



Holy Eucharist

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 • 10:30 AM

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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 As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

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

welcome *Pr. Stephanie Jaeger*

moment of silence *We take a moment of silence to ground our beings in the loving presence of God.*

Please stand.

confession and
forgiveness In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness,

and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds,

and show us the path of life.

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus

and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of ✙ Christ,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

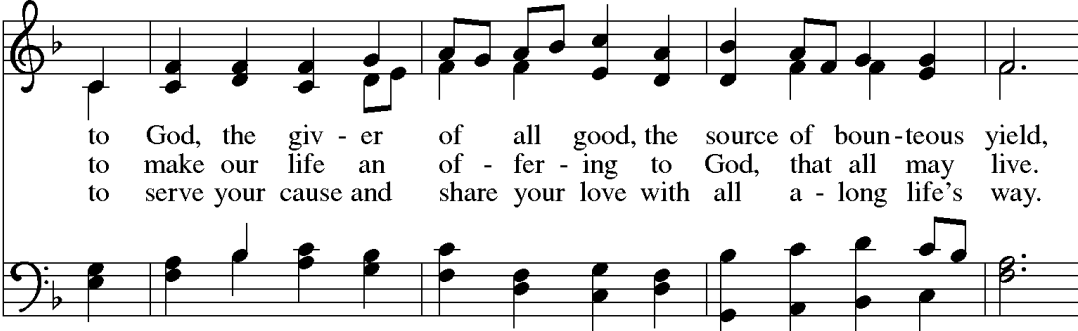
Amen.

✙ the sign of the cross is used
throughout the service to
symbolize the Holy Trinity and
Christ's crucifixion—some may
choose to cross themselves

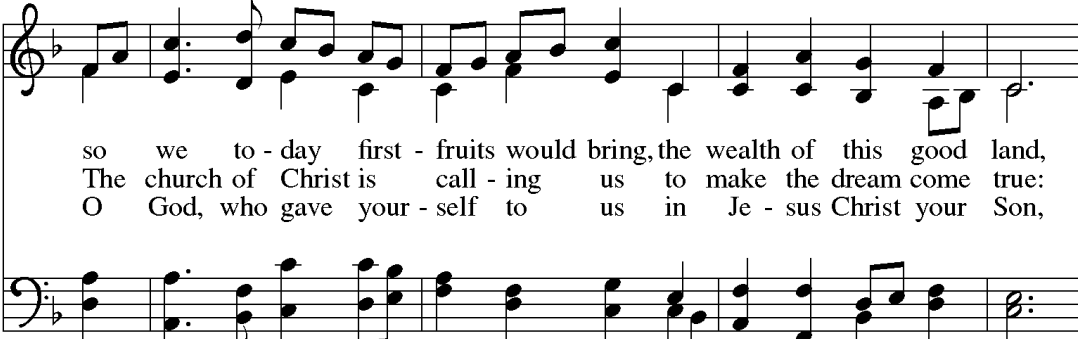
gathering hymn "As Saints of Old" (ELW 695)



1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;
3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day



to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.
to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.



so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:
O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

Text: Frank von Christiernson, 1900-1996, alt.
Music: English folk tune, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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.

hymn of praise “Gloria a Dios” (ACS 911)
Sung twice, in either Spanish or English

Glo - ria_a Dios, glo - ria_a Dios,
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,

glo - ria_a Dios en los cie - los.
 glo - ry to God in the high - est.

Paz pa - ra ti, paz pa - ra mí,
 Peace be to you, peace be to me,

paz pa - ra to - da la tie - rra.
 peace be to all, peace to all the earth.

Text: Marcus Veenstra; tr. composite
 Music: Marcus Veenstra; arr. Greg Scheer, b. 1966

prayer of the day God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

All are seated

children's message *Children are invited forward for a message with Pr. Stephanie*

WORD

first reading Amos 8:4-7

A reading from Amos.

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵ saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶ buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

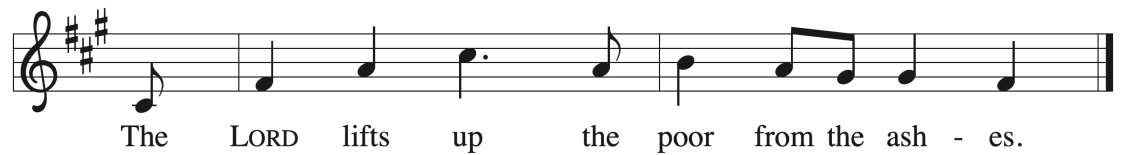
⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Word of God, word of life.

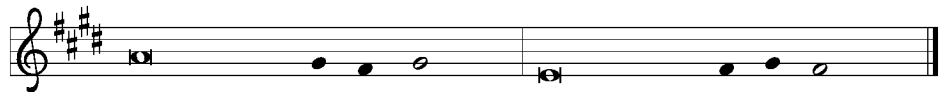
Thanks be to God.

psalm 113 *The cantor sings through the refrain once to introduce, then all repeat*

Refrain



Tone



*The cantor chants the non-bold verses, everyone joins on the **bold***

¹ Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants | of the LORD;
praise the name | of the LORD.

² **Let the name of the | LORD be blessed,**
from this time forth for- | evermore.

³ From the rising of the sun to its | going down
let the name of the | LORD be praised.

⁴ **The LORD is high a- | bove all nations;**
God's glory a- | bove the heavens.

⁵ Who is like the | LORD our God,
who sits en- | throned on high,

⁶ **but stoops | to behold**
the heavens | and the earth?

⁷ The LORD takes up the weak out | of the dust
and lifts up the poor | from the ashes,

⁸ **enthroning them | with the rulers,**
with the rulers | of the people.

⁹ The LORD makes the woman of a | childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. | Hallelujah! ***Refrain***

second reading 1 Timothy 2:1-7

A reading from 1 Timothy.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

⁵For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time.⁷For this I was appointed a herald
and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the
gentiles in faith and truth.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

All stand for the Gospel Acclamation

gospel acclamation



The cantor chants the verse:

*Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening. You have the words of
eternal life.*

All repeat the Gospel Acclamation

gospel reading Luke 16:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated for the Homily

homily *Pr. Stephanie Jaeger*

Visual:

A New Yorker cartoon showing God and an angel standing on a cloud in the heavens. God looks over God's shoulder back down to earth and says: "This human experiment has gone on long enough. Give the hippos control."

hymn of the day

This new hymn text, set to a tune from the 19th-century American hymnal *Southern Harmony*, proclaims God's unifying love. The refrain includes words meaning peace from other cultures and languages. *Shanti* (Sanskrit) is pronounced "shahnt-tee" and is used in Hindu and Buddhist traditions. *Pax* (Latin for peace) is pronounced "pahks." *Shalom* (Hebrew) is pronounced "shuh-lohm": and means peace, wholeness. *Maslaha* (Arabic) is pronounced "muhs-lah-hah" and means reconciliation.

1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
 2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
 3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,

Ta-bles set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.
 stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man-y folds.
 bid-ding all to work to-geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.

Refrain

Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.

Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha: com-mon good is ho-ly ground.

Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha: com-mon good is ho-ly ground.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1952
 Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

the apostles' 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. You are invited to respond to each petition as follows:*

...God of grace,
Receive our prayer.

At the end of the prayers, the pastor says

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

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

*During the passing of the
peace, many will shake
hands, hug, or simply make
a peace sign*

After exchanging a sign of peace, please be seated

announcements *Please see this week's Trinity Times for announcements*



offering

The offering collected this Sunday 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

I Am Bound for the Kingdom

arr. Mark Hahn

*Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart. to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.*

I am bound for the Kingdom will you go to glory with me? Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee.*

presentation of the
offering

Refrain/Estribillo

To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,

da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

To stanzas *Last time*
y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.

Take my sil - ver and my gold,

not a mite would I with - hold;

take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry

Refrain/Estribillo
pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, adapt.

Music: William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954

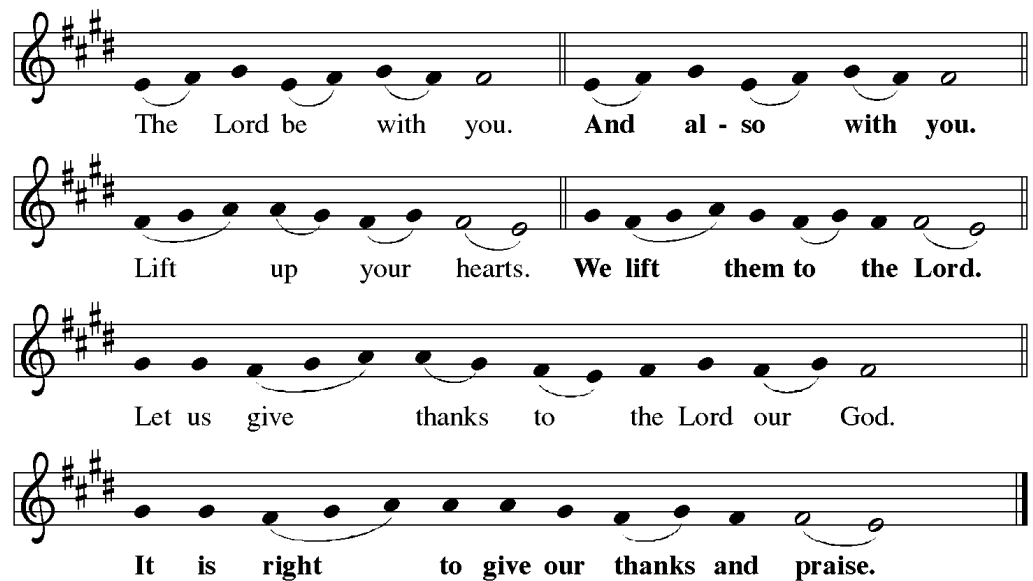
The assisting minister leads us in prayer

offering prayer

Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

MEAL

the great thanksgiving



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

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

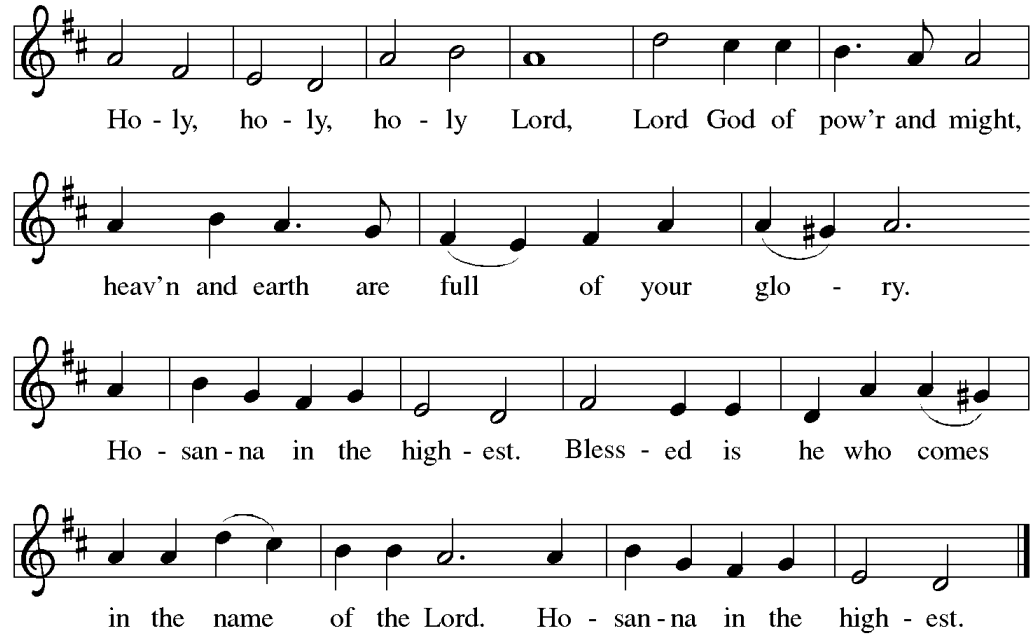
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor continues chanting

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

thanksgiving at the table Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son, so that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

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.

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 The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

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

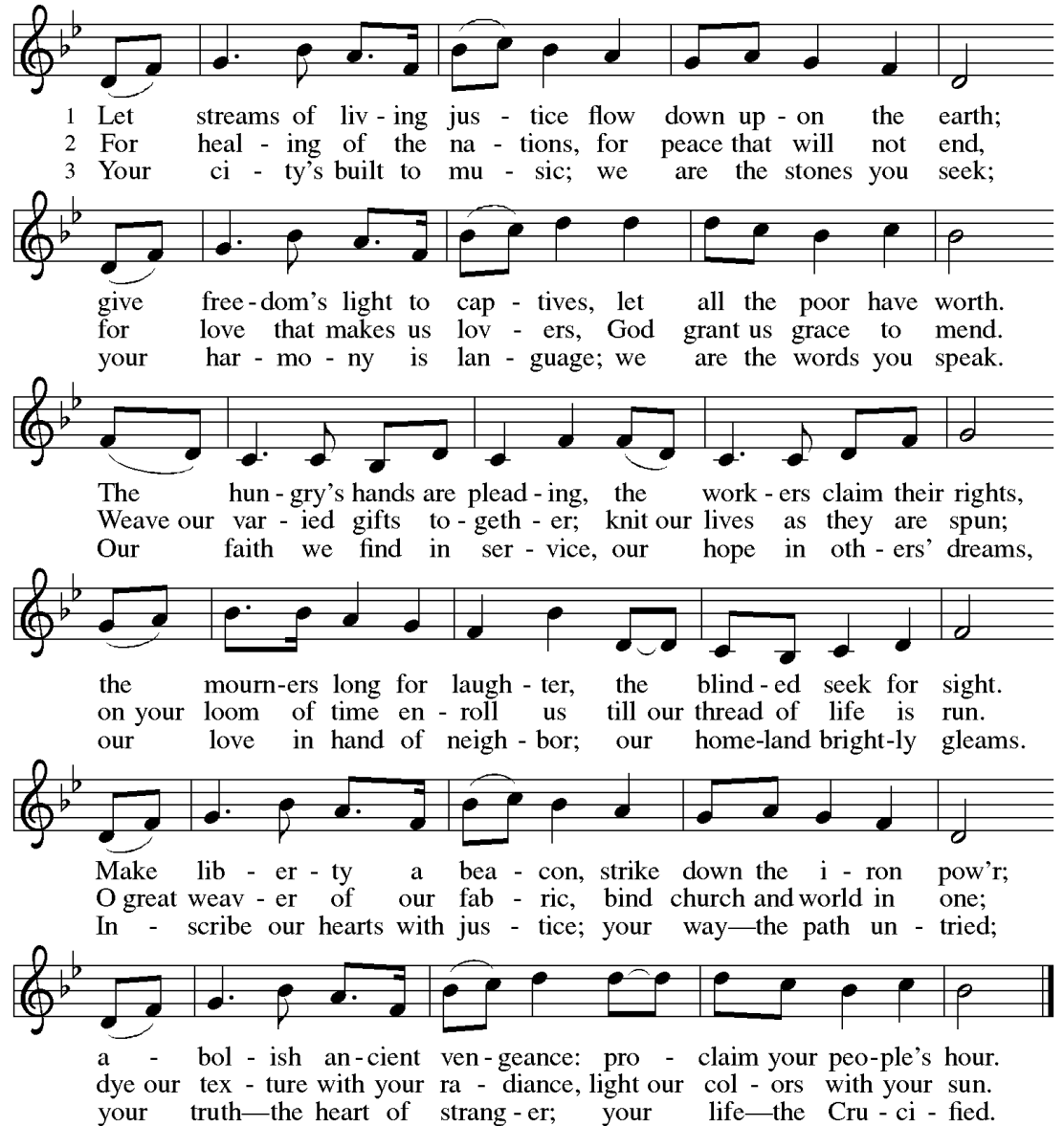
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

communion hymn "Let Streams of Living Justice" (ELW 710)



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;
 give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.
 The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,
 the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.
 Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;
 a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934
 Music: Gustav Holst, 1874-1934

communion hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together" (ELW 471)

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: African American spiritual

After communion, all stand and receive the blessing

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.
Nurturing God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

blessing The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
† bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

sending hymn "Be Thou My Vision" (ELW 793)



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935,
 alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931
 Music: Irish traditional

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dismissal **Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.**
 Thanks be to God.

postlude

We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning! We would love to meet you at Coffee Hour downstairs after the service.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher & Presider	Rev. Dr. Stephanie Jaeger
Assisting Minister	Marcia Lyles
Organist	Ian Chen-Adamczyk
Altar Guild	Lorraine & Richard Schrader
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For those in our armed services, especially
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