TRINITY
STATEN ISLAND

Festival Eucharist

REFORMATION SUNDAY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 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

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

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 — Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BuxWV 184 — Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Sinfonia in D major, 1. Allegro — Giuseppe Torelli (1658-1709)

Sam Atlas, trumpet

welcome — Pastor Stephanie Jaeger

introit — If ye love me — Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

If ye love me keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you for ever;
even the spirit of truth.

Please stand as you are able for the Confession and Forgiveness

confession and forgiveness

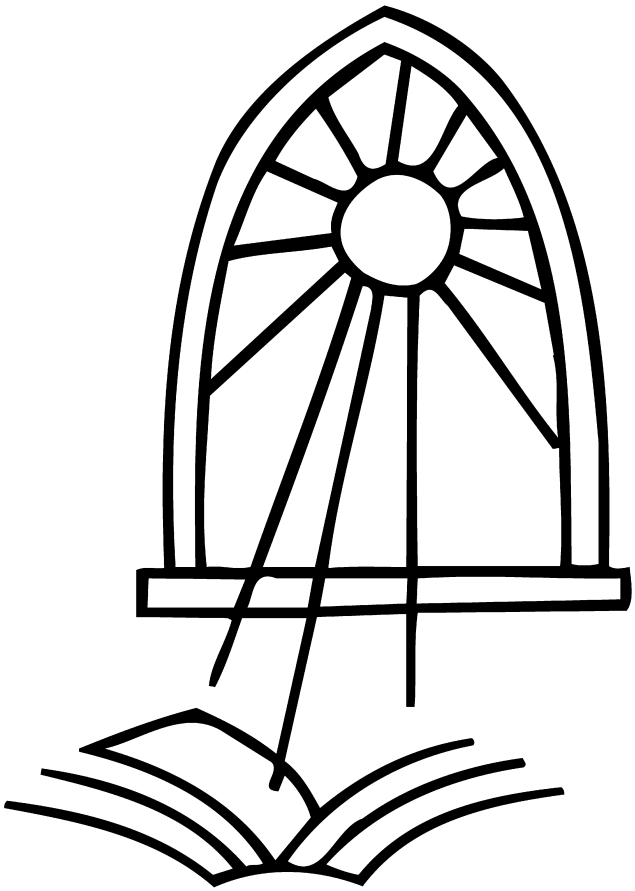
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.
Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

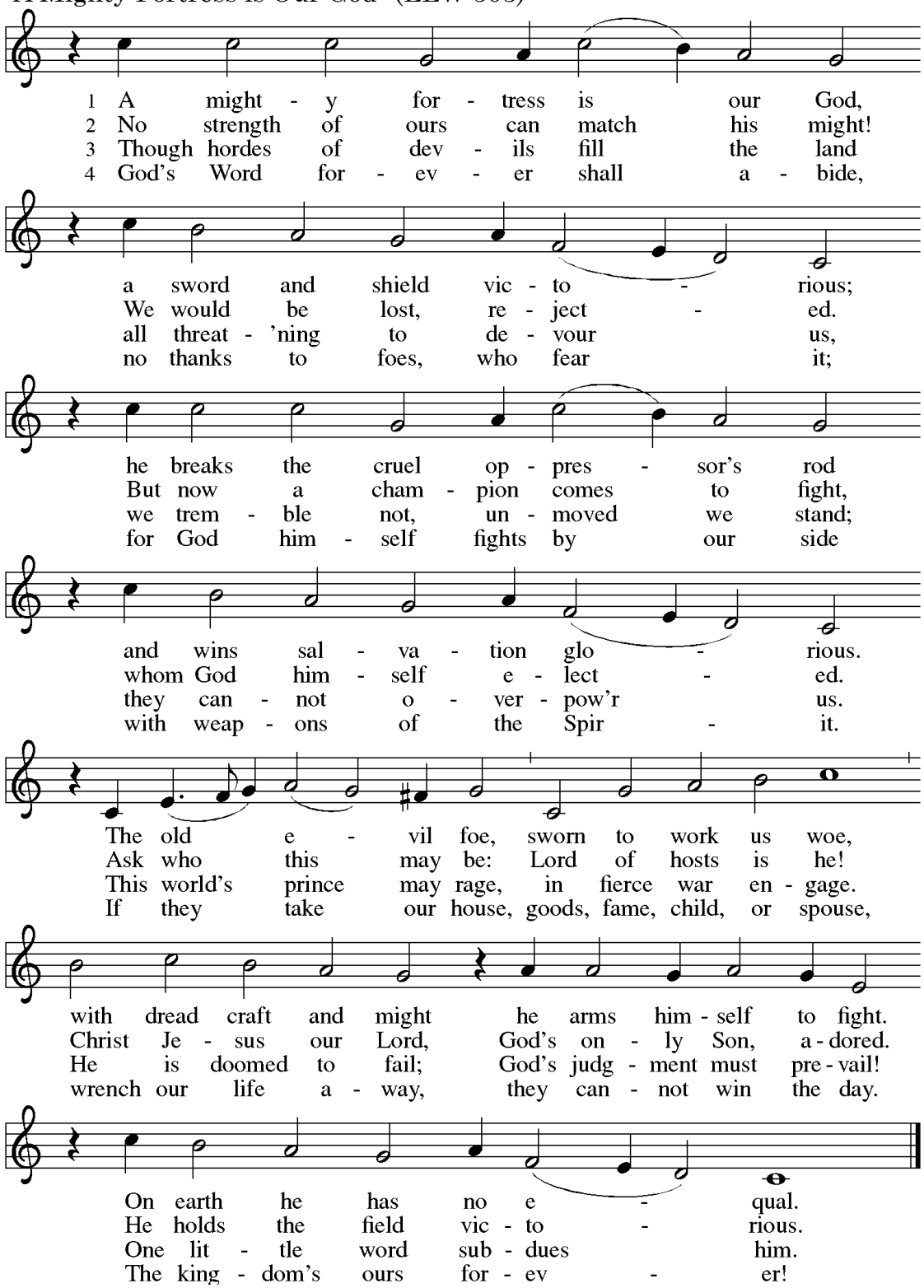
Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.



gathering hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (ELW 503)



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship
Music: Martin Luther

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



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prayer of the day

Let us pray.
Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

children's message

Please be seated for the Children's Message
Children are invited forward for a lesson with Pastor Stephanie

WORD

first reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

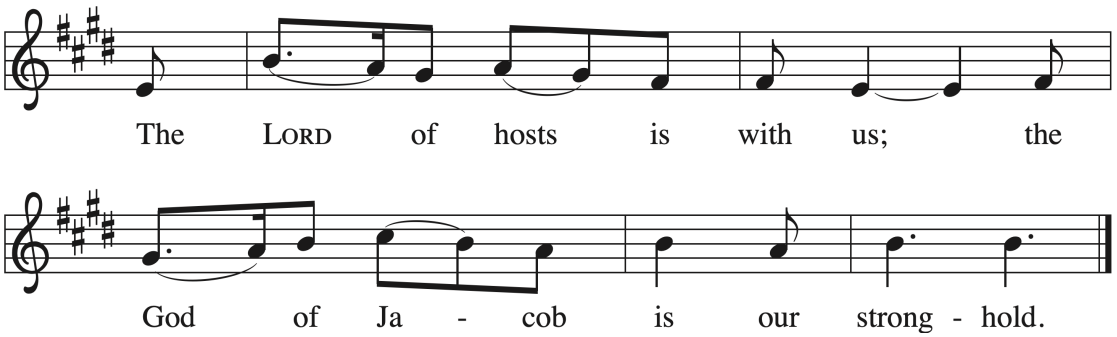
31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new
covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be
like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the
hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke,
though I was their husband, says the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that
I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will
put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be
their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one
another or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive
their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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

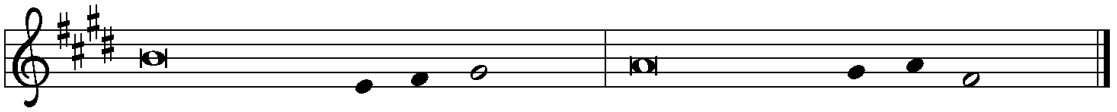
psalm Psalm 46

The choir sings the refrain once, the congregation joins on the repeat

Refrain



Tune



The choir and congregation sing all the verses

1 **God is our ref- | uge and strength,**
a very present | help in trouble.
2 **Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,**
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;
3 **though its waters | rage and foam,**
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
4 **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,**
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
5 **God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;**
God shall help it at the | break of day.
6 **The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;**
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.
7 **The LORD of | hosts is with us;**
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
8 **Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,**
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;
9 **behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;**
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.
10 **"Be still, then, and know that | I am God;**
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."
11 **The LORD of | hosts is with us;**
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. ***Refrain***

second reading Romans 3:19-28

A reading from Romans.

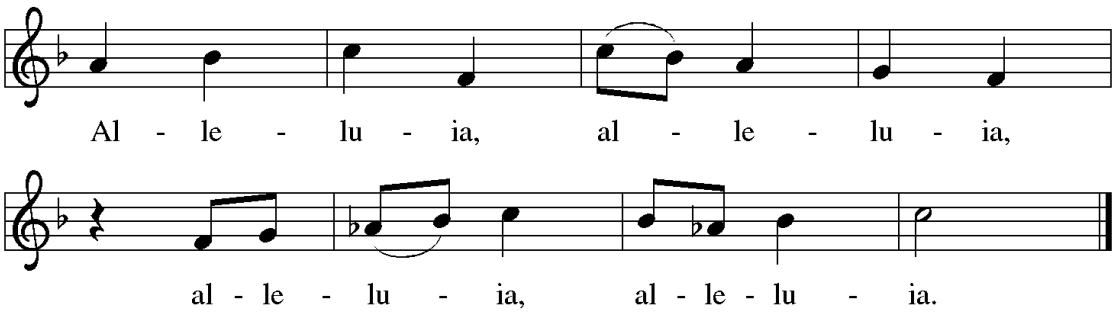
19 Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are
under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world
may be held accountable to God. 20 For no human will be justified before
him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the
knowledge of sin.

21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been
disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, 22 the righteousness
of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no
distinction, 23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they
are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in
Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his
blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his
righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the
sins previously committed; 26 it was to demonstrate at the present time his
own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has
the faith of Jesus.
27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of
law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. 28 For we hold that
a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation and Gospel

gospel acclamation



A cantor chants the proper verse:
If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.

All repeat the Alleluia

gospel John 8:31-36

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

31 Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my
word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the
truth will make you free." 33 They answered him, "We are descendants of
Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by
saying, 'You will be made free'?"
34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits
sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not have a permanent place in the
household; the son has a place there forever. 36 So if the Son makes you
free, you will be free indeed."

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

Please be seated for the Sermon

sermon Pastor Stephanie Jaeger

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

hymn of the day

"Founded on Faith" (ACS 1048)



Text: Paul D. Weber, b. 1949
Music: Paul D. Weber

the 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

The Assisting Minister leads our prayers

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

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

Built on a Rock

Dale Wood
(1934-2003)

Built on a rock the church shall stand,
even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
bells still are chiming and calling—
calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.

Surely, in temples made with hands
God the Most High is not dwelling—
high in the heav'ns his temple stands,
all earthly temples excelling.
Yet God who dwells in heav'n above
deigns to abide with us in love,
making our bodies his temple.

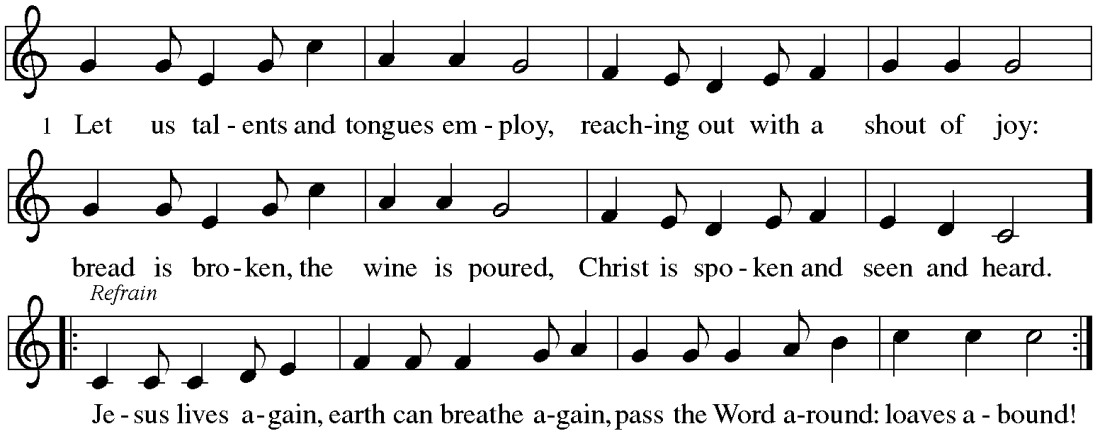
Christ builds a house of living stones:
we are his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
granting us life and salvation.
Where two or three will seek his face,
he in their midst will show his grace,
blessings upon them bestowing.

Yet in this house, an earthly frame,
Jesus the children is blessing;
hither we come to praise his name,
faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,
making with us his covenant,
granting his children the kingdom.

Through all the passing years, O Lord,
grant that, when church bells are ringing,
many may come to hear your Word,
who here this promise is bringing:
"I know my own, my own know me;
you, not the world, my face shall see;
my peace I leave with you. Amen."

presentation of the offering

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" (ELW 674, vs. 1)

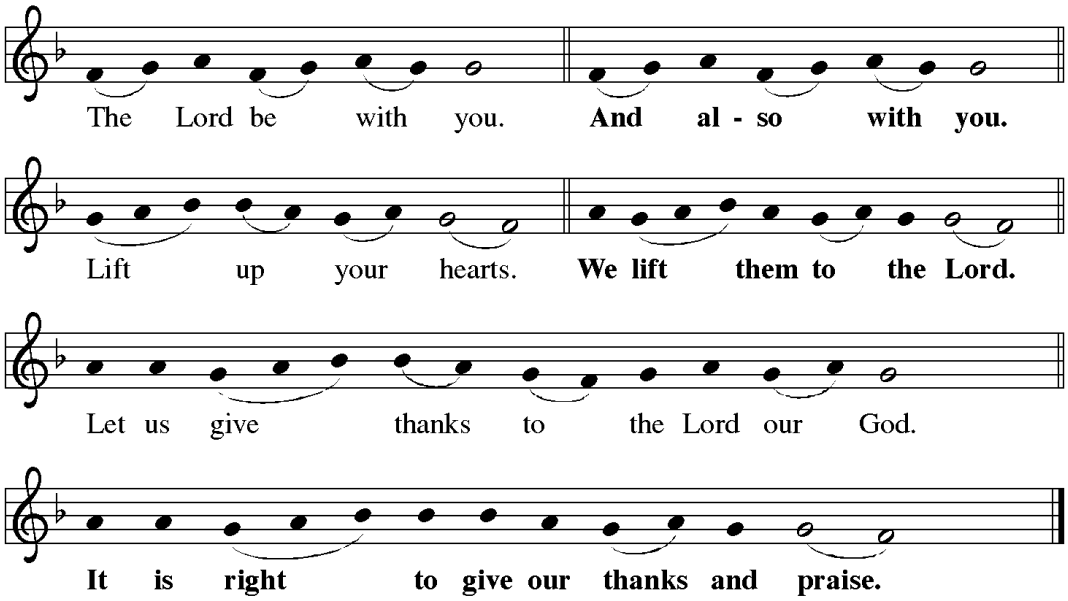


offering prayer

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.
Amen.

Meal

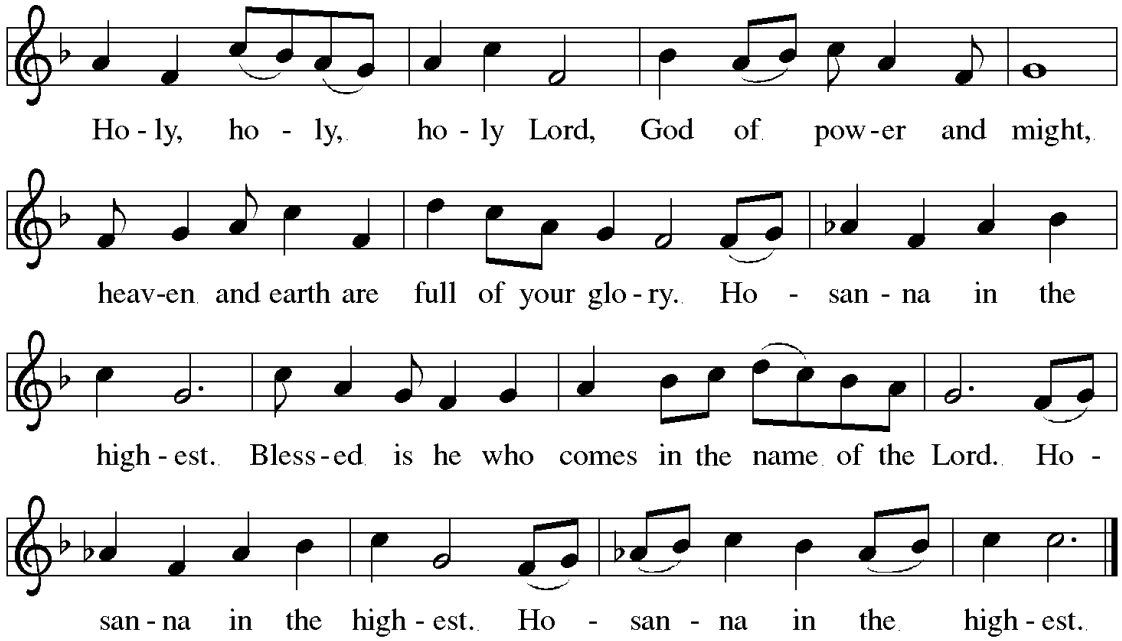
the great thanksgiving



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



The communion setting is Evangelical Lutheran Worship Setting Two

thanksgiving at the table

Holy God,
you alone are holy,
you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars;
beneath the sea;
within each cell;
with every breath.
We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water;
by night and day;
across the wilderness;
out of exile;
into the future.
We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life;
near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner;
among the poor;
with us now.
We thank you, O God.

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.

Remembering his love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering;
within this meal;
among your people;
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks
to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end. **Amen.**

the lord's prayer

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

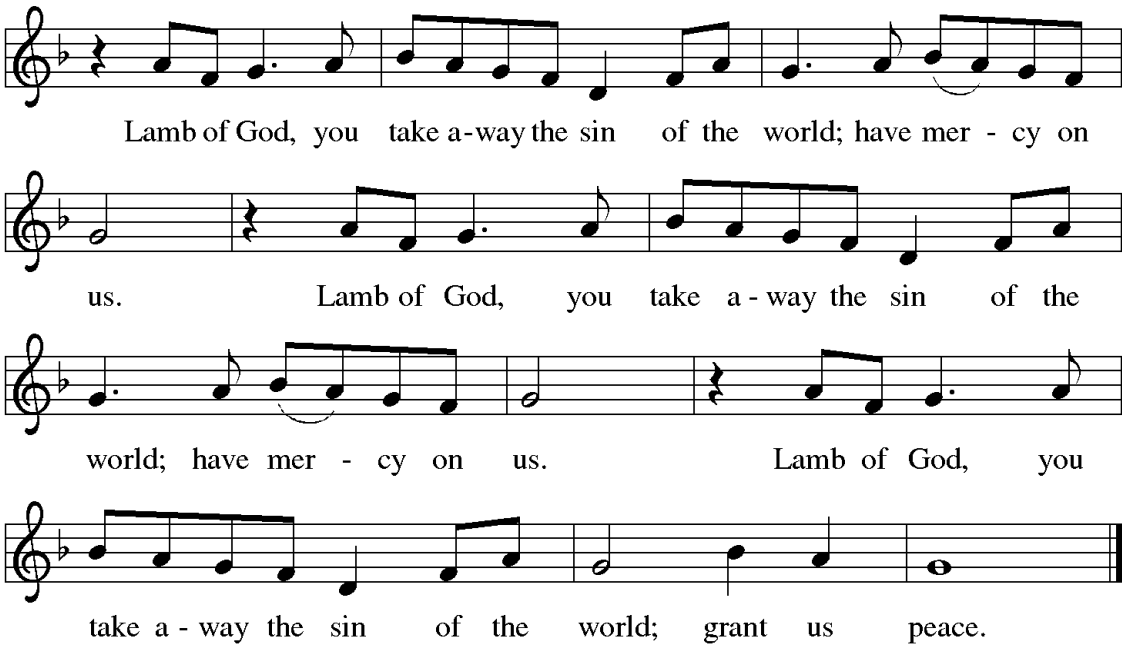
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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

invitation to communion

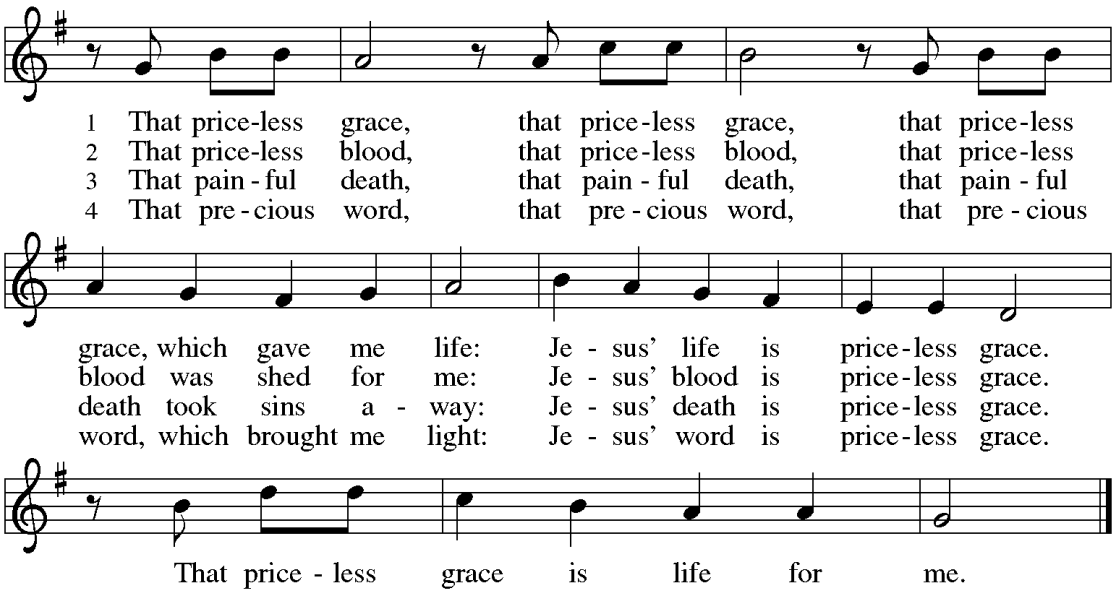
Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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.

agnus dei



communion hymn "That Priceless Grace" (ELW 591)



Text: Emmanuel F. Y. Grantson, b. 1949
Music: Ghanaian traditional

communion hymn

"Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirst" (ELW 777)



Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
Music: *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. Selected Hymns, 1985

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.
Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

Sending

blessing

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.
Amen.

The God of grace
☩ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

sending hymn "Thy Strong Word" (ELW 511, vs 1-4)



Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–1976
Music: Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944; arr. Richard W. Hillert, 1923-2010

dismissal Go out in joy.
Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God!

postlude Psalm 150, From *Psalms Without Words* Nicholas Palmer

Sam Atlas, trumpet

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