



# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



*Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord*

**September 10, 2023 9:30 AM - 15th 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.

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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'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](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, Dave Smith, Larry Sanders, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Geri Seig, Rani Marcus, Shirley Jackson. **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), 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](mailto:office@htelc.com).*

## NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

## LECTIONARY

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

**Next Week:** Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35; Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

## 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:** Bill Kath

**Liturgical Deacon:** TBD

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

**WEDNESDAY, September 20**

9:30 AM: Bible Study

**THURSDAY, September 21**

8:30 AM: Property Team

**SUNDAY, September 24**

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

**Sunday, August 27:** 76 (In-Person) + 19 (Online) = 95      **Offering:** \$3,426.90

**Sunday, September 3:** See next week's bulletin

## 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 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

Pastor Luther can be reached by email at [PastorLuther@htelc.com](mailto:PastorLuther@htelc.com)

**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 [ljlh@comcast.net](mailto:ljlh@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.**

# Gathering Hymn

ELW 819

—Please remain standing—

## Come, All You People

*Uyaimose*



*U - ya - i - mo - se,*                      *ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;*  
1 Come, all you peo - ple,              come and praise the Most High;  
2 Come, all you peo - ple,              come and praise the Sav - ior;  
3 Come, all you peo - ple,              come and praise the Spir - it;



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*u - ya - i - mo - se*              *Zvi - no.*  
come now and wor - ship              the Lord.  
come now and wor - ship              the Lord.  
come now and wor - ship              the Lord.

Text: Alexander Gondo; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936, alt.

Music: UYAIMOSE, Alexander Gondo

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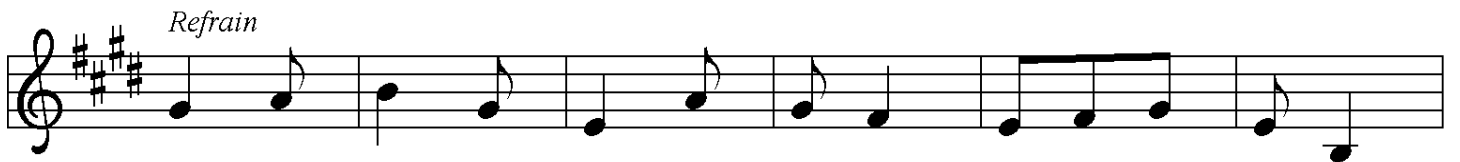
## Greeting

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

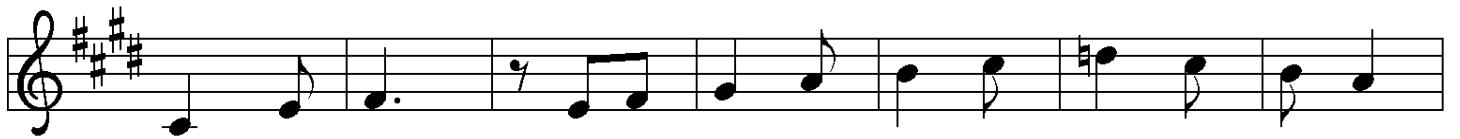
**C: And also with you.**

# 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.



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



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



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



## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

**C: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, 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 Ezekiel 33:7-11

<sup>7</sup>So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our



transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: Word of God, word of life

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalmody: Psalm 119:33-40**

L: <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it to the end.

**C: <sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;  
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

L: <sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
for that is my desire.

**C: <sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees  
and not to unjust gain.**

L: <sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;  
give me life in your way.

**C: <sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant,  
which is for those who fear you.**

L: <sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread,  
because your judgments are good.

**C: <sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments;  
by your righteousness enliven me.**

## Second Reading

L: A reading from Romans 13:8-14

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

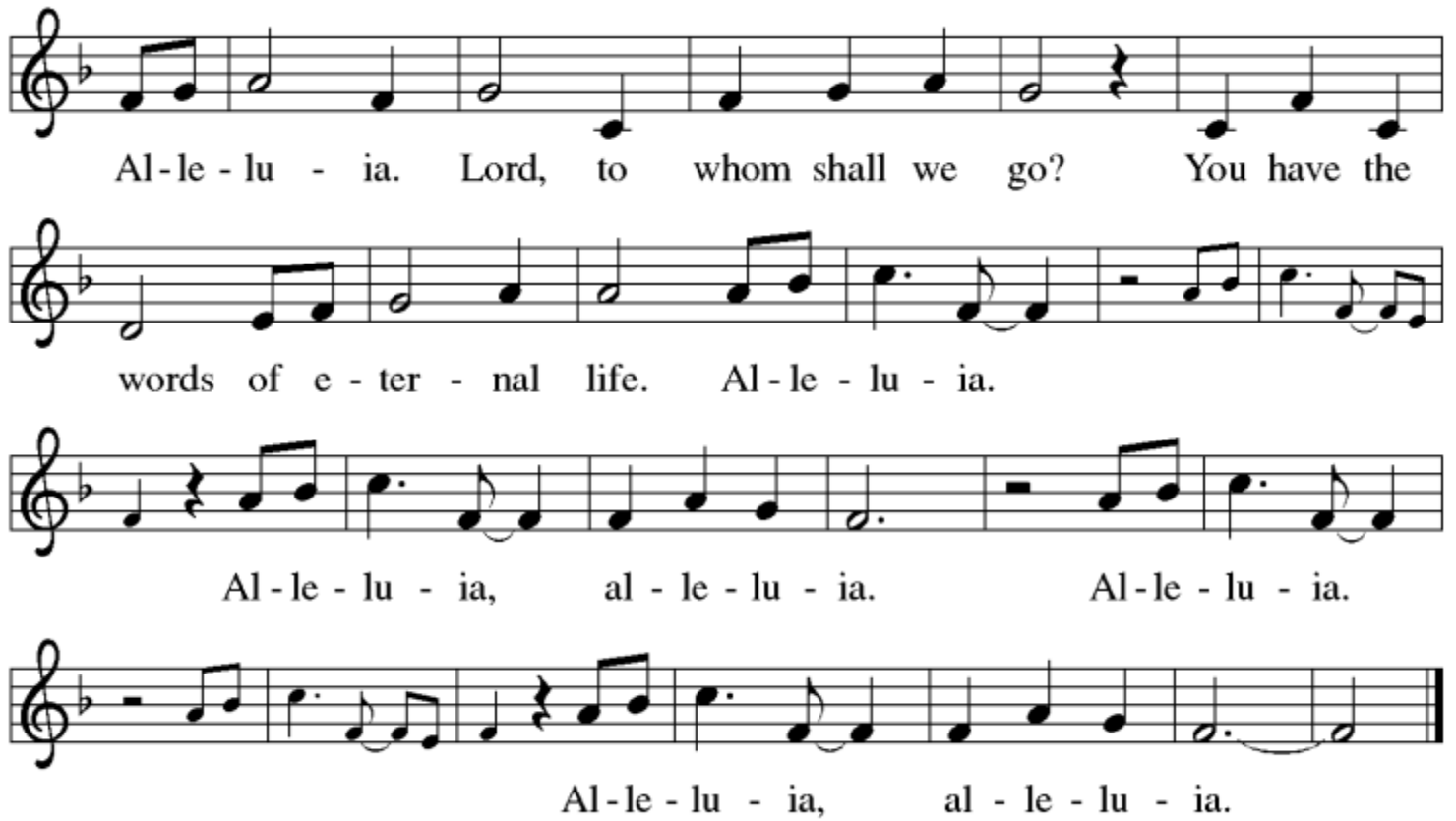
## Children’s Message

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 18:15-20

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon**

— Please be seated—

## I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



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



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



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



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

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

## **Apostles Creed**

**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: Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is  
needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening.  
Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in  
relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful  
God,**

**C: receive our prayer.**

**LD: Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold  
the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and**

the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

LD: Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

LD: Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. Guard their waking and their sleeping. — **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: Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment. In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. 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



*Refrain*

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

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen  
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## 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 608 – Softly and Tenderly.

ELW 479 – We Come to the Hungry Feast.

ELW 474 – Bread of Life From Heaven.

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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:** **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.

## Sending Hymn

ELW 588

—Please stand as able—

### There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;  
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;  
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;  
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.  
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.  
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;  
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;  
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.  
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

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## **Dismissal**

**—Please remain standing—**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**