



Holy Eucharist

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025 • 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 Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

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 Pastorale

Don Dicie
(1941-2022)

welcome *Pr. Stephanie Jaeger*

moment of silence

After time for reflection, all 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 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (ELW 858)



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign-ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a-dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal-va-tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea-gle, up-lift-ing, sus-tain-ing.
 sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy shall dai-ly at-tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais-es be-fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem-ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need-ful has been
 Pon-der a-new what the Al-might-y can do
 Let the a-men sound from his peo-ple a-gain.

join-ing in glad ad-o-ra-tion!
 sent by his gra-cious or-dain-ing?
 if with his love he be-friend you.
 Glad-ly for-ev-er a-dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
 Music: *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

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 O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

first reading Isaiah 58:9b-14

A reading from Isaiah.

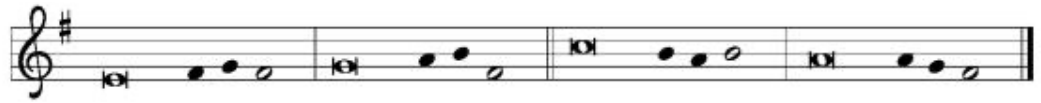
^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.
¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³ If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the Sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;
¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

psalm 103:1-8 *The cantor chants the non-bold verses; the congregation joins on the bold verses*



¹ Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.

² Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and forget not | all God's benefits—

³ **who forgives | all your sins
and heals all | your diseases;**

⁴ **who redeems your life | from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;**

⁵ who satisfies your desires | with good things
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

⁶ O LORD, you provide | vindication
and justice for all who | are oppressed.

⁷ **You made known your | ways to Moses
and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.**

⁸ **LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

second reading Hebrews 12:18-29

A reading from Hebrews.

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!

²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.”

²⁷ This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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

After the Children's Message, 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: 13:10-17

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated for the Homily

homily *Pr. Stephanie Jaeger*

hymn of the day *All stand and sing*
“O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come” (ELW 610)

1 O Christ, the heal-er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
2 From ev - 'ry ail-ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find

How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
yet in our hearts we would con-fess that whole-ness is our deep - est need.
our com - mon life de-clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
the whole-ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man-kind.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000
Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

The assembly is seated for the opening of the baptismal rite

the baptism of
Ezeani Niah Howell

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Amen.

the godparents present the
child for baptism

I/we present Ezeani Niah Howell for baptism.

the parents confirm their
intentions & responsibilities
toward Ezeani

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Ezeani Niah baptized into Christ?
We do.

As you bring Ezeani to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that your child may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.
Do you promise to help Ezeani grow in the Christian faith and life?
We do.

the godparents confirm
their responsibilities toward
Ezeani

Godparents, do you promise to nurture Ezeani in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?
We do.

the congregation confirms
its responsibilities toward
Ezeani

People of God, do you promise to support Ezeani Niah Howell and pray for her in her new life in Christ?
We do.

All stand for the profession of faith.

all are invited to profess
their faith by speaking the
ancient renunciations and
the apostle's creed.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
I renounce them.
Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
I renounce them.

People of God do you believe in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
**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.**
Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**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.**

thanksgiving at the font

*Martin Luther, the founder
of our denomination, first
included a "great flood
prayer" in our baptismal rite
in 1523. Its purpose is to
remind us that each
person's baptism is
imbedded in the God's long
history of saving humanity,
sometimes through water*

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated for the baptism.

baptism **Ezeani Niah, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

the pastor calls on the Holy Spirit to sustain and inspire the child

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Sustain Ezeani with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

the pastor anoints the child with holy oil, tracing a sign of the cross on their forehead

Ezeani, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

welcome

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

the baptismal candle is lit at the Paschal candle, representing the light of Christ, and presented to the child

I present to you our newest sibling in Christ, Ezeani Niah Howell. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share; join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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 Thank You God

Gwyneth Walker
(b. 1947)

Leanne Surace, soprano

*I thank You God for most this amazing day
For the leaping greenly spirits of trees
And a blue true dream of sky
And for everything
Which is natural which is infinite which is yes
(I who have died am alive again today
And this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
Day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay
Great happening illimitably earth)
How should tasting touching hearing seeing
Breathing any—lifted from the no
Of all nothing—human merely being
Doubt unimaginable You?
(Now the ears of my ears awake and
Now the eyes of my eyes are opened)*

presentation of the
offertory



Good -ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;



light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is



ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is



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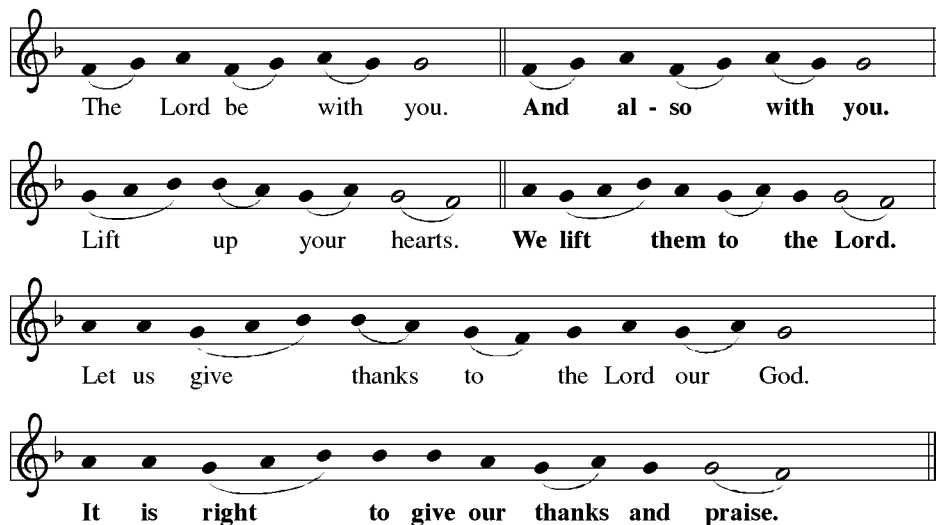
Text: From *An African Prayer Book*, Desmond Tutu, b. 1931
Music: John L. Bell, b. 1949

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 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, God of pow-er 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, 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

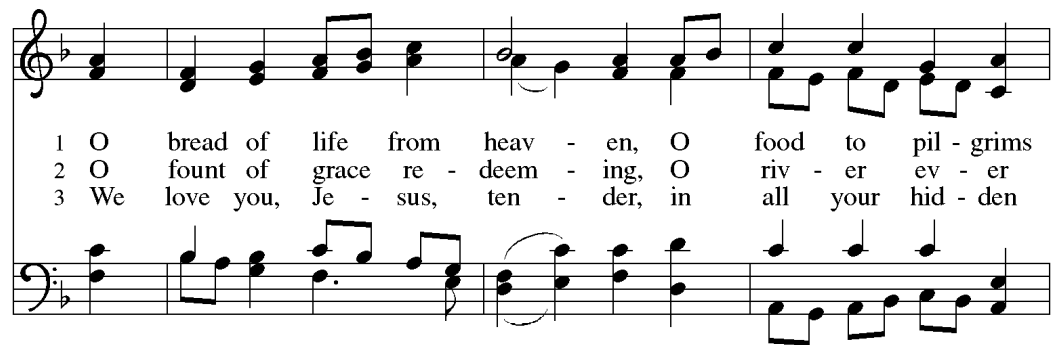


1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

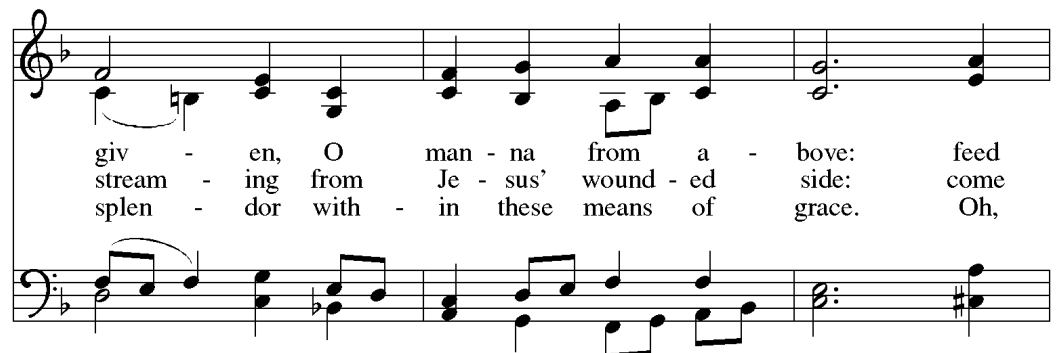


you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

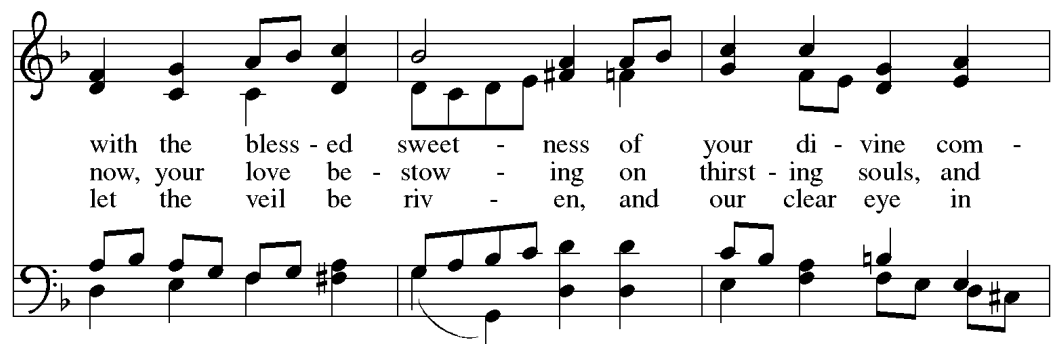
communion hymn “O Bread of Life From Heaven” (ELW 480)



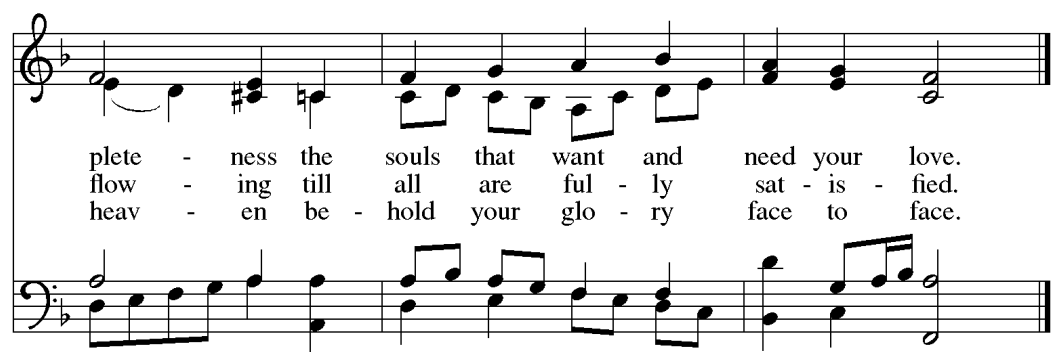
1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims
 2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er
 3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den



giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed
 stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come
 splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,



with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -
 now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and
 let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in



plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.
 flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.
 heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1661; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862–1946, sts. 1, 3;
 tr. Philip Schaff, 1819–1893, st. 2
 Music: Heinrich Isaac, 1450–1517; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach,
 1685–1750

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

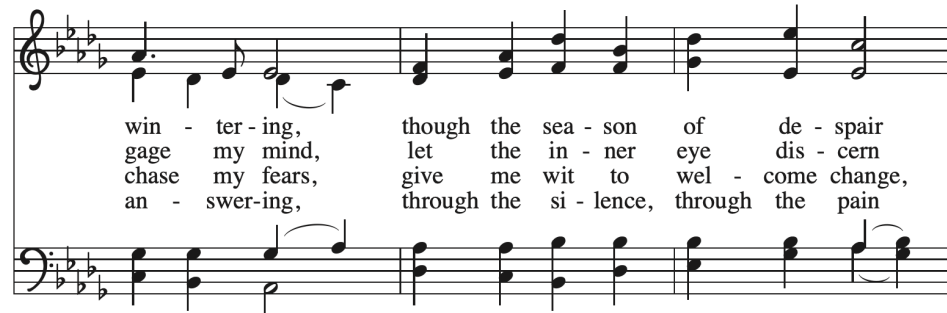
blessing The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
† bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

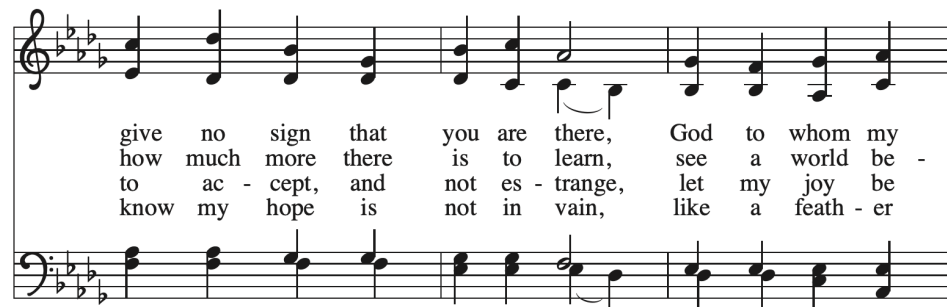
sending hymn “Let My Spirit Always Sing” (ACS 1020)



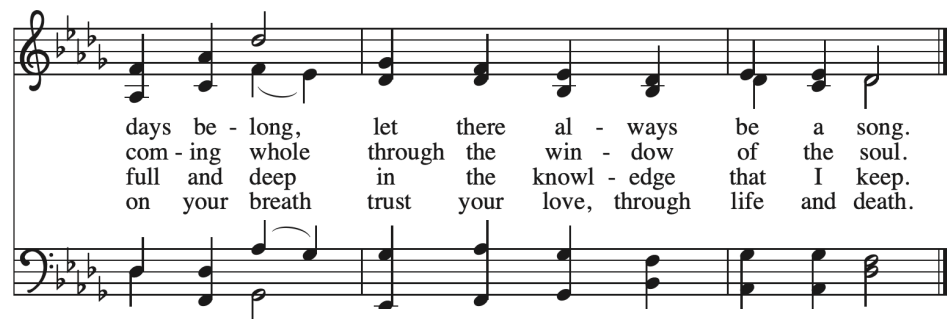
1 Let my spir - it al - ways sing, though my heart be
 2 Though my bod - y be con - fined, let your word en -
 3 Let your wis - dom grace my years, choose my words and
 4 Let my spir - it al - ways sing, to your Spir - it



win - ter - ing, though the sea - son of de - spair
 gage my mind, let the in - ner eye dis - cern
 chase my fears, give me wit to wel - come change,
 an - swer - ing, through the si - lence, through the pain



give no sign that you are there, God to whom my
 how much more there is to learn, see a world be -
 to ac - cept, and not es - trange, let my joy be
 know my hope is not in vain, like a feath - er



days be - long, let there al - ways be a song.
 com - ing whole through the win - dow of the soul.
 full and deep in the knowl - edge that I keep.
 on your breath trust your love, through life and death.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1931–2020

Music: Jane Marshall, 1924–2019

Holy Eucharist

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

postlude **Postlude**

George Dyson
(1883-1964)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher & Presider	Rev. Dr. Stephanie Jaeger
Assisting Minister	Chris Rathjen
Organist	Trent Whisenant
Cantor/Soloist	Leanne Surace
Altar Guild	Lorraine & Richard Schrader
Ushers	Ruth Saliski & Helene Blatt
Counters	Judy Bombardi & Jeanette Richardson
Livestream Tech	Peyton Bloom

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IN OUR PRAYERS

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For those in our armed services, especially

Joshua Lentini, Sgt George E Turner, US Army, Sgt Brendan Jocsak, and the US Marines

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