SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

11:00 AM

November 22, 2026 - Christ the King

Nursery Available - God put the wiggle in children, and the sights and sounds of little ones in our midst are one of the blessings of our multi-generational congregation. Parents are encouraged to worship together with their children for all or part of the service as makes sense for each family. For your use, changing tables are available in the large bathrooms just beyond the fellowship hall when traveling towards the education wing. Our nursery is designed to provide loving care for children from infant through three years old. The nursery is available from 8:15 a.m.—12:15 p.m. It is located in the first classroom (end closest to the Fellowship Hall) of the Education Building.

BUSY (activity) BAGS and Children's Bulletins are available in the narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please see the bulletin or newsletter for any announcements. All announcements are due in writing by noon on Tuesday to the church office.

GATHERING

The prelude signals that it is time to prepare for worship. Please enter the sanctuary in silence to prepare for worship.

† **Before worship, speak to God; following worship, speak with each other.**

† **Enter worship; depart to love, praise and witness to God in all of life.**

PRELUDE

INTROIT *The Lord Is In His Holy Temple* Donald Moore

OPENING ANTHEM *For the Fruit of All Creation* arr. Donald McCullough

MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP - ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY: CHRIST THE KING

[Please stand as you are able]

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

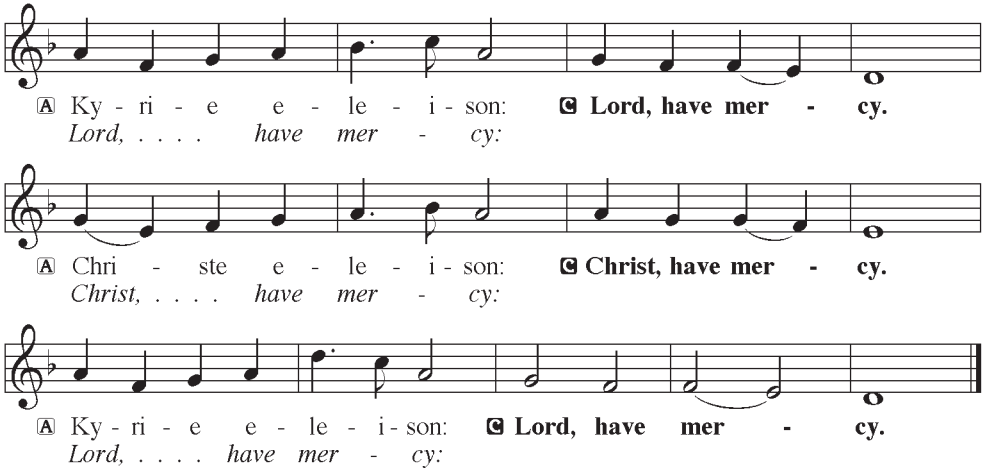
C: Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

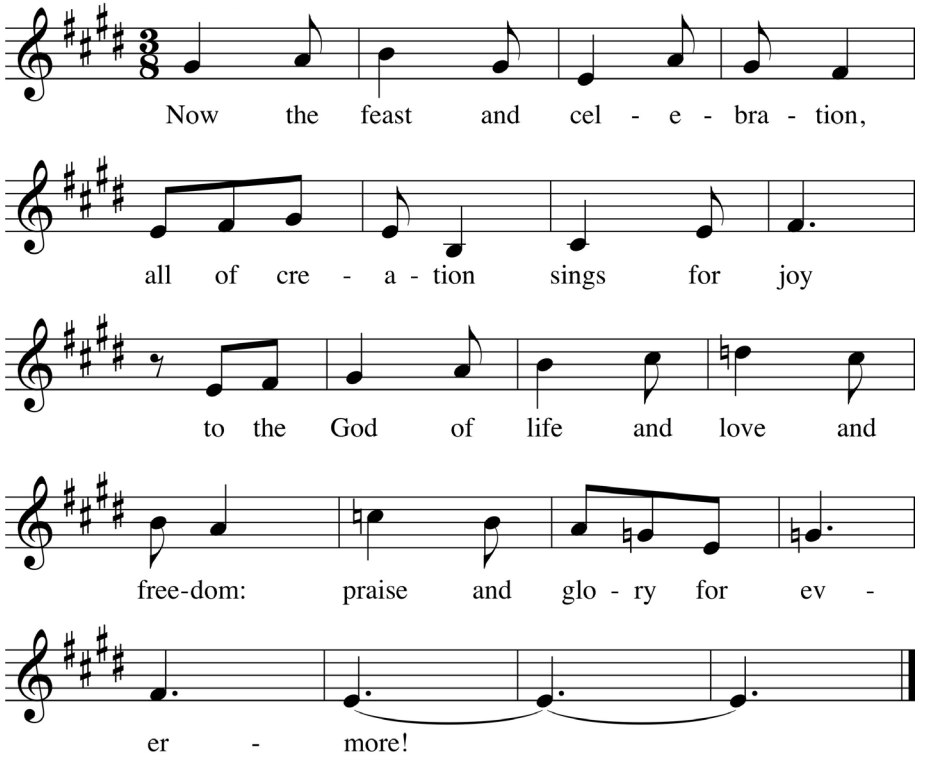
C: And also with you!

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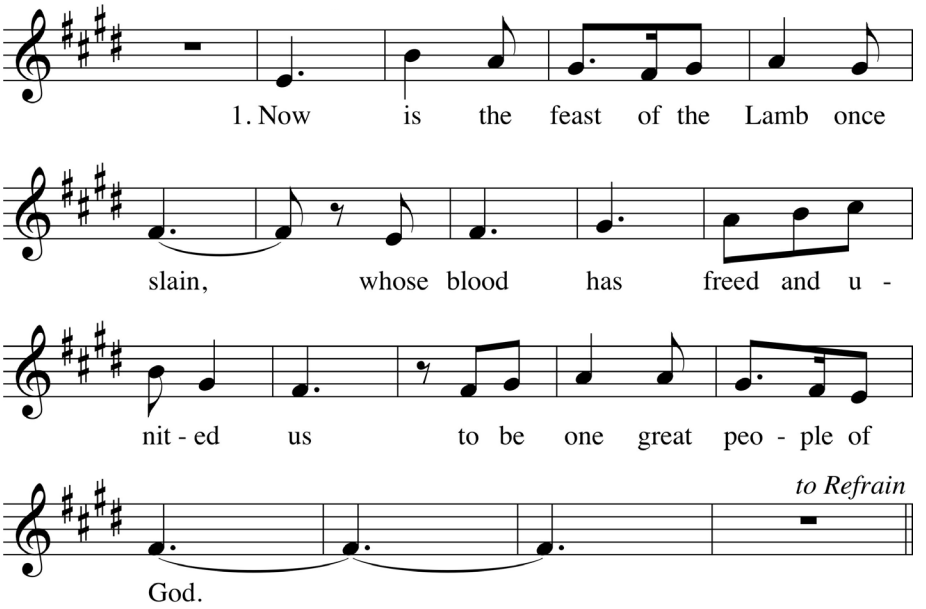


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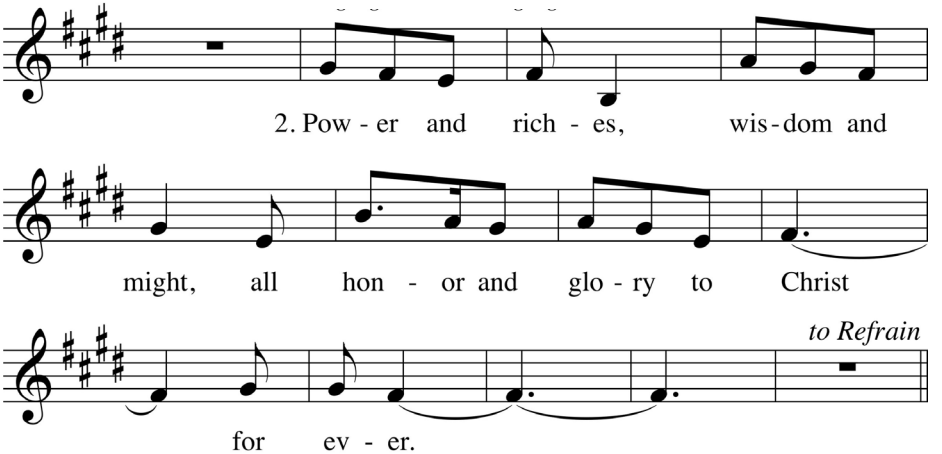
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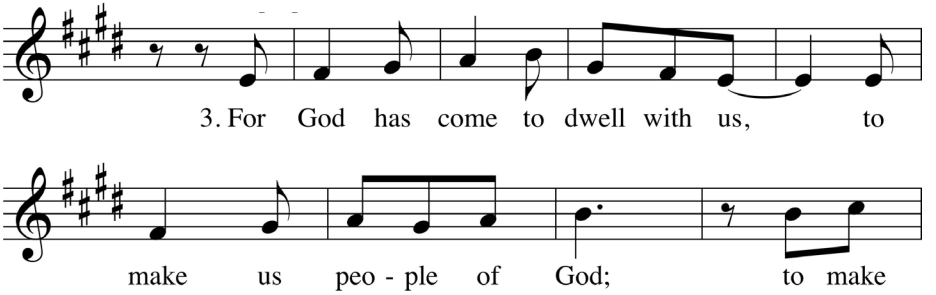
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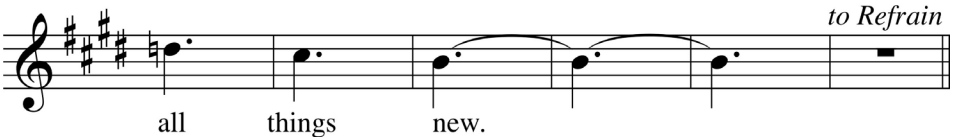


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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray…(silence) O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

[Please sit]

WORD

FIRST READING Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Since Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

Lector: A reading from Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David,

and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God**.

PSALM 95:1-7a

L: Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
C: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
L: For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
C: In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
L: The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.
C: Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
L: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord both of the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

Lector: A reading from Ephesians.
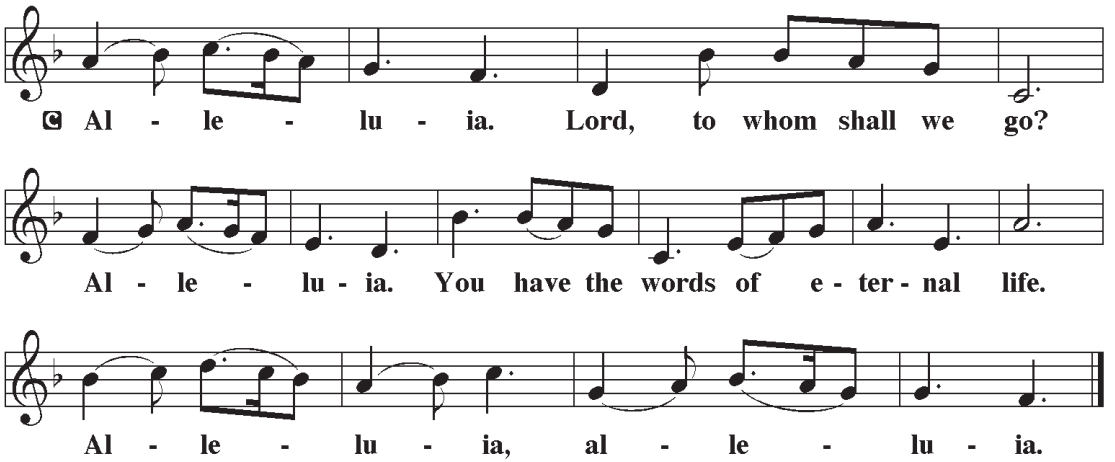
I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has

made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

[Please stand as you are able]

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

P: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison

and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P: The Holy Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

[Please sit]

SERMON **Pastor Finley**

[Please stand as you are able]

HYMN OF THE DAY ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*** **ELW 634**

PROFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

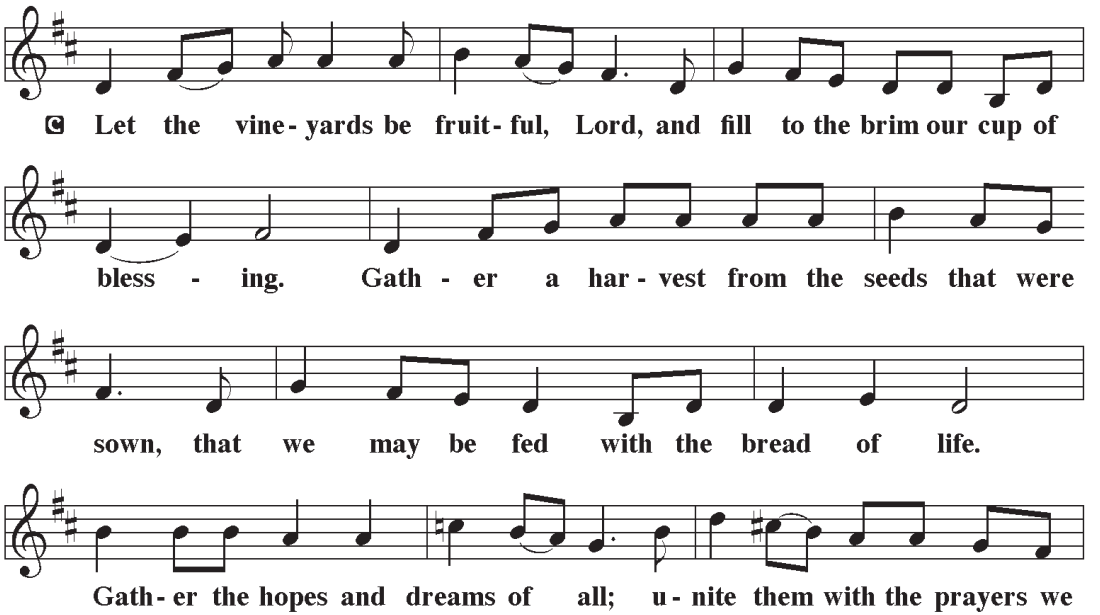
C: Amen.

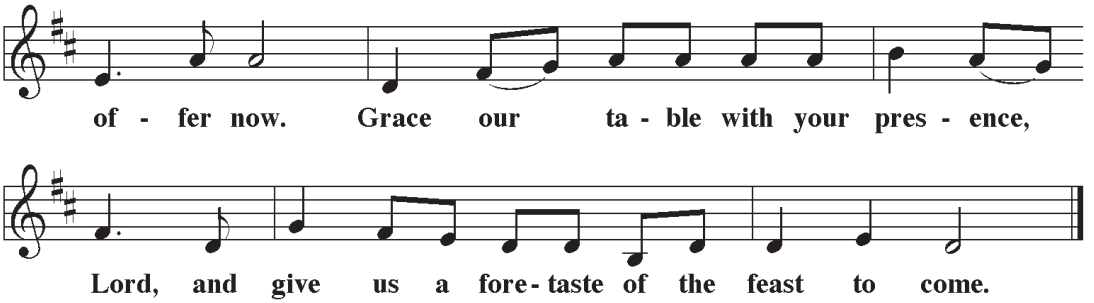
SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

[Rather than "passing the plate", offering plates are located on the table in the front of the narthex. For your convenience, blank offering envelopes are located next to the offering plates.]

THE OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards*





OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

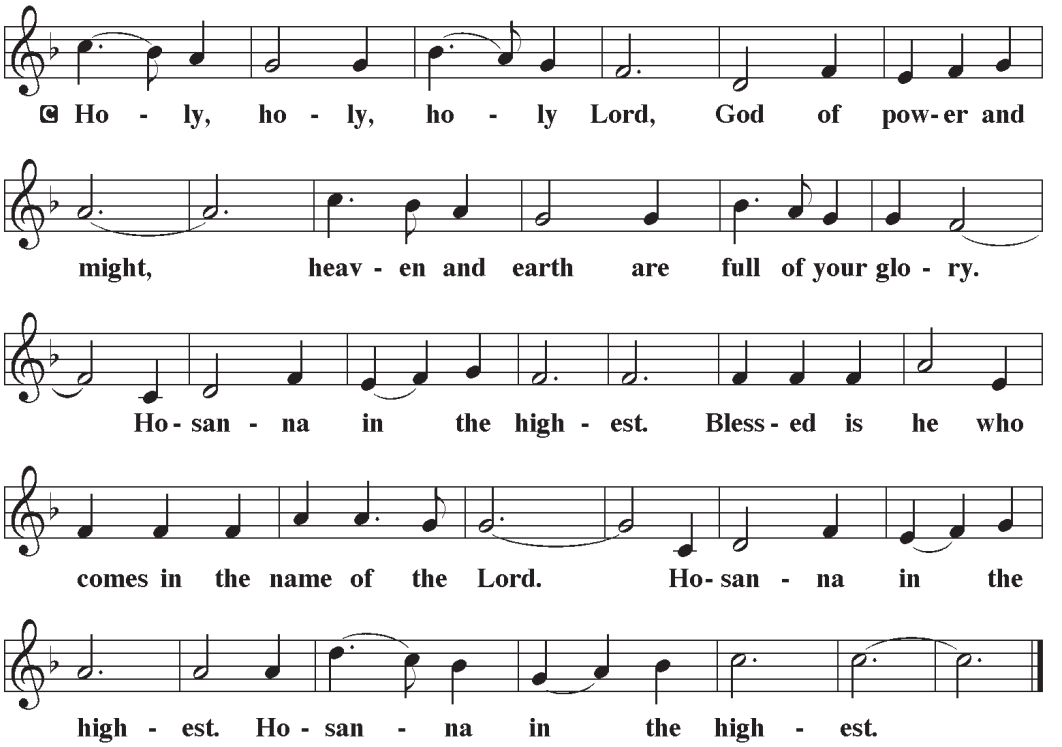
C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: You are indeed holy...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Therefore , O God...to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray...and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants...until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

C: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

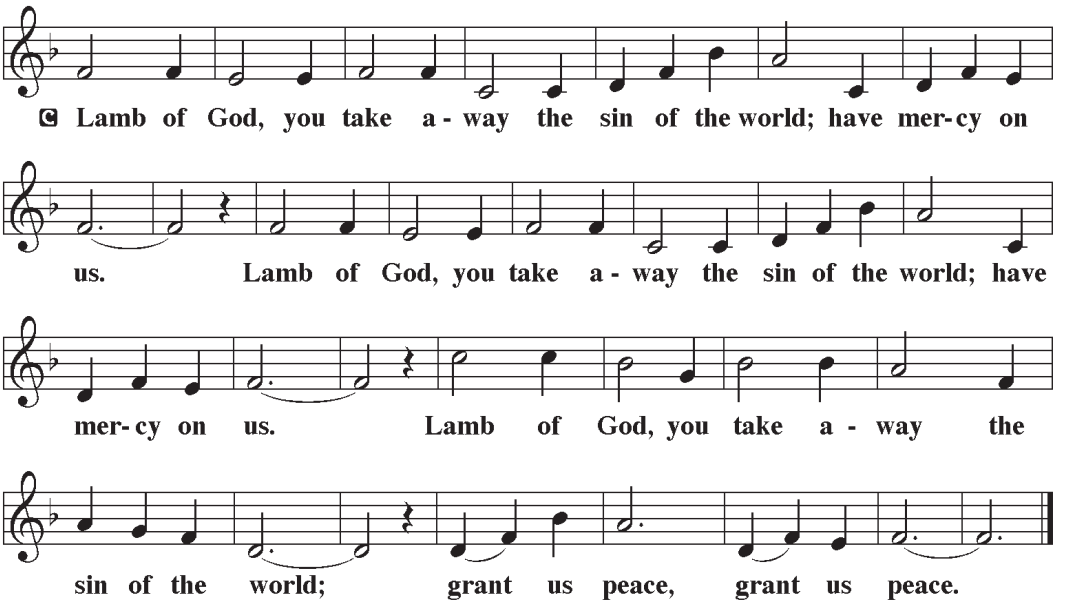
INVITATION & FRACTURE

P: This is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

C: Lord, give us this bread always.

[Please sit]

LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: INTINCTION AND COMMON CUP

Lutherans believe that the true body and blood of Christ are really present in the Supper of our Lord under the form of bread and wine whereby in a visible way God imparts to us forgiveness, life and salvation. We prepare through repentance. We invite all who are communicants in the body of Christ and who come in repentance and faith to commune with us this morning.

If you are not baptized or have not been admitted to the Lord's Table, we invite you to come forward with arms crossed over your chest for a blessing.

Worshipers are invited to come forward and receive communion. Communion is by ***common cup OR intinction (gently dip)****. The pastor will distribute the host.* ***When receiving the host, please open your hands fully and lay them flat. Do not attempt to grab the host as it is being placed in your hand.*** *There will be two communion assistants to each side of the pastor. The communion assistant closest to the pastor will be holding a chalice for intinction. You are invited to gently dip the host received from the pastor in the chalice. The communion assistant furthest from the pastor will hold a chalice for common cup. When communing by common cup, please touch the base of the chalice and lightly draw it upward. Please do NOT dip your host in the chalice for common cup.* ***Remember Christ is present in both the bread and wine – communing with one element is just as efficacious as communing with two****. We commune in one continuous table with one blessing when all have communed.*

After receiving Holy Communion, you are invited to spend time in silent personal prayer and reflection. Possibly: Gracious God, stir up in me the gifts that you have freely given. As you have shared forgiveness, faith and love with me, empower me to be forgiving, faithful and loving in your world. Amen.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

[Please stand as you are able]

TABLE BLESSING

P: May this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

SENDING OF SHEPHERDS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

C: Everlasting God, praised by saints in every age: as Christ welcomes the faithful departed into his kingdom, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our absent sisters and brothers. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this Holy Eucharist, that through the body and blood of your Son, we may know the inheritance we share with your saints in light.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

SENDING HYMN ***Rejoice, for Christ is King!*** **ELW 430**

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

A: Glorify God. Spread the Word. **C: Love One Another.**

POSTLUDE

