

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor Garrett Struessel and Deacon Korra Looschen



Ordinary Time

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 12, 2025

9:30 a.m.

We welcome you to worship!

Please fill out the blue worship card and place it in the offering plate later in the service.

GATHERING



PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTRODUCTION

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

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.

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!

Amen.

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

ELW 864

1. Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en;
 2. God be praised for grace and fa - vor
 3. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish.
 4. An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion.

joy - ful - ly your trib - ute bring. Ran - somed, healed, re -
 to our fore - bears in dis - tress. God be praised, the
 blows the wind and it is gone; but, as mor - tals
 in God's pres - ence, face to face. Sun and moon and

stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless Al - le - lu - ia!
 rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on. Al - le - lu - ia!
 all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927-2005
 Music: John Goss, 1800-1880

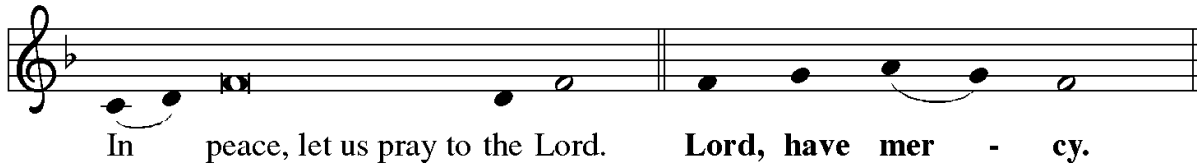
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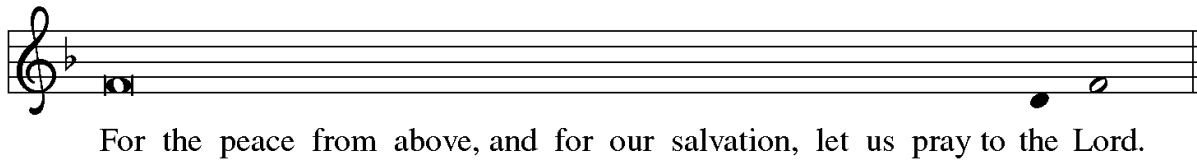
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

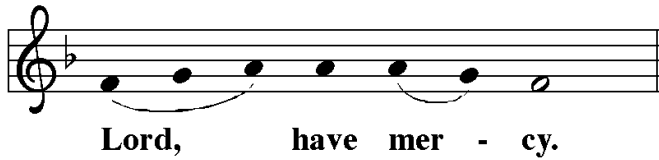
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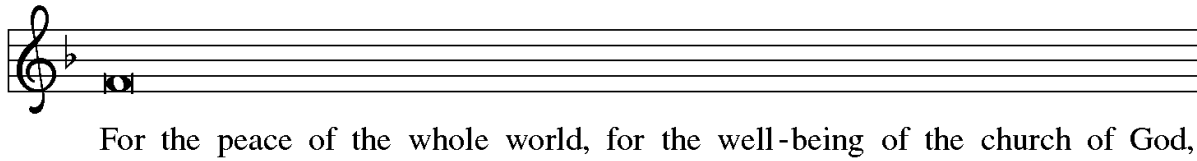
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



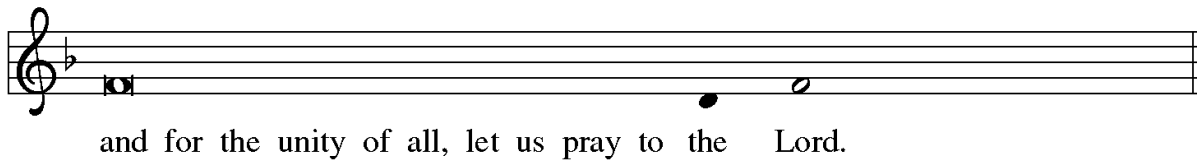
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



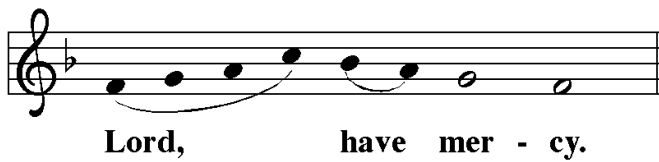
Lord, have mer - cy.



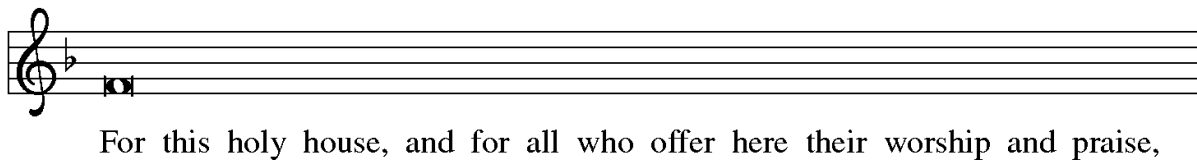
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



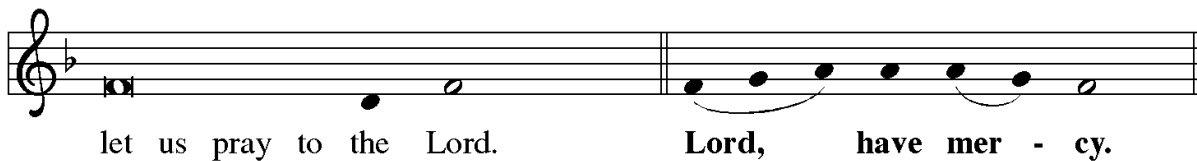
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



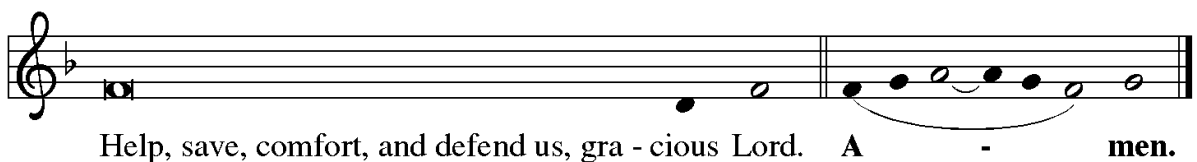
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

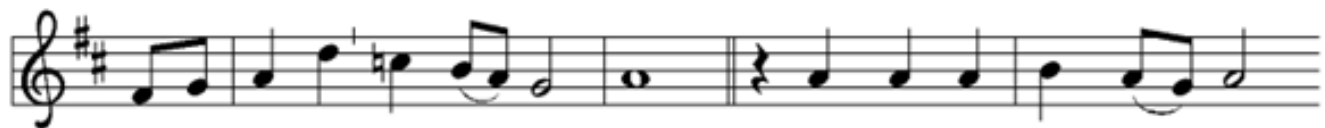


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

This Is the Feast



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

ANTHEM

“It is Well with My Soul” arr. By Tom Fettes

Chancel Choir

WORD

READINGS

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman’s wife. ³ She said to her mistress, “If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease.” ⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.” ⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.” ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.” ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean?’” ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. ^{15a, b, c} Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself. ¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

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

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 17th chapter beginning at the 11th verse.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you , O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Garrett Struessel

THE APOSTLE'S 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 THE PEOPLE

God of Grace

Receive our prayer.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

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.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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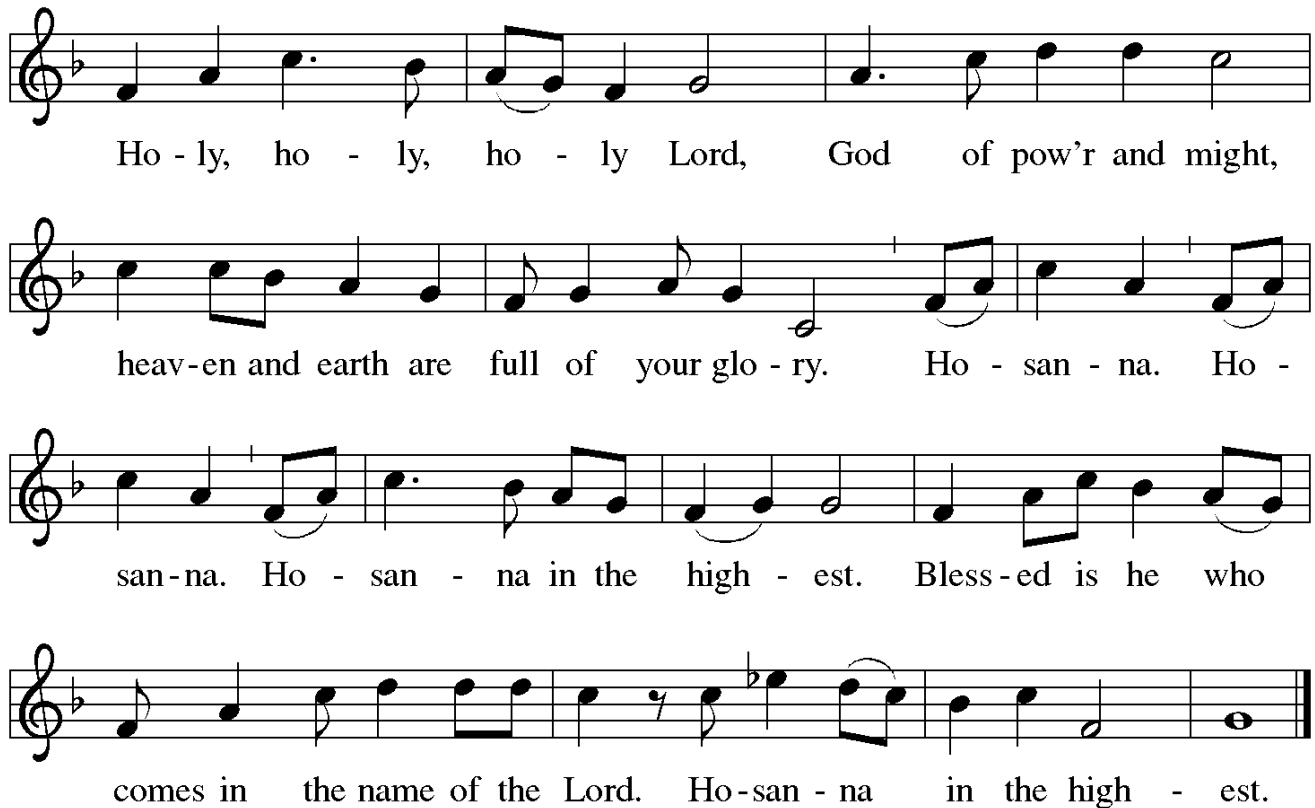
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

SHARING OF COMMUNION (for those of you at home)

All are welcome who come trusting in the gift of God's presence in the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation shared in this meal. "The body of Christ, broken for you", and "the blood of Christ shed for you", include the promise of forgiveness, life and salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear these words and partake of the bread/cracker and wine/juice, giving it to each other, if possible:

"The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you."

COMMUNION

All are welcome who come trusting in the gift of God's presence in the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation, shared in this meal. "The body of Christ, broken for you", and "the blood of Christ shed for you", include the promise of the forgiveness of sin, life and salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord. The ushers will invite you to come forward for communion. We invite everyone to receive communion if you so desire. The invitation to receive Holy Communion is from Christ Jesus; therefore "all are welcome". In our serving communion trays, wine is darker red on the outside, and grape juice is the lighter color in the center. We serve only gluten-free bread prepared in a kitchen

excluding wheat flour, to include everyone regardless of wheat-gluten sensitivities. Come, taste and see, that the Lord is good.

LAMB OF GOD

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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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

<i>"Bread of Life From Heaven"</i>	ELW 474
<i>"We Come to the Hungry Feast"</i>	ELW 479
<i>"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"</i>	ELW 484

Refrain

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

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

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

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

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

Text: Susan R. Breihl, b. 1952

ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD

Music: Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas

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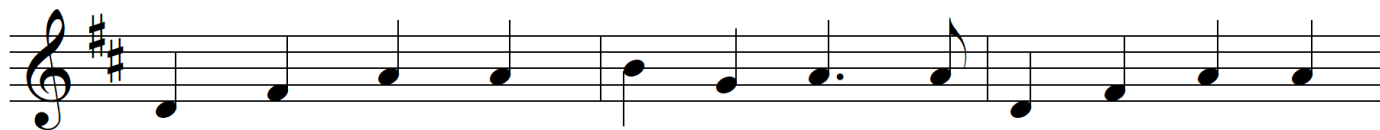
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We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW 479



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



hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
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: Ray Makeever

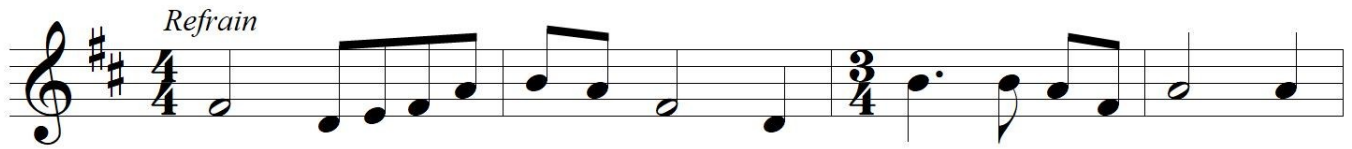
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HUNGRY FEAST

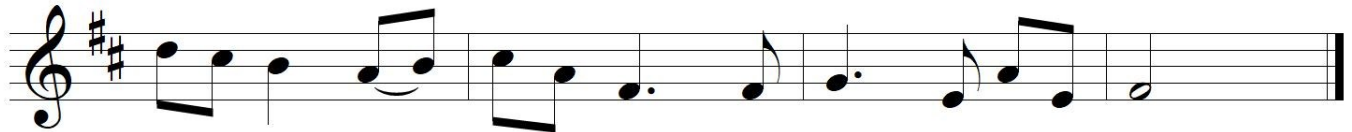
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You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

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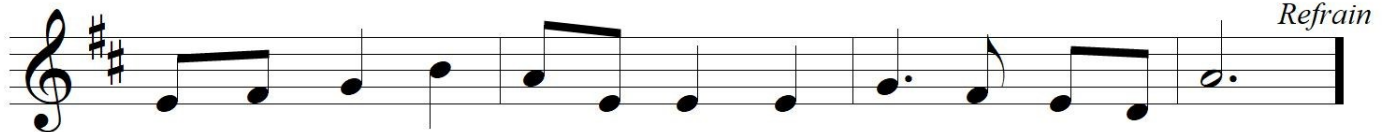
You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart with gift of fin-est wheat. Come



give to us O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice; so
 2. With joy-ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat-i-tude that
 3. Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured? Do
 4. The mys-t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor-tal tongue can tell: whom
 5. You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self-less let us be, to



when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol-low and re-joice.
 you should count us wor-thy, Lord, to share this heav'n-ly food.
 not one cup, one loaf, de-clare our one-ness in the Lord?
 all the world can-not con-tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 serve each oth-er in your name in truth and char-i-ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997
 Music: Robert E. Kreutz, 1922-1996
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BICENTENNIAL
 CM and refrain

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

ELW 840

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW 840

1. Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, who
 2. Oh may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the

wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who,
 ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, and
 Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven, the

from our mothers' arms, has blest us on the way with
 keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed, and for
 one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore; for

countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878
 Music: Johann Cruger, 1598-1662

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WELCOME to Worship!

WELCOME to worship! We are so glad you are here!

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS & HYMNS are available from the ushers.

KIDS WORSHIP BAGS are available to use during the church service. Pick one up in the narthex so they can enjoy looking through a children's Bible, coloring in the coloring pages, or playing with one of the toys. Kids worship bags are labeled according to age ranges. Please return the bags after service. Thank you for bringing your kids to church

ADDITIONAL PARKING is available in the Ahlberg Chapel parking lot, one-half block north of the church on Terry Street.

RESTROOMS are located on the upper level of the church, along the hallway leading to the Big Room. There are handicap accessible restrooms on the lower level near the elevator, and in the Big Room.

We love seeing you in worship!

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