways. No experience is needed. Whatever skills and interests you may have, we can put you to work.

Operation Blessing is in need of children's clothes for the fall. Always needed are men's tee shirts. Food is also always needed. Pasta and sauce is always a good choice and individual snacks for children. We do appreciate your kindness. Any questions please contact Lois Laurence at ljlnh@comcast.net or call at 603-793-2120.

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Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

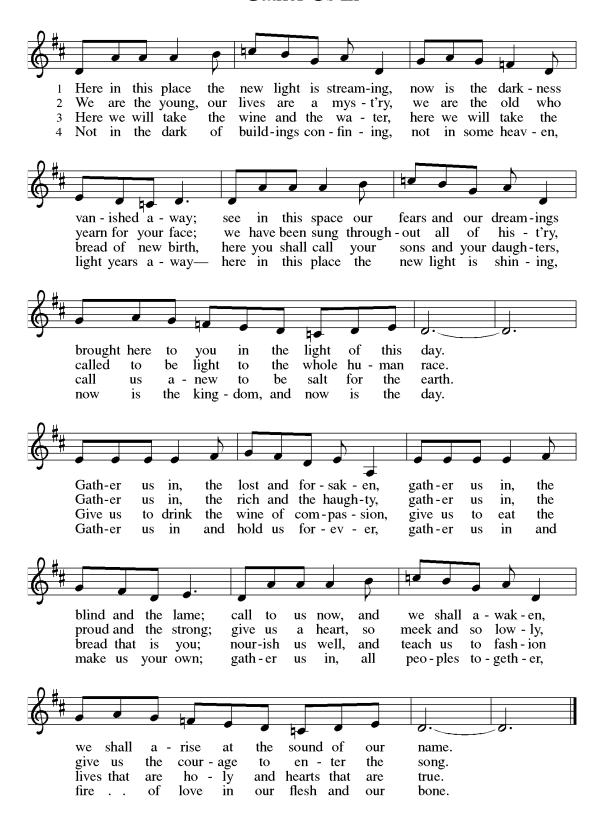
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- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- A brief silence—
- P: To you, O God,
- C: all hearts are open, 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.

Gather Us In



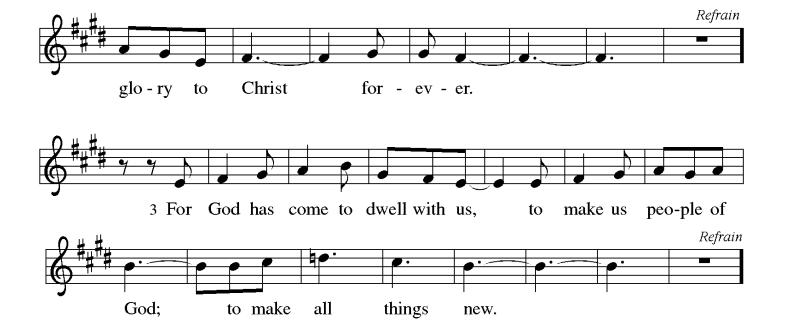
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Greeting

- 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





Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

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

L: A reading from Isaiah 51:1-6

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

³For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;

but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

L: Word of God, word of life

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: Psalm 138

L: ¹I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

C: ²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

L: ³When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

C: ⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

L: ⁵They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

C: ⁶The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

L: ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

C: 8You will make good your purpose for me;

O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Second Reading

L: A reading from Romans 12:1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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 S188 — Please stand as able— Al-le-lu - ia. Lord, whom shall we You have the to go? 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 16:13-20
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.
- ¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.
- P: The gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon — Please be seated—

Hymn of the Day

ELW 740 v.1-4 —Please stand as able— God of the Sparrow



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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: Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

— A brief silence—

LD: God of Sarah and Abraham, inspire your church to pursue righteousness in its ministry. Equip us to share your compassion that unites us as one family of faith. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

LD: Remind us that from the beginning of creation, you knit together a world meant for harmony. Protect and restore the wasted places to joy and gladness. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

LD: Stir the leaders of nations and towns, militaries and courts, to respond to your teachings. Let your call for justice reach all people and bring deliverance where there is oppression. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

LD: Show your steadfast love and faithfulness to those in despair. Increase their strength, care for all who feel low, keep safe any in the midst of trouble, and protect vulnerable people from harm. 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.

C: Your mercy is great.

LD: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

The Sharing of God's Peace

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

C: And also with you.

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

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.

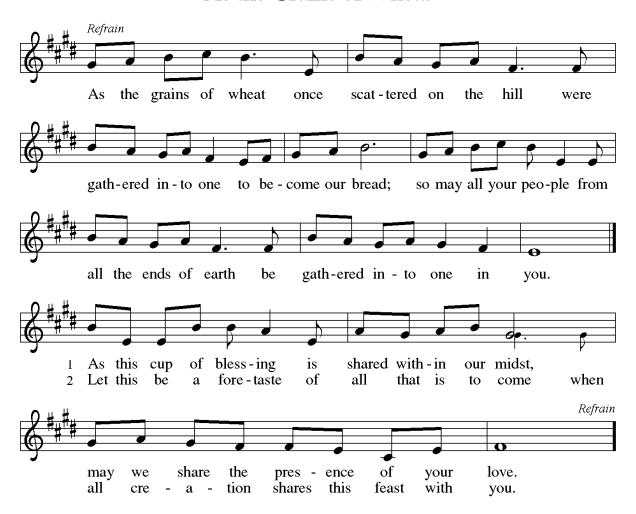
Choir Anthem

Offertory Song

Please stand as able—

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward. The offerings will be brought to the altar during this hymn.

As the Grains of Wheat



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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, 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.

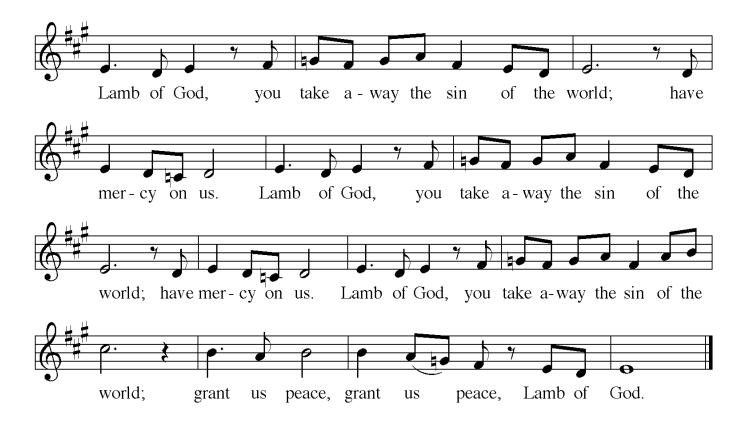
Invitation to Communion

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—



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 – I Come with Joy.

ELW 466 – In the Singing.

ELW 479 - We Come to the Hungry Feast.

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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.

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.

Sending Hymn

ELW 576

-Please stand as able-

We All Are One in Mission



- 1 We all are one in mis sion; we all are one in call,
- 2 We all are called for ser vice, to wit-ness in God's name.
- 3 Now let us be u nit ed, and let our song be heard.



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Dismissal

—Please remain standing—

LD: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.