TRINITY
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Holy Eucharist

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026 • 10:30 AM

about this community

Trinity Lutheran Church is a diverse Christian community committed to sharing and teaching the Word of God. We welcome all people and serve to provide Christian education, witness and outreach. In response to God's grace, we are called to support and advocate for our dynamic community, care for others, worship God, develop leaders in our faith, and steward the gifts we have been given by God.

Our Values: Love + Community + Inclusion + Service + Creativity + Faithfulness + Learning

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today's worship

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

Please silence all electronic devices before the service.

You are invited to participate throughout the service with the ***bold*** *responses and in all hymns.*

GATHERING

prelude — Adagio *from Organ Symphony no. 3* — Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

welcome

moment of silence

Please stand as you are able for the Confession and Forgiveness

confession and forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

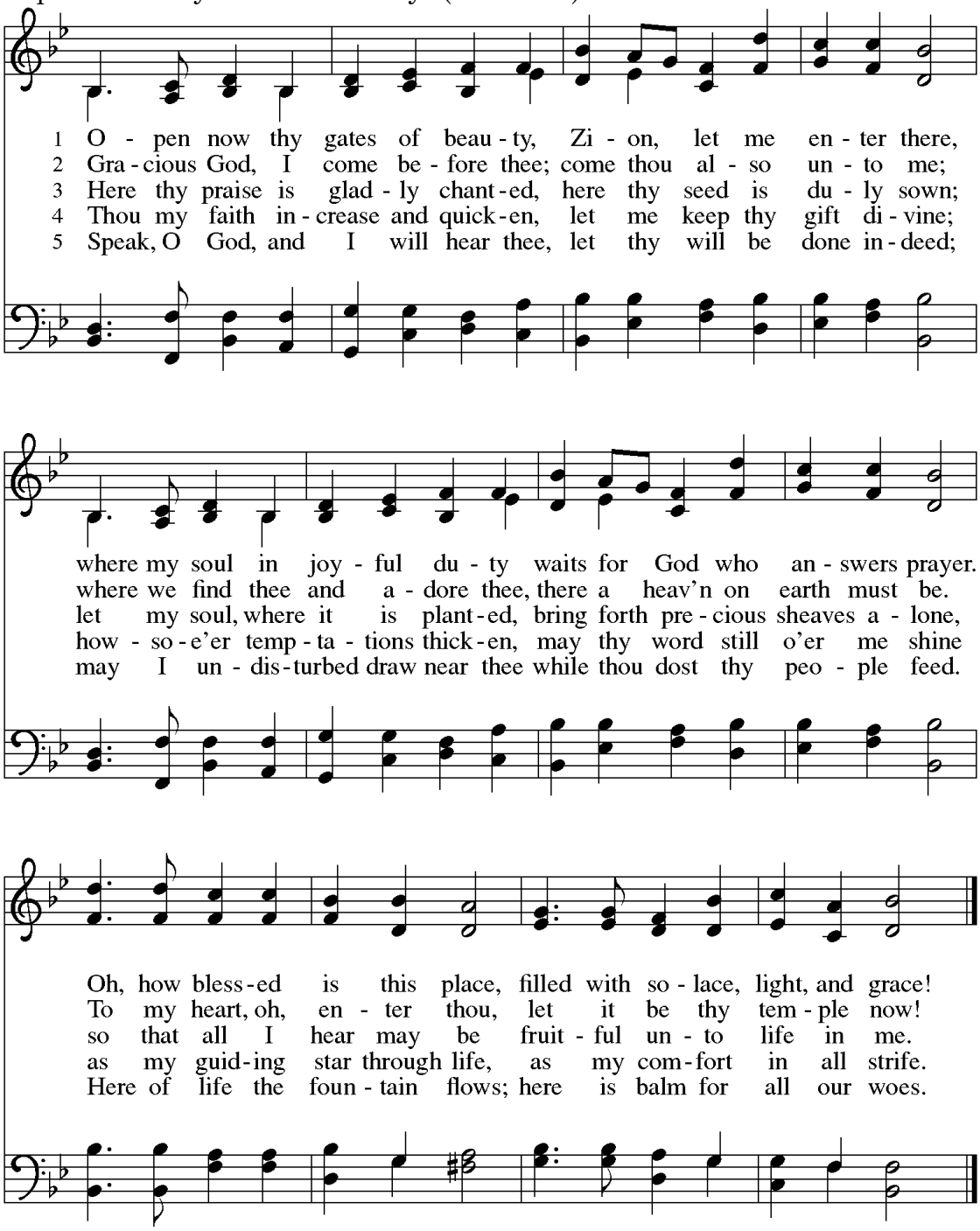
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive 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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

gathering hymn

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" (ELW 533)



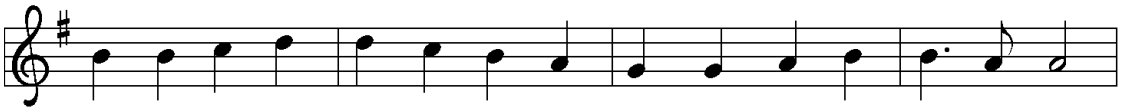
Text: Daniel C. Roberts, 1841-1907, alt.

Music: George W. Warren, 1828-1902

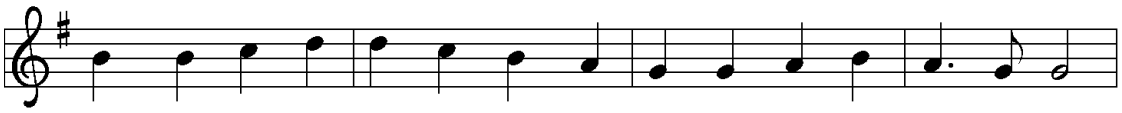
greeting

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.

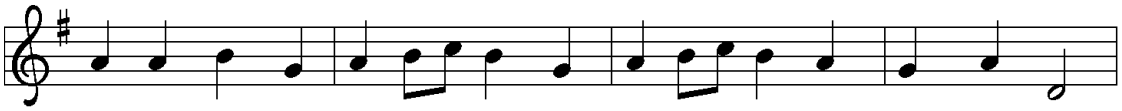
canticle of praise



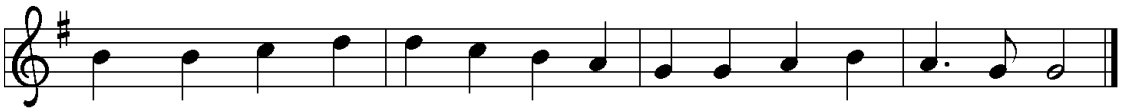
1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for-ev-er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a-lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre-a-tion, Fa-ther of sur-pass-ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav-ior, you have come from heav'n a-bove;
Ho-ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex-alt you, we a-dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir-it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an-gels bow be-fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re-store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in-her-it, glo-ry be to God on high!

prayer of the day

Let us pray.
Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Please be seated for the Children's Message.

children's message

Children are invited forward for a lesson with Pr. Teddy

WORD

first reading Isaiah 55:10-13

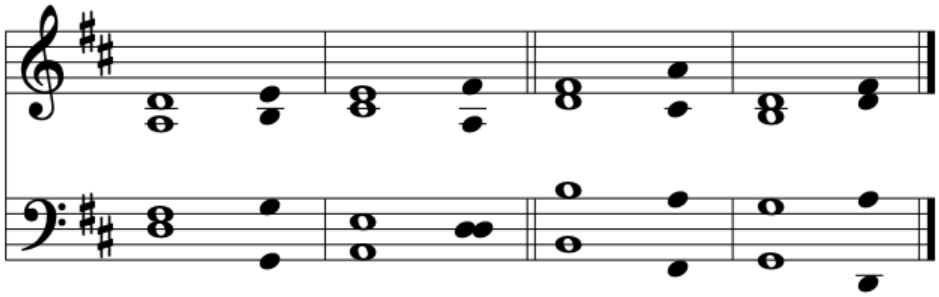
A reading from Isaiah.

10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

12 For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

psalm Psalm 65:9-13



The cantor chants the non-bold verses, the congregation chants the verses in **bold**

9 **You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of / water.**
You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the / earth.
10 **You drench the furrows and smooth out the / ridges;**
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its / increase.

11 **You crown the year with your / goodness,**
and your paths overflow with / plenty.
12 **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for / grazing,**
and the hills be clothed with / joy.

13 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with / grain;
let them shout for joy and / sing.

second reading

Romans 8:1-11

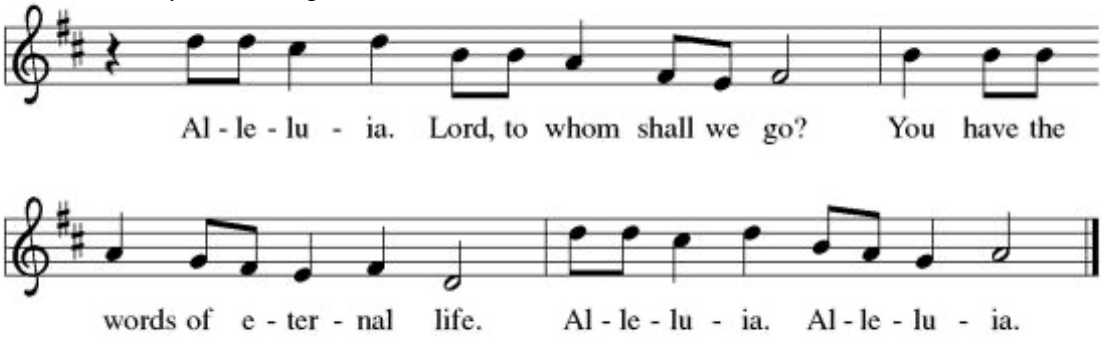
A reading from Romans.

1 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ
Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free
from the law of sin and of death. 3 For God has done what the law,
weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the
likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,
4 so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk
not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live
according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those
who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.
6 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is
life and peace. 7 For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile
to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, 8 and those who
are in the flesh cannot please God.
9 But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of
God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not
belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of
sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him
who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus
from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit
that dwells in you.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

gospel acclamation



gospel Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2 Such
great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there,
while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things
in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed,
some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. 5 Other
seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they
sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. 6 But when the sun
rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away.
7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.
8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a
hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 If you have ears, hear!"

18 "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. 19 When anyone hears the word
of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and
snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the
path. 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears
the word and immediately receives it with joy, 21 yet such a person has no
root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises
on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. 22 As for what
was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares
of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.
23 But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the
word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a
hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

Please be seated for the Sermon

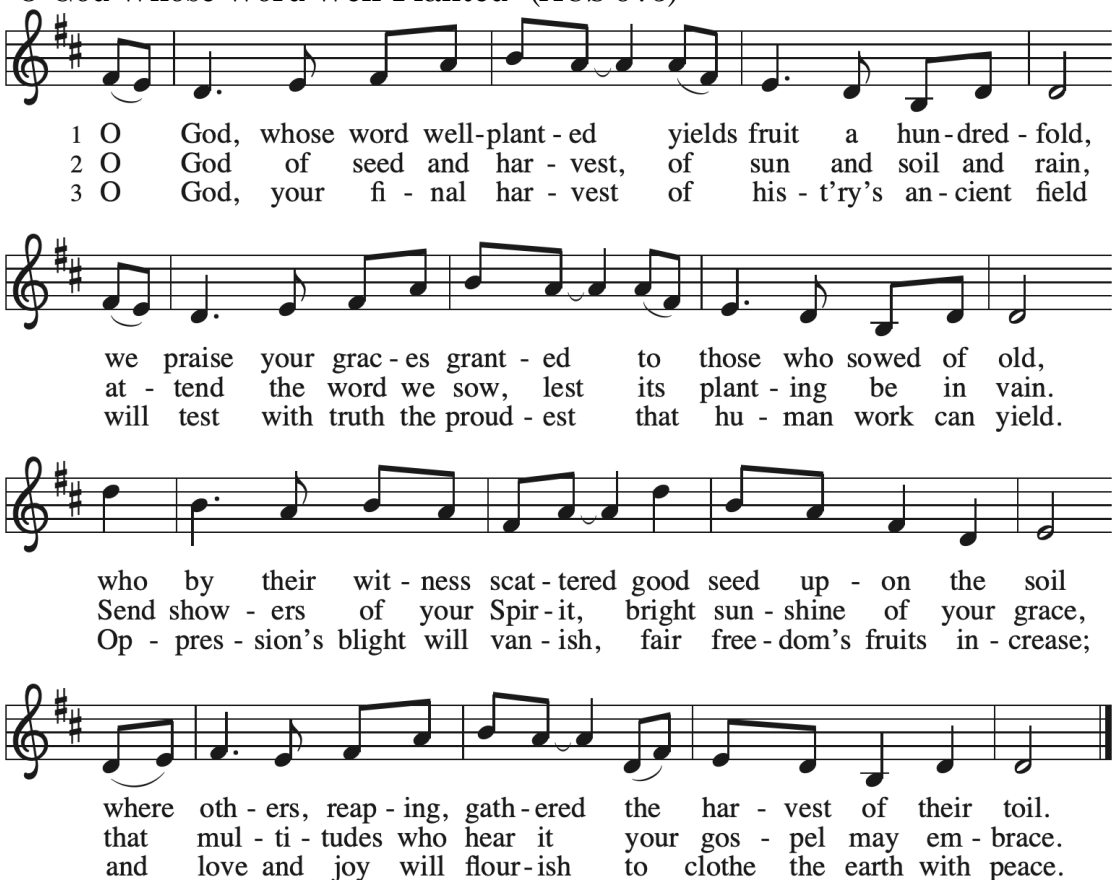
sermon Pr. Teddy Otobo-Sheriff

After the Sermon, please stand for the Hymn of the Day

hymn of the day

"O God Whose Word Well-Planted" (ACS 975)

The cantor sings the first verse solo



Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007
Music: Stephen P. Folkemer, b. 1952

apostle's creed

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

The Assisting Minister leads our prayers
….God of Grace,
receive our prayer.

peace

The peace and love of Jesus Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

announcements

See this weekend's Trinity Times for the latest happenings at Trinity

noisy offering

The second Sunday of every month, we collect a special offering in addition to our normal offering for Feeding with TLC, Trinity's feeding ministry. The name 'Noisy Offering' refers to tossing coins and small bills into tin cans. If you do not have physical currency on you, please donate via the QR code below.

offering

The offering collected today supports the ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church. Our inclusive congregation has special commitments to the arts, addressing hunger and poverty in our community, and Christian education. Help us bring the healing love of God into the world by donating generously. To give online, scan the QR code.

anthem at the offertory

Hark the Echoing Air

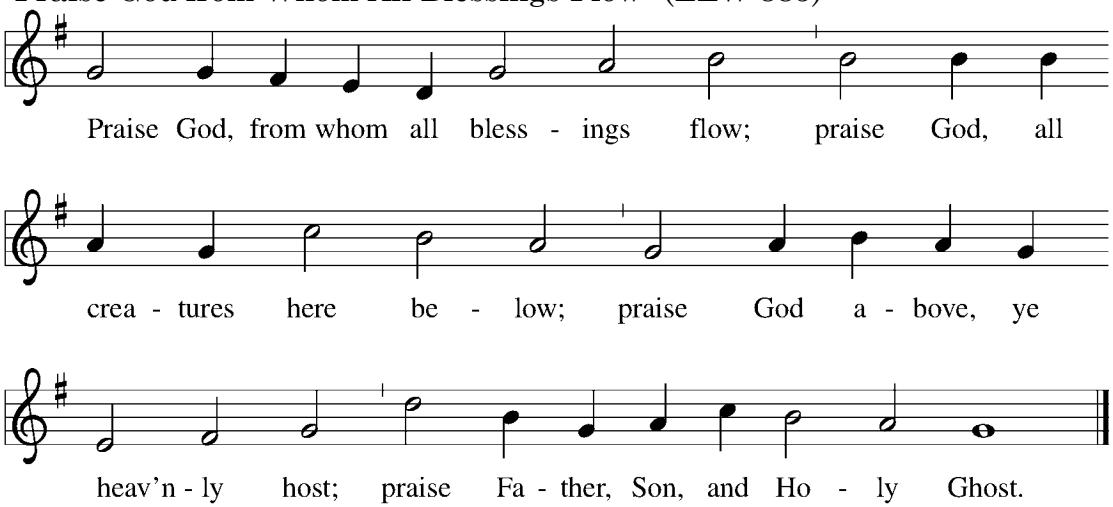
Henry Purcell
(1659-1695)

Julianna Virtusio, *soprano*

Hark! The echoing air a triumph sings.
And all around pleas'd Cupids clap their wings.

presentation of the offering

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" (ELW 885)



offering prayer

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.

MEAL

the great thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

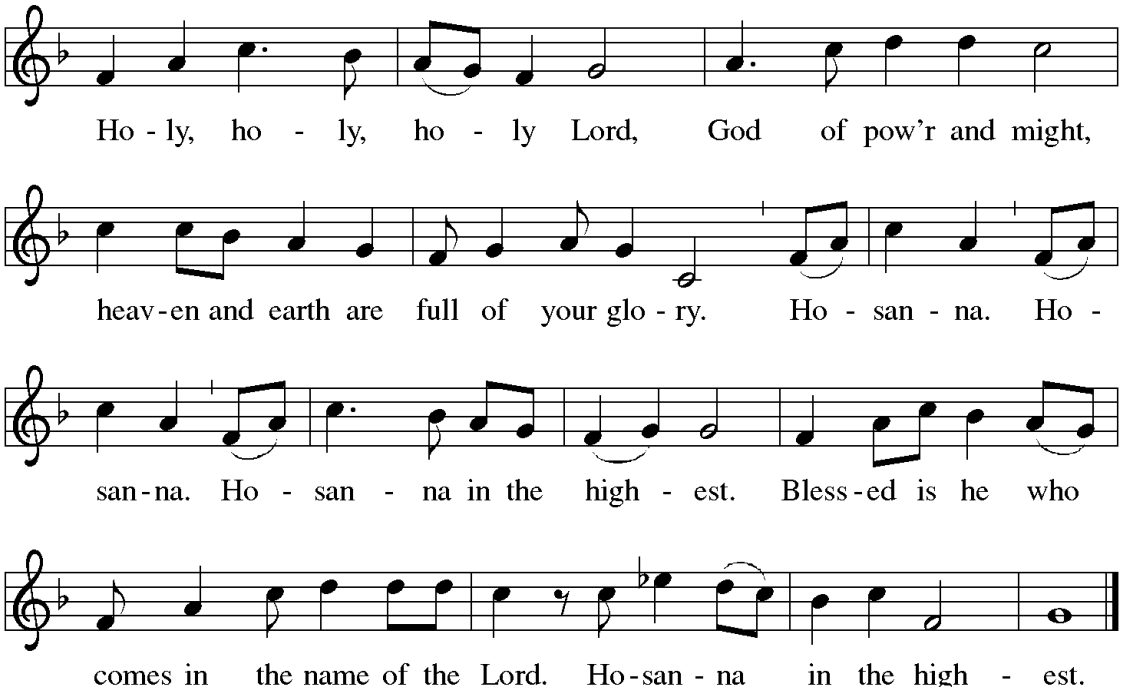
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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

preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
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 all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

sanctus



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thanksgiving at the table

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.
Amen.

the lord's prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

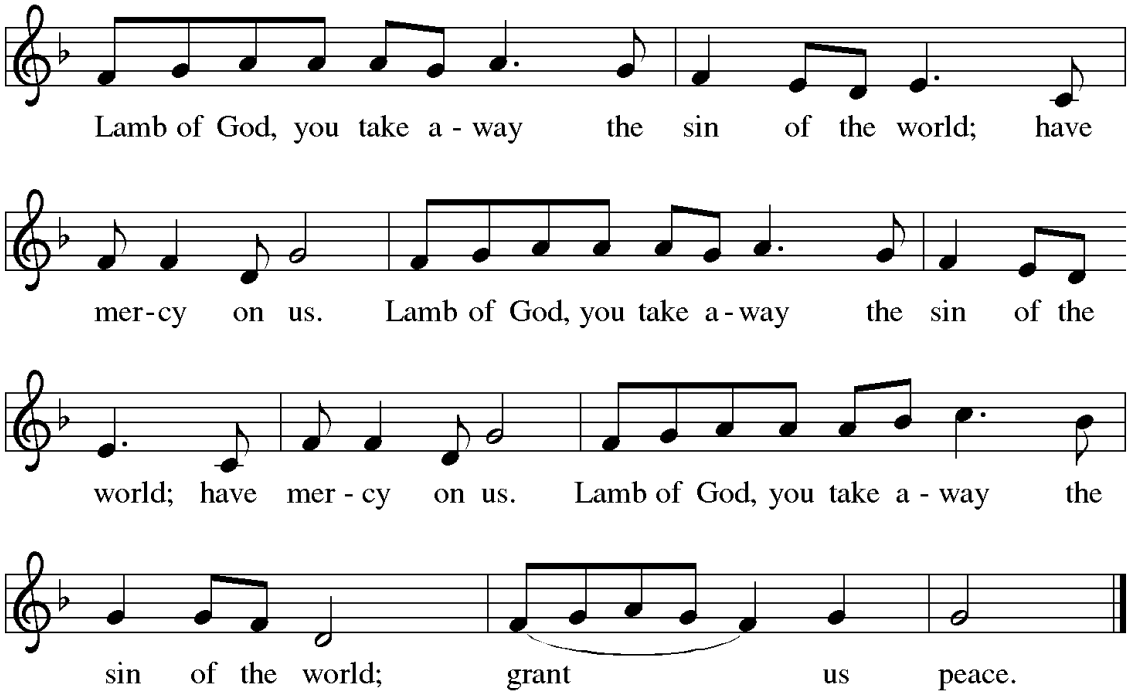
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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

invitation to communion

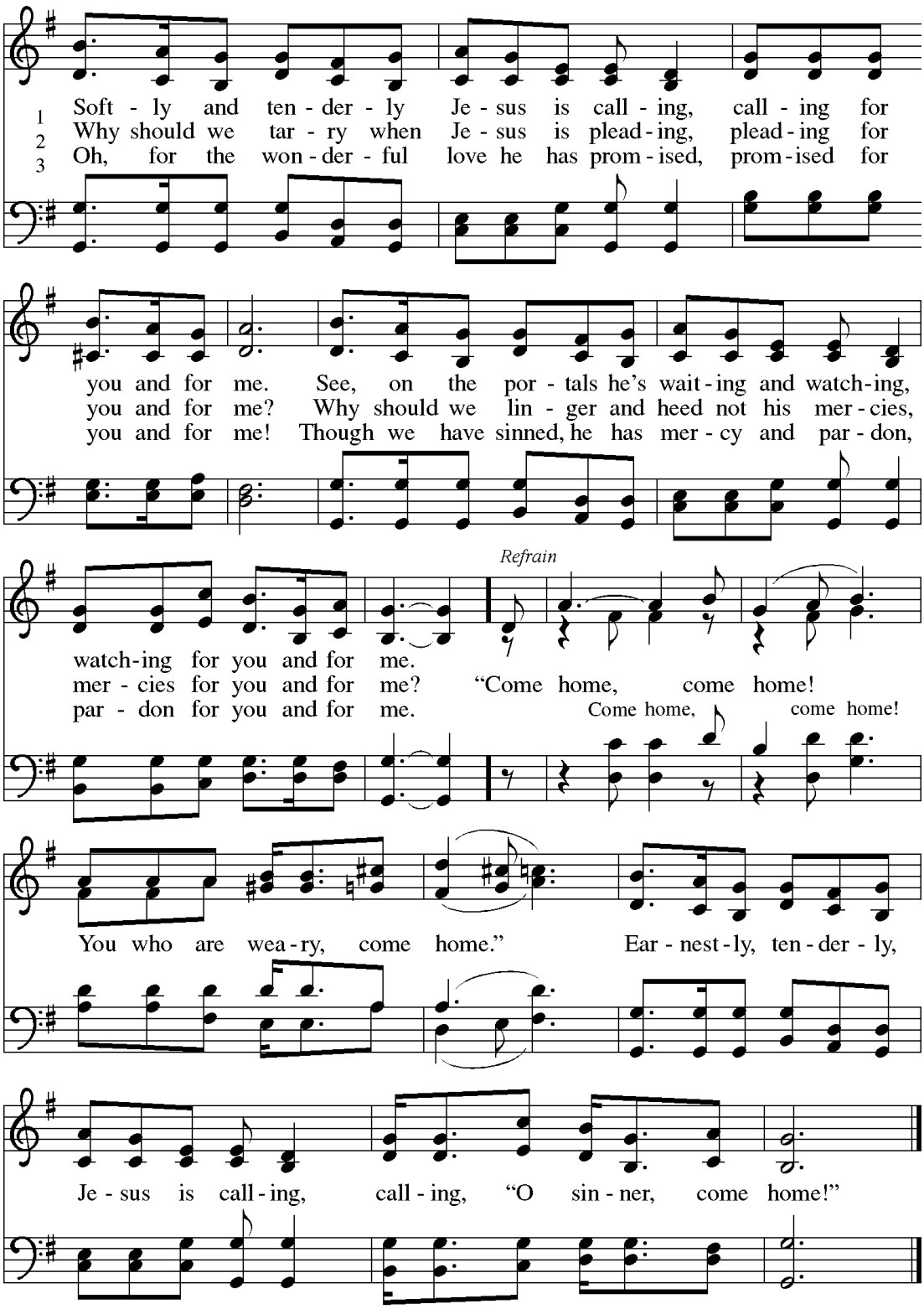
Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

All are welcome at Jesus' table of grace. We commune today at the kneelers at the front row of pews. Come forward to the kneeler closest to you via the center aisle, as indicated by the usher. You will receive the host from the pastor and wine or grape juice from the assistant. You may leave your used cup in the white bowls at the start of the side aisles as you return to your seats.

lamb of god



communion hymn "Softly and Tenderly" (ELW 608)



This hymn was submitted as a part of our Summer Songbook; a collection of hymns the members of the congregation love. Submit your favorite via the online form (QR code below) or with a physical form in the Narthex.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871
Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

table blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.
Amen.

The Assisting Minister leads us in prayer

prayer after communion

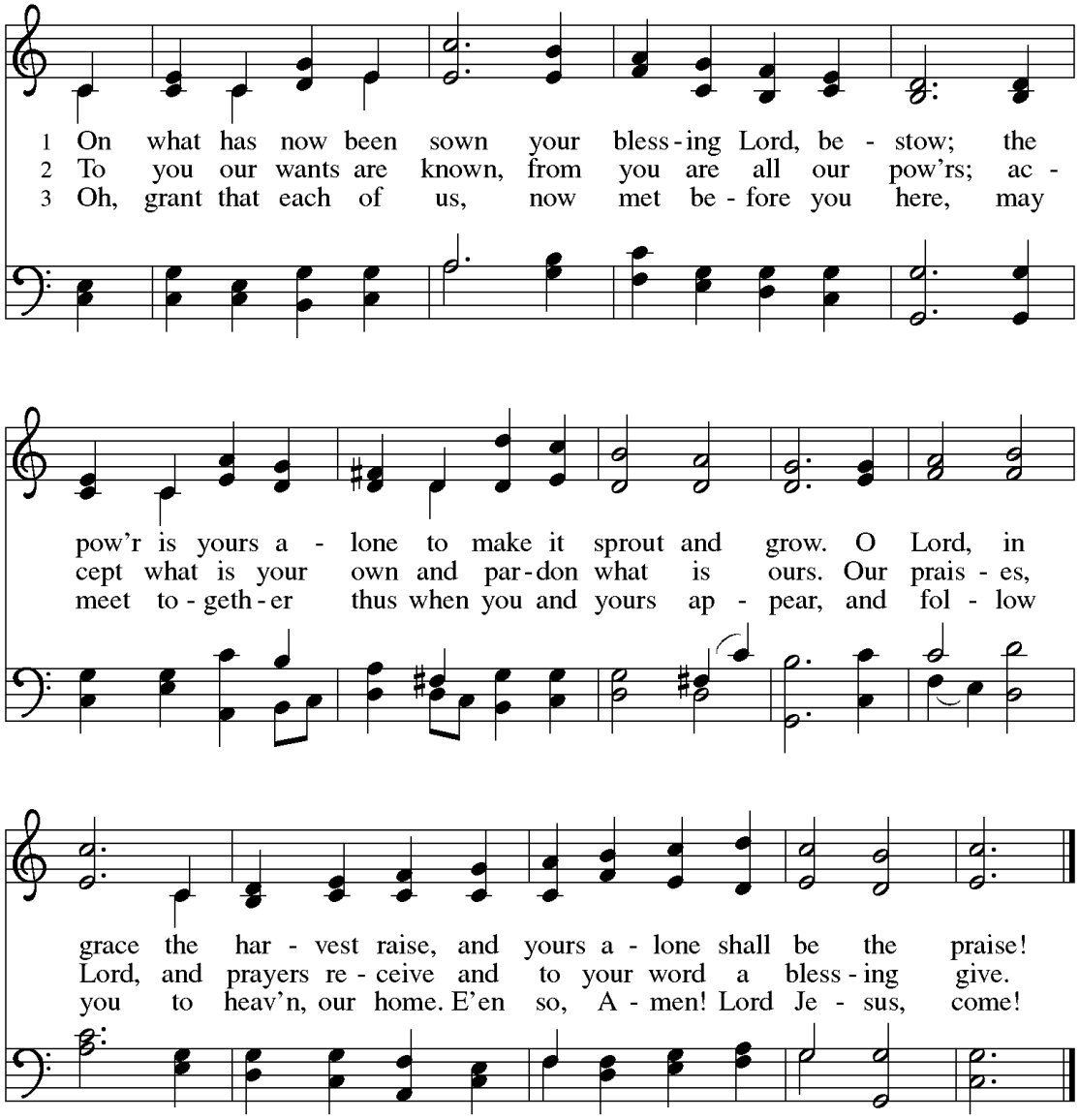
Let us pray.
Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and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

Sending

blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.

sending hymn "On What Has Now Been Sown" (ELW 550)



Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.
Music: John Darwall, 1731–1789

dismissal Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

postlude **A Joyous March** Leo Sowerby (1865-1968)

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Join us for Coffee Hour downstairs after the service!

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Counters	Richard & Lorraine Schrader
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IN OUR PRAYERS

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For those in our armed services, especially
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