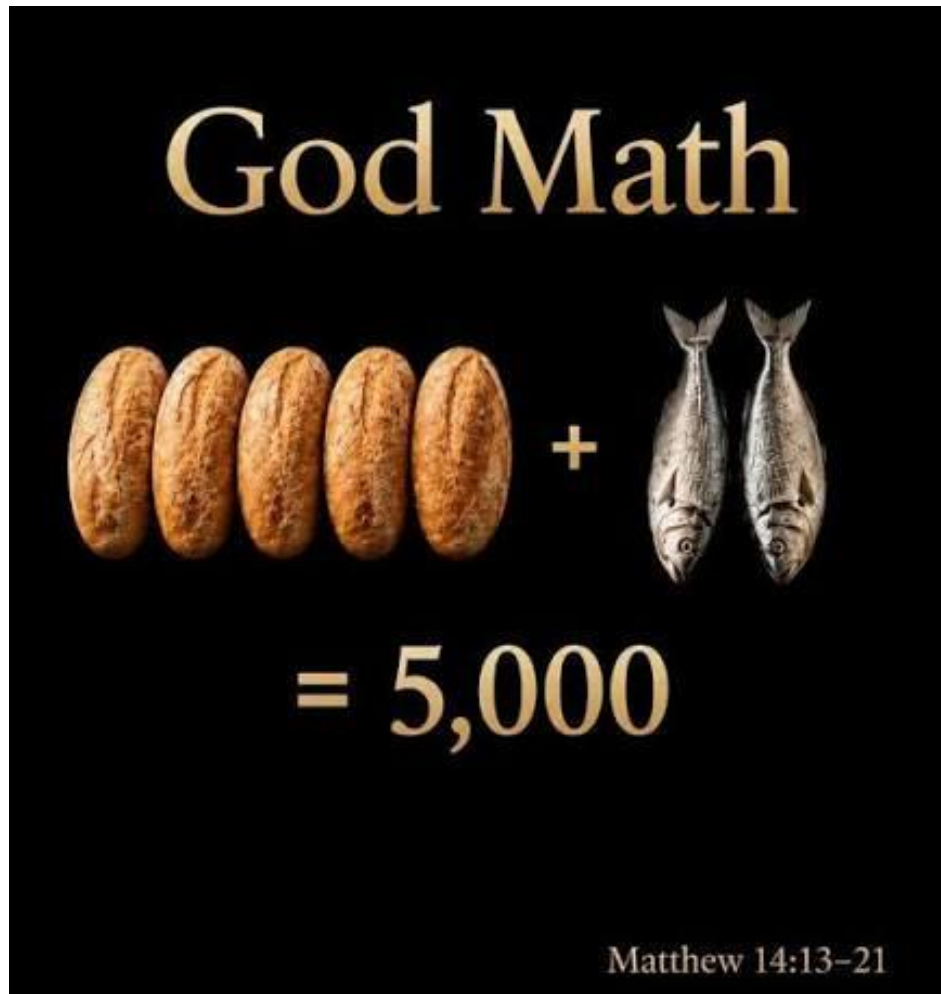


# TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

+ August 2, 2026 +  
10:00 am



*Redeemer Lutheran Church*

*300 O'Neal Road*

*Greer, South Carolina*

*Office (864) 877-5876*

## ABUNDANCE FROM SCRAPS

Jesus is able to feed us abundantly, even with scraps. He meets earthly needs by feeding the crowds and continues now to offer himself as holy meal, freely given to all, no matter their income or rank in society. Advertisers have trained us that what's proclaimed as "free" usually isn't. More often, it's a ploy to get our money for some other, larger, purchase. Today we are invited to trust and receive Jesus' free gift of love without mistrusting that he's got some scheme up his sleeve.

It can be hard to relax and trust God to take care of us and nourish us with the mere scraps we often see around us. We panic and take matters into our own hands instead of trusting. We experience that crushing sense of responsibility, not just to ourselves, but to our children or parents or other loved ones to keep them fed and clothed and healthy. Trusting as the crowd did that day seems completely foreign to those of us living in North America, abundant in resources.

With food freely given, with quantity enough to feed only a few, Jesus makes this miracle, and there are leftovers to clean up. But for most of us, belief comes slowly and warily when we've been burned by experience: How will there be enough for all of us, when we've been the last one at the lunch line, the late arrival at the party, and everything's gone? What if we see people in the crowd we don't want fed and jostle our way to the head of the line to get first choice? Will it be fair? Trusting that our daily bread and even our very lives are in God's hands is hard to do as we grow older and are burdened by responsibility, but God has compassion for every member of the crowd, and we are blessed and invited to be joyful recipients of that generosity.



Ministers  
Pastor  
Parish Administrator  
Director of Music Ministries

The People of Redeemer  
The Rev. Elise T. Stringer  
Mrs. Jackie Pitts  
Mrs. Donna Cotter

**Welcome to Redeemer Lutheran Church in the name of Christ our Lord.**

**WE WARMLY WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US** this Tenth Sunday after Pentecost. It is our hope and prayer that the God who destroyed death and made new life possible on this day will touch and transform your life for all the days to come. If you are a guest, please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex. If you have any questions, our ushers will be happy to help you.

**IF YOU ARE SEEKING A CHURCH HOME**, we invite you to consider making Redeemer that home. For more information about Redeemer Lutheran Church, becoming a member, and sharing your gifts in ministry, please speak with Pastor Elise or contact Jackie Pitts at (864) 877-5876.

**IN TODAY'S FIRST READING GOD INVITES ALL WHO ARE HUNGRY OR THIRSTY TO RECEIVE FOOD AND DRINK WITHOUT COST.** Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

**WE ENTER THIS SANCTUARY WITH REVERENCE FOR GOD  
AND RESPECT FOR THOSE WHO MAY BE IN PRAYER.  
PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES.**

*The prelude is a time for QUIET reflection and prayer.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the People of God.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at Baptism.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✙ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

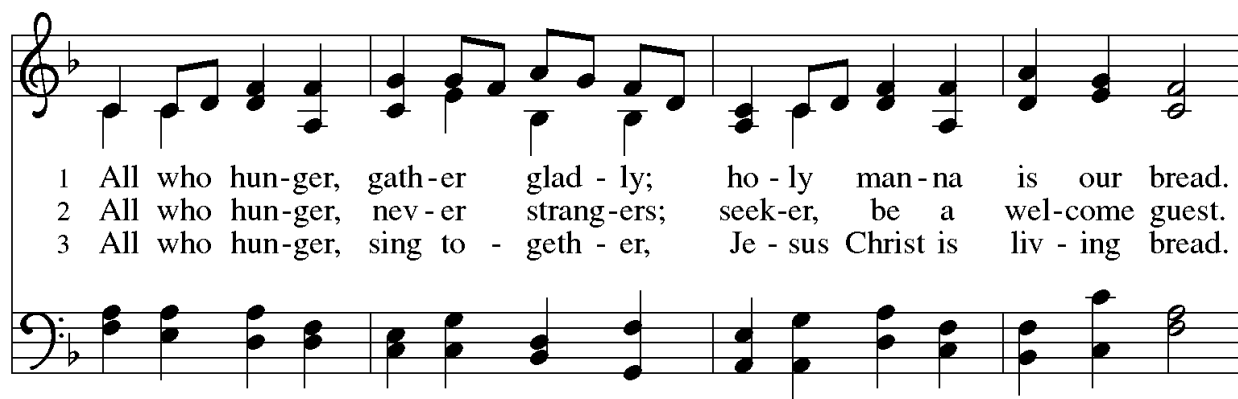
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

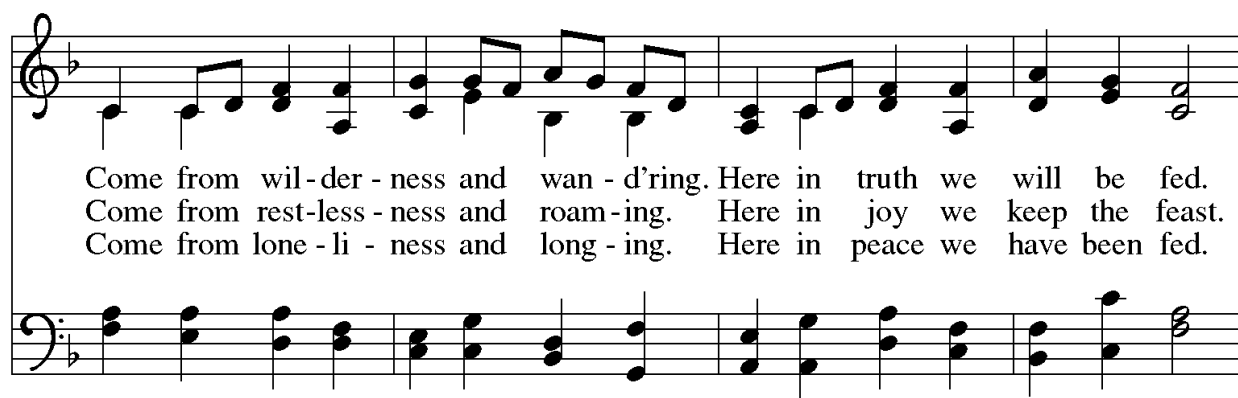
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**

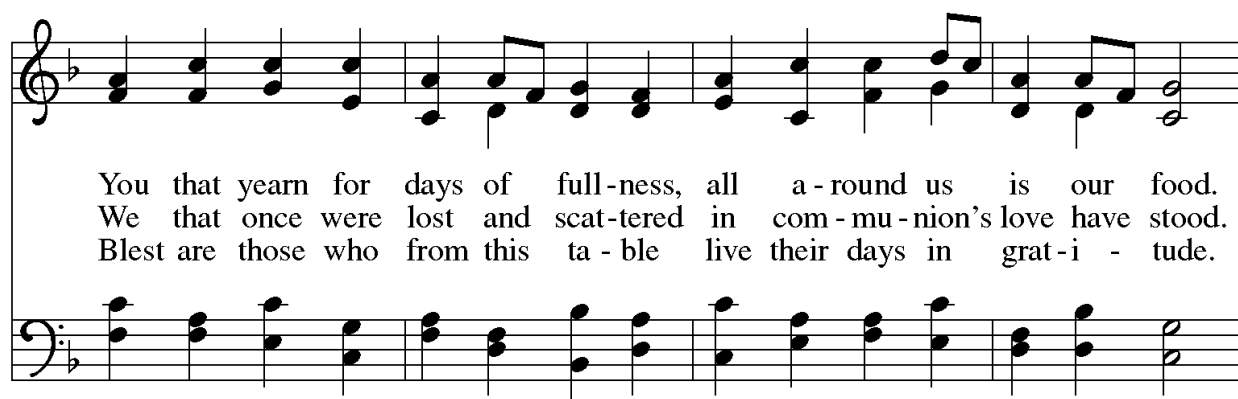
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the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



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
Come from rest-less - ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version

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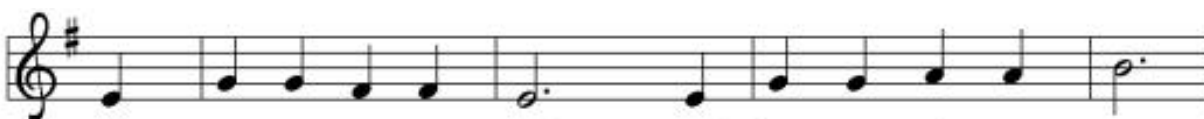
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## GREETING

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

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- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*We Sit*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Elise Stringer

### WORD

*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

#### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5**

*God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel. (not read aloud)*

A reading from Isaiah Chapter 55:

<sup>1</sup> Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup> Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

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

#### **PSALM: 145:8-9, 14-21**

*You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)*

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup> **LORD, you are good to all,  
and your compassion is over all your works.**

- <sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all | those who fall  
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.
- <sup>15</sup> **The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food | in due season.**
- <sup>16</sup> You open | wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.
- <sup>17</sup> **You are righteous in | all your ways  
and loving in | all your works.**
- <sup>18</sup> You are near to all who | call upon you,  
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.
- <sup>19</sup> **You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you;  
you hear their | cry and save them.**
- <sup>20</sup> You watch over all | those who love you,  
but all the wicked you | shall destroy.
- <sup>21</sup> **My mouth shall speak the praise | of the LORD;  
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- | er and ever.**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5**

*This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises. (not read aloud)*

A reading from Romans Chapter 9:

<sup>1</sup> I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup> I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup> For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. <sup>4</sup> They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup> to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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



**GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21**

*After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup> When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup> They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup> And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup> Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup> And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup> And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

**THE SERMON**

**Rev. Kevin Koger**

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you  
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you  
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,  
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!  
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps). It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains three verses of the hymn. The second system contains the continuation of the hymn. The third system contains the final verse of the hymn. The music is in 4/4 time and ends with a double bar line.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.

Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

## APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith with the words of the 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

*Offered by the Assisting Minister*

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

For your church in every place, that it satisfies those who hunger for your word. Bless the ministry of readers, translators, Bible study leaders, and writers, that God's word is broken open and shared with all. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For your wondrous creation and all the bounty it provides, that your creatures are fed and nourished. Bless the work of farmers, farmworkers, those who fish, and all whose labor brings your abundance to our tables. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For your children in every nation, that they learn to love justice and live in harmony. Keep us mindful of the horrors of war; draw our hearts instead toward your reign of love, hope, and peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who cry out with great sorrow and unceasing anguish, that they are comforted. Feed all who struggle with food insecurity; have mercy on all who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit especially those on our prayer board and those we name before you now. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation, that it bears faithful witness to the abundance and joy of life in you. Bless all your faithful people gathered here, that they may become blessings for this community. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

With thanksgiving for the faithful who now rest in your mercy, that their witness continues to inspire the church. By their example, may we trust your promises in life and in death. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **PEACE**

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

*We share a sign of peace with others as we are comfortable. We sit.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### MUSICAL OFFERING

#### OFFERING HYMN

SLANE

Karen Roughton, Flutist

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

#### OFFERING PRAYER

*Offered by the Assisting minister and congregation.*

Let us pray: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Presiding Minister greets the congregation and invites all present to give thanks.*

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover  
from death to life, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:*

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.

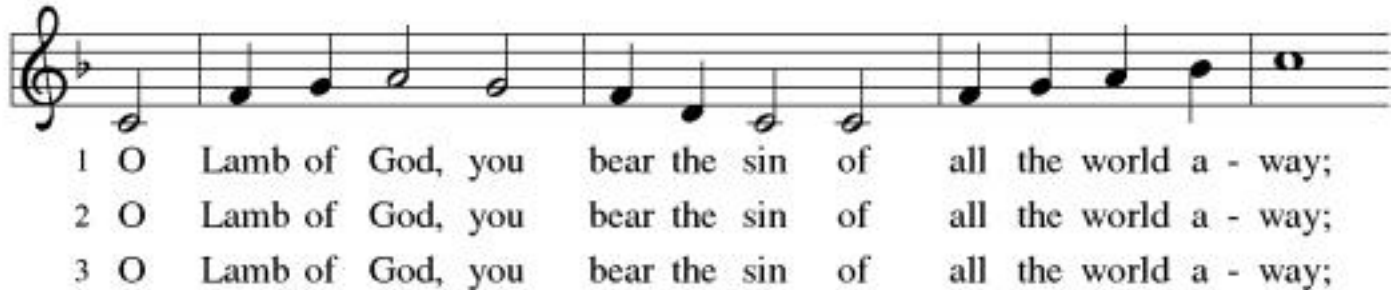
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast! **Amen.**

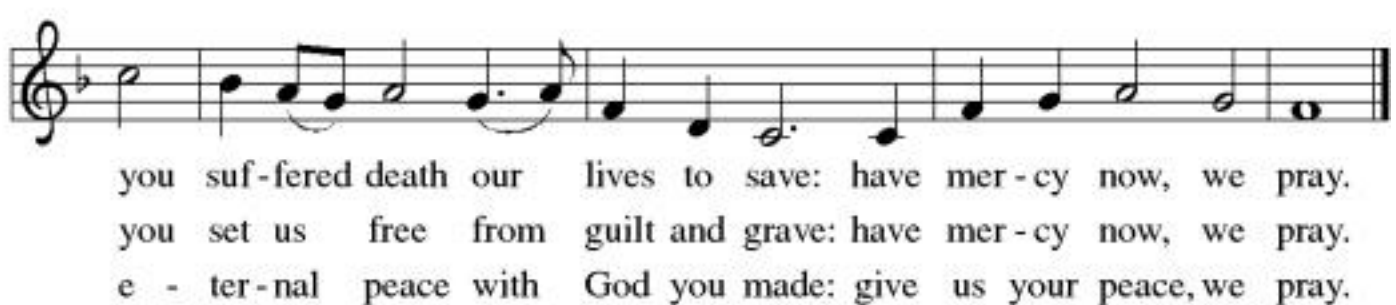
## COMMUNION HYMN:

*LAMB OF GOD*

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

*Congregation is encouraged to sing.*

*LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE  
WE COME TO THE HUNGRY FEAST  
BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN*

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ELW #479

ELW #474

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*Please stand.*

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Offered by Assisting Minister.*

Let us pray: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**



## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### 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.**

### REDEEMER'S MISSION

Redeemer's Mission is: **A lifelong family ministry of God's love!**

### SENDING HYMN

*PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING*

ELW #689

*(printed on next page)*

### DISMISSAL

*Offered by Assisting Minister.*

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### POSTLUDE

**Donna Cotter, Organist**

# Praise and Thanksgiving

1 Praise and thanks-giv-ing, God, we would of-fer for all things  
 2 God, bless the la-bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
 3 Fa-ther, pro-vid-ing food for your chil-dren, by Wis-dom's  
 4 Then will your bless-ing reach ev-'ry peo-ple, free-ly con-

liv-ing, you have made good: har-vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
 neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow-ing or till-ing, we would work  
 guid-ing teach us to share one with an-oth-er, so that, re-  
 fess-ing your gra-cious hand. Where you are reign-ing, no one will

or-chard, hay from the mown fields, blos-som and wood.  
 with you, har-vest-ing, mill-ing for dai-ly bread.  
 joic-ing with us, all oth-ers may know your care.  
 hun-ger; your love sus-tain-ing show-ers the land.

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## Serving Today

|                            |                                              |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Ushers:</b>             | Chuck Pegram and Brad Van Putten             |
| <b>Greeters:</b>           | David Henderson and Sonny Lybrand            |
| <b>Assisting Minister:</b> | Heather Hester                               |
| <b>Lector 1:</b>           | Michelle Meloon                              |
| <b>Lector 2:</b>           | Cindy Martin                                 |
| <b>Acolyte:</b>            | Hannah Hester                                |
| <b>Crucifer:</b>           | Tyndall Stringer                             |
| <b>Cantor:</b>             | Cecilia Robbins                              |
| <b>Counters:</b>           | Cyndi Celinskis and Jennifer Tierce          |
| <b>Altar Guild:</b>        | Tom and Joyce Frid                           |
| <b>Flowers:</b>            | Given by Linda Jenkins for the glory of God  |
| <b>Sheepdogs:</b>          | Mike Miller, Brian Ginsberg, and Beto Damian |
| <b>Nursery:</b>            | April Jackson and Aurie Dill                 |

## Serving Next Week – August 9, 2026

|                            |                                                      |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Ushers:</b>             | John and Sharon Fouke                                |
| <b>Greeters:</b>           | Wade and Barbara Tate                                |
| <b>Assisting Minister:</b> | Gordon Johnson                                       |
| <b>Lector 1:</b>           | Joyce Frid                                           |
| <b>Lector 2:</b>           | Harold Neel                                          |
| <b>Acolyte:</b>            | Jacob Lybrand                                        |
| <b>Crucifer:</b>           | Clara Cotter                                         |
| <b>Cantor:</b>             | Chuck Pegram                                         |
| <b>Counters:</b>           | Sonny Lybrand, Brenda Van Putten, and Aaron Cornwell |
| <b>Altar Guild:</b>        | Donna Norman                                         |
| <b>Flowers:</b>            | ?                                                    |
| <b>Sheepdogs:</b>          | Seth Brandt, Chris Felicia, and JJ Johnson           |
| <b>Nursery:</b>            | Chrissy Bristow and Lily Childers                    |

## NOTES