

22nd Sunday after Pentecost - Now the Feast
November 9, 2025 – 8:15 & 10:45 am

Accompanist

Dave Vagts

Liturgist

8:15 - Lois Kern

10:45 -

† indicates stand as able

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

† Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Holy God,

You have created us in your image, protected and nourished us, and called us into your work of justice. Yet while we profess these truths, we forget who we are and whose we are. We put our trust in ourselves, in material goods, and in worldly powers instead of trusting you. We prioritize our comfort over our neighbor's needs. Call us back to you, God. Forgive us our failings, and direct us back onto the path you would have us tread.

Hear the good news, siblings in Christ. You have been created in wholeness, claimed in love, and forgiven according to God's boundless grace. Nothing—even the worst we do or fail to do—can separate us from the love of our God. Receive this forgiveness with joy, in the name of Jesus, our savior and friend. **Amen.**

† Gathering Hymn: Let Justice Flow like Streams

ELW 710

Let justice flow like streams
of sparkling water, pure,

Let righteousness roll on
as others' cares we heed,
an ever-flowing stream of faith
translated into deed.

So may God's plumb line, straight,
define our measure true,
and justice, right, and peace pervade
this world our whole life through.

† 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

Assistant:

Congregation:

Assistant.



The Assistant's part consists of eight measures of music in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 2/4 time. The notes are: quarter rest, quarter note D, half note E, quarter note F#, eighth note G, eighth note A, quarter note B, eighth note C, eighth note D.

Congregation.



The Congregation's part consists of eight measures of music in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 2/4 time. The notes are: quarter note D, half note E, quarter note F#, eighth note G, eighth note A, quarter note B, eighth note C, eighth note D.

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

Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:

God. A - men.

† Now the Feast

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

Refrain
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

Refrain
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



Refrain

† Prayer of the Day

Holy God, too often we are so dazzled by the possibilities bombarding us that we do not see the simple truth of your call. Shake us out of our distraction and focus our attention on what matters: justice, equity, and flourishing for all your beloved creation. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

READING: Ruth 1:7-16

⁷So Naomi set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me?...No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." ¹⁴Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵So Naomi said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶But

Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge, your people shall be my people, and your God my God."

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

READING: Amos 1: 1-2, 5: 14-15, 21-24

¹The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of King Uzziah of Judah and in the days of King Jeroboam son of Joash of Israel, two years before the earthquake. ²And he said: The Lord roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds wither, and the top of Carmel dries up.

^{5:14}Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

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

Children's Sermon

Maggie Evans

Sermon

Pastor Beth Wartick

† Hymn of the Day: *For All the Faithful Women*

ELW 419

For all the faithful women
who served in days of old,
to you shall thanks be given;
to all, their story told.

They served with strength and gladness
in tasks your wisdom gave.

To you their lives bore witness,
proclaimed your pow'r to save.

O God, for saints and servants,
those named and those unknown,
in whom through all the ages
your light of glory shone,
we offer glad thanksgiving
and fervent prayer we raise
that, faithful in your service,
our lives may sing your praise.

All praise to God the Father!
All praise to Christ the Son!
All praise to God the Spirit,
who binds the church as one!
With saints who went before us,
with saints who witness still,
we sing glad alleluias
and strive to do your will.

† 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

Confident that our God hears and answers our cries, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Holy God, your vision of justice for all is at the center of our faith. Clear our eyes to see anew that justice is something worth striving for, as messy and difficult as it may be. God of promise, **Hear our prayer.**

Inspire your church, like Ruth and Naomi, to extend arms of compassion and empathy in times of challenge. Equip communities to be welcoming, to show mercy, and to lean into relationships so that all people may know your care. God of promise, **Hear our prayer.**

We remember veterans who have laid themselves on the line, and in some cases given their lives in service to their country. Heal their wounds, grant them fair access to treatment and services, and comfort the families of those who did not survive, assuring them that you hold their loved ones close. God of promise, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, you invite all who thirst to come and drink of your living waters. Sustain the weary with your presence, and pour over them your healing, especially Chris, Kim and Mary Margaret. God of promise, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless the memory of all those who have turned from evil and fought for what is good, your saints of all times and places. Give us courage to follow their lead, and together share in the riches of your eternal kingdom. God of promise, **Hear our prayer.**

We lift all these prayers, and those of our hearts, to your loving care, O God. Receive them and restore our hope in your promises. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

† Peace

Offering

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Thankoffering

Offerings gathered in the Thankoffering are used in support of the Women of the ELCA national organization, which expresses its purpose thus: "As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world."

† *As The Grains of Wheat*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be



gath - ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with-in our midst

2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



to Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

† *Offering Prayer*

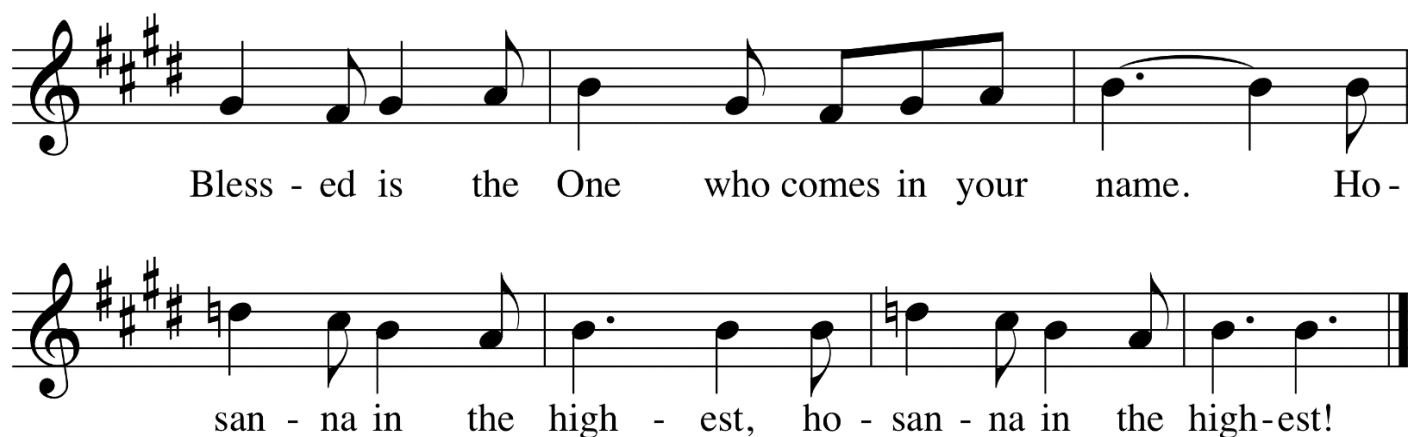
God, you satisfy our hunger, quench our thirst, and fill us with all good things. In gratitude, we return these, our gifts and our tithes, to your work of justice and peace for all the world, in and through Jesus Christ our redeemer. **Amen.**

† The Great Thanksgiving



Pastor: It is our duty and delight...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

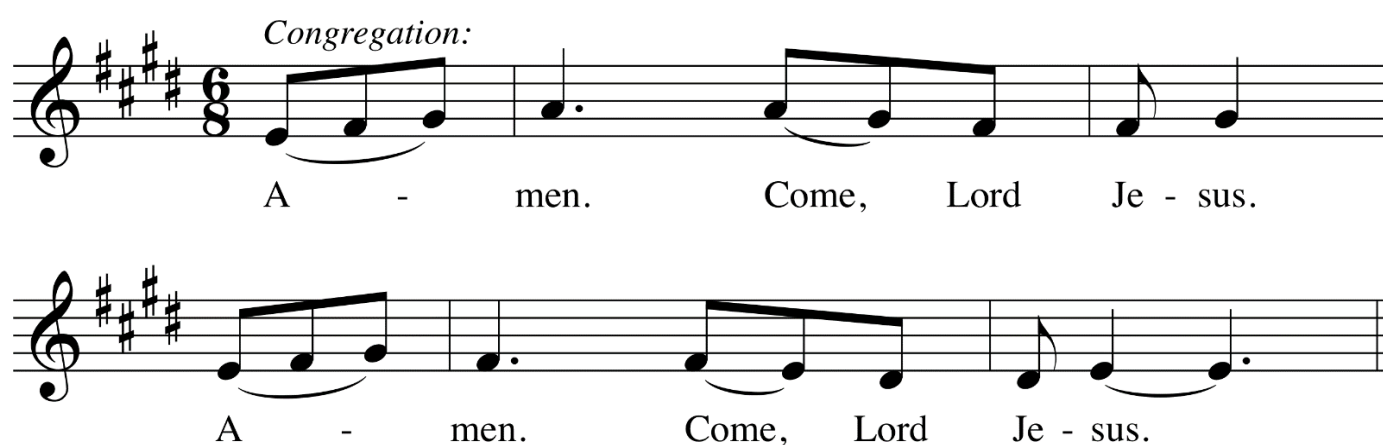




Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high-est!

Pastor: You are indeed holy... Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.
Come, Lord Jesus.

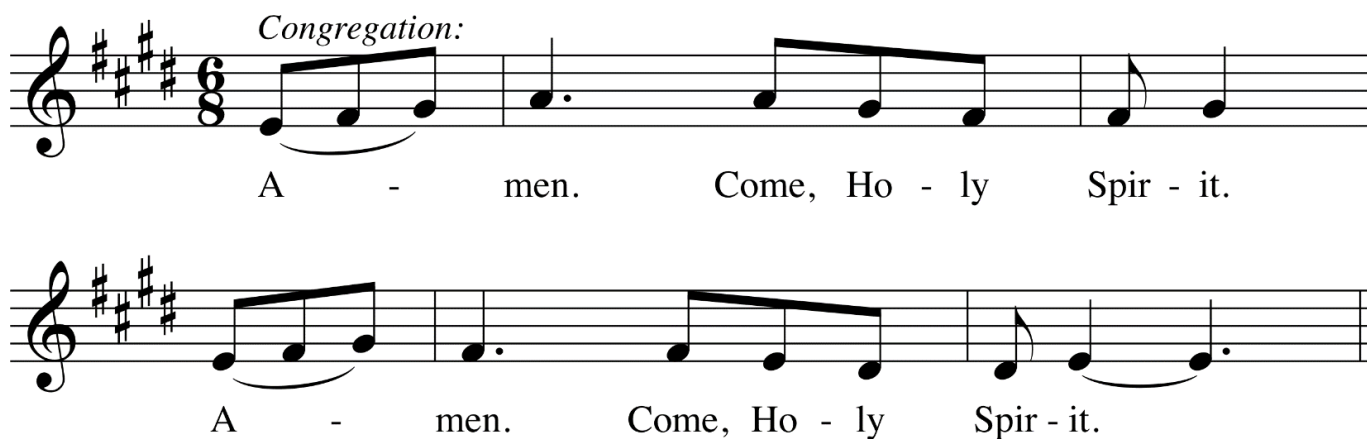
Congregation:



A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.
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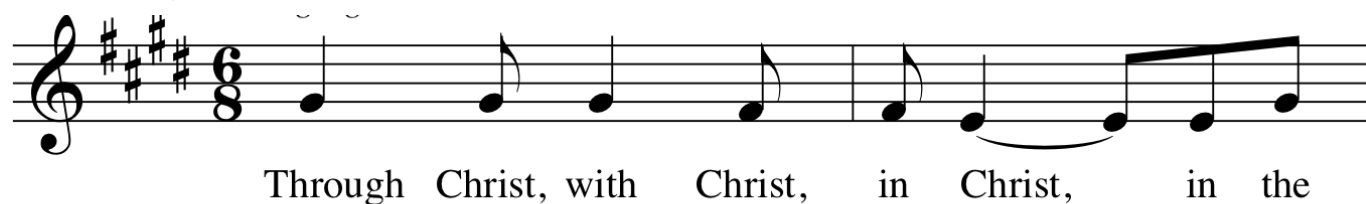
Pastor: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Congregation:

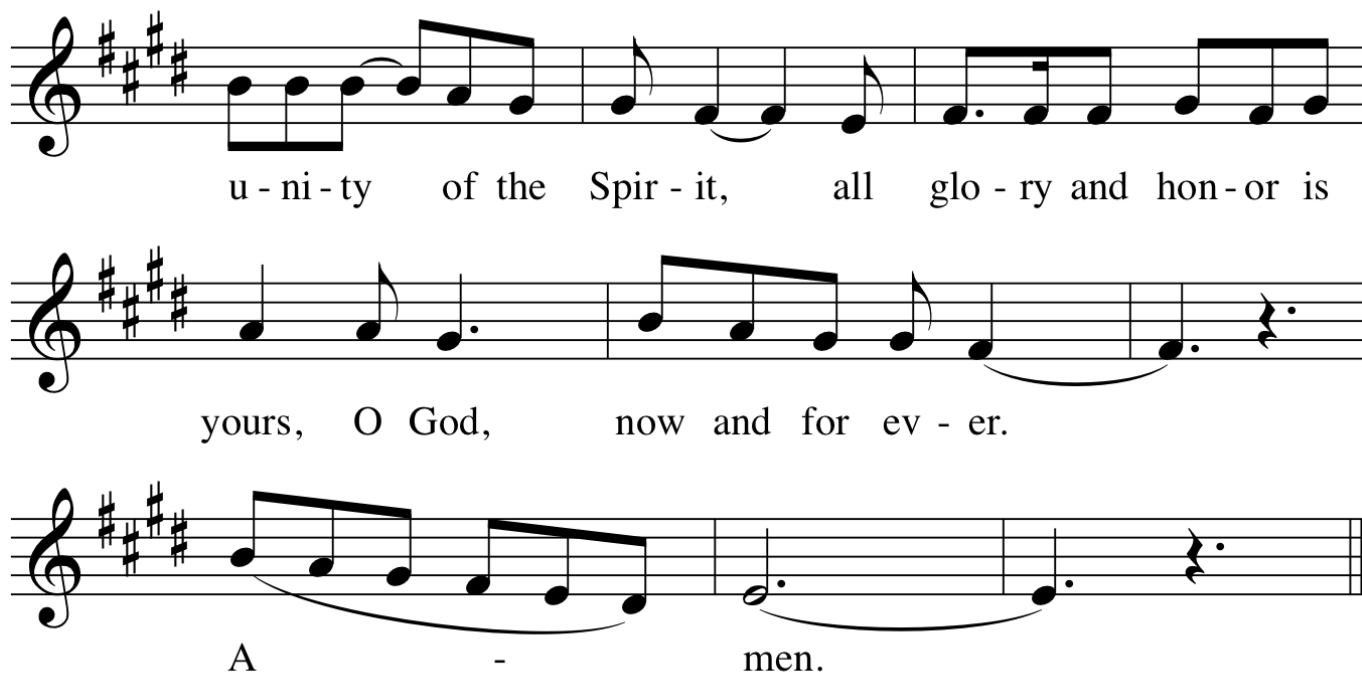


A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.
A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

† Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ



Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the



† Lord's Prayer

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.

*Nuestro padre 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.
Perdónanos nuestros pecados
como nosotros perdonamos
los que pecan contra nosotros.
Sálvanos del tiempo de la prueba.
y líbranos del mal.
Por el reino, el poder y
la gloria es tuya,
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 cup with "The blood of Christ shed for you."

Lamb of God

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:

Communion Hymn: What Wondrous Love Is This

ELW 666

What wondrous love is this,

0 my soul, 0 my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this

that caused the Lord of bliss

to bear the dreadful curse

for my soul, for my soul,

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

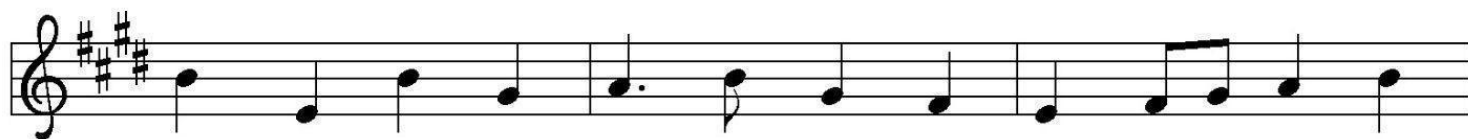
To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing God's love for me,
and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.

Sending

Announcements

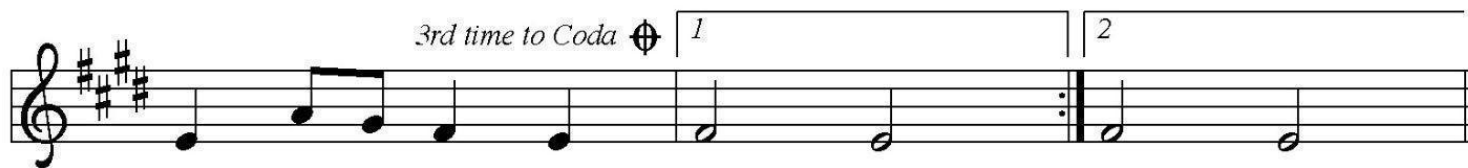
† Song of Blessing



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

⊕ Coda



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

† 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.**

† Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayers and Blessings for Thankoffering from Wartburg College students and staff:

God of Glory, we are gathered today in your presence to celebrate and give thanks for all of the gifts and talents given to women. While we recognize the abundance we have, we also recognize the struggles of women in our own country and around the world. Sometimes these struggles are voiced or are internal conflicts that only You know about. Lord, bring peace and joy to our hearts today. Allow us to fully absorb the presence of you and of the community of strong women surrounding us. Amen.

Receive the blessing of God who breathes creativity into every soul and lights up every vision with purpose. Bless the women of the world with the strength that they need, with empathy that brings us together, and with gratitude that moves us all forward. May your love be our guide, and your justice our song that we sing and live out each day. Amen.

Rev. Maggie Falenschek, Dean of Spiritual Life, Moehlmann Chaplaincy Chair; Zarah Van Dyk '26; Carter Horman '28