

11th Sunday after Pentecost - With One Voice
August 24, 2025 – 9:00 am

Accompanist

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Liturgists

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ELW= the red hymn book under your seat. Hymns are located in the back of the book. A black Bible is also located beneath your seat.

† indicates stand as able

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

† Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

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: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* ELW 859

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the God of creation!
My heart is longing to offer up sweet adoration.
Melody make; dulcimer, harp, now awake.
Sound forth your praise, ev'ry nation.

Praise the Almighty, o'er all life so wondrously reigning,
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen? All that is needful has been
sent by God's gracious ordaining.

Praise the Almighty, who prospers your work and defends
you;
see from the heavens the showers of mercy God sends
you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do;
Infinite Love here befriends you.

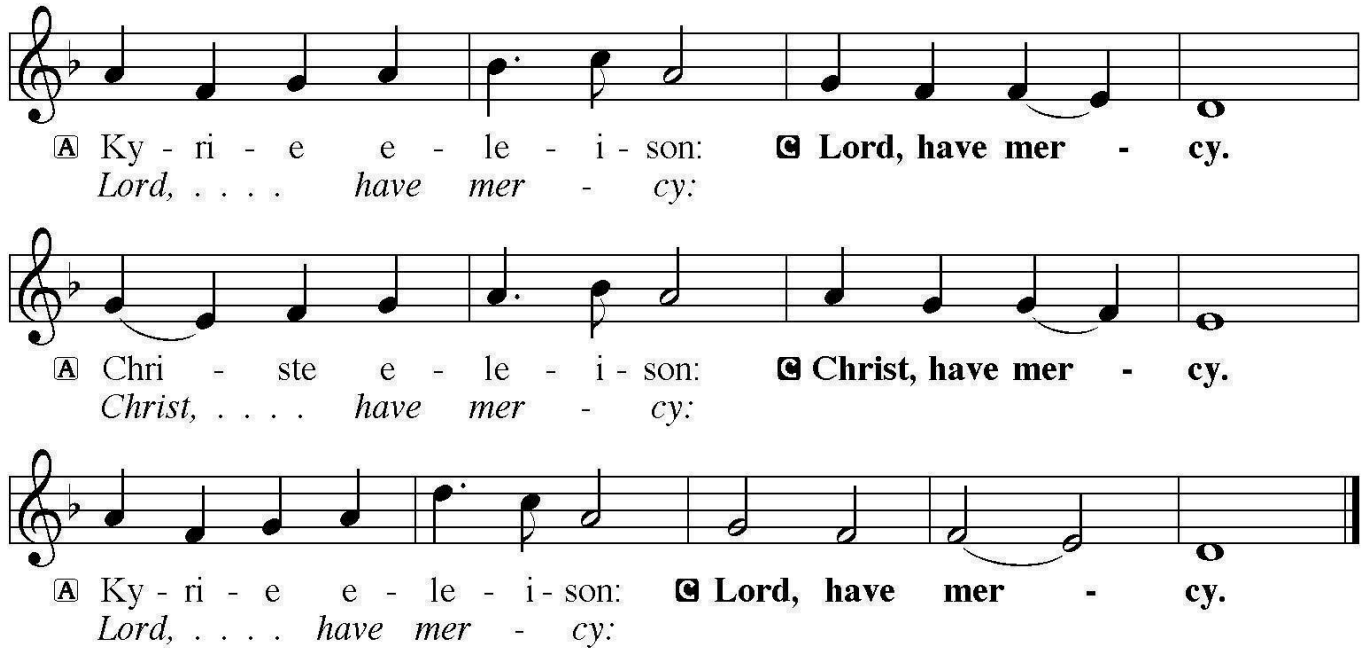
Praise the Almighty! In wonder my spirit is soaring!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises
outpouring.
Let the amen sound from God's people again,
gladly forever adoring.

Liturgy of the Word

† 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



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Ⓒ** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Ⓒ** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:

Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Ⓒ** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

† Hymn of Praise

Refrain:



Ⓒ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

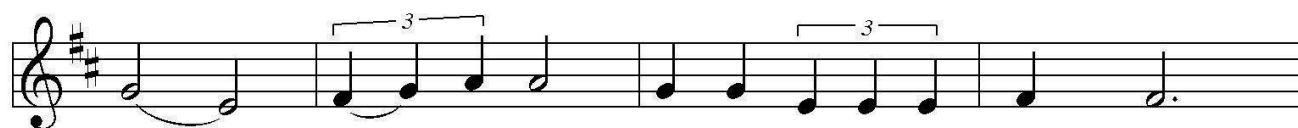
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.

Ⓘ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al- might- y God and Fa- ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

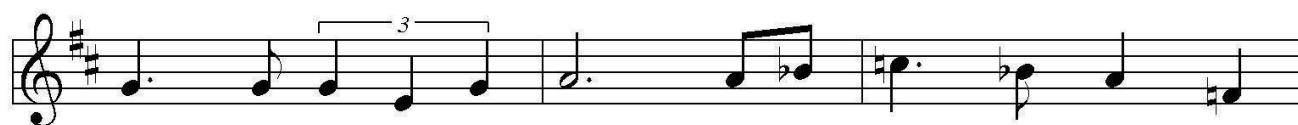
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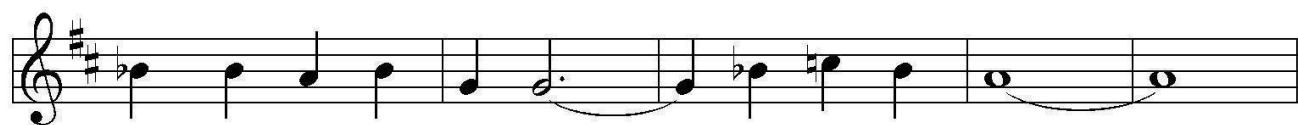
II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



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

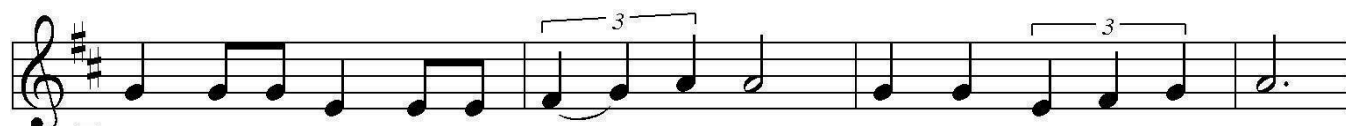


world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

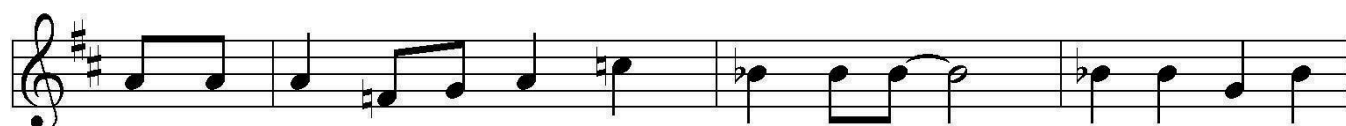


right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

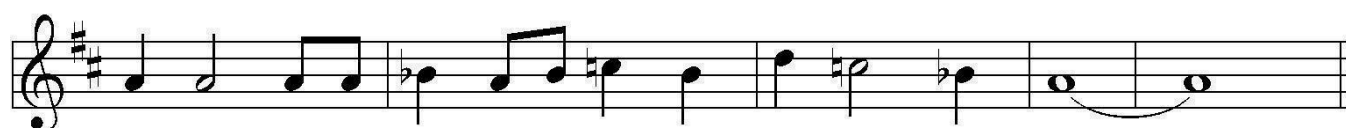
Refrain



I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



III Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



† *Prayer of the Day*

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as your children, we carry so much hurt, trauma, and isolation that we feel as though we will never be whole again. Give us the courage to welcome those who are burdened and suffer because of human will. Teach us to journey alongside one another, through the love and compassion of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. **Amen.**

READING: Isaiah 58: 9b-14

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.

- ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many
generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.
- ¹³ If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the Sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests or pursuing your own
affairs;
- ¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor
Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103: 1-8

- ¹ Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.
- ² **Bless the LORD, | O my soul,**
and forget not | all God's benefits—
- ³ who forgives | all your sins
and heals all | your diseases;
- ⁴ **who redeems your life | from the grave**
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;
- ⁵ who satisfies your desires | with good things
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

⁶ O LORD, you provide | vindication
and justice for all who | are oppressed.

⁷ You made known your | ways to Moses
and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.

⁸ LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

† Gospel Acclamation



† GOSPEL: Luke 13: 10-17

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.

¹⁰ Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³ When he laid his hands on her,

immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?”

¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Maggie Evans

Sermon

Pastor Beth Wartick

† Hymn of the Day: O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

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O Christ, the healer, we have come
to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored
when reached by love that never ends?

From ev'ry ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamor to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.

In conflicts that destroy our health
we recognize the world's disease;
our common life declares our ills.

Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach the whole of humankind.

† Apostles Creed

**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

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people
of God, for God is near.

You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all.
Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and
congregation leaders as they pursue a more just and
equitable church and society. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is
great.**

You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy, so that all may experience abundant life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illness, especially Melissa. Manifest your healing presence in their midst. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With all your apostles, prophets, and saints, we give thanks and bless your holy name. As they now rest from their labors, guide us by the witness of their lives to pursue your reign, which can never be shaken. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion. **Amen.**

† Peace

Liturgy of the Meal

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Offering 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.**

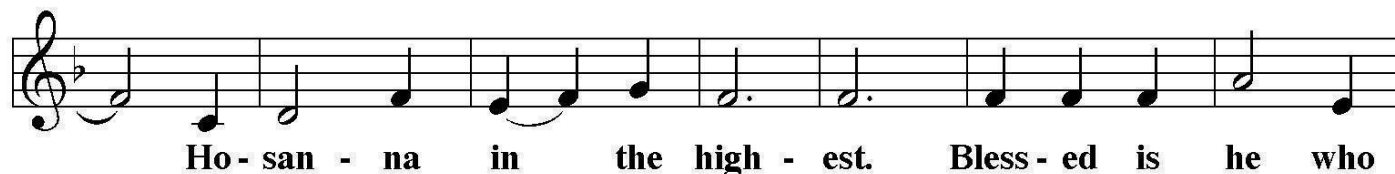
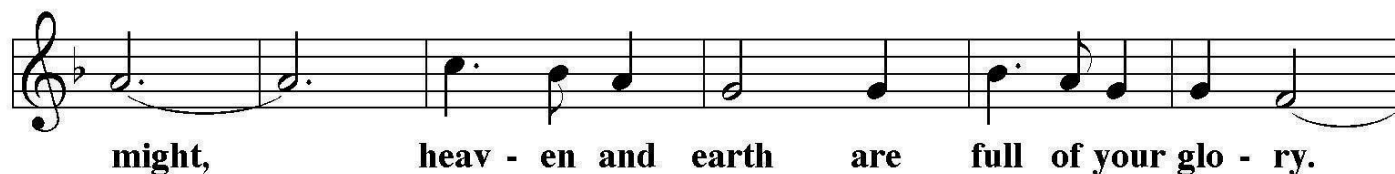
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

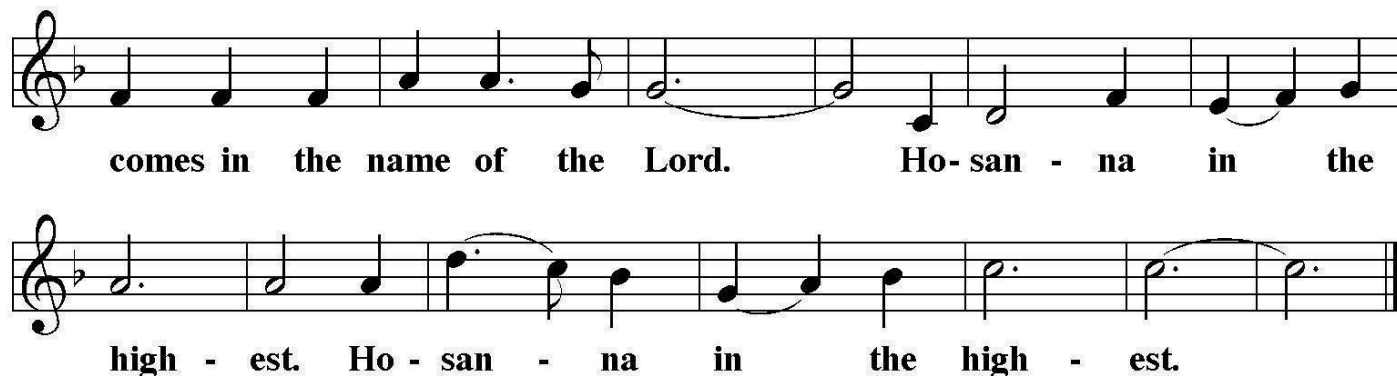
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

† Proper Preface

It is indeed right...join their unending hymn:

† Holy, Holy, Holy





† Eucharistic Prayer

† Lord's Prayer / Padrenuestro

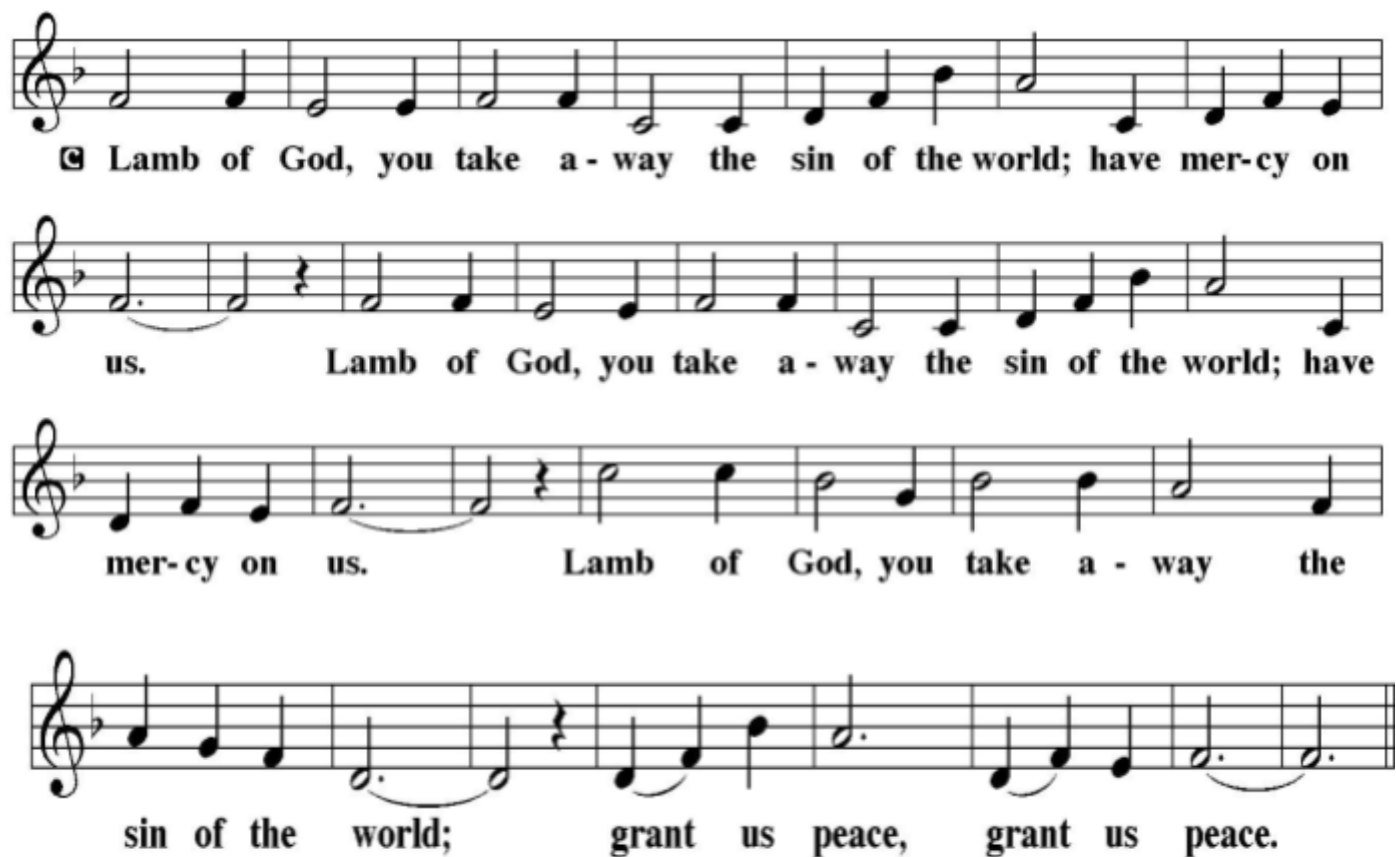
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

*Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino.
Hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas
como también nosotros
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es
el poder y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y siempre. Amén.*

Communion

If you are communing from home, receive the bread with these words "The Body of Christ given for you" and the wine/juice with "The blood of Christ shed for you."

Communion Song: Lamb of God



Communion Hymn: There Is a Balm in Gilead

ELW 614

Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. *Refrain*

If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus
and say, "He died for all." *Refrain*

Don't ever be discouraged,

for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge
he'll ne'er refuse to lend. *Refrain*

Post-Communion Blessing

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

Sending

Announcements

Blessing of the Backpacks

God of all knowledge and wisdom, these students and
backpacks remind us that a new school year has begun. We
ask your blessing on them and upon all students, young and
old, as they begin a new year. Help them discover and develop
the gifts you have given them. And as they grow in knowledge,
help them also grow in kindness and compassion, learning
respect from themselves and for others. We ask your blessing
on parents and all those who care for these students.
Strengthen them to surround these students with
encouragement, support, and love. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

Bless, O Lord, all those who stand with these students.
Whatever their task or role, guide them to do it in love and
faithfulness to you, knowing that even the most ordinary task
becomes extraordinary when done in your name. We ask all
things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

God of grace, you bless us always by bringing into our lives
people who will show us how to live as your disciples in the
world. Bless each of these individuals standing, that they may
serve their students and serve you to the best of their ability.

Guide them in your ways and strengthen them to show your love to students, colleagues and all others with whom they work. We ask this in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

† Blessing

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

† Sending Hymn: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW 886

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

The name of Jesus charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life and health and peace.

He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,

be justified by grace!

To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

† Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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