Welcome to Worship!
Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
The Liturgy of Holy Communion
July 21, 2024
10:00 am

Ministers, The People of God
Reverend Jean Dougherty
Director of Music, Nicholas Suminski
Cantor, Cynthia Davis
Bell Choir Director, Laura Gustavsen
Assisting Minister, Jill Breimann
Readers: Shannon Breimann, Andrew Breimann
Ushers: Linda Herzog, Grete Kraus, Darlene Klouda,
Jane Samelsen, Jane DeRosa
Priscilla Guild: Linda Herzog
Acolytes: Jack & Frank Graziano

Welcome to St. Andrew's

This is Christ's Church:

There is a place for you here. We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person—questions, complexities, and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world. **Those with us for the first time** are kindly asked to introduce themselves to the pastor and greeters and are welcome to sign our guest book in the narthex.
Need prayer? Kindly leave a message at the office, and we will contact you.

Our Mission:

Because God shows His Love through Jesus Christ,
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, a community of faith,
gathered around Word and Sacrament,
lives to WORSHIP, WITNESS, LEARN, and SERVE,
and welcomes all people to share God's love
and to be workers together in this mission of the Church.

Communion:

St. Andrew's practices eucharistic hospitality.
All are welcome at God's table.
In response to Jesus's command, we celebrate with a worship meal of bread (or gluten-free by request) and red wine or white grape juice (in the center of the communion tray.) It is the Lutheran tradition to commune using both elements. However, we believe Christ is fully present when receiving one kind (bread or wine/grape juice). Those not communing and children are invited forward to receive a blessing and may cross their arms to indicate their intentions.

What is Reconciling in Christ?

This means we joyfully welcome all of God's people to worship with us regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, ability, or socio-economic circumstances.

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP
Rejoice, people of God: this is our Sabbath day.
Rejoice, friends in Christ: this is our time for worship.

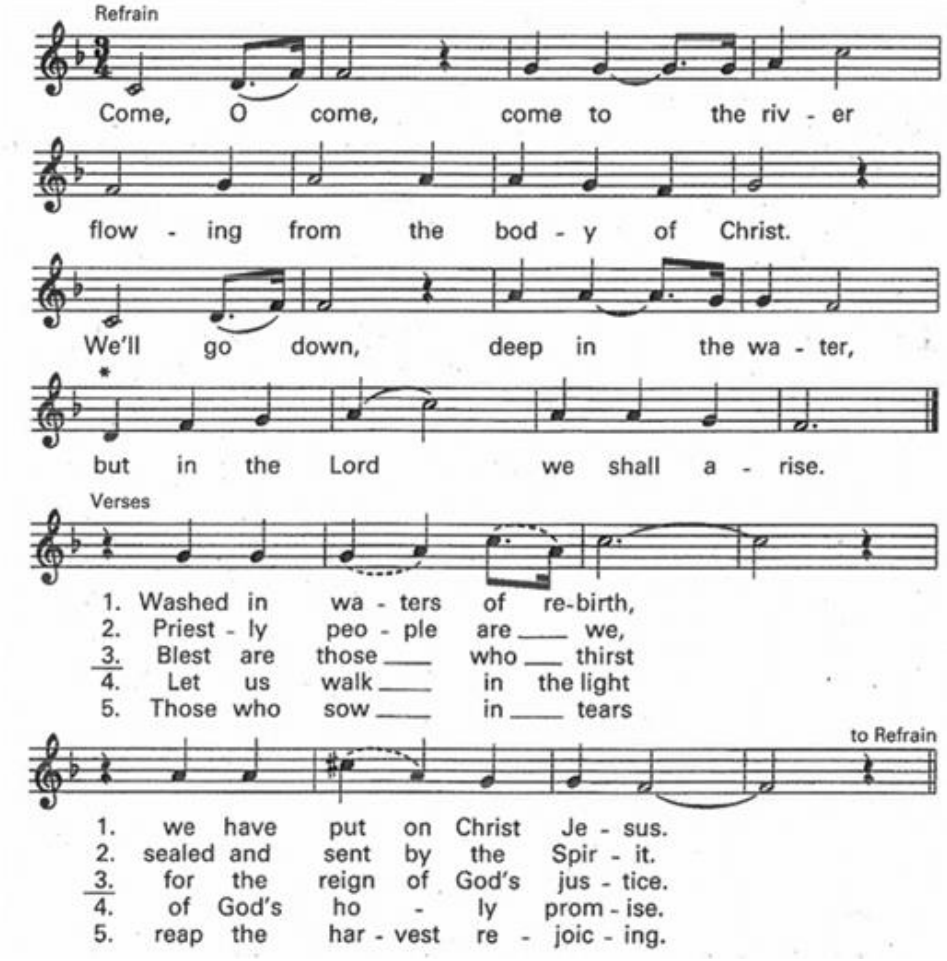
God ordained the Sabbath, rest and restoration.
God is worthy of worship, our Creator, Healer, and Inspiration.

We know what God desires of us:
That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

With thanks in our hearts let us worship the Lord.
Oh, come let us worship!
Oh, come let us worship!
Oh, come let us worship!

PRELUDE

(The assembly stands as they are able.)
GATHERING SONG # Come, O Come, Come to the River (vs. 1-3)



(The assembly may be seated.)
HOLY BAPTISM of Jackson Parker Struss and Brayden Jack Nelson

PRESENTATION *Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font.*

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors present the candidate:
I present Jackson Parker Struss for baptism.
I present Brayden Jack Nelson for baptism.

The minister addresses parents:
Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God,
parents, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?
Response: I do.

As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in their hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that your children may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Parents, do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?
Response: I do.

The minister addresses sponsors:
Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Jackson Parker and Brayden Jack in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?
Response: I do.

(The assembly stands as they are able.)
People of God, do you promise to support Jackson Parker Struss and Brayden Jack Nelson and pray for them in their new life in Christ?
We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH
The minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
Response:

I renounce them.
Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
Response:
I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
Response:
I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT
Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river, your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection, you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

(The assembly may be seated.)

BAPTISM

The minister baptizes each candidate. Water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

Jackson Parker Struss, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Brayden Jack Nelson, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CHRISTENING

Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays

Sustain (Jackson Parker and Brayden Jack) with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose is used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Jackson Parker Struss, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Brayden Jack Nelson, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:
Jesus said, I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me
will have the light of life.
Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. The representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.
Jackson Parker Struss and Brayden Jack Nelson,
we welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.
The baptized, parents, and sponsors return to their seats.

(The assembly stands as they are able.)
Hymn of Praise # Come, O Come, Come to the River (vs. 4)

Refrain: Come, O Come, Come to the River
Flowing from the body of Christ.
We'll go down deep in the water,
but the Lord we shall rise.

Let us walk in the light of God's holy promise.

Refrain: Come, O Come, Come to the River
Flowing from the body of Christ.
We'll go down deep in the water,
but the Lord we shall rise.

GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE (spoken)
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

CANTICLE OF PRAISE #836 Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee (favorite of Janis Raineri & Anita Ahrens)

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray together,
A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

God of the covenant,
in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom.
Give us the courage you gave the apostles,
that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life,
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
(The assembly may be seated.)

WORD
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

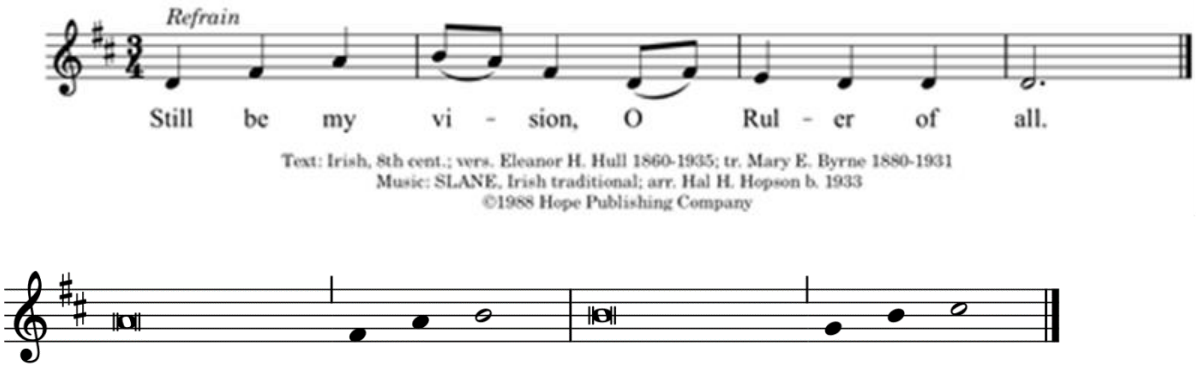
Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the "flock" of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David's line to save Israel and Judah.

A reading from **Jeremiah**

1 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. 2 Therefore thus
says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have
scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you
for your evil doings, says the LORD. 3 Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands
where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. 4 I will
raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed,
nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

5 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he
shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days
Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called:
"The LORD is our righteousness." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 (Cantor introduces the refrain, assembly repeats. Psalm is chanted responsively)



1 The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.
2 **The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures**
and leads me be- | side still waters.
3 You restore my | soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.
4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;**
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. Refrain
5 You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.
6 **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,**
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. Refrain

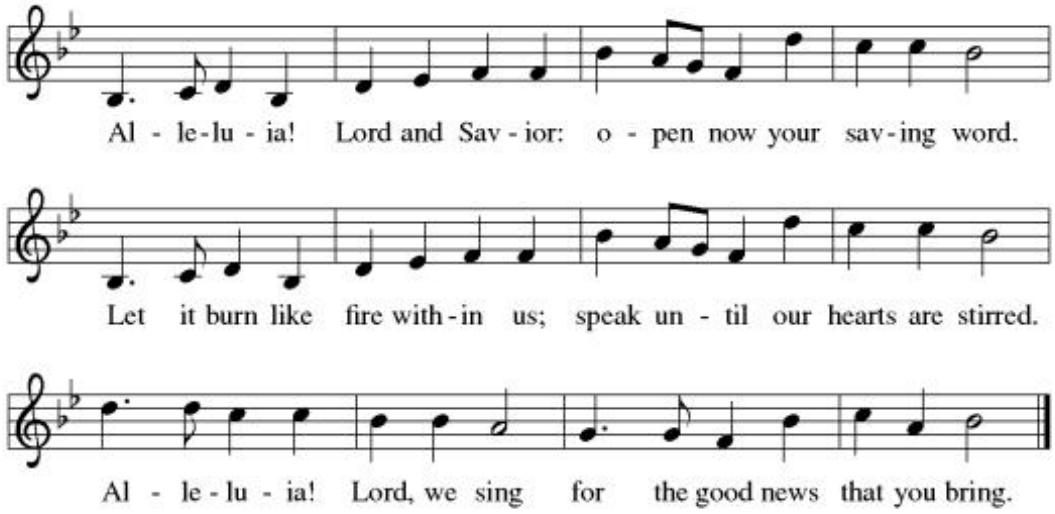
SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:11-22

The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

A reading from Ephesians.

11 Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the
circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—12 remember that you were at
that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of
promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off
have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups
into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. 15 He has abolished the law
with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the
two, thus making peace, 16 and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus
putting to death that hostility through it. 17 So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and
peace to those who were near; 18 for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So
then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the
household of God, 20 built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the
cornerstone. 21 In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; 22 in
whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(The assembly stands as they are able.)
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ’s desire to be among those in need.

The holy gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

30 The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. 31 He said to them,
“Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and
they had no leisure even to eat. 32 And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. 33 Now
many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived
ahead of them. 34 As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they
were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. 54 When they got
out of the boat, people at once recognized him, 55 and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the

sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. [56] And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(The assembly may be seated.)
SERMON

(The assembly stands as they are able.)
HYMN OF THE DAY #611 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land: Through the One who is the cornerstone of a firm foundation, join us together and build us up as a temple of mercy and peace. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the creation: Cause new trees to be planted. Restrain the melting of polar ice caps. Save land from destruction. Like a shepherd tends her sheep, raise up from among us caretakers of all you have made. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the leaders of nations and heads of tribes: Where peace seems far off, bring it near. Where justice seems fleeting, bring it to light. Where discord seems relentless, bring harmony. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the health and well-being of family, friends, and neighbors: Heal those who are sick, especially Bianca DiRosso and Arlene McGrath all on our prayer list and those we now name silently or aloud……*big pause*)……and those in the midst of conflict, violence or war. Give courage to all who struggle with addiction. Touch with your tender care all who reach out to you in pain. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For this assembly and for the faith communities represented this week at the ELCA Youth Gathering: Nurture the faith of young people as they encounter new experiences and people. Break down dividing walls and inspire collaboration among people of every age. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Today, we pray for the newly baptized, especially Jackson Parker Struss and Brayden Jack Nelson. Bless them, raise them in your Spirit, form them by your hand, bring them to the water of life and the bread and cup of blessing that with all your people they may praise you forever. Bless parents, especially Lauren and Thomas, and Malissa and Brendan, and fill all homes with respect, joy, laughter, and prayer. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for those who have died especially Edward & Karen Walsh: Make us certain that in Christ we are no longer strangers and aliens but citizens with the saints in the household of God. In your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
(The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.)

MEAL
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

(The assembly may be seated.)
OFFERING
(When Jesus fed the 5000 with only five loaves of bread and two fish, he was showing us how God's love can multiply the effects of our generosity [see Mt. 14:13-21]. Thank you for sharing from the abundance you have received. Offerings may also be given online at the church website.)

OFFERING HYMN #479 "We Come to the Hungry Feast"
1 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied
the love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

2 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a world released
from hungry people of ev'ry kind,
the poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

3 We come to the hungry feast
hungry that the hunger cease,
and knowing, though we eat our fill,
the hunger will stay with us; still
we come, we come to the hungry feast.

(The assembly stands as they are able.)
OFFERING PRAYER
Let us pray.
Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**
DIALOGUE AND PREFACE
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.
You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,
ever to be adored in your eternal glory.

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:

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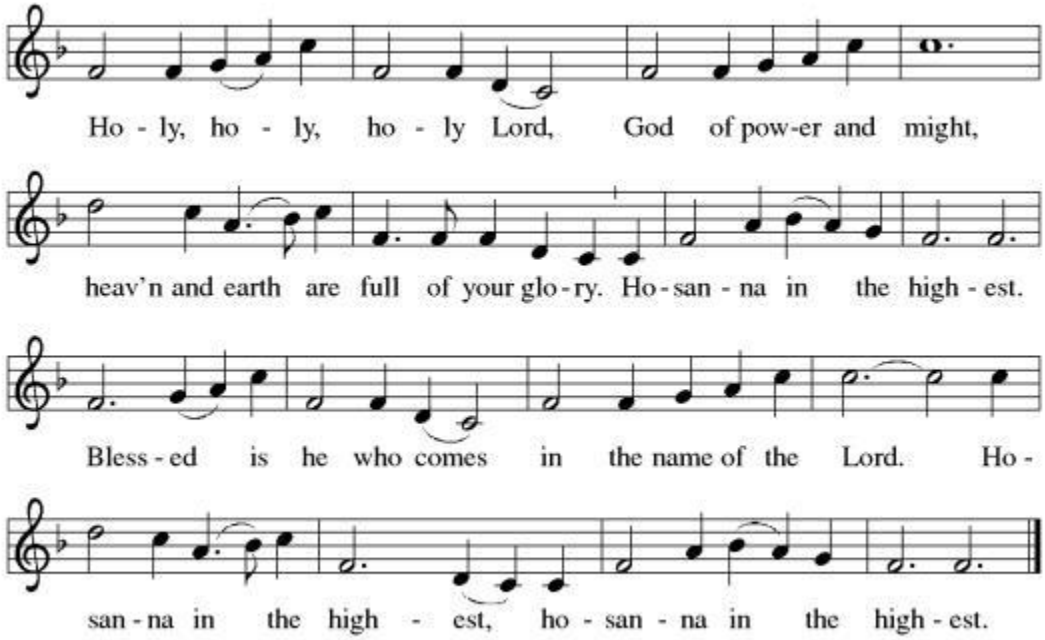


EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

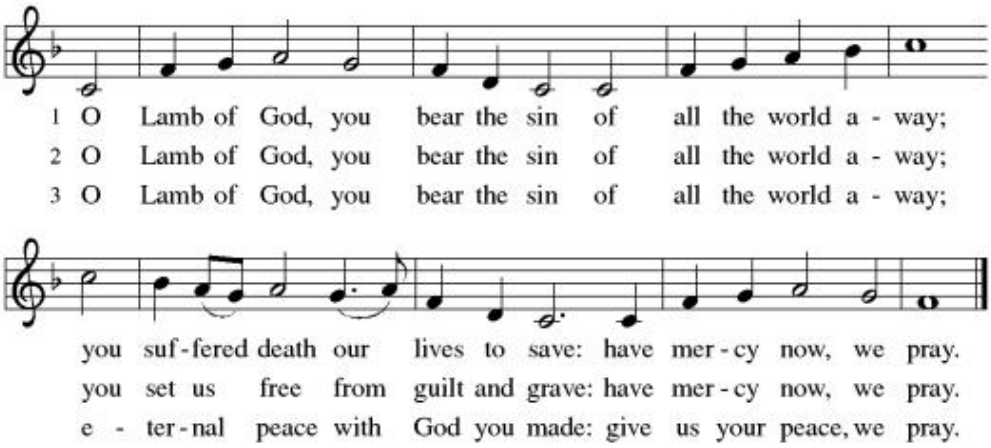
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

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. **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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Come and eat at God's table, where all are welcome.

(The assembly may be seated.)
LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION
(The assembly may be seated during distribution. Please follow the ushers' directions as you are invited forward to either kneel or stand at the rail.)

COMMUNION HYMN #789 Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us

(After all have received, please stand as you are able.)
EUCHARISTIC BLESSING
May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace and peace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(The assembly stands as they are able.)
BLESSING
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. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN #654 The Church's One Foundation *(Favorite of Cindy Davis)*

DISMISSAL
You are the body of Christ! Go now, fed and forgiven, to be good news for the world.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE