



## Seventh Sunday of Easter

### *Introduction*

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

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*May 17, 2026, 9:00 A.M.*

*All are welcome here*  
*All people of faith, All people of doubt*  
*All people of any origin, race, ability, sexual orientation or gender expression*  
*All people who seek a compassionate community*

*All are welcome here*  
*Welcome to worship, Welcome to pray*  
*Welcome to learn, Welcome to give thanks*  
*Welcome to serve God and neighbors*

*All are welcome here*  
*All are redeemed by a gracious God*



## *The Gathering*

### **Prelude Music**

*Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed* (setting by Edwin T. Childs & tune by Orlando Gibbons, 2011 Augsburg Fortress)

*Rise, O Sun of Righteousness* (setting by Mark Sedio & tune by Sonne Der Gerechtigkeit; Bohemian Brethren; 2009 Augsburg Fortress)

*Please stand in body or spirit as we begin with a Thanksgiving for Baptism, and please face the font.*

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

RD Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

RD Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

C **Amen.**

RD Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

RD Merciful God,  
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.  
You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:  
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.  
Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

RD Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness  
who accompanies us on our journeys.  
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.  
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.  
Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

RD Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.  
 Break down barriers that divide us.  
 Fill us with the breath of peace.  
 Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

RD Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
 and for making us a new creation.  
 We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
 now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 526: *God Is Here!***



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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## Greeting

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

**C** And also with you.

## Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*



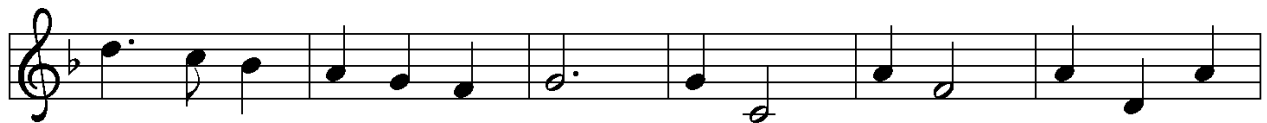
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



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



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

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the  
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Prayer of the Day

RD O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### *The Word*

L A reading from the book of Acts.

#### Acts 1:6-14

<sup>6</sup> When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward

heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35** (Read responsively by whole verse.)

<sup>1</sup> Let God arise, and let God’s enemies be scattered;  
let those who hate God flee.

<sup>2</sup> **As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;  
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

<sup>3</sup> But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;  
let them also be merry and joyful.

<sup>4</sup> **Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;  
I AM is that name, rejoice before God!**

<sup>5</sup> In your holy habitation, O God,  
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

<sup>6</sup> **you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;  
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

<sup>7</sup> O God, when you went forth before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,

<sup>8</sup> **the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

<sup>9</sup> You sent a bountiful rain, O God;  
you restored your inheritance when it languished.

<sup>10</sup> **Your people found their home in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

<sup>32</sup> Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;  
sing praises to the Lord.

<sup>33</sup> **You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;  
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

<sup>34</sup> Ascribe power to God,  
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

<sup>35</sup> **How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,  
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

L A reading from the book of 1 Peter.

**1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed.

<sup>14</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**Gospel Acclamation: ACS, hymn 933: *Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded*** (vs. 1 before reading of Gospel & vs. 2 after reading of Gospel)



1 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel  
2 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel



spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ  
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ



ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -  
ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to



pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;  
danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;



sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the  
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of



stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in  
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor



wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!  
last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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**RD** The Holy Gospel according to John, the seventeenth chapter.  
**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**John 17:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

**RD** The Gospel of our Lord.  
**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sing Gospel Acclamation verse 2.*

**Children’s Sermon**

**Sermon**

**Rev. Dr. Derek Nelson**

*Please stand.*

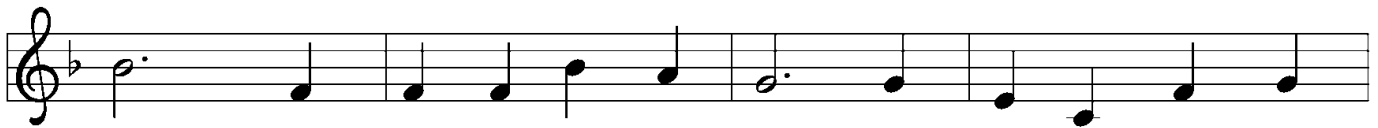
Hymn of the Day: ELW (red), hymn 463: *Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed*



1 Lord, who the night you were be - trayed did pray that all your  
 2 For all your church on earth, we in - ter - cede; Lord, make our  
 3 And hear our prayer for wan-d'ers from your fold; re - store them,  
 4 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease, may we be



church might be for - ev - er one: help us at  
 sad di - vi - sions soon to cease; draw us all  
 too, Good Shep - herd of the sheep, back to the  
 one with all your church a - bove— one with your



ev - 'ry eu - cha - rist to say with will - ing heart and  
 clos - er, each to each, we plead, by draw - ing all to  
 faith your saints con - fessed of old, and to the church still  
 saints in one un - bro - ken peace, one with your saints in



soul, "Your will be done." Oh, may we all one bread, one  
 you, O Prince of peace; thus may we all one bread, one  
 pledged that faith to keep. Soon may we all one bread, one  
 one un - bound - ed love; more bless - ed still, in peace and



bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
 bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
 bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
 love to be one with the Trin - i - ty in u - ni - ty.

RD Nicene Creed.

C We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers

A Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation. (*A brief silence.*) O God, your people sing praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire musicians, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim the gospel of Jesus. Merciful God,  
C receive our prayer.

A Your creative power fills the universe. Bring favorable weather, nurture plants and animals, protect us from natural disasters, and guide us to care for all you have made. We pray for all those affected by severe weather, especially tornadoes in Mississippi. Merciful God,  
C receive our prayer.

A Your justice is exercised in society by those in authority. We pray for peace and reconciliation among the nations, especially in Iran, Lebanon, Gaza, Mali, South Sudan, Ukraine, and Venezuela. We pray for those going through elections and political transitions, locally and around the world. Instill in political leaders, business leaders, school administrators, and all who work in the service of others a desire for peace and equity. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Soothe the anxious, protect widows and orphans, comfort those living with memory loss and their families, and heal the sick. We pray for the families of Jeff, Wayne, Don, and Rosemary, and all who grieve their deaths. We pray for Sara F., Judy O., Joe, Ron H., Ann N., Jace C., Mary Ann, Anna, Jim B., Carol W., Joy, Dan S., Betty, Jamie J., Megan O., Jennifer, Mike, Fred G., Brittney, Sally, Jean, Nathan, Haley, Renee and Sam R. We pray for those injured and affected by gun violence this week, especially those in Edmond, Oklahoma. We pray for the cruise passengers exposed to hantavirus and for all public health efforts. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Bless those experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, new employment, and accompany us in our prayers during these times. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God of new beginnings, we thank you for the presence of your Holy Spirit as we have prayed, listened, and discerned together. As we step forward from this season of wondering into a season of action, make us willing to be all in for the future you are unfolding among us. You are calling us to serve our neighbors and to imagine how this place we steward might become a greater blessing for our community. Give us courage for the adventure ahead. When the path feels uncertain, remind us that you are always doing a new thing—and that the One who calls us forward will also provide the way. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A O God, your promise of eternal life is certain and sure. Inspire us by the steadfast faith of those who have gone before us, so that we may be confident in the assurances you give. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

RD God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C Amen.**

### **Peace**

RD The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## *The Meal*

**As we prepare to receive Holy Communion, please read the following:**

*For today's distribution of Holy Communion, after the Invitation to the Table, the presiding pastor will invite the worship assistants (lector, assisting minister, usher) to commune behind the altar. The presiding pastor will then commune those worshiping online and those in the sanctuary who wish to commune in their pews. Then the presiding pastor will commune those who wish to come up to the altar while the Lamb of God is played.*



### **Offering**

*Please feel free to send your regular tithe in the mail, drop it off to the church office or if you have not checked out our website and the "Donate" tab, this could be your opportunity.*

*Please Stand*

### **Offering Prayer**

A Merciful God,  
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.  
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day  
when we will hunger and thirst no more.  
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,  
that goodness and mercy may follow us  
and bless the world you love.

In the name of Jesus,

C **Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

RD The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

RD Lift up your hearts.

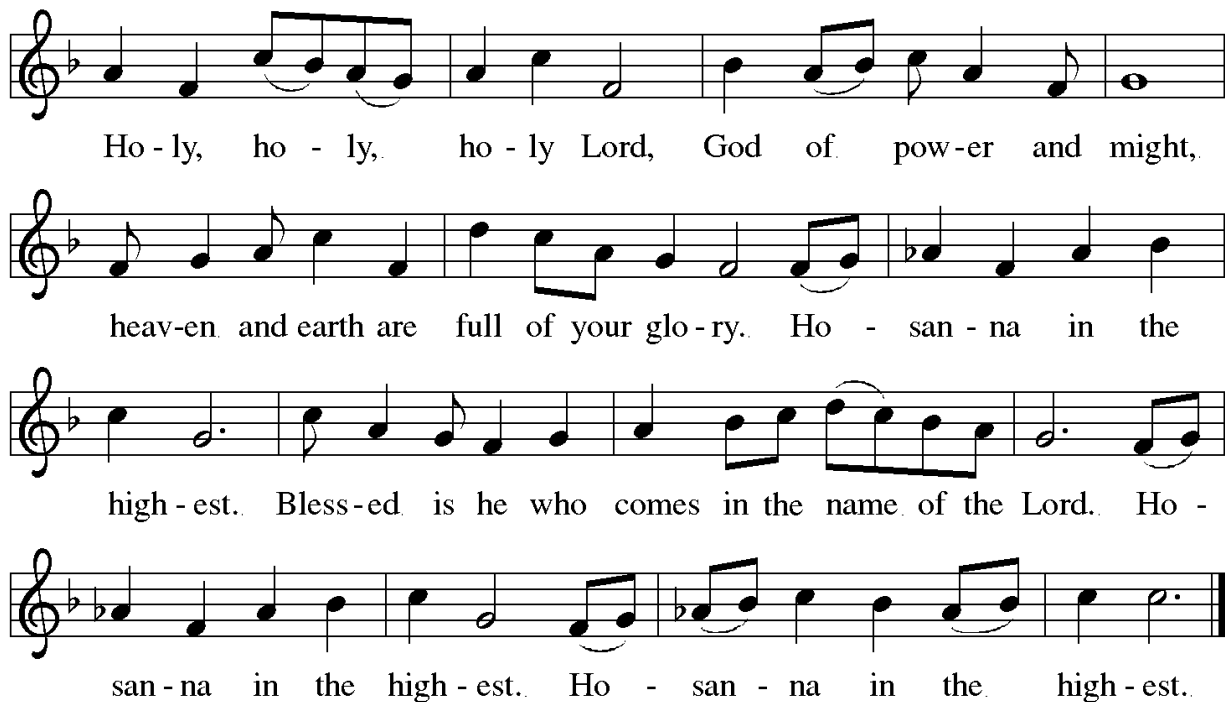
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

RD Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

RD 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,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
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. 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.

RD Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
 Your mercy is everlasting  
 and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
 Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
 Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
 Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
 to the land of milk and honey.  
 Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
 Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
 Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup  
 we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life  
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

RD O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

RD Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

RD With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.

C **Amen.**

RD **The Lord's Prayer**

C **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

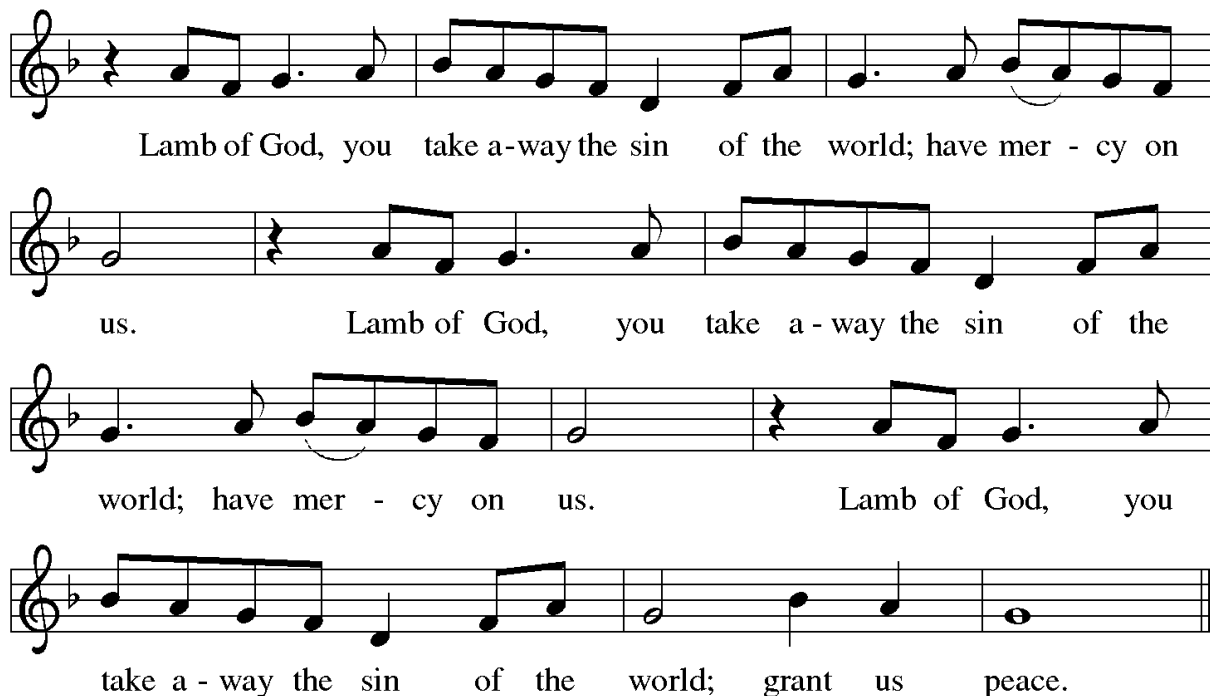
## Invitation to Communion

RD God's grace overflows into us through this meal and broken bread and festive drink. No one is turned away from this table because God's love welcomes and receives all of us. Come, for all is ready, and there is a place for you here.

## Distribution

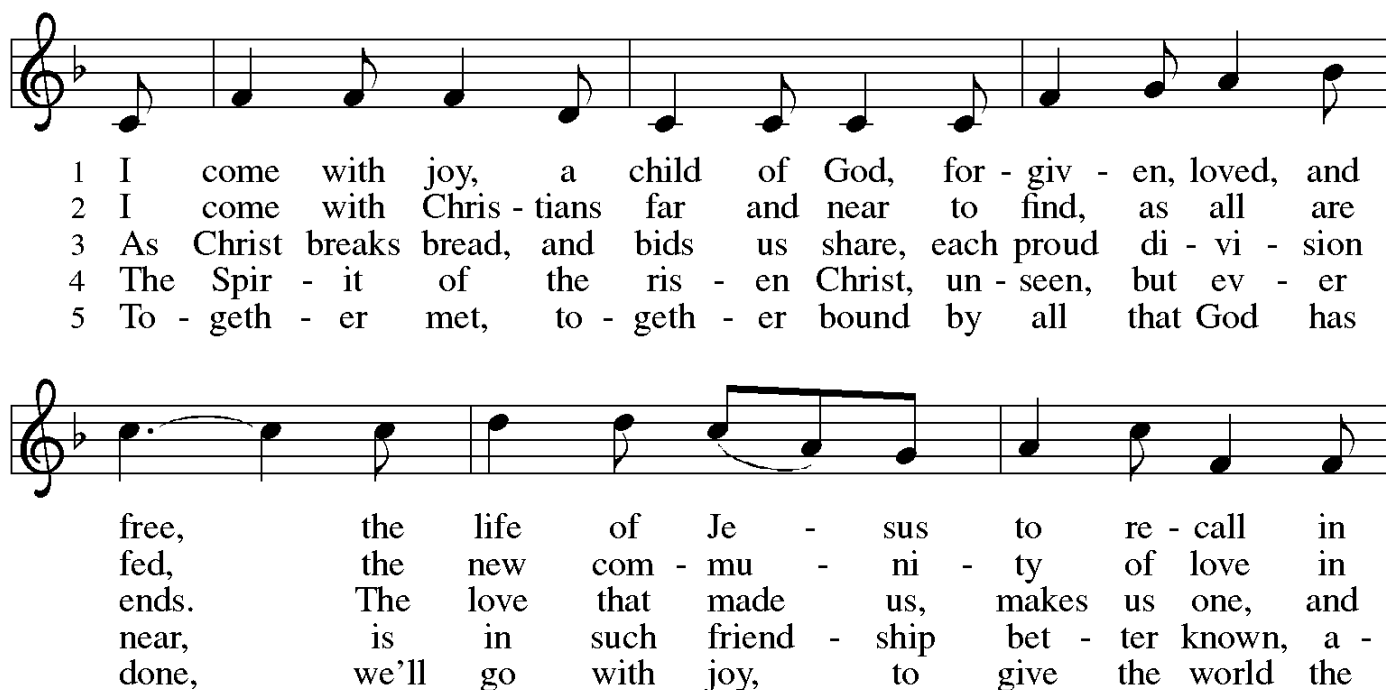
*There are gluten-free wafers and grape juice. Please indicate your need to the server.*

## Lamb of God



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.

## Communion Hymn: ELW (red), 482: *I Come with Joy*



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has  
free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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*Please stand.*

RD The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and for ever.

C **Amen.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

A Let us pray,  
Holy One,  
through this meal you have made your home among us  
and are making all things new.  
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,  
to love our enemies,  
and to bring your healing to the nations.  
In the name of Jesus,

C **Amen.**

# The Sending

## An Invitation

Sending Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 657: *Rise, O Sun of Righteousness*



1 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous - ness; with your  
2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your  
3 Gath - er in your scat - tered flock; give us  
4 Burst the bars of stub - born pride; make the  
5 Hon - or, praise, and glo - ry be to the



might cre - a - tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day,  
word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim  
wa - ter from the rock. Bless the u - ni - ty we share  
heav'n - ly path - way wide. Raise us up from sin and death  
ho - ly Trin - i - ty! May your gra - cious will be done:



show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
in our shep - herd's lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
with your Spir - it's liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
make us one, as you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.

Text: Christian David, et al.; tr. Frank W. Stoldt, b. 1958

Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

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## Blessing

RD God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

## Dismissal

A Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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**Worship Assistants Today:** Beth Dana (Musician), Pam Miller (Assisting Minister), Dick Rahdert (Lector), Jesse Grogan (Usher), Mike Williams (A-V Specialist), Matt Ohland (Assistant to Mr. Williams)

**Today we welcome Rev. Dr. Derek Nelson, as our guest preacher. Rev. Dr. Derek Nelson, Professor of Religion, Stephen S. Bowen Professor of the Liberal Arts, Department Chair, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana, we are grateful for Rev. Nelson's leadership this morning. Please join us for a presentation on "A Theology of Home" by Rev. Dr. Derek Nelson after the service.**

**While Pastor Randy is on sabbatical, until July 13, Pastor Kristin is available for all pastoral care for the OSLC community and PLM students. Please contact her at: 262-758-1235 or by email: [pastor@plm.org](mailto:pastor@plm.org).**

**We collect toiletries (travel size) to donate to the homeless shelter.** The basket for your donations is in the narthex. (Look beneath the buffet.)

**Our sanctuary is served by a hearing loop.** Wearers of hearing aids should turn their aids to the setting marked T, or T-coil, or Telephone.

**Kid's Worship Bags and Family Room:** The kids' worship bags have been updated with new items that help children follow along with the worship service, storybook Bibles and fun activities to do. For little ones there are quiet toys, books, and activities in the family in the back of the church for the children to play with during the service. Please feel free to let your children explore.

**Joys and Concerns** can be submitted by filling out the cards which can be found in the narthex or in the pew attendance pads, contacting Erin Thompson in the OSLC office (765-743-2931) or at [erin@osluth.org](mailto:erin@osluth.org). You can also contact any of the care committee: Sue Aufderheide ([ska@purdue.edu](mailto:ska@purdue.edu)), Sherri Guido ([dr.guido@comcast.net](mailto:dr.guido@comcast.net)) or Vera Weiser ([weiser.vera@gmail.com](mailto:weiser.vera@gmail.com)). We will run the concern for two weeks under **Concerns** and then move it to on-going prayer list until further notice. The **Joys** will also be run for two weeks.

## PRAYERS

Along with the Indiana Kentucky Synod staff, we lift these faith communities and rostered leaders in our prayers:

Zion – N. Manchester, IN – Rev. Dan Forehand, Pastor of Record

Zion – Portland, IN – Rev. Robin Owen, Interim

Zion – Sunman, IN

Zion's – Pershing, IN – Rev. Cliff Nunn

Ascension – Louisville, KY – Rev. Kenneth Boehm

Indiana University Campus Ministry – Bloomington, IN – Rev. Amanda Ghaffarian

Rev. John Mikenas – Retired – Cathedral, CA

Rev. Ellen Mills – Retired – Bloomington, IN

Rev. Will Bevins – CPE Trainer/Chaplain – Navy – Portsmouth, VA

Rev. Mark Minnick – Retired – Ft. Wayne, IN

Rev. Alice Murto – Retired – Atlantic Mine, MI

Bishop Brenda Bos and the Southwest California Synod

## About Our Nave

Against the north wall is the Tree of Life, designed by the late liturgical designer Charles Pohlmann and constructed in 1996 by then-OSLC member Ted Marshall. The processional cross was given to OSLC in memory of Jennie Dana. Many of our paraments were designed and hand-woven by OSLC member Bea Stromberg. The west wall is lined with seven wood carvings depicting the life of Christ commissioned from the late Nigerian carver Lamidi Fakeye. At the center of the nave stands a marble baptismal font, a gift from members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. The prints of paintings on the east wall are by nationally known liturgical artist He Qi. The center piece is given by the Church Council in honor of Sam Rasmy for his long-time service as Financial Secretary of OSLC. The Last Supper, by Guatemalan artist Angelina Quic Ixtamer, was purchased by the 2014 Guatemala Mission Team. The OSLC logo was redesigned in 2022 with elements reflecting the unique architecture of the sanctuary, the 2019 addition of the south stained-glass window, our affiliation with the ELCA, and the eternal presence of our Lord and Saviour.

References to the Tree of Life are found in both the Old and New Testaments. It has both literal and symbolic meaning for Christians: it is the literal tree of life in Genesis, and in Revelation it represents everlasting life granted to those who display fruits of the spirit and of righteousness aligned with God's principles.

## Our Saviour's Mission, Vision, and Values (February 10, 2025)

### **Mission Statement:**

Embraced by God's Love to:

- Honor all people
- Share Christ's compassion
- Serve the world

### **Vision:**

Make Christ's love known to all:

- Meet people where they are
- Accompany and encourage one another along the way
- Nurture our roots and foster new growth

### **Values:**

Empathy: Understanding and addressing the needs of others

Growth: Encouraging the development of faith, love, and compassion

Generosity: Giving of time, talents, and assets to care for the community and the world

Belonging: Nurturing a community where all are honored and celebrated

Tradition: Rooted in the Christian faith as members of the ELCA

Caring: managing resources with purpose and integrity.