Service of Holy Communion

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 10, 2022
Outdoor worship: 10:00 a.m.



Who Are You?

Who do you identify with in the parable? This is part of what makes parables so powerful. Some days we read the story through the eyes of the priest or the Levite. Some days we feel like the Samaritan. And then there are those days when we are the man in the ditch. Some days you are the windshield and some days you are the bug, as the saying goes.

It is easy to miss the shocking nature of this parable if we start to think that this story only teaches us to imitate the Samaritan. The parable says so much more about God, our relationship to God, and the lengths to which God will go to reach out to us. Through the image of the Samaritan, Jesus lifts up a surprising rescuer as an image of the God who relentlessly cares for those in need. Could it be that we are meant to identify not with the Samaritan or even the lawyer to whom Jesus speaks the parable, but rather with the man who is hopeless and left for dead? Could it be that Christ is the good Samaritan who embraces us with the tender compassion of God?

All of the sudden the parable is turned on its head. Jesus is not just giving us a comfortable morality tale reminding us to be nice, helpful, generous people. Instead Jesus is proclaiming the good news of the kingdom. God's grace comes to us through the cross. God's grace comes to us even – and especially – when we are at our worst, when we struggle in the depths and cry out for help. Even when we cannot or will not cry out, mercy and grace come into our lives through Jesus. So whether you are on the road or in the ditch, Jesus even now is coming for you.

Welcome to Worship!

Thank you for visiting with us today! If you would like to fill out a "Visitor Card," found in the pew rack, it may be dropped in the offering plate or handed to one of the hospitality ministers on your way out. We would love to see you again!

If you are unfamiliar with the order of the service, and the alphabet soup you might see, here are some things that might help.

Most of what you need for worship can be found in the printed bulletins which are available at the entrances to the sanctuary. It includes the order for the service including the hymns, the readings for the day, prayers and other information that will help you navigate the service. **Large Print Bulletins** are available at each of the entrances.

If you would like to use the books in the pew racks:

ELW: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* is the red hymnal in the pew rack. Hymns are found in the back of the book and are identified with the large numbers at the top of the page. Liturgy that is not printed in the bulletin may be found in the front of the book and is identified by page numbers at the bottom of the page.

ACS: *All Creation Sings* is the purple paperback hymnal supplement in the pew rack. Hymns and liturgy are identified the same way as they are in ELW.

NRSV: New Revised Standard Version: This is the translation of the bible that St. Luke's uses as their primary text. There are several copies in each pew. You are invited to follow the readings there or look at the texts surrounding the readings appointed for the day.

Welcome to the Lord's Table. All are invited to come forward to receive bread and then a cup of wine or grape juice, hearing these words: "The body and blood of Jesus Christ is given and shed for you." If you choose to use a communion pack, you may come forward to receive a blessing over it or remain in your seat and consume the elements there. ***All are welcome at the Lord's table.***

Hearing enhancement units are available. from an usher. Instructions for use are on the unit. After the service, please turn the unit off and return it to an usher.

Handicap Accessible Restrooms are located across the Atrium near the coat room as well as a family-style, handicap accessible restroom just off the Narthex.

Children are encouraged to stay for worship. There is an activity sheet for pre-reader and reader ages at the table where you picked up your bulletin. There is a nursery that includes a changing table out the side doors. At this time, the nursery is unattended due to health concerns for the children. You are welcome to use it to give your toddler a place to run off some steam. Changing tables are also available in both the men's and women's restrooms off the atrium.

We are a faith community inspired by God's love, welcoming all, courageously living Christ's ministry for the world.

We believe that the gospel is God's gift to all people, to be shared unconditionally, without regard to age, race, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic or family status, or physical or mental abilities. We rejoice that diversity has enriched, nurtured and challenged the life and ministry we share as members of the body of Christ and workers in the kingdom of God. To those who have felt excluded here or elsewhere, we extend a particular welcome in Christ's love.

Gathering

Welcome

Prayer after a Violent Event

Gracious God, the news of these days has ripped our hearts and torn our souls. We are walking through the valley of the shadow of death.

In the depths of pain and anger, we gather before you, O God, our rock and our refuge. You are our only comfort. You are our only hope. Merciful God, you know the depth of our suffering. We have only begun to mourn what we have lost.

We pray especially for the family and friends of:
Jacki Sundheim
Nicolas Toledo-Zaragoza
Irina and Kevin McCarthy
Katherine Goldstein
Stephen Straus

For Jayland Walker in Akron Ohio and so many others affected by gun violence too numerous to declare.

We hold in our prayers all who were injured not only in body but in spirit. We give thanks for the many first responders, medical personnel, and the brave people who stepped in to help others.

Faithful God, surround us with your everlasting arms. Hear our cries of despair, heed our calls for justice, and do not let us lose hope, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray.
Amen.

Prelude

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service, arr. Anne Krentz Organ

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

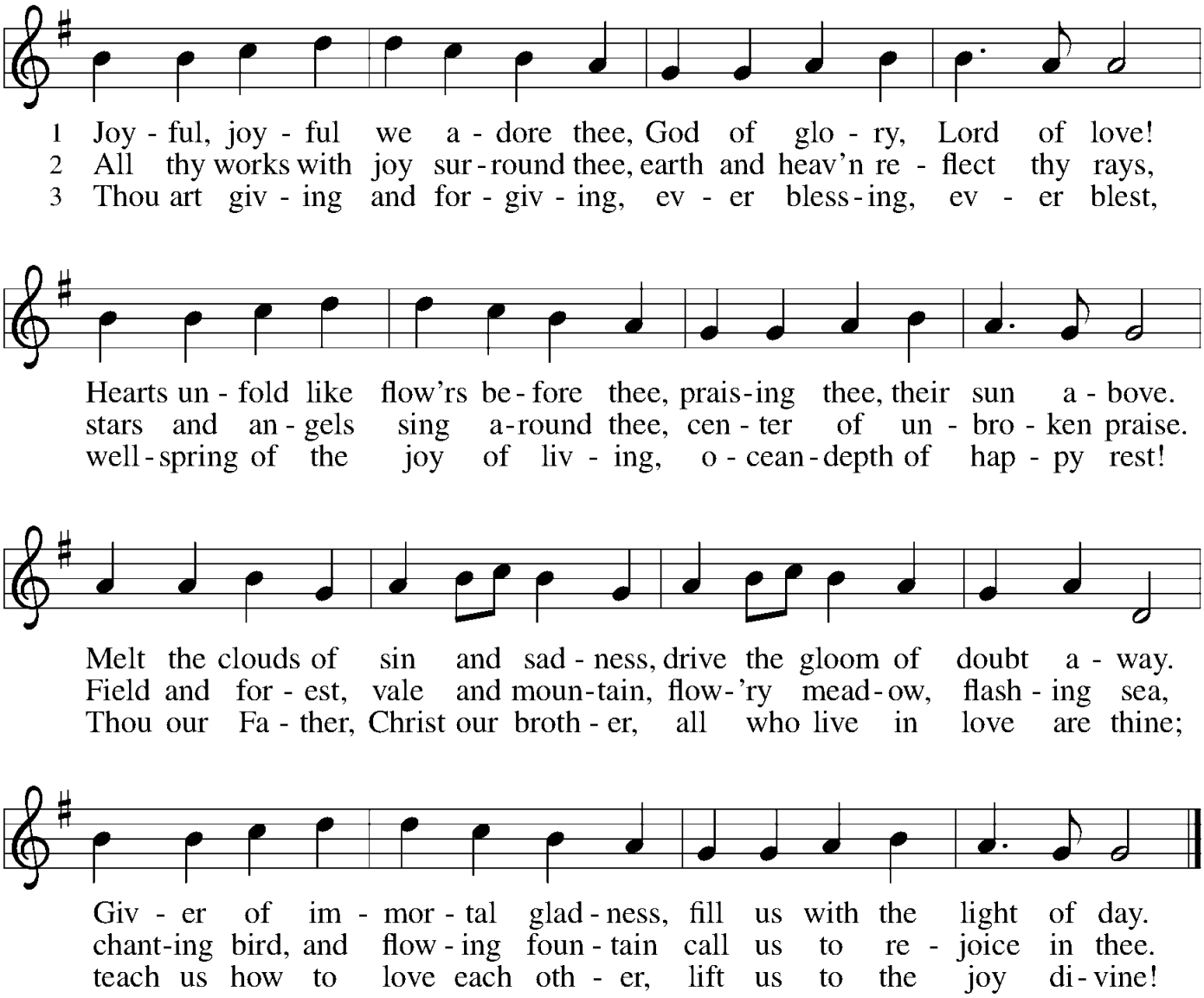
Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.
Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.
When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.
Set us again on the path of life.
Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.
Amen.

Hear the good news!
God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of **+** Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn

We sing: **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee, *ELW 836*.**



Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.

As the prayer concludes, we respond: **Amen.**

Word

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

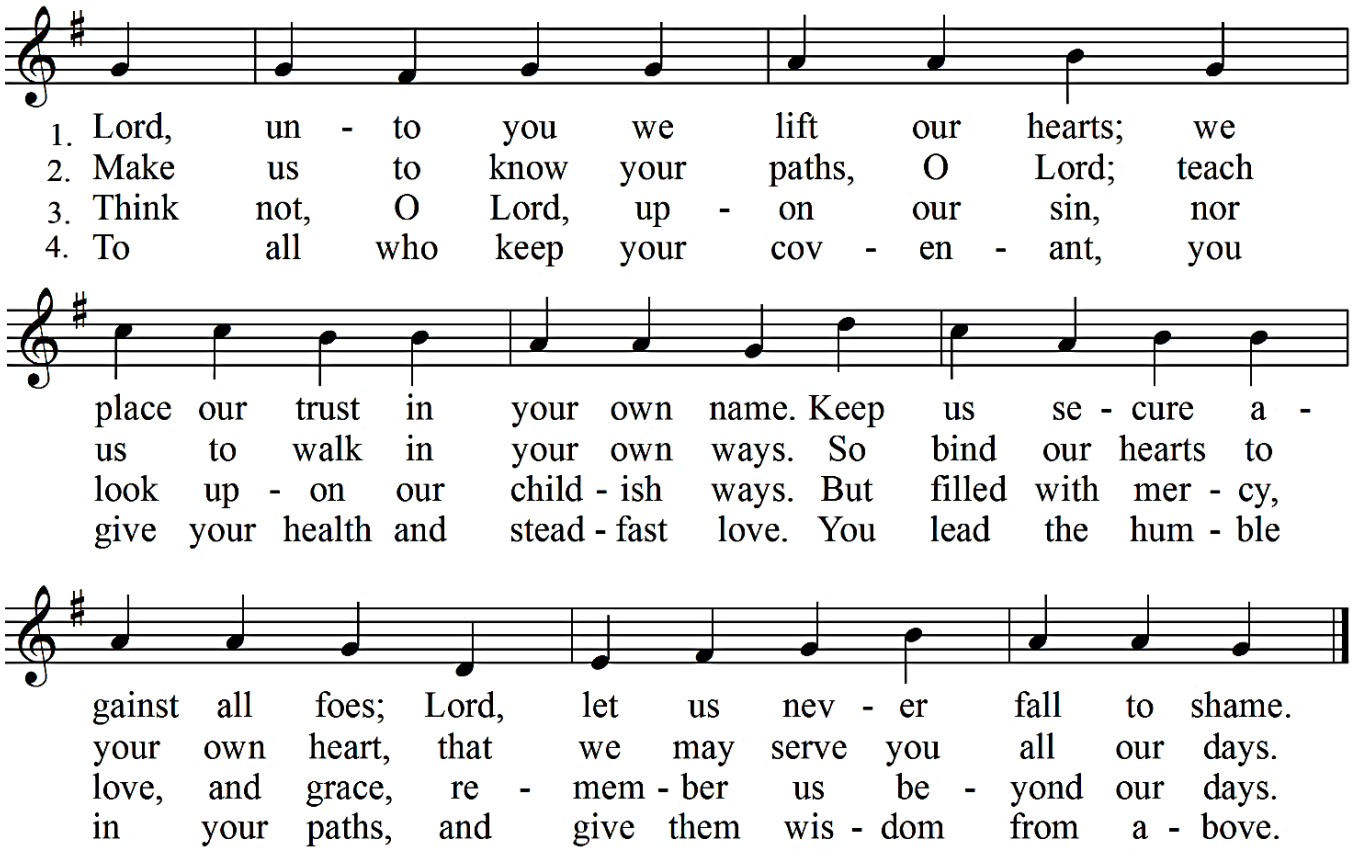
9The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your
undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and
in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering
you, delighting in you as in your ancestors, 10when you obey the Lord
your God by observing the commandments and decrees of the Lordy that
are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your
God with all your heart and with all your soul.

11Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too
hard for you, nor is it too far away. 12It is not in heaven, that you should
say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may
hear it and observe it?" 13Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should
say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us
so that we may hear it and observe it?" 14No, the word is very near to
you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-10

We sing a paraphrase of Psalm 25 in unison.



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SECOND READING Colossians 1:1-14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our
brother,
2 To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

3 In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, 4 for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the
love that you have for all the saints, 5 because of the hope laid up for you
in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth,

the gospel [6]that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. [7]This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, [8]and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

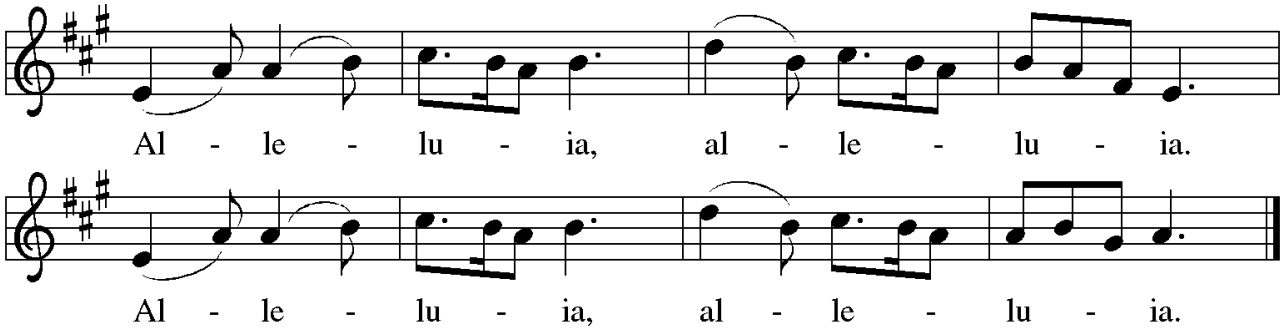
[9]For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, [10]so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to the Lord, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.

[11]May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from God's glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully [12]giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. [13]God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the dominion of his beloved Son, [14]in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We stand to welcome the gospel singing, **Celtic Alleluia, ELW 174.**



GOSPEL Luke 10:25-37

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

The holy gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

25Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what
must I do to inherit eternal life?" 26Jesus said to him, "What is written in
the law? What do you read there?" 27He answered, "You shall love the
Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all
your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."
28And Jesus said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and
you will live."

29But wanting to justify himself, the lawyer asked Jesus, "And who is my
neighbor?" 30Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to
Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him,
and went away, leaving him half dead. 31Now by chance a priest was
going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other
side. 32So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him,
passed by on the other side. 33But a Samaritan while traveling came near
him; and when the Samaritan saw him, he was moved with pity. 34He
went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on
them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and
took care of him. 35The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to
the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will
repay you whatever more you spend.'

36Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell
into the hands of the robbers?" 37The lawyer said, "The one who showed
him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

SERMON

Pastor Stephen Bouman

A time of silence follows for reflection.

HYMN OF THE DAY

We sing, **Will You Let Me Be Your Servant, *ELW 659.***



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Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition, the assembly responds:
God of grace, **receive our prayers.**

We continue to hold in prayer:
Our bishops, Elizabeth Eaton and the ELCA Churchwide staff; Yehiel Curry, and the Metropolitan Chicago Synod staff
Missionaries throughout the world especially Pr. Mawien Ariik and Pr. Wal Luot Reat in South Sudan; and Pr. Michael Busbey in Costa Rica, whom we support

Our ecumenical brothers and sisters in the countries of
Eritrea, Ethiopia
Our community of faith, especially our pastors and staff, leadership and volunteers.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

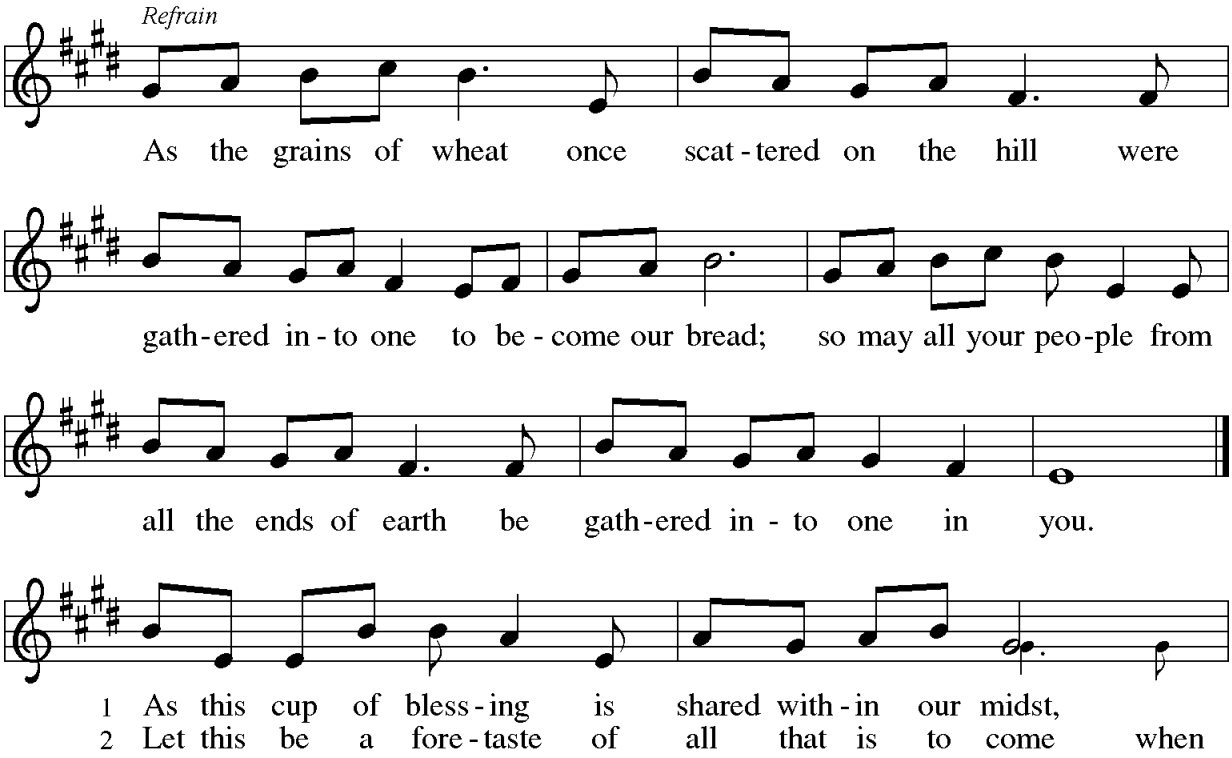
We share the peace with all around us.

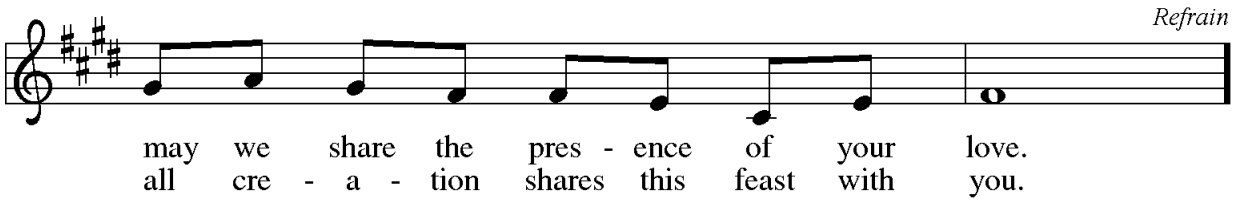
Meal

Offering is collected in the offering box on the hospitality table.

Setting the Table

As the Table is set, we sing: **As the Grains of Wheat, *ELW 465.***





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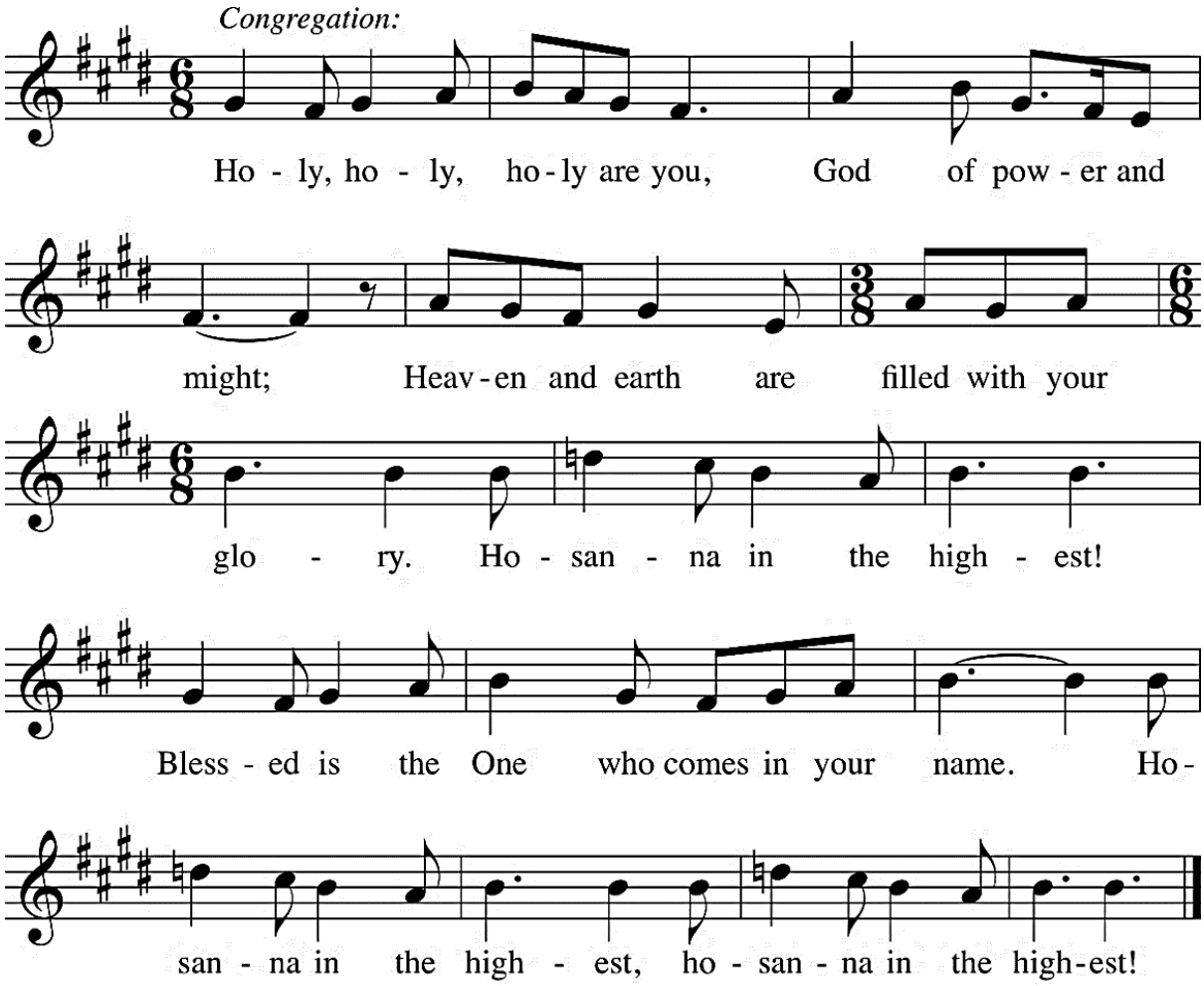
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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The great thanksgiving concludes as we pray the Lord's Prayer.

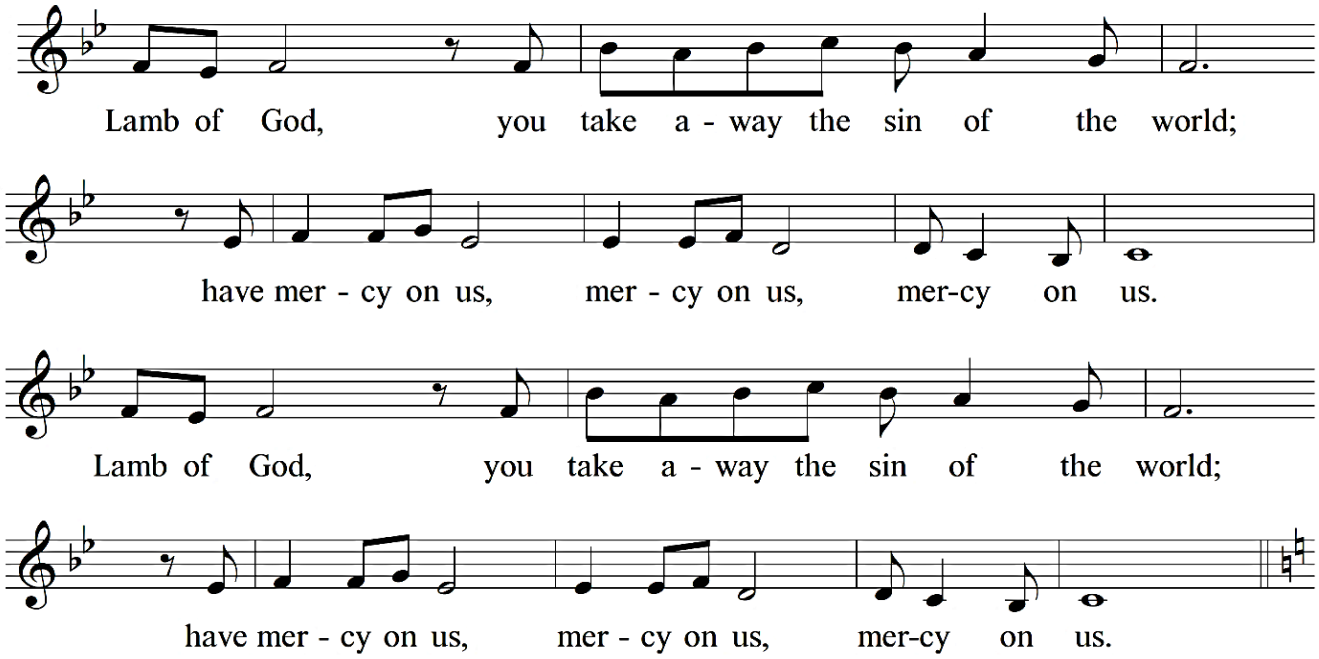
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.

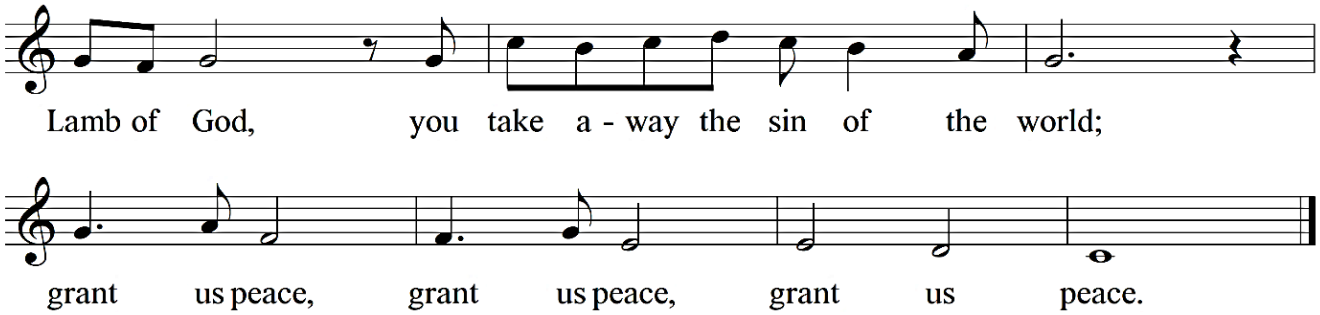
COMMUNION

All are invited to come forward to receive bread and then a cup of wine or grape juice, hearing these words: "The body and blood of Jesus Christ is given and shed for you." If you choose to use a communion pack, you may also come forward to receive a blessing over it or remain in your seat and consume the elements there.

Two stations are available. You are invited to come with either one.

COMMUNION MUSIC



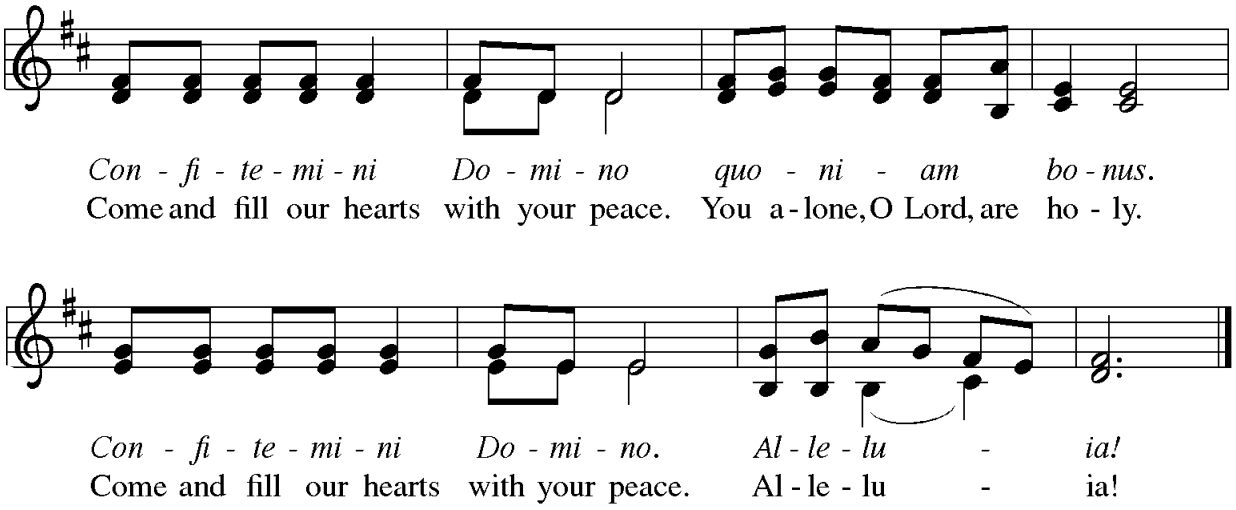


In whatever manner you desire to participate in Holy Communion, we join in singing:

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love, *ELW 708*



Come and Fill Our Hearts, ELW 528



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As communion concludes, we are invited into prayer.
As the prayer concludes, we respond: **Amen.**

Sending

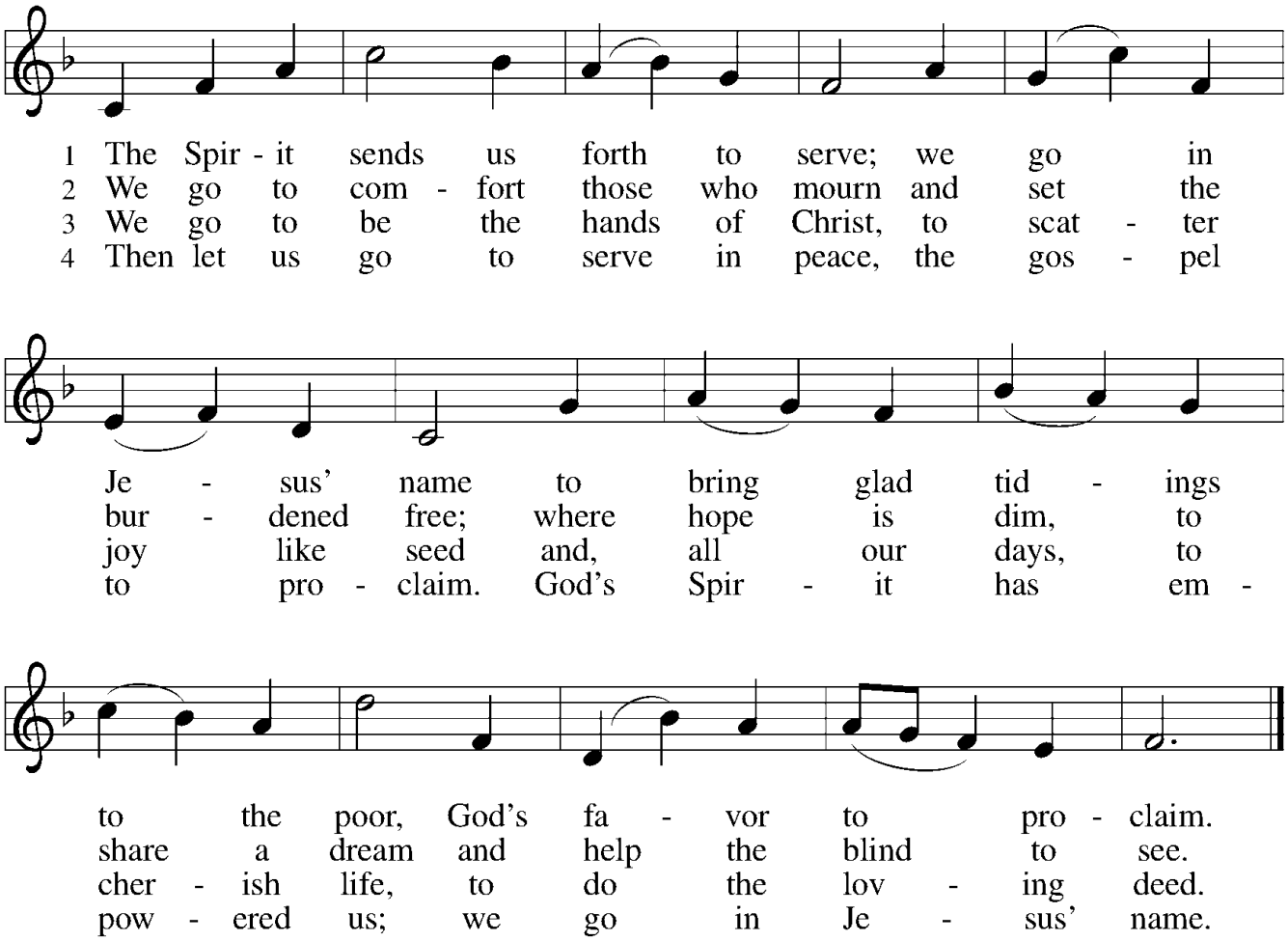
PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

We are invited to stand as we are able for the blessing.
As the blessing concludes, we respond: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

We sing, **The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve, *ELW 551.***



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Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820
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DISMISSAL: A CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

We are sent out into mission in the world.

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Concerto after Vivaldi in A minor, BWV 593, J. S. Bach
1. Allegro

Special thanks to our leaders today:

The Rev. Stephen Bouman, presiding minister and Preacher
Ethan Mellema, principal musician
Assisting Minister: Paul Rooney
Cantor: Kyle Cartwright
BethAnn Lynch, sacristan and worship liturgy coordinator

With special thanks to our Altar Guild who care for our worship space each week. Also to all who volunteered their time to set up the outdoor worship space and welcome all to the service.

Flowers in the worship space are given by the Hendee Family in memory of Ray Hendee.

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