

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**May 24, 2026**  
**10:00am**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

P God loves you all the time.  
C **All the time God loves you.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity,+ one God, whose compassion endures forever.  
C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Compassionate God,  
C **we confess to you all our sins.**  
**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**  
**In your mercy, call us back to you.**  
**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**  
**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**  
**In Christ's name we pray,**  
**Amen.**

P Jesus says, "Come to me,  
all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest." In the name of God,  
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.  
Rest in God's love.  
C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

*One Spirit, One Church*

Refrain

We are a pil-grim peo-ple, we are the Church of God. A  
fam-ly of be-liev-ers, dis-ci-ples of the Lord. U-nit-ed in one  
spir-it, ig-nit-ed by the fire. Still burn-ing through the a-ges, still

1, 2 to Vss Final Verses

pres-ent in our lives. lives. A - men! 1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre-a - tor  
2. O Com-fort-er, to thee we  
1. blest, and in our hearts take up thy rest; come with thy  
2. cry, thou gift of God sent from on high. Thou font of  
to Refrain  
1. grace and heav'n-ly aid to fill the hearts which thou hast made.  
2. life and fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.

GREETING

P 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.**

# KYRIE

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

# HYMN OF PRAISE



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!



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.



2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of



God; to make all things new.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## FIRST READING Acts 2: 1-21

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMODY** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

*read responsively*

<sup>24</sup> How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup> **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,  
living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup> There go the ships to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

<sup>27</sup> **All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>28</sup> You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup> **When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup> **May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

<sup>32</sup> You look at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup> **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>34</sup> May these words of mine please God.  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Hallelujah!**

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

<sup>3b</sup> No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activat-

ed by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

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

## GOSPEL John 7:37-39

**P** The holy gospel according to John the 7th chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>37</sup>On the last day of the festival [of Booths], the great day, while Jesus was standing [in the temple,] he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, <sup>38</sup>and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" <sup>39</sup>Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## MESSAGE

*Please stand at the last verse as you are able*



1 O God of bless - ings, all praise to you! Your love sur -  
 2 All praise for proph - ets, through grace in - spired to preach and  
 3 All praise for mu - sic, deep gift pro - found, through hands and  
 4 All praise for Je - sus, best gift di - vine through word and  
 5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and



rounds us our whole life through. You are the  
 wit - ness with hearts on fire. Your Spir - it  
 voic - es in ho - ly sound; the psalms of  
 wit - ness, in bread and wine; in - car - nate  
 gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry



free - dom of those op - pressed; you are the com - fort of all dis -  
 choos - es the weak and small to sing the new reign where might - y  
 Da - vid, and Mar - y's praise, in word - less splen - dor and lyr - ic  
 love song of bound - less grace, priest, teach - er, proph - et in time and  
 cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and



tressed. Come now, O ho - ly and wel - come guest:  
 fall; with them may we live your gos - pel call:  
 phrase, with all cre - a - tion one song we raise:  
 space, your stead - fast kind - ness with hu - man face:  
 sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:



So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

## APOSTLES' CREED

A Let us profess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed

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

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 into hell.  
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.

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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of baptism. Bless both those preparing for or affirming their baptism. May they be encouraged by this community of faith as they live out their baptismal promises. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith whose witness to your mighty works continues to inspire our lives. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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. **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

**ANTHEM**

*The Gift of Love*

**American Folk Tune arranged by Hal Hopson**

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
But not be giving by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, spirit come, our hearts control. Our spirits long to be made whole.  
O come, spirit come, let inward love guide every deed.

By this we worship, we are freed. Amen, Amen.

*This is the last Sunday of the 2025-26 choir season. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the members of the choir for enhancing our worship experience each week. It is as pleasantly surprising to me as it may be to you the sound we can make with 6-8 voices each week!*

*- Jordan Irazabal, Director of Music*

## OFFERING

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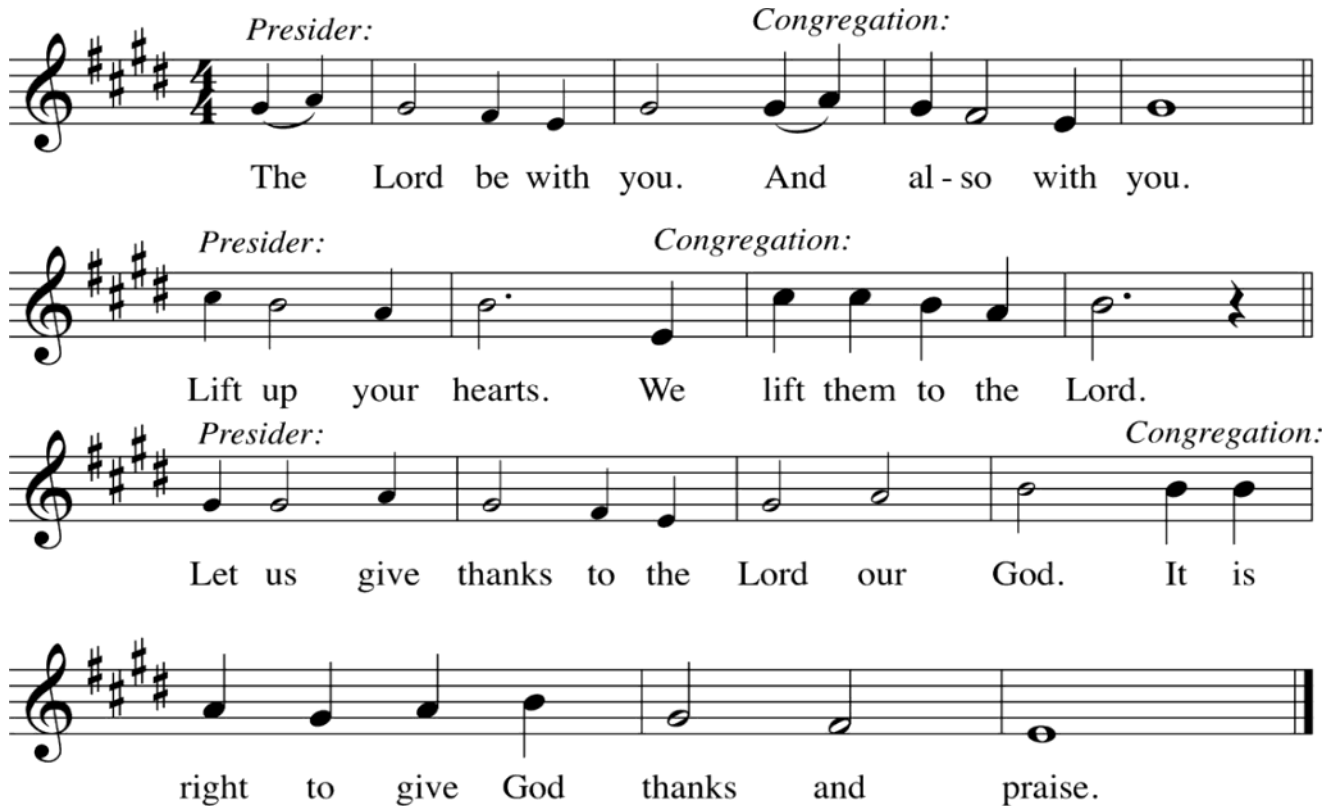
## OFFERTORY



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me  
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- A Loving God,  
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of  
your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
- C **Amen.**



*Presider:* *Congregation:*  
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is  
right to give God thanks and praise.

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*It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ and the Spirit, whom you poured out upon the Church and your people and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn.*

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.

P You are indeed holy, Gracious and merciful God: everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation.

Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation, and peace.

On the night of his betrayal 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.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*Congregation:*

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.

Christ will come, come a - gain.

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Remembering his command, to love one another,  
his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension,  
we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

*Congregation:*

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

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P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that all of your promises may come to us  
and your whole creation.

*Congregation:*

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

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P This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

*Congregation:*

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the  
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is  
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.  
A - men.

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## LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!  
All are welcome at the table of the Lord. 17


# LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:*      *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God,      you take a - way the sin of      the  
 you break the chains of ha - tred      and  
 you are the way of jus - tice      and  
 you are the way of mer - cy      and


*Congregation:*



world:      have mer - cy on us,      mer - cy on us,  
 fear:  
 peace:  
 love.


## Final Stanza

*Congregation or Assistant:*




mer-cy      on      us.      Lamb of God,      you

*Congregation:*



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



grant us peace,      grant us peace.

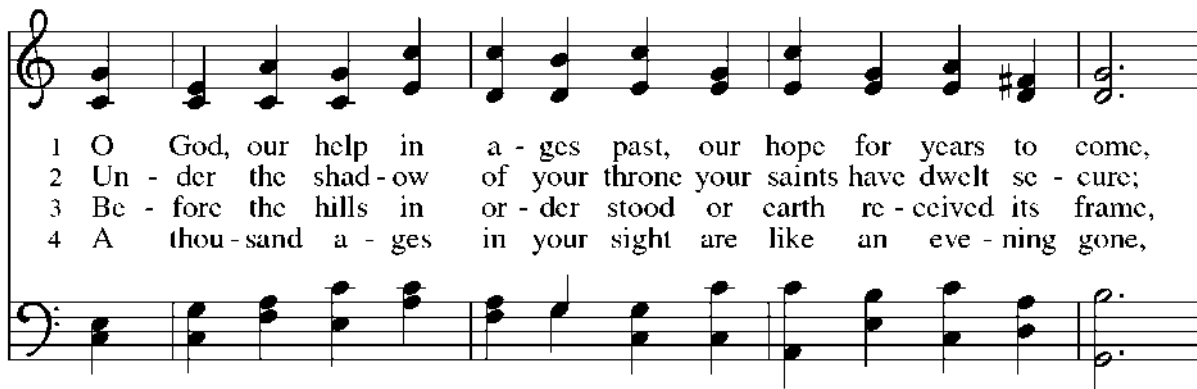
## COMMUNION



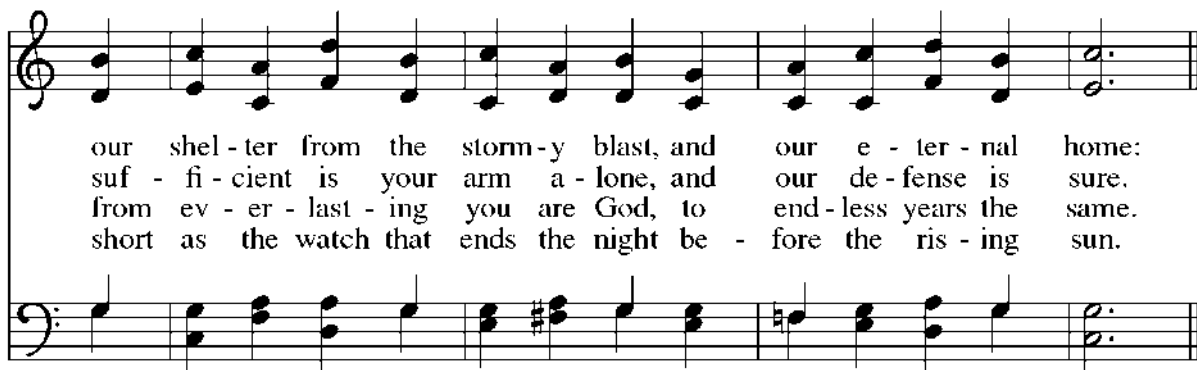
*Communion will be received at the head of the Sanctuary. Come down the center aisle and take a spot at the rail in front of your section furthest to the right and fill in from there, and receive the communion elements. After receiving communion, please return your cup to the bowl at the hard of the side aisles and return to your seat. Elements at in-person worship are red wine and white grape juice. All bread is gluten-free.*

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ELW 632



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

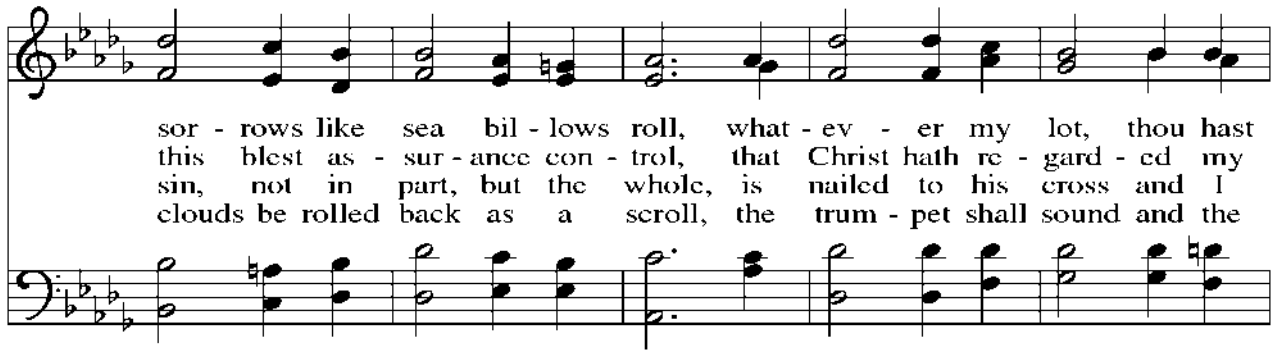
6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home!

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION

When Peace Like a River ELW 785



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul.

## HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION

### *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* ELW 773



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,  
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

## COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -  
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:  
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 thanks be to you for -



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



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



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

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. C Amen.

**BLESSING**

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God,  
 bless, heal, and hold you today and always.  
 C Amen.

**SENDING HYMN**

*We Are Called*

ELW 720

G G/B C C/D D

1 Come! Live in the light!  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart!  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song!

G G/B C D D/F#

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are  
 Show your . . . mer - cy to all those in fear! We are  
 Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will

Em Em<sup>7</sup>/D C G/B

called to be light for the king - dom, to  
 called to be hope for the hope - less so all  
 reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as

Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C C/D D

live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 ha - tred and blind - ness will be . . . no more.  
 sis - ters and broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

*Refrain*  
 Am<sup>9</sup> G/B C D D/F# C/G D/G G G/B C

We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

## DISMISSAL

- A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!  
 C Thanks be to God.

*The altar flowers are offered to the Glory of God*

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

*Assisting Minister: Nancy Goyda*

*Greeter: Jay Snyder*

*Ushers: Beth Fenner, Larry Matchen*

*Reader: Penny Matchen*

*Sound: Mark Maurer*

*Streamer: Paul Warren*

*Nursery: Alyson Fleming, JT Fleming*

*Refreshments: Pam Adams, Merrily Schiavone*

*Offering Counters: Tim Dambaugh, Beth Fenner*

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