



**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Thursday, September 14, 2023 | 7:00 PM**

**Sunday, September 17, 2023 | 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM**

**THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*ELW—Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

**P**—Pastor   **C**—Congregation   **L**—Leader

**PRELUDE:** “Adagio” from *Symphony No. 5*.....Charles-Marie Widor

*Please stand.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

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

*Silence for reflection.*

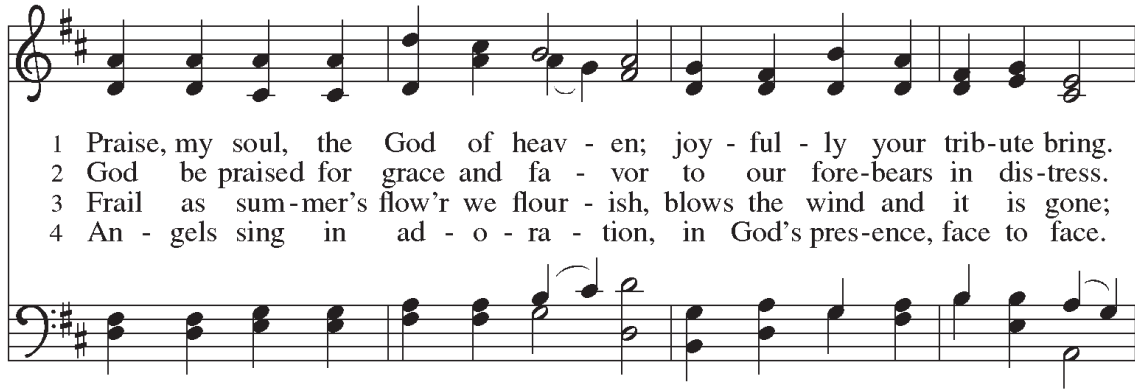
**P** Most merciful God,

**C** we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

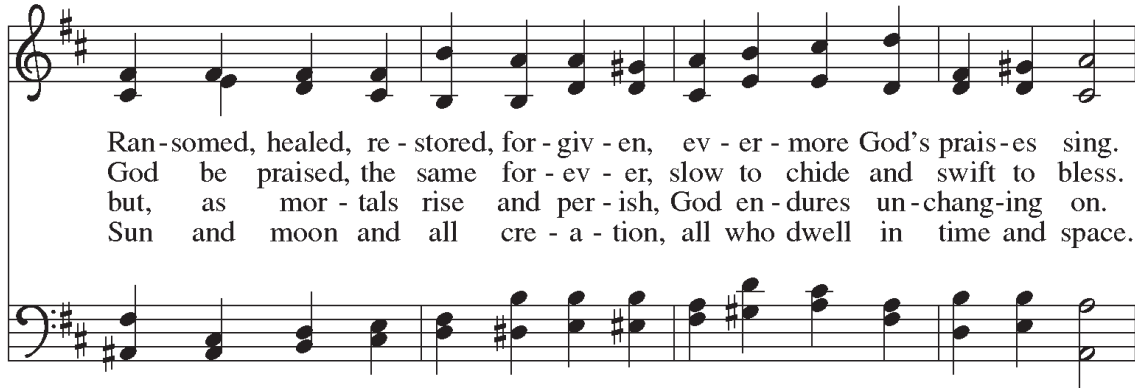
**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 864, "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven".....PRAISE, MY SOUL



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib - ute bring.  
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore - bears in dis - tress.  
3 Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres - ence, face to face.



Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais - es sing.  
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.  
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



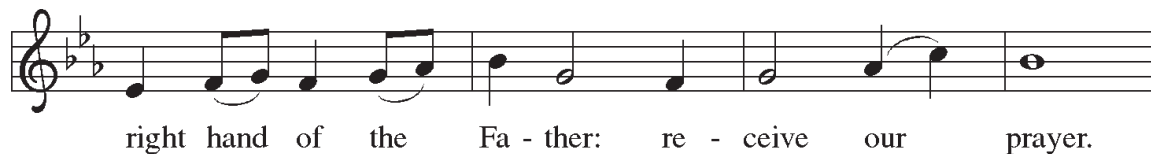
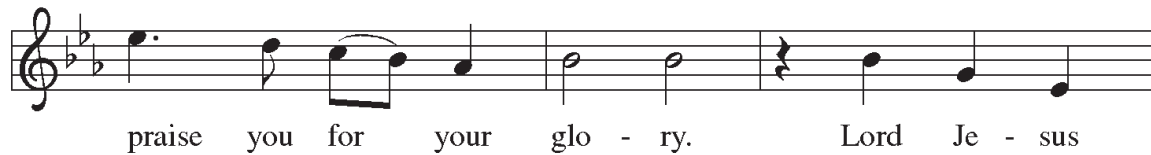
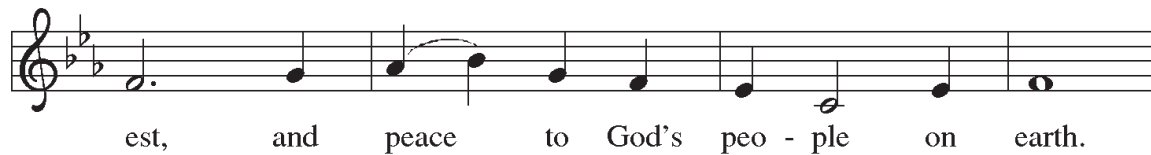
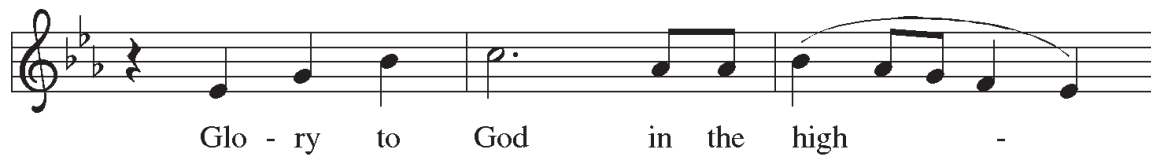
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005  
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

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.

# HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory to God"



lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

**SALUTATION**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**FIRST READING.....Genesis 50:15-21**

<sup>15</sup>Realizing 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?" <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>'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. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even 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. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 103:1-13** (7pm/8am) All are invited to recite the verses together.

(10:30am) The choir will sing the refrain, and all are invited to repeat it.

The choir will then sing the verses, and all are invited to sing the refrain as indicated.

LORD, you are full of com - pas - sion and mer - cy,  
of com - pas - sion and mer - cy.

<sup>1</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.

<sup>2</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all God’s benefits—

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases;

<sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy; **REFRAIN**

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle’s.

<sup>6</sup>O Lord, you provide vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.

<sup>7</sup>You made known your ways to Moses  
and your works to the children of Israel.

<sup>8</sup>Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love; **REFRAIN**

<sup>9</sup>you will not always accuse us,  
nor will you keep your anger forever.

<sup>10</sup>You have not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

<sup>12</sup>As far as the east is from the west,  
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion for his children,  
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O Lord. **REFRAIN**

**SECOND READING.....Romans 14:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. <sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. <sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." <sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL.....Matthew 18:21-35**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

**G** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Peter 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?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup>"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, 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. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and

forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But 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.' <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So 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.

*Please be seated.*

SERMON.....Pastor Erdos

*Silence for Reflection*

*Please stand.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 605, "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" .....DETROIT



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart  
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:  
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
 that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
 how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!  
 then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905–1987, alt.  
 Music: DETROIT, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844  
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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.

*Please be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs . . .
- P** Lord in your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P** The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C** And also with you.

*People greet each other saying: "Peace be with you."*

*Please be seated.*



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## OFFERTORY ANTHEM: (10:30AM) “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” .....C. Hubert H. Parry

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind; in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word rise up and follow thee.

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still small voice of calm!

Text: John G. Whittier, 1807-1892

*Please stand.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**P** Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of the one who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

**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.

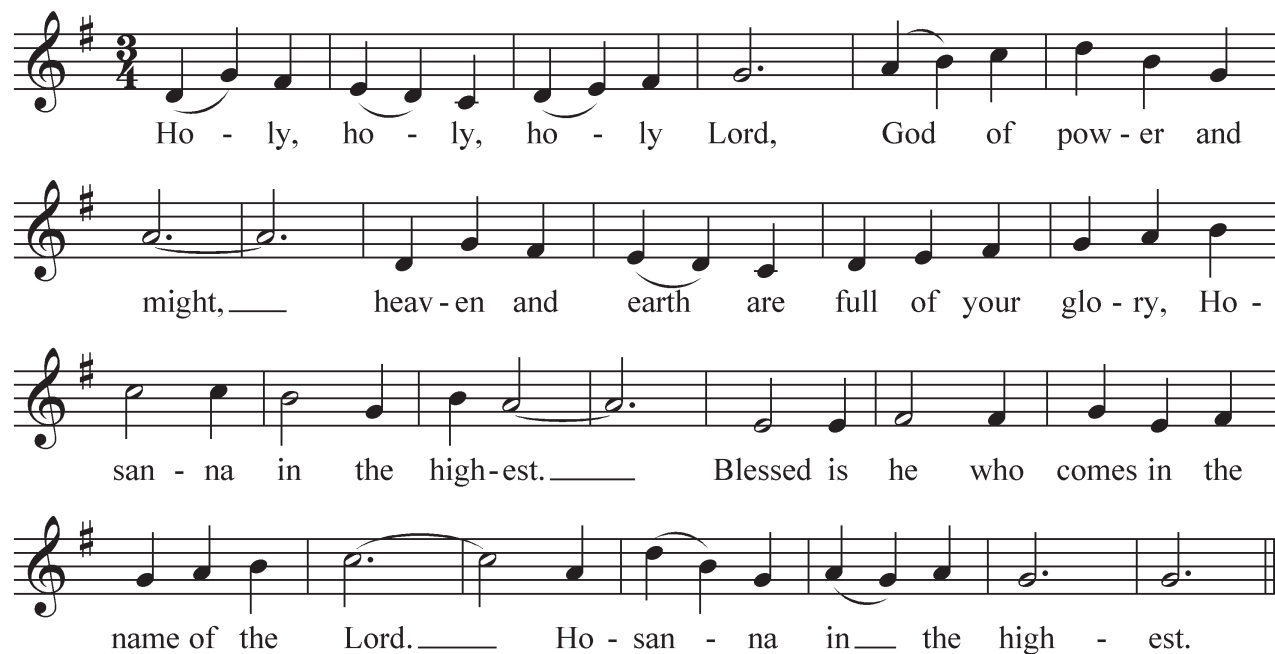
**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** It is good and joyful to sing your praise, God of Moses and Miriam, for you are majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, and glorious in power. You rejoice in all you have made, and you have created all things to ring out your joy.

When your children were shackled as Pharaoh's slaves, you heard their cries, divided the waters of the sea, and opened a path to lead them to freedom on dry ground. When your people were captive to the bondage of sin, you sent your Son, full of your forgiving mercies, to release us and to send us to share with others the grace we have ourselves received.

And so we give you thanks and extol your holy name, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, as we join the unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

☐ Delivering God, through your Son's dying and rising, you have released us from the debt of sin into the company of the forgiven. Sanctify us, who share this meal, to be a sign of jubilee hope in your freeing, redeeming, life-giving promise. Send your Spirit upon this bread and this cup of blessing to be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Great is they mystery of faith.

☑ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

☐ God of mercy, shape your church to embody the forgiveness you make possible in Christ. Have compassion upon your sons and daughters who suffer the isolation of shame or disgrace. Give courage and conviction to any who find it difficult to forgive a brother or sister from the heart, and console your children whose pleas for clemency are unheeded.

Bring your kingdom near in every place where financial debt weighs down nation or household. Draw us into your eternal life, that heralding your emancipation and proclaiming your liberation together with your people of every age, we may be bound to you forever in one perfect freedom, everlasting God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

☑ Amen.

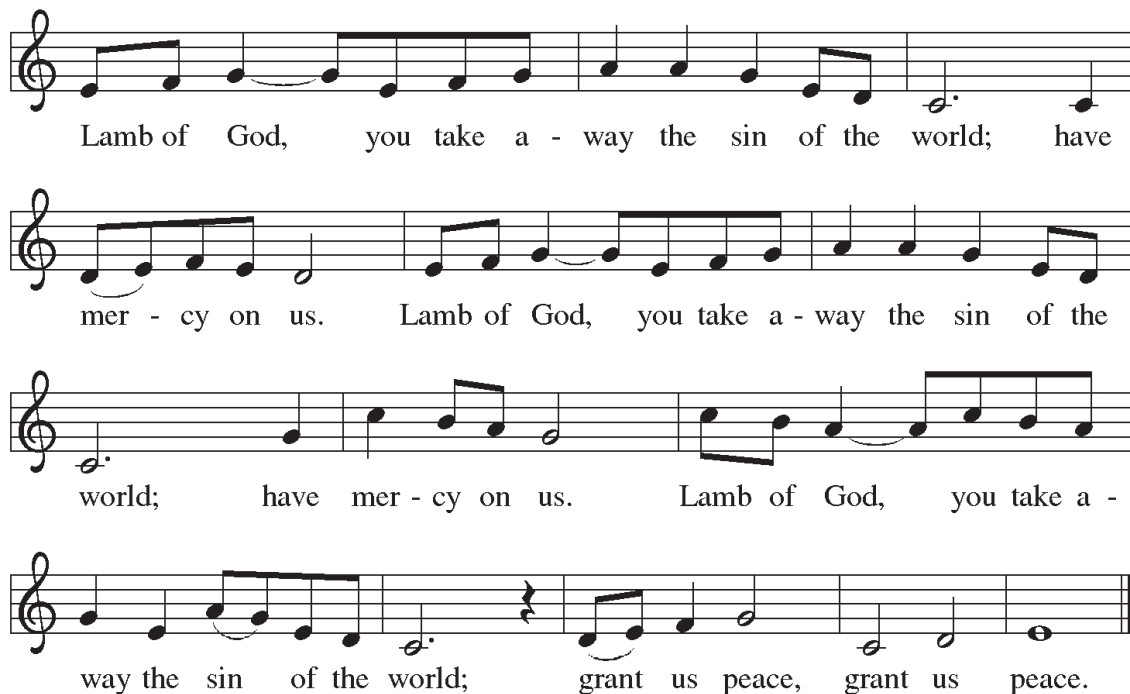
## LORD'S PRAYER

☑ 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.

*Please be seated.*

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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.

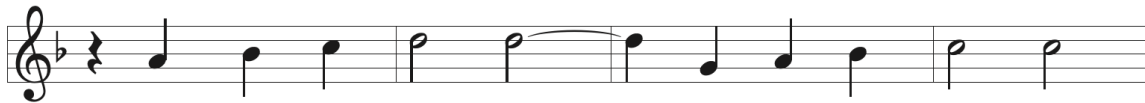
COMMUNION HYMN: (10:30am) ELW 639, "When We Are Living".....SOMOS DEL SEÑOR



*Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra él vi - vi - mos,*  
 1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,  
 2 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain, . . . .  
 3 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find . . . .



*y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra él mo - ri - mos.*  
 and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord. . . .  
 when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace, . . .  
 those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind; . . .



*Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,*  
 Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,  
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,  
 and when we help them, or when we feed them,



*so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.*  
 we be - long to God, we be - long to God.  
 we be - long to God, we be - long to God.  
 we be - long to God, we be - long to God.

2 En la tristeza y en el dolor,  
 en la belleza y en el amor,  
 sea que suframos o que gocemos,  
 somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

3 En este mundo por doquier habrá  
 gente que lloray sin consolar.  
 Sea que ayudemos o alimentemos,  
 somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

Text: st. 1, based on Romans 14:8; tr. Elise S. Eslinger, b. 1942  
 st. 2-3, Roberto Escamilla, b. 1931; tr. George Lockwood, b. 1946

Music: SOMOS DEL SEÑOR, Spanish traditional

Spanish text, sts. 2-3 © 1983 Abingdon Press and tr. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House, admin. The Copyright Company

*Please stand.*

COMMUNION BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

**G** Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**P** We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**G** Amen.

## BLESSING

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## SENDING HYMN: ELW 544, "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing"

.....ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -  
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,  
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!  
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;  
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -  
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,  
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902–1983, alt.  
Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.  
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## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE: "Postlude on a Theme by Orlando Gibbons".....Christopher Tambling

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- + Chancel Choir
- + Connie Ault, Donna Russell; Communion Assistants
- + Gary Willke (8:00am), Youth Reader (10:30am); Readers
- + Special thanks to today's Ushers, Altar Guild, Acolytes, Video and Audio Production Crew.

**ALTAR FLOWERS IN THE NAVE:** The flowers on the altar are to the glory of God. In memory of Herbert and Pauline Rekeweg by Phil and Verna Kurtz. In honor of my brother and his wife and 70 years of marriage by Bob and Barbara Gasser.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Sharon Gerig, Jenny and Bob Hobby and Family, Kala, Bob and Brenda, Robin and Family, Pat and Dick GeRue, Steve Parker and Family, Fouad Halaby, Sally Kilmer.



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