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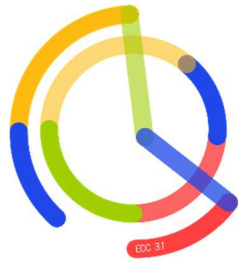


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## **Thursday, June 12**

1:00 PM	Opening Worship	<i>Palms Ballroom</i>
2: 45 PM	Plenary Meeting	<i>Palms Ballroom</i>
6:00 PM	Dinner on your own	
5:30 – 7:00 PM	Hotel's Reception	<i>Oasis Lounge Area</i>
7:00 PM	Bishop's Reception, Open to everyone.	<i>Palms Foyer</i>
8:00 PM	Youth hospitality space for snacks/discussion/games	

## **Friday, June 13**

8:30 AM	Registration Opens   Information Desk Opens   Connection Café Opens	
9:00 AM	Plenary Meeting	<i>Palms Ballroom</i>
11:30 AM	Lunch on your own	
11:30 AM	Lunch for Youth Voting Members with Anne Corti	
1:00 – 3:30 PM	Service Project at Hope Partnership location	<i>Gather in Palms Foyer</i>
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Workshop Session A	<i>Cypress 1-5 and Magnolia C</i>
3:00 – 4:00 PM	Workshop Session B	<i>Cypress 1-5 and Magnolia C</i>
4:15 PM	Plenary Meeting	<i>Palms Ballroom</i>
6:00 PM	Dinner on your own	
5:30 – 7:00 PM	Hotel's Reception	<i>Oasis Lounge Area</i>
7:30 PM	Evening Eucharist – Just Love Team	<i>Palms Ballroom</i>

## **Saturday, June 14**

8:30 AM	Plenary Meeting	<i>Palms Ballroom</i>
10:30 AM	Closing Worship	<i>Palms Ballroom</i>

# Opening Holy Communion

## Gathering

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

### Gathering Music

### *Come and Fill Our Hearts - ELW 528*

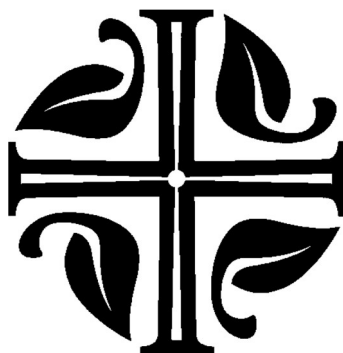


Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.



Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Psalm 136:1 (Latin); Taizé Community  
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## ***We Are All One in Christ - ELW 643***

So - mos u - no en Cris - to, so - mos u - no. So - mos  
We are all one in Christ, we are one bod - y, all one

u - no, u - no so - lo. So - mos u - no en Cris - to, so - mos  
peo - ple out of man - y. We are all one in Christ, we are one

u - no. So - mos u - no, u - no so - lo.  
bod - y, all one peo - ple out of man - y.

Un so - lo Dios, un so - lo Se - ñor, u - na so - la  
There is one God, and on - ly one Lord; there is one

fe, un so - lo a - mor. Un so - lo bau - tis - mo, un so - lo Es -  
faith, one ho - ly love. There is one bap - tism; there is one

pí - ri - tu, y e - se es el con - so - la - dor.  
Spir - it, who is God the com - fort - er.

Text: Anonymous; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923  
Music: SOMOS UNO, anonymous  
English text © 1998 Augsburg Fortress.

## Thanksgiving For Baptism

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  
✙ one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you for Biscayne Bay, Tampa Bay,  
Choctawhatchee Bay, and Pensacola Bay.

We praise you for Lake Miccosukee, Lake George,  
Lake Apopka, Lake Okeechobee,  
and the other 3500 named lakes in Florida.

We praise you for the Withlacoochee, the Caloosahatchee,  
the Apalachicola, the Suwanee, the St. John's  
and over 1700 rivers of this Synod.

We praise you for the Floridan Aquifer,  
which provides drinking water for millions of people  
and supports agriculture and other industries within our state.

We praise you for summer rain.  
We praise you, O God, for water.  
**We praise you, O God, for water.**

We praise you, O God, for our water stories—  
a flood that cleansed the earth,  
the sea that drowned the enemy,  
a river that healed leprosy.

We praise you, O God, for water.

**We praise you, O God, for water.**

We remember the waters of Jesus—  
baptized in the Jordan River,  
calming the Sea of Galilee,  
drinking from Jacob's Well,  
healing at the pool of Bethesda,  
washing the disciples' feet.

We praise you, O God, for water.

**We praise you, O God, for water.**

We praise you, O God, for this font,  
for through this water  
you have birthed us into the family of Christ,  
bathed us in forgiveness,  
and enlivened us in the Spirit.

We praise you, O God, for baptism.

**We praise you, O God, for baptism.**

O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.  
O God, you are the River, saving us from death.  
O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being.

We praise you, O God,  
today, tomorrow, forever.

Amen, and amen.

**Amen, and amen.**

# Gathering Hymns

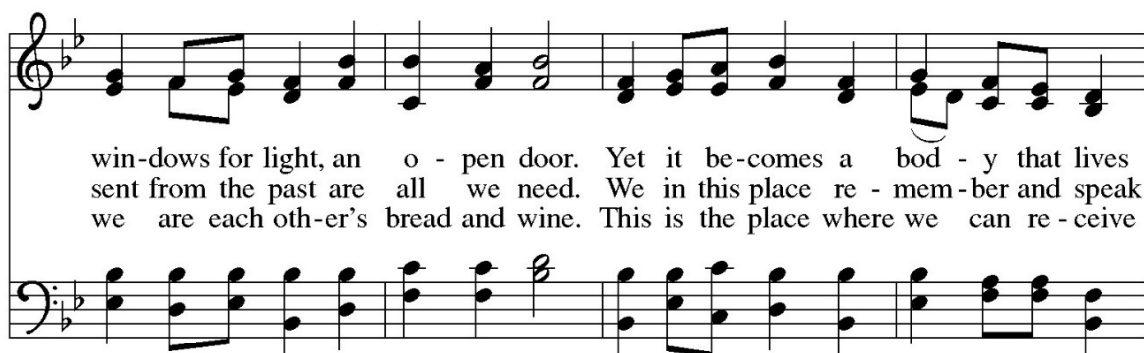
## What Is This Place - ELW 524



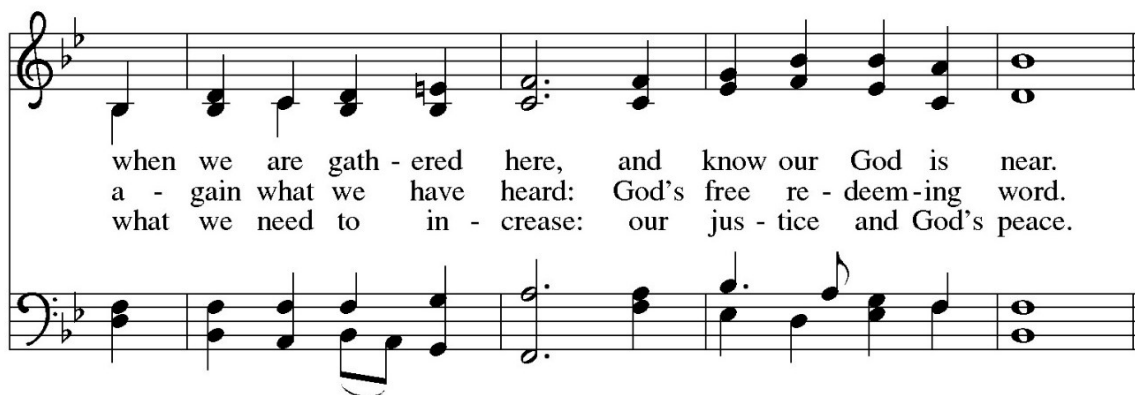
1 What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the  
 2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in  
 3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,  
 us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders  
 liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,



win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives  
 sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem-ber and speak  
 we are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive



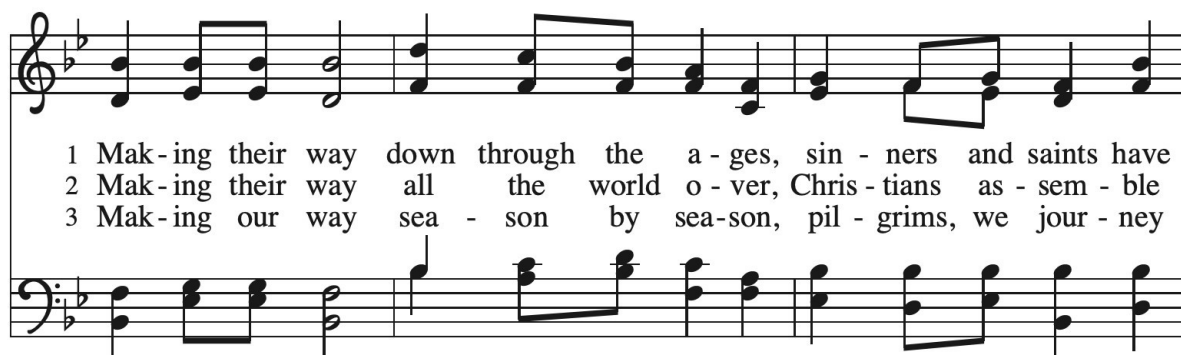
when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.  
 a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem-ing word.  
 what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

Text: Huub Oosterhuis, b. 1933; tr. David Smith, b. 1933

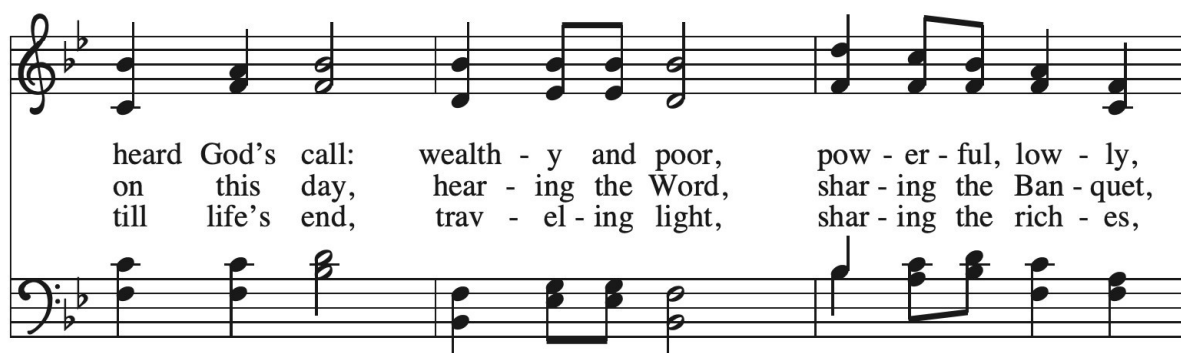
Music: A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626; arr. Adrian Engels, b. 1906

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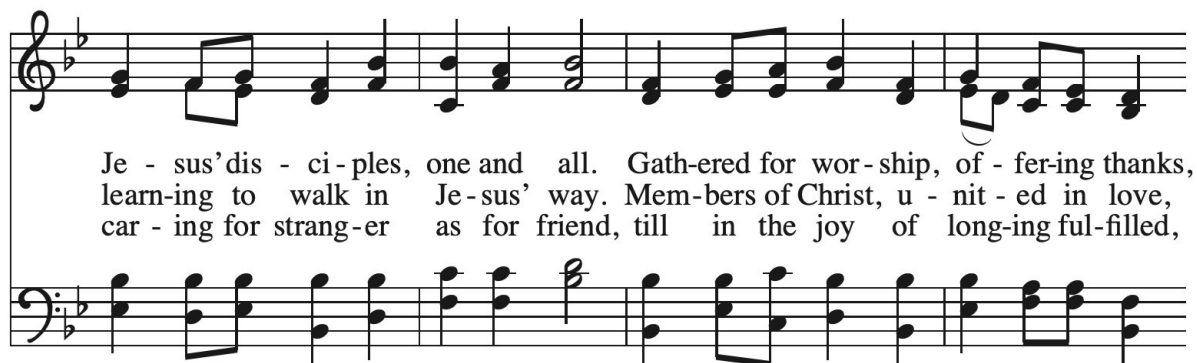
## Making Their Way - ACS 979



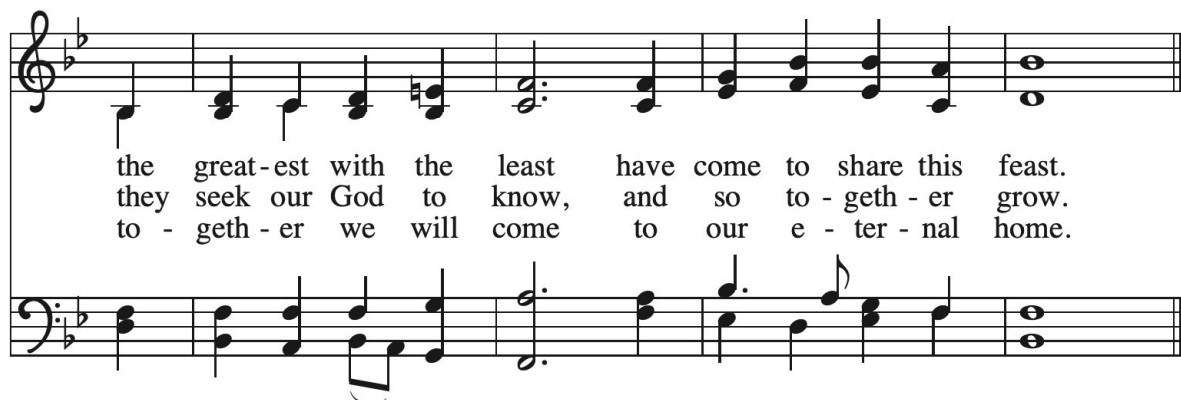
1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have  
 2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble  
 3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,  
 on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,  
 till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,  
 learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,  
 car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,



the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.  
 they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.  
 to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626; arr. Adrian Engels, 1906–2003

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## Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

## Hymn of Praise

## ACS - Setting 12

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.



## Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, you set seasons in motion and time in our hearts. This assembly is our time to gather as the body of Christ, to discern your will, to nurture our gifts, to support one another in fellowship, and to recommit our lives and mission to discipleship in Christ. May our hearts burn with zeal. May this be a time to build up, to plant, to restore, to heal and to see the transformation of your church, we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

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## Word

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

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### First Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace.

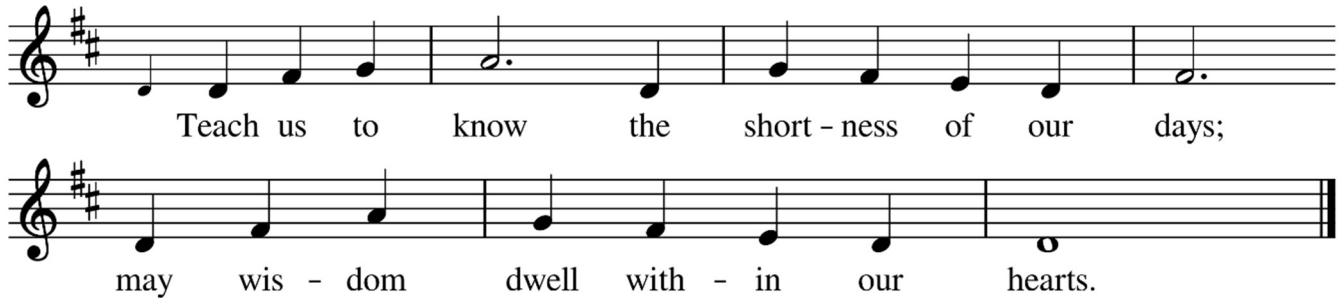
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 90

*The cantor introduces the refrain, then is joined by the assembly.*

### **Refrain**



Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth  
were born, from age to age you are God.**

You turn us back to the dust and say,  
"Turn back, O children of earth."

**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday  
when it is past and like a watch in the night;**

you sweep them away like a dream,  
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

**in the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

***Refrain***

The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;

**yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,  
for they pass away quickly, and we are gone.**

Who regards the power of your wrath?  
Who rightly fears your indignation?

**So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

*Refrain*

Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?  
Be gracious to your servants.

**Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.**

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;  
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

*Refrain*



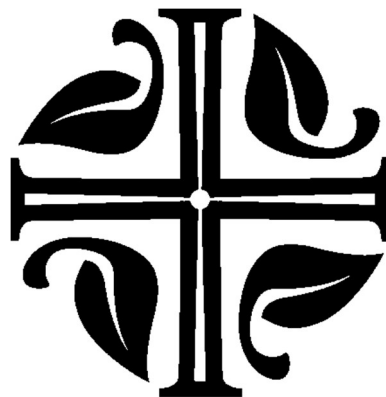
## Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

## Gospel Acclamation

## Listen, God is Calling - ELW 513

*Refrain*  
Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,  
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.  
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

## **Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.



As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Sermon: Rev. Emily Harkins**



*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

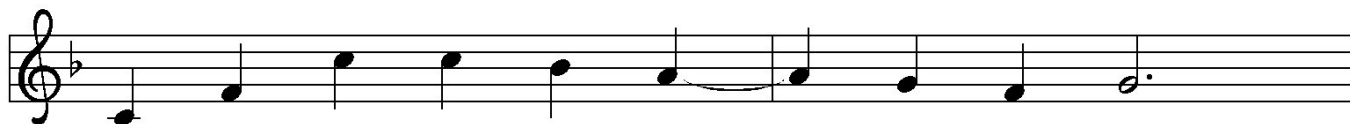
*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

## Hymn of the Day

## Day of Arising - ELW 374



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,  
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,  
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.  
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.  
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,  
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:  
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,  
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing  
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,  
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.  
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.  
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.  
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

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Music: RAABE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929  
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## Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 to the dead.  
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

*Each petition of the prayers ends with these words:*

God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Hear the prayers of your people gathered here, O Lord, and answer according to your holy will, for we trust in your grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.  
The assembly is seated.*

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# Meal

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

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## Offertory

## *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee – Molly Iljames*

*The offering today is collected to support the work of The Dwelling. In addition to the offering collected by the ushers, you may use the QR code.*



The Dwelling is a community of faith in Winston-Salem, NC, committed to embodying Christ's love alongside people who are experiencing homelessness, poverty, addiction, mental illness, and other forms of marginalization. Through worship, radical hospitality, and deep community, The Dwelling creates space for people to be seen, named, loved, and enough. Your offering helps provide hot meals shared around real tables, access to showers and clean laundry, restorative writing projects, emergency winter shelter for individuals and families with nowhere else to turn, and other critical outreach support.

*To learn more about The Dwelling, visit  
[www.TheDwellingWS.org](http://www.TheDwellingWS.org)*

## Setting of the Table

## ACS – Setting 12



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



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



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

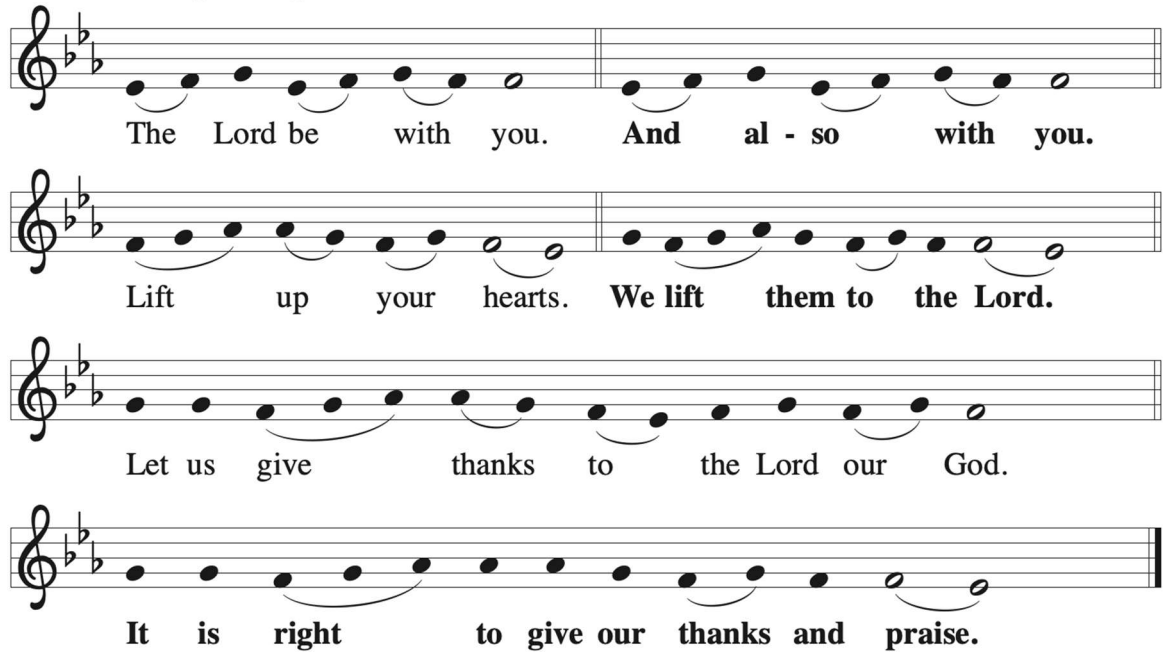


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Offertory Prayer

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength, and our song. **Amen.**

# Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

...and join their unending hymn:

## **Holy, Holy, Holy - ACS 1089**



San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

. . . lle-nos es-tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.  
your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.

Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . . .  
. . . Bless - ed be the Sav-ior, the one who comes in your name.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to e-res, oh Dios.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Traditional; English text, hymnal version  
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional  
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...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

...Come, Holy Spirit.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

...Come, Holy Spirit.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

...Come, Holy Spirit.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Praise to you, Author of creation. Praise to you, O Beloved One. Praise to you, O Giver of all good things. Praise to you, blessed and Holy Trinity, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we are bold to pray:

**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**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to come to the Lord's Table  
and receive the body and blood of Christ. Available at all stations:*

*Regular hosts are in the glass dishes.*

*Gluten free hosts are available in the silver dishes.*

*We are using red wine and white grape juice.*

# One Bread, One Body - ELW 496

*Refrain*



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or	Jew,	ser - vant	or	free,
2	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	works,
3	Grain for	the	fields,	scat - tered	and	grown,

*Refrain*



wom - an	or	man,	no	more.
one in	the	Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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## Touch that Soothes and Heals - ACS 939



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that  
 2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it  
 3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's  
 4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the  
 ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and  
 peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of  
 wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:  
 shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.  
 kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.  
 tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

### Refrain



"See my hands and feet," said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. "Be my hands and feet," said Je - sus, "live as



ones I died to save."

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CIVILITY, Gregg DeMey, b. 1972

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# *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me - ELW 325*

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version  
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## Prayer After Communion

We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

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## Sending

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

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## Blessing

The peace of God,  
which surpasses all understanding,  
keep your hearts and your minds  
in + Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

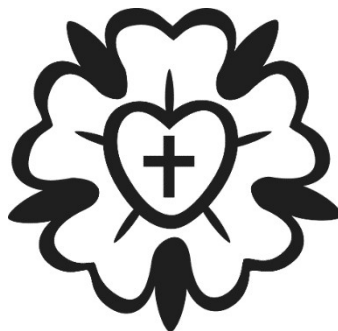
## Sending Hymn

***see page 26***

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you!

**Thanks be to God.**



# Sending Hymn

# Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises - ELW 535

*Refrain— sung twice each time*



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -  
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa  
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

*End*



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.  
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

*Repeat stanza, then sing refrain*



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Text: South African; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984  
Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*  
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# Just Love Liturgy of Reconciliation

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## Gathering

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

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### Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

### Interlude on Gathering

As Christians, our liturgy forms us to be reconcilers, “repairers of the breach, restorers of the streets we live in.” -Isaiah 58

Throughout the liturgy you will find notes in this area to emphasize and instruct.

We are gathered around the waters of baptism in both the affirmation of baptism and the confession and forgiveness. We are invited to splash in the eternal waters of healing, re/creation and interconnection. Our sins are forgiven, and we are reminded of our baptismal call “to be God’s faithful people...”

### Affirmation of Baptism

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

People of God, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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 to the dead.  
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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

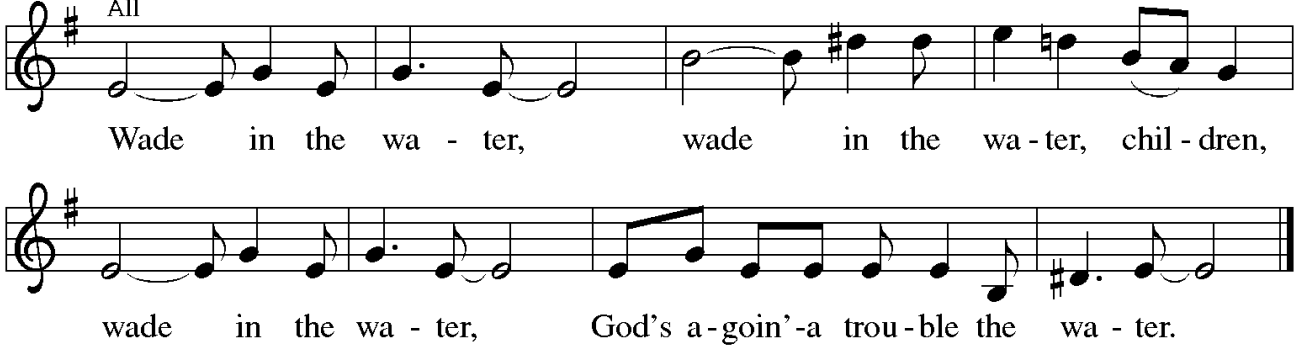
Experiencing God's grace and reconciliation and a sense of belonging inspires us to turn, in love and mercy, toward our siblings in Christ and neighbors with a sign of God's peace. The Peace can be placed here at the Font or following the prayers of the people. In these waters we are reconciled with God, and we are invited to be reconciled to one another. As we sing our gathering hymns, you are invited to come up and splash around in these waters and offer one another a sign of God's peace and love.

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**Gathering Hymns** (as needed)

**Wade in the Water - ELW 459**

*Refrain*  
All



Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,  
wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Leader

All



- 1 See that host all dressed in white,
- 2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the
- 3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
- 4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

Leader



wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.  
looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led.  
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me.  
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

All

*Refrain*



God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: WADE IN THE WATER, African American spiritual

## Come To the Water of Life - ACS 955

1 All who are thirst-y for mer - cy, all who are thirst-y for  
 2 All who are thirst-y for heal - ing, all who are thirst-y for  
 3 All who are thirst-y for beau - ty, all who are thirst-y for  
 4 All who are thirst-y for jus - tice, all who are thirst-y for

love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,  
 touch; all who are thirst - y for touch, for heal - ing,  
 truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,  
 peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,

come: come to the Wa - ter of life.  
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.  
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.  
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: WATER OF LIFE, Ray Makeever

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## Word

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

### ***Interlude on the Living Word***

From the font, we enter into the stories of God and God's people in word and song, stories of liberation, reconciliation, and beloved community. We are reminded whose we are and who we are called to be. In Lutheran theology, the Living Word acts, moves, inspires.

## First Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel: John 16:12-15

[Jesus said,] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Reflection and Discussion

The Living Word is not simply scriptures or the written word, but how that Living Word interacts with and in the preacher and the gathered body. How can you cultivate a sense of hopeful expectation/curiosity in the congregation for encountering the Living God? This can be done through a more traditional sermon or interactive approaches like Lectio Divina, Imaginative Prayer or Small group discussion & storytelling.



# Hymn of the Day      *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind - ELW 400*

1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -  
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,  
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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## Praying for One Another

Sung interactive prayers were chosen to emphasize that as a reconciling people, we are called, together, to pray for the church, the world and all those in need. In this liturgy some of these prayers are constructed and added as the Spirit moves participants.

### ***We Lift Up by Nick Ehrhardt***

**Sung response: Ooooh, ooooh, we lift up our prayers.** (Repeats)

For the planet, for its people.  
For the church, and its many shapes of steeples.  
For the hungry, for the cold.  
For the young and for the old.  
For our joy and for our pain.  
For the sunshine, for the rain.  
For the dying, for the sick.  
For our loved ones and the glue that makes us stick.  
For our leaders, for their minds.  
For your wisdom as to how we draw our lines.  
For the world and its frantic pace.  
For the places we find deeper space.  
For all yearning hearts beneath the sun.  
For the chance for a prayer for everyone.

(Congregation adds petitions here)

For our words and for our silence. (Pause)

**Ooooooh, Ooooooh, Ahhhmen.**

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## Meal

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

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### ***Interlude on the Meal***

The Communion liturgy is adapted from *This Far by Faith*, available in Sundays & Seasons. *This Far By Faith* celebrates the abundant gifts of African American worship and song. This communion liturgy emphasizes God's liberating and reconciling work, forming us to be the body of Christ on earth.

## 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.**

...we lift our voices in the unending hymn:

### Holy, Holy, Holy - ELW 473

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra-zón te a - do - ra.  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra-zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to e-res Se - ñor.  
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef. It features a simple melody with chords and lyrics in Spanish and English. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The score ends with a double bar line and a final chord.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
in the beginning you formed the heavens and earth  
**and created us in your likeness.**

You made us guardians of your good creation  
**and left the earth in our care.**

All through our weary years and our silent tears,  
**you did not abandon us to ourselves, but sought us out in love.**



When we were captives in Egypt,  
**you did not abandon us.**

When we wandered in the wilderness,  
**you did not abandon us.**

When we turned to false gods,  
**you did not abandon us.**

Through your holy prophets you called us to return  
to your graciousness, to your mercy, and to your steadfast love.

**In the crowning act of love you gave your only Son,  
that whoever believes in him will have eternal life.**

For you sent Jesus not to condemn the world,  
but to save the world from sin.

**Through his death on the cross, we who were once far off  
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.**

Let us remember and celebrate what God did in and through Jesus and  
what God continues to do in and through us.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

... we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

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

With this bread and cup, we remember Christ's life among us; his  
association with outcasts, his eating with sinners, his healing of the sick,  
his care for the poor. Send, we pray, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon  
this bread and wine, that we who share this meal may become a holy  
communion, the body of Christ in and for the sake of the world.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Are there liturgical pieces that could be introduced into a more traditional liturgy to emphasize God's invitation to be reconcilers? The following version of the Lord's Prayer comes from New Zealand, and we note their emphasis on humanity's connection to the earth. There are several such liturgical pieces in the Just Love area of the website: <https://fbsynod.com/just-love/>

## The Lord's Prayer

*Alternate Version from the New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book*

Eternal Spirit,  
**Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

*All baptized Christians are welcome to come to the Lord's Table  
and receive the body and blood of Christ. Available at all stations:*

*Regular hosts are in the glass dishes.  
Gluten free hosts are available in the silver dishes.  
We are using both red wine and white grape juice.*

## Communion Hymns (as needed)

Look through your song choices over a month. How many songs emphasize God's invitation to be a people of reconciliation and liberation? Song choices tonight emphasize these themes and there are many more in the *ELW*, *All Creation Sings* and *This Far by Faith*.

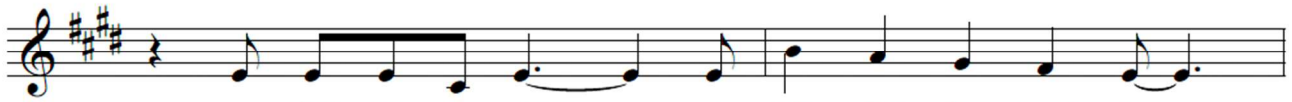
# For Everyone Born



1. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
 2. For wo - man and man, a place at the ta - ble,  
 3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
 4. For gay and for straight, a place at the ta - ble,  
 5. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,  
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - ci - ding the share,  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 a cov - e - nant shared, a wel - com - ing space,  
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
 with wis - dom and grace di - vi - ding the pow - er,  
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,  
 a rain - bow of race and gen - der and col - or,  
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head. And  
 for wo - man and man, a sys - tem that's fair.  
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,  
 for gay and for straight, the cha - lice of free.  
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be For



God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy com - pas - sion and peace: yes



God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



jus - tice and joy.

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray  
 MUSIC: Brian Mann

## Build a Longer Table - ACS 1062



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.

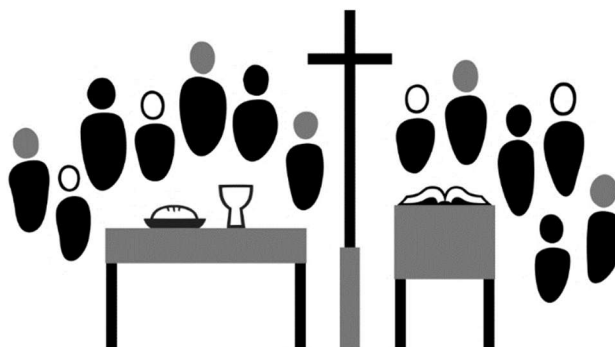


Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.  
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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# Let Us Go Now to the Banquet - ELW 523

*Refrain / Estribillo*



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la  
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -  
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.  
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -  
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -  
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the  
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la  
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm  
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be  
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

*Refrain / Estribillo*



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.  
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.  
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.  
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

2 Dios invita a todos los pobres  
a esta mesa común por la fe,  
donde no hay acaparadores  
y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo

3 Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo  
una mesa donde haya igualdad,  
trabajando y luchando juntos,  
compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

## Post-Communion Prayer

God of all people, we thank you that as the broken bread was gathered into one loaf, the broken fragments of our history are gathered up and healed by the redeeming act of Christ. Send us forth in peace, form us into what we celebrate, the body of Christ in the world. Nourished by this sacrament, give us strength and courage to serve you in daily life with joy and singleness of heart. In the name of Christ we pray. **Amen**

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## Sending

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

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### *Interlude on Sending*

We are formed during our liturgy to be reconcilers, “repairers of the breach, restorers of the streets we live in” and then we are sent out into the world to incarnate that reconciliation through our various vocations and positions, in our homes, neighborhoods, and workplaces.

### Sending

God of justice,  
**God of mercy,**  
God of love,

Hear the prayer of your people gathered here in faith  
seeking peace for ourselves, our neighbors and the world.

**We pray you send your Spirit of truth to freely guide  
and speak and act in and through us.**

We pray that we will not count the costs of discipleship,  
**but never cease to count the injustices of the world.**

We pray for endurance which builds character  
**and your hope which never disappoints.**

We pray that our endurance, character and hope,  
**by your grace, will be transformed into justice and peace for all.**

God of love,  
**God of mercy,**  
God of justice,

Bless us this night, in your Triune name +  
that rising tomorrow, and every day after,  
we may joyfully give ourselves to and for the good of our neighbor.

**In your promise of hope and blessing, we pray. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

*see page 42*

**Dismissal**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God...and we will!**



# Sending Hymn

# Canticle of the Turning - ELW 723



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*  
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat  
 Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional  
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# Closing Holy Communion

## Gathering

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

### Gathering Music

### God Welcomes All - ACS 978

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The image shows a musical score for two voices, Treble and Bass, in G major (one sharp). The first system contains the lyrics 'God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;'. The second system contains the lyrics 'God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.'. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with many chords and some rests.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; transc. and arr. John L. Bell.

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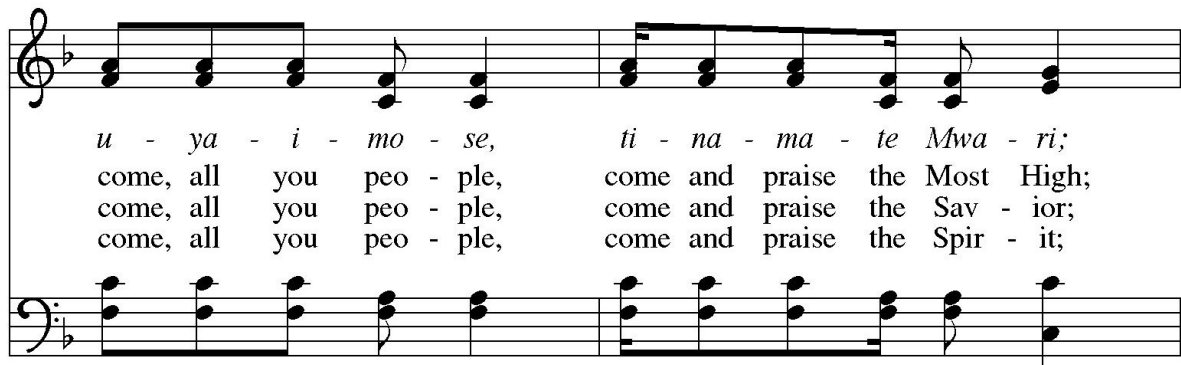
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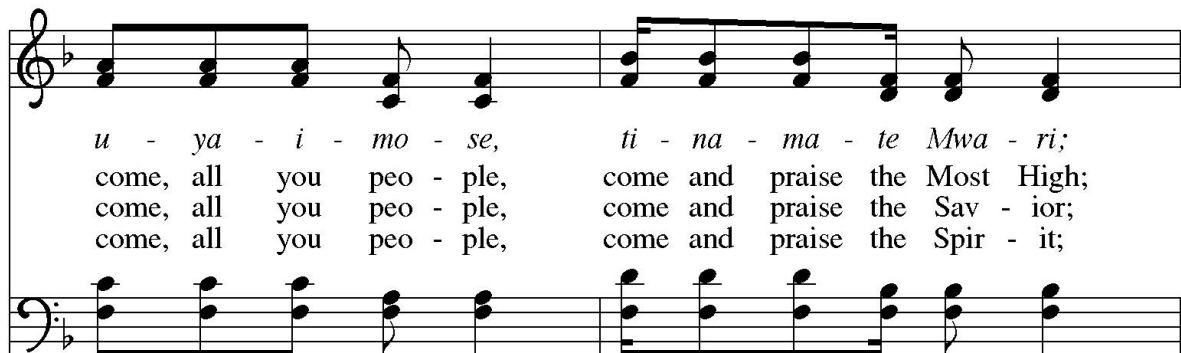
# Come, All You People (Uyaimose) - ELW 819



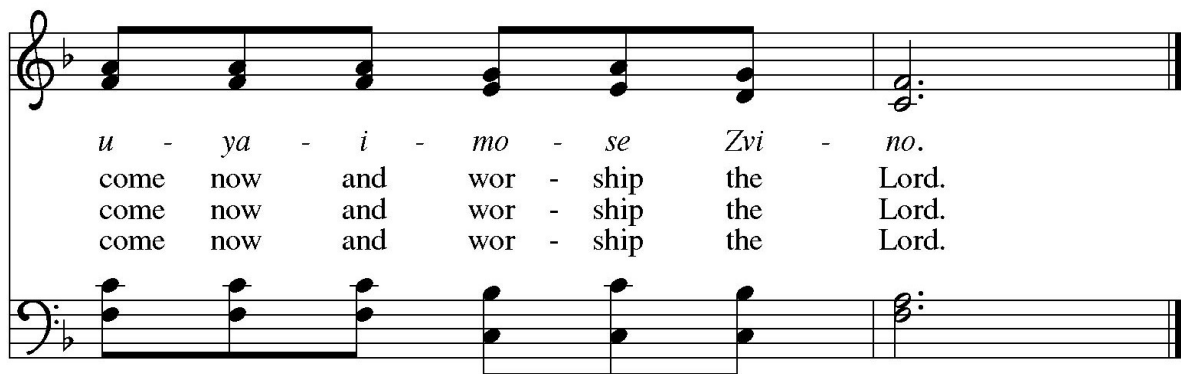
U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;  
 1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;  
 2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;  
 3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.  
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.

Text: Alexander Gondo; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936, alt.

Music: UYAIMOSE, Alexander Gondo

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## Confession and Forgiveness

*The assembly stands.*

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

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

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

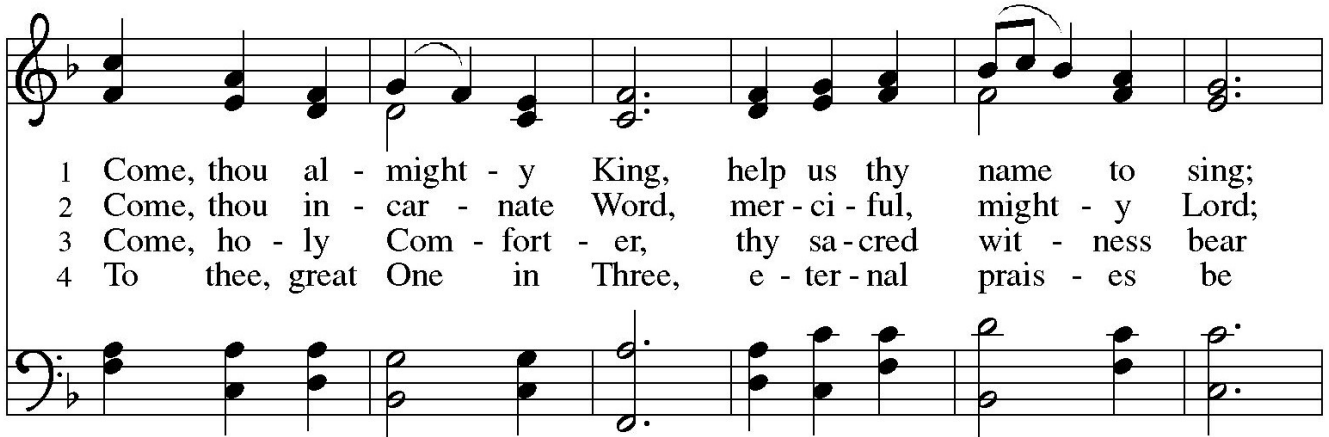
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life.  
Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ✠ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

# Gathering Hymn

# Come, Thou Almighty King - ELW 408



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;  
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
 our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
 in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in  
 hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.  
 ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.  
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

## Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

## Commissioning of the Luther Springs Summer Staff

### Kyrie

**ELW 154**

*Sung first by the cantor, then sung by the assembly two times through*

The musical score is written for a single melodic line, likely for a cantor or soloist, with a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The first system contains the lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy." and the second system contains "Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord." The music is written on a grand staff with a treble clef for the melody and a bass clef for the accompaniment. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The accompaniment consists of block chords and moving lines in the bass. The score ends with a double bar line.

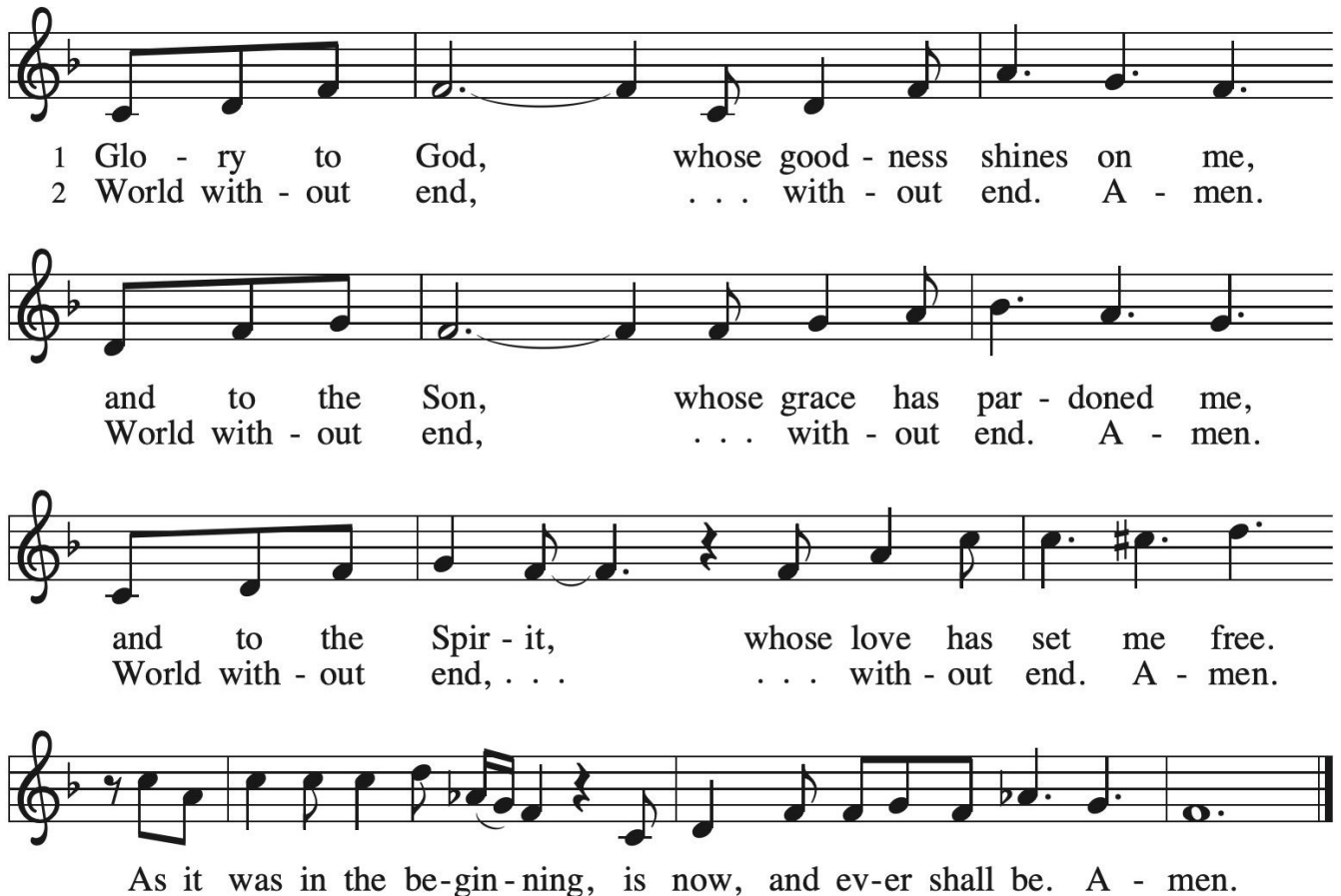
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

Music: *Mass No. 1*, Avon Gillespie

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1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
 2 World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
 World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
 World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be. A - men.

Text: Paul M. Vasile, b. 1976, based on the Gloria Patri  
 Music: GLORY TO GOD (VASILE), Paul M. Vasile  
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## Prayer of the Day

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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## Word

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

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## First Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?  
On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
“To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.

The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.  
Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth—  
when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world’s first bits of soil.  
When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.”

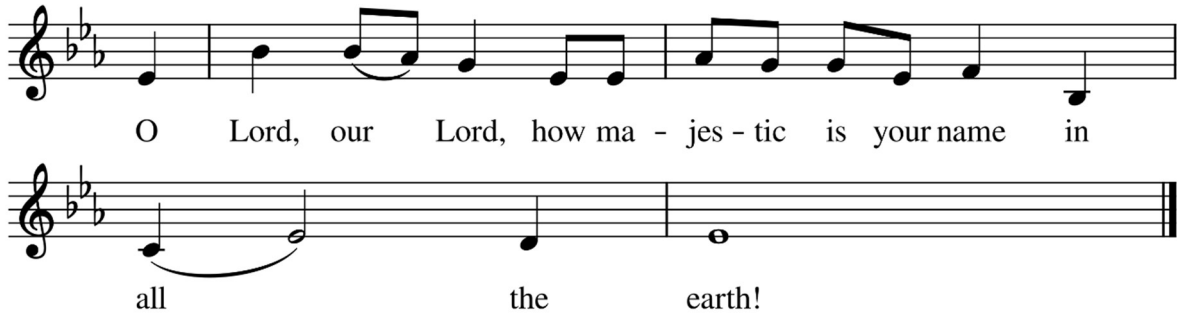
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 8

*The cantor introduces the refrain, then is joined by the assembly*

### Refrain



O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens  
out of the mouths of infants and children;  
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and avenger.**

*Refrain*

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**

*Refrain*

Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.

**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:**

all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,

**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

**O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

*Refrain*



## Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

### Gospel Acclamation

### *Listen, God is Calling - ELW 513*

*Refrain*  
Leader      All

Ne - no,    ne - no    la - ke    Mu - ngu    la - ku - i - ta    we - we,  
Lis - ten,    lis - ten,    God is    call - ing,    through the Word in - vit - ing,

ne - no    la    wo - ko - vu,    te - na    je - ma.    ma.  
of - fer - ing    for - give - ness,    com - fort,    and    joy.    joy.

## **Gospel: John 16:12-15**

*The Holy Gospel according to John.*

***Glory to You, O Lord.***

[Jesus said,] “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

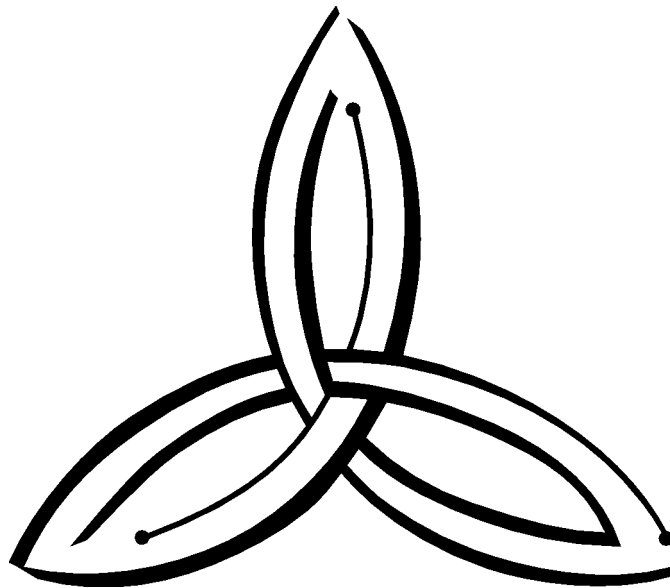
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **Sermon: Bishop Pedro Suarez**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*



*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

# Hymn of the Day *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty - ELW 413*

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.  
 Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

# **Installation of Synod Council Members**

## **Nicene Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 of Intercession

*Each petition of the prayers ends with these words:*

God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude,*

O God, your wisdom, which calls to all, existed before time and seasons. We lift up our prayers to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Unite us today and always into the love and unity you share as One God. We make these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.  
The assembly is seated.*

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## Meal

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

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## Offertory – Assembly Choir

***Holy Trinity Prayer by David Knight and Paul Ayres***



The offering today is collected to support the work of Florida-Bahamas Synod Disaster Relief. As Lutherans, we are called to serve those in need. Through FB Disaster Relief, all of us are helping individuals, families, congregations, and communities recover from disaster by living out Christ's commandment of loving others as we love ourselves. Donations given today will be used by our FB Disaster Fund to support recovery efforts for both natural disasters and those affecting immigrant families due to recent budget cuts.

<https://fbsynod.com/mission-ministry/disaster-response/>

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

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

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

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

## Offertory Prayer

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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.**

...And this is our song:

## **Holy, Holy, Holy - ACS 1089**



San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,



. . . lle-nos es-tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.  
your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.



Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . . .  
. . . Bless - ed be the Sav - ior, the one who comes in your name.



Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to e - res, oh Dios.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Traditional; English text, hymnal version  
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional  
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...And so we cry, Mercy:

**Mercy!**

...And so we cry, Glory:

**Glory!**

...And so we cry, Blessing:

**Blessing!**

...And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:  
**Come, Holy Spirit!**

...And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit:  
**Come, Holy Spirit!**

...And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit:  
**Come, Holy Spirit!**

...And so we cry, Amen, amen:  
**Amen, amen!**

## **Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to come to the Lord's Table  
and receive the body and blood of Christ. Available at all stations:*

*Regular hosts are in the glass dishes.  
Gluten free hosts are available in the silver dishes.  
We are using both red wine and white grape juice.*



# In This Feast of Love - ACS 962

(A paraphrase of the Lamb of God)

The first system of the musical score is written for a soprano and bass voice duo. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is in the soprano part, and the bass part provides harmonic support. The lyrics are in Finnish and English.

*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

The second system continues the musical score. The melody and bass line are consistent with the first system. The lyrics continue in Finnish and English.

*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

The third system concludes the musical score. The melody and bass line are consistent with the previous systems. The lyrics conclude in Finnish and English.

*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.

Text: Jarkko Maukonen; tr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954  
 Music: TÄSSÄ PÖYDÄSSÄ, Jarkko Maukonen; arr. Mark Sedio  
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# Bread of Life From Heaven - ELW 474

*Refrain*

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,

we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

- |   |                     |                              |            |
|---|---------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Break now the bread | of Christ's sac - ri - fice; | giv - ing  |
| 2 | Seek not the food   | that will pass a - way;      | set your   |
| 3 | Love as the one     | who, in love for you,        | gave him - |
| 4 | Dwell in the one    | who now dwells in you;       | make your  |
| 5 | Drink of this cup   | and de - clare his death;    | eat this   |

thanks, hun - gry ones,	gath - er round.	Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food	that en - dures.	Come, learn the true and the
self for the life	of the world.	Come to the one who is
home in the life -	giv - ing Word.	Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve	Eas - ter morn;	trust his re - turn and, with

*Refrain*

sat - is - fied;	in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way,	that the full - ness of life may be yours.
food for you,	that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
One of God,	and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath,	praise the one in whom you are re - born.

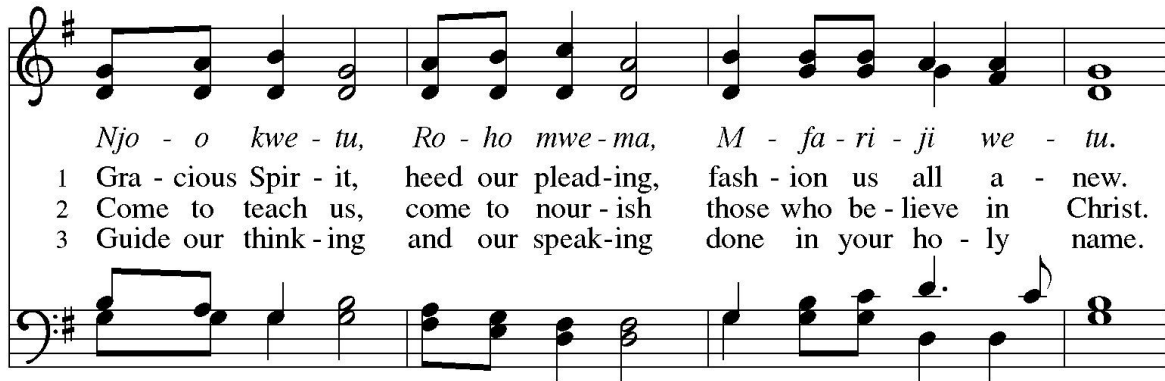
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Music: ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD, Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas

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# Gracious Spirit, Heed our Pleading - ELW 401



*Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.*

1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.  
 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.  
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



*Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.*

It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.  
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.  
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

*Refrain*



*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,  
 nor rootless liberty;  
 turn disquiet to contentment,  
 doubt into certainty.

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,  
 unswayed by earth's allure.  
 Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
 which you alone assure.

## Prayer After Communion

O Blessed Trinity, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

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## Sending

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

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### Blessing

The holy Three, the holy One  
increase your hope, strengthen your faith,  
deepen your love, and ✠ grant you peace.  
**Amen.**

### Closing of an Assembly

Jesus said, You will be my witnesses  
**To the ends of the earth.**

I chose you and appointed you  
**To bear fruit that will last.**

Remember, I am with you always,  
**To the end of time.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

O God of Wisdom, we, the faithful of the Florida-Bahamas Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America have gathered at this appointed time. We have celebrated your promise of grace and mercy poured out in Word and Sacrament, sought and received the guidance of your Holy Spirit in our discernment of how we will work together to nurture your church and bring about your kingdom here on earth, and gave thanks for those who served our Synod and sought your blessing and grace for those who are called to serve in this new season.

Pour out your blessing upon us that we may have the strength and courage to continue this work to which we are all called as one body, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

I declare this assembly closed.

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

**Amen.**



# God of Grace and God of Glory - ELW 705

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969  
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Now is the time to bring God's light and love to the world.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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**\*Emanuel Nine, martyrs, died 2015**  
**Tuesday, June 17, 2025**

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged to reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.







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