



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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6th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 5, 2026

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with the lowly and outcast. Like Paul, we struggle with our selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS

We are so glad you are here today! May God bless you richly as we worship together this morning. We would love an opportunity to get connected with you. If that would be your desire as well, please take a moment to fill out one of the Connection / Attendance Cards found in the holder in front of you.

As part of the Body of Christ we are called to hold all people in our prayers before God and would be honored to hold any of your concerns as well. Prayer Request Cards are also in the holder in front of you. During the opening song, an usher will come by to collect these requests so we can incorporate these into our morning worship.

Most every Sunday, we enjoy spending time together checking in and catching up as well as just simply getting to know one another. Please do join us for this time of friendship and fellowship. Coffee and often some pretty terrific goodies are on offer most all the time and we'd love an opportunity to meet you. You are most welcome here!

AN INVITATION AROUND HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is one of the most significant aspects of our worship service. It is a moment when we receive Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, as He shares himself with us. We teach and confess that Jesus is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. He comes to us as a gift of life to His people. He is our holy food that sustains us in the journey of faith and life. It has long been the practice of Christian people that this meal is what sustains faith and life for all those baptized into Christ Jesus as they live out Christ's mission and calling in this world. As we commune with Christ Jesus this morning, the invitation is from Jesus that trusting Him, you come and partake as He gives. All His fullness, goodness, and mercy is yours simply in trusting and receiving the Lord's Body and Blood given and shed *for you*. Gluten-free bread and grape juice are both available for special needs so please just let us know as you come forward. Children who have yet to receive a First Communion, are invited to come forward as well for the "same blessing" but for now simply in Word. Pastor Eric encourages any family desiring to have their children begin receiving our Lord's Body and Blood, reach out and we will schedule a First Communion class that will set that in motion!

You are welcome here and as you are prompted by the Holy Spirit, to receive Jesus at his Word, come and taste that the Lord IS Good!

NOW THE FEAST THE ORDER OF SERVICE *Holy Communion Worship*

PRELUDE

WELCOME



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*Congregational responses are in **BOLD** type.*

Please rise as you are able.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

Amen.

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,
have mercy on us.

We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

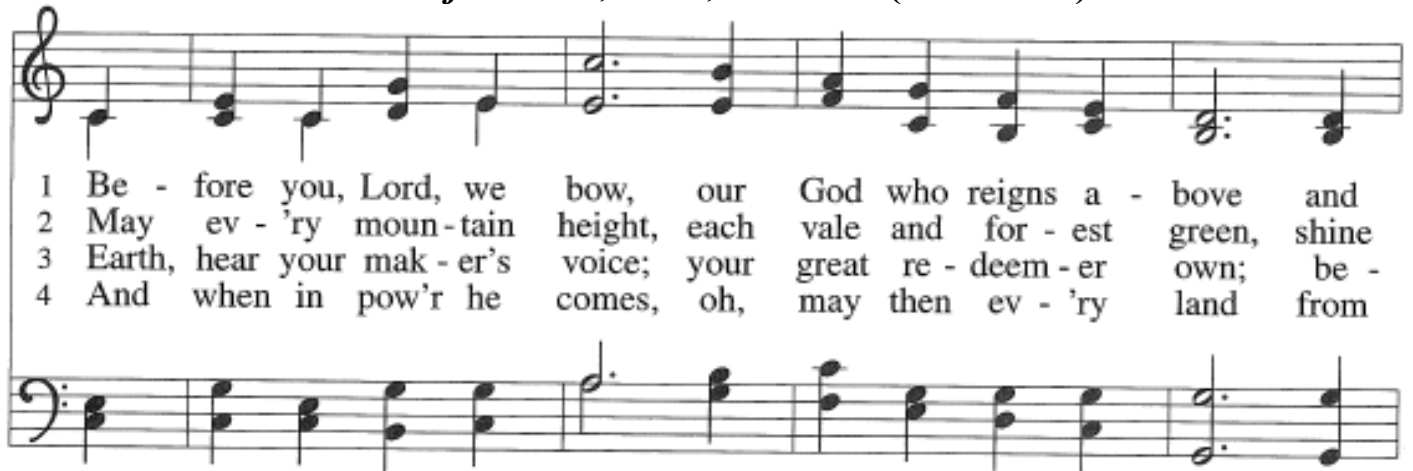
PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

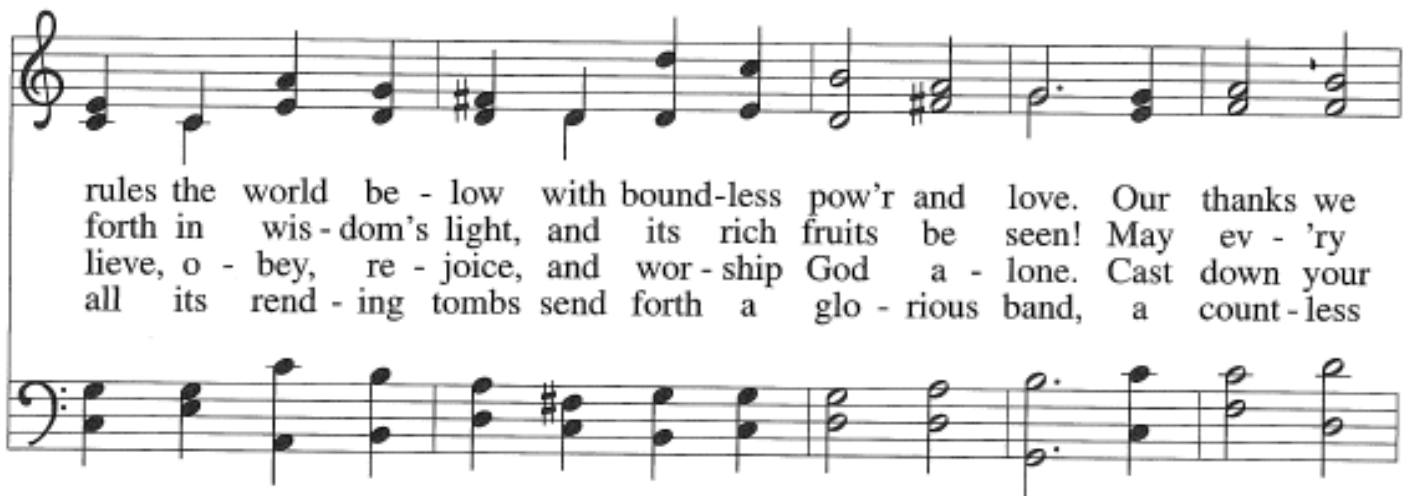
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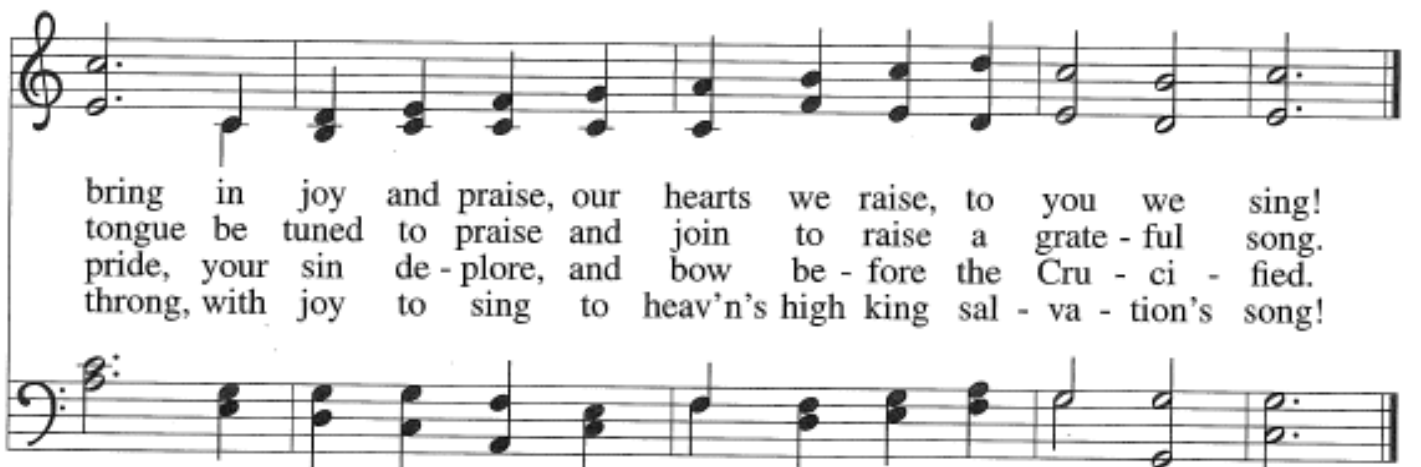
GATHERING HYMN *Before You, Lord, We Bow* (ELW 893)



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and
 2 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine
 3 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice; your great re - deem - er own; be -
 4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then ev - 'ry land from



rules the world be - low with bound - less pow'r and love. Our thanks we
 forth in wis - dom's light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry
 lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship God a - lone. Cast down your
 all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!
 tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.
 pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.
 throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king sal - va - tion's song!

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.**

KYRIE

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray — to the Lord, have mer - cy,

Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have

mer - cy. _____

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,
for the unity of all... (Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live
your Word... (Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, — O God.

Congregation:

A - - - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE - NOW THE FEAST

Refrain:

Congregation:



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,



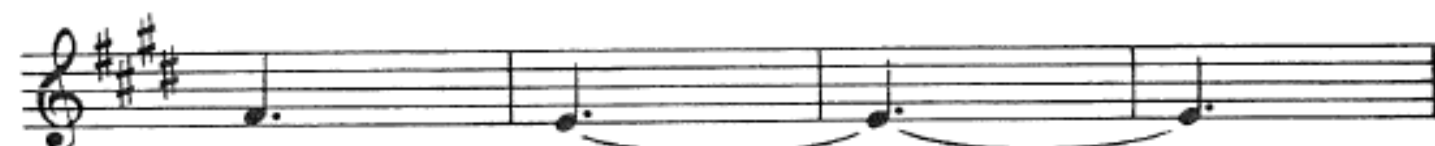
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy



to the God of life and love and

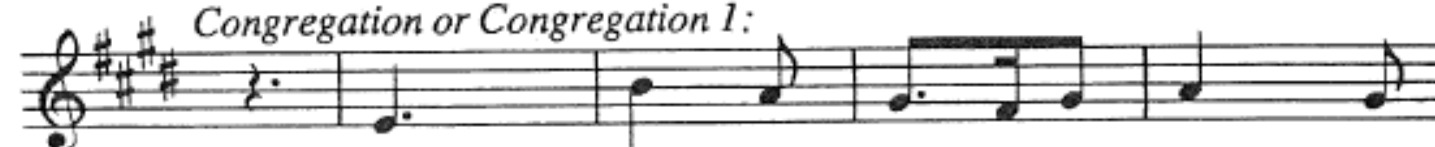


free - dom: praise and glo - ry for - ev -



er - more!

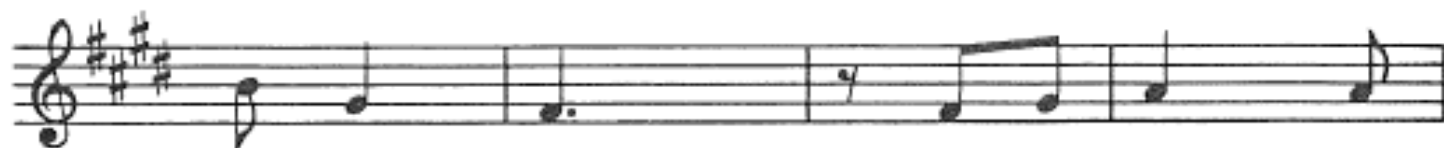
Congregation or Congregation 1:



1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once



slain, whose blood has freed and u -

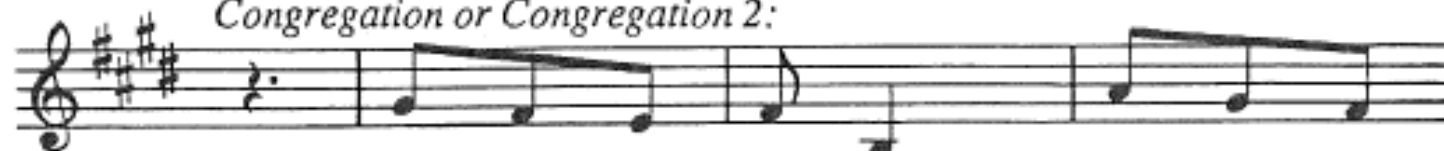


nit - ed us to be one great



peo - ple of God. _____

Congregation or Congregation 2:



2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ _____



_____ for - ev - er. _____



Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us, —

— to make us peo - ple of God; to make

all things new. ————— *to Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



WORD

God speaks to us through scripture, preaching, and song.

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON: Zechariah 9:9-12 *(back cover)*

After the reading.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

*The Psalm is read responsively, with the congregation speaking the portion printed in **BOLD**.*

PSALM 145:8-14

⁸The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are | good to all,
and your compassion is over | all your works.**

¹⁰All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power,**

¹²that all people may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through-
| out all ages.**

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 7:15-25a *(back cover)*

After the reading.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 *(back cover)*

The Gospel is announced.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ



Please be seated

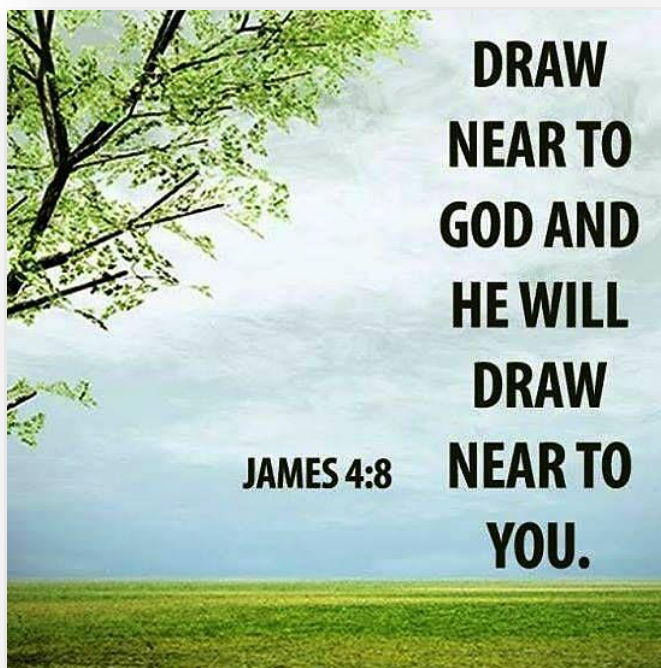
CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children's church follows.

SERMON **“Draw Near and Rest”**

Silence for reflection may follow.

Pastor Eric Griffith



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 Music: YISRAEL VORATTA, Hasidic tune
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Please stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People* (WOV 715)



- 1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
- 2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
 they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain



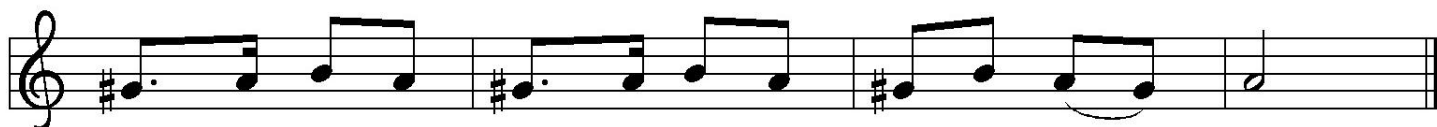
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
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APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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**

**Theological Note: the word
“catholic” means
“universal”. Our faith
confesses that we are merely
part of the Christian Church
God is creating through faith
in Jesus Christ.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us lift our hearts, hands, and voices in prayer to God on behalf of all people.

Kneel/Stand

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy,
please, hear our prayer.

Hear our prayers, dear Father, as they touch your heart through the Spirit who searches our hearts. For the sake of your beloved Son, answer them as may be best for us and give you glory. **Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Please be seated

The congregation may be seated as the offering is gathered, and the table is prepared.

THE OFFERING



SONG OF OFFERING

As the Grains of Wheat (NtF)

Refrain:

Congregation:



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be



gath-ered in - to one in you.



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst, —
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Please rise as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are distributed between the Presider and the Congregation as follows:

Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And also with

Presider: you. *Congregation:* Lift up your hearts. We

Presider: lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day or season:

It is our duty and delight...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Congregation:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; — Heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the



One who comes in your name. — Ho - san - na in the



high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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**




LAMB OF GOD

Congregation: *Congregation or assistant:*



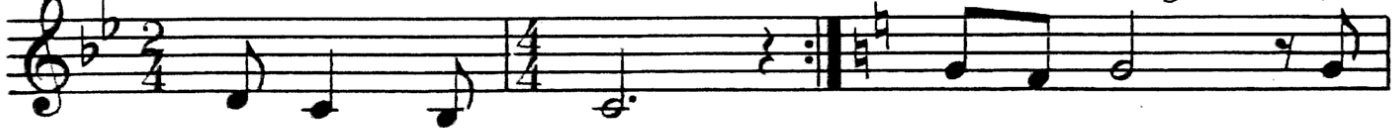
Lamb of God, [you take a-way the sin of the
* Please see all additional stanzas after 1st time.

Congregation:




world:] have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,

Final time: *Cong. or assistant:*

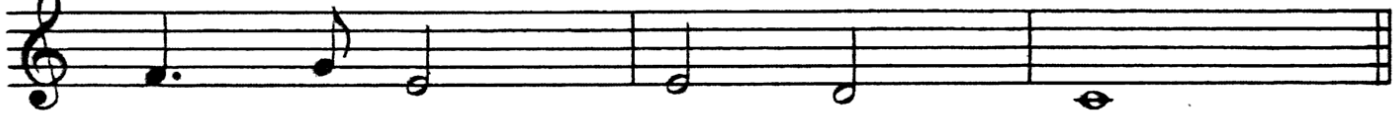


mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Additional invocations:

- 2) you break the chains of hatred and fear:
- 3) you are the way of justice and peace:
- 4) you are the way of mercy and love:

* Jump to "Final time" after the last line above.

*The congregation may be seated
and come forward at the direction of the usher.*



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
*The communicant may say: “Amen” or “Thanks be to God” or whatever
expression of thanksgiving one is moved to in the moment.*

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: WOV 702, 701, 706

COMMUNION BLESSING

Stand

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

Amen



THANKS BE TO YOU

Congregation:

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy,
 2. From of old you loved and sought us,



Thanks be to you for - ev - er! Rais - ing high the
 Thanks be to you for - ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



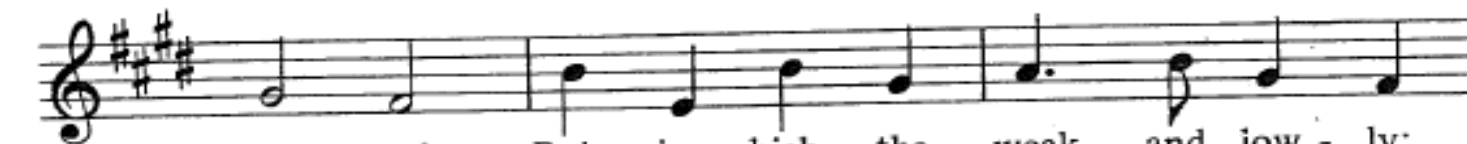
Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



3. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy, Thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



Thanks be to you for - ev - er, Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS


SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Leader:  *All:* 

Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.

Presider: 

May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may



Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the



Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for



all of our days.

All:

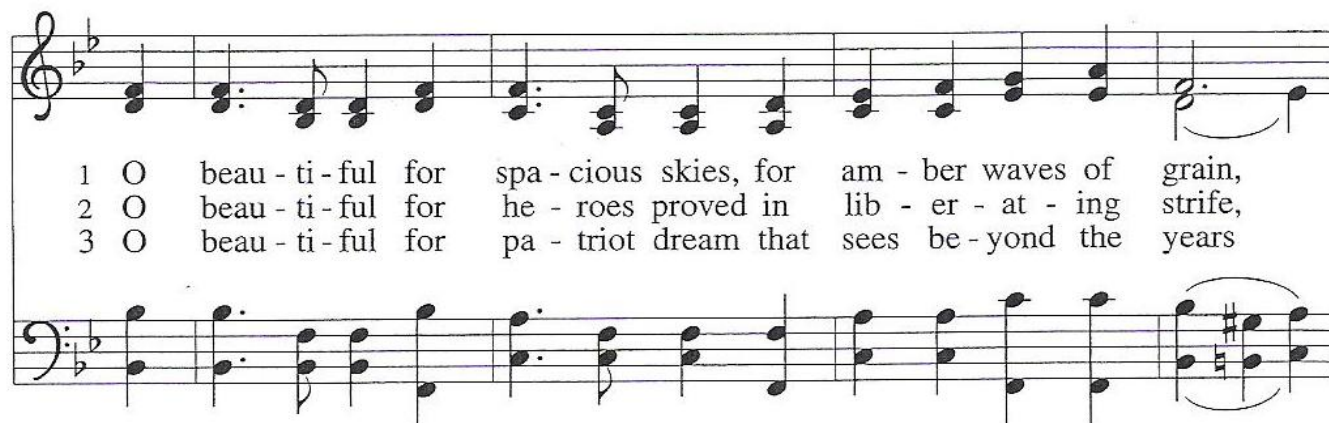
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A men.

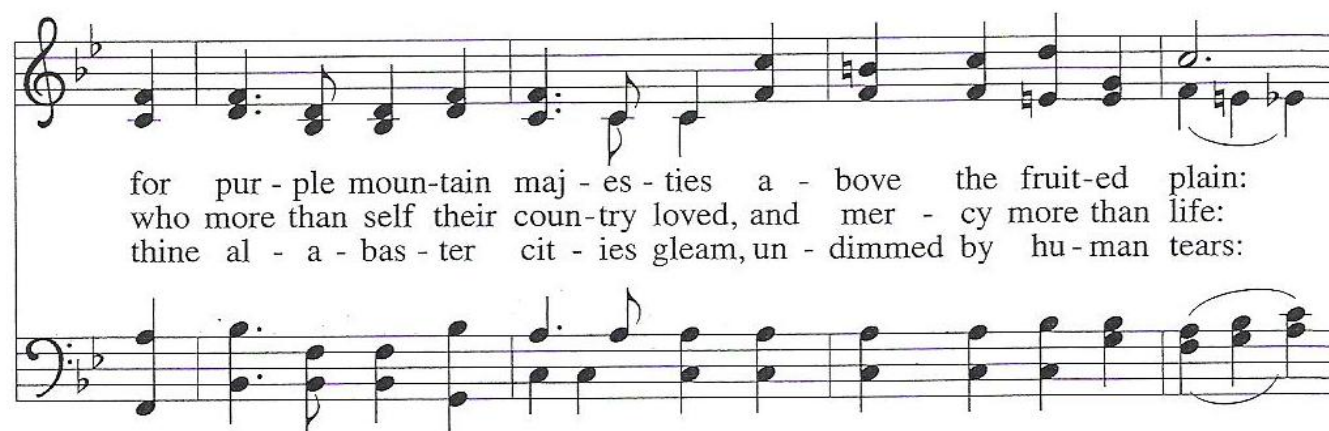
The flame carried by the Acolyte reminds us that Christ leads us into mission. You are invited to turn and focus on this light as it moves us toward our calling in the world.



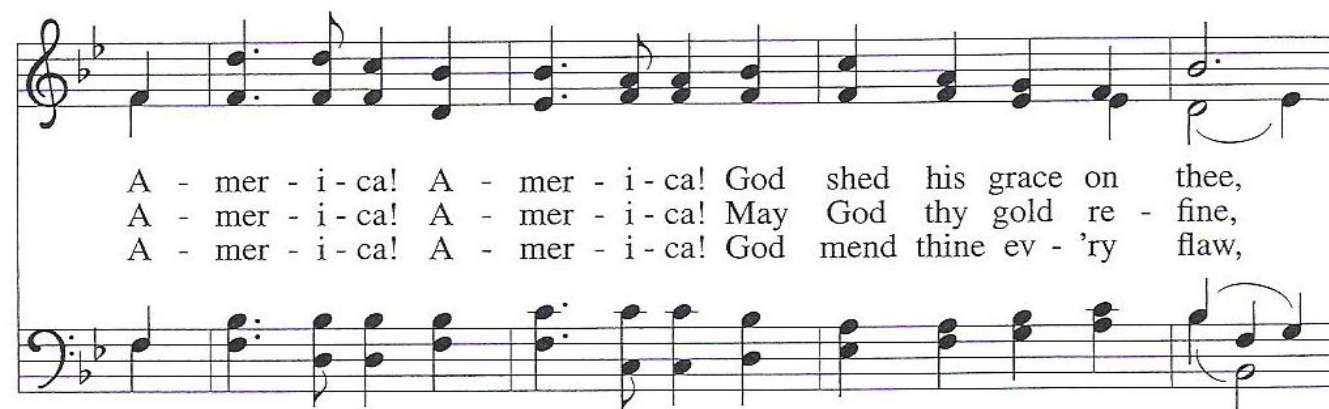
SENDING HYMN *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* (ELW 888)



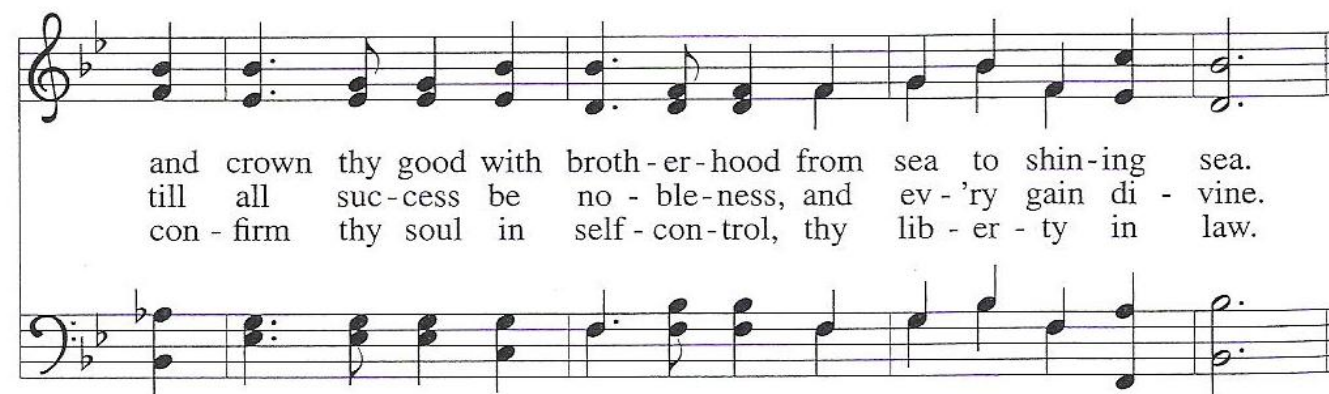
1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

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 Music: Samuel A. Ward, 1848-1903

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

What are we called to do?

We are called by the Holy Spirit to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and God's love through word and deed.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

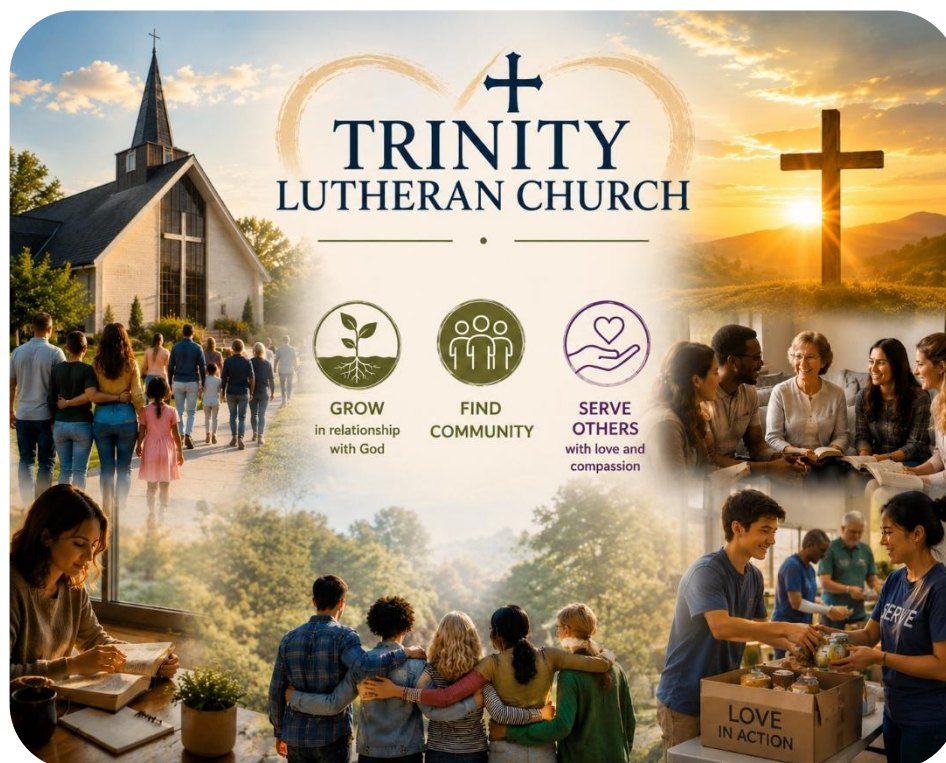
Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

Trinity Lutheran Church strives to be a church where all can experience the love of Christ, find community, grow in relationship with God, and serve others with love and compassion.



PRAYERS FOR THOSE GRIEVING

Family and Friends of Jeanette Totten

Family and Friends of Jodie O Brien (sister of Kim Cushman)

Family and Friends of Linda Stolte (Aunt of Carmen Petersen)

Family and Friends of Janet Linscott

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Kathy Olson, Hunter Grossklaus, Jordan Bergeron, Claudette Woodland, Zeny Brown, Ollie Goldammer, LaVonne Heitmann, DeeLee Mendenhall, Connie Riddle, Donita Hansen, Samuel Poleson, Donna Piraino, Dennis Riddle, Rebecca Matchey, Carole Lemire, Steve Hanson, Anthony Nedrow, Pam Schmaling, Mick Woodland.

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Brian Garner: (brother of Mona Gish)

Israel Holden: (friend of Rebecca Matchey)

Ricky Shope: (requested by Carmen Petersen)

Melody and Ivan Thompson of Good Hope

Brook Henze: (daughter of Kim Cushman)

Nadia Skorobogatova: (Elena & Oksana's mom)

Eugeniy Skorobogatov: (Elena & Oksana's dad)

Chuck Riddle: (son of Dennis & Connie Riddle)

Tamra Mead: (granddaughter of Anita Schneider)

Stacey Stamper: (friend of Bob Bergeron)

Neeraj and Nijhar and family: (missionaries)

John Jasinski: (son of Ed Jasinski)

Anna Walk-Bush: (daughter of Bob Walk)

Marilyn Cochran: (cousin of Kathy Johnson)

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Sergeant First Class Matt Spears: (Son of Sandra Spears)

*TO HAVE YOUR REQUEST INCLUDED ON THIS PRAYER LIST OR PRAYER CHAIN, PLEASE CONTACT
EDY MATCHEY.*

CHURCH STAFF

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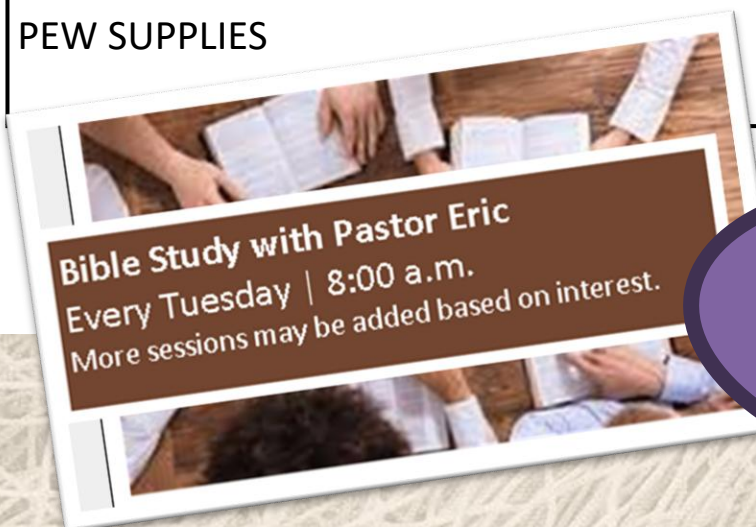
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CHILDRENS CHURCH GUIDE

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Rebecca Matchey & Youth Group



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SUNDAY, July 5, 2026

Prayer Chain & Prayer List: If you have a prayer request to share with the congregation, please contact *Edy Matchey*.

Sunday Worship Prayer Requests: Please call 208/743-4414 and leave us a message or send an Email tlclewiston@gmail.com.

Restroom: In the Narthex (back of the church) by the front doors.

Large Print Worship Folders and Children's Busy Bags: Available in the Narthex. (See an usher.)

NALC Newsletter: The latest NALC Newsletter is available at thenalc.org.

LCMC Newsletter: <https://lcmc-nw.com/northwest-district-newsletter>. The national site is www.lcmc.net.

Community Food Bank: *Thank you* for donating non-perishable foods, to benefit our food bank and people in need! Please keep contributing as there is need. Your donations may be placed in the northeast corner of the sanctuary. Thank you, *Lee Brown*.

Portals of Prayer: Portals of prayer (through the month of September) are available in the Narthex. If you would like a copy of this devotional, please call the church office (208.743.4414) and we will see that you get one.

**Please join us after worship for
coffee hour! We look forward
to visiting with everyone!**





Wednesday, July 8th - BoardGame Night with Eric & Jana

Pr. Eric LOVES to play games with people (Jana does too PROVIDED its the “right” game!) We are hosting a BoardGame Night get together on Wednesday July 8th beginning at 5:30pm. We are thinking to BBQ some hotdogs and have a bit of “picnic fare” and then LET THE GAMES BEGIN! Thinking to host it at our place next to Trinity, if the group becomes a bigger one, we will move it to the church social hall as we learn who is “IN.” This effort is the beginning of an attempt to connect with our Middle School, High School and Young Adult crowd and their families, but as there is ALWAYS room for the young at heart, if you like to play games with others, you are most welcome to come.

Speaking of which, for planning we need to get a ballpark of how many may want to dive down the rabbit hole for the night... can you either reach out to Pr. Eric, Jana or even the church office and let us know you would like to play too? Other things that might be cool, if you are coming and you have a favorite game you want to bring OR a favorite picnic dish you might want to share, these are both most welcome!

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As for games, we will have a pretty eclectic set of offerings for the first time out... mostly focusing on group “social” games (Taboo, Outburst, Wits N Wagers, and the like) but also depending on interests, Pr. Eric would love to introduce smaller table groups to the “beginnings of the rabbit hole” that goes DEEP with games like Ticket to Ride, Splendor, or Carcassonne and others should time and interest allow.

Most of these games are likely best suited for age 10+ but as many are group oriented, we leave it to parents to think of whether their kiddo would have a good time with this. (Can always bring that game of Chutes and Ladders or Sorry too, we just don’t own much in that age range any longer)

Ultimately its about finding ways to enjoy the community of Christ with lots of laughter and (mostly) friendly competition. Come play with us and discover just how cool Boardgaming has become!!!

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97th Birthday Party

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LaVonne Heitmann
at her birthday party!

on July 19th, 2026
During coffee hour.

