



**Florida-Bahamas Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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# **Florida-Bahamas Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

**Synod Assembly  
Opening Worship Service – Friday, June 3, 2022**

**Gathering Music***All Who Hunger*

verses Sung by all



1. All who hun-ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na  
 2. All who hun-ger, nev - er stran-gers, seek-er, be a  
 3. All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan-d'ring.  
 wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.  
 liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for  
 Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were  
 Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who



days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.  
 lost and scat-tered in com-mun-ion's love have stood.  
 from this ta - ble live their lives in grat - i - tude.

Refrain

Repeat Refrain



Taste and see the grace e - ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

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

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## GREETING & PRAYER

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.**

*Let us pray...*

God our father, Your Son Jesus prayed that his followers might be one. United as one, may our assembly rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and evermore persevere in prayer, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity and power of the Holy Spirit, both now and forever. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song.*

### **First Reading:**

**Romans 12:3-13**

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**


### **Psalm 133**

*Behold, How Pleasant*


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The refrain will be sung in Spanish by the assembly and verses will be sung in English by soloist.

*Refrain / Estribillo*




¡Mi - ren qué bue - no, qué bue - no es!  
Be - hold, how plea - sant, how good it is!



1 Mi - ren qué bue - no es cuan - do nos reu - ni - mos to - dos jun - tos:  
1 How plea - sant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:  
2 How plea - sant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:  
3 How plea - sant and har - mo - nious when God's peo - ple are to - geth - er:

*Refrain / Estribillo*



es co - mo a - cei - te bue - no de - rra - ma - do so - bre Aa - rón.  
fra - grant as pre - cious oil when run - ning fresh on Aa - ron's beard.  
re - fresh - ing as the dew up - on the moun - tain of the Lord.  
there the Lord God be - stows a bless - ing— life for - ev - er - more.

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

## Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

**HOLY GOSPEL****John 15:5-12**

The Holy Gospel according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

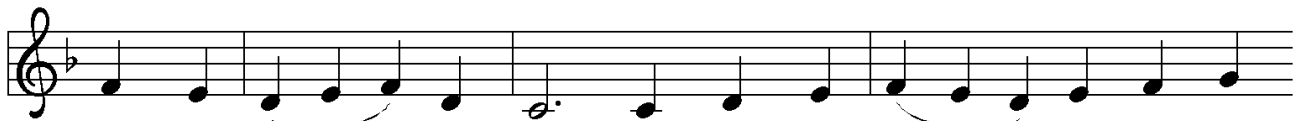
This is the Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON** – Pastor Nicole Eastwood



1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us  
 2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain  
 3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their  
 4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our  
 5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to  
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing  
 heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will  
 last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take  
 this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.  
 rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.  
 move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.  
 wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.  
 vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: BERGLUND, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. (*A brief silence.*)

For the Church, may our zealous love for one another unite us, along with Elizabeth our presiding bishop and Pedro our bishop, to more fully express our unity as the one vine of Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For the world, may people of plenty offer generosity to all those in want, in order that the gifts of God might be shared with justice and equity. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For our Assembly, experiencing the joy of in-person meeting after two years, that a spirit of forbearance and hope would infuse all our deliberations and conversation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For our Congregations, especially those in special need...*(here particular congregations can be mentioned)*. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For all our Authorized Worshiping Communities, as they discern their possible future mission. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For all pastors and deacons, that their ministries would bear much fruit. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In thanksgiving for all the renewers of the Church like John the 23<sup>rd</sup>, bishop of Rome, all those who have offered their lives in sacrifice like the Martyrs of Uganda, and all the faithful departed we have known and loved. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **PEACE IS SHARED**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. Please be mindful of those who are practicing social distancing.*

*The assembly is seated.*

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**THE OFFERING FROM TODAY'S SERVICE WILL GO TO ELCA FUND FOR LEADERS**

## Offering Song *In This Feast of Love*



*Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä*  
1 In this feast of love, in this  
2 In this bread and wine, in this  
3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us



*pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le*  
feast of love, Lord, you share your  
bread and wine, you have prom - ised,  
peace, O Lord; fill us with the



*it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!*  
blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.  
Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.  
joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

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Music: TÄSSÄ PÖYDÄSSÄ, Jarkko Maukonen; arr. Mark Sedio  
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## OFFERING PRAYER

Living God,  
We offer you these gifts of ourselves,  
our varied abilities in the body of Christ,  
and all that we have and are.  
Use them to strengthen our unity in proclaiming your reign  
through the same Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### **Preface:**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

1<sup>st</sup>



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* May be sung in canon.

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Holy indeed are you, O Lord.  
You have named us yours.  
All creation praises you, giver of all life  
In all ages you gather a people to yourself,  
and the hymn to your glory will never end.

With your Spirit come to us and to these our gifts of bread and wine  
that through them, we may partake of Christ's body and blood.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate before you, holy Father,  
the remembrance of your Son's suffering and death,  
resurrection and ascension, and we await his return in glory.  
Make us one in love, that we might be Christ's body in the world  
and so show forth his life for the peace and healing of all humankind.

Yours is the honor and the glory from eternity to eternity.  
**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here.  
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

## COMMUNION HYMN *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* ACS 966



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



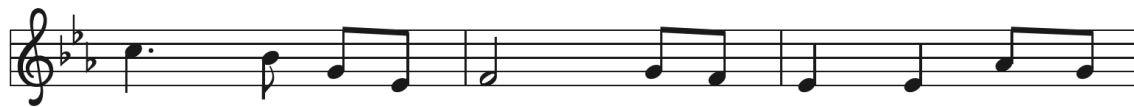
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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### **Prayer after Communion**

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING**

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

### **BLESSING**

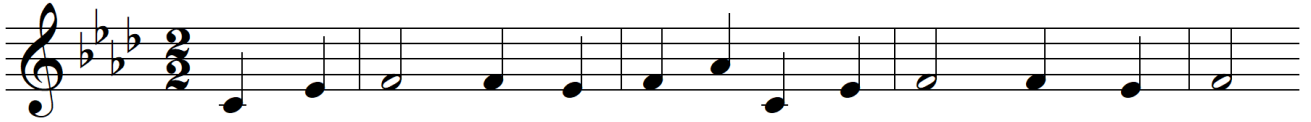
God, the creator, ✝ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and  
keep you in eternal love.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN**

*They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

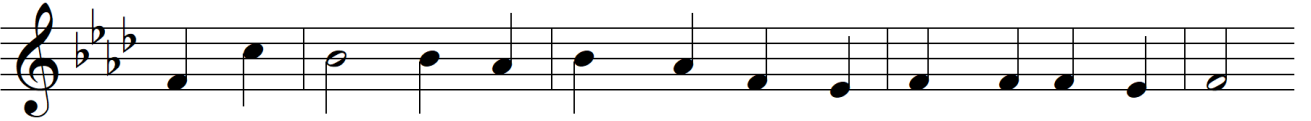
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We are one in the Spir - it we are one in the Lord,  
 We will walk with each oth - er we will walk hand in hand,  
 We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,  
 All\_\_\_ praise to the Fa - ther from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it we are one in the Lord,  
 we will walk with each oth - er we will walk hand in hand,  
 we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,  
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly\_\_\_ Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save\_\_\_ hu - man pride:  
 and all praise to the Spir - it who makes us\_\_\_ one:



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our  
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love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.\_\_\_\_\_  
 love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.\_\_\_\_\_  
 love: yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.\_\_\_\_\_  
 love: yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.\_\_\_\_\_

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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