



**Those who  
humble  
themselves  
will be  
exalted**

LUKE 14:11

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**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 30 & 31, 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.



## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 30 & 31, 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)

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

*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**

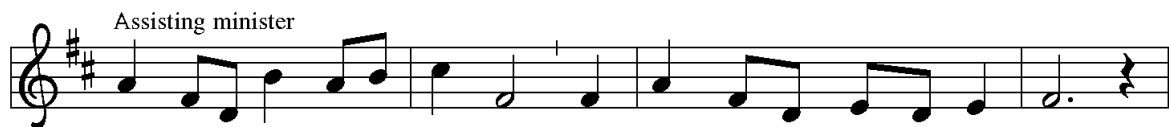
“Gather Us In”

**ELW #532**

### **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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of 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: Jeremiah 2:4-13

*Because Luke often presents Jesus as carrying on the ministry of the Old Testament prophets, our first readings during these weeks is from several of those figures. Today we continue reading through the book of Jeremiah, with one of his early proclamations of God's Word. Its tone is clear-eyed criticism of the injustice and idolatry of his audience and their forebears; he will go on to warn of the suffering that that behavior will bring.*

<sup>4</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me and went after worthless things and became worthless themselves? <sup>6</sup> They did not say, "Where is the LORD, who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" <sup>7</sup> I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land and made my heritage an abomination. <sup>8</sup> The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal and went after things that do not profit. <sup>9</sup> Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. <sup>10</sup> Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look; send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. <sup>11</sup> Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. <sup>12</sup> Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked; be utterly desolate, says the LORD, <sup>13</sup> for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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

## **Psalm 81:1, 10-16 (Leader/Assembly: Spoken)**

*This psalm continues the theme and tone of Jeremiah's preaching, describing God's heartbreak at Israel's (and our own) unfaithfulness.*

- <sup>1</sup> Sing with joy to God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- <sup>10</sup> **"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**
- <sup>11</sup> Yet my people did not hear my voice,  
and Israel would not obey me.
- <sup>12</sup> **So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts,  
to follow their own devices.**
- <sup>13</sup> Oh, that my people would listen to me,  
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- <sup>14</sup> **I would quickly subdue their enemies  
and turn my hand against their foes.**
- <sup>15</sup> Those who hate the LORD would cringe in fear,  
and their punishment would last forever.
- <sup>16</sup> **But I would feed you with the finest wheat  
and satisfy you with honey from the rock."**

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

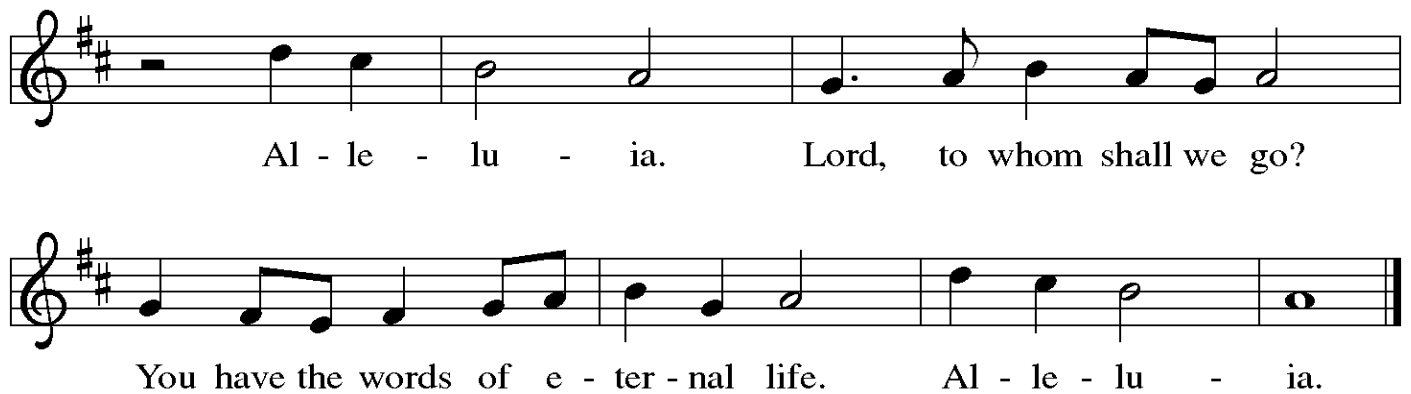
*This week we conclude our reading through the book of Hebrews, which was written to a community beginning to tire of God's delay in fulfilling the promises of Christ's return and their vindication. As usual, the epistle ends with advice for how Christians should live in the extended "meantime" between the incarnation and the Last Day.*

- <sup>1</sup> Let mutual affection continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" <sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
- <sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to 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)*



## Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

*Through these weeks, we have been reading about Jesus' journey toward Jerusalem, where he will be crucified. Last week we heard Jesus' response to those who criticized him for healing on the sabbath. The verses omitted in today's reading tell of another, very similar, event; the story then continues with what happens afterwards at the Sabbath dinner.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” <sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

*(please be seated)*



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

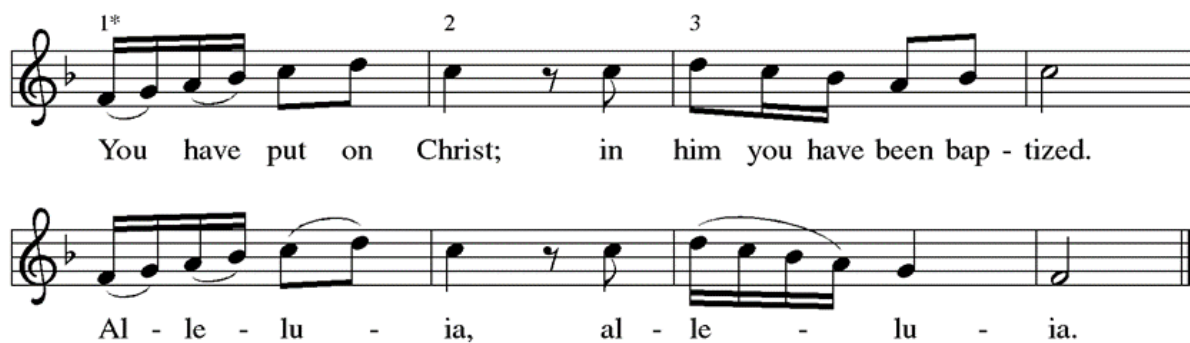
“Oh, Praise the Gracious Power”

**ELW #651**

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism** (Sunday 10:45am)

**ELW page 227**

*(at the end of the Baptism, please sing “You Have Put on Christ” to welcome the newly Baptized)*



**Apostles' Creed** (Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:15am)

**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

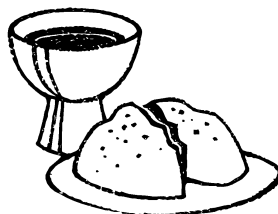
**God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.**

## 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 Lutheran Men in Mission. In congregations and communities, LMM gathers men, seeking to model the character of Jesus by living and leading a lifestyle intended to help transform them from having an inward focus to a culture of naturally loving and serving our neighbors.*



*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

The musical score is written on six staves of music. The lyrics are: We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

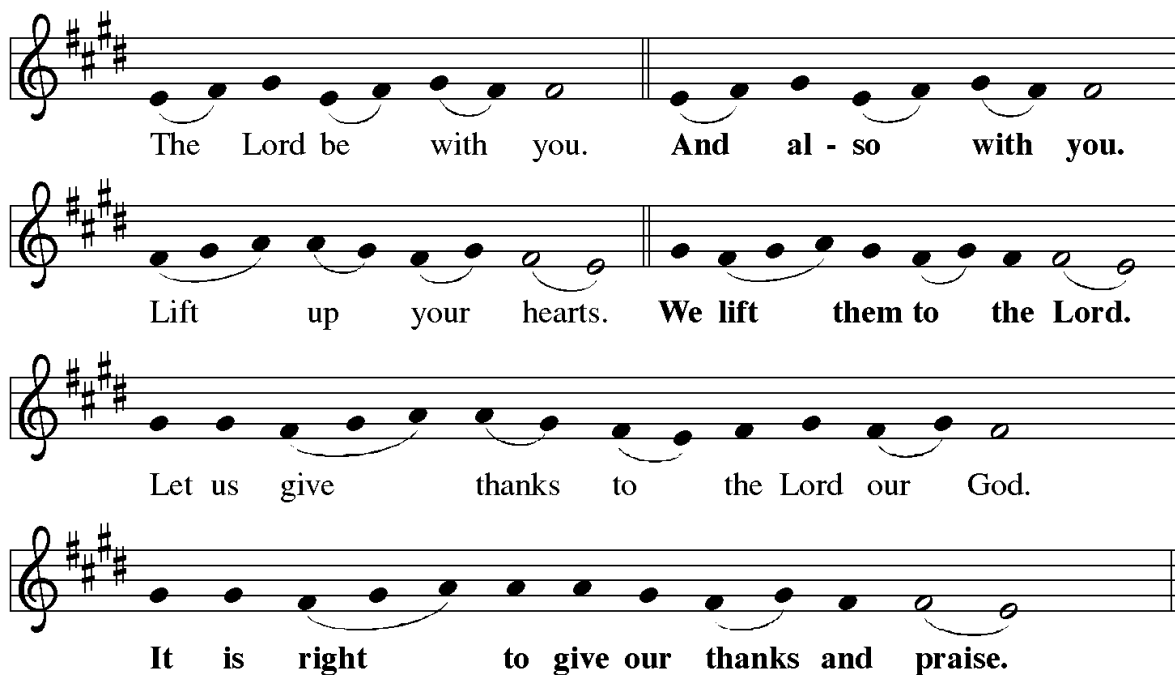
The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, eighth and quarter notes, rests, and triplets (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes). The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical phrases.

## 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



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

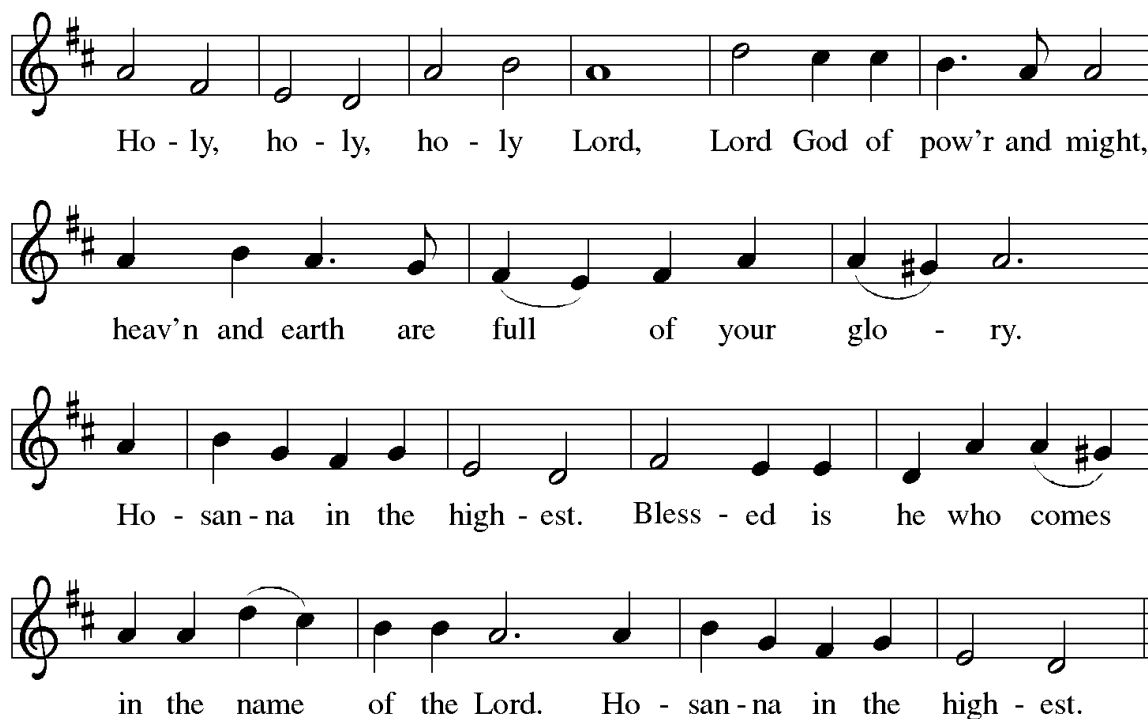
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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, 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.

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



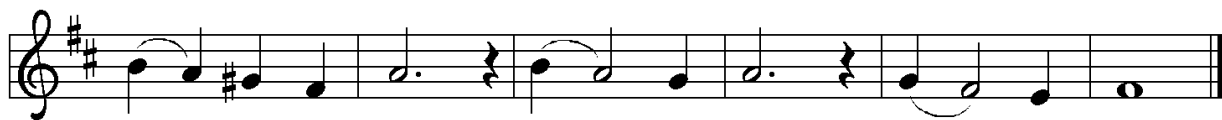
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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**

**“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”**

**ELW #769**

## **Dismissal**

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

**THE BROADCAST THIS WEEK** is dedicated to the Glory of a loving God in thankfulness for the blessings on our marriage; Happy Anniversary, Ronald.

**Serving this Weekend**

**Preaching and Presiding:** Pastor Jason Felici

**Director of Music:** Debbie Morley

**Assisting Minister:** Kathe Houck

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

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

**Sunday 10:45am:** Karen Clair

**Liturgical Deacons:** **Saturday 5:30pm:** Jackie Mars

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

**Sunday 10:45am:** Karen Clair, Sandy Redinger

**Ushers:** **Saturday 5:30pm:** Linda McDowell, Donna Showalter, David Rock  
Isaiah Sherba

**Sunday 8:15am:** Herb Harris, Mark & Kathy Jones, Sandy Kisick

**Sunday 10:45am:** Anna Hudec, Tim Potter, Susan Vargo

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

**Sunday 8:15am:**

**Sunday 10:45am:**

**Tellers:** **Sunday 8:15am:** Jason Sheppard, John Hugo, Kathy & Mark Jones

**Sunday 10:45am:** Eleanor Fagan, Will & Linda Brigaman,  
Anna Hudec, Susan Vargo

**Acolytes Serving Next Weekend August 30 & 31**

**Saturday 5:30pm:**

**Sunday 8:15am:**

**Sunday 10:45am:**

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<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus said to the person who had invited him, “When you host a lunch or dinner, don’t invite your friends, your brothers and sisters, your relatives, or rich neighbors. If you do, they will invite you in return and that will be your reward. <sup>13</sup> Instead, when you give a banquet, invite the poor, crippled, lame, and blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they can’t repay you. Instead, you will be repaid when the just are resurrected.”

*Luke 14:12-14*  
*Common English Bible*