



# Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025

9:00 a.m.

# Welcome to Lord of Life Lutheran Church

## Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word in worship in-person and online. We encourage you to follow along in this document.

If you are joining us online, please email the office at [LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org](mailto:LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org), so we can welcome you within our midst.

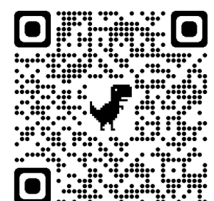
May the Lord bless our worship this day.

## As We Gather

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

## As We Offer

We offer our contributions in-person or online at [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1438924) through this link [https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1438924](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1438924) or with your phone by taking a picture of this QR Code.



# + Gathering +

**PRELUDE ~ CHOIR** *Sing a New Song to the Lord*

Natalie Sleeth

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We stand.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**C** Amen.

**P** Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Merciful and loving God,

**C** we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

**P** Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have

been found. In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**C** Amen.

## GATHERING HYMN ~ *As Saints of Old*

ELW 695



1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field  
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;  
3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day



to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,  
to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.  
to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.



so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,  
The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:  
O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,



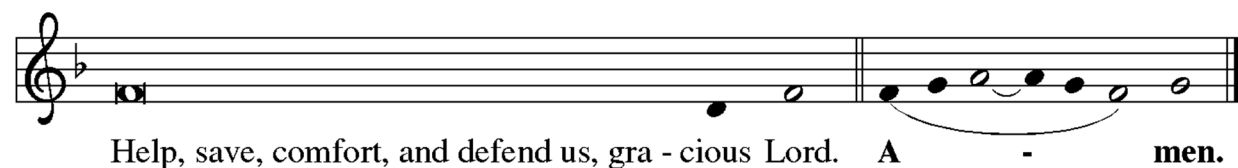
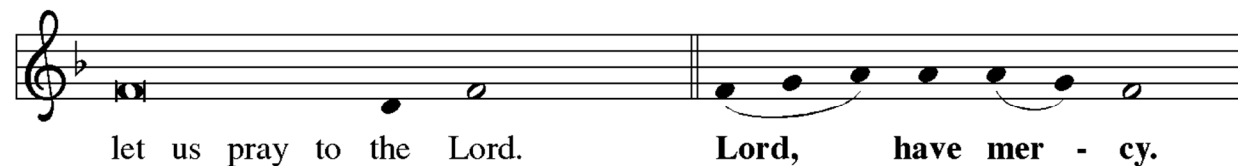
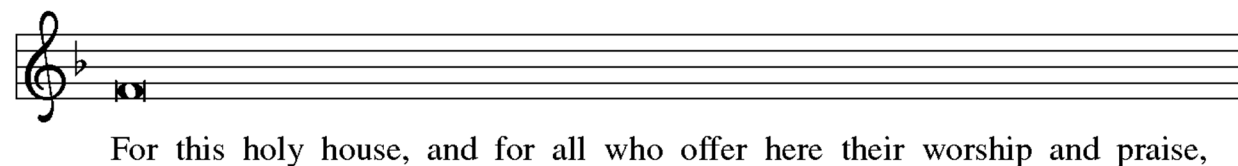
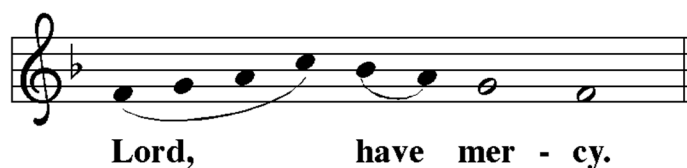
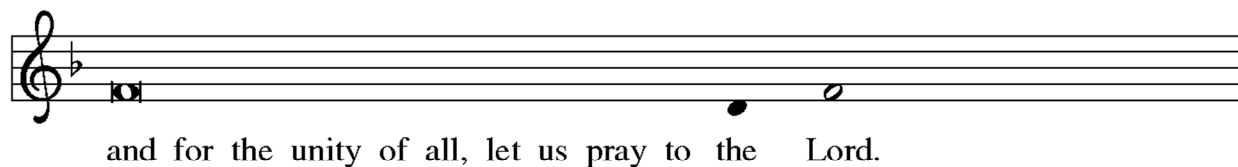
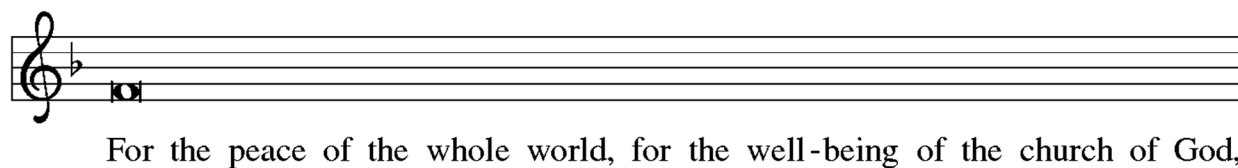
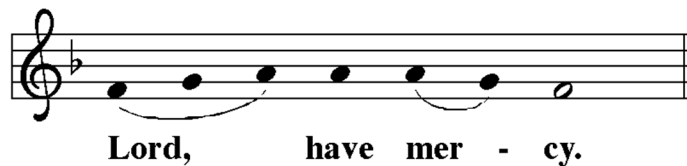
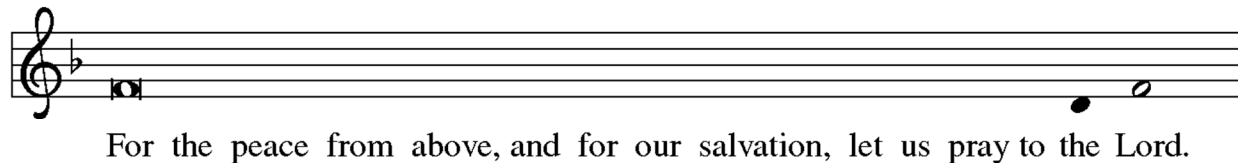
of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.  
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.  
teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

## GREETING

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

**C** And also with you.

# KYRIE



# HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



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.



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.



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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

+ Word +

*We sit.*

## FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

**A** A reading from Amos.

<sup>4</sup> Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, <sup>5</sup> saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, <sup>6</sup> buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” <sup>7</sup> The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 113



**A** <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants | of the LORD;  
praise the name | of the LORD.

**C** <sup>2</sup> **Let the name of the | LORD be blessed,  
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

**A** <sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its | going down  
let the name of the | LORD be praised.

**C** <sup>4</sup> **The LORD is high a- | bove all nations;  
God's glory a- | bove the heavens.**

**A** <sup>5</sup> Who is like the | LORD our God,  
who sits en- | throned on high,

**C** <sup>6</sup> **but stoops | to behold  
the heavens | and the earth?**

**A** <sup>7</sup> The LORD takes up the weak out | of the dust  
and lifts up the poor | from the ashes,

**C** <sup>8</sup> **enthroning them | with the rulers,  
with the rulers | of the people.**

**A** <sup>9</sup> The LORD makes the woman of a | childless house  
to be a joyful mother of children. | Hallelujah!

## SECOND READING

## 1 Timothy 2:-1-7

**A** A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy.

<sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all



godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup> This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup> For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*We stand.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### GOSPEL

**Luke 16:1-13**

**P** The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup> So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ <sup>3</sup> Then

the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup> He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ <sup>7</sup> Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ <sup>8</sup> And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. <sup>10</sup> “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup> If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup> No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;  
 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;  
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;  
 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some-thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.  
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.  
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.  
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;  
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;  
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.  
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

## ✦ Bath ✦

*We sit.*

### PRESENTATION

*Sponsors, parents, and child gather with the minister at the font.*

**P** In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord

Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

*Sponsors present the candidate for baptism.*

**P** Who here presents this child for baptism?

*Response:* **We present Madelyn LeeAnn Steimel for baptism.**

*The minister addresses the parents.*

**P** Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

*Response:* **We do.**

**P** As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture *her* in faith and prayer, so that Madelyn may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:* **We do.**

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors.*

**P** Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Madelyn in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response:* **We do.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

**P** People of God, do you promise to support Madelyn and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**C** **We do.**

*We stand.*

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The presiding minister addresses the parents and sponsors of the baptized. The assembly may join in the responses.*

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

**P** Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?  
*Response:* **I renounce them.**

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

*Response:* **I renounce them.**

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

*Response:* **I renounce them.**

*The presiding minister addresses the parents, sponsors, and the assembly.*

**P** Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**C** **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.

**P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C** 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.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**P** We give you thanks, Heavenly Father, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BAPTISM

**P** Madelyn LeeAnn Steimel, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen. You belong to Christ in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

**P** Let us pray. We give you thanks, Heavenly Father, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

*Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays:*

**P** Sustain Madelyn with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized*

**P** Madelyn LeeAnn Steimel, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C** Amen.

## WELCOME

*A lighted candle is given.*

**P** Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**P** Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C** We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God

and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**A** Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Each petition ends:*

**A** God of grace,  
**G** receive our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.  
**G** Amen.

## PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**G** And also with you.

+ *Meal* +

*We sit.*

**OFFERING MUSIC ~ SOLO** *The Image of God*  
Soloist – Diane Bele

Craig Courtney



*We stand.*

## OFFERING SONG ~ *Take My Life, That I May Be*

ELW 685



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

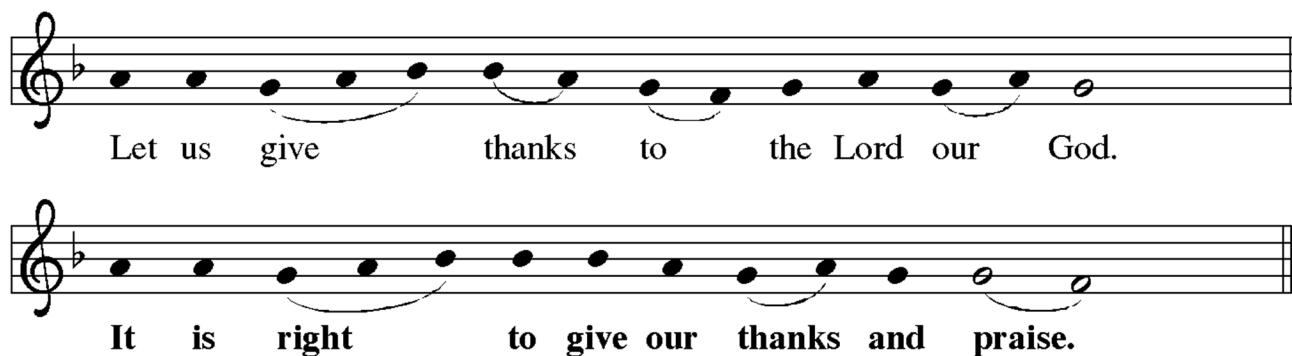
## OFFERING PRAYER

**A** Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

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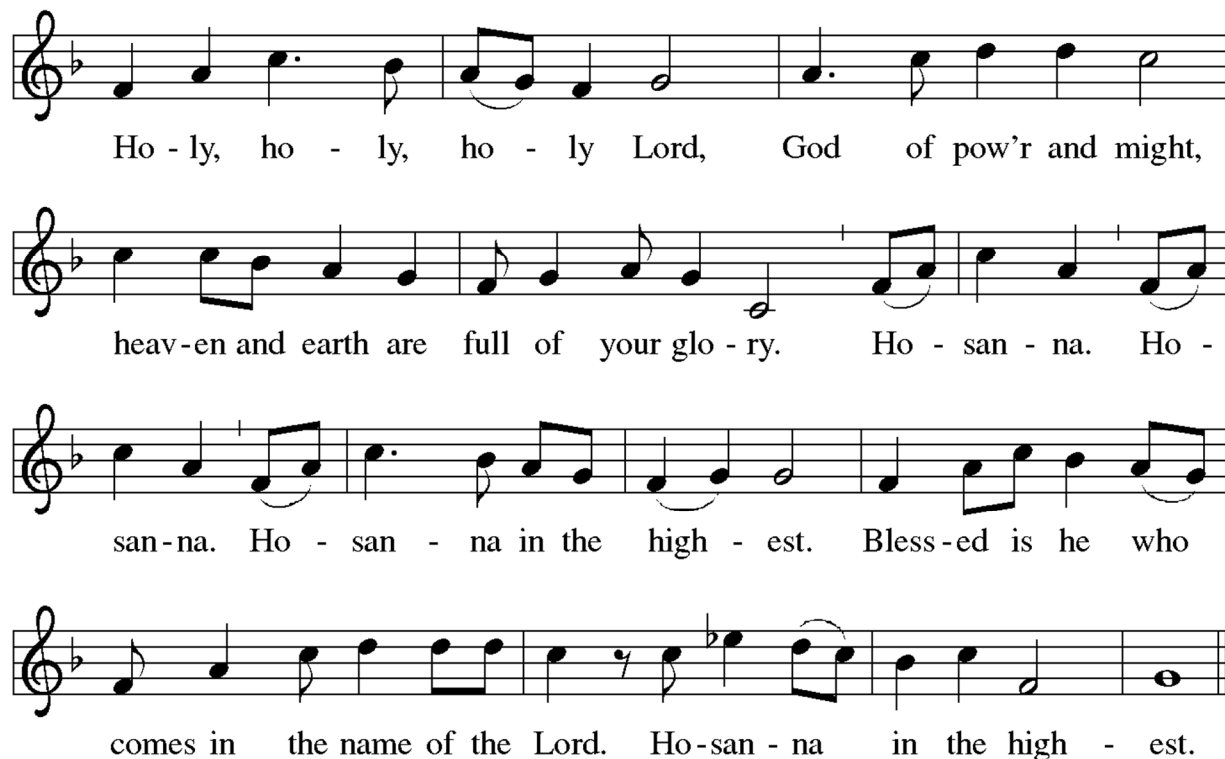




## PREFACE

**P** It is indeed right and salutary...praise your name and join their unending hymn:

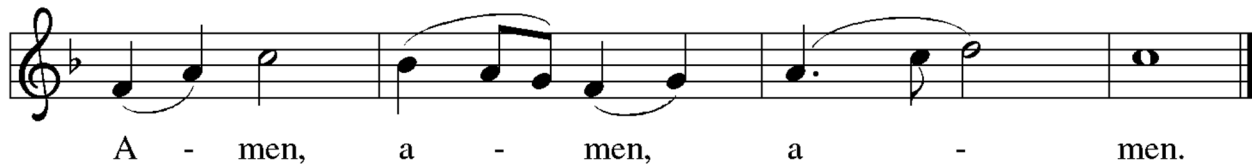
## SANCTUS



## THANKSGIVING

**P** We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end...  
...Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father,

with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.



## LORD'S PRAYER

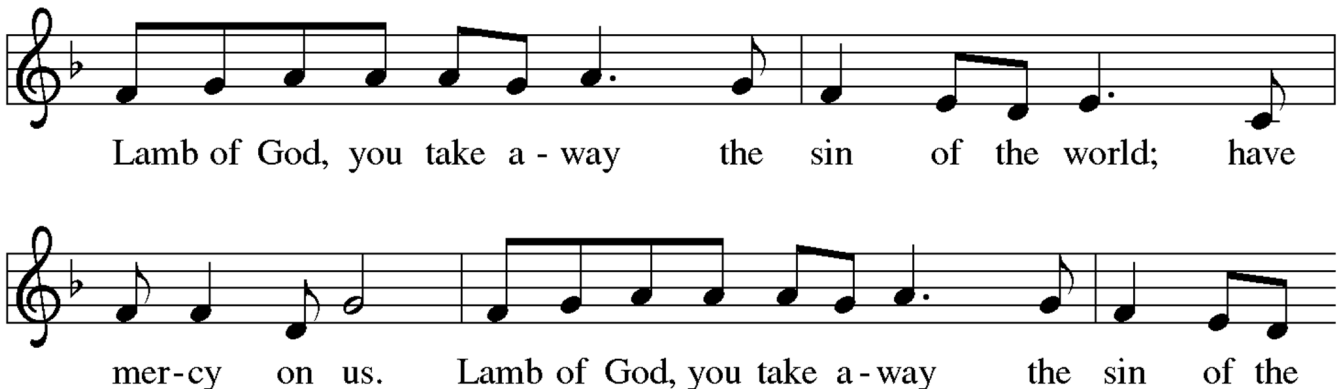
- P** Let us pray the words our Lord taught us.
- C** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

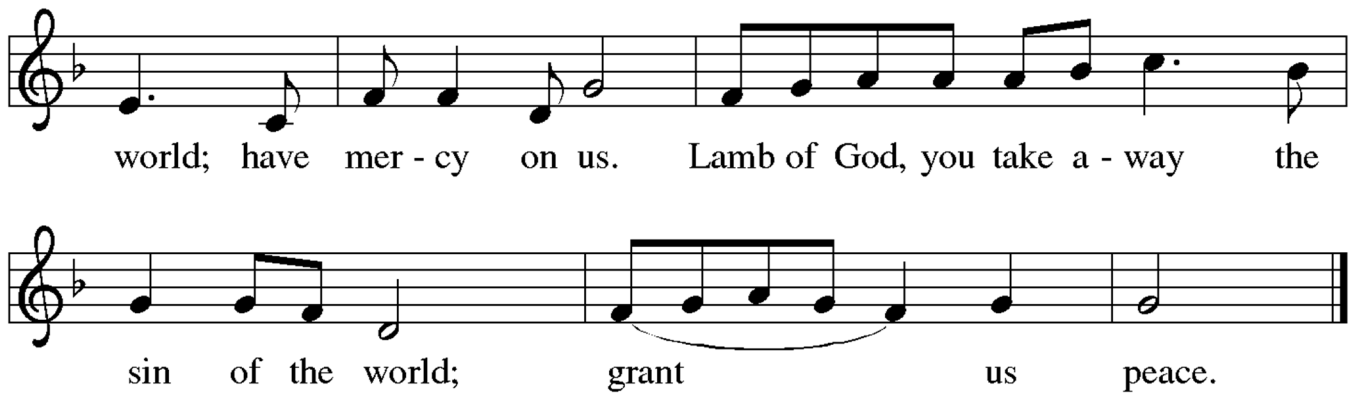
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P** Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.
- C** Amen.

*We sit.*

## AGNUS DEI



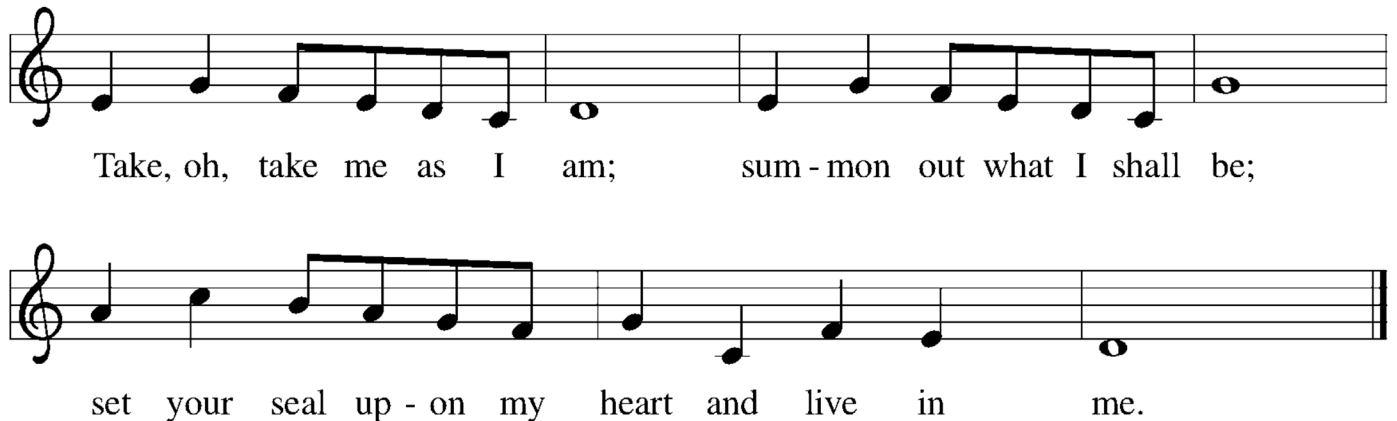


## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome to the table of the Lord, who is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine. We gather at the communion rail and consume the elements, **by intinction**, taking the wafer and dipping it into the chalice, half of which is **red** wine, and the other half of which, is **light apple juice**. **Gluten free** wafers are available during distribution. **Children** who have yet to commune are welcome to receive a blessing. **Please inform the ushers** if you would like communion brought to you at **your place in the pew**.*

## COMMUNION HYMN ~ *Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am*

ELW 814



*We stand.*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**C** Amen.

## + Sending +

## BLESSING

**P** Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## SENDING HYMN ~ *Rise Up, O Saints of God!*

ELW 669



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;  
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king-dom's task em - brace;  
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE ~ *Festival March*

Robert J. Powell

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## ✠ LEADING WORSHIP TODAY ✠

Pastor Rebekah Weant, Presiding Minister

Diane Bele, Music Director

Ken Olson, Audio Visual

Jim Heinking, Assisting Minister

Lori Schaar, Reader

Johnson Family, Greeters

Marilyn Luthardt & Stephanie Yager, Ushers

**BAPTISM TODAY** ~ Madelyn LeeAnn Steimel will be baptized today during the service. Sponsors are Jessica Ciochon and Karl Steimel. Proud parents are Daniel and Trisha Steimel. Proud big brother Danny. *Congratulations to all!*

**THE FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Kevin & Melissa Kohn in honor of their 2<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary and by Trisha & Daniel Steimel to celebrate Madelyn's baptism

**THE BULLETIN** is given to the glory of by friends and members of Lord of Life

## ✝ WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS ✝

**WORSHIP REGISTRATION SHEETS** ~ All visitors & members please sign-in each Sunday on the worship attendance sheets located in the blue folder at the end of your pew. Please update any new contact information. We encourage visitors to provide contact information - - this helps us to get to know you!

**\*\*Please continue to sign-in each week.** This helps gauge church growth, plan events, maintain how many bulletins should be printed, and assist in setting up the communion meal for each week. Trying a new seat will also help you say hello to those who you do not know each week. Thank you for your assistance with this.\*\*

**WELCOME** ~ IF YOU WATCH ON-LINE, PLEASE EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE DIRECTLY AT [LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org](mailto:LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org) or call the office and let us know you attended. Thank you!