



August 10, 2025
9th Sunday After Pentecost



Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” It is God’s promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the “little flock” of which we are a part in today’s assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

Good Morning and Welcome!

If you are an online worshiper or guest today, please leave a record of your time with us online. Thank you!

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ORDER OF WORSHIP 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Holy Communion Setting One

** Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE “Simple Gifts” (Wilbur Held)

Melanie Payne

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

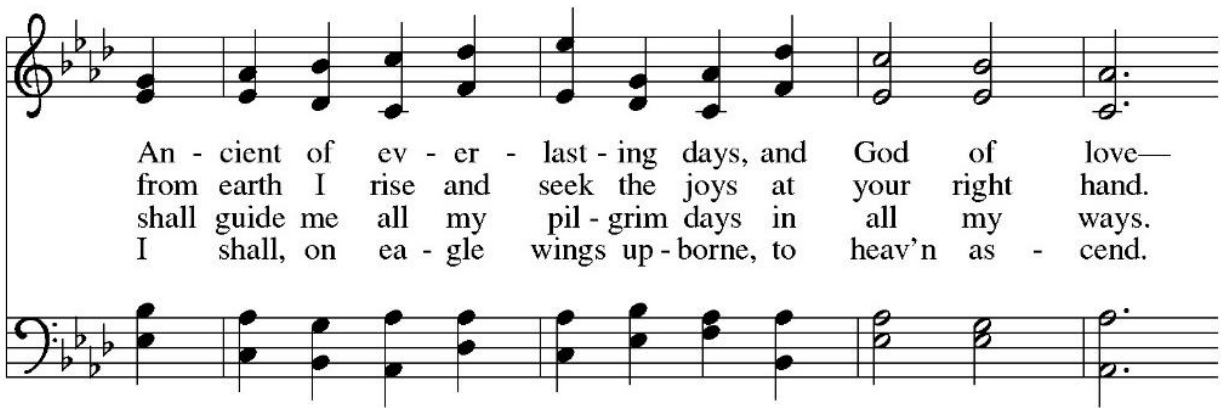
In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

We belong to Christ Jesus and we are God’s children through faith. In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, we are a new creation. **Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG** “The God of Abraham Praise” (st. 1-4, and 8)

ELW 831

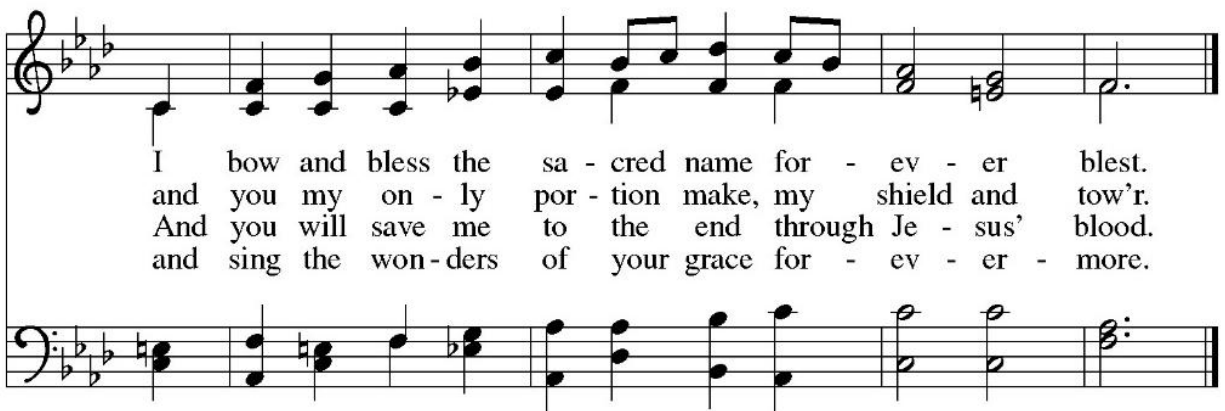
1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
2 The God of A-br'ham praise! At your su - preme com - mand
3 The God of A-br'ham praise! Your all - suf - fi - cient grace
4 Your prom-ise you have sworn; I on your oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love—
 from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.
 shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.
 I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



“I Am the One I Am”— by earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 I all on earth for - sake— its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r—
 You deign to call me friend; you call your - self my God!
 I shall be - hold your face; I shall your pow'r a - dore,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.
 and you my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
 And you will save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.
 and sing the won - ders of your grace for - ev - er - more.

8 The whole triumphant host
 give thanks to God on high.
 “Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!”
 they ever cry.
 Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine!
 I join the heav'nly lays:
 to you be glory, might divine,
 and endless praise!

Text: Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799, alt., based on the *Yigdal*, c. 14th cent.
 Music: YIGDAL, Jewish melody; arr. Meyer Lyon, 1751–1797

*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.**

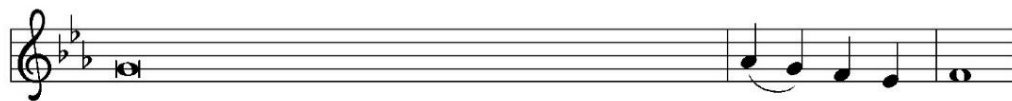
*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



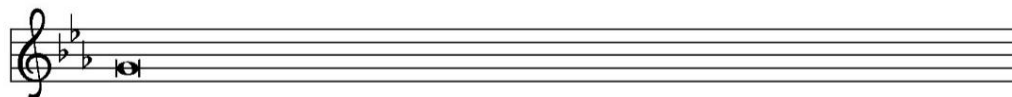
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



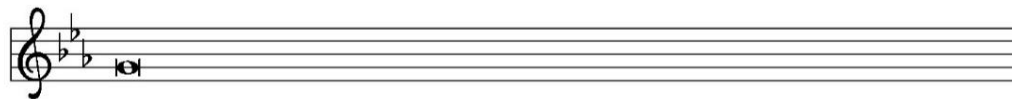
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

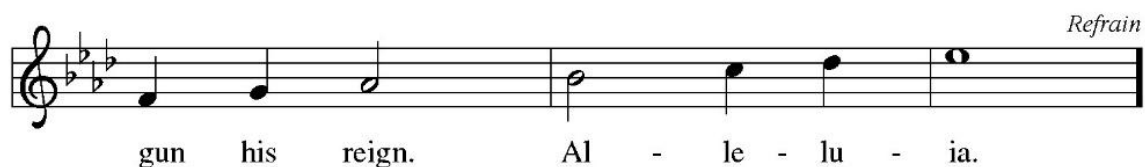
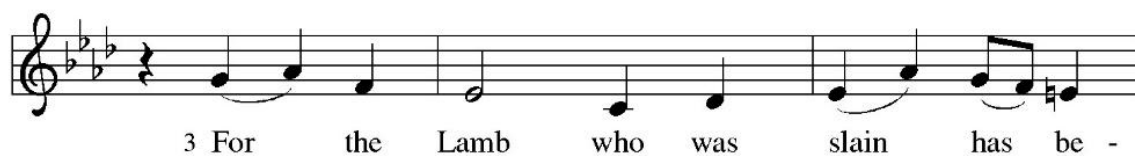
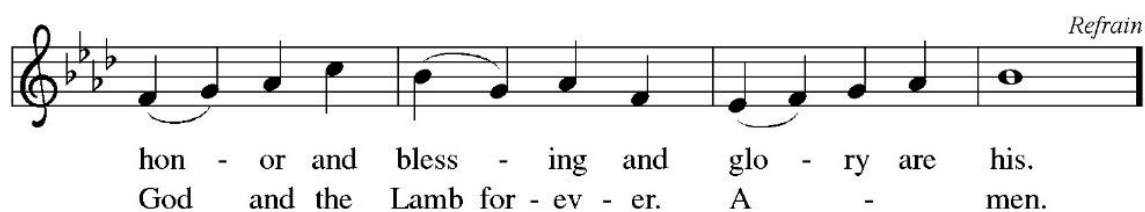
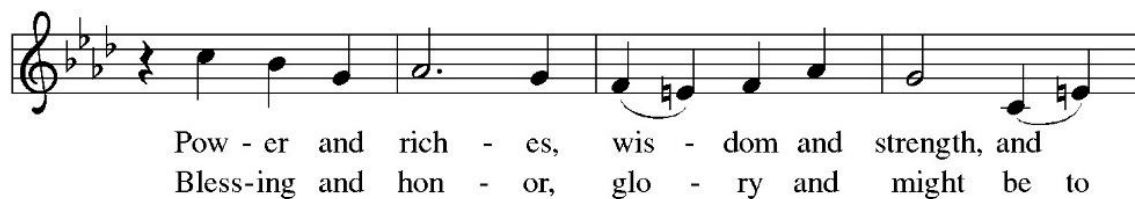
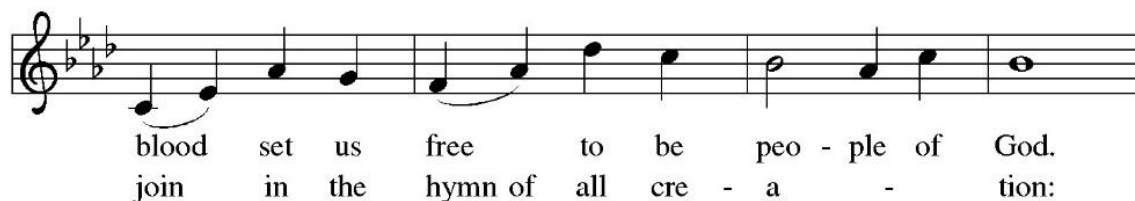
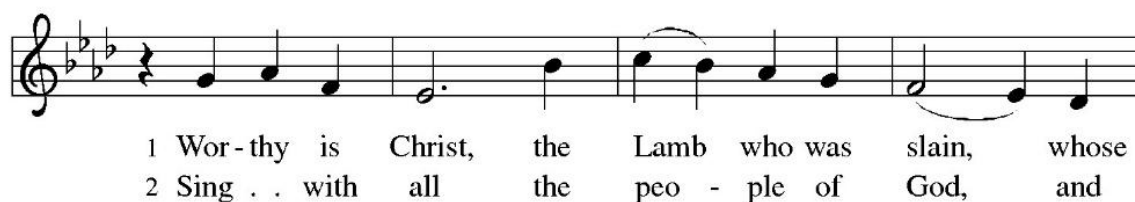
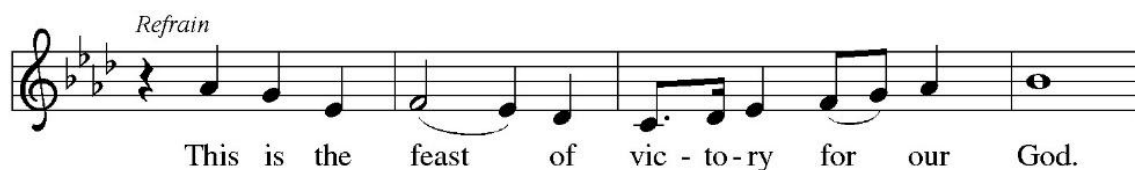


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

PSALM

Psalms 33:12-22

¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! Happy the people chosen to be God’s heritage!
¹³ **The Lord looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**
¹⁴ God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.
¹⁵ **God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds. R**
¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.
¹⁷ **The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.**
¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
¹⁹ **to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**
²⁰ Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord, our helper and our shield.
²¹ **Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**
²² Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah’s involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

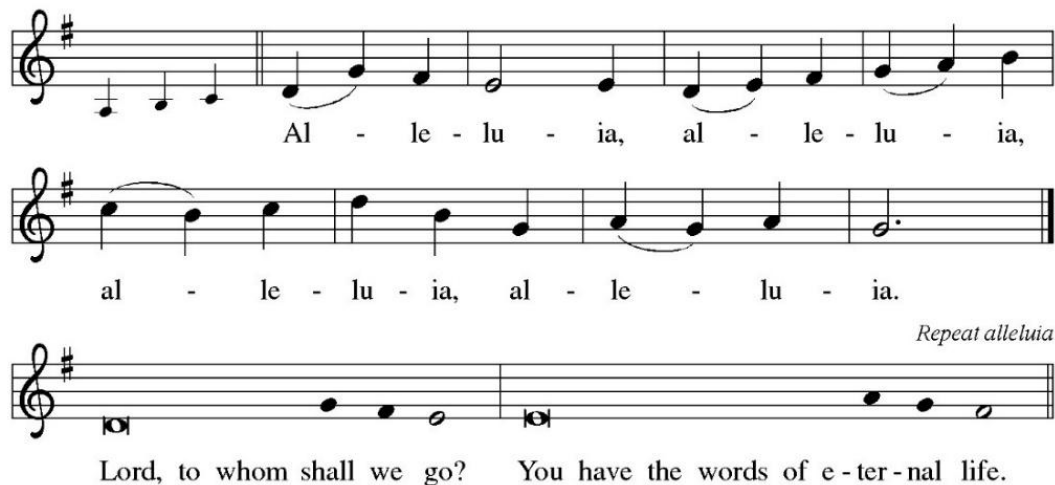
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Bonnie Flowers

GOSPEL FANFARE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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 ANNOUNCEMENT

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

*GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

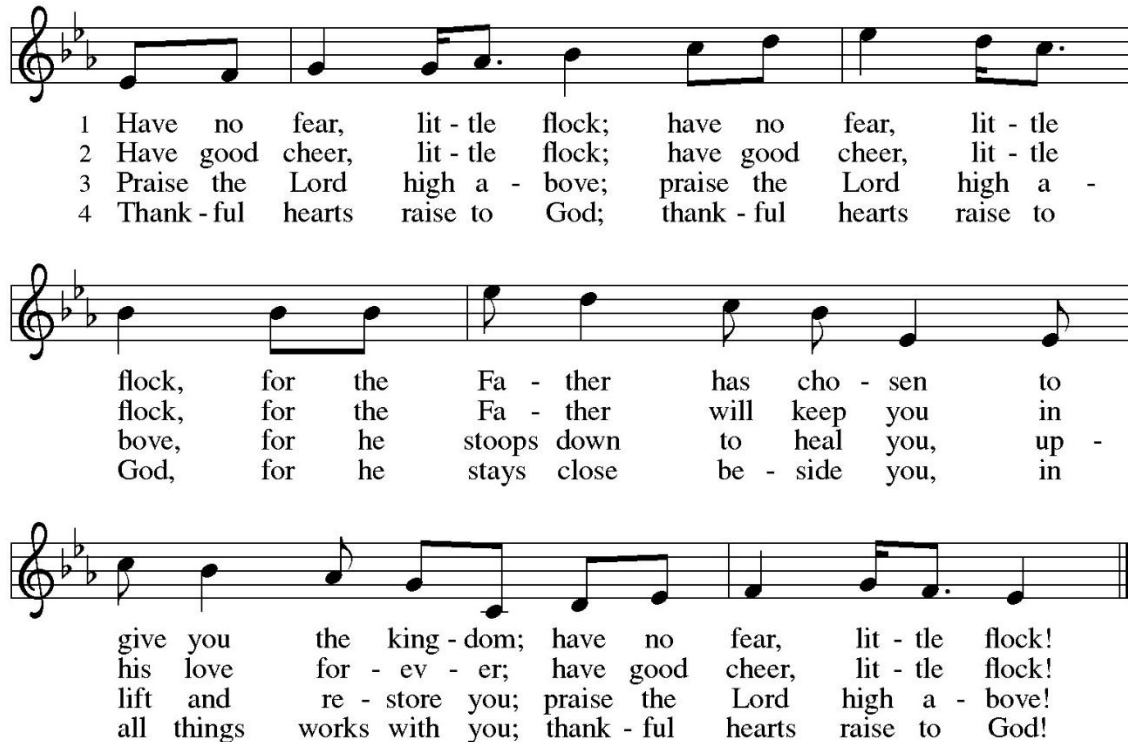
³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

***HYMN OF THE DAY “Have No Fear, Little Flock”**

ELW 764



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in

give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
 Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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***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 INTERCESSION**

God of grace,
 hear our prayer.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (8:30)

Dean James Burgett

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share.

We receive you as our brother in God's family forever!

***PEACE**

Peace be with you.
 Peace be with you.

OFFERING

Organ Solo “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” (Richard Kingsmore)

Melanie Payne (8:30)

Anthem: “We Know that Christ Is Raised” (Callahan)

Choir (11:00)

*Presentation of Gifts “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

ELW 674



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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*OFFERING PRAYER

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 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.**

*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 -



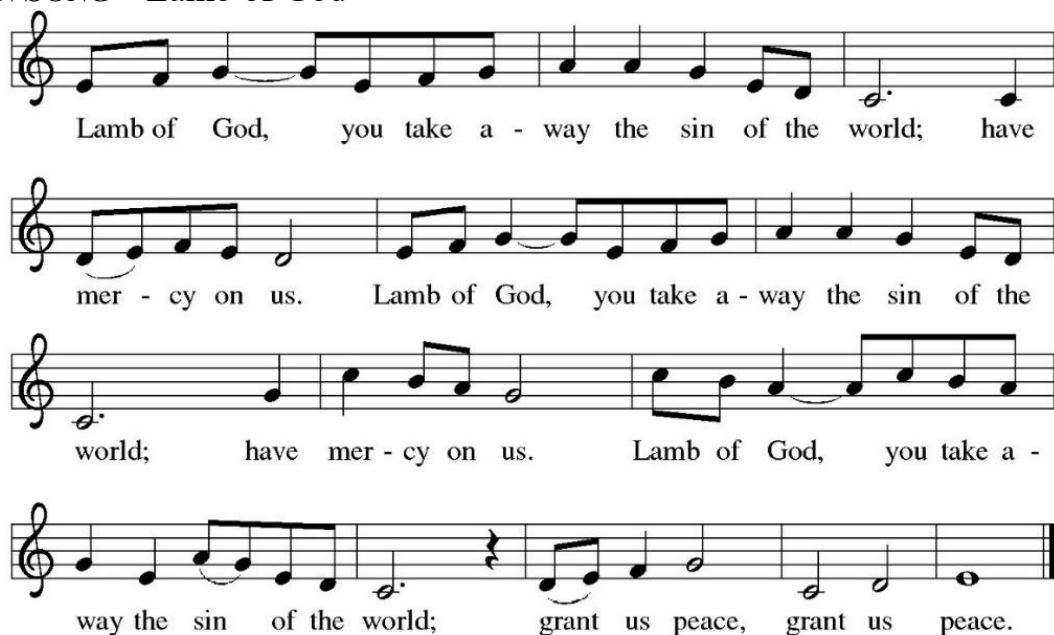
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG "Lamb of God"



DISTRIBUTION


HYMN "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

ELW 502





fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.


Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877
Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

HYMN “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

ELW 436




1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: “Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.
grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris’n; her light is come.
bliss be - yond all dream-ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.

Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



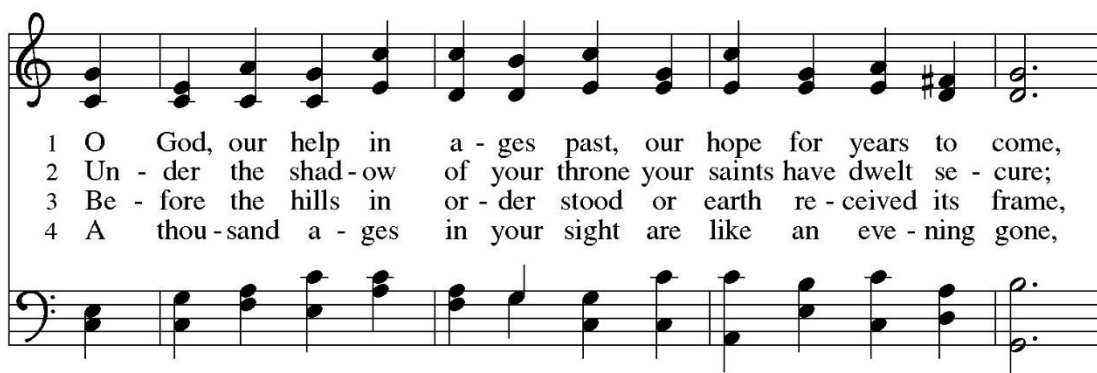
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



***BLESSING**

***SENDING SONG "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"**

ELW 632



5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

*** DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
We will! Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Little Prelude in F" (J.S. Bach)

Melanie Payne

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Norma Freymuth
Don & Lizzie Palmer
Rich
Lindsey & the Porter Family
Cindy
Kenneth

Kevin
LeighAnn
Melissa
Connie Stanger
Teresa
Family of Virginia Huwaldt

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Phil Lindsey's family in honor of his memory. And by the Pitchko family in celebration of Noah's 5th birthday.

ALL ARE INVITED to enjoy coffee and fellowship after the service in the Fellowship.

A NURSERY staffed by Katrina Strand, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers, and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

PARKING LOT REPAVEMENT RESCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 25 – 29. You are encouraged to limit visits to the church that week. If necessary, use the Redstone Credit Union parking lot. Work progress and completion will be announced through the MLC app.

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION AUGUST 27. Youth age 7 (2nd grade) or older accompanied by a parent/guardian are invited to attend. Please RSVP office@mlutheran.org no later than August 24. Contact Pastor if you have any questions, pastor.kris@mlutheran.org.

BE "IN THE KNOW" WITH THE MLC APP. Church closings, schedule changes and other important information will be broadcasted through the app. Get the app and enable push notifications to receive all Messiah general announcements.



TEXAS FLOOD EMERGENCY – YOU CAN HELP. Lutheran World Relief calls on us to respond to the flooding in Texas. Here's how you can help: Give through Messiah and specify 'Texas', give online at lwr.org/help texas. Mail a check to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Write Texas in the memo.

KIT MINISTRY – 70 page, Spiral Notebooks **FOOD PANTRY** – Toilet Paper

Pastor	Kristine Schroeder
Director of Music	Randall Fields
Organist/Accompanist	Melanie Payne
Office Manager	Jill Casey
Communications Director	Jan Morrison
Information Technology	Chris Elegante

Cantor	Mike Mabry
Lector	Jacquie Fry (8:30)
	Laura Peterson (11:00)
Ushers	Bruce Peter, Mark Winge (8:30)
	Tom & Paulette McNamara (11:00)
Altar Guild	Linda Pierce (8:30)
	Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
Stream Team	Danny Hopkin, Lee Seitz (8:30)
	Tim Pitchko (11:00)
Flower Guild	Linda Heideman

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, August 10

8:30 a.m. – *Service of Worship ELW Setting 1 with the Lord's Supper
8:30 a.m. – Dean James Burgett Baptism
9:45 a.m. – Adult Bible Study/Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m. – Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. – Service of Worship ELW Setting 1 with the Lord's Supper
5:00 p.m. – Junior/Senior Youth Messy Games and Picnic

Tuesday, August 12

9:00 a.m. – Comforters

Thursday, August 14

6:30 p.m. – Kit Ministry
7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting

Saturday, August 16

10:00 a.m. – Contemporary Setup/Rehearsal

Sunday, August 17

8:00 a.m. – Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:30 a.m. – *Service of Worship WOV Bread of Life with the Lord's Supper
9:45 a.m. – Adult Bible Study//Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. – Service of Worship Band Led WOV Bread of Life with the Lord's Supper
12:00 p.m. – MOES + MESY Kick Off Event

LOOKING AHEAD

August 20 – Confirmation Begins
August 24 – LWR Truck Loading of Quilts and Kits
August 25 to 29 – Parking Lot Resurface
August 27 – First Communion Instruction

ATTENDANCE July 27 Online: 162 August 3: 8:30 – 109 11:00 – 41