



Faith Lutheran Church
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
8 & 10:15 a.m., August 3, 2025

*The flowers on the altar are given by
Joan Hirsch, in loving memory of her late husband, Hal Hirsch; and
Cliff Hornsby, in honor of his late wife Mary Frances 'Snookie' Black's birthday.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Stand

Presider: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Presider: Most merciful God,

Congregation: have mercy on us.

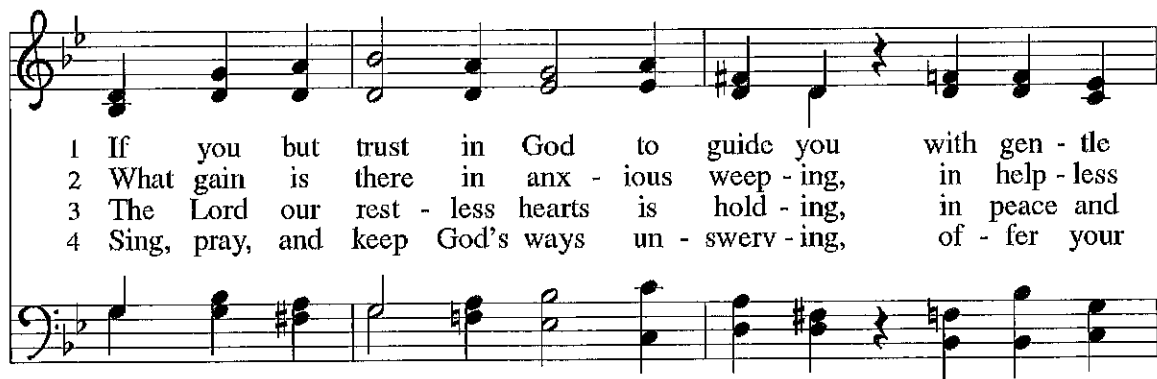
All: We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

Presider: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GATHERING HYMN If You But Trust in God to Guide You ELW 769
(first and last verses during 8 a.m. service only)

If You But Trust in God to Guide You



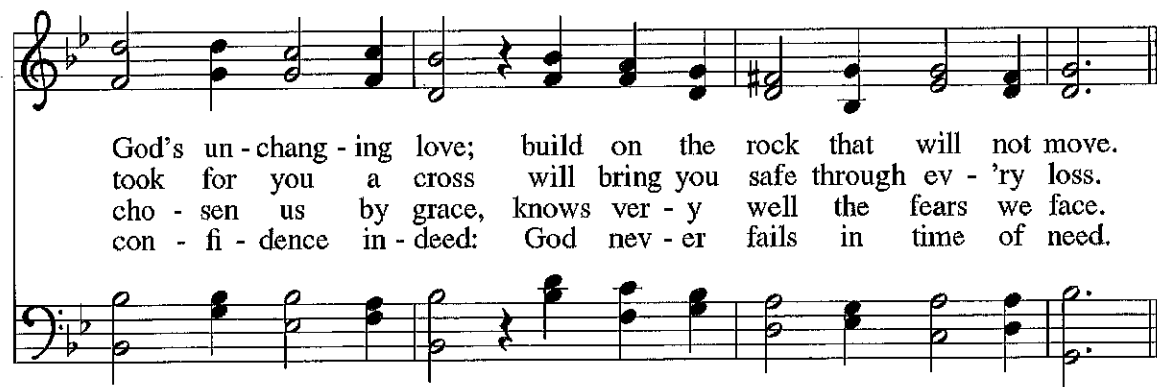
1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

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

Congregation: And also with you.


***KYRIE**

Assistant:



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation:



Lord, have mer - cy.

3rd time to Coda

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -

Assistant:

For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the
For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you

cy.

world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the

⊕ Coda

Help, save, and de - fend us, O
cy.

Ending for Kyrie

God,
A - men.

*NOW THE FEAST

If Kyrie was sung

men.

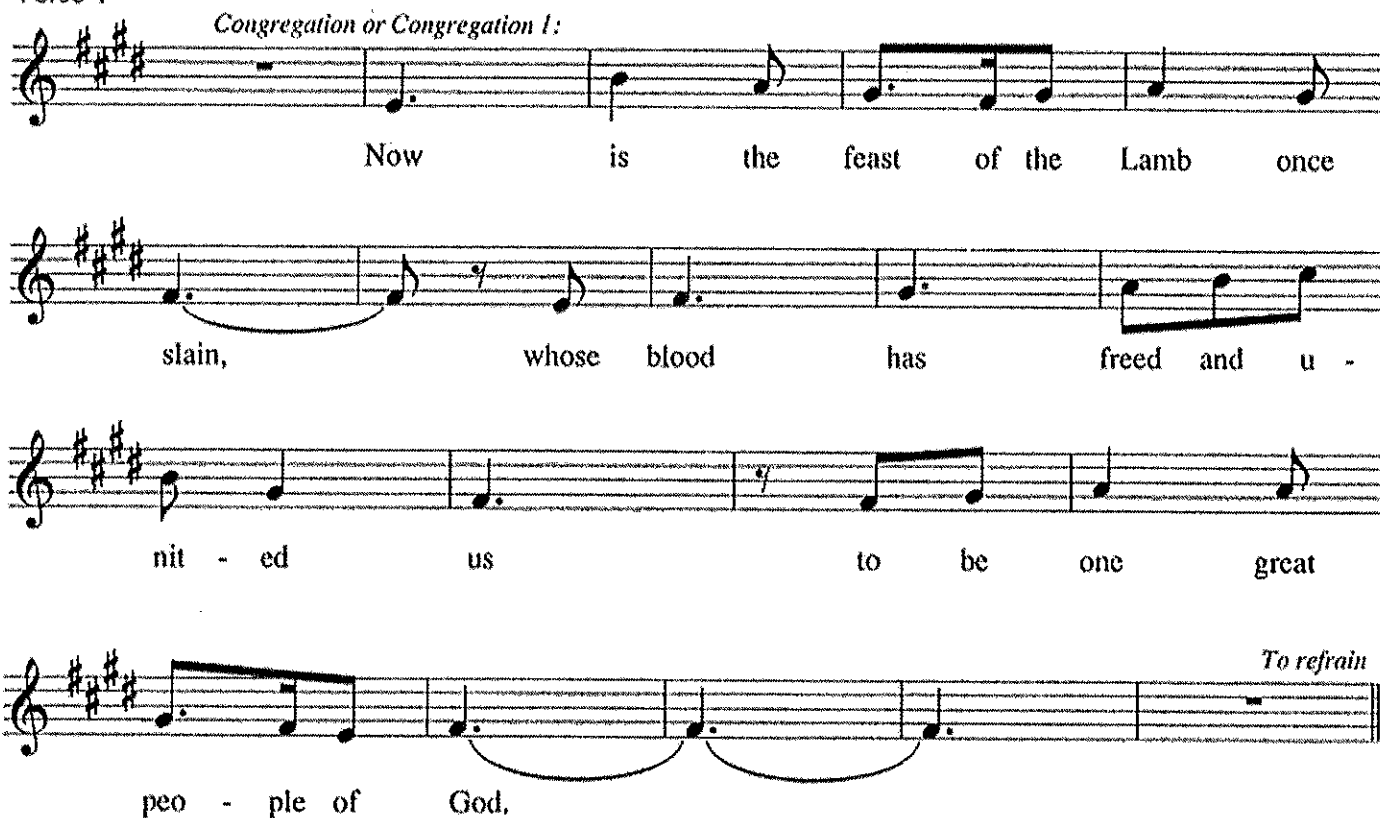
Refrain

Congregation:

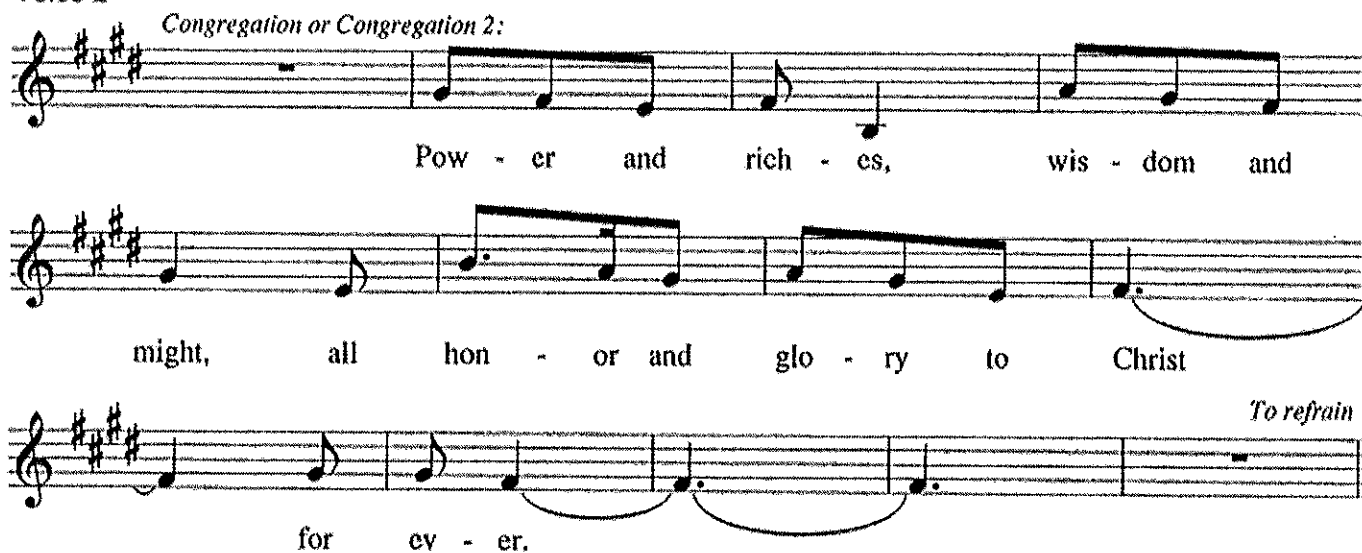
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and



Verse 1



Verse 2



Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new. *To refrain*

*SALUTATION

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

L: A reading from Ecclesiastes.

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity.

²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which

they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Word of God, word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN: Psalm 49 (to be spoken at the 8 a.m. service)



Psalm 49:3.

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PSALMODY: 49

- L: ¹ Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
² you of high degree and low,
rich and poor together.
³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
⁴ I will incline my ear to a proverb
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

C: Refrain

- L: ⁵ Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
⁶ the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?
⁷ One can never redeem another,
or give to God the ransom for another's life;
⁸ for the ransom of a life is so great
that there would never be enough to pay it,
⁹ in order to live forever and ever
and never see the grave.
¹⁰ For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
¹¹ Their graves shall be their homes forever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation,
though they had named lands after themselves.
¹² Even though honored, they cannot live forever;
they are like the beasts that perish.

C: Refrain

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

L: A reading from Colossians.

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

Word of God, word of Life.

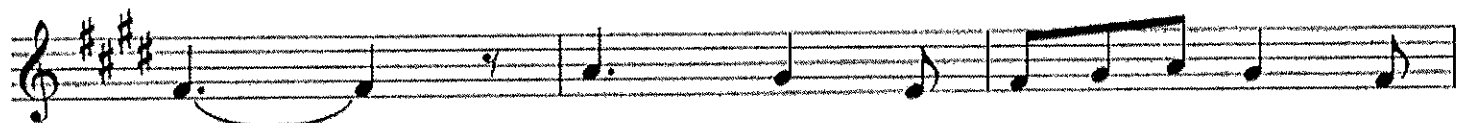
C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL VERSE

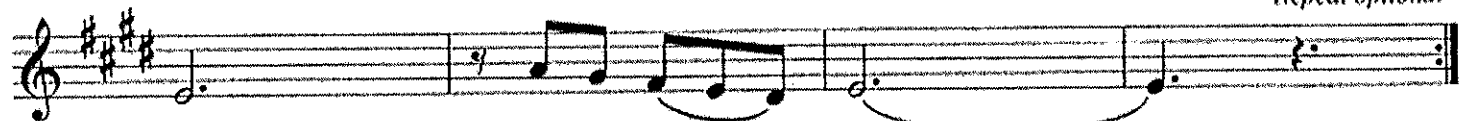
Congregation:



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we



go? You have the words of e - ter - nal



life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat optional

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

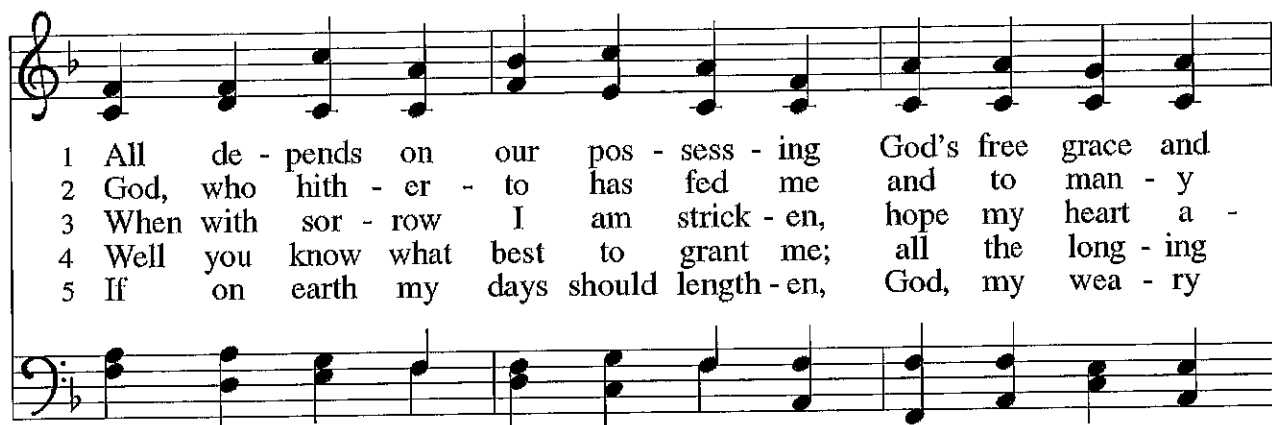
The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

HYMN OF THE DAY All Depends on Our Possessing ELW 589
(first and last verses during 8 a.m. service only)
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1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's free grace and
 2 God, who hith - er - to has fed me and to man - y
 3 When with sor - row I am strick - en, hope my heart a -
 4 Well you know what best to grant me; all the long - ing
 5 If on earth my days should length - en, God, my wea - ry



con - stant bless - ing, though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
 joys has led me, is and ev - er shall be mine.
 new will quick - en, all my long - ing shall be stilled.
 hopes that haunt me, joy and sor - row, have their day.
 soul still strength - en; all my trust in you I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en by their God are
 God, who did so gent - ly school me and who dai - ly
 To your lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der all my be - ing
 I shall doubt your wis - dom nev - er; as you will, so
 Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing; like a stream a -



not for - sak - en and will keep a daunt - less heart.
 guides and rules me, will re - main my help di - vine.
 I sur - ren - der; Lord, on you a - lone I build.
 be it ev - er; I com - mit to you my way.
 way it's glid - ing; safe I an - chor in your grace.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

P: Together, we confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: 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.

***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

L: Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image, and establish equity and peace. We pray for an end to suffering in Cuba, and an enduring, just peace in Israel, Gaza, Russia, Ukraine and all areas rocked by unrest. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear, especially those on our prayer list and those we name

before you now, aloud or in our hearts (*pause*). Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Trusting in your loving kindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Feel free to greet your neighbors with a word of peace.

OFFERING



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

There is a Redeemer

Melody Green

***AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT**

Refrain

Congregation:



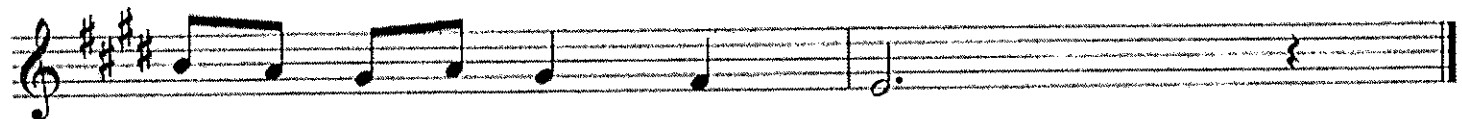
As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were



gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be



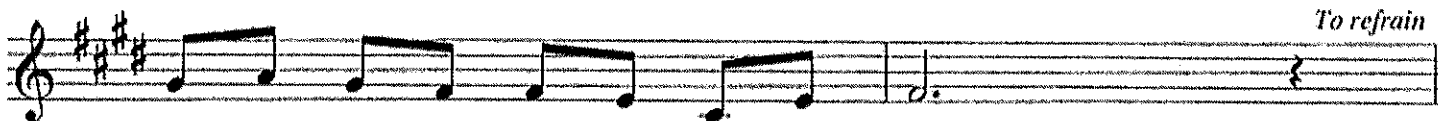
gath - ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,

2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.

all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

After the gifts have been presented, the following prayer is said.

Assistant: Let us pray.

Assistant: Merciful God,

Congregation: everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

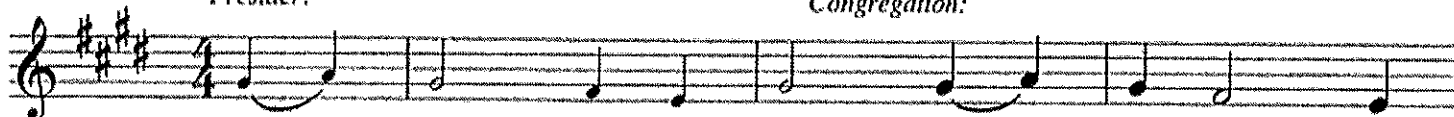
The minister makes ready the bread and wine.

The GREAT THANKSGIVING is begun by the minister standing at the altar.

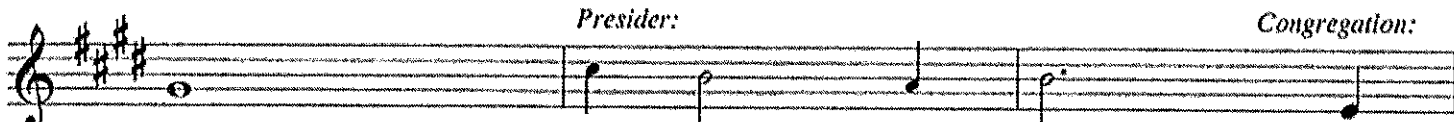
*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider:

Congregation:

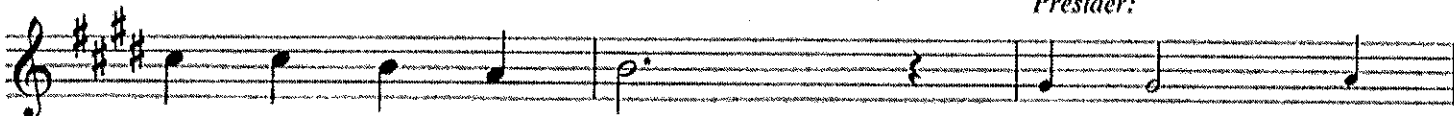


The Lord be with you. And al - so with



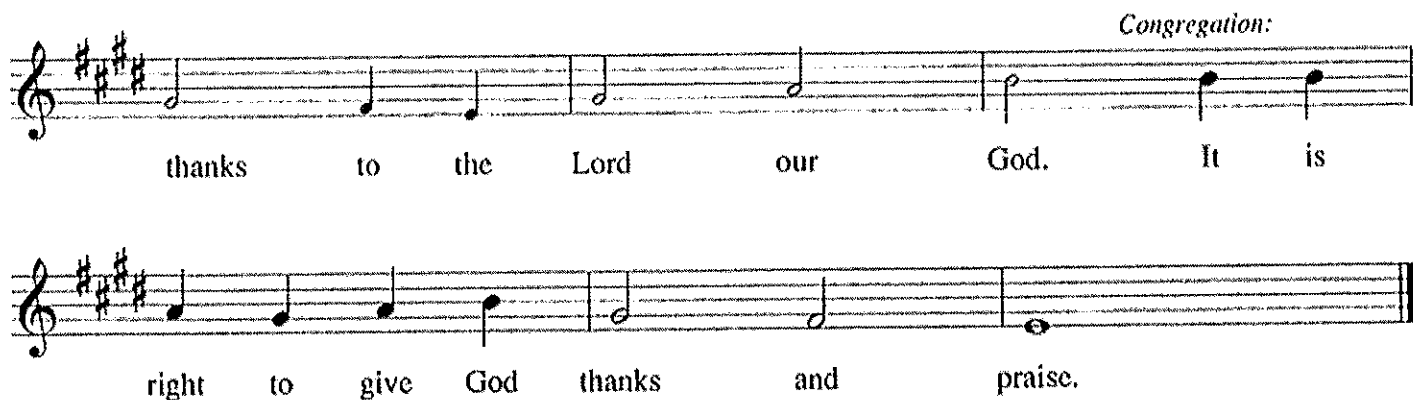
you. Lift up your hearts. We

Presider:



lift them to the Lord. Let us give

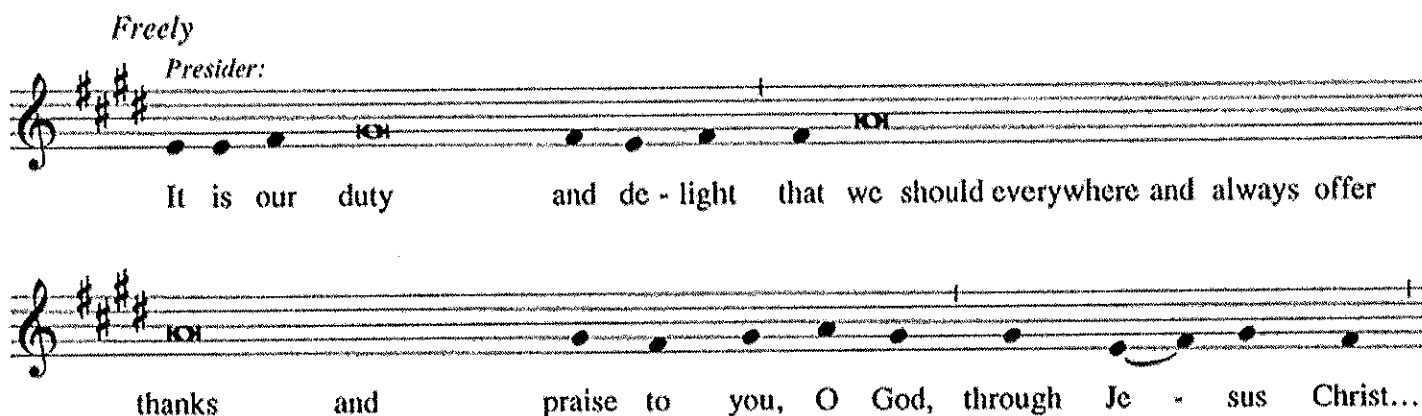
Congregation:



thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

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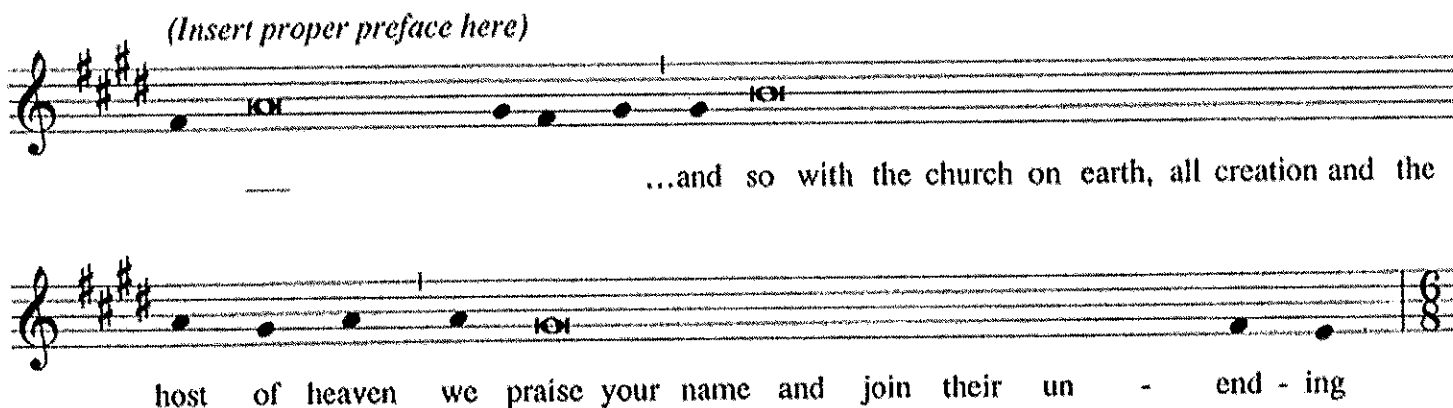
Freely
Presider:



It is our duty and de-light that we should everywhere and always offer
thanks and praise to you, O God, through Je-sus Christ...

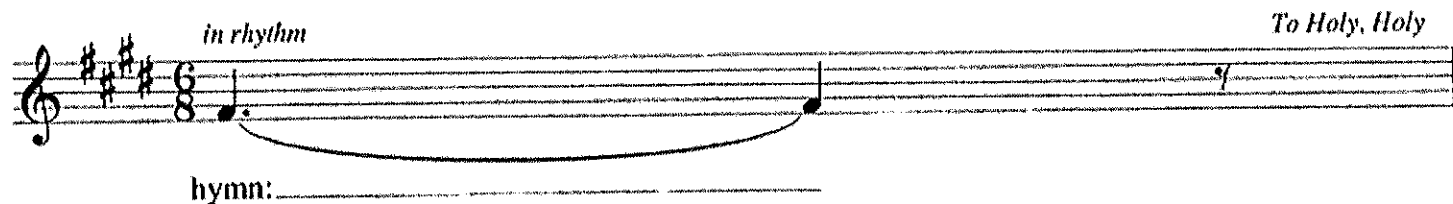
Sundays after Pentecost: who calls us to follow his way of humble service
and love,

(Insert proper preface here)



...and so with the church on earth, all creation and the
host of heaven we praise your name and join their un-end-ing

in rhythm *To Holy, Holy*



hymn: _____

*HOLY

Congregation:

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The time signature is 6/8. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!'.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
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*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 1

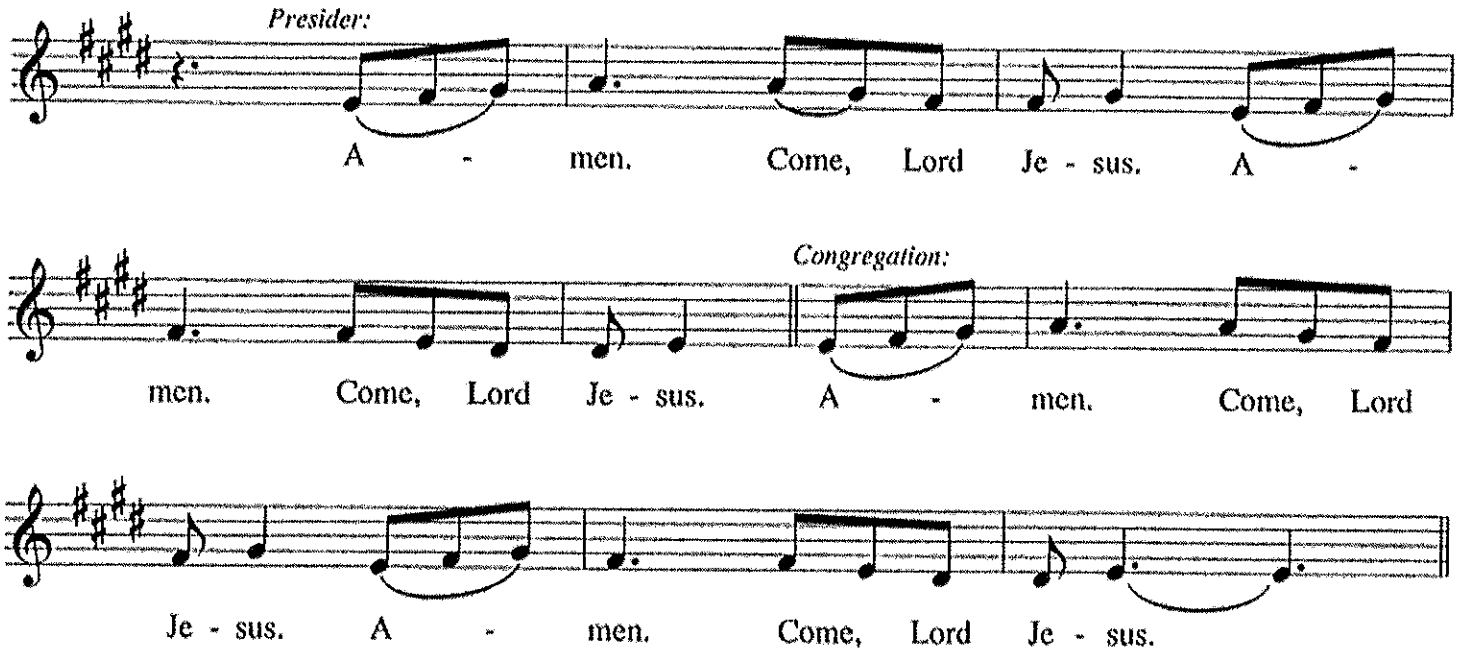
Presider: You are indeed holy,
gracious and merciful God,
creator of heaven and earth;
everything, everywhere
is filled with your glory.
We give you thanks for the
promise
you gave to our ancestors,
Abraham and Sarah,
that through their descendants
you would bless the whole
family on earth.

We give thanks for the steadfast
love
you showed to their offspring:
You delivered them from
Egypt,
bound yourself to them in
covenant,
sent them liberators and
prophets,
brought them home from
exile.

When the time had fully come,
you kept your promise by
sending Jesus,
born of Mary,
who in word and deed
announced your gentle rule
of justice and peace.
He was obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.
We remember how
on the night of his betrayal
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.
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.
Remembering his command
that we love one another,
his life and death,
and his glorious resurrection
and ascension,
we pray for his coming again
even as we cry:

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 2

Presider:



A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A -

Congregation:

men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord

Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

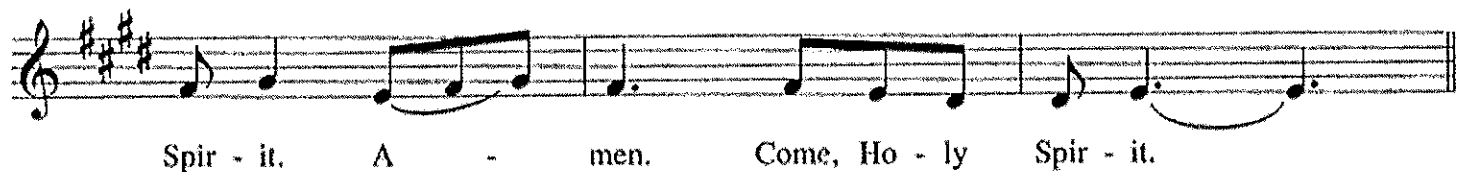
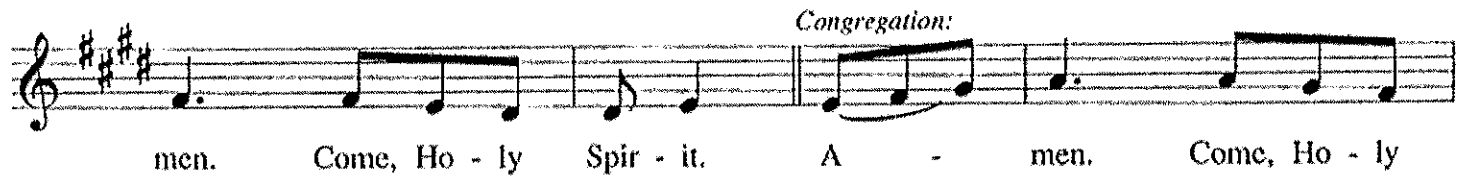
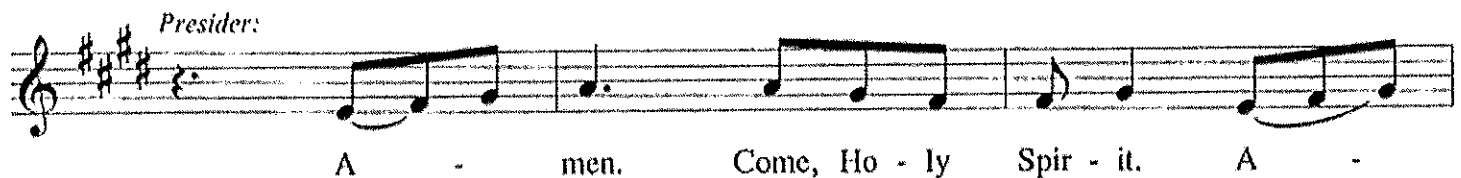
Presider: Send now, we pray, your Holy
Spirit,
that all of your promises
may come to us
and your whole creation.
Empower us by that same
Spirit,
to love and forgive
that our lives
may anticipate that day
when you will make all
things new.

Presider: Send now, we pray, your
Holy Spirit,
that all of your promises
may come to us
and your whole creation.

Eucharistic Acclamation Three

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EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 3

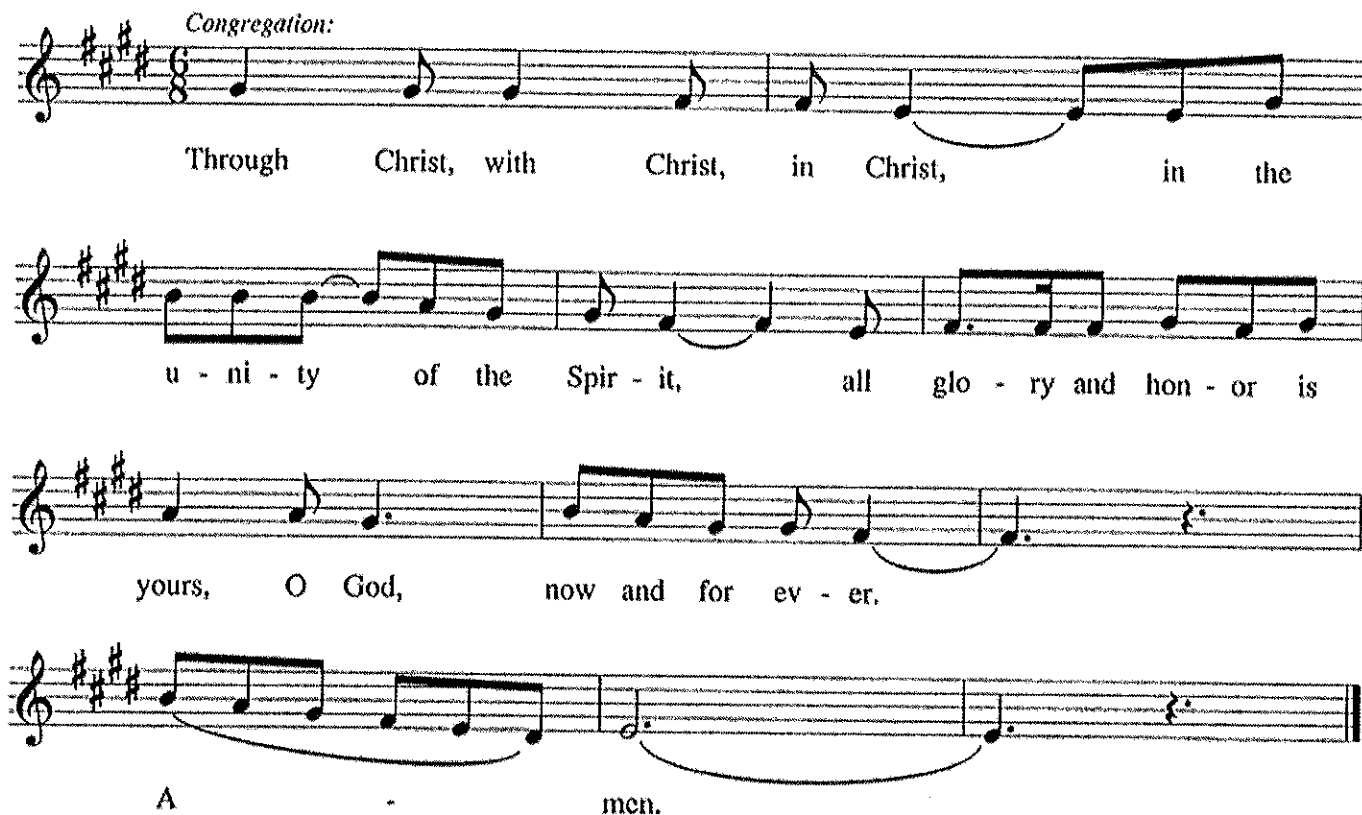


Presider: Gather our prayers with those
of the apostles, prophets,
martyrs,
and all the faithful
who have gone before us,
and unite them
with the unceasing prayer
of the One who lives in us
and in whom we live, Jesus
Christ.

Presider: This we pray through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and our
friend.

*THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST

Congregation:



Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is
yours, O God, now and for ev - er,
A - men.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the'. The second staff continues: 'u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is'. The third staff continues: 'yours, O God, now and for ev - er,'. The fourth staff concludes with: 'A - men.'.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider: Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

The LORD'S PRAYER

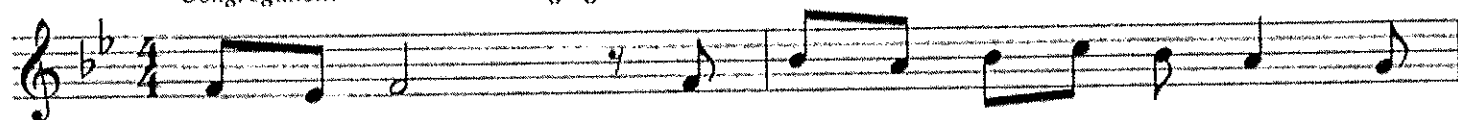
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*LAMB OF GOD

Congregation:

Congregation or Assistant:



Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the
 * you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and

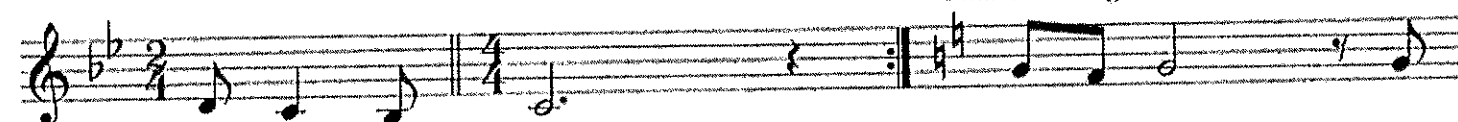
Congregation:



world:
 fear:
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have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,

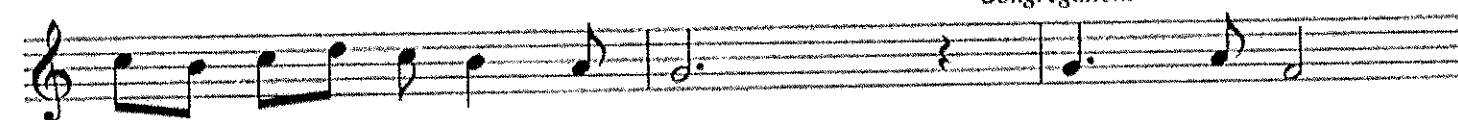
Final time Cong. or assistant:



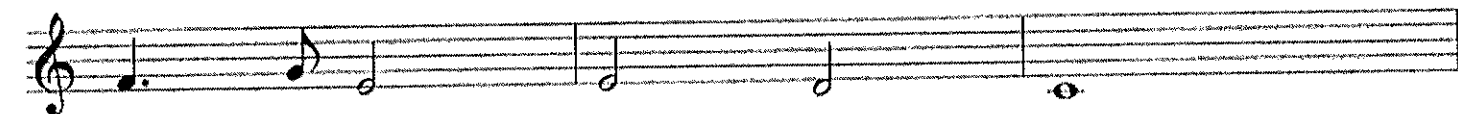
mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

**At the repeat, one or more of these verses may be sung, or one of the seasonal verses which follow.*

Sundays after

Pentecost: You are the bread of life for us all:

COMMUNION ANTHEM

See the Bread, See the Wine

Jay Althouse

Stand

After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words:

Presider: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and for ever.

Congregation: Amen.

***THANKS BE TO YOU**

Congregation:

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -

mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

3. Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Silence for reflection.

The minister blesses the congregation. A simple Trinitarian blessing, the Aaronic benediction, or the following blessing may be used.

Presider:

May God bless us and keep us.
 May God's face shine on us and be gracious to us.
 May God look on us with favor and + give us peace.

Congregation:

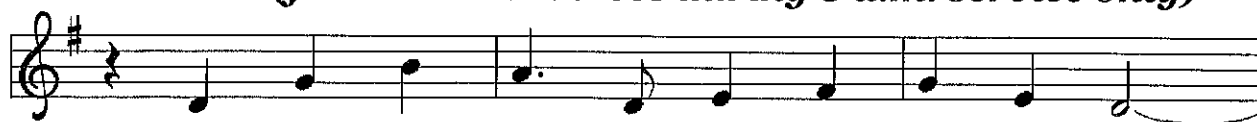
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SENDING SONG

We Know that Christ is Raised

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(first and last verses during 8 a.m. service only)



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

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*DISMISSAL

The minister may dismiss the congregation.

Assistant: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

