



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

Gathering through the love of Christ to care, grow, and serve.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

10 am Worship

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

There Is a Higher Throne

Arr. Lloyd Larson

Please stand as able, facing the back of the church.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen. Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy, and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

Song

Joyfully We Sing Here



1. Joy - ful - ly we sing here for the Sav - ior's grace,
2. Who can sep - a - rate us from the love of Christ?
3. Ev - 'ry - thing that hap - pens to us day by day,
4. God re - mains our re - fuge in the trials we face,



Liv - ing ev - 'ry day with - in his warm em - brace.
Who pre - vails a - gainst, when God is on your side?
Christ will be the bea - con who will light our way.
Shield - ing and sus - tain - ing us with lov - ing grace.



Ea - ger - ly we long, both now and ev - 'ry - where,
In - ter - ced - ing for us, Christ is strong and sure.
Through dis - tress and per - il, God is faith - ful still.
Work - ing through the la - bors of our hearts and hands,



All through-out the world, God's sav - ing love to share.
More than con - querors through him, we can rest se - cure.
Why should we be anx - ious if we trust God's will?
Christ will lead us on - ward in tri - um - phant bands!



Refrain

Sing - ing of the Sav - ior's grace,



Liv - ing in his warm em - brace,____



Long - ing, now and ev - 'ry - where,____



All God's sav - ing love to share.____

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 (*"Kyrie Eleison" means "Lord, have mercy."*)

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

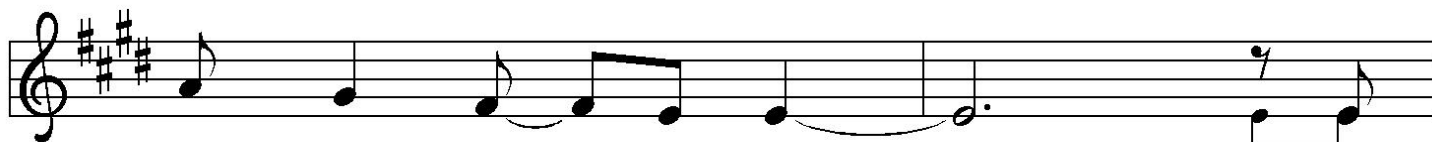


1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the

2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the

3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for

4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all;

for

hun-gry and the poor;

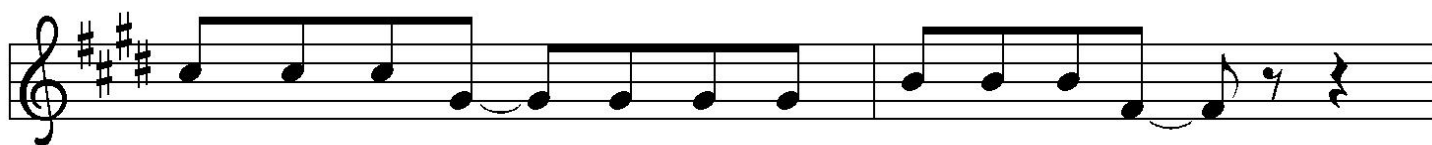
that

friends and fam-i-ly;

for

wa-ter and the word;

that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,

we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,

life and for love, for our work and our play,

nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord,

let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. **Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated

Faith in Focus

Word

First Reading

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Please stand as able at the introduction

Gospel Acclamation

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel

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Please be seated

Sermon *(The sermon is based on the Old Testament reading.)*

Response to the Word

Please stand as able

Apostles' Creed

Let us profess our faith. **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

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Greet those near you and then be seated.

Meal

Offering

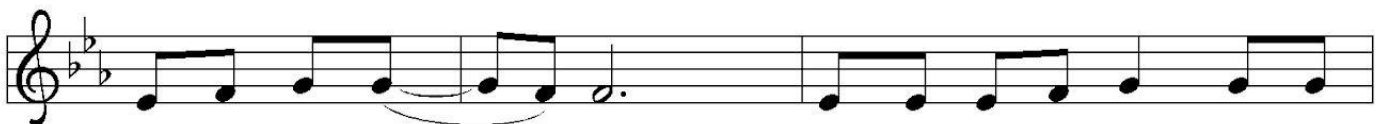
Beautiful Savior
Men's Chorus

Please stand as able

Offering Response



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. **Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

Healing and Holy Communion

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing- with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

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.

Preface

join their unending hymn...

1x: As written; 2x As written or part 2 then 1

1*



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



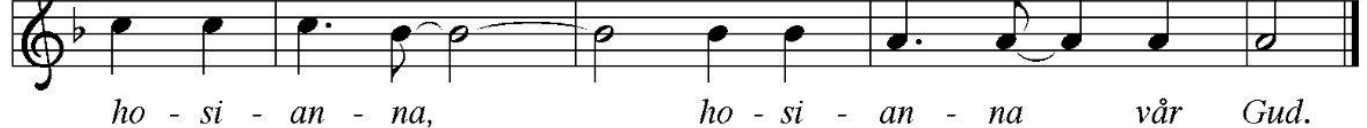
Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Thanksgiving at the Table and Lord's Prayer

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

Heaven has come near. **Come, share in the feast!**

This is the feast of all the baptized, regardless of denomination. All are welcome.

Please be seated

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.

Communion

Communion will be served in a continuous fashion by intinction (dip the bread in the wine or grape juice). Grape juice is in the stoneware. A gluten-free, celiac-friendly option is also available. Please ask the server if you require a gluten-free option. If you wish to come forward for a blessing but not commune, please cross your arms over your chest. If you wish you may continue to the altar rail for a blessing for healing.

Music During Communion

Offertory - John Ness Beck

Please stand as able.

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Post-Communion Song

Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re-joyce and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom-is-es, O God, and lead us forth in

joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia.

Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. **Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

Please join in singing the second time through

Numbers 6:24-26

BLESSING

Hans Peterson

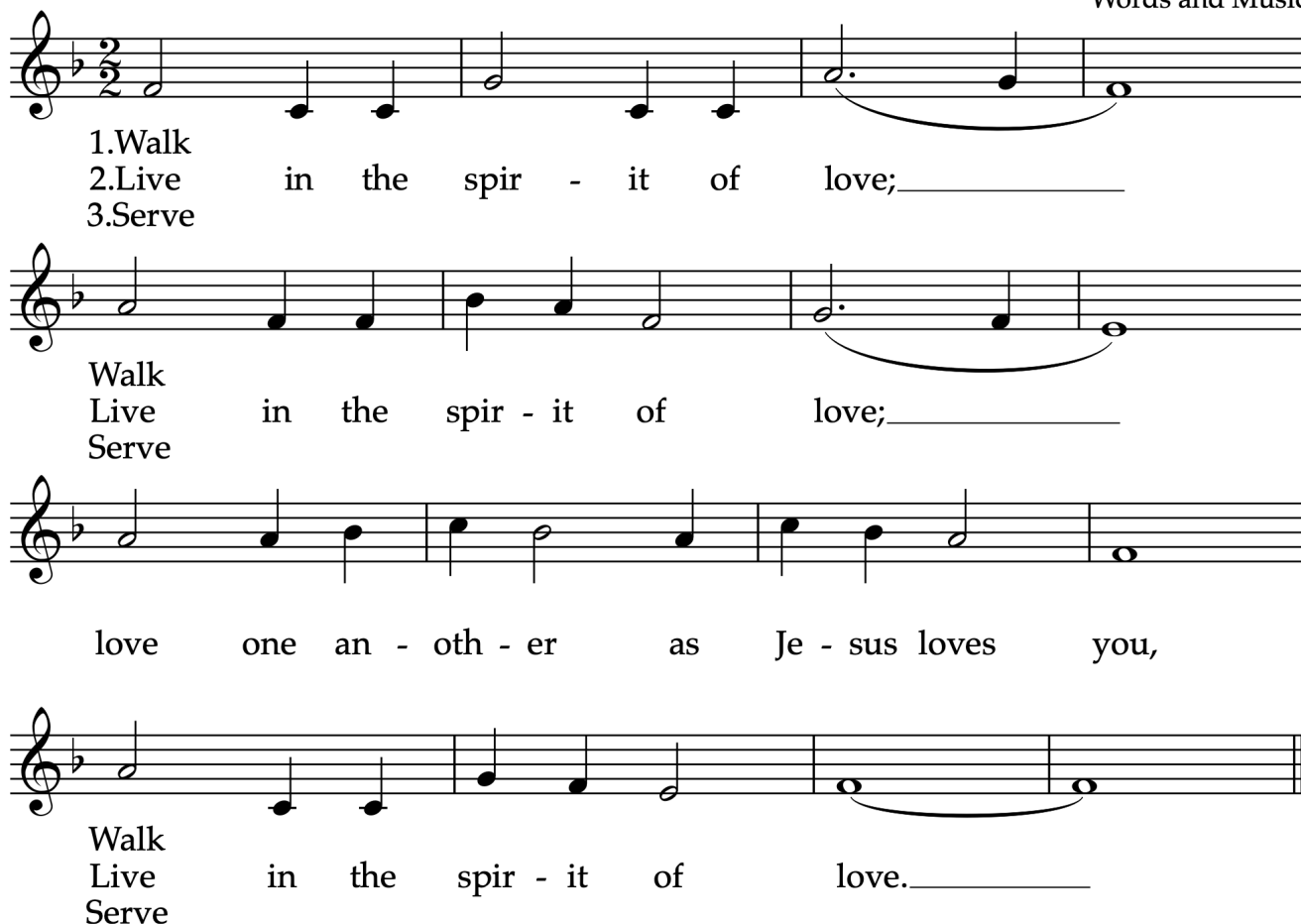


May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine up-on you. May God
look up-on you with fa-vor and give you peace, and give you
peace, and give you peace. A - men.

Song

Walk in the Spirit of Love

Mark Blankenship
Words and Music



1.Walk
2.Live in the spir - it of love; _____
3.Serve

Walk
Live in the spir - it of love; _____
Serve

love one an - oth - er as Je - sus loves you,

Walk
Live in the spir - it of love. _____
Serve

Dismissal

A: As disciples of Jesus at Nativity, **we are gathering through the love of Christ to care, grow, and serve. Amen.**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation!

Exodus 3:1-15

¹Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the

and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." ¹³But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.' " ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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Matthew 16:21-28

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

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or

what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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