



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



## THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 19, 2023 - 10:00 AM - in the Sanctuary



### Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the Trinity Pastors and Staff by Russ and Lani Wise.

# SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Organist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lector	John Beckford
Prayers	Angie Hager
Communion Assistant	Elizabeth Allen
Cantors	Bob and Sheryl Schirmer
Acolytes	Dan Thomas-Harewood Cesar Thomas-Harewood
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Anne Fagala Anne Harmon Lara Wannemacher
Praying for Possibilities	Bonnie Bridges
Greeters	Mark Allen Chad Brightwell Julie Brightwell Anne Harmon Deirdre Hixson Pattimarie Janssen Chris Sorenson
Ushers	Lani Ludian David Nichols Karen Nichols Franklin Sease
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

# GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

HOLY BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

In baptism our gracious heavenly parent frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

*Presentation*

We present Charlotte Anne for baptism.

Kellie and Mike, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have this child baptized in Christ?

*Response:*

We do.

Charlie, do you want to be baptized?

*Response*

I do

As you bring Charlie 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 she 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 Charlie grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:*

We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Charlie and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**We do.**

*Please stand as able*

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.**

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. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your children, no longer slave and free, no longer lonely and isolated, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Water is poured on the child's head, as the presiding minister says:*

Charlotte Anne,  
I baptize you in the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## BAPTISMAL ACCLAMATION

You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.

al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Charlie 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 presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

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

**Amen.**

Let us welcome Charlie into our church family.

**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.**

*Those who have gathered at the font may share the peace before returning to their places.*

**We are people created, chosen by God.  
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.  
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door  
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.**

**We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.  
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.  
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:  
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.**

**We are nourished by water, all living things,  
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.  
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:  
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.**

**Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.  
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.  
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be  
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!**

## 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

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



*Refrain*

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



*Refrain*

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of love and grace and mercy, we live in a weary, violent world where human life is often not valued or protected. We practice a faith whose holy scriptures contain story after story of violence, violence that is often presented as sanctioned by God. How shall we, followers of Christ, rejoice and have hope in a weary and violent world? How shall we be honest about the violence in our history and not allow that violence to rule the day or exert power in our lives of faith? Give us hope. Sustain our faith. Open our eyes and soften our hearts. Give us eyes to see and hearts to believe that you are always with us, that there is always hope. Enable us to experience signs of hope and promise each and every day, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

FIRST READING

Judges 4:1-9, 17-22

A reading from Judges.

<sup>1</sup>The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. <sup>2</sup>So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. <sup>3</sup>Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for Sisera had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. <sup>4</sup>At that time Deborah, a prophetess, was judging Israel. <sup>5</sup>She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. <sup>6</sup>She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. <sup>7</sup>I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

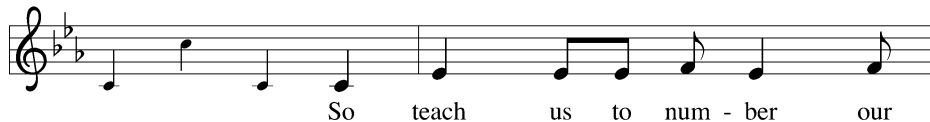
<sup>17</sup>Now Sisera had fled away on foot to the tent of Jael wife of Heber the Kenite; for there was peace between King Jabin of Hazor and the clan of Heber the Kenite. <sup>18</sup>Jael came out to meet Sisera, and said to him, "Turn aside, my lord, turn aside to me; have no fear." So he turned aside to her into the tent, and she covered him with a rug. <sup>19</sup>Then he said to her, "Please give me a little water to drink; for I am thirsty." So she opened a skin of milk and gave him a drink and covered him. <sup>20</sup>He said to her, "Stand at the entrance of the tent, and if anybody comes and asks you, 'Is anyone here?' say, 'No.'" <sup>21</sup>But Jael wife of Heber took a tent peg, and took a hammer in her hand, and went softly to him and drove the peg into his temple, until it went down into the ground — he was lying fast asleep from weariness — and he died. <sup>22</sup>Then, as Barak came in pursuit of Sisera, Jael went out to meet him, and said to him, "Come, and I will show you the man whom you are seeking." So he went into her tent; and there was Sisera lying dead, with the tent peg in his temple.

The Word of God for the people of God.

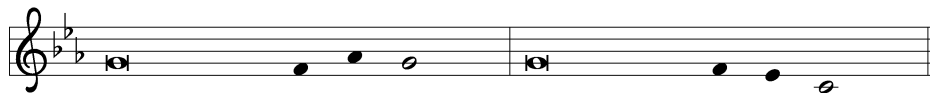
**Thanks be to God.**

*The refrain is introduced by the cantor.  
Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.*

*Psalm  
Refrain*



*Psalm  
Tone*



- <sup>1</sup>Lord, you have | been our refuge  
from one generation | to another.
- <sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,  
from age to age | you are God.**
- <sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the | dust and say,  
“Turn back, O child- | ren of earth.”
- <sup>4</sup>**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past  
and like a watch | in the night; R**
- <sup>5</sup>you sweep them away | like a dream,  
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:
- <sup>6</sup>**in the morning it is | green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.**
- <sup>7</sup>For we are consumed | by your anger;  
we are afraid because | of your wrath.
- <sup>8</sup>**Our iniquities you have | set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.**
- <sup>12</sup>So teach us to num- | ber our days  
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom. **R**

A reading from first Thessalonians.

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with Christ. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*The Crown on Your Head*

*Please stand as able*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the twenty-fifth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like a man who was leaving on a trip. He called his servants and handed his possessions over to them. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five valuable coins, and to another he gave two, and to another he gave one. He gave to each servant according to that servant's ability. Then he left on his journey. <sup>16</sup>"After the man left, the servant who had five valuable coins took them and went to work doing business with them. He gained five more. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had two valuable coins gained two more. <sup>18</sup>But the servant who had received the one valuable coin dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. <sup>19</sup>"Now after a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>The one who had received five valuable coins came forward with five additional coins. He said, 'Master, you gave me five valuable coins. Look, I've gained five more.' <sup>21</sup>"His master replied, 'Excellent! You are a good and faithful servant! You've been faithful over a little. I'll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.' <sup>22</sup>"The second servant also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two valuable coins. Look, I've gained two more.' <sup>23</sup>"His master replied, 'Well done! You are a good and faithful servant. You've been faithful over a little. I'll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.' <sup>24</sup>"Now the one who had received one valuable coin came and said, 'Master, I knew that you are a hard man. You harvest grain where you haven't sown. You gather crops where you haven't spread seed. <sup>25</sup>So I was afraid. And I hid my valuable coin in the ground. Here, you have what's yours.' <sup>26</sup>"His master replied, 'You evil and lazy servant! You knew that I harvest grain where I haven't sown and that I gather crops where I haven't spread seed? <sup>27</sup>In that case, you should have turned my money over to the bankers so that when I returned, you could give me what belonged to me with interest. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, take from him the valuable coin and give it to the one who has ten coins. <sup>29</sup>Those who have much will receive more, and they will have more than they need. But as for those who don't have much, even the little bit they have will be taken away from them. <sup>30</sup>Now take the worthless servant and throw him outside into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

SERMON

*How Can We Rejoice (and have hope) in a Weary (and violent) World?*

*Please stand as able*

**Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to  
see all people's dignity. Light dawns on a  
weary world: the promised day of justice comes.**

*Refrain*

***The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;  
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!  
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,  
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.***

**Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find  
bread and children's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes. *Refrain***

**Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once  
forlorn, find wilderness reborn. Hope blooms in a  
weary world: the promised green of Eden comes. *Refrain***

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, you give talents and gifts to all your people, and you equip the church to serve. Turn us from fear and self-serving ways, that we use our talents to glorify you and encourage our neighbor. Help each of us to recognize the gifts you have given us and to recognize them in each other. Help us to live into the good for which you create us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You have been our dwelling place from one generation to another. Sustain the life of the planet, protect farmlands and harvests, and direct all people to be good stewards of your creation. We give you thanks for the many creatures, great and small, you create to dwell among us. We thank you especially for family pets, the often-unsung heroes of many of our lives. Thank you for placing them in our homes and hearts. Bless and comfort those pets who have no home as cold weather enters our lands. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You call us to honesty and integrity. Instill these values in the hearts of all nations and their leaders. Free any who are oppressed, expose all corruption, and bring redemption to victims of injustice. With Transgender Day of Remembrance being tomorrow, we ask you to burst open our hearts to a greater understanding of the terror the trans community faces. Be with those who grieve lives lost to acts of violence. Protect trans people who find themselves without housing. Help this world to see you create trans people in your glorious image. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You give us so much for which to be thankful. This Thanksgiving, fill our hearts with gratitude for the many gifts you have bestowed upon us. Help us to set longer tables where more people are welcome to feast. Bless those with family situations which make it difficult to gather together due to bigotry, racism, queerphobia, and political unrest. Gift each of us with the curiosity needed to explore the true history of this land and its native people, understanding that the images we see of happy native people dining alongside pilgrims for the first Thanksgiving does not tell the true story of genocide, violence, and colonialism of our past. Guide us towards a future more equitable and peaceful than our past. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for the baptism of Charlotte Anne Fontecchio. Having passed through your waters, she begins her lifelong journey as a follower of Jesus. We pray that she may never go a day without feeling the power of your radical love. As you have clothed her in Christ, so clothe her in abundant grace to share with the world. Strengthen family, chosen family, and friends who strive to raise Charlie in the faith. Bless and strengthen Mike and Kellie to be faithful parents, so that their family might bear witness to your inclusive love for all people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You teach us to count our days so that we may gain a wise heart. Where there is sickness or sorrow, bring healing, and where there is loneliness, reveal your love in community. Bring hope to those who suffer from disease and strength to care partners as they face holidays full of unknowns. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the faith formation ministries of our church. Give to all children, youth, and adults who study your word the gift of faith and love. Shape us by your love and show us how to encourage one another. Encourage questions and help us to accept there are sometimes no answers. Teach us in your ways, that we all may faithfully share the good news of your grace and forgiveness. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You bring us together into beloved community, surrounded by your love. As we gather to share a lovely Thanksgiving meal together following worship, we give you thanks for your gifts of abundance: abundant relationships with neighbors, abundant experiences of your love, abundant joy in gathering together, and abundant grace for all people. Continue to knit us together as your people serving your world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, you are faithful in all generations. For the promise of life and rest and for the witness of those who have died in faith we praise your goodness. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.*

*Please be seated*

MEAL

ANTHEM

*When the Poor Ones* – Hymn 725  
arranged by David Cherwien  
Steve Koenemann, guitar

Adult Choir

When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving; when the thirsty pass the cup,  
water to share; when the wounded offer strength and healing:

*Refrain:* We see God, here by our side, walking our way;  
we see God here by our side walking our way.

When compassion gives the suffering consolation; when expecting brings to birth hope that  
was lost; when we choose love, not the hatred all around us: *Refrain*

When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness; when our voices, full and clear, sing  
out the truth; when our longings, free from envy, seek the humble: *Refrain*

When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwelling; when the nations work to  
change war into peace; when the stranger is accepted as our neighbor: *Refrain*

*Please stand as able*

OFFERING HYMN

*Soon and Very Soon*  
(verses 1-3)

#439

**Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!**

**No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
no more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
no more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!**

**No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.**

Let us pray. God of all goodness,  
**generations have turned to you,  
gathered around your table,  
and shared your abundant blessings.  
Number us among them  
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,  
and give thanks for your rich blessings,  
we may feast upon your very self  
and care for all that you have made,  
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.  
Amen.**

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is 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.**

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated*

## COMMUNION

*All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Anyone preferring not to receive the wine may receive only the bread, completely trusting that the full benefit of communion — Christ's grace and forgiveness — may be found in either the bread or wine.*

*Gluten free wafers are available.*

*At the direction of the ushers, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the bread into the wine to receive Communion by intinction.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

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.

*Refrain*

**Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe. The table's set and a place is waiting; come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.**

**I will rise in the early morning; the community's waiting for me. With a spring in my step I'm walking with my friends and my family. *Refrain***

**God invites all the poor and hungry to the banquet of justice and good where the harvest will not be hoarded so that no one will lack for food. *Refrain***

**May we build such a place among us where all people are equal in love. God has called us to work together and to share ev'rything we have. *Refrain***

*Canticle of the Turning*

#723

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?**

*Refrain*

***My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.***

**Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. *Refrain***

**From the hall of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.**

**Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.**

**The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. *Refrain***

**Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:**

**God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.**

**This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. *Refrain***

**Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood  
as the price, never grudging for the lost ones that  
tremendous sacrifice; and with that have freely given  
blessings countless as the sand to the unthankful  
and the evil with your own unsparing hand.**

**Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you gladly, freely,  
of your own. With the sunshine of your goodness melt our  
thankless hearts of stone till our cold and selfish natures,  
warmed by you, at length believe that more happy  
and more blessed 'tis to give than to receive.**

**Wondrous honor you have given to our humblest  
charity in your own mysterious sentence, "You have  
done it all to me." Naked, sick, in prison, hungry—  
in the least, your face we view, saying by your  
poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n you."**

**Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood  
as the price, never grudging for the lost ones that  
tremendous sacrifice. Give us faith to trust you boldly,  
hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of  
all your graces, with your love our love renew.**

**Lord of light, your name outshining all the stars and  
suns of space, use our talents in your kingdom  
as the servants of your grace; use us to fulfill  
your purpose in the gift of Christ your Son.**

*Refrain*

***Father, as in highest heaven, so on earth your will be done.***

**By the toil of faithful workers in some far  
outlying field, by the courage where the radiance  
of the cross is still revealed, by the victories  
of meekness, through reproach and suffering won: *Refrain***

**Grant that knowledge, still increasing, at your feet may  
lowly kneel; with your grace our triumphs hallow,  
with your charity our zeal; lift the nations  
from the shadows to the gladness of the sun: *Refrain***

**By the prayers of faithful watchers, never silent  
day or night; by the cross of Jesus, bringing  
peace to all and healing light; by the love that  
passes knowledge, making all your children one: *Refrain***

*Please stand as able*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus,  
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.  
Sustain us on the journey,  
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,  
and give us glad and generous hearts  
as we meet you on the way.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

May the God of all creation,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved,  
who strengthens us for service,  
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God,  
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,  
be with you today and always.

**Amen**

### SENDING HYMN

*Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand*  
*(verses 1-2)*

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**Oh, happy day when we shall stand amid the  
heav'nly throng; and sing with hosts from ev'ry land the  
new celestial song, the new celestial song.**

**Oh, blessed day when Christ shall come and show himself  
as Lord, and thousands meet in their new home which  
Jesus has prepared, which Jesus has prepared.**

### DISMISSAL

Beloved of God,  
In this weary world, grasp firmly to the hope of Christ.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Everyone is invited to gather in the Activities Building  
for a Community Thanksgiving Lunch.*

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