

Let Streams of Living Justice

Musical notation for the hymn 'Let Streams of Living Justice'. It consists of seven staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the seventh staff. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some lines indented to align with the musical phrases.

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;  
give free-dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.  
The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,  
the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home-land bright-ly gleams.  
Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;  
a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934  
Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934  
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TRINITY  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

5:00 PM

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**Trinity Lutheran Church - Time after Pentecost**

3701 Jefferson Ave Midland, MI 48640

August 30, 2025, 5:00 pm

**PRELUDE**

Charly Sly, piano

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Come, beloved people of God,  
you who hunger for grace and thirst for truth.

Come to the table where the humble are honored,  
and strangers become family.

**We come to worship the One  
who welcomes the outcast and lifts up the lowly.  
We come to praise Jesus Christ,  
the same yesterday, today, and forever.**

Here, love is not just spoken—it is lived.

Here, hospitality is not just offered—it is practiced.

Here, we remember those in need  
and offer sacrifices of praise that please God.

**Let us open our hearts to God's presence,  
and our lives to God's people.**

**With gratitude and joy, let us worship the Lord!**

**BENEDICTION**

Go now with hearts made bold by grace, and hands made ready to serve.

May the God of welcome open your doors to strangers and your eyes to the forgotten. May Christ Jesus, who took the lowest seat, lift you up to walk in the way of mercy. May the Holy Spirit, fire of generosity and joy, stir in you every good gift for the world.

Go in peace to love and serve—with humility, with courage, and with joy.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the ✠ Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

ELW #710

*Let Streams of Living Justice*

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**DISMISSAL**

Go now in the power of the Spirit!

Let your heart burn with the fire of God's love!

**Thanks be to God!**

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# Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW #474

*Refrain*



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing  
2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your  
3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -  
4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your  
5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be  
hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the  
self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is  
home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly  
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with



sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.  
liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.  
food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.  
One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.  
ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

*Refrain*

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, BREAK NOW THE BREAD; Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas

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# GATHERING HYMN

ELW #526 (vs. 1, 3, 4)

## God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious host of heaven and earth, you set a table in the presence of strangers and lift the lowly to places of honor. Teach us the humility of Christ, who took the lowest seat, that we might be raised to life in him. Shape our hearts with love that welcomes, with mercy that remembers the forgotten, and with praise that rises like incense for your goodness that endures forever. Let our lives become a sacrifice of thanksgiving—open hands, open doors, open hearts—in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.  
**Amen.**

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7

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*The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel’s leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today’s reading is about humility.*

*The reading is concluded:*  
Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 112

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD  
and have great delight in God’s commandments!
- <sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- <sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last forever.
- <sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- <sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- <sup>6</sup> **For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Communion will be distributed by coming forward and receiving the bread and wine. The center cups (white) are non-alcoholic grape juice. Upon receiving, please put empty cups in baskets provided. If you prefer gluten free, please ask Pastor who is distributing. Please proceed up the center aisle returning to your seat via the side aisles.*

COMMUNION HYMN

*Bread of Life from Heaven*  
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OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, you welcome the poor to places of honor and fill the humble with good things. With grateful hearts, we bring these gifts—a sacrifice of praise, an offering of thanksgiving, a reflection of your grace at work in us. Use these gifts, and use us, to show hospitality to the stranger, to do good and share what we have, and to lift up those whom the world has cast down. Bless this offering, O God, that it may build tables of welcome, shelters of peace, and communities of justice, in the name of Jesus Christ, our joy, our hope, our ever-faithful Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD’S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:  
**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.**

<sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.  
<sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and will not shrink,**  
**until they see their desire upon their enemies.**  
<sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.  
<sup>10</sup> **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth**  
**and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

SECOND READING: **Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16** Page 177

*The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God’s love toward us in Jesus Christ.*

*The reading is concluded:*  
Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

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

GOSPEL: **Luke 14:1, 7-14** Page 59

*Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God’s gracious hospitality to those in need. .*

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

SERMON

Jeff Gramza

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #522

As We Gather at Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um-phantly Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944  
Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710  
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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 THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God.  
Your mercy is great.

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

*Offer a sign of peace with those around you*

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