



Twelfth Sunday
after Pentecost
August 16, 2026

Faith Lutheran Church
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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 NEW BRITAIN

Arr. Edie Linneweber

***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,

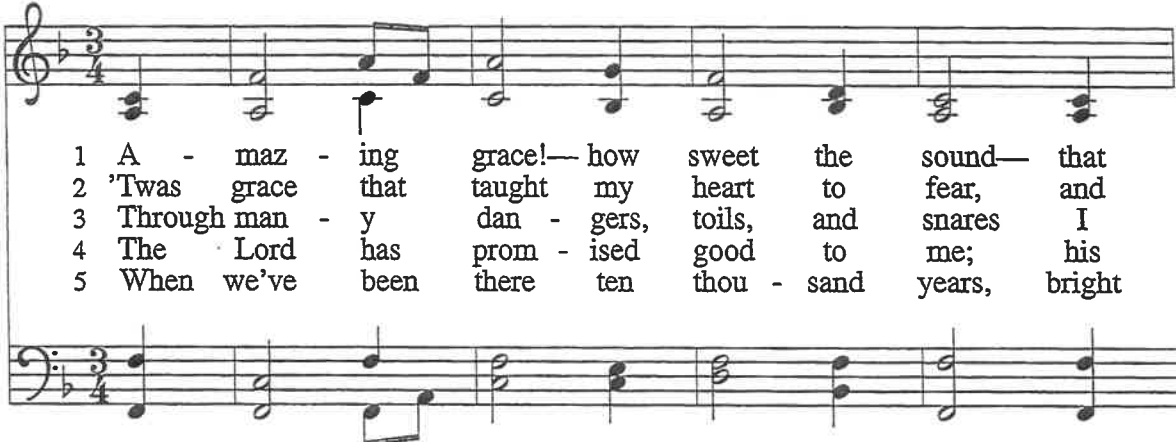
We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***ENTRANCE HYMN Amazing Grace**



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

*GREETING

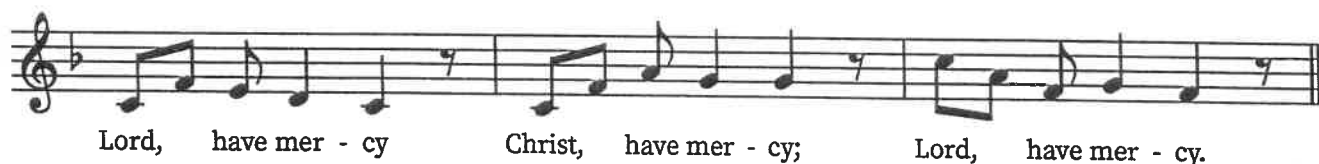
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

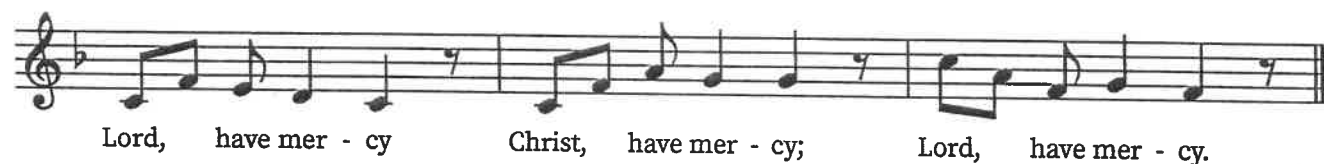
SERVICE OF THE WORD

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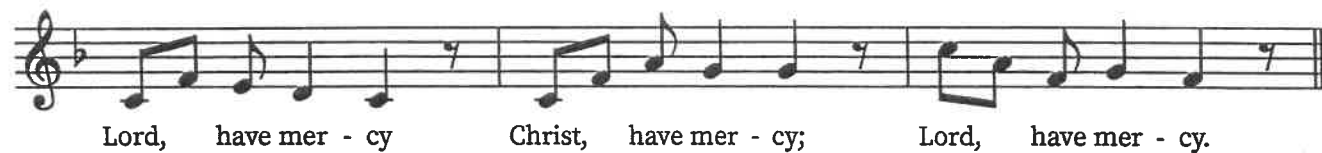
In peace let us pray to the Lord.



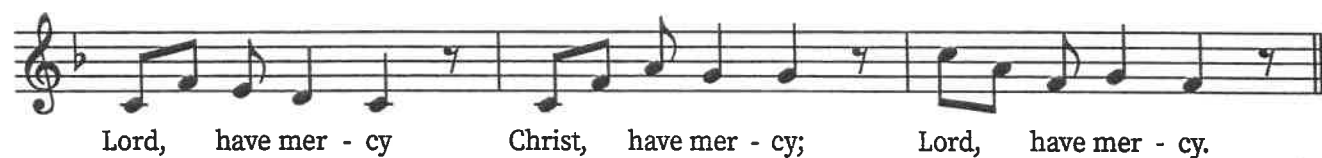
For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



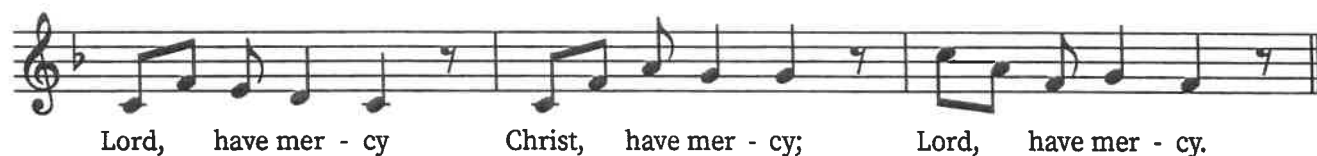
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



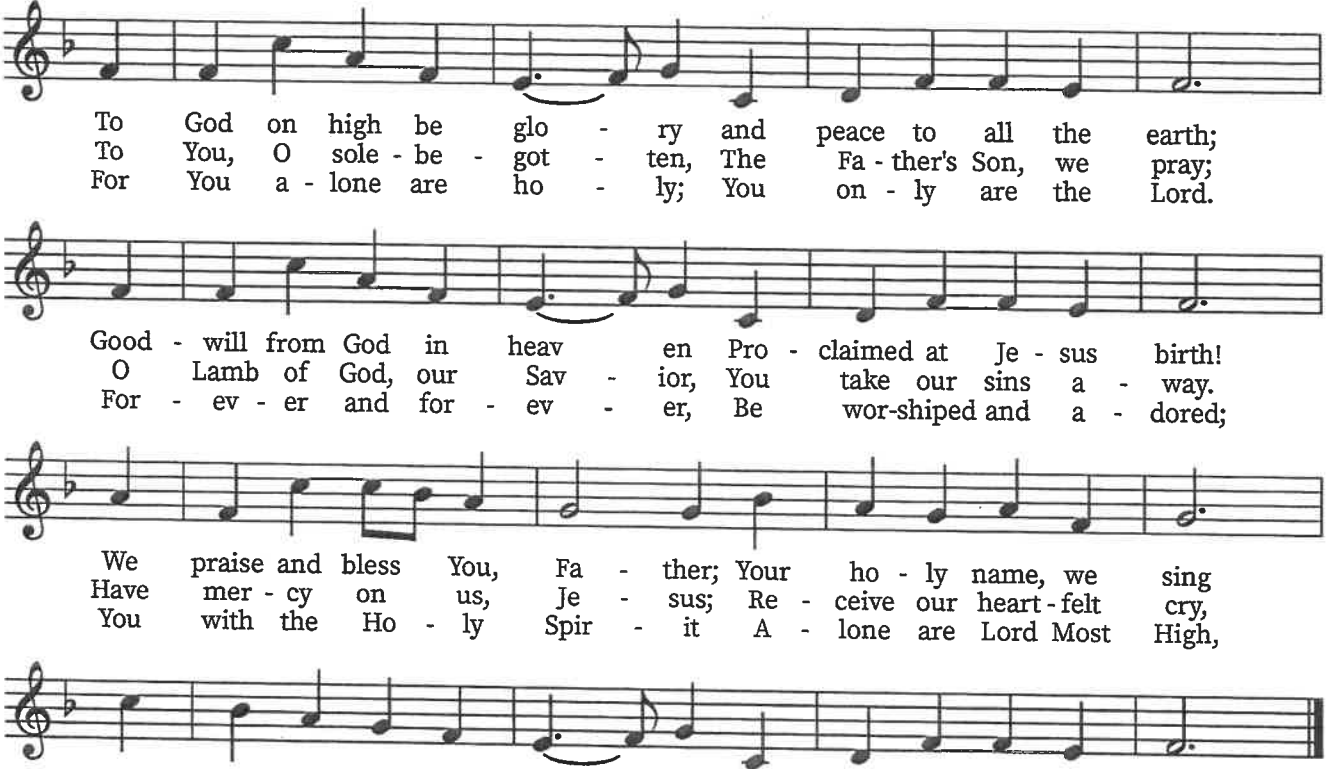
For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



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, melodic style, with lyrics printed below each staff. The lyrics are arranged in three lines per staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

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...

Gracious God, you welcome all who cry out to you, and no one is beyond the reach of your mercy. Through our gathering around word and meal, strengthen us to be living signs of your healing and mercy so that all may know your glory and grace; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

FIRST READING

The First Reading is from Isaiah, the 56th chapter.

¹Thus says the Lord: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed.”

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant — ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” ⁸The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67



Let all the peo-ples praise you, O God, let all the peo-ples praise you.

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

²Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth. **Refrain:**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

⁷May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. **Refrain:**

SECOND READING

The Second Reading is from Romans, the 11th chapter.

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ...

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef with a 7/4 time signature. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff contains 'These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that'. The third staff contains 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.' The fourth staff contains 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The music consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests.

***HOLY GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹Jesus went away from {Gennesaret} and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: "Lord, Help Me"



HYMN OF THE DAY My Faith looks Up to Thee



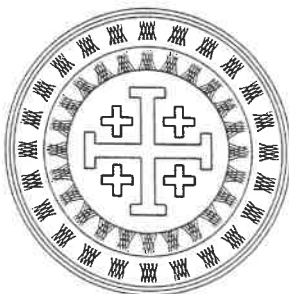
1 My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my
 My zeal in - spire; As thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
 Be thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
 Shall o'er me roll; Blest Sav - ior, then, in love Fear and dis -

guilt a - way, Oh, let me from this day Be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.
 trust re-move; Oh, bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887
 Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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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**

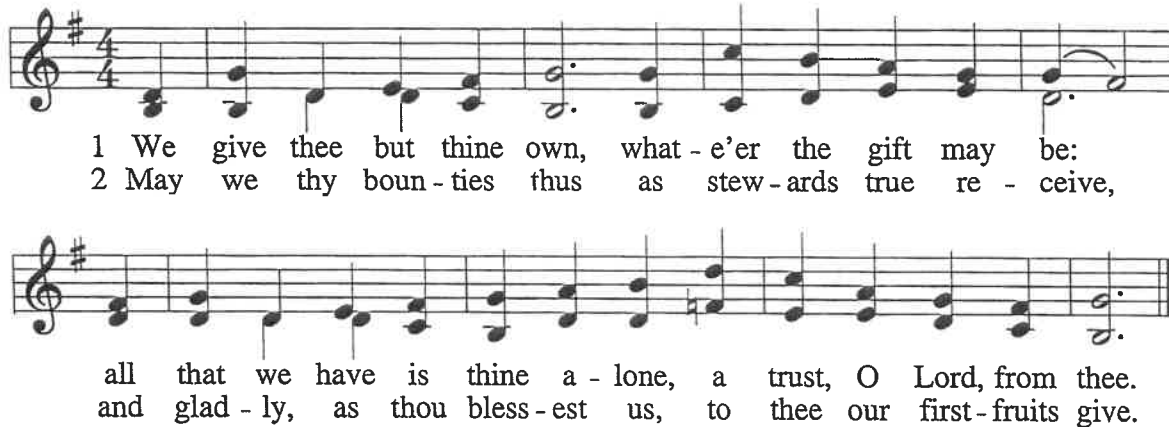
The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you.

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

OFFERTORY “The Love of God” *Organ Solo* *Written by Jason W. Krug*

***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.

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

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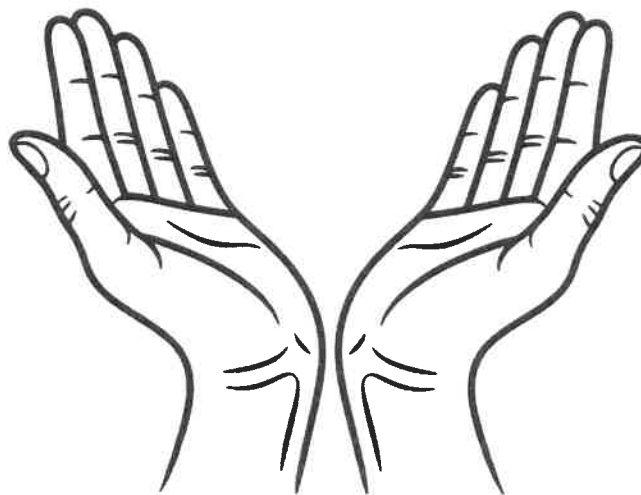
***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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.

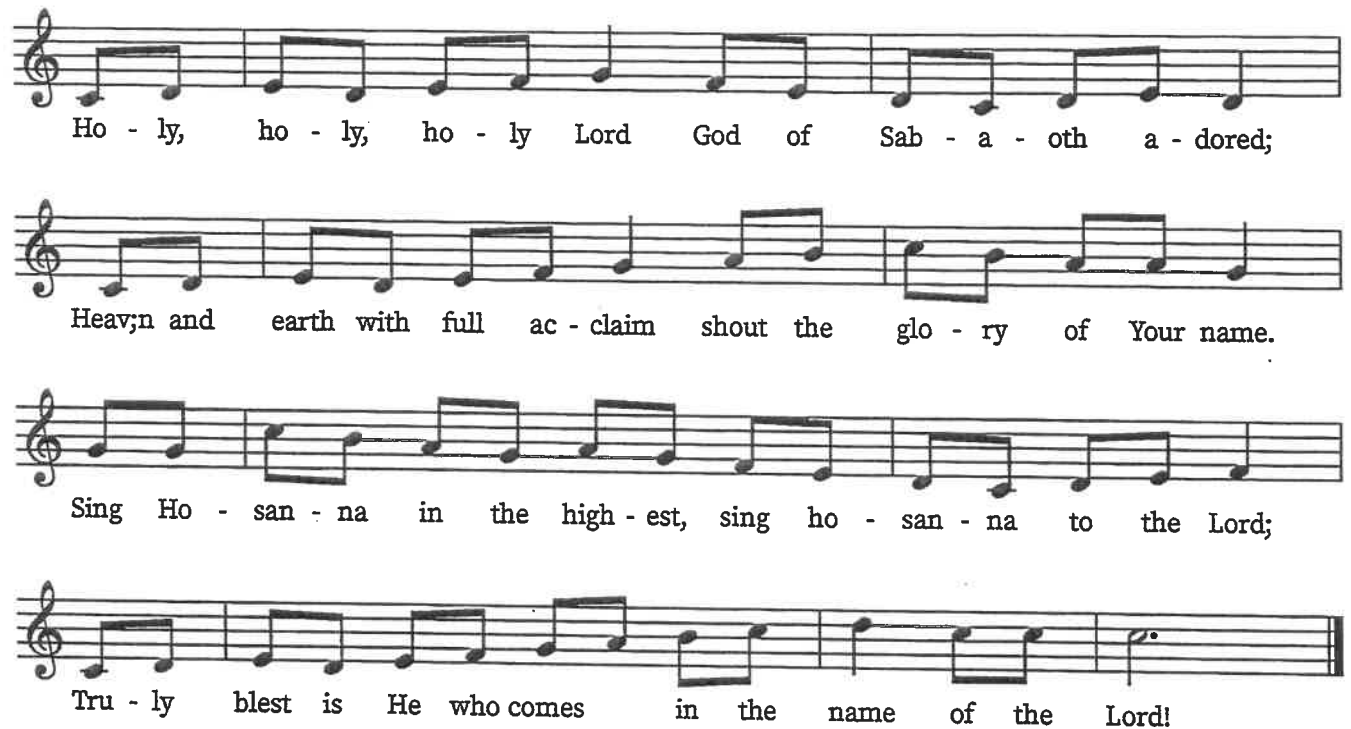
We lift them to the Lord.

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.

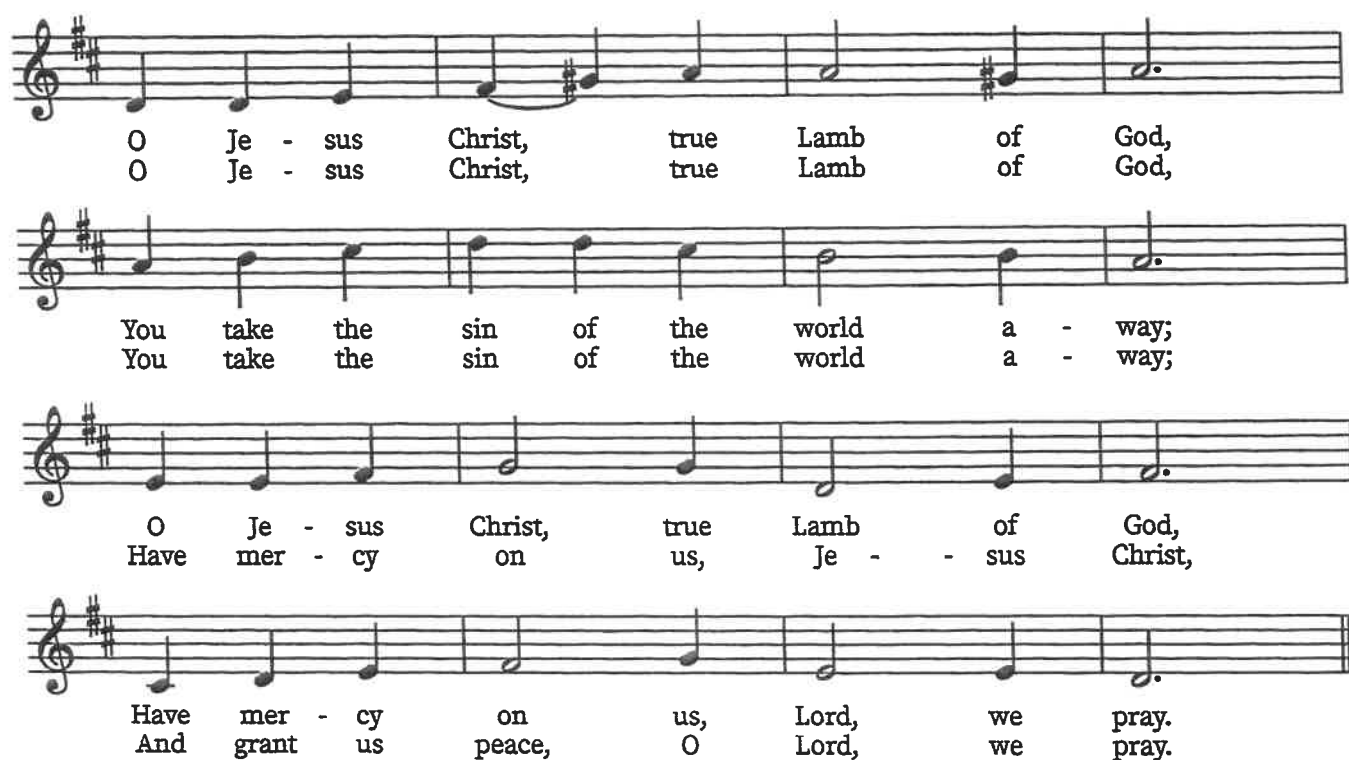
For the kingdom, the power,

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

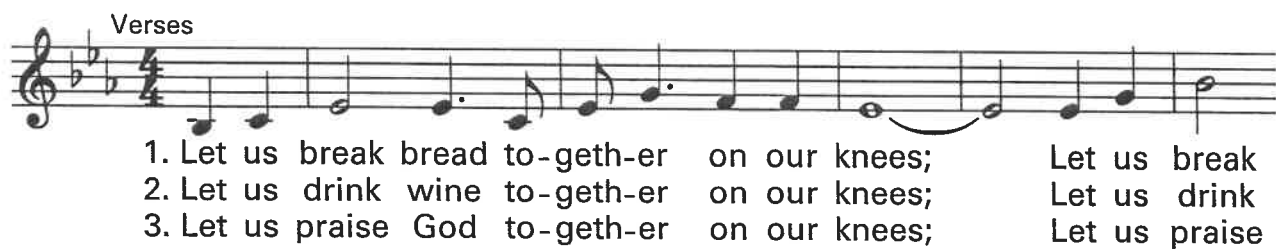
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

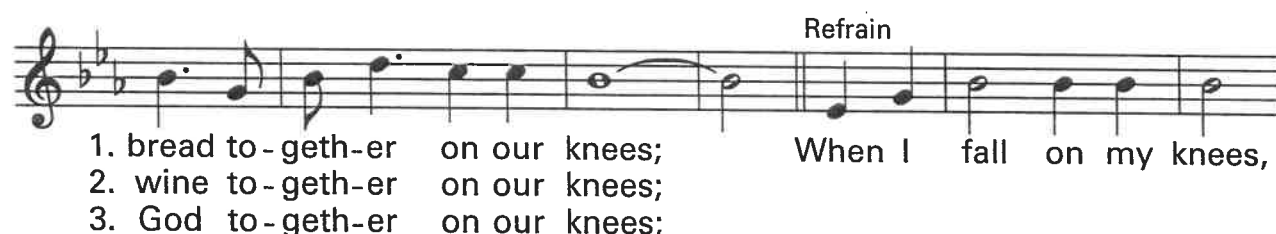
COMMUNION HYMN Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees

Verses

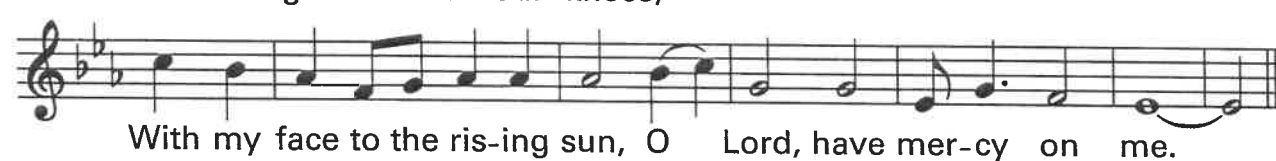


1. Let us break bread to-gether on our knees; Let us break
2. Let us drink wine to-gether on our knees; Let us drink
3. Let us praise God to-gether on our knees; Let us praise

Refrain



1. bread to-gether on our knees; When I fall on my knees,
2. wine to-gether on our knees;
3. God to-gether on our knees;



With my face to the ris-ing sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

*NUNC DIMITTIS



The musical score for 'Nunc Dimittis' is written on six staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: O Lord, now let to Your ser - vant De All glo - ry to the peace, Son, For All I have seen the glo - ry of Your re - deem - ing grace: Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One; A light to in lead the be - Gen - tiles Un For as in the be - gin - ning, Is to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your now, shall ev - er be, God's 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.

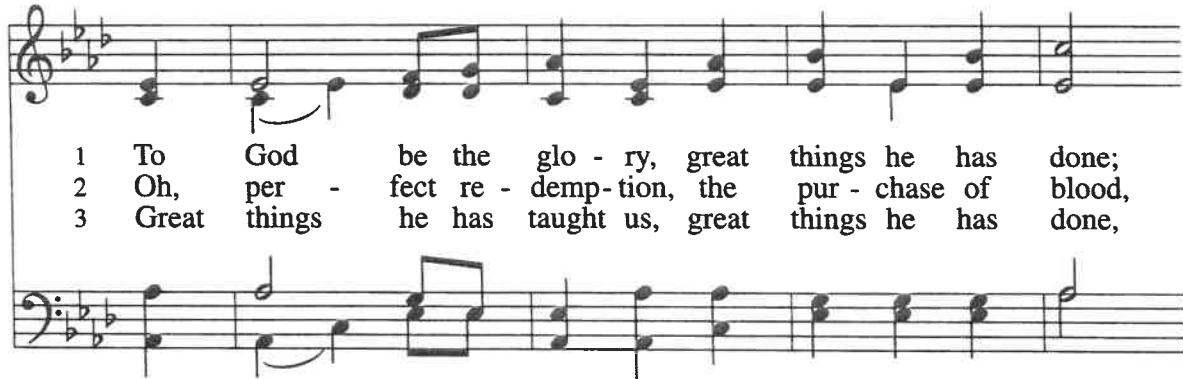
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

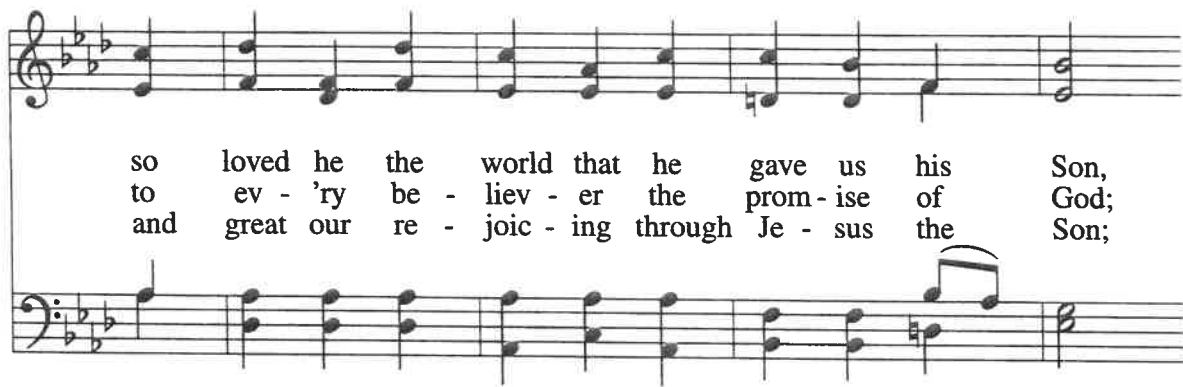
Amen.



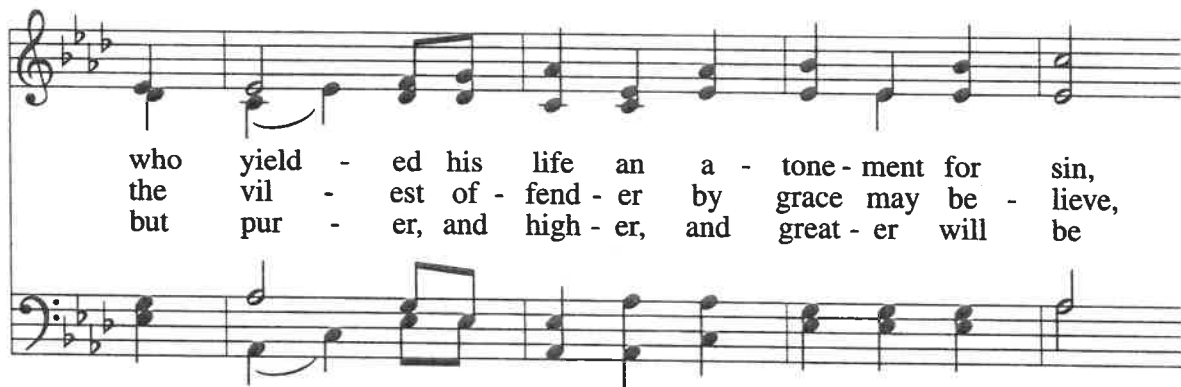
*SENDING HYMN To God Be the Glory



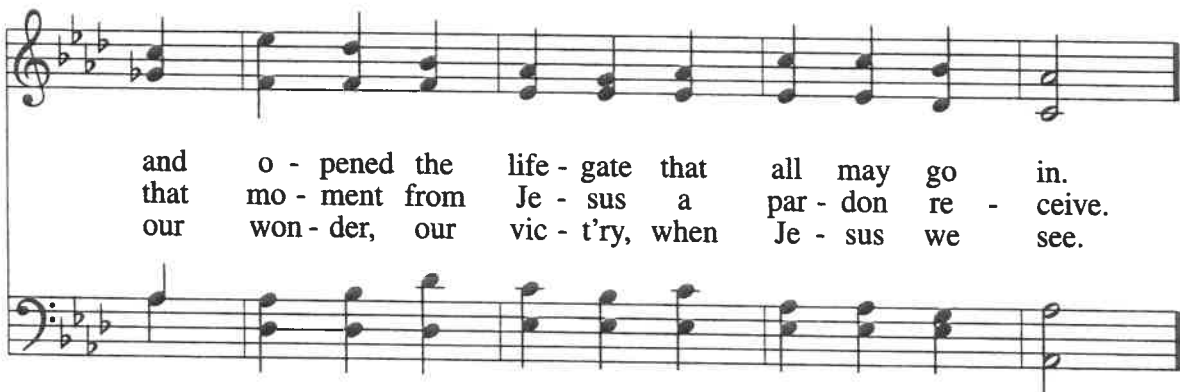
1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done;
2 Oh, per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,
3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,



so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
to ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;



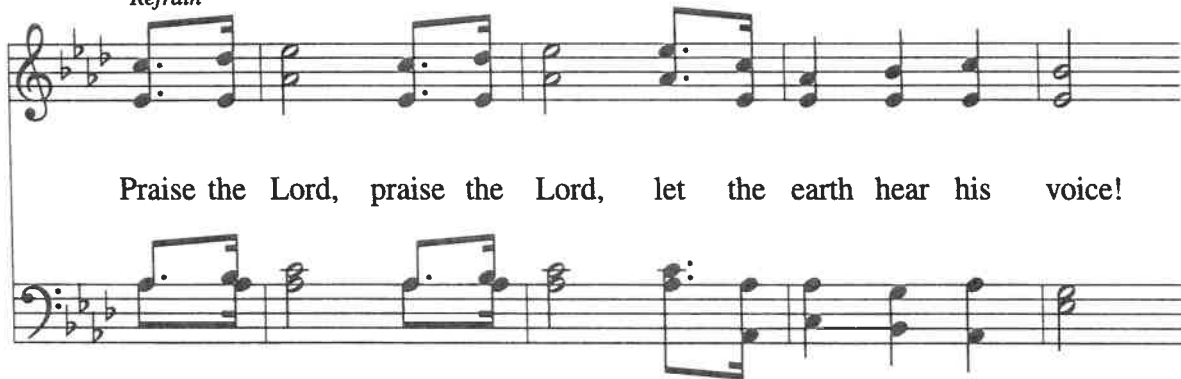
who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
the vil - est of - fend - er by grace may be - lieve,
but pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will be



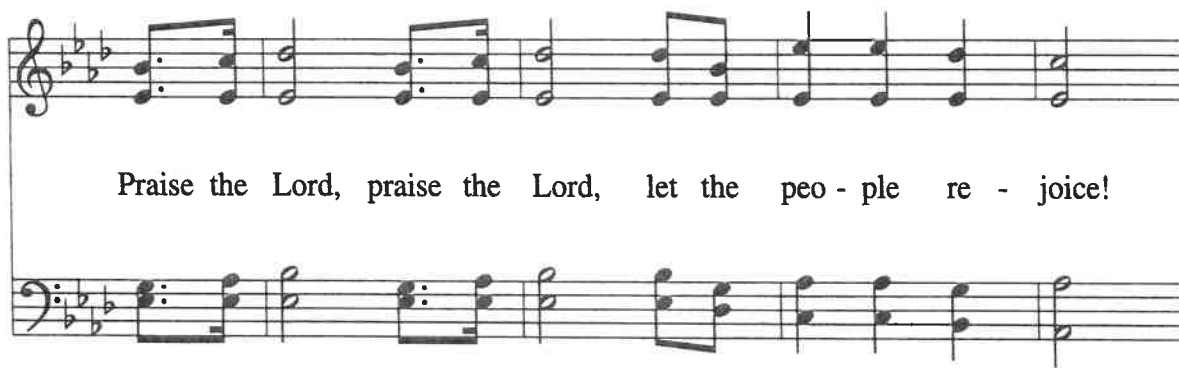
and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceive.
our won - der, our vic - t'ry, when Je - sus we see.

***SENDING HYMN To God Be the Glory (Cont.)**

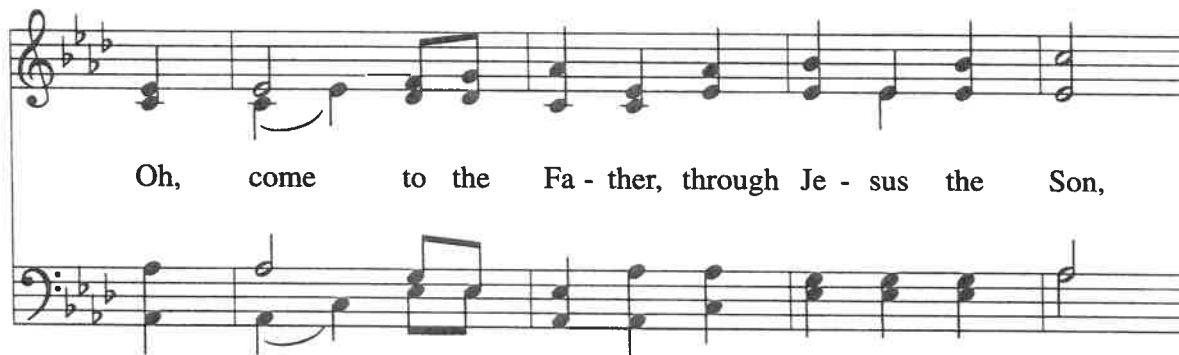
Refrain



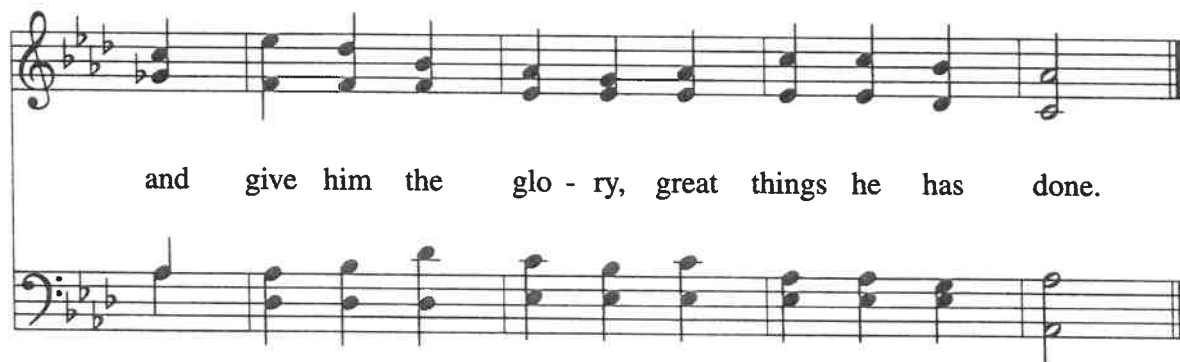
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people re - joice!



Oh, come to the Fa - ther, through Je - sus the Son,



and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done.

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: 8/16

Reader: Zan Bramley

Communion: Zan Bramley

Fellowship: Barb Kuhn

Usher: Frank Gray

Worship Leader: Gina Schiess

Next Week: 8/23

Reader: Renata Gray

Communion: Renata Gray

Fellowship: Deb Ebert

Usher: Frank Gray

Birthday: 8/19 Wed. Ralph Kuhn

Anniversary: 8/17 Mon. Pr. Mark and Barbara Spelzhausen

Reminders: We are in need of someone to serve for the rest of August and believe it or not, September is coming up!!!

Given to the glory of God: \$1,050.00