



Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

September 3, 2023 9:30 AM - 14th 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.

September Celebrations!

Happy Birthday!

Erik Bygd, Annie Wesley, Janet Maleski, Elijah Bygd, Serena Gerome, Tracy Barry, Leo Larson, Mary Kuck, Bill Clapp, Peter Johnson, Rich Swiatocha, Don Gindlesperger, Ann Stephan, Emily Goupil, Steven Bauer, Yosua Siagian, Edie Hudak, Paul Eide, Heidi Morrison, Sonia Talabessy, Russ Hilliard, Joan Parseghian, Cam Eide, Judy Gessner.

Happy Anniversary!

Rich & Martha Belanger, Mark & Erlinde Beliveau, Jim & Kathy McKenna, Dan & Lara Scammon, Paul & Lauren Gianino, Carl & Eileen Kackenmeister, Angie & Paul Eide.

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: *Tuesday afternoons & 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 we will connect you with our Pastor as soon as possible. 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, Dave Smith, Larry Sanders, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Geri Seig, Rani Marcus, Shirley Jackson. **Homebound:** Carol Sauflley, 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), Carol & Charlie Dunican (friends of Bobbie Febbo).

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

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

LECTIONARY

This 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

Next Week: Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20; Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician(s): Jon Bock

Choir Director: N/A

Sound System: Franklyn Vosburg

Counters: Barry & Phyllis Philbrick

Altar Guild: Pam Shaw

Lector: TBD

Liturgical Deacon: TBD

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, September 13

9:30 AM: Bible Study

THURSDAY, September 14

8:30 AM: Property Team

SUNDAY, September 17

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

Sunday, August 20:	75 (In-Person) + 43 (Online) = 118	Offering:	\$4,453.40
Sunday, August 27:	76 (In-Person) + 19 (Online) = 95	Offering:	\$3,426.90

Announcements

We are joined by Rev. Raphaela Mueller as our Supply Pastor this morning. We are so thankful to have her return to our congregation to serve, as we wait for Pastor Luther to come back on the 17th.

Mark will be out of the office on Monday, Sept 4 in observance of Labor Day. The Church Office will be open for normal hours on Tuesday, September 5. He will also be out of the office on Wednesday, Sept 6 & Thursday, September 7. Mark will return to normal weekly office hours beginning next Sunday.

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.

A Celebration of Life for Gisela Wemple will be held on Saturday, October 7 at 2:00 PM. All are welcome to attend to pay your respects to Gisela and the extended Wemple family.

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Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

—Please stand as able—

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

— A brief silence—

P: Steadfast and faithful God,

C: **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.**

We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C: **Amen.**

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Gathering Hymn

ELW 655

—Please remain standing—

Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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

ELW pg 149

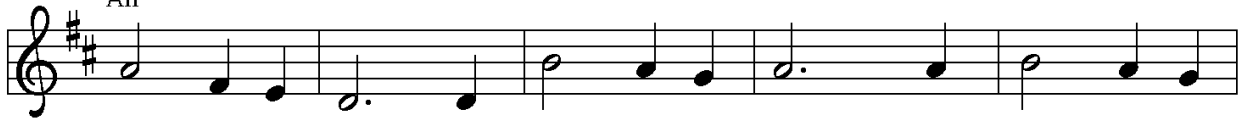
Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



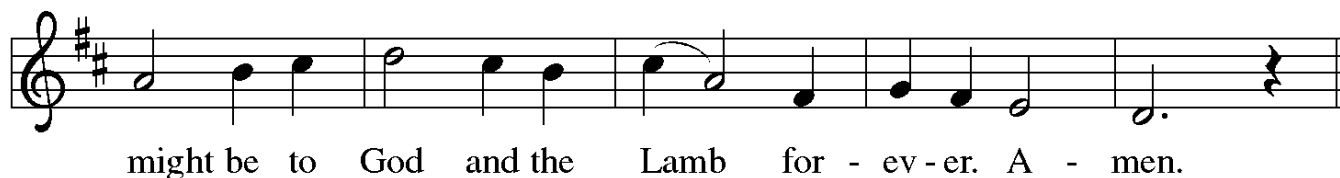
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, 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.

First Reading

—Please be seated—

L: A reading from Isaiah 15:1-5

¹⁵O Lord, you know;

remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

¹⁹Therefore thus says the Lord:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

²⁰And I will make you to this people

a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the Lord.
²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

L: Word of God, word of life

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: Psalm 26:1-8

L: ¹Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

**C: ²Test me, O Lord, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.**

L: ³For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

**C: ⁴I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

L: ⁵I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.

**C: ⁶I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

L: ⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving

and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

**C: ⁸Lord, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**

Second Reading

L: A reading from Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 16:21-28

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

— Please be seated—

We Are Marching in the Light of God



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...
 We are praying ...
 We are singing ...

Text: South African traditional; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984
 Music: SIYAHAMBA. South African traditional
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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: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the
church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.**

— A brief silence—

**LD: God of life, your words are the joy at the heart of your church. Draw the
seeker to you, place messages of hope and healing in the mouths of your
witnesses, and open your children to your truth when we stumble.
Merciful God,**

C: receive our prayer.

LD: God of steadfast love, renew the earth by your Spirit, that lands and oceans reveal the beauty of your creation. Challenge us to live humbly and peaceably as part of your world. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: God of patience, lead those who govern to hold fast to what is good. Guide them to show honor to the people in their care. Overcome evil in all nations and grant peace to peoples and places mired in conflict. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: God of deliverance, remember all who are suffering, lonely, and in pain. Liberate your people being insulted, persecuted, or in the grasp of the ruthless. Give endurance to workers who persevere on this Labor Day and insure fair wages and safe working environments. 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: God of justice, equip this congregation to boldly follow you in uncertain times and to remain faithful in prayer when facing challenges. Show us how best to love and care for one another and our communities.
Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through 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.

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


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



may we share the pres - ence of your love.



all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Refrain

Offertory Prayer

LD: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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: Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

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 815 – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light.

ELW 439 – Soon and Very Soon

ELW 881 – Let All Things Now Living

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: **Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.**

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 glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

Dismissal

—Please remain standing—

LD: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.