

September 17, 2023 9:30 AM – 16th 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 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.

NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

(Today's second reading is Romans 14:1-12, and will not be read during our service.)

LECTIONARY

This 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

Next Week: Jonah 3:10--4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16; Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician(s): Jon Bock & Ken Galle Choir Director: Ken Galle Sound System: Franklyn Vosburg Counters: Phyllis & Barry Philbrick Altar Guild: Joan Bauer & Bobbie Febbo Lector: Alice Vosburg Liturgical Deacon: Yvonne Topping

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 1:30 PM: Installation Choir Rehearsal

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

Sunday, September 3: Sunday, September 10: 37 (In-Person) + 48 (Online) = 85 59 (In-Person) + 34 (Online) = 93

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Announcements

In Memory of Jeanne Dalzell. We are sad to announce the sudden passing of our Sister-in-Christ, Jeanne Dalzell. Jeanne passed away peacefully in her sleep on Friday, September 8. Jeanne Dalzell is survived by her husband of 51 years, Chandler Dalzell, her two children: Kristen Crawford & Dave Dalzell, and Kristen's two sons: Noah and Ethan. Jeanne was well-known in our congregation as a greeter on Sunday mornings, a former Council Treasurer (like her daughter is currently) and was part of our CaringConnections team. Please keep Chandler, Kristen, Dave, and the rest of Jeanne's family in your prayers while they mourn the loss of Jeanne. A Celebration of Life for Jeanne Dalzell will be on Friday, September 29 at 11:00 AM, followed by a light lunch.

Dover Friendly Kitchen will be on Tuesday, September 26 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 26th. Please speak to Bonnie Sanders or the Church Office for more info.

New Member Classes will begin for all prospective members who wish to join our congregation next month. We anticipate there to be three classes on Sundays after our 9:30 AM Worship, with a Celebration of New Members in January. Further details coming soon. Those interested in becoming a member, please leave your contact information with the Church Office.

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.

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.

OPERATION BLESSING Needs. For food: Macaroni and Cheese, any kind of pasta, and sauce or cans of pasta, peanut butter and jelly, any kind of juice (either a large bottle or juice boxes). Clothes needed are children's clothing from size 5 to junior sizes. Thank you for all you can do. Please put in the green boxes under the mailboxes.

A Celebration of Life for Gisela Wemple will be held on Saturday, October 7 at 2:00 PM.

MEALS. In times of need and bereavement the Meals group joins together to provide meals when and where needed. We have been working together for several years and are currently in need of a few men and women to lend a hand (or a soup ladle)! If you are interested in learning more about or in participating in this important outreach ministry, please email Nancy L. Hansen at inchbyinch@live.com or leave a message with Mark in the office. Please include your name, phone number & email address and Nancy will get back to you.

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Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

—Please stand as able—

- C: Amen.
- P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

— Silence is kept for reflection—

- P: Gracious God,
- C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

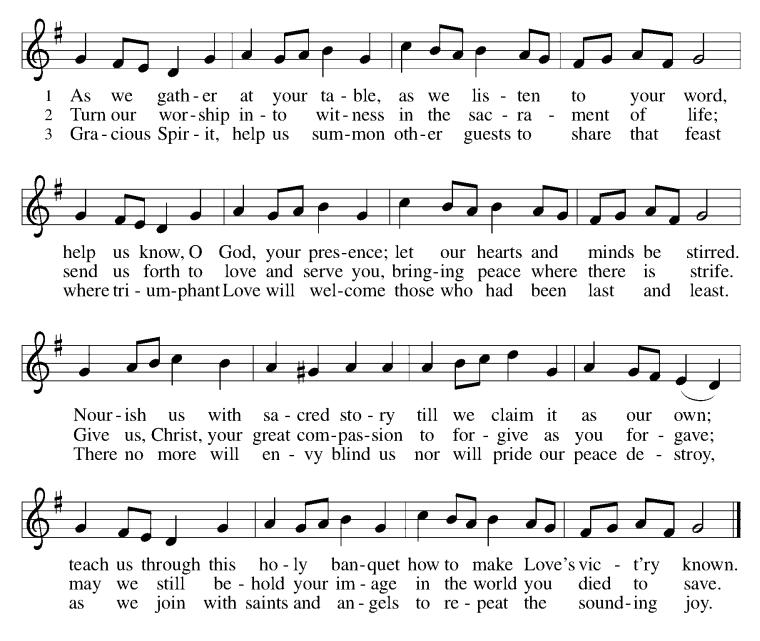
Amen.

- C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

ELW 522 —Please remain standing—

As We Gather at Your Table



Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

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

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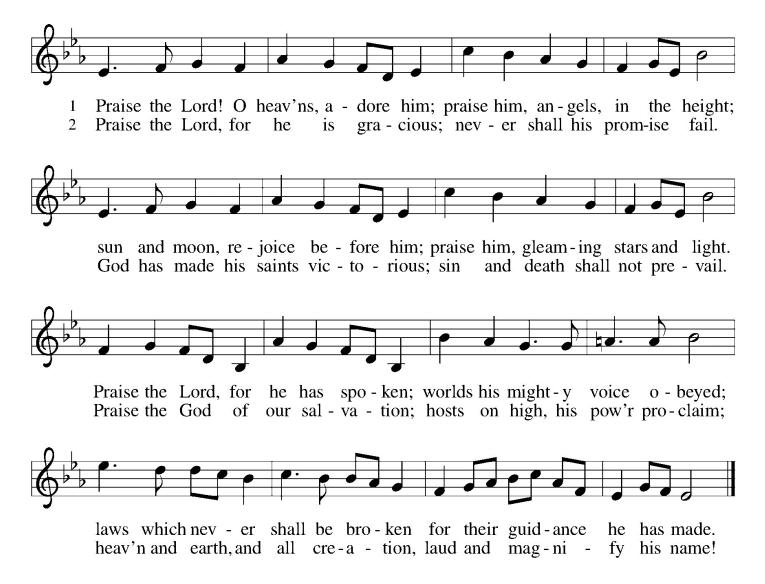
Greeting

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.

ELW 823

Praise the Lord! O Heavens



Text: *Foundling Hospital Collection*, London, 1796 Music: AUSTRIA, Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732–1809

Prayer of the Day

- P: Let us pray.
- C: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, 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 Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

- L: Word of God, word of life
- C: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: Psalm 103:8-13

L: ⁸LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;

C: ⁹you will not always accuse us,

nor will you keep your anger forever.

¹⁰You have not dealt with us according to our sins, L:

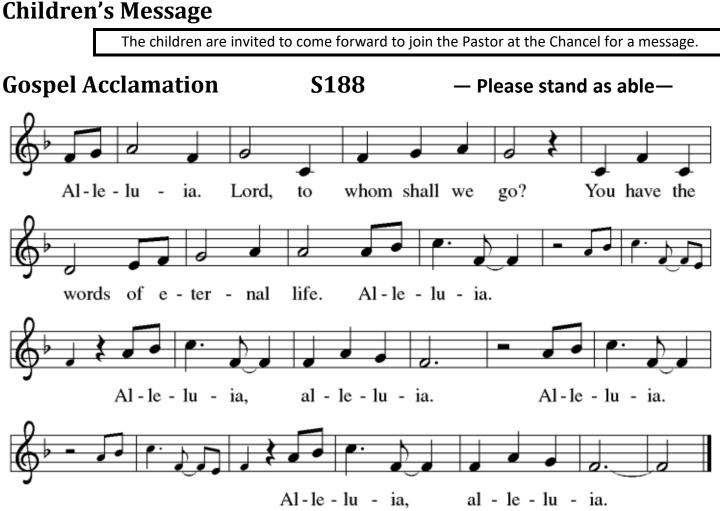
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

- **C**: ¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
- ¹²As far as the east is from the west, L:

so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

¹³As a father has compassion for his children, **C**:

so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.



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Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 18:21-35

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventyseven times.

²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

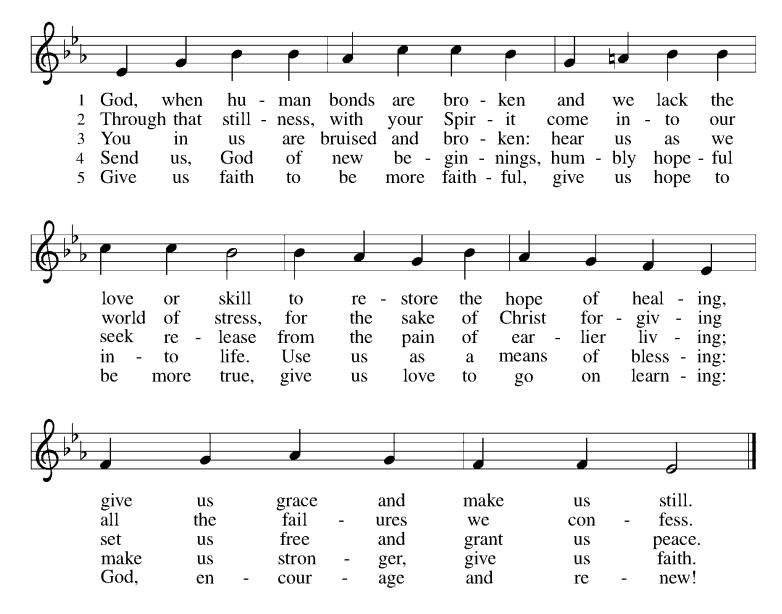
Please be seated—

Hymn of the Day

ELW 603

-Please stand as able-

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken



Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

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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: We pray for the church. Bless the missions and ministries of diverse congregations, that they uplift the good news of salvation in ways that can be understood. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and healing to rivers clogged with pollution. Enrich the soil for trees and plants. Protect the crops needed to feed those who hunger. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: We pray for all who govern. Encourage those in positions of power to lead with empathy, practice forgiveness, and care for those who struggle. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

LD: We pray for our neighbors who face illness of any kind. For those strained financially; for all living with chronic pain, mental illness, the disease of addiction, or otherwise afraid or in harm's way. Protect all who cry out for mercy. 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: We pray for this congregation. Open our hearts to practice intentional invitation. Help us to forgive each other, practice patience, and choose welcome over judgment. Move us to care for those in our community seeking refuge and safety. 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 the Lord, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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

MEAL

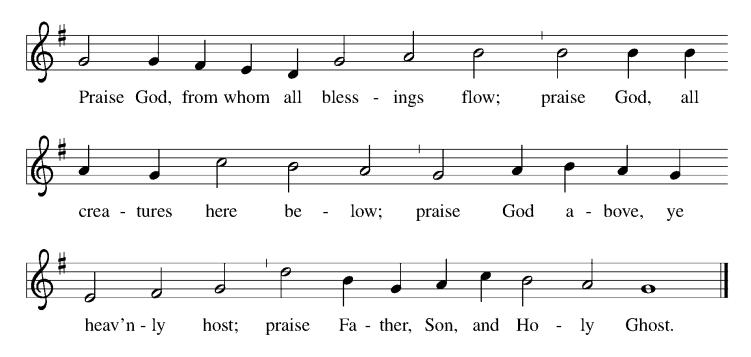
Offering

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 ELW 885 —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.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

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 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: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

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

Communion Hymns

— Please be seated—

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 471 – Let Us Break Bread Together. ELW 493 – Taste and See. ELW 461 – All Who Hunger Gather Gladly.

Blessing

Rites of Passage and Announcements

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.

SENDING

C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

God's grace.

- LD: Let us pray.
- Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, **C**: 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.

The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ keep you in

Amen.

-Please stand as able-

-Please be seated-

Pastor Luther will lead our congregation with a Blessing.

P:

- Please stand as able-

Sending Hymn

ELW 547

-Please stand as able-

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



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Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.