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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27 & 28, 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.



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

Service of Holy Communion (ELW Setting 1)

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

*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.**

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. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(please kneel or remain seated as you are comfortable)

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage 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.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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. **Amen.**

(please stand or remain seated as you are comfortable)

Gathering Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

ELW #705

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.

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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.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through 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 32:1-3a, 6-15

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, now from Jeremiah. For much of his life, this prophet warned against the defeat and destruction of Jerusalem. Now that it was at hand, his preaching takes a turn and promises that, following that condemnation, there will be a restoration.

¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. ² At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, ^{3a} where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. ⁶ Jeremiah said, "The word of the LORD came to me: ⁷ Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' " ⁸ Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD. ⁹ And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out the silver to him, seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰ I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the silver on scales. ¹¹ Then I took the sealed deed of purchase containing the terms and conditions and the open copy, ¹² and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. ¹³ In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, ¹⁴ "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. ¹⁵ For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land."

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

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 (Leader/Assembly: Saturday, spoken; Sunday, sung)

Like Jeremiah, this psalm promises that God's favor will outlast and overcome suffering, not that suffering will not come.

- ¹ You who dwell in the shelter of ¹ the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of ¹ the Almighty—
² **you will say to the LORD, “My refuge ¹ and my stronghold,
my God in whom I ¹ put my trust.”**
³ For God will rescue you from the snare ¹ of the hunter
and from the ¹ deadly plague.
⁴ **God's wings will cover you, and you will find ref- ¹ uge beneath them;
God's faithfulness will be your shield ¹ and defense.**
⁵ You shall not fear any terror ¹ in the night,
nor the arrow that ¹ flies by day;
⁶ **nor the plague that stalks ¹ in the darkness,
nor the sickness that lays ¹ waste at noon.**
¹⁴ I will deliver those who ¹ cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they ¹ know my name.
¹⁵ **They will call me, and I will ¹ answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and ¹ honor them.**
¹⁶ With long life will I ¹ satisfy them,
and show them ¹ my salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Today we continue reading through the letters addressed to Timothy. By chance this reading echoes the Gospel reading in warning against the dangers of prosperity.

- ⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

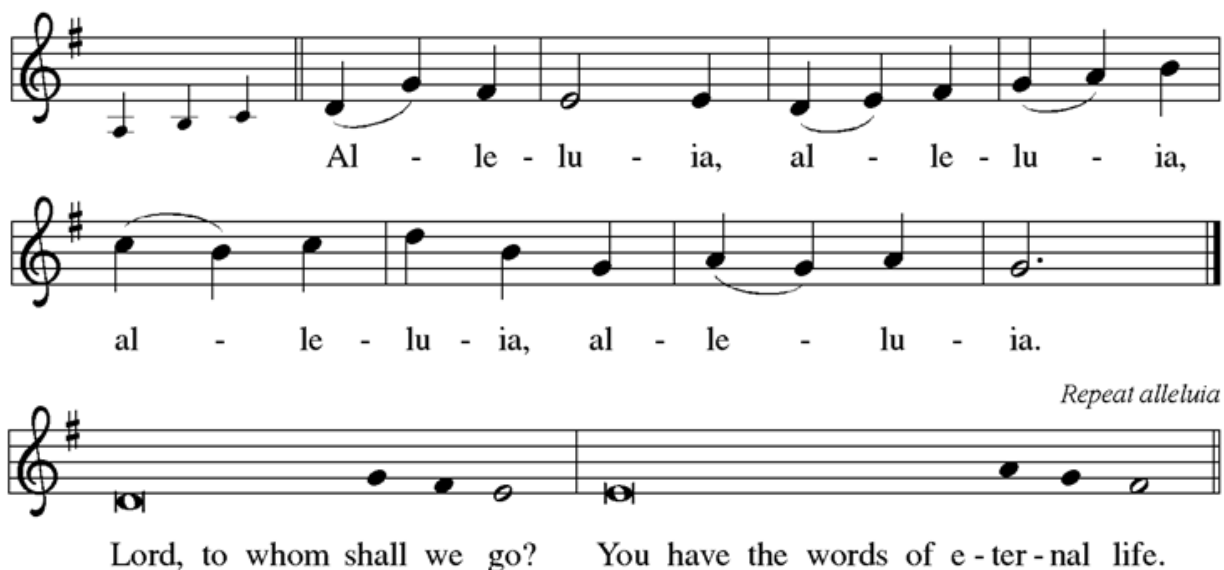
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¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

Gospel Acclamation

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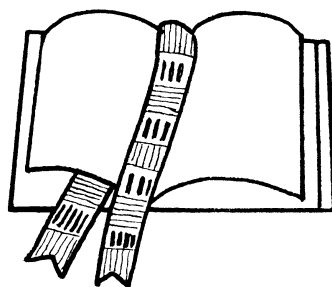


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

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

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.



Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

This parable is told to people who are described as “lovers of money.” In it, Jesus has a more important agenda than giving us a glimpse of the state of the dead before the general resurrection – it is a mixture of contemporary Jewish (safe in the bosom of Abraham) and Greek (Hades) speculation.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 16th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

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

(please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Jess Felici

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

“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

ELW #729

Apostles' Creed (Saturday, 5:30pm and 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*)

God of grace, receive our prayer.

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 the Greater Latrobe Food Pantry and its monthly distribution. We partner with the ministerium by housing the Food Bank and Assistance office in the parish house, along with storage for food and toiletries collected throughout the month.



*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.*

Anthem

“When the Poor Ones” (ELW #725)

Manzano

Choir

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

“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”

ELW #691



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



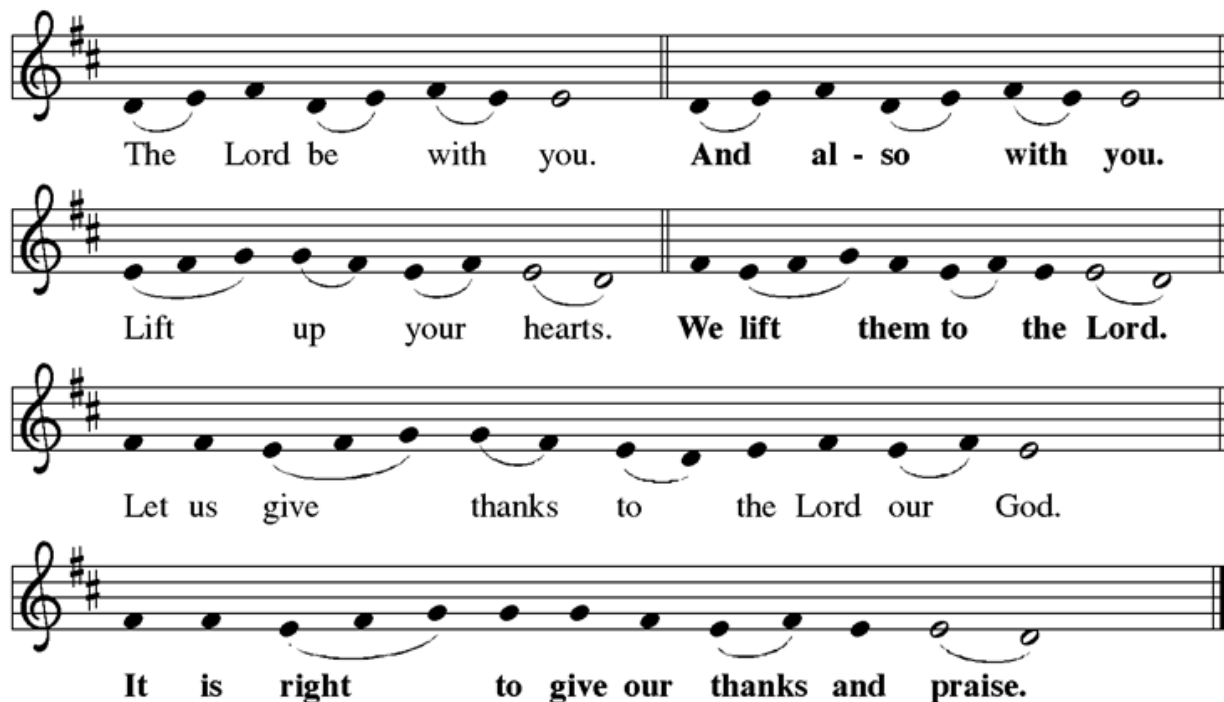
We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



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

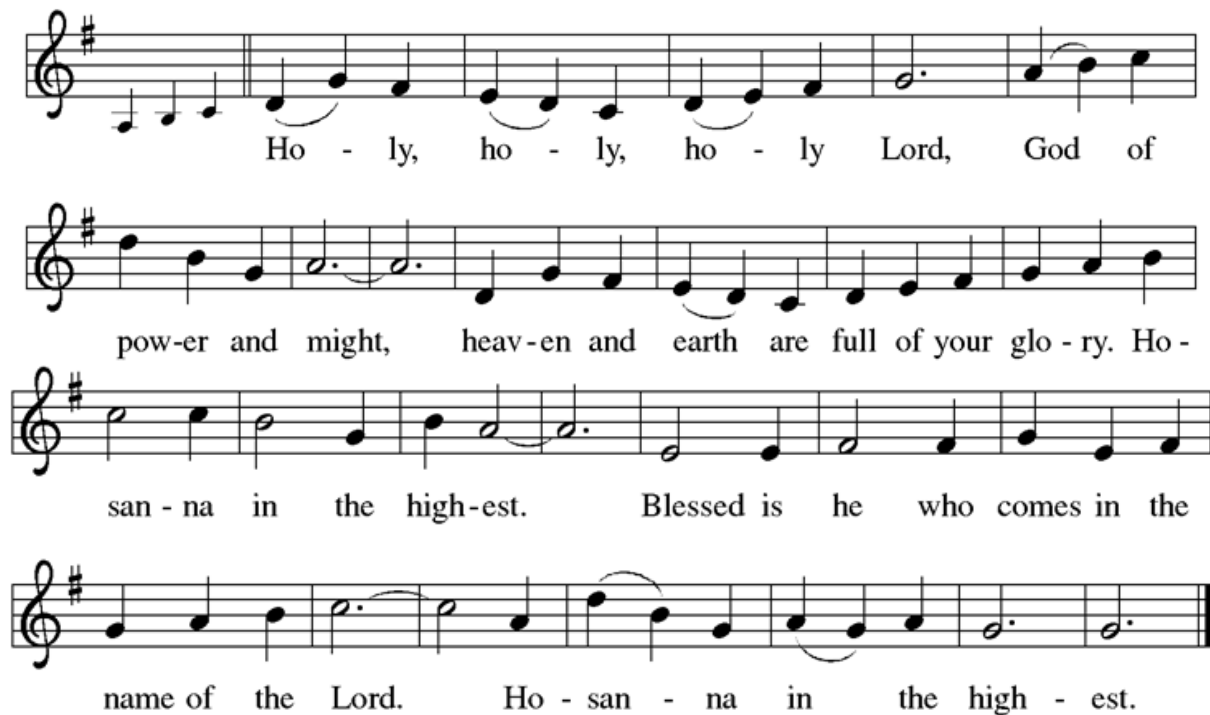
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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, 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.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

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To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



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.

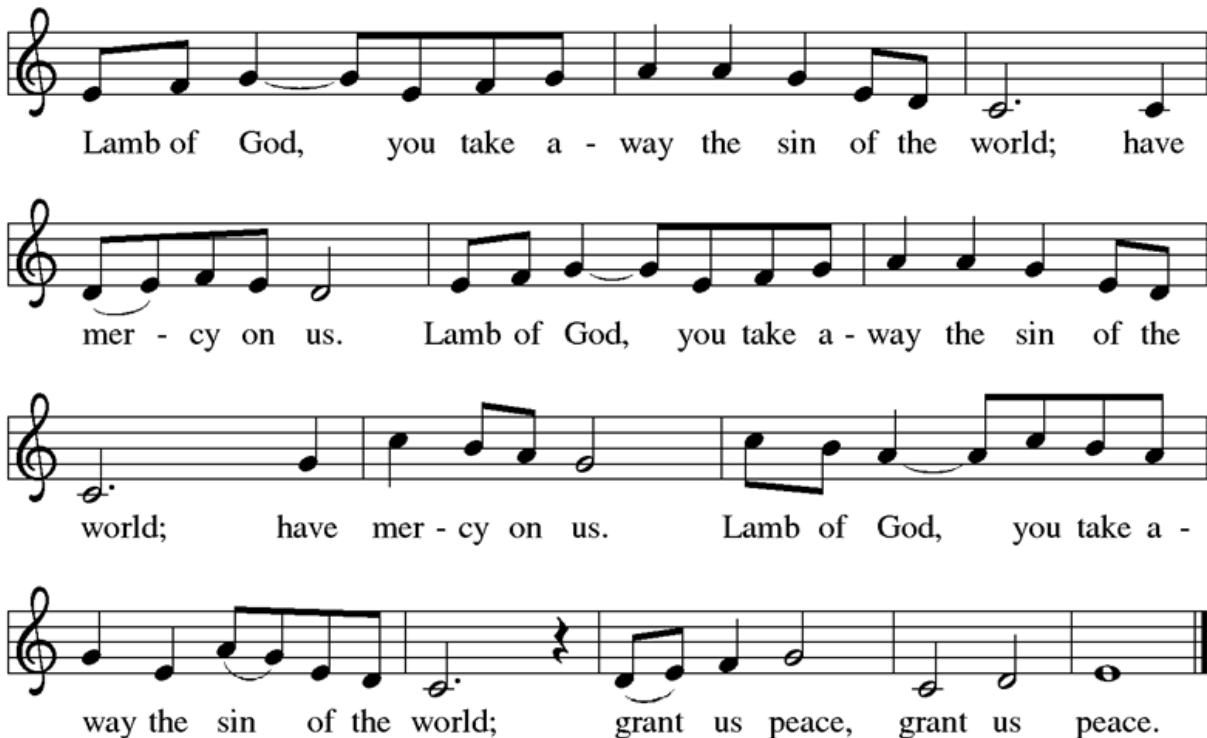
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

Lamb of God



(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. O God, **through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.**
Amen.

SENDING

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

Blessing

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✚ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

ELW #712

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.

THE BROADCAST THIS WEEK is dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of all caretakers, given by Linda Taylor.

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are dedicated to the Glory of God in memory of Amy's parents, Helen and Lou Bozich, and Tom's aunt, Ruth Reid, given by Tom and Amy Neubert.

Serving this Weekend

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

Director of Music: Debbie Morley

Lectors: **Saturday 5:30pm:** Rick Conrad

Sunday 8:15am: Ted Benning

Sunday 10:45am: Kathy Zamerski

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

Sunday 8:15am: Ted & Amy Benning

Sunday 10:45am: Karen Clair, Kathe Houck

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

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

Sunday 10:45am: Jill & Mike Macey, Becky Tomlinson,
Susan Vargo

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

Sunday 8:15am: Claire Benning, Will Benning

Sunday 10:45am: Allie Glagola, Autumn Glagola

Tellers: **Sunday 8:15am:** Mary Ann Coulston, Donna Krall, Phyllis O'Hara

Sunday 10:45am: Tiffany Shrum, Tim Potter

Acolytes Serving Next Weekend October 4 & 5

Saturday 5:30pm: Kelly Stanko

Sunday 8:15am: Claire Benning, Will Benning

Sunday 10:45am:

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