

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 9, 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.**

VERSE

F/A G/B C²

F

C

F

C



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You — to re - ceive the food — of Your
 2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, — ho - ly rev - er - ence, — true hu -
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; — Help us grasp the heights — of Your

4 Am

G/B

F/A G/B C²

F

C



ho - ly word. — Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; — Shape and
 - mil - i - ty. — Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes — in the
 plans for us. — Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, — that will

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C/E

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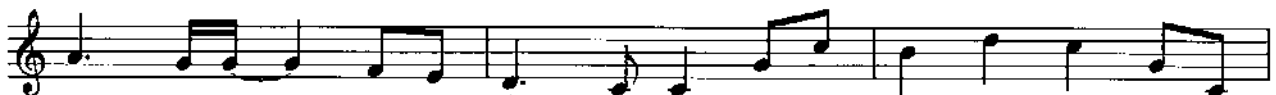
C

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fash - ion us — in Your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
 ra - di - ance — of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
 c - cho down — through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your

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G^{sus}/F G⁹/FC²/E

G G/F C/E

Am

G^{sus}

G

F/A

G/B

C²

seen — to - day — in our acts of love and our deeds of — faith. — Speak, O Lord, and ful -
 eyes — to see — Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. — Words of pow'r that can
 prom - is - es; — And by faith we'll walk as You walk with — us. — Speak, O Lord, till Your

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F

C

F

C/E

F

G^{sus}

G

C



-fill in us — all Your pur - pos - es, — for Your glo - ry.
 nev - er fail; — Let their truth pre - vail — o - ver un - be - lief.
 church is built — and the earth is filled — with Your glo - ry.

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F²C²/EF²G^{sus}

G

C



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

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 our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 85:8-13

read responsively

⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,**

and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ **Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

SECOND READING Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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 Matthew 14:22-33

P The holy gospel according to Matthew the 14th chapter.

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

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P The gospel of the Lord.

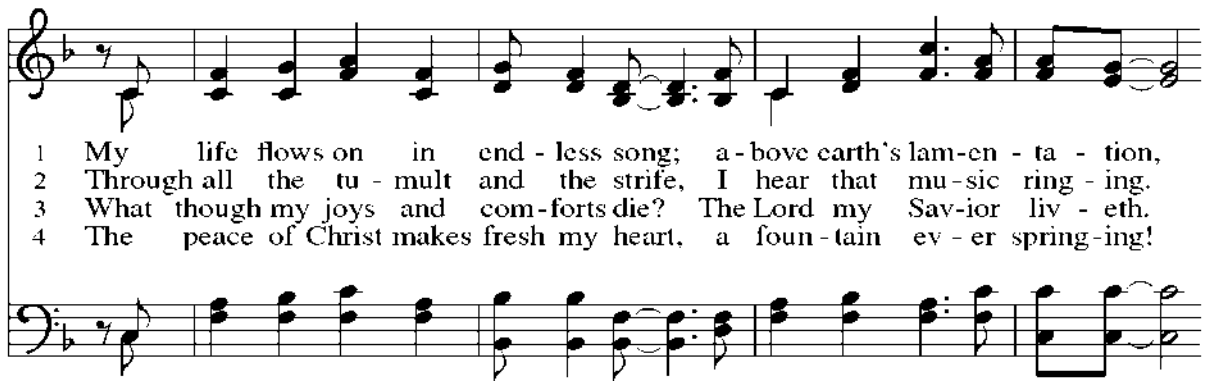
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

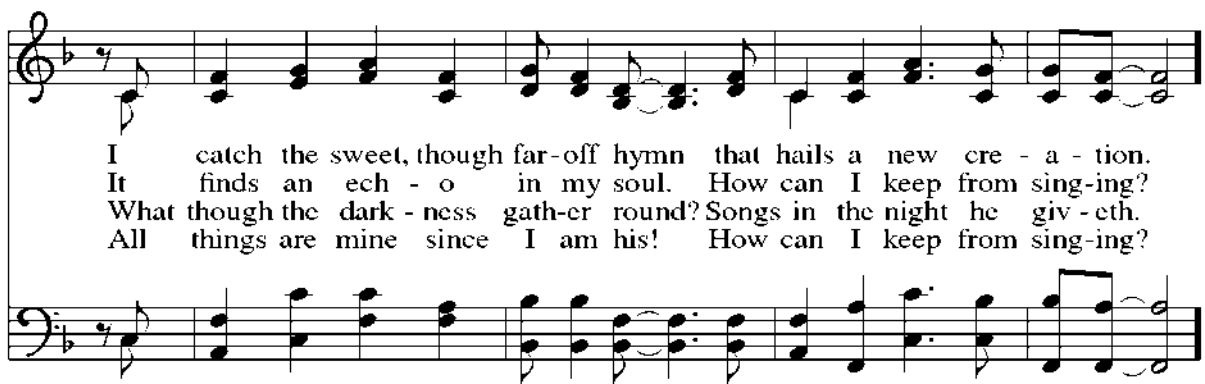
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Reverend Barbara Melosh

Please stand at the last verse as you are able.

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!

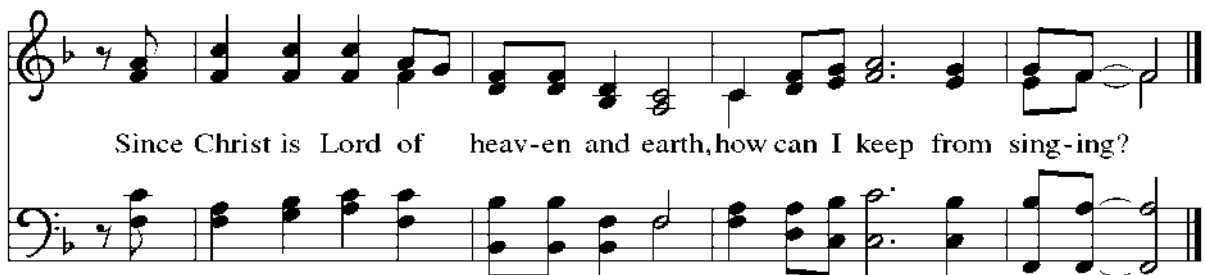


I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

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

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard. Where your voice is scorned and your people persecuted, strengthen the church in its faithful witness. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this world you have created, that all life may flourish. Preserve biodiversity in all its variety and help ecosystems to survive the extremes of a changing climate. Move our hearts with compassion to join in this work. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your loving presence. Comfort any who are lonely and grieving and all who suffer. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation and its ministries, that they reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, elders, and other church leaders with your still, calm voice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us. Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal kingdom. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

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located inside both sanctuary doors.*



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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- P *It is our duty and delight, that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ who calls us to follow his humble way of service and love, and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*



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.

Pastor sings: Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

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:

Pastor sings: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Congregation:

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

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.

Pastor sings: Amen. Come Holy Spirit. Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

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.

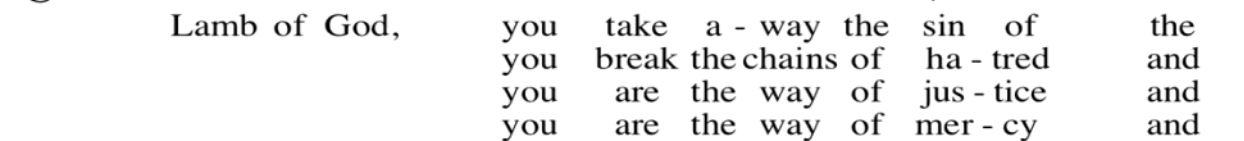
LAMB OF GOD

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

Congregation:



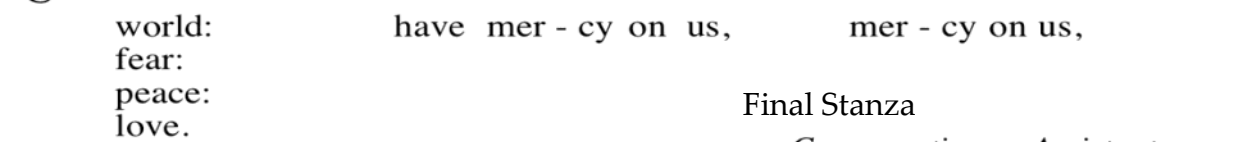
you break the chains of ha - tred and

Congregation:



you are the way of jus - tice and

Congregation:



you are the way of mer - cy and

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

fear:

peace:

love.

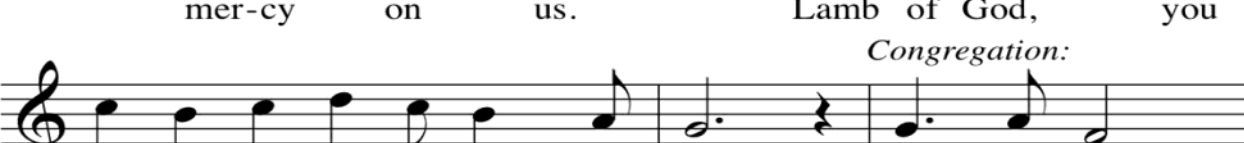
Final Stanza

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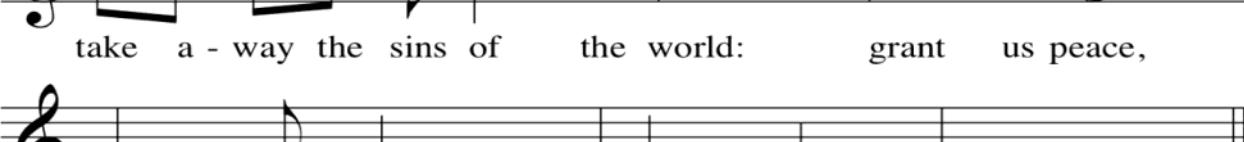


mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



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



grant us peace, grant us peace.

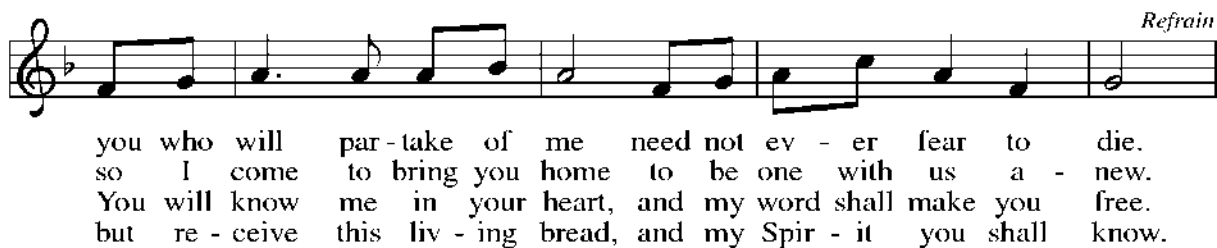
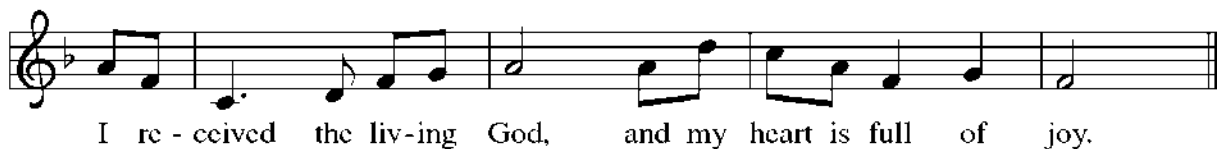
COMMUNION



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 head 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

I Received The Living God ELW 477



HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION

Messiah Dakota Road

VERSE

D G

$\text{♩} = 95$

Some - one's shout - ing from the des - ert. Some - one's shout - ing from the
Some - one's shout - ing from the cit - y, "I am young. I am
Some - one's shout - ing, "I am bro - ken." Some - one's shout - ing, "Make me

4 G

D

sea. Some-one's shout-ing from the moun - tain. Some-one's shout-ing from the
cold." Some-one's shout-ing from the coun - try, "I am lone - ly. I am
whole." Some-one's shout-ing, "Come and change me." Some-one's shout-ing, "Save my

CHORUS

8 D C

C G D C

val-ley. Mes-si - - ah, come and be our King. Mes-si -
old."
soul."

INSTRUMENTAL

16 D C G/B C G/B D

G

- ah, come and be our King.

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION

Open Our Eyes, Lord W&P 113

O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see

Je - sus, to reach out and touch

him, and say that we love him.

O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to

lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,

Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

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.

Refrain

G D B⁷ Em Am⁷

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be

D G D

sung from moun - tains high. Sing a new song

B⁷ Em Am⁷ D G *Fine*

un - to the Lord, sing-ing al - le - lu - ia.

G D⁷/A Am⁷/G D/F# Em

1 Yah - weh's peo - ple dance for joy; oh, come be -
 2 Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior
 3 Glad my soul, for I have seen the glo - ry

Am⁷/C D⁷/A D/F# G D⁷/A

fore the Lord, and praise the Lord on
 now has come. The Lord has turned your
 of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the

Am⁷/G D C Am⁷ Dsus D *Refrain*

glad tam - bou - rines, and let your trum - pet sound.
 sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.
 dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

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
by Sue and Rolf Eriksen
in honor of their 49th Wedding Anniversary.*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister: Nancy Goyda

Greeter: Jim Foscett

Ushers: Julie Auger, John Auger

Reader: Beth Fenner

Sound: Gage McMahan

Streamer: Kris McMahan

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