

***Do you think  
that I have come  
to bring peace  
to the earth?***

**LUKE 12:51**

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**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 16 & 17, 2025**

# Welcome to Worship!

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The *worship bulletin* is intended to help guide us through our worship. Sections in **bold** print are for congregation response.

We believe our risen Lord Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of ***Holy Communion*** and we extend our Lord's invitation to all who are baptized to share in this meal.

Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please contact an usher if you need ***communed in the pew***.

A ***large print copy*** of our worship service and ***wireless sound enhancers*** are available in the front narthex.



## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 16 & 17, 2025

Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:15am (Broadcast, 98.7FM, 107.5FM, 1480AM, 910AM;  
Livestream @[www.trinitylatrobe.com](http://www.trinitylatrobe.com)), Sunday 10:45am

### Service of Holy Communion (ELW Setting 4)

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great “cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”

*The prelude is a signal to end our conversation and  
prepare our hearts and minds for worship*

## Prelude and Silent Prayer

## Welcome and Announcements

***(at the end of the bell peal, please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)***

## **GATHERING**

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

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)*

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

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.  
*(please kneel or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

**Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors  
and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with  
patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life.**  
**Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ✙ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

*(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

### **Gathering Hymn**

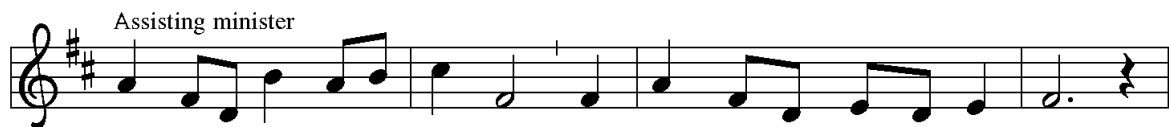
“How Firm a Foundation”

**ELW #796**

### **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.**

# Hymn of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-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.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

## WORD

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

## Children's Message

### First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

*Because Luke often presents Jesus as carrying on the ministry of the Old Testament prophets, our first readings during these weeks are from several of those figures. Today we continue reading through the first part of Isaiah. Like Jesus' teaching in today's Gospel reading, Isaiah offers an uncomfortable Word from God, warning of the disastrous effects of his hearer's injustice and idolatry.*

<sup>1</sup> I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup> He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.

<sup>3</sup> And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? <sup>5</sup> And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup> I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

**The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 (Leader/Assembly: Spoken)**

*Like Isaiah's song, this psalm uses the image of a vineyard, planted and beloved by God. The psalm, however, is the song of the repentant Israelites, pleading with God to continue caring for them, and to free them from the effects of their sins.*

- <sup>1</sup> Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- <sup>2</sup> **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- <sup>8</sup> You have brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you cast out the nations and planted it.
- <sup>9</sup> **You cleared the ground for it;  
it took root and filled the land.**
- <sup>10</sup> The mountains were covered by its shadow  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- <sup>11</sup> **You stretched out its tendrils to the sea  
and its branches to the river.**
- <sup>12</sup> Why have you broken down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- <sup>13</sup> **The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.**
- <sup>14</sup> Turn now, O God of hosts,  
look down from heaven;
- <sup>15</sup> **behold and tend this vine;  
preserve what your right hand has planted.**
- <sup>16</sup> They burn it with fire like rubbish;  
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
- <sup>17</sup> **Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**
- <sup>18</sup> And so will we never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call up on your name.
- <sup>19</sup> **Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2**

*We continue to read through the book of Hebrews, written to a community beginning to tire of God's delay in fulfilling the promises of Christ's return and their vindication. This section lifts up examples from the Old Testament of people whose faith was not vindicated in their lifetime, but who persevered in their hope.*

- <sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days.

*(continued)*

<sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. <sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>6</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. <sup>12:1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

**The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*(please stand to welcome the Gospel or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **Gospel: Luke 12:49-56**

*Through these weeks, we have been reading about Jesus' journey toward Jerusalem, where he will be crucified. Here, he is speaking not to the crowds, but to the disciples. From this point on, especially, Jesus' teaching will focus on the Last Day, how near it is, how unexpected it will be, and how his followers should prepare.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 12th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup> “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup> From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup> they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” <sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(please be seated)*

**Sermon**

Pastor Jason Felici

**Hymn of the Day** *(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

**ELW #876**



## **Apostles' Creed**

**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 *(please kneel or sit as you are comfortable)***

**Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.**

## **The Peace *(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)***

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

***(share God's peace with one another and then be seated)***

## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

### Gathering of Gifts

*As we move to the time in our worship where we offer our gifts to God's church, a portion of your offering supports Care for Congregations in Pastoral Transitions. This time of transition can be unsettling, and a portion of your offering ensures the coordination of interim pastoral care, call committee training, engaging and introducing candidates for call.*



*If you prefer, scan the QR code to give online.  
You may then place a giving card from the pew  
in the offering plate as it passes by.*

### Offertory *(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

“We Are an Offering”

ELW #692



We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

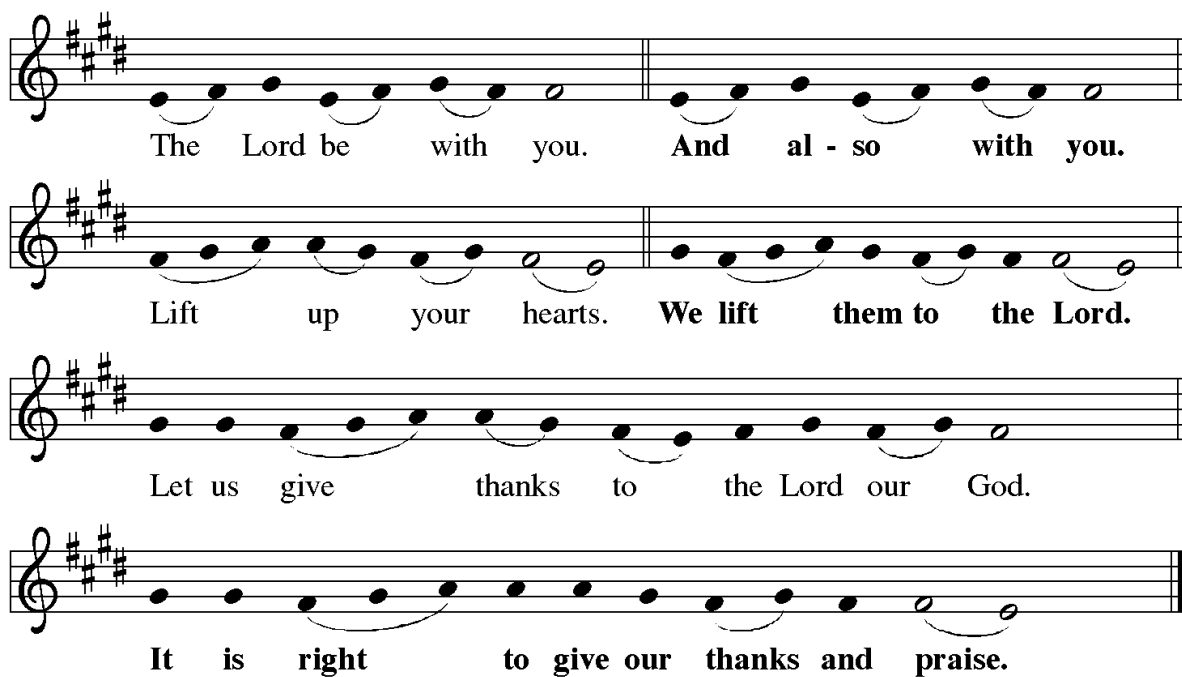
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## Offering Prayer

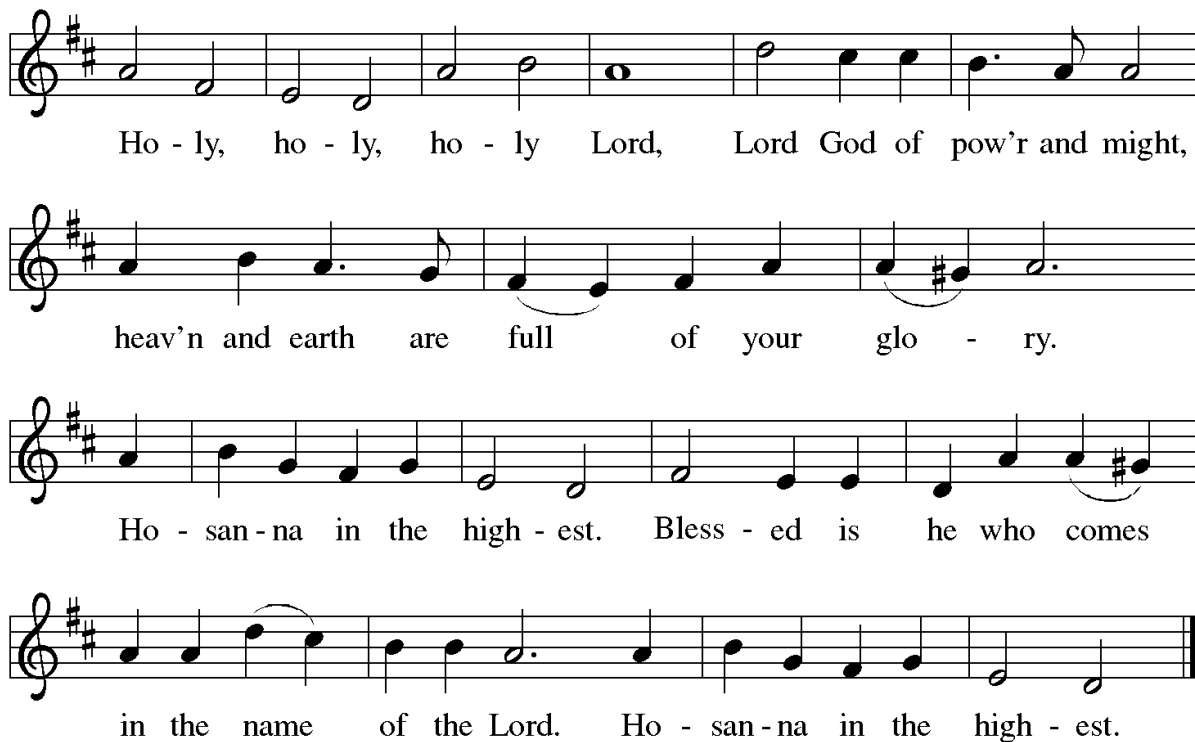
Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
 Amen.

## Great Thanksgiving



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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God,  
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,  
in the harmonious world of your creation,  
the plants and animals, the seas and stars  
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,  
you sent your Son to heal our ills  
and to form us again into one.

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.

*(continued)*

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 acts of healing,  
his body given up,  
and his victory over death,  
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth  
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:  
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,  
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,  
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

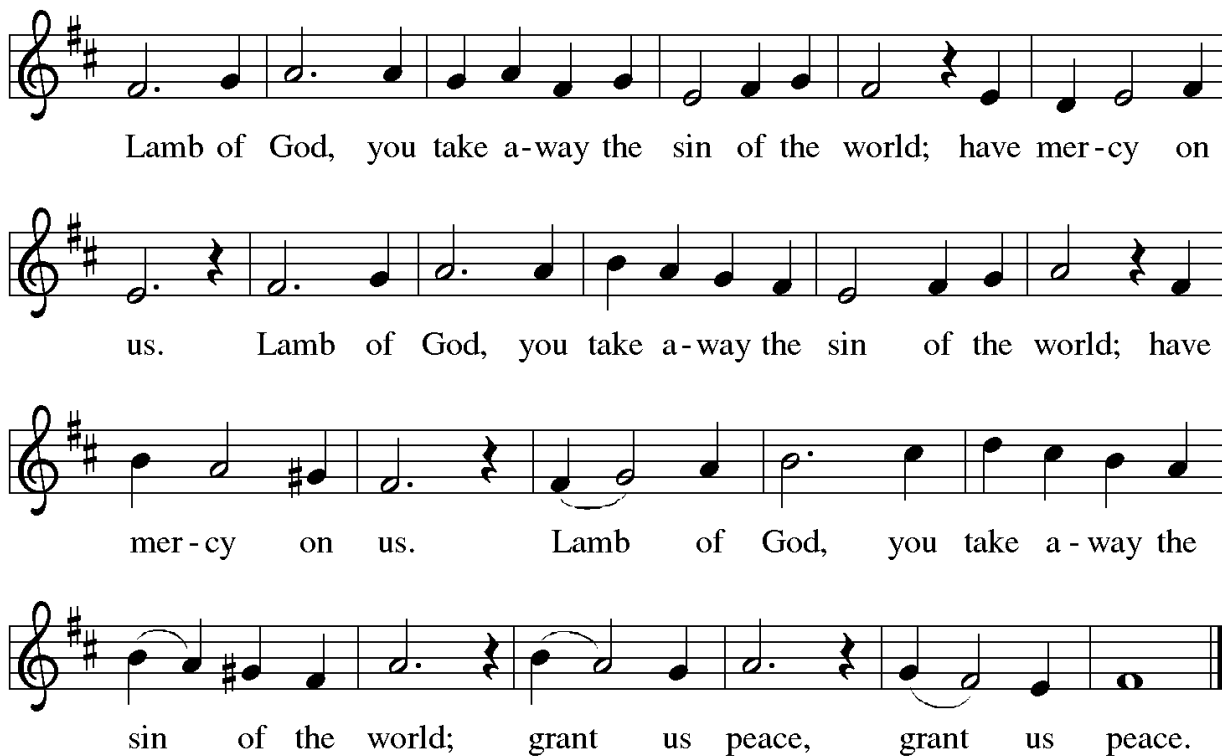
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

## Lamb of God



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.

*(please be seated)*

## Distribution of Communion

*To receive communion, please come down the center aisle, take a cup from the tray and gather at the altar rail. Receive the bread into your hand. Wine will be poured into your cup. **The communion wine is gluten free. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.** For those unable to receive wine, communion cups with water are available. Leave the altar rail, place your cup on the tray and return to your pew via the side aisles. **If you would like to receive communion in the pew, please contact an usher.** Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*



**Table Blessing** *(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)*

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

**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray. Mothering God, **you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.**  
**Amen.**

**SENDING**

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

**Blessing**

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit ✝ bless you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

“God, When Human Bonds Are Broken”

**ELW #603**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**THE BROADCAST THIS WEEK** is dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of my mom, Mary Jane McCann, given by Carol McIntyre.

**THE FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND** are dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of our 13th ordination anniversaries: Pastor Jess on 8/19 and Pastor Jason on 8/23.

**THE BAPTISMAL FONT FLOWERS LAST WEEKEND** were dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of our 4th Wedding Anniversary on August 14th, and also in honor of Nicole Buzzard's 43rd birthday on August 17th, given by Jeff Buzzard.

## Serving this Weekend

**Preaching:** Pastor Jason Felici      **Presiding:** Pastor Jess Felici

**Director of Music:** Debbie Morley

**Lectors: Saturday 5:30pm: Donna Showalter**

**Sunday 8:15am:** Mark Jones

**Sunday 10:45am:** Anna Hudec

**Liturgical Deacons: Saturday 5:30pm:** Kathe Houck

**Sunday 8:15am:** Nancy McHenry, Evan Stemler

**Sunday 10:45am:** Jane Lawson, Sandy Redinger

**Ushers: Saturday 5:30pm:** Jay Elder, John Elder, Linda McDowell,  
Beth Dlugos

**Sunday 8:15am:** Rick Baldonieri, Herb Harris, Sandy Kisick, Melinda Terney

**Sunday 10:45am:** Jill & Mike Macey, Tim Potter, Becky Tomlinson

**Acolytes: Saturday 5:30pm:**

**Sunday 8:15am:**

**Sunday 10:45am:**

**Tellers: Sunday 8:15am:** Sandy Kisick, Candace Bungard, BJ Hebenthal, Sherry Palmer

**Sunday 10:45am:** Linda McDowell, Christina Andrae,  
Mike Macey, Darlene Schultz

## Acolytes Serving Next Weekend August 23 & 24

**Saturday 5:30pm:**

**Sunday 8:15am:**

**Sunday 10:45am:**

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