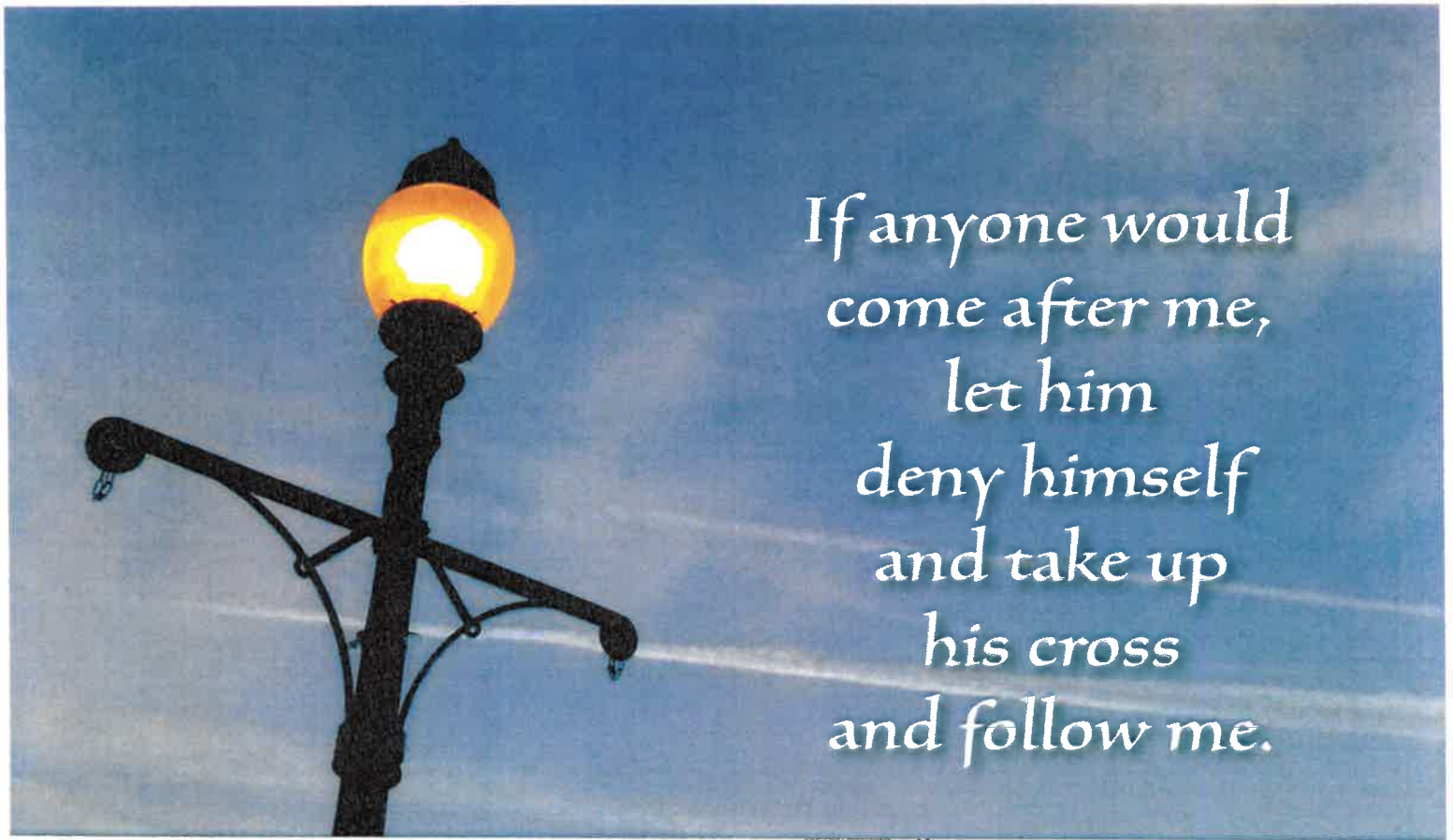




If anyone would
come after me,
let him
deny himself
and take up
his cross
and follow me.

*Fourteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
August 30, 2026*

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Welcome to our Visitors!

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are glad you are here. It is our sincere prayer that God would refresh you by His Holy Word and Sacrament and that you would take with you His peace and joy. If you would care to give us your contact information, we would like to get to know you better and keep in touch. If you have questions or are interested in membership, please speak to anyone here.

Holy Communion

We come to the table at the invitation of the Lord, receiving the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Christians who share this faith and wish to join us at the table are welcome. Young children may be brought forward for a blessing.

Mission Statement

“...that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

1 Peter 2:9

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LSB Setting Four/Combined Liturgy

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Bold-congregation responses

PRELUDE CRUCIFER

Arr. Lani Smith

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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.

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.

God our Father does care about us. In His mercy, He has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May Almighty God strengthen and preserve you unto life everlasting.

Amen.

***ENTRANCE HYMN Lift High the Cross**

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

***GREETING**

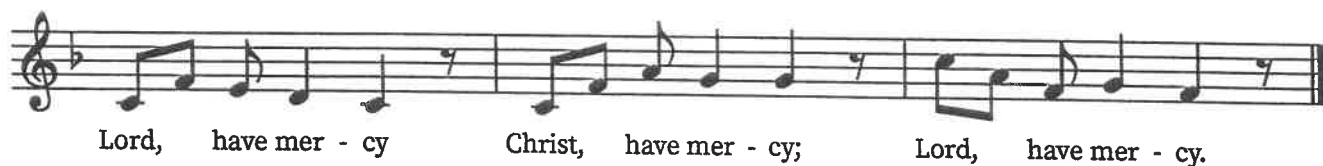
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

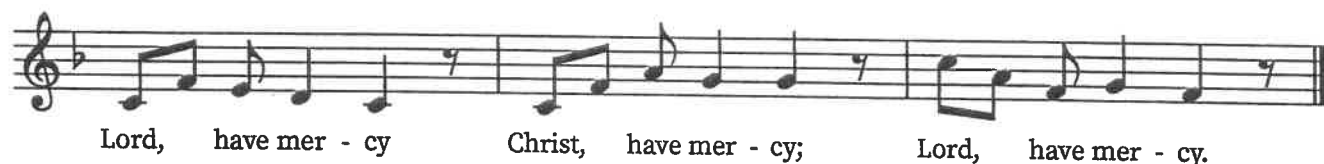
SERVICE OF THE WORD

***KYRIE**

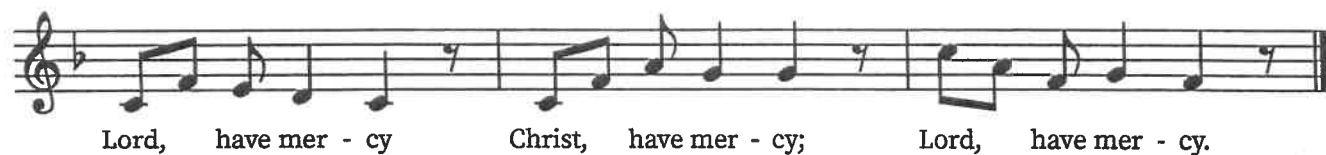
In peace let us pray to the Lord.



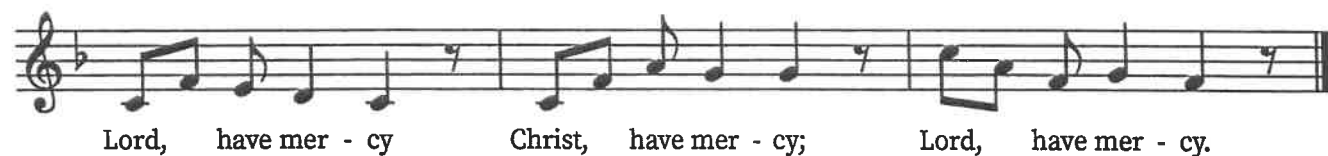
For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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.



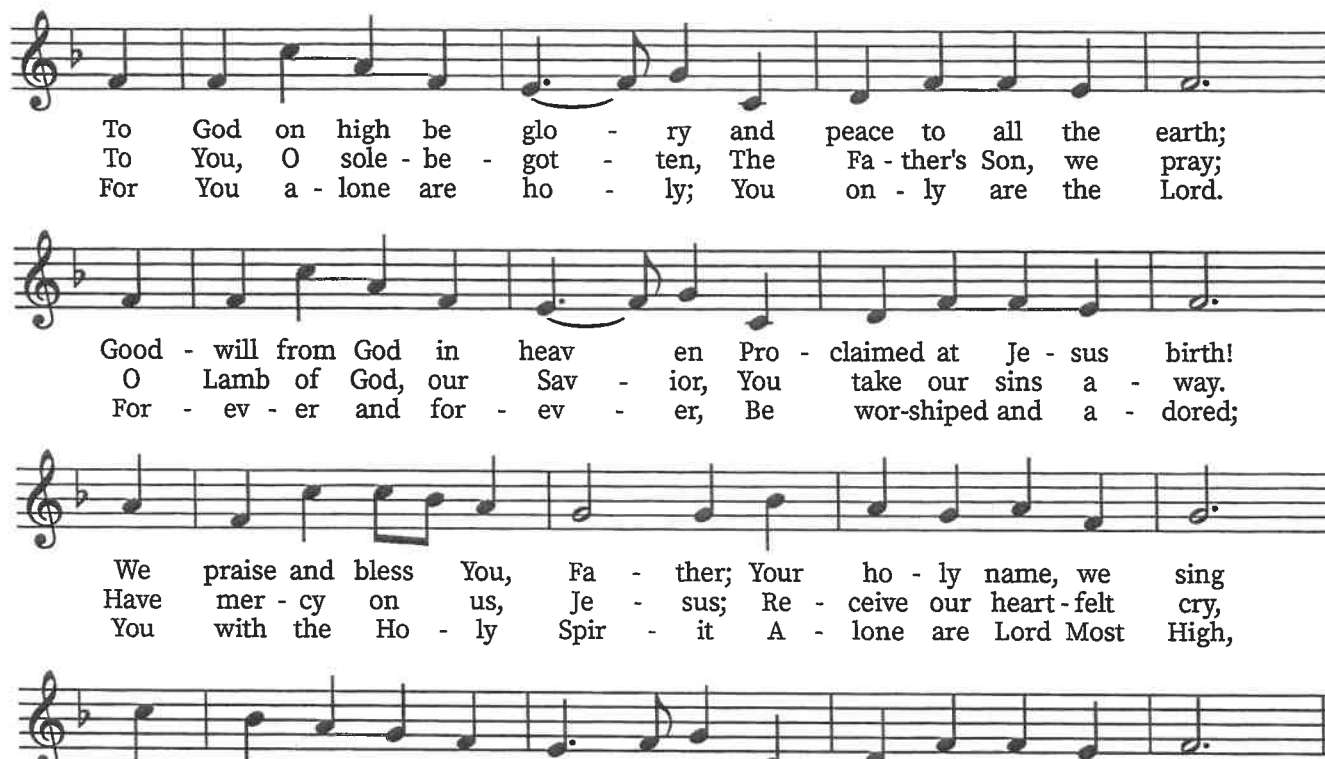
For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord



*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are written in a simple, clear style, with lyrics printed below each staff. The lyrics are: To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth;
To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.
Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;
We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,
Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high.
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

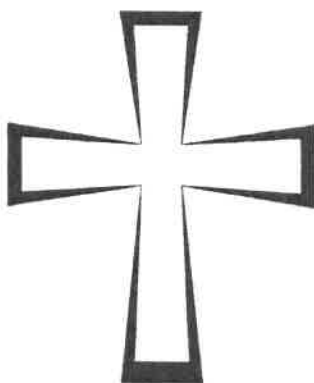
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

O Lord, mercifully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power, govern her always by your grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen



FIRST READING

The First Reading is from Jeremiah, the 15th chapter.

¹⁵O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail?

¹⁹Therefore thus says the Lord: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them.

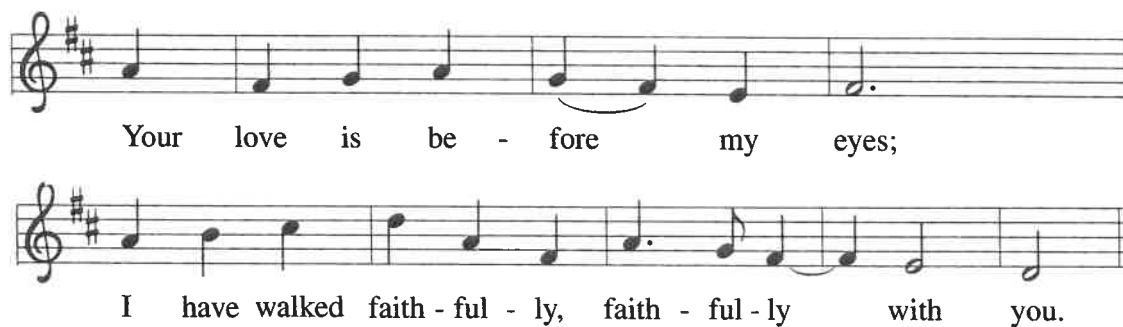
²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the Lord. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM 26



¹Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;

I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

²Test me, O Lord, and try me;

examine my heart and my mind.

³For your love is before my eyes;

I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴I have not sat with the worthless,

nor do I consort with the deceitful. **Refrain:**

⁵I have hated the company of evildoers;

I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,

that I may go in procession round your altar,

⁷Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving

and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸Lord, I love the house in which you dwell

and the place where your glory abides. **Refrain:**

⁹Do not sweep me away with sinners,

nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

¹⁰Whose hands are full of evil plots,

and their right hand full of bribes.

¹¹As for me, I will live with integrity;

redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.

¹²My foot stands on level ground;

in the full assembly I will bless the Lord. **Refrain:**

SECOND READING

The Second Reading is from Romans, the 12th chapter.

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*ALLELUIA AND VERSE

The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a 7/8 time signature. The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, aligned with the music.

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

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

***HOLY GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.

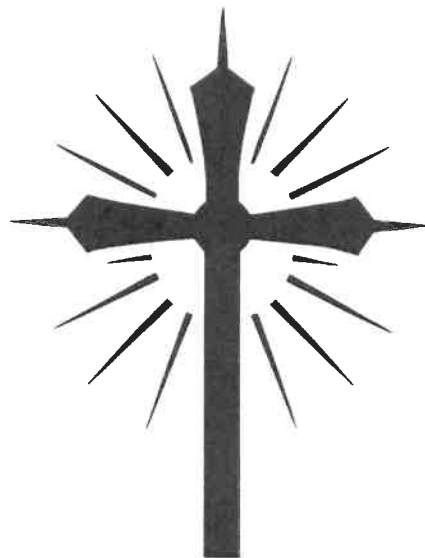
Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: “What kind of Christ?”



HYMN OF THE DAY **Take My Life, That I May Be**

1 Take my life, that I may be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first four verses of the hymn, and the second system contains the next four verses. The lyrics are printed below the corresponding staves.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

*Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.
Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870*

PATMOS
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***APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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 CHURCH**

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear Our Prayer.

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you.

(At this time we offer each other a sign of Christ's peace)

OFFERTORY “Father, We Praise You” *Organ Solo* *Arr. Gerald Peterson*

***WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN**

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be:
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first two lines of the hymn, and the second staff contains the next two lines. The music ends with a double bar line.

WORDS: William W. How (1823-1897)
MUSIC: Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, 1850

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray...

Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us; our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up you hearts.

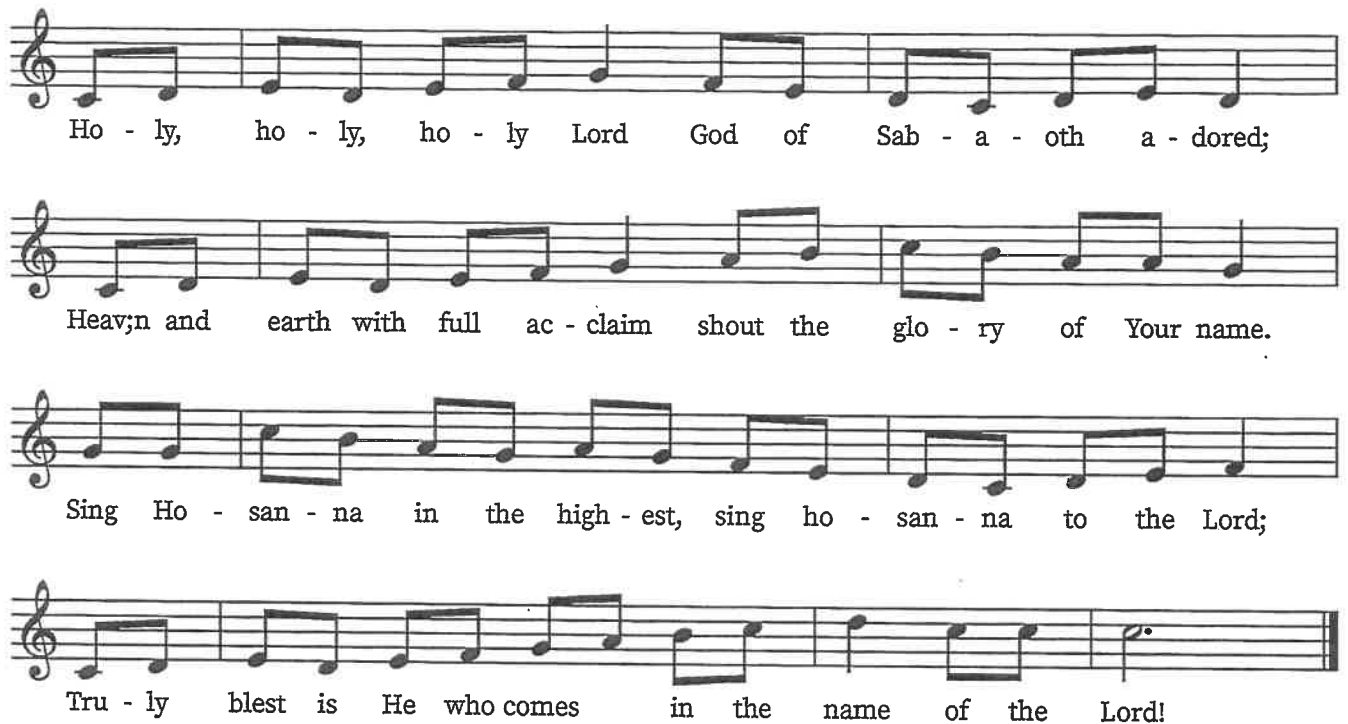
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;

Heav;n and earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of Your name.

Sing Ho - san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;

Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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.

***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,

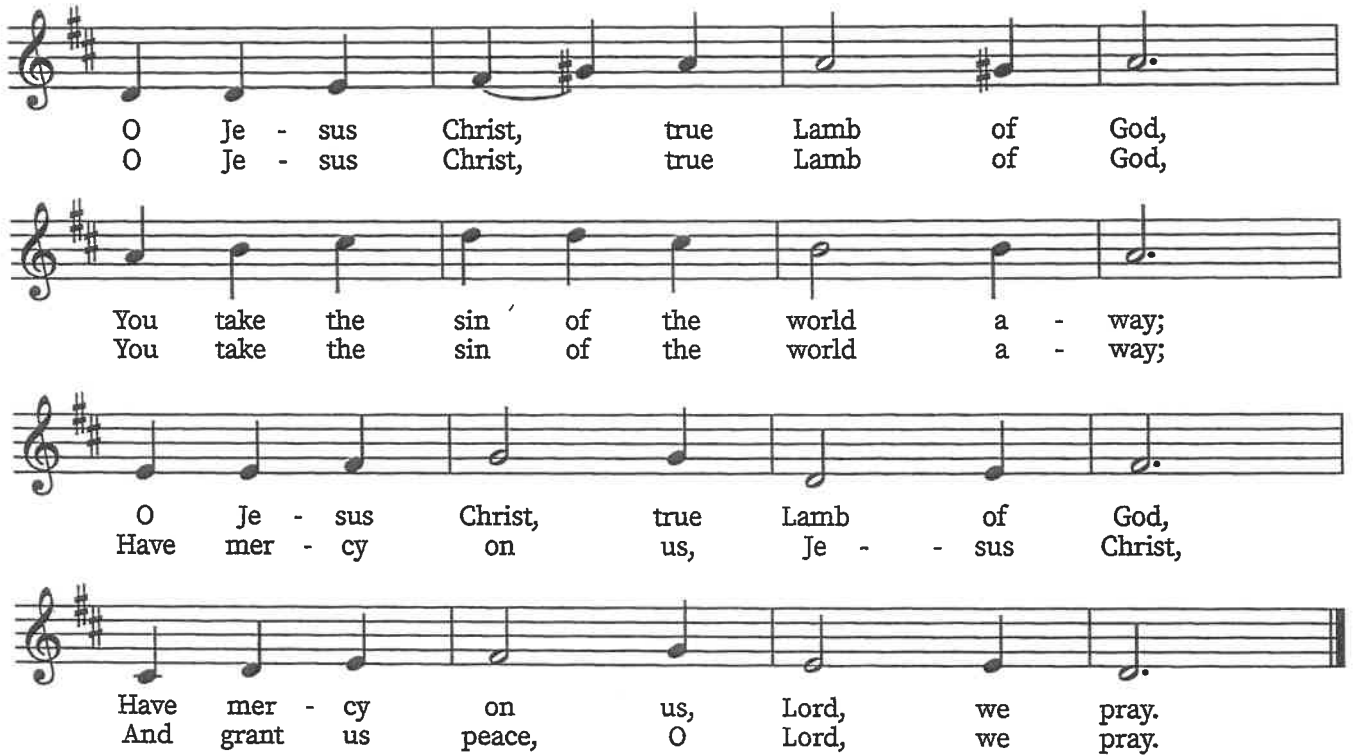
and the glory are yours,

now and forever.

Amen



*AGNUS DEI



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ given for you.

Amen.

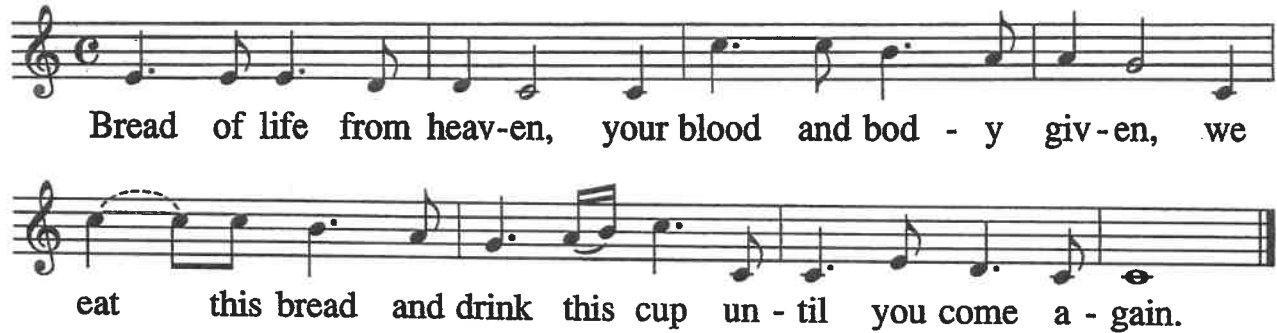
The blood of Christ shed for you.

Amen.



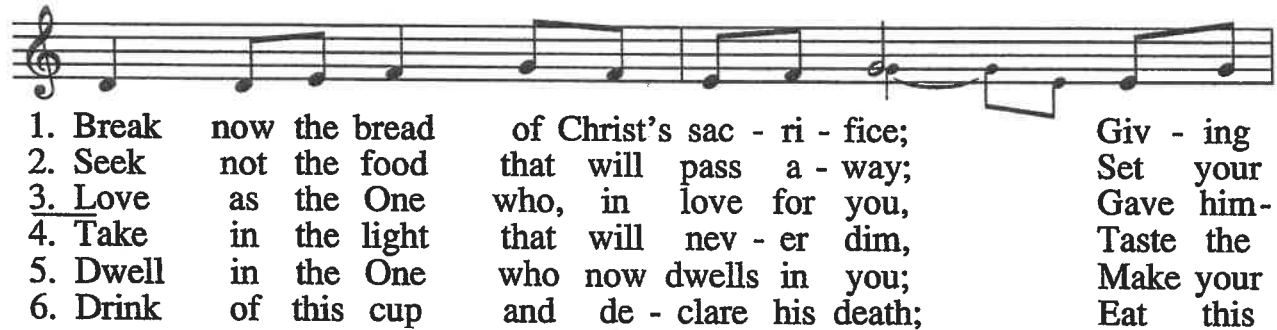
COMMUNION HYMN Bread of Life from Heaven (vs. 1 & 2)

Refrain

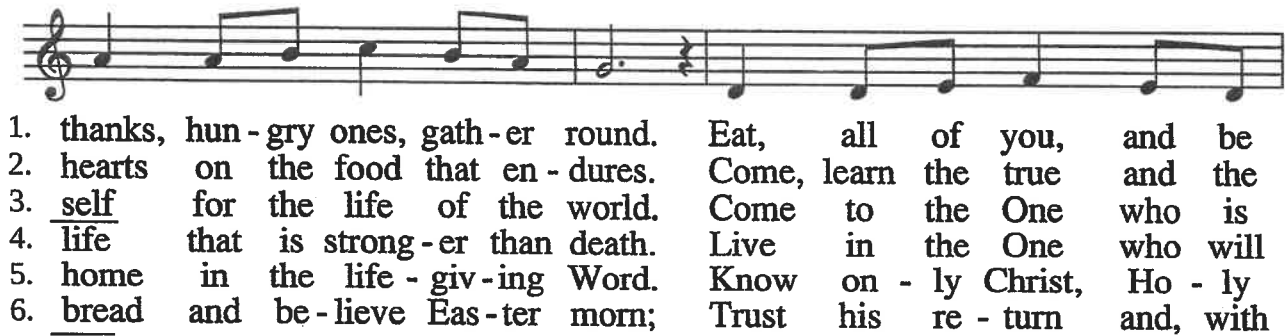


Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv-en, we
eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

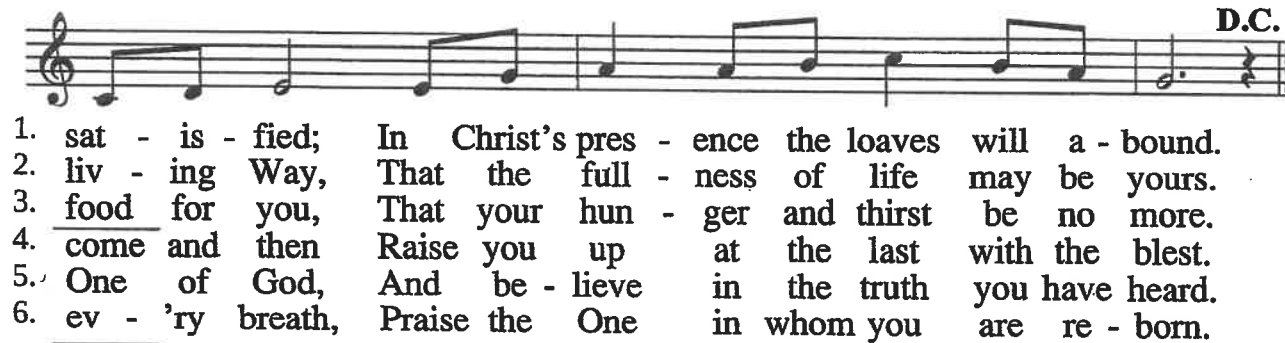
Verses



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. Take	in the light	that will nev - er dim,	Taste the
5. Dwell	in the One	who now dwells in you;	Make your
6. Drink	of this cup	and de - clare his death;	Eat this



1. thanks,	hun - gry ones, gath - er round.	Eat, all of you, and be
2. hearts	on the food that en - dures.	Come, learn the true and the
3. self	for the life of the world.	Come to the One who is
4. life	that is strong - er than death.	Live in the One who will
5. home	in the life - giv - ing Word.	Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
6. bread	and be - lieve Eas - ter morn;	Trust his re - turn and, with



1. sat - is - fied;	In Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
2. liv - ing Way,	That the full - ness of life may be yours.
3. food for you,	That your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
4. come and then	Raise you up at the last with the blest.
5. One of God,	And be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
6. ev - 'ry breath,	Praise the One in whom you are re - born.

Text: Based on John 6; adapt. by Susan R. Briehl, b.1952; Spanish by Jaime Cortez, b.1963

Tune: ARGENTINE SANTO, 9 9 9 9 with refrain; Argentine melody; adapt. and verses by Marty Haugen, b.1950
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*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you unto life everlasting.

Amen.

*NUNC DIMITTIS



The musical score for 'Nunc Dimittis' is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: O All Lord, now let to Your ser - vant De glo - ry to the peace, Son, For All I have seen the glo - ry of Your ev - er - deem - ing grace: Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One; A light as to in lead the the be - gin - ning, Un For light as to in lead the the be - gin - ning, Un to Your ho - ly hill, be, The glo - ry of Your now, shall ev - er be, The glo - ry of Your tri - une name re peo - ple, Your chos - sen Is - ra - el. sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

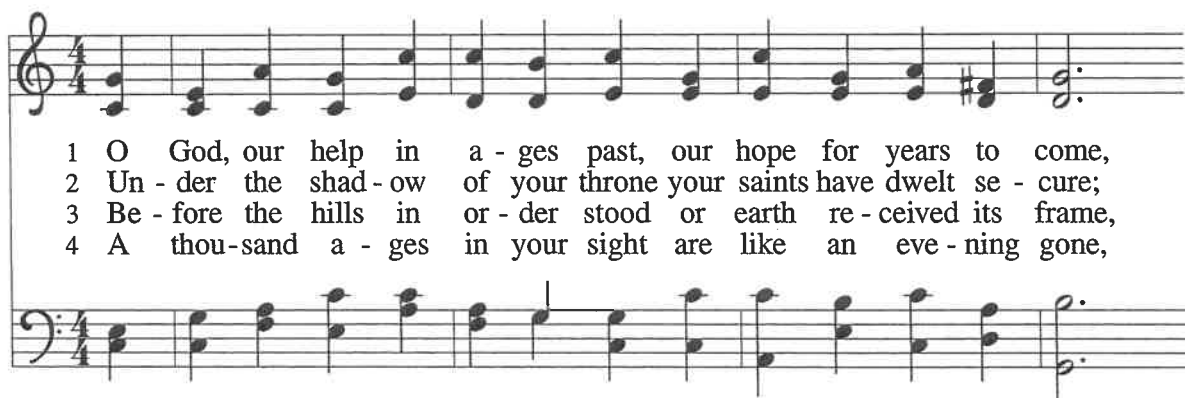
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

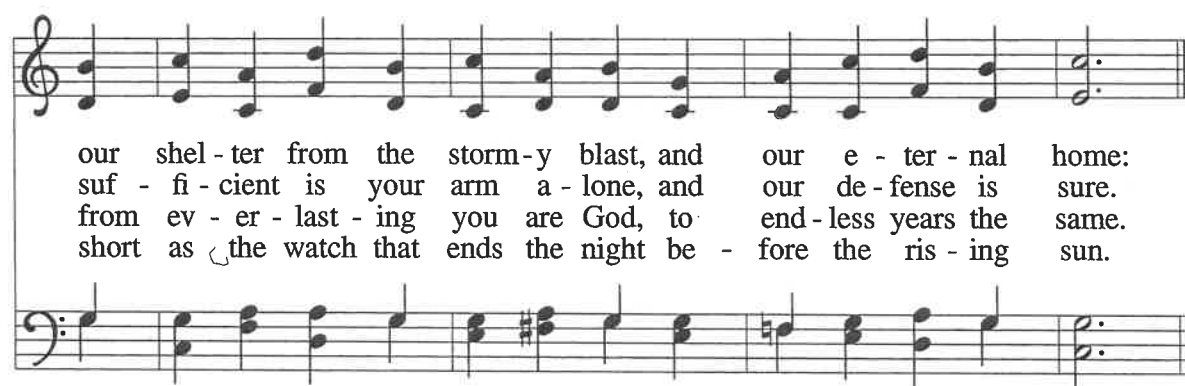
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

*SENDING HYMN O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they 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: William Croft, 1678–1727

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Liturgical elements from: The Lutheran Service Book, Lutheran Book of Worship & Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

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Serving the Family of Faith

This Week: 8/30

Reader: Ralph Kuhn

Communion: Sandra Humphrey

Fellowship: Deb Ebert

Usher: John Humphrey

Next Week: 9/6

Reader: Nancy Wells

Communion: Nancy Wells

Fellowship: Anniversary Cake

Usher: Gary Ebeltoft

Birthdays: 9/1 Tuesday, Connie Palmer

9/1 Tuesday, Barbara Kuhn

Reminders: Thank you to all who signed up to serve. There's still more opportunities☺

9/6 Faith's 7th Anniversary. Please plan on celebrating with us!!

9/13 Chicago Folk Service liturgy.

9/13 Start of Bible Study after Fellowship

Given to the glory of God: \$1,215.00