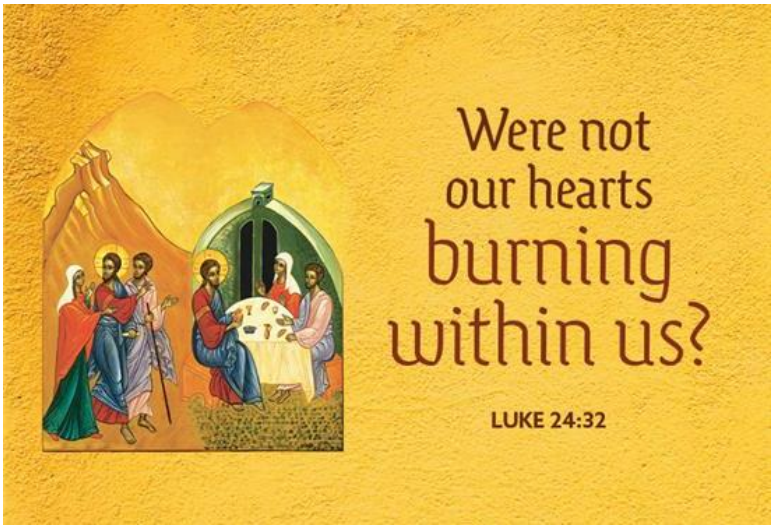
Bethel Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 19, 2026



Introduction

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE
WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM & INVOCATION

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Leader: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism … We give you thanks, O God, 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.

People: We praise you for the gift of new life in Christ. Alleluia!

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on the baptized, that we may find strength, comfort, and peace through being claimed as God's own in Christ Jesus.

People: May new life in Christ, given freely to us in baptism, be a daily hope and desire as well as eternal promise and assurance! Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"HOUSE OF THE LORD"
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APOSTOLIC 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

Leader: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord

All: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy

Leader: For the Reign of God, and for peace through-out the world, for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord

All: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy

Leader: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word,
let us pray to the Lord

All: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy

Leader: Help, save, and defend us, O God.

All: Amen

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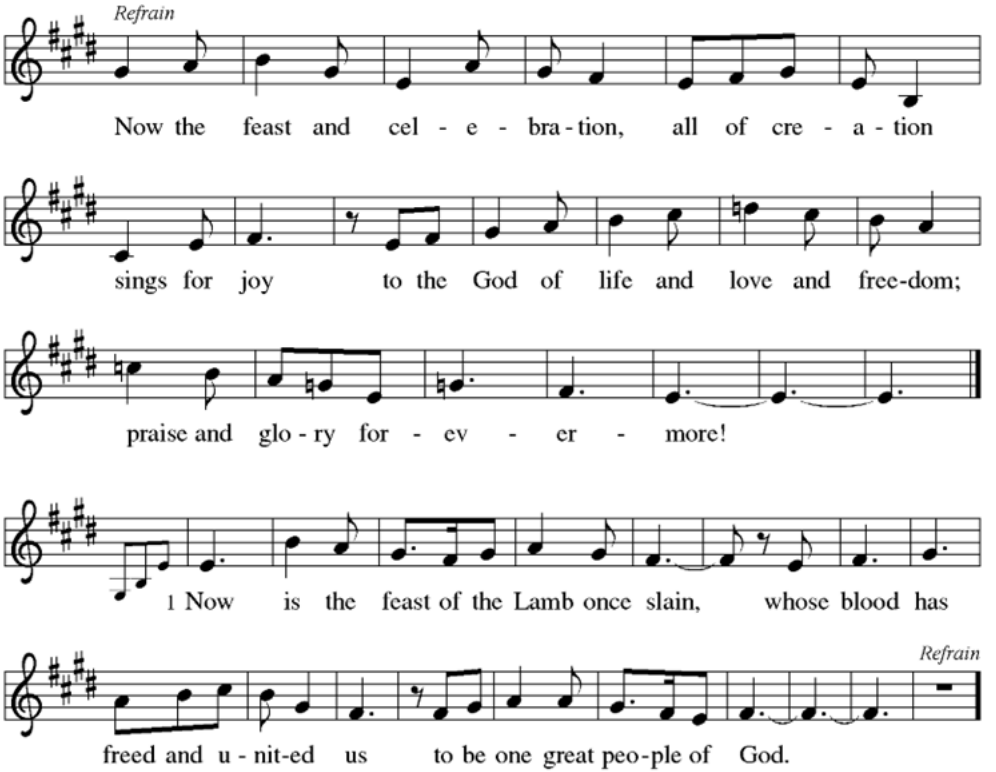
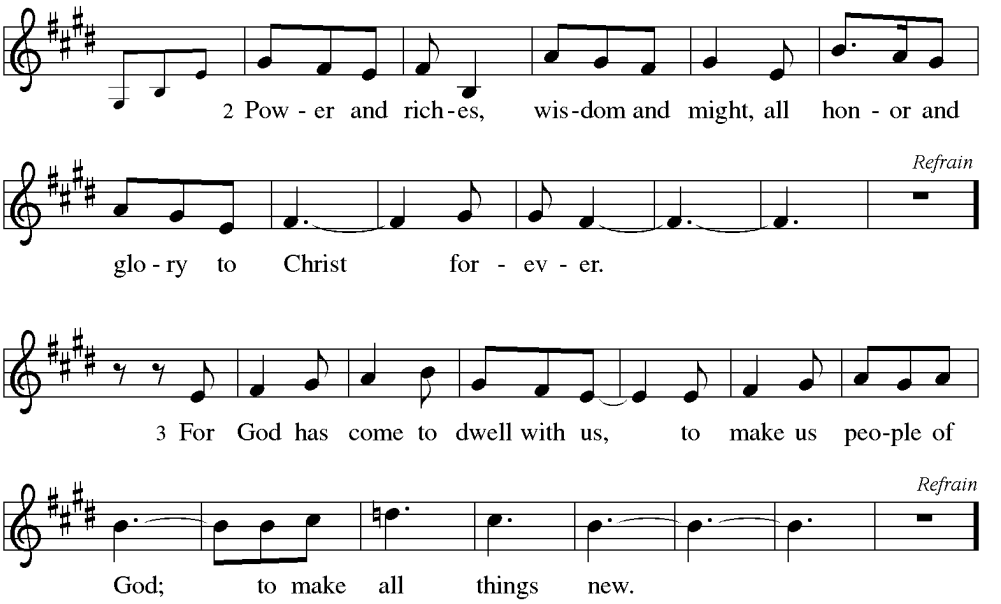
HYMN OF PRAISE **NOW THE FEAST (ELW #167)**



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

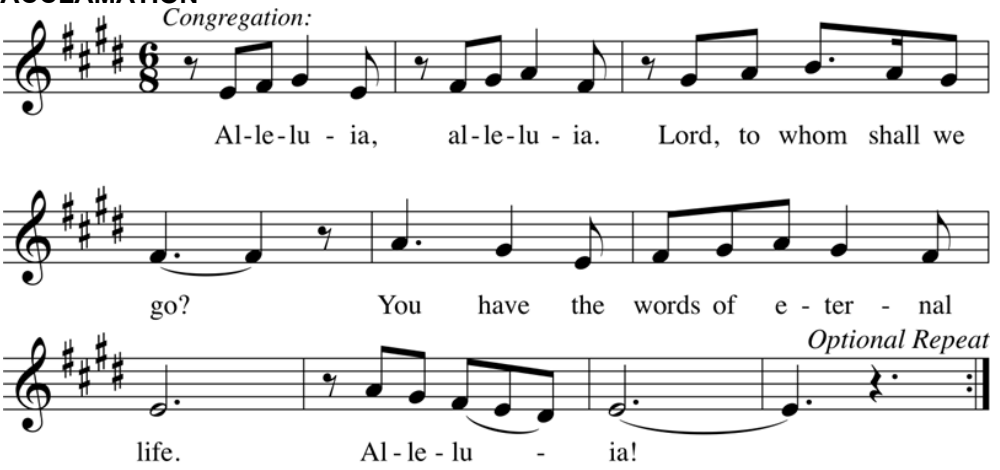
FIRST READING **ACTS 2:14a, 36-41**

14a Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: 36 "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" 38 Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." 40 And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." 41 So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL **LUKE 24:13-35**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

13 Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven
miles from Jerusalem, 14 and talking with each other about all these things that had
happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with
them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, “What are you
discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of
them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who
does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” 19 He asked them, “What
things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed
and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him
over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to
redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took
place. 22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this
morning, 23 and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had
indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us
went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” 25 Then he
said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets
have declared! 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then
enter into his glory?” 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them
the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were
going on. 29 But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and
the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with
them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened,
and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.

32 They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us
on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” 33 That same hour they got up and
returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered
together. 34 They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to
Simon!” 35 Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to
them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON WHEN JESUS CRASHES YOUR CONVERSATION PASTOR DAVE YOUNG

1. Where do you see “ordinary moments” in your daily life where Jesus might already be present—but you don’t always notice?

2. The disciples were talking about their disappointment when Jesus joined them. How might Jesus show up in *our* conversations—especially the difficult or honest ones?

3. What do you think kept the disciples from recognizing Jesus right away? What things might “blind” us today to God’s presence?

4. The disciples finally recognize Jesus in the breaking of bread. What simple or everyday experiences help *you* feel closer to God?

HYMN OF THE DAY

“GOD WILL MAKE A WAY”

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition will end with “Merciful God” and the response will be “**receive our prayer**”

SHARING OF CHRIST’S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING

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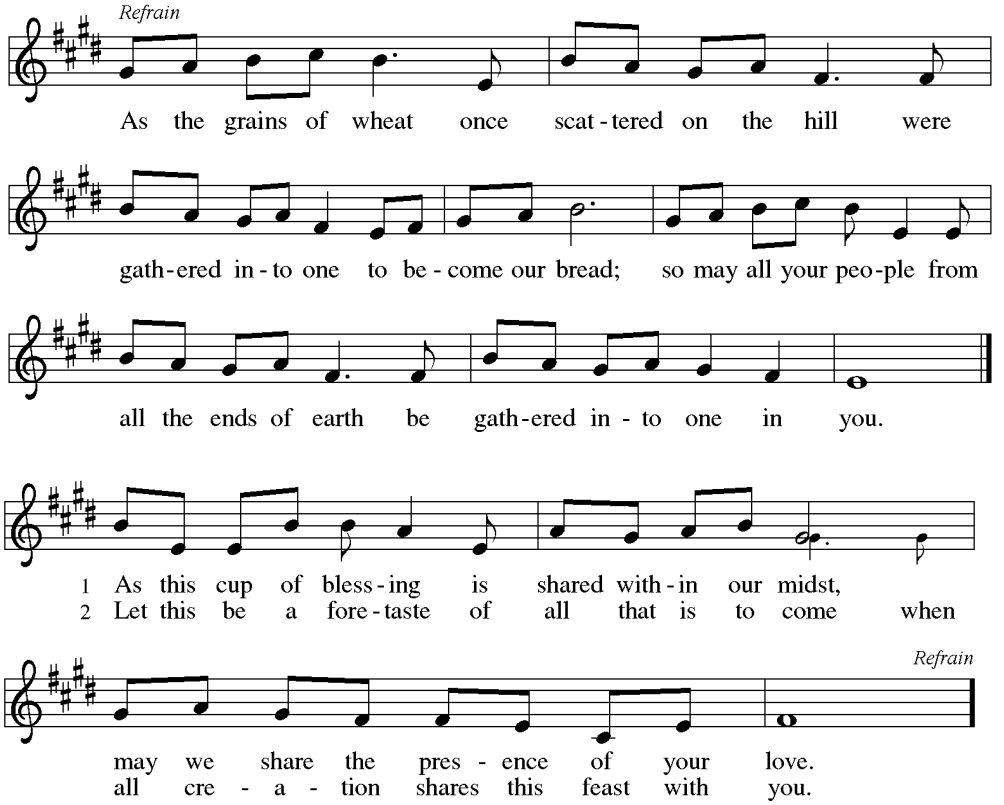
MUSIC FOR REFLECTION – BUT FOR GRACE – DYNELL / CHOIR / BAND

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT (ELW #465)

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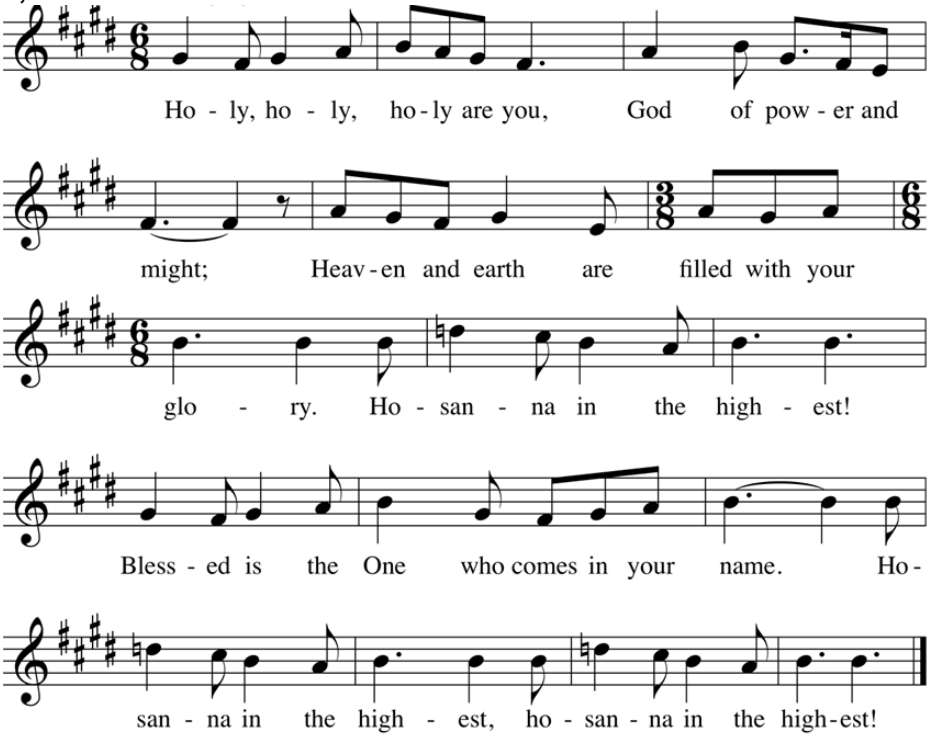
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

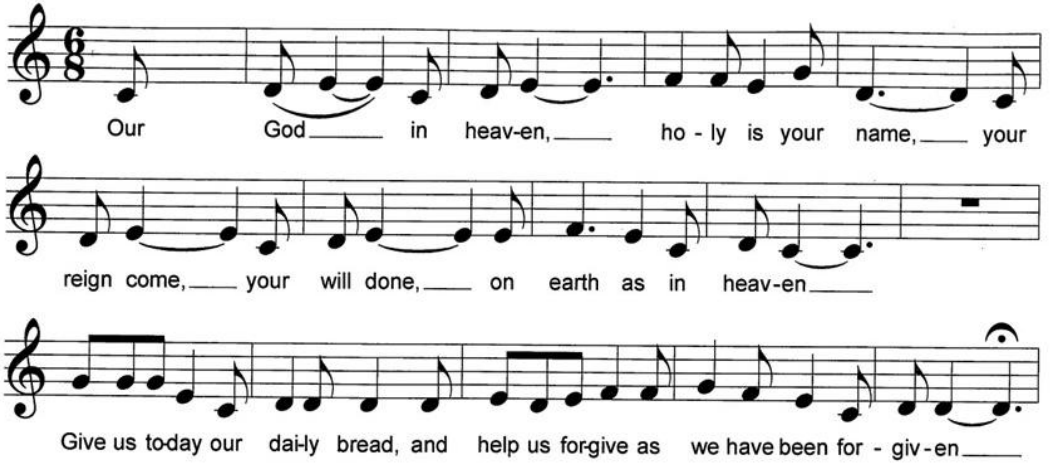
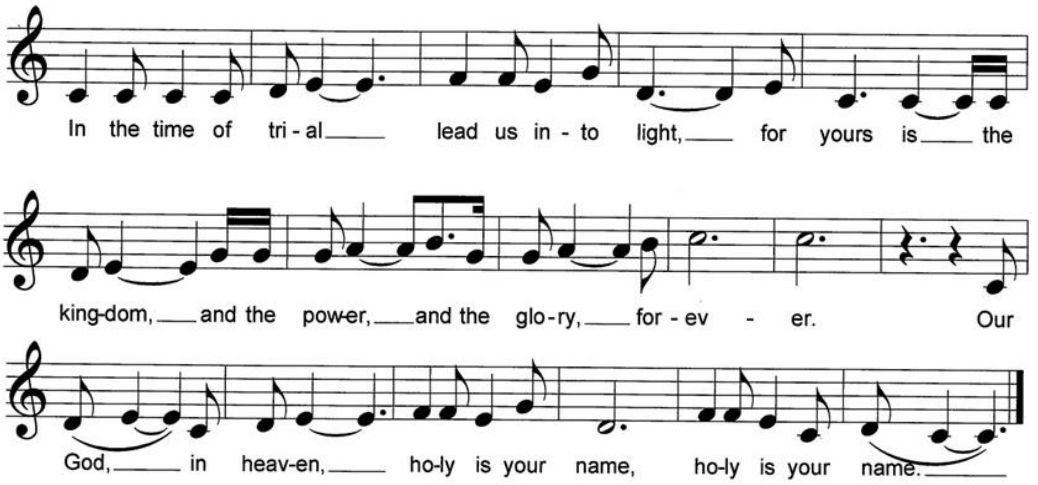
PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



JESUS WORDS ABOUT COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER



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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

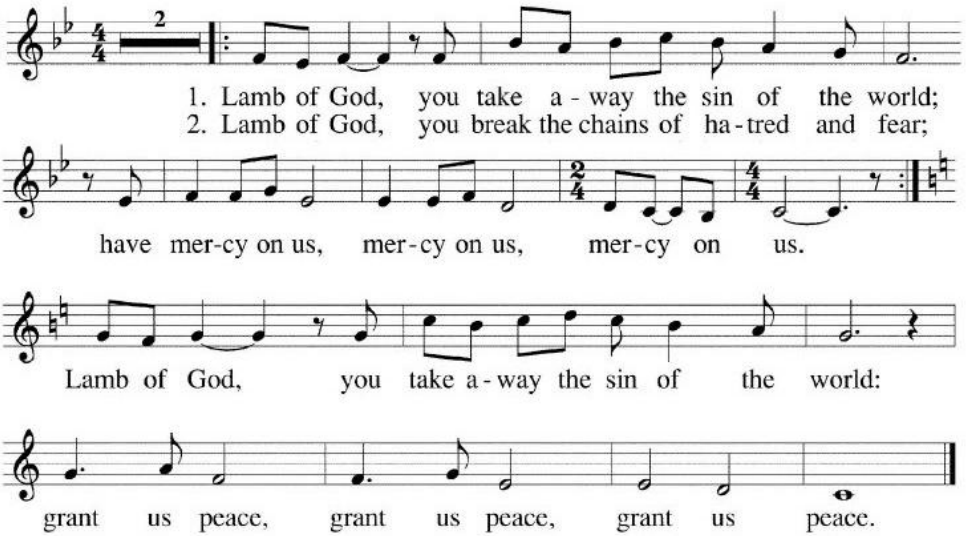
Welcome to the Lord's Table!

Everyone, regardless of age and denomination, is invited to join us for Holy Communion. If you prefer a blessing, simply inform the communion distributors. The ushers will direct your row when it is time to come forward.

You will receive the bread from the first Holy Communion distributor. You will pick up the cup of wine or juice from the tray held by the second distributor. For those who need gluten free a pre-packaged **gluten-free** wafer and a cup of **grape juice is also available.**

Once you have communed, you are invited to return to your seat for silent reflection or singing

LAMB OF GOD



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COMMUNION HYMNS

"HE AROSE"

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COMMUNION BLESSING

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BENEDICTION

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

"ALL THE PEOPLE SAID AMEN"

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

We hope every person felt welcomed here, especially our guests. We trust that our time together has filled you with a sense of joy and peace, and we invite you to return soon.

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