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2026 FLORIDA-BAHAMAS SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Worship Resources

June 4–6, 2026



Thursday, June 4

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM - New Member Orientation (*Cypress 1*)

12:45 PM – 2:30 PM - Opening Worship

2:30 PM – 5:30 PM - Plenary Meeting #1 (*Palms Ballroom*)

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM - Hotel's Reception (*Hotel Lobby*)

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM - Beer & Hymns (*Cypress 1-5*)

8:00 PM – 10:00 PM - Youth Voting Members gather in hospitality space

Friday, June 5

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM - Plenary Meeting #2 (*Palms Ballroom*)

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM - Lunch Break (hotel or nearby restaurants)

12:00 PM – 1:15 PM - Youth Voting Members gather for lunch

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM - Workshop Session A

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM - Workshop Session B

4:15 PM – 5:30 PM - Return to Plenary Session 2 (*Palms Ballroom*)

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM - Hotel's Reception (*Hotel Lobby*)

8:00 PM – 10:00 PM - Youth Voting Members gather by pool for snacks/swim/games

Saturday, June 6

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM - Plenary Meeting #3 (*Palms Ballroom*)

Recognition of Ordination and Congregational Anniversaries

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM - Closing Worship (*Palms Ballroom*)

Synod Council Meeting (*Cypress 1*)

Opening Holy Communion

Gathering

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

Gathering Music

All Who Are Thirsty

Leader All

All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun - gry,
come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters.
There's e - nough for all.

The musical score is written for a Leader and All. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun - gry, come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. There's e - nough for all." The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Text: Brian Wentzel, b. 1979

Music: ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY, Brian Wentzel

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Come, Let Us Worship God



1 Come, let us wor-ship God ...	Come, let us wor-ship God ...
2 Rest for the wea - ry ...	Rest for the wea - ry ...
3 Food for the hun - gry ...	Food for the hun - gry ...
4 Hope for the chil - dren ...	Hope for the chil - dren ...



Come, let us wor-ship God ...	Come, let us wor-ship God ...
Rest for the wea - ry ...	Rest for the wea - ry ...
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Hope for the chil - dren ...	Hope for the chil - dren ...



Wel - come ev - 'ry - one ...	Wel - come ev - 'ry - one ...
Wel - come ev - 'ry - one ...	Wel - come ev - 'ry - one ...
Wel - come ev - 'ry - one ...	Wel - come ev - 'ry - one ...
Wel - come ev - 'ry - one ...	Wel - come ev - 'ry - one ...



To the love of God ...	To the love of God ...
To the love of God ...	To the love of God ...
To the love of God ...	To the love of God ...
To the love of God ...	To the love of God ...

Text: Ray Makeever
 Music: GOD GIVE US LIFE, Ray Makeever

Take Me to the Water

1 Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the wa - ter,
2 I . . . love . . Je - sus, I . . . love . . Je - sus,
3 He's . . my . . Sav - ior, he's . . my . . Sav - ior,
4 Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah.

take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.
I . . . love . . Je - sus, oh, yes, I do.
he's . . my . . Sav - ior, oh, yes, he is.
Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Take Me to the Water'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The first system contains four verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics, including the phrase 'to be baptized'.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: TAKE ME TO THE WATER, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, 1935–2009

Arr. © 1992 Horace Clarence Boyer, admin. Augsburg Fortress

Thanksgiving For Baptism

*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.

Gracious God, through Isaiah you call out, “Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.” Not some. Not the already certain. Not the ones who have it all figured out.

Everyone who thirsts.

Come to the waters...

We thank you that in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and your living Word called creation into being.

That same Word still speaks life among us.

Come to the waters...

Before there was a church, before there was a font, before there were any of us, there was water and your living Word. Your Word spoke light into darkness, order into chaos, abundance into emptiness. From the very beginning, your voice moves everything toward hope.

And that same Word has not fallen silent.

Come to the waters...

Gather us now as one assembly—different stories and experiences yet drawn together by one promise in Christ. Whether you remember the splash of water and your name spoken aloud, were carried to the font before you could remember and have been held in that promise ever since or are still wondering what baptism could mean for you.

The invitation is the same.

Come to the waters...

We praise you for one baptism given to the world in Jesus—one mercy, one dying and rising, one body formed by grace. For those baptized, renew your promise. For those not yet baptized, let your invitation be clear and your welcome wide.

Where there is thirst, let Christ speak again the saving Word.

Come to the waters...

Pour out your Spirit upon this gathered people. Make us one in Christ, washed in mercy to be sent for the life of the world, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymns

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire - . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
 dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
 fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
 round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
 wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

Music: COPELAND, Michael Corzine, b. 1947

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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.

Kyrie

The assembly repeats the Cantor after each word or phrase.

Kyrie.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie.

Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie,

Eleison.

Kyrie.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie.

Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie,

Eleison.

Hymn of Praise

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.

Music: Caribbean traditional

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, by your Spirit you meet us on the way and open your Word to our understanding. As you sent Philip to walk beside the Ethiopian traveler and led him to the waters of baptism, open our hearts and minds to listen, to learn, and to teach with humility and joy. When we doubt, reveal to us the good news of your Son, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Lead us and refresh us with living water, making us faithful companions who seek your grace together in this moment; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

Word

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

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

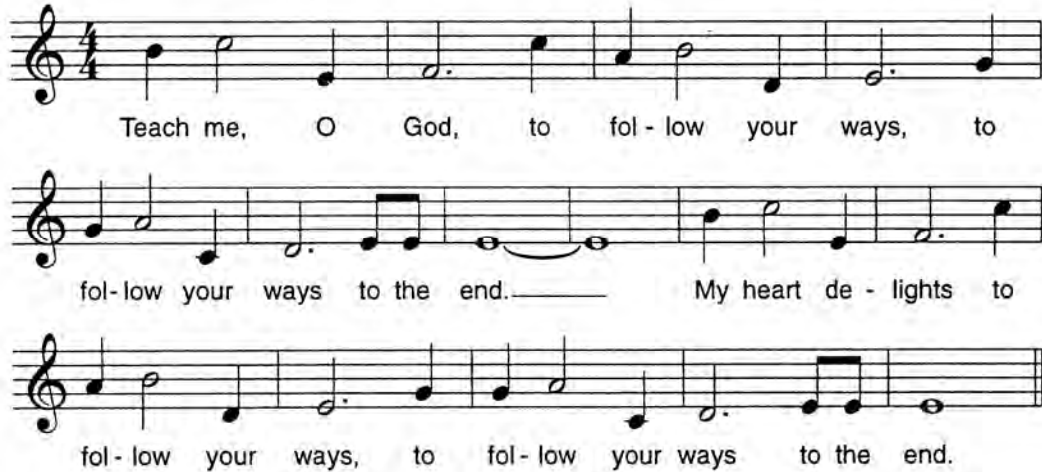
Hear, everyone who thirsts;
 come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
 and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119

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



Teach me, O God, to fol - low your ways, to
fol - low your ways to the end. My heart de - lights to
fol - low your ways, to fol - low your ways to the end.

Happy are they whose life is blameless, who follow God's law in their hearts. Happy are all who do God's will, seeking God with their heart.

Refrain

It is your will we keep your precepts, obeying them all with due care.
O let my footsteps now be firm, seeking you with my heart. **Refrain**

Bless me, your servant, in your kindness, obeying your Word all my life.
Marvelous truths are in your law: help me see with my heart. **Refrain**

Teach me the way that I must follow, that I will be true to the end.
Help me to understand your law: keeping it with my heart. **Refrain**



Second Reading: Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

The cantor introduces the acclamation, the assembly then sings it several times at the direction of the cantors.

Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the One who is



close at hand; lis - ten to the voice that be - gan cre - a - tion;



lis - ten e - ven if you don't un - der - stand.

Text: Anonymous, Canada

Music: LISTEN TO THE WORD, Anonymous, Canada; adapt. *Church Hymnary*, 4th Edition, 2005

Gospel: John 14:1-7

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to You, O Lord.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Sermon: Bishop Pedro Saurez



*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.
The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

Hymn of the Day

In Christ Called to Baptize



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional
Text © 1995 Pilgrim Press

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.**

Reception of a Congregation

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition of the prayers ends with these words:

God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

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.*

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offertory

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



The Hearth is an ELCA worshiping community in the heart of Central Florida that believes in meeting people exactly where they are. Instead of worshiping in a traditional church structure, we bring church—the body of Christ—to where people already gather and share their lives together. We are currently partnered with two venues in Orlando, a brewery and a bar, where we hold our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening worship services. Despite our non-traditional setting, our services follow the ELCA liturgy, and we observe the liturgical calendar, attempting always to intentionally and faithfully bring the church's rhythm, rituals, and spiritual practices into meaningful and modern expression.

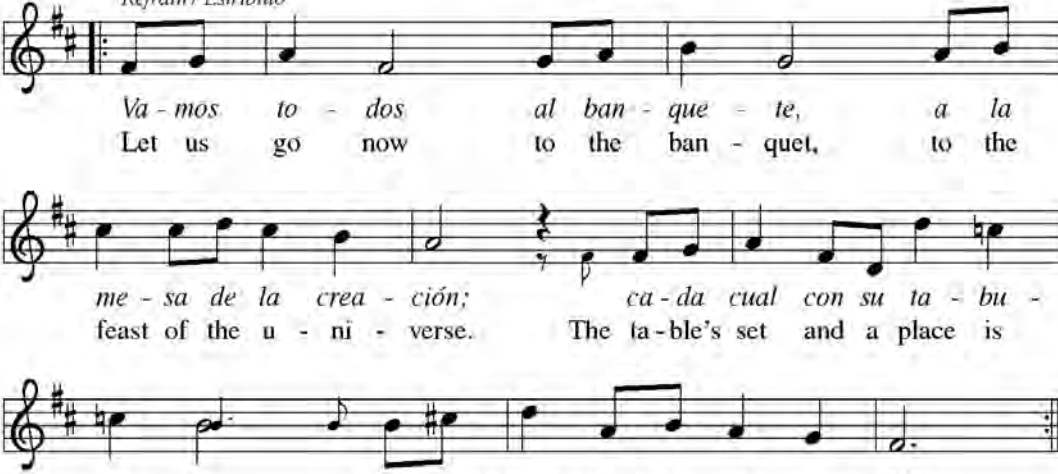
Just as we meet people where they are physically, we also meet them where they are spiritually, with a radically open posture of welcome that encourages authentic identity expression, faith questions, and imperfection. Our community is eclectic, spanning across ages, races, ethnicities, socioeconomic statuses, gender and sexual identities, and faith backgrounds. We have welcomed many new members who are regulars or staff at the bars because of the intentional relationships we have built over time with these businesses and their patrons. However, regardless of whether or not someone is a member or attends worship services, we strive to treat everyone as part of our community, knowing that many people have no connection to a spiritual leader or church community. As we continue to grow and evolve with the Spirit's leading, we are guided by our mission of making space to affirm the Divine in all through intentional community.

Setting of the Table

*The assembly sings the refrain in the language of their heart.
The cantor sings the verses in Spanish.*

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet *Vamos todos al banquete*

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.

*I will rise in the early morning;
the community's waiting for me.
With a spring in my step I'm walking
with my friends and my family. **Refrain***

*God invites all the poor and hungry
to the banquet of justice and good
where the harvest will not be hoarded
so that no one will lack for food. **Refrain***

*May we build such a place among us
where all people are equal in love.
God has called us to work together
and to share ev'rything we have. **Refrain***

Offertory Prayer

O God, creator, care-giver, and shepherd, you feed your people in joy and in sorrow, and offer living water to all who thirst. Receive these gifts we bring—this bread, this wine, and this offering to support the mission of The Hearth. Fill us with your blessings, and open our hearts to understand the needs of our global neighbors. Through these gifts, help us share your mercy and love with the world. In Jesus' name we pray.

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 join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Santo, santo, santo



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.

...with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

...into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

...with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; in this assembly;
within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by
your Spirit, in your church, without end.

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.*

We Eat the Bread of Teaching

Refrain



We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are



giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-geth-er



joined, the great-est and the least, we all are



one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.



1 Wis-dom calls through-out the cit-y, knows our
2 Sim-ple ones whose hearts are yearn-ing, come and
3 En-ter with de-light and sing-ing, for her



hun-ger, and in pit-y gives her lov-ing in-vi-gain
gain from Wis-dom's learn-ing; bread and wine she is pre-rich-ness
rich-ness now is bring-ing us this joy-ous cel-e-



Refrain

ta-tion to the ban-quet of sal-va-tion.
par-ing, know her lov-ing in the shar-ing.
bra-tion; eat and drink in ju-bi-la-tion.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997

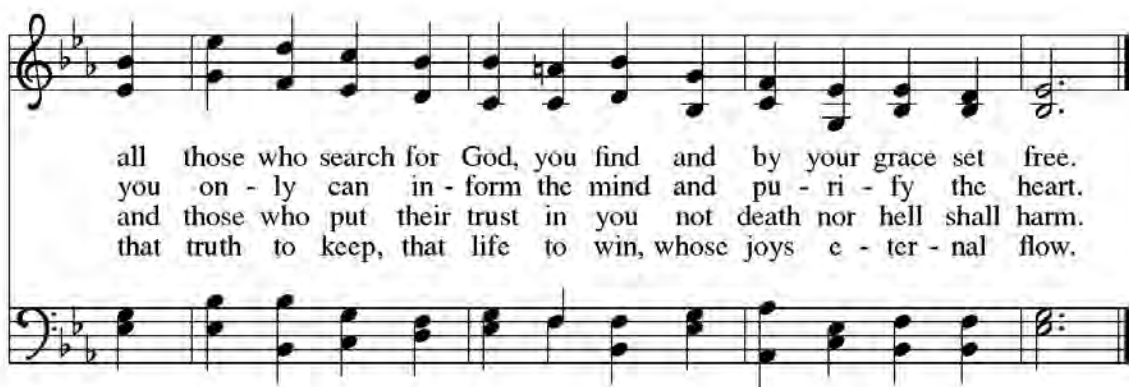
Music: WISDOM'S FEAST, Jerry Ray Brubaker, b. 1946

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You Are the Way



1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799-1859, alt.
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615



I Am the Bread of Life

*The assembly sings the refrain.
The cantor sings the verses.*

Refrain
All



“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.”

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6

Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM

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Prayer After Communion

Generous and life-giving God, you have met us in Word and meal, and have fed us with us with living water and the bread of heaven. Empowered by the Spirit, give us strength to teach others your way, and to live more fully as your disciples. Help us recognize the needs of the “other” in our midst, whom you call us to serve faithfully, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

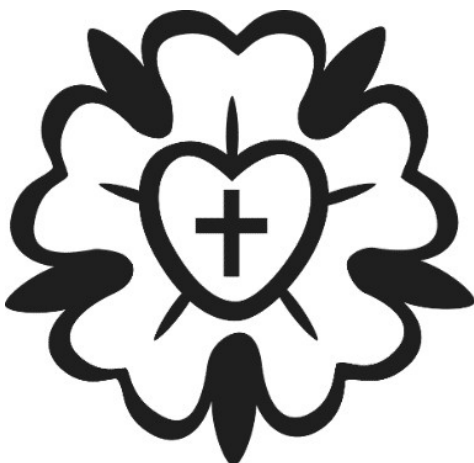
Sending

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

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever in † Christ Jesus.

Amen.



Sending Hymn

Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956
Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner
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Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you!

Thanks be to God.

Closing Holy Communion

Gathering

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

Gathering Music

Come, Let Us Worship God



1 Come, let us wor - ship God ... Come, let us wor - ship God ...
2 Rest for the wea - ry ... Rest for the wea - ry ...
3 Food for the hun - gry ... Food for the hun - gry ...
4 Hope for the chil - dren ... Hope for the chil - dren ...



Come, let us wor - ship God ... Come, let us wor - ship God ...
Rest for the wea - ry ... Rest for the wea - ry ...
Food for the hun - gry ... Food for the hun - gry ...
Hope for the chil - dren ... Hope for the chil - dren ...



Wel - come ev - 'ry - one ... Wel - come ev - 'ry - one ...
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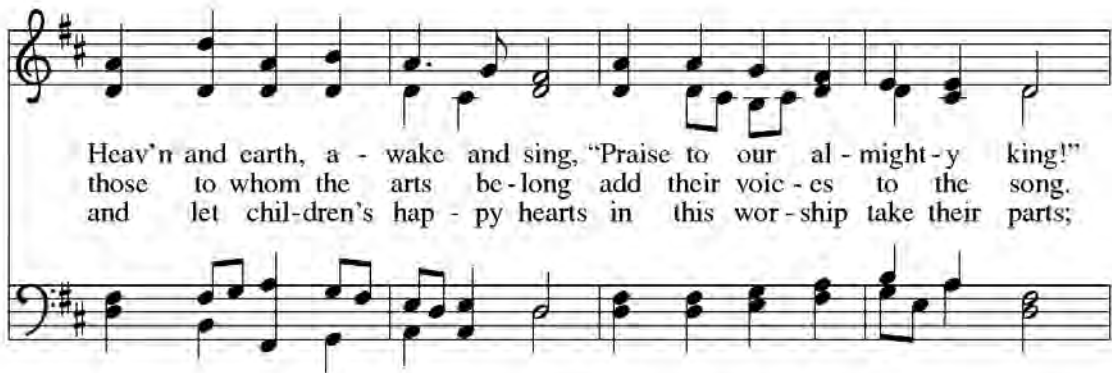
To the love of God ... To the love of God ...
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Text: Ray Makeever
Music: GOD GIVE US LIFE, Ray Makeever

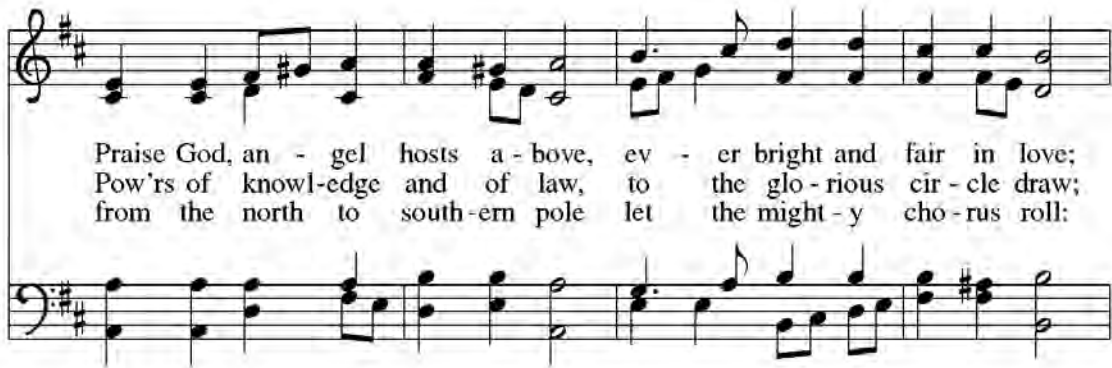
Let the Whole Creation Cry



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
 Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832-1916, alt.
 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750, adapt.

Confession and Forgiveness

The assembly stands.

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

Blessed are you, holy Trinity †, one God
who sees us with compassion
and whose mercy never ends.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Compassionate God,
**we come before you with burdens of the heart—
where we have wandered; where we have turned away;
where we have failed to see others through your eyes.
We are like sheep without a shepherd,
troubled and scattered, unsure of the way.
In your mercy, draw us back to you,
forgive us, and make us whole.
Send us out again—healed and renewed—
to share your grace and peace,
and to live as those you have called and claimed.**
Amen.

Hear the good news:

Through the mercy of almighty God – Father, Son †, and Holy Spirit—
your sins are forgiven and you are made whole.

Rest now in God's love,
and reflect that same compassion as you serve others.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

My Life Flows On in Endless Song



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



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

Refrain



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



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

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING. Robert Lowry, alt.

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.

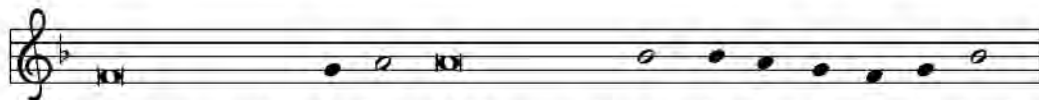
Kyrie *ELW* Setting 6



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



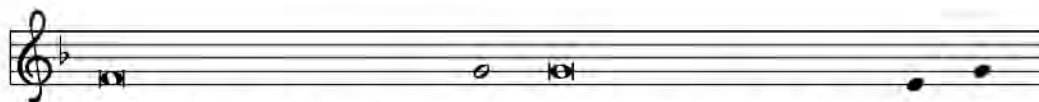
Lord, have mer - cy.



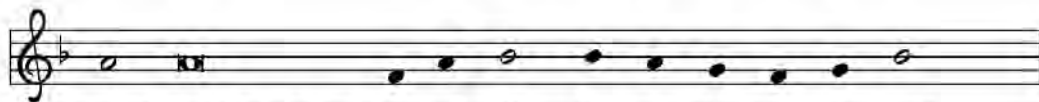
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



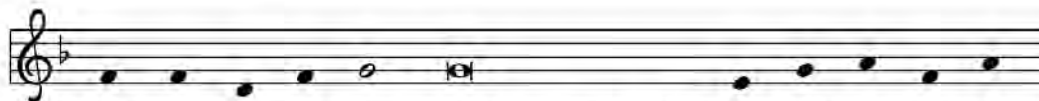
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



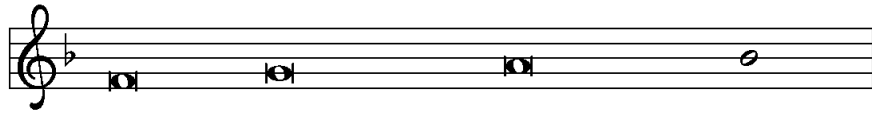
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy,



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

Canticle of Praise *ELW Setting 6*

(The assembly sings the refrain; the cantor sings the verses)



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

God of covenant and calling,
you have gathered us as your people
and drawn us into your work in the world.
Pour out your Spirit upon those who lead
and those who serve to nurture faith in community.
Fill our hearts with your love,
that we may proclaim with joy
the good news of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Commissioning of the Luther Springs Summer Staff

Word

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

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a

[The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one, “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100

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



Make a joy-ful noise to the Lord, al-le - lu-ia, a - men!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness come into God's presence with a song.
Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. **Refrain**

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with
praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.
Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from age to age. **Refrain**

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

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 afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Listen, God Is Calling

Neno lake Mungu

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: Matthew 9:35-10:8

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Sermon: Rev. Shannon Kiser

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.
The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

Hymn of the Day

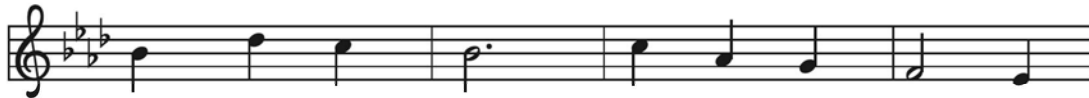
God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922-1987
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Installation of Synod Council Members

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition of the prayers ends with these words:

God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude,

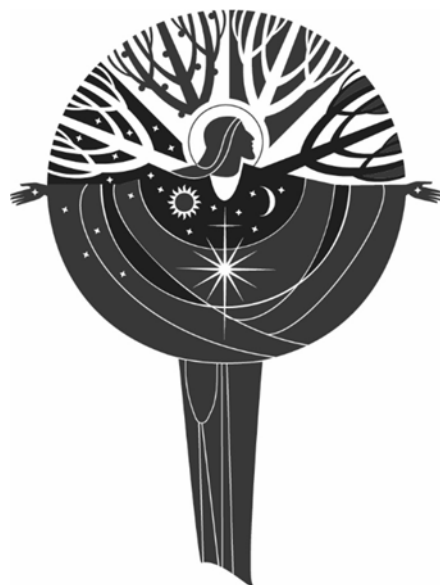
Amen.

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.*



Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offertory – Assembly Choir

Lord, You Have Searched Me – Psalm 139 by Allen Pote

The offering today is collected to support the work of ELCA missionary Carolyn Scheider. In addition to the offering collected by the ushers, you may use the QR code.



On behalf of the ELCA, Dr. Schneider assists the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana (ELCG) in revitalizing its training programs for lay leaders so that all 43 of its congregations receive adequate care and guidance. This lay development is incredibly important as there are not enough Pastors to support all of the congregations. In addition to facilitating the Lutheran Lay Academy for the ELCG, Dr. Schneider has been leading worship in different congregations each week. The work of ELCA Missionaries in Guyana and around the world are funded by your generosity. She served previously with the World Council of Churches' Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel (2005); with ELCA Global Mission as a visiting professor at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo, Egypt (2012); and as a long-term missionary with ELCA Global Mission, first teaching church history at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hong Kong (2014-2018) and then becoming Lutheran warden at United Theological College of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica (2021-2023).

Setting of the Table

We Come to the Hungry Feast



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943
Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever
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Offertory Prayer

Faithful God, like precious treasure, you have drawn us to yourself and called us to be your people. Receive these gifts, the fruit of all you have placed into our hands. Use them to build up ELCA missionaries around the world, especially Rev. Dr. Carolyn Schneider and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana. As you gather us at this table, renew us in your covenant and strengthen us to follow where you lead.

Amen.

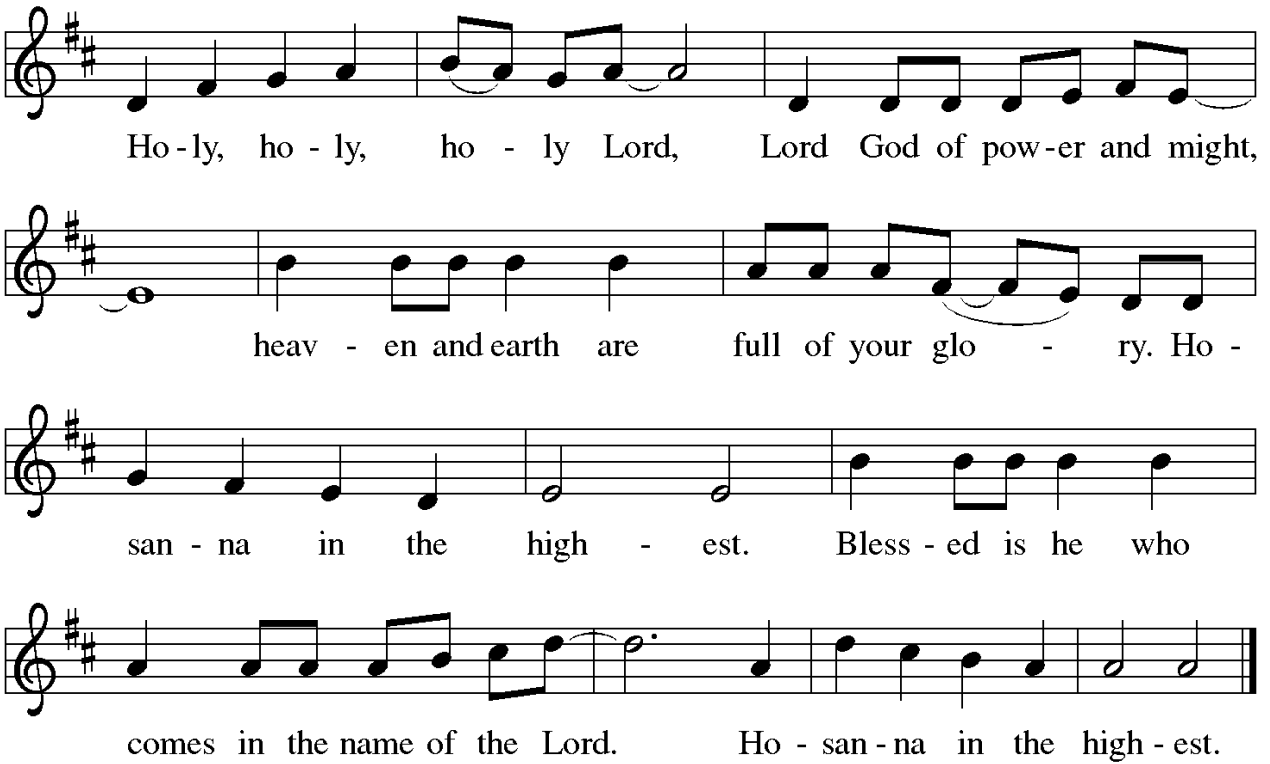
Great Thanksgiving

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.

...join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

...until he comes:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

... great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

...all your saints in light

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

...now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

Invitation to Communion

*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.*

Lamb of God *ELW Setting 6*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

Sanctuary

(led by the counselors of Luther Springs)

**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

**Lord forgive me for I'm unworthy of your perfect love and your
grace. Walk beside me and hold my hand Lord
for I'm longing to see your face.**

**When you come in shouts of glory and your work on earth is done,
How I long to hear you saying, "faithful servant, well done."**

May the God of Hope Go with Us

Dios de la esperanza



¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz!
 May the God of hope go with us ev - 'ry day,



Al mun - do en cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad.
 to a world in need with news of joy and peace.



Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da - nos tu luz,
 May the God of jus - tice speed us on our way,



luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.
 bring - ing light and hope to ev - 'ry land and race.



O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos
 Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our



de tu a - mor. Lu - che - mos por la paz,
 joy with all; work - ing for a world that's new,



fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.
 faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.

Text: Alvin Schutmaat, 1921–1988, alt.
 Music: ARGENTINA, Argentine folk melody

Prayer After Communion

God of abundance, in this meal you have gathered and formed us into one body for the sake of the world. Send us now with the power of your Spirit, bold in our witness to serve our neighbors, steward your creation, and share the good news to the ends of the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

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.

Sending Hymn

Go to the World!



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Dismissal

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Thanks be to God.

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