

7th Sunday after Pentecost - Now the Feast
July 12, 2026 – 9:00 am

Accompanist

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Liturgist

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† 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.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

† *Gathering Hymn: Let Us Go Now to the Banquet* **ELW 523**
Refrain

Let us go now to the banquet,
to the feast of the universe.
The table's set and a place is waiting;
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

I will rise in the early morning;
the community's waiting for me.
With a spring in my step I'm walking
with my friends and my family. *Refrain*

God invites all the poor and hungry
to the banquet of justice and good
where the harvest will not be hoarded
so that no one will lack for food. *Refrain*

May we build such a place among us
where all people are equal in love.
God has called us to work together
and to share ev'rything we have. *Refrain*

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

Leader



In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly



Lord, have mercy. Christ, have



For the reign of God, and for



mer- cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the



Lord.

For your



Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peo- ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your



word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have

Help, save, and defend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

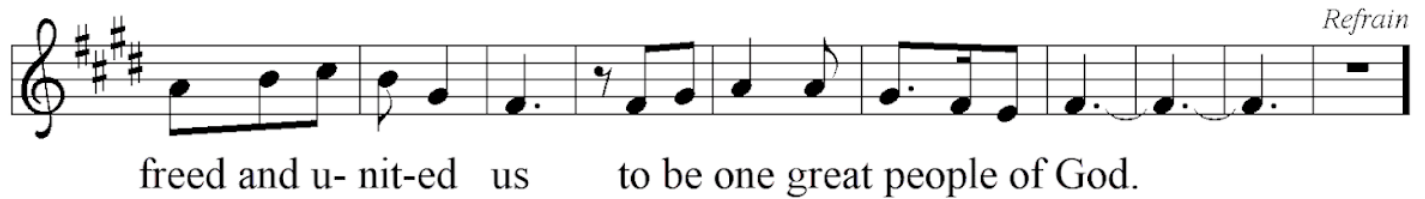
† *Now the Feast*

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 freedom;

praise and glory for - ev - er - more!



† *Prayer of the Day*

God of Grace, we praise you for your gifts of forgiveness and mercy that come to us before we can deserve them. You show us grace without our earning it, offering us the relief of trusting in you rather than ourselves. For this and all your gifts, we thank you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

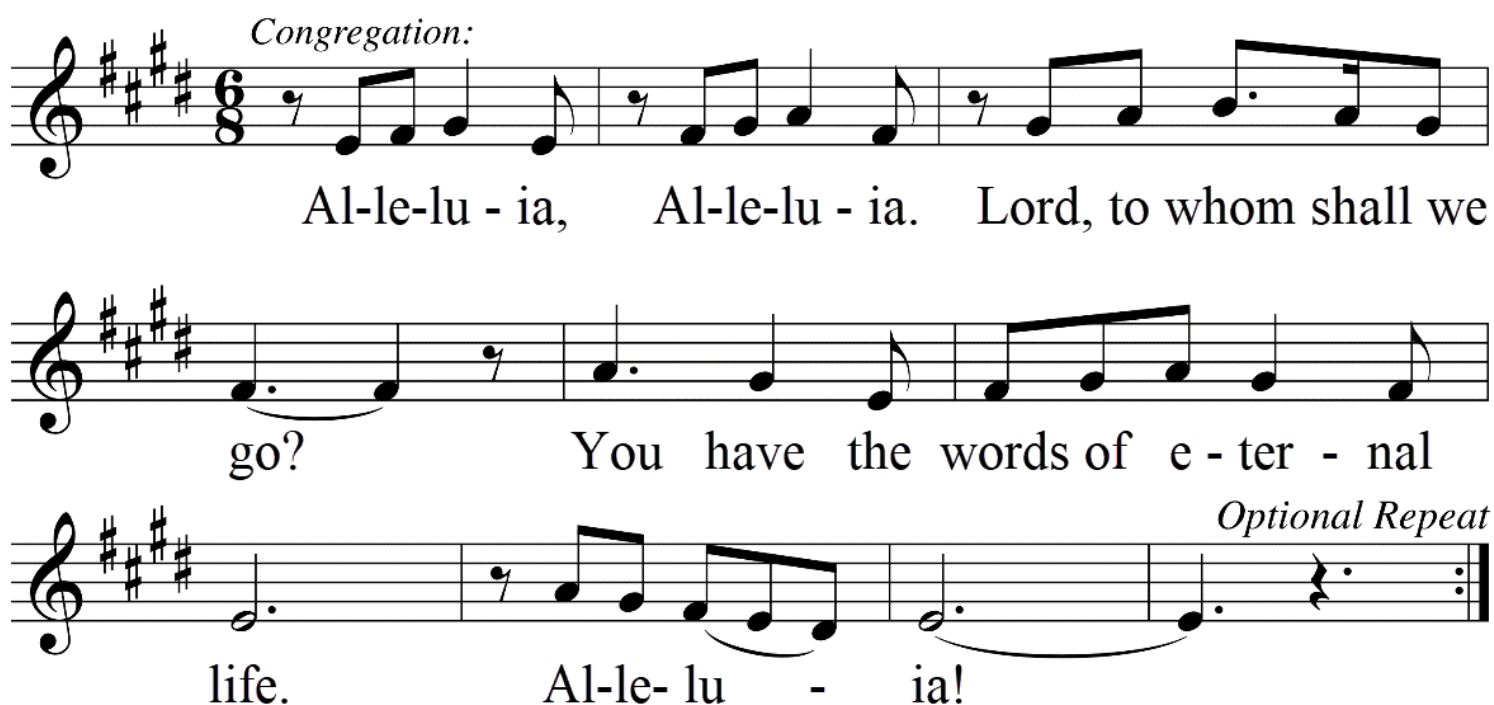
Reading: Galatians 2:15-21

¹⁵ We ourselves are Jews by birth and not gentile sinners, ¹⁶ yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through the faith of Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by the faith of Christ and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. ¹⁷ But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸ But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. ¹⁹ For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ, ²⁰ and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

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

† Gospel Acclamation:

Congregation:



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

Optional Repeat

† GOSPEL: Mark 9: 33-37

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 9th chapter.

Glory, to you, O Lord.

³³ Then Jesus and the disciples came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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

Children’s Sermon

Kelly Ahrens

Sermon

Jacque Follmer

† Hymn of the Day: Blessed Assurance

ELW 638

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above

echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

† *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*

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God who alone is great, you call your church not to pursue greatness but to become like children. Soften our pride and grasping for greatness into love for you and our neighbors. God

of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God who delights in creating, your bountiful creation reflects your commitment to life despite our actions disregarding its wonder. Make us good caretakers of the earth, sea, and all their creatures. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our life, you give us the same Spirit by which you raised Christ from the dead. Set our minds on that Spirit whenever fear or death overwhelm the world around us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our host and table, we pray for children who hunger and rely on school meals, for all who toil under the hot sun without refreshment, for the chronically ill who have exhausted their resources, and for those people near to our hearts, especially the families of Jay and Austin. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our source, tend this assembly with your grace throughout this summer season. May those who travel for work or recreation do so safely, and may visitors find refreshment among your people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks that the roots of your goodness run deep throughout history. We remember those saints who have gone before us in faith. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

† Peace

Offering

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As The Grains of Wheat

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were



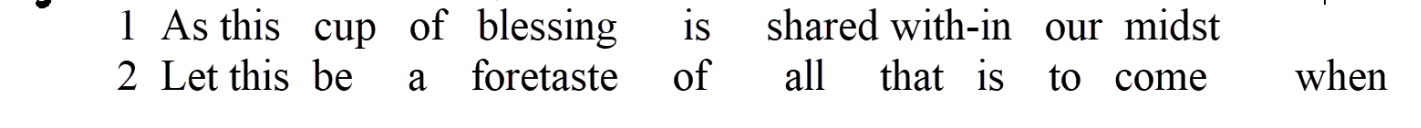
gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from



all the ends of earth be gathered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of blessing is shared with-in our midst



2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when

Refrain



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

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

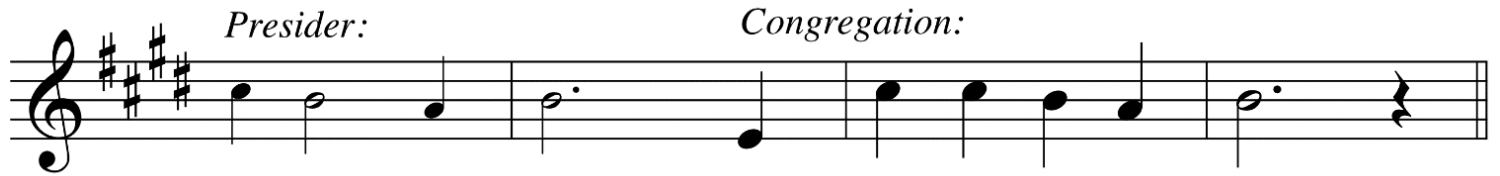
† The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: *Congregation:*



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

Presider: *Congregation:*



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

Presider: *Congregation:*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

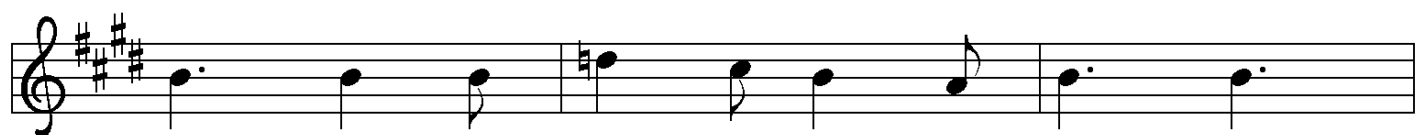
Pastor: It is our duty and delight...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



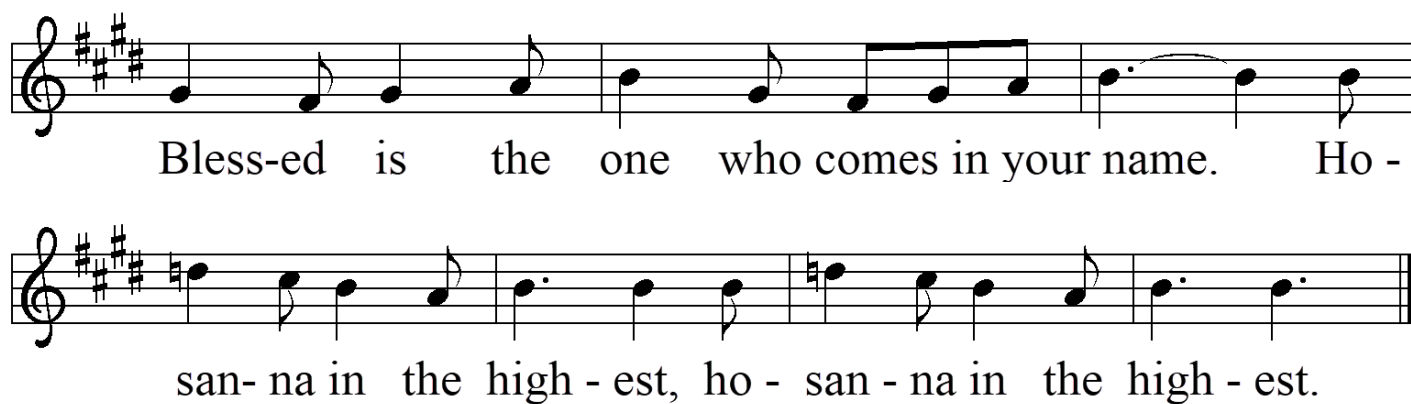
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of power and



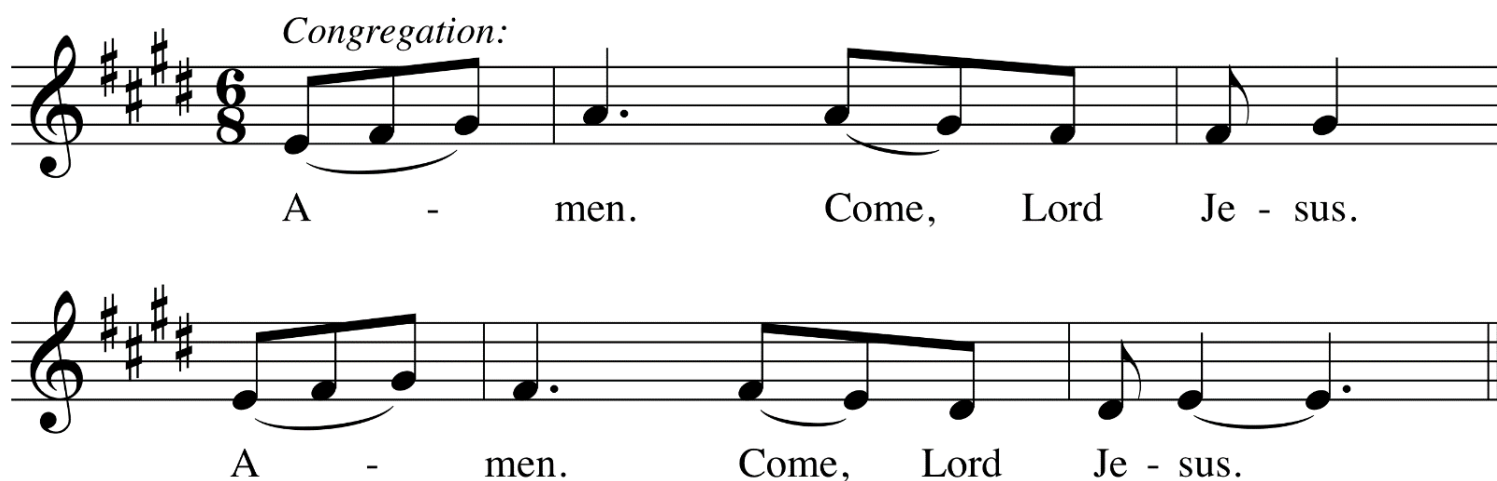
might; heaven and earth are filled with your



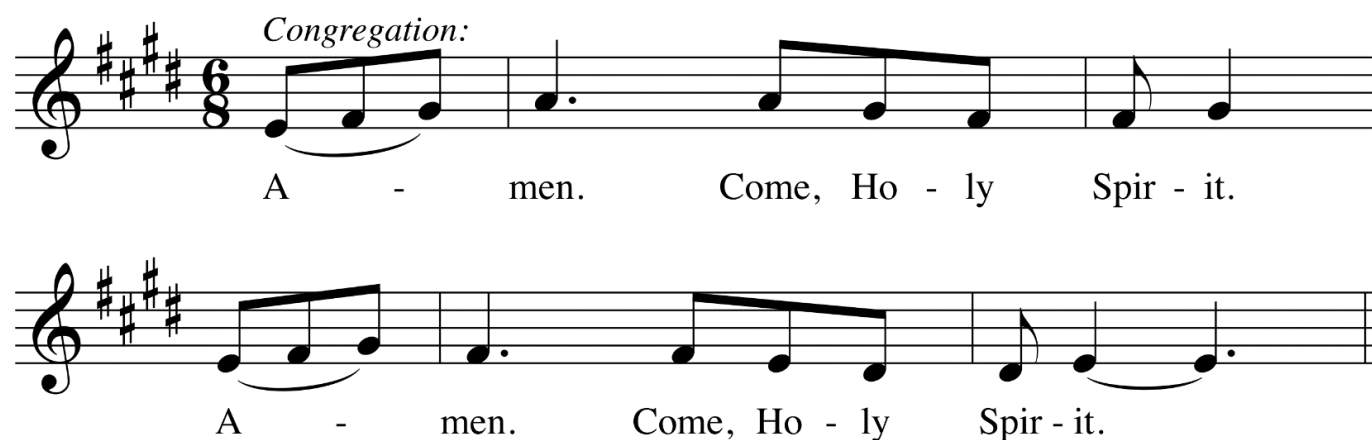
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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



Pastor: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.



† Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the

u-ni-ty of the Spir-it, all glo-ry and hon-or is

yours, O God, now and for ev-er.

A - men.

† 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,

*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,*

now and forever. Amen.

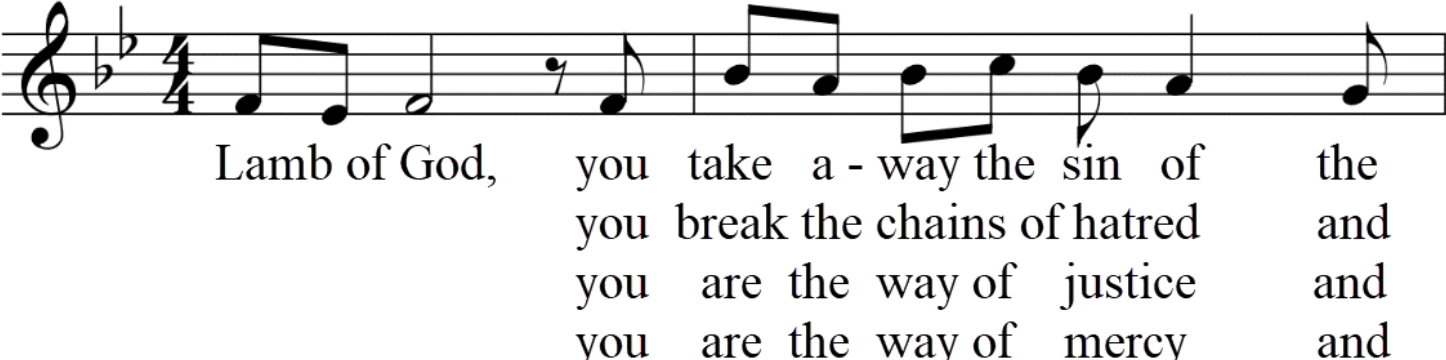
ahora y siempre. Amén.

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 hatred and
you are the way of justice and
you are the way of mercy and
love;

Congregation:



world; have mer-cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear;
peace;
love;

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world; grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your
people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we

may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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*



† *Blessing*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ⌘ give you peace.

Amen.

† *Dismissal*

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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