



LUTHERAN CHURCH 1909

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 27, 2025 - 10:00 AM - in the Gym



### Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

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

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of her cousin, Sarah Pinckney Branch, by Roy and Kay Cook.

# SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Pianist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lector	Eugene Lynch
Gospel Reader	McKinsey Threlkeld
Prayers	Lauren Smithman
Communion Assistant	Sharron Goodlett
Cantor/Soloist	Pat Morgan
Acolytes	Bonnie Whitworth Lauren Whitworth
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Mark Allen Chris Barsody
Nursery	Karen Craig
Praying for Possibilities	Lani Ludian
Greeters	Mark Allen Anne Harmon Linda Morgan Ed Ninestein Lisa Rehm
Ushers	Danny Fagala Calvin Harmon Pattimarie Janssen
Fellowship Hosts	Kay and Roy Cook
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 Otto Wink for baptism.

Shane and Lauren, 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.

As you bring Otto to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he 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 Otto grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:*

We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Otto and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**We do.**

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 is 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. Christ 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.**

*Please stand as able*

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

Otto Wink,

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 Otto 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 marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the pastor says:*

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

**Amen.**

Let us welcome Otto 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 gathered at the font share the peace before returning to their seats.*

**We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death;  
that as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.  
And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his,  
we will all be reunited, for he lives.**

**In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread,  
in the waiting arms of Jesus who is raised from the dead,  
God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past;  
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.**

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,  
glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one;  
as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again  
in a song that has no ending. . . Amen**

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.  
**And also with you.**



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Divine and Holy Spirit, hover close to us and draw us ever closer to our Heavenly Parent. In our world of hurt and heartbreak, we come before you with many worries, burdens, and concerns. We come before you with many questions, misconceptions, false understandings, and treacherous theology about prayer. Remind us that our deepest desire is to be close to you, to feel at home, free, and cozy in your care. Teach us to pray in ways that create healing, community, and belonging, ways that settle, calm, and comfort, ways that open hearts, hands, and minds to the vastness of your inclusive, unconditional love for all; in the name of Jesus, we pray.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Genesis 18:20-32

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>20</sup>Then GOD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." <sup>22</sup>So the three travelers turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before GOD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And GOD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to God, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And God said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again Abraham spoke to God, "Suppose forty are found there." God answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then Abraham said, "Oh do not let my God be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." God answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>Abraham said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my God. Suppose twenty are found there." God answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then Abraham said, "Oh do not let my God be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." God answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm



Your   stead - fast   love   en - dures   for - ev - er;



do not a - ban - don the works of your hands.

Psalm  
Tone



- <sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;  
before the gods I will | sing your praise.
- <sup>2</sup>**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,  
because of your steadfast | love and faithfulness;**  
for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove all things. **R**
- <sup>3</sup>When I called, you | answered me;  
you increased my | strength within me.
- <sup>4</sup>**All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words | of your mouth.**
- <sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,  
that great is the glory | of the LORD.
- <sup>6</sup>**The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty | from afar. R**
- <sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right | hand shall save me.
- <sup>8</sup>**You will make good your pur- | pose for me;  
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;  
do not abandon the works | of your hands. R**

A reading from Colossians.

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in Christ, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in Christ the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in Christ, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In Christ also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with Christ in baptism, you were also raised with Christ through faith in the power of God, who raised Jesus from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with Christ, when God forgave you all your trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. God set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>God disarmed the rulers and authorities and principalities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*God's Wish for You*

*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 Luke the eleventh chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said, “Rabbi, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”<sup>2</sup> Jesus said to them, “When you pray, say:

Abba, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

<sup>5</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to your friend at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup> for friends of mine have arrived, and I have nothing to set before them.’ <sup>7</sup> And your friend answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you anything because he is your friend, at least because of your persistence he will get up and give you whatever you need.

<sup>9</sup> “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your God in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask!”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

SERMON

*From Calamity to Calm*

*Please stand as able*

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as  
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers  
on the road; we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night time  
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll  
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.**

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as  
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.**

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience the healing gift of intimacy with you. Hear our prayer, O God of grace,  
**your steadfast love endures forever.**

Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant persistence in action for the sake of the earth, our common home. Bring relief to those suffering in extreme heat and bless the sands, shells, and shores where your people might find time for relaxation, renewal, and rest as the slower pace of Summer draws to a close. Hear our prayer, O God of grace,  
**your steadfast love endures forever.**

Teach rulers of the earth to sing of your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Guide us toward an end to war, violence, and genocide across the world, especially in Ukraine, Gaza, Iran, Israel, Haiti, Sudan, Myanmar, Yemen, India, and Pakistan. Direct the heart of every person, leader, and nation to seek your peaceable and loving kin-dom on earth as in heaven. Hear our prayer, O God of grace,  
**your steadfast love endures forever.**

We give you thanks for the baptism of Otto Wink Smithman. Having passed through your waters, he begins his lifelong journey as a follower of Jesus. We pray that he may never go a day without feeling the power of your radical love. As you have clothed him in Christ, so clothe him in abundant grace to share with the world. Strengthen family, chosen family, and friends who strive to raise Otto in the faith. Bless and strengthen Lauren and Shane to be faithful parents, and continue raising Tony as a loving big brother, so that their family might bear witness to your inclusive love for all people.

Hear our prayer, O God of grace,

**your steadfast love endures forever.**

To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you.

Hear our prayer, O God of grace,

**your steadfast love endures forever.**

Center the ministries of this congregation on prayer, belonging, and service. Guide our relationships in Greenville, being ready to assist those who seek help. Strengthen feeding, clothing, housing ministries, and community partnerships. Inspire creative ways forward as government funding cuts impact once consistent and reliable sources for the fresh produce distributed to downtown neighbors as well as funding for our partners in ministry, Rebuild Upstate. Hear our prayer, O God of grace,

**your steadfast love endures forever.**

Send your Holy Spirit, O God. Surround voting members and attendees with your presence as the ELCA convenes for Churchwide Assembly in Tucson this week. Grant discernment and wisdom during the election of a new Presiding Bishop for our church. Grant the ELCA a leader who centers their mission on your Gospel for a time such as this. Strengthen hearts with the courage needed to continue shaping this church into the church of your dreams. Hear our prayer, O God of grace,

**your steadfast love endures forever.**

Disarm rulers and authorities continuing to cause chaos and invoke fear in the hearts of migrants, queer people, people of color, the poor, and all who find themselves on the margins or at risk in this tumultuous season. Bring an end to ICE raids, protect trans youth and adults, and restore within your people a desire for justice, equity, and communal belonging. Hear our prayer, O God of grace,

**your steadfast love endures forever.**

We give thanks for all who have gone before us. May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints. Hear our prayer, O God of grace,

**your steadfast love endures forever.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**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

OFFERING

*O Healing River*

Pat Morgan

Text and tune by Fred Hellerman and Fran Minkoff  
arr. David Cherwien

O healing river, send down your waters,  
send down your waters upon this land.  
O healing river, send down your waters,  
and wash the blood from off the sand.

This land is parching. This land is burning.  
No seed is growing in the barren ground.  
O healing river, send down your waters.  
O healing river, send your waters down.

Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish.  
Let the deep roots nourish, let the tall stalks rise.  
O healing river, send down your waters.  
O healing river, from out of the skies, from out of the skies.  
O healing river, O healing river.

*Please stand as able*

OFFERING HYMN

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

#674

**Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

*Refrain*

***Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!*** *Repeat*

**Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.** *Refrain*

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'ry where!** *Refrain*

Let us pray, 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.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

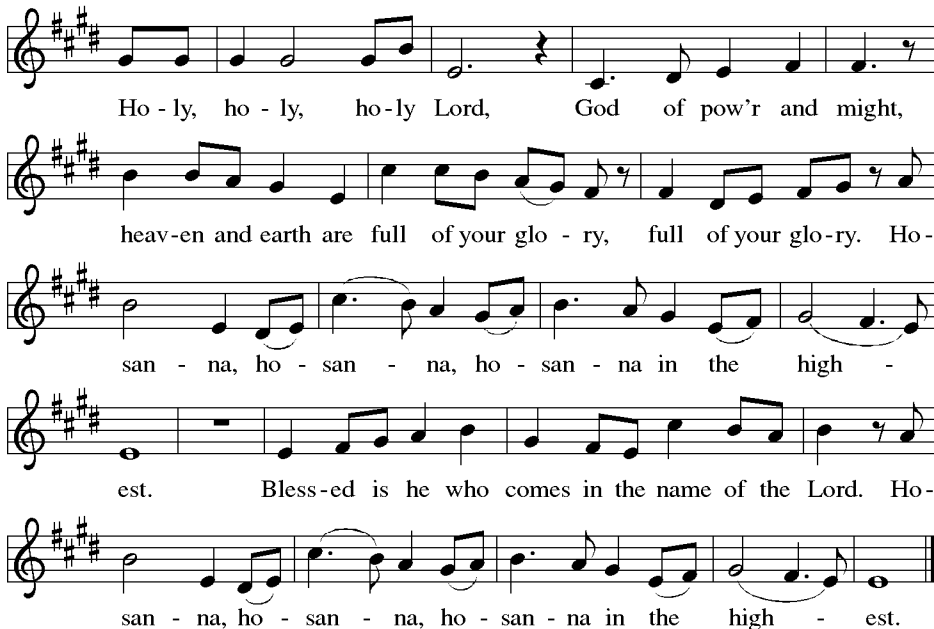
Lift up your hearts.

**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:



The musical score is written on five staves in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, 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 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!**

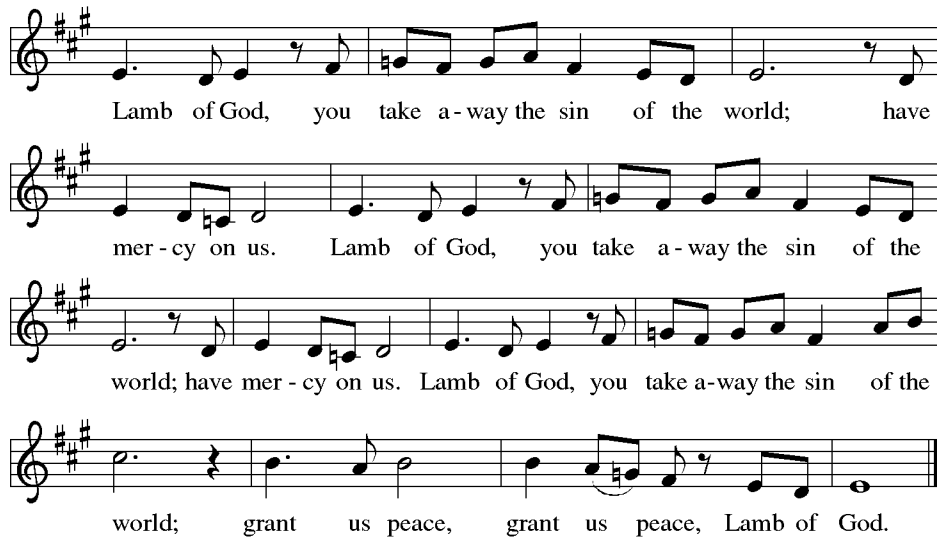
*Please be seated*

#### COMMUNION

*All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice— wine in the larger section and grape juice in the smaller section. Christ's grace and forgiveness is found in the bread, wine, and grape juice.  
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 wafer into the chalice 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, Lamb of God.

*Christ, Be Our Light*

#715

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for  
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
your holy people, light for the world to see.**

*Refrain*

***Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.***

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for  
hope, many despair. Your word alone  
has power to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain***

**Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for  
water, many still thirst. Make us your bread,  
broken for others, shared until all are fed. *Refrain***

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for  
warmth, many are cold. Make us your building,  
sheltering others, walls made of living stone. *Refrain***

**Many the gifts, many the people, many the  
hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants  
to one another, signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain***

**We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching—— oo——  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching—— oo——  
we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are dancing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God.  
We are dancing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God.**

**We are dancing—— oo——  
we are dancing in the light of God.  
We are dancing—— oo——  
we are dancing in the light of God.**

**We are praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God.  
We are praying in the light of God, we are praying in the light of God.**

**We are praying—— oo——  
we are praying in the light of God.  
We are praying—— oo——  
we are praying in the light of God.**

**We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God.  
We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God.**

**We are singing—— oo——  
we are singing in the light of God.  
We are singing—— oo——  
we are singing in the light of God.**

**The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is  
ready to begin. The gates of heav'n are open wide,  
and Jesus welcomes you inside.**

*Refrain*

***Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.  
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.  
Take your place at the table of the King.  
The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.***

**Tables are laden with good things; oh, taste the  
peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love divine;  
he'll turn your water into wine. *Refrain***

**The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the  
poor his paradise. Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud  
the amazing goodness of the Lord. *Refrain***

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

*Sing several times*

**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!**

*Please stand as able*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.  
**Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Mothering 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

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

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**“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

**“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace.  
Pray in old ways and new ways.  
Pray in silence.  
Pray with words.  
Pray with your actions.  
Pray with your breath.  
Receive the Holy Spirit.  
Allow prayer to move you, over and over again,  
from doubt to faith, from burden to peace, from calamity to calm.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*Following worship everyone is invited to gather for  
refreshments and fellowship in the back corner of the Gym  
followed by a hotdog lunch and Tie-dye t-shirt event in the Multipurpose Room*

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