TRINITY
STATEN ISLAND

Holy Eucharist

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026 • 10:30 AM

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

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 — Fantasia in D — Wilhelm Karges (1613-1699)

welcome — Pr. Stephanie Jaeger

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.

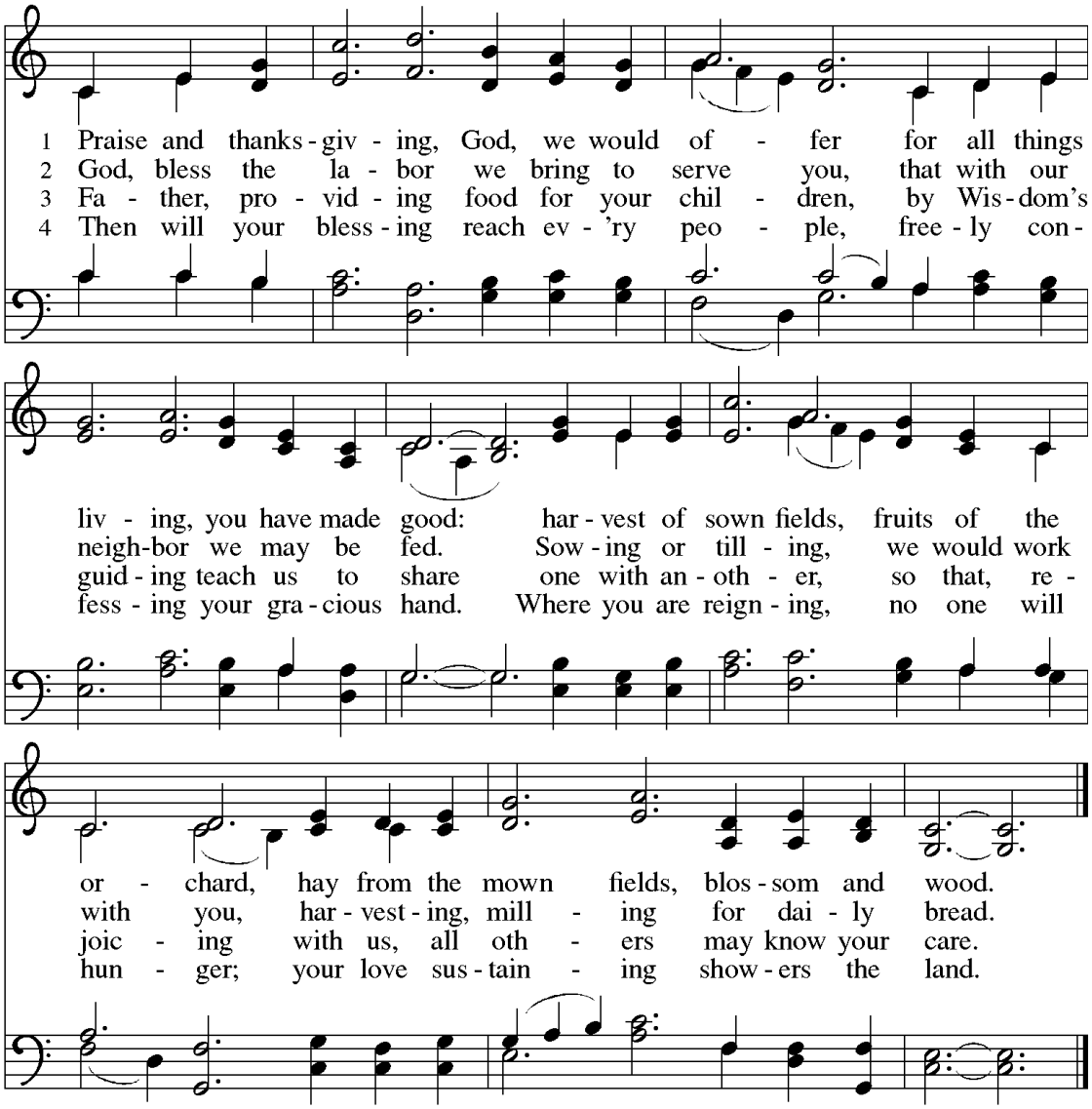
God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

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 "Praise and Thanksgiving" (ELW 689)

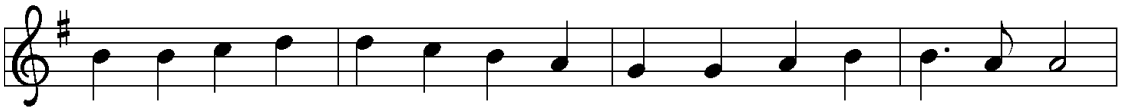


Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984, alt.
Music: Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

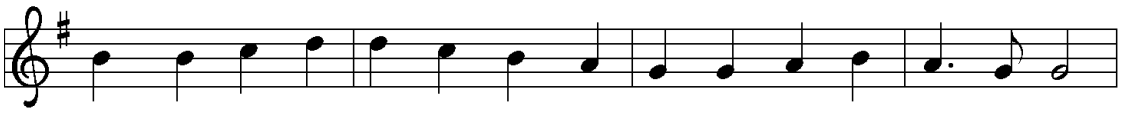
greeting

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.

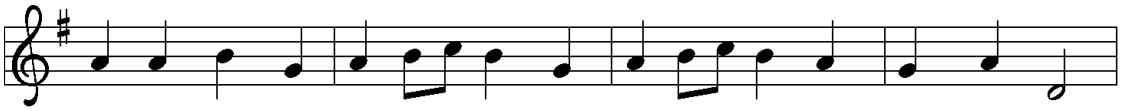
canticle of praise



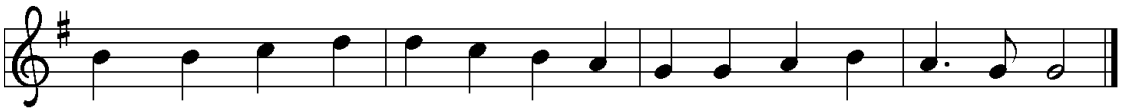
1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for-ev-er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a-lone, to you we call;



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.
Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

children's message

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

WORD

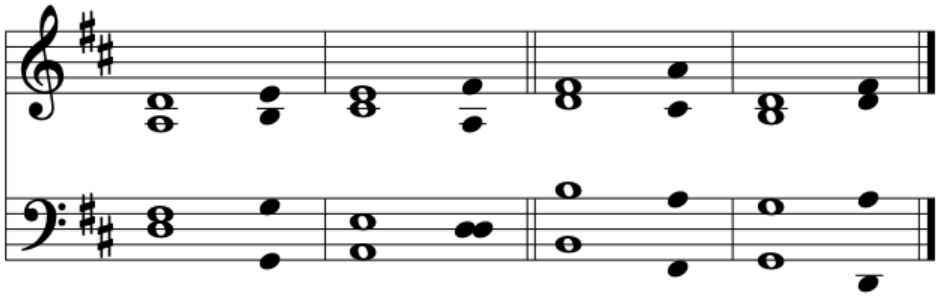
first reading Isaiah 44:6-8

A reading from Isaiah.

6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first, and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
7 Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
8 Do not fear or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

psalm Psalm 86:11-17



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

11 *Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your / truth;*
give me an undivided heart to revere your / name.
12 *I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my / heart,*
and glorify your name forever- / more.

13 **For great is your love toward / me;**
you have delivered me from the pit of / death.
14 **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my / life;**
they have not set you before their / eyes.

15 **But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of com- / passion,**
slow to anger, and full of kindness and / truth.
16 **Turn to me and have mercy on / me;**
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your / handmaid.

17 *Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to / shame;*
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted / me.

second reading

Romans 8:12-25

A reading from Romans.

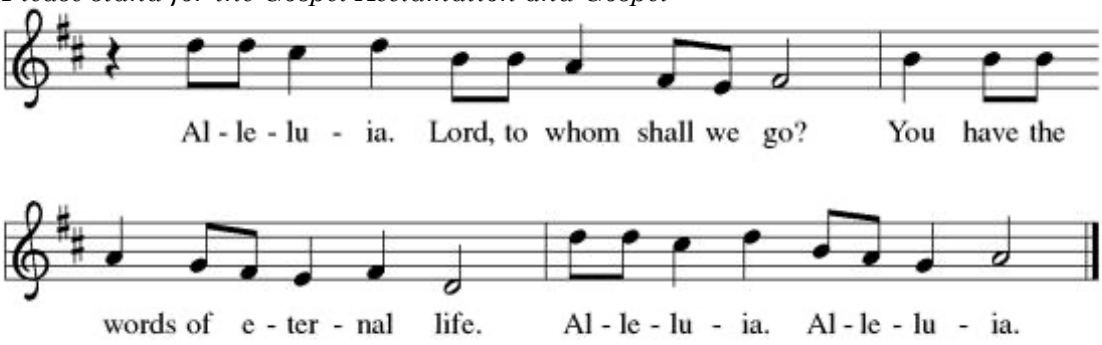
12 So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live
according to the flesh—13 for if you live according to the flesh, you will die,
but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.
14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 For you
did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a
spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" 16 it is that very Spirit
bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if
children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact
suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth
comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation
waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, 20 for the
creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the
one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from
its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the
children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning
together as it suffers together the pains of labor, 23 and not only the
creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan
inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For
in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes
for what one already sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we
wait for it with patience.

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

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation and Gospel

gospel acclamation



gospel Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

24 [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven
may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,25 but while
everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat
and then went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then
the weeds appeared as well. 27 And the slaves of the householder came and
said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then,
did these weeds come from?' 28 He answered, 'An enemy has done this.'
The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?'
29 But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the
wheat along with them. 30 Let both of them grow together until the
harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first
and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my
barn.' "

36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples
approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the
field." 37 He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;
38 the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom;
the weeds are the children of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed
them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are
angels. 40 Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it
be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they
will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 42 and
they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping
and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the
kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

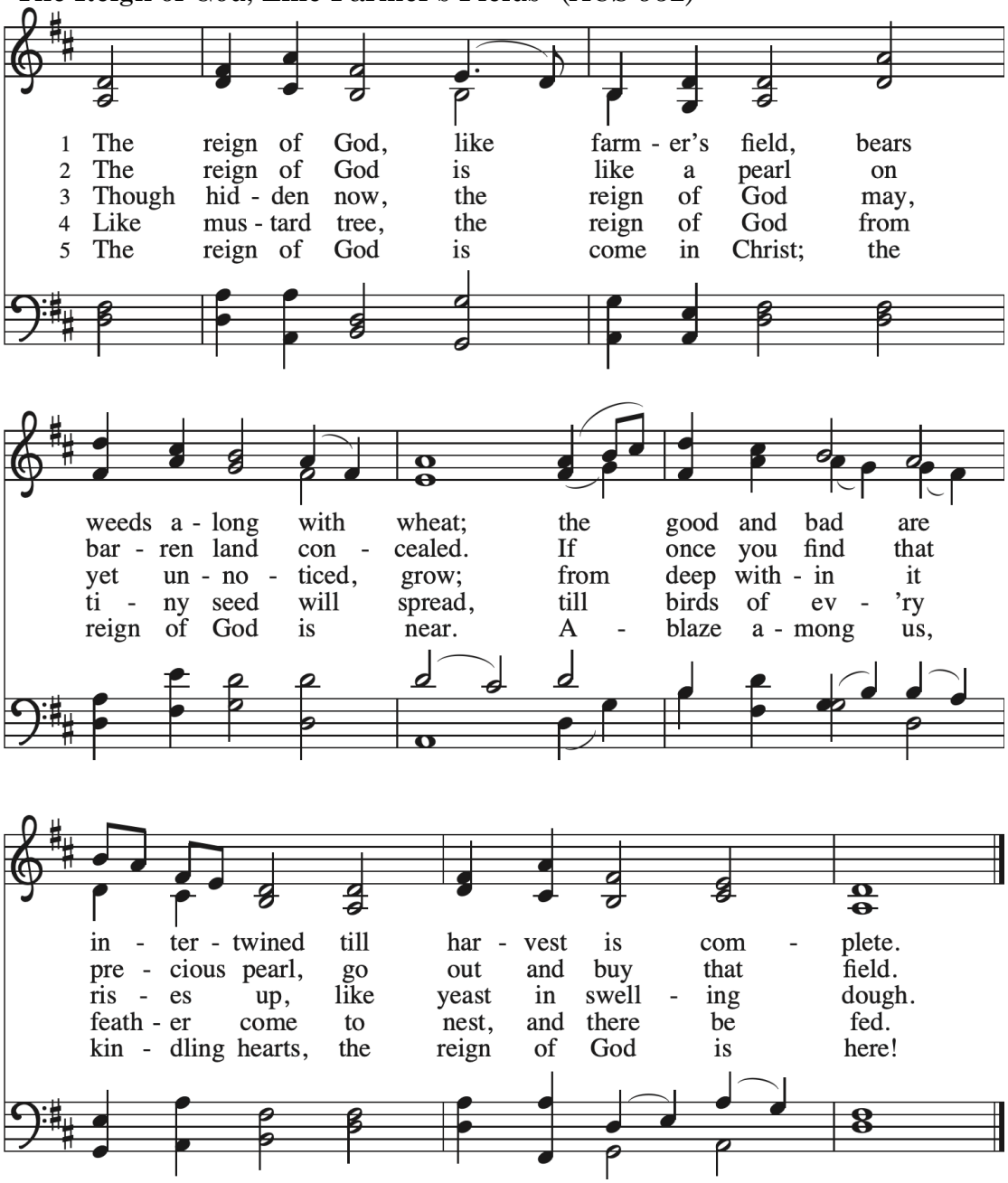
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated for the Sermon

sermon Pr. Stephanie Jaeger

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

hymn of the day "The Reign of God, Like Farmer's Fields" (ACS 952)



Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
Music: Samuel McFarland, fl. 1816; arr. *With One Voice*, 1995

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

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 **Great Day** Traditional Spiritual, arr. Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

Leanne Surace, *soprano*

Great day! Great day, the righteous marching.
Great day! God's gonna build up Zion's walls.

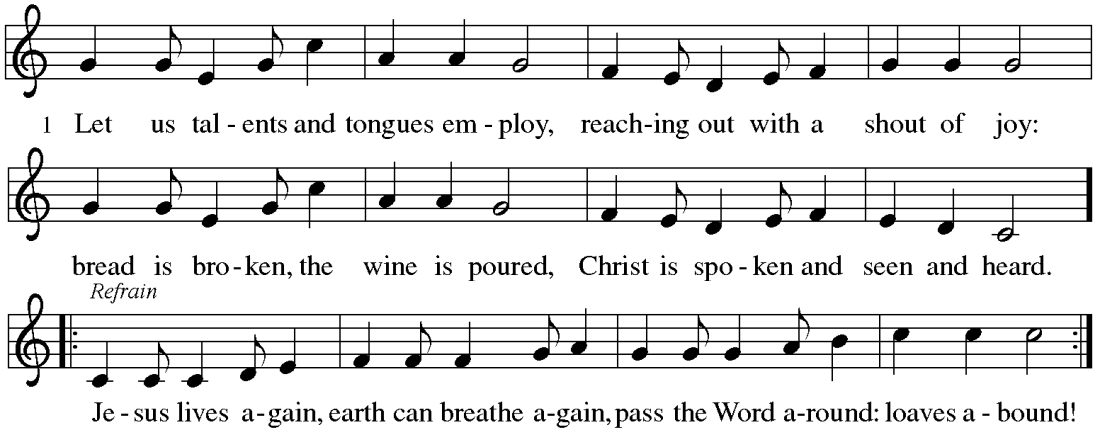
Chariot rode on the mountaintop,
God's gonna build up Zion's walls.
My God spoke and the chariot did stop,
God's gonna build up Zion's walls.

This is the day of jubilee,
God's gonna build up Zion's walls.
The Lord has set His people free,
God's gonna build up Zion's walls.

We want no cowards in our band,
we call for valiant-hearted men,
God's gonna build up Zion's walls.

Gonna take my breastplate, sword and shield,
and march out boldly in the field.

presentation of the offering **"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" (ELW 674, vs. 1)**

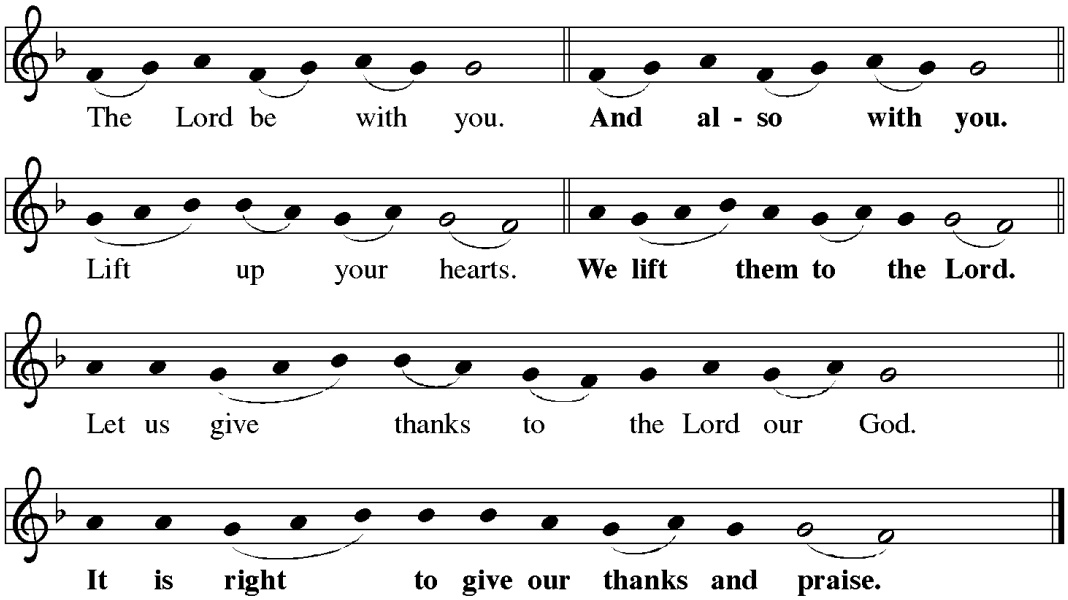


offering prayer

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

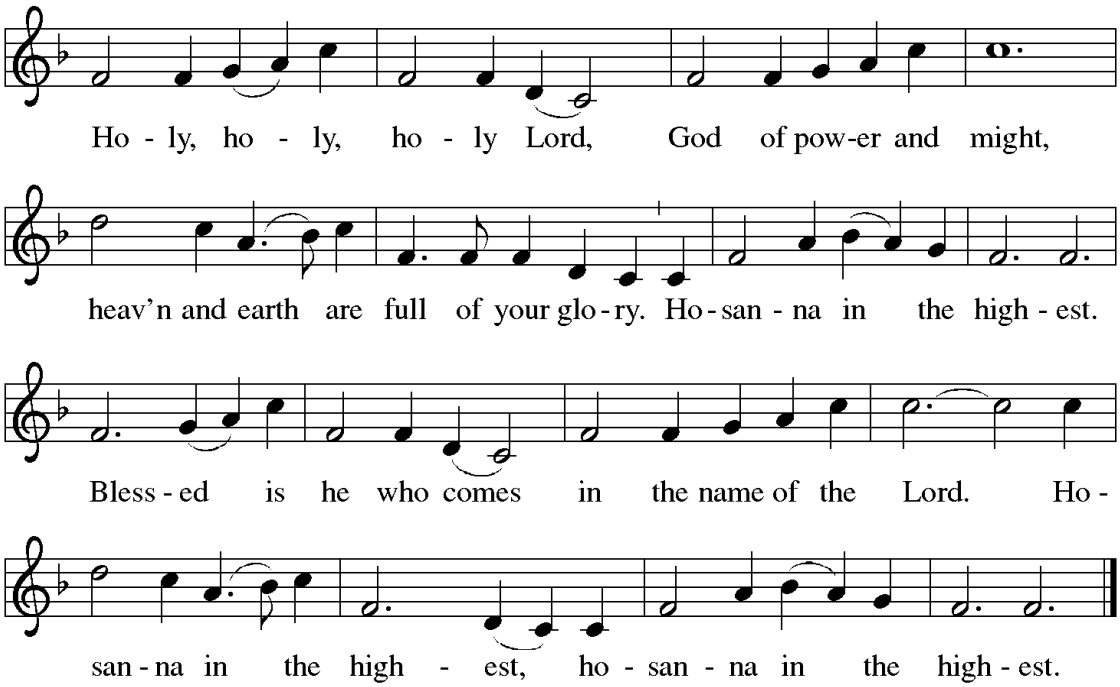
the great thanksgiving



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 Ten

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.

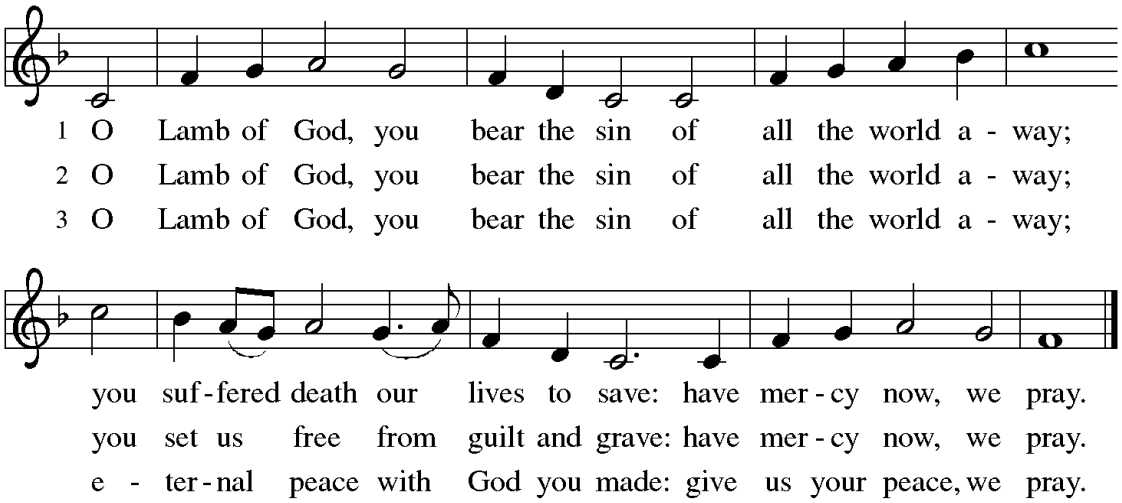
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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

invitation to communion

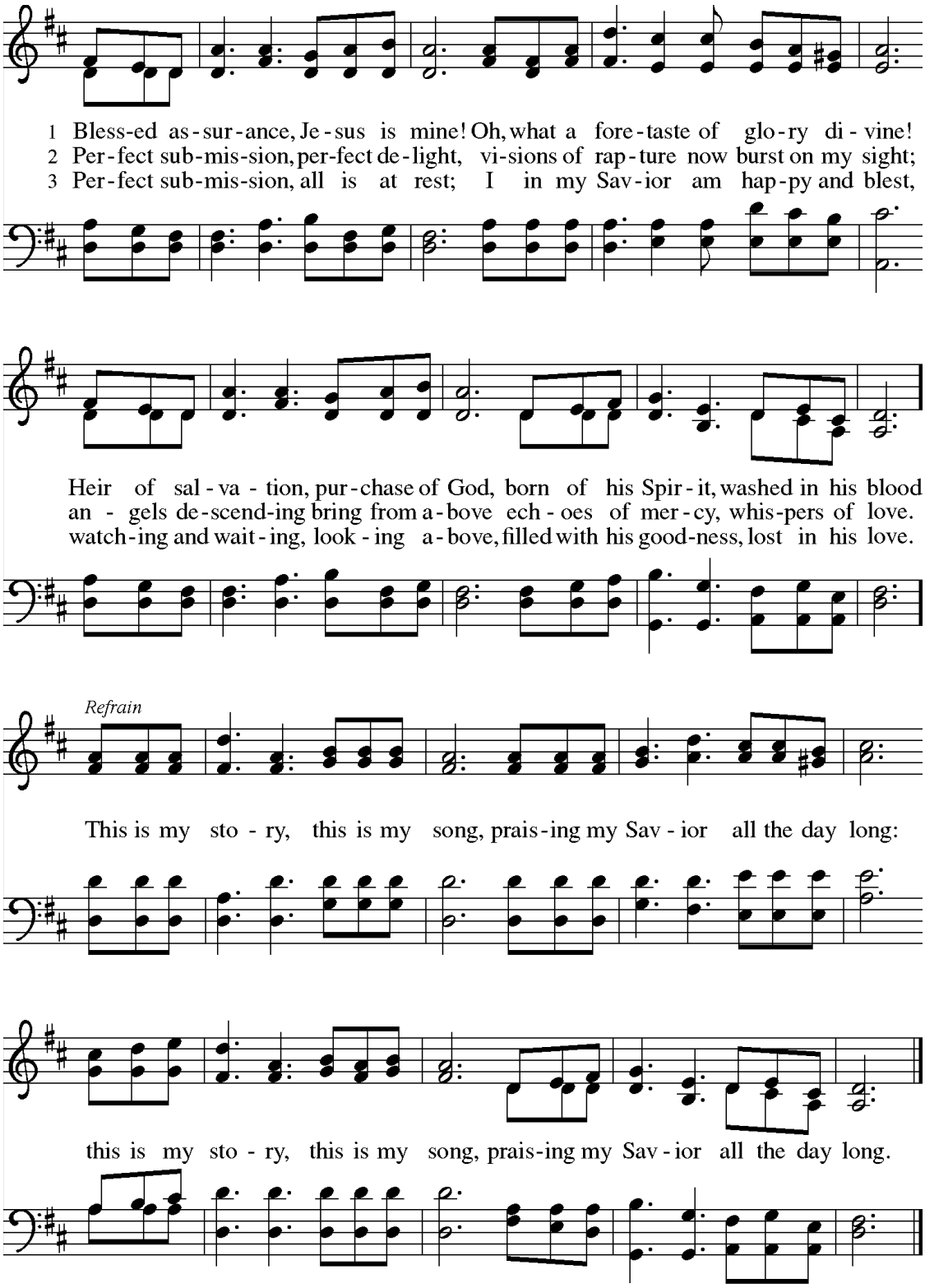
Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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 "Blessed Assurance" (ELW 638)



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915
Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908

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.

communion hymn

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" (TFF 171)

Refrain

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com - ing for to car - ry me home. Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com - ing for to car - ry me home.

1 I looked o - ver Jor - dan, and what did I see, com - ing for to car - ry me home? A band of an - gels com - ing af - ter me, com - ing for to car - ry me home.

2 If you get . . . there . . . be - fore . . . I do, com - ing for to car - ry me home; tell all my friends I'm com - ing . . . too, com - ing for to car - ry me home.

3 The bright - est . . . day . . . . that ev - er I saw, com - ing for to car - ry me home; when Je - sus washed my sins . . . a - way, com - ing for to car - ry me home.

4 I'm some - times . . up, ... I'm some - times down, com - ing for to car - ry me home; but still my soul feels heav - en - ly . . . bound, com - ing for to car - ry me home.

Refrain

Text: African American spiritual
Music: African American spiritual

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

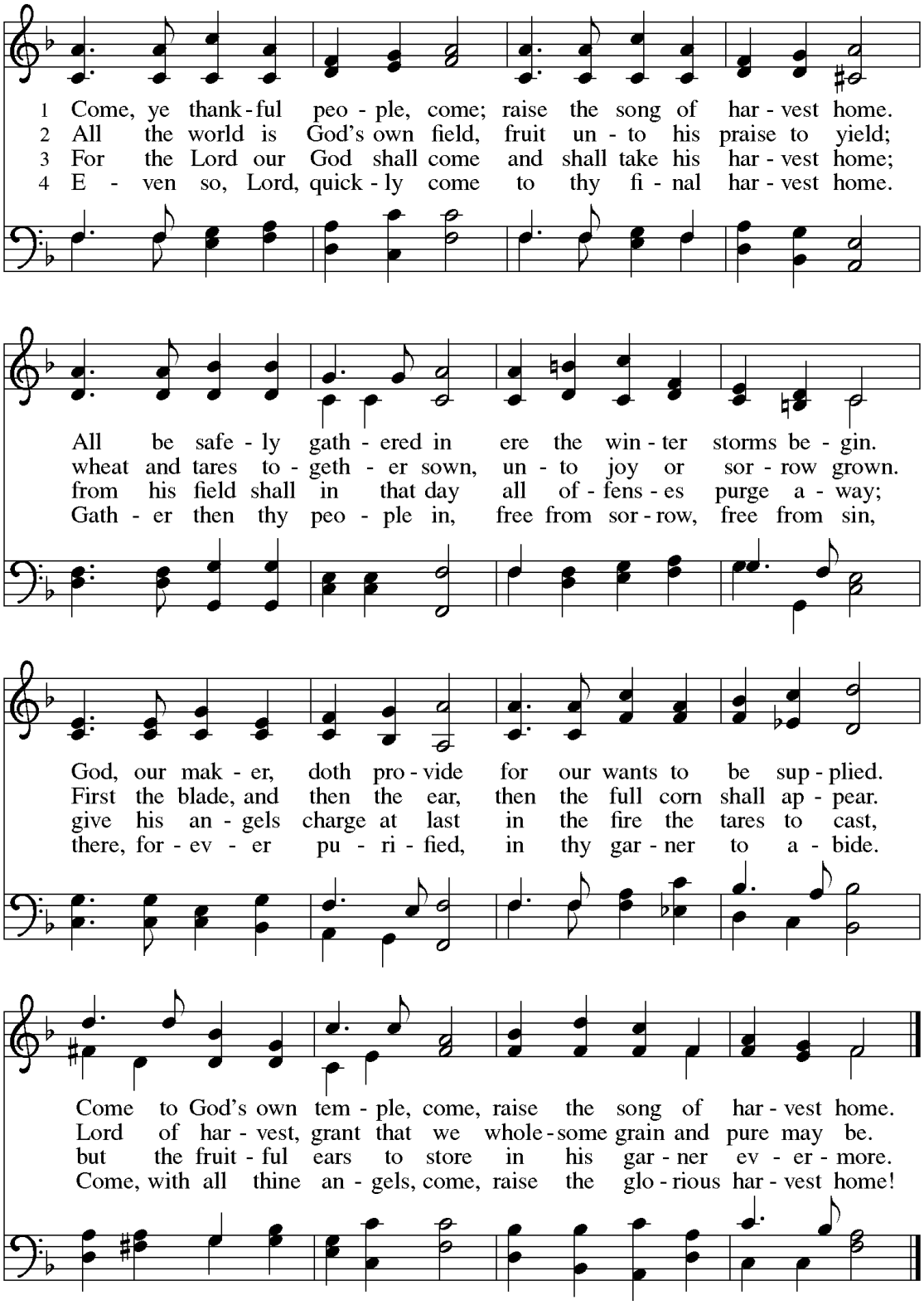
Let us pray.
Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and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

Sending

blessing

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

sending hymn "Come Ye Faithful People, Come" (ELW 693)



Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.
Music: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

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

postlude Sinfonia 'Spirituosa' George Telemann (1681-1767)

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Join us for Coffee Hour downstairs after the service!

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IN OUR PRAYERS

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For those in our armed services, especially
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