



Sunday, September 13, 2026

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WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

All Creatures Worship God Most High

ELW 835

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.

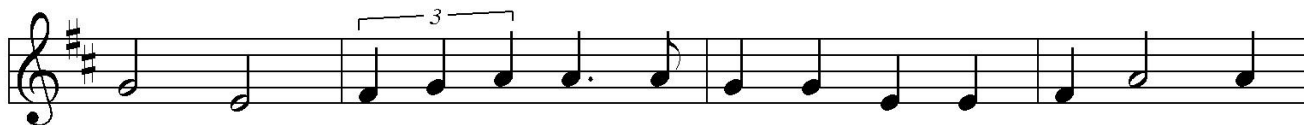
HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



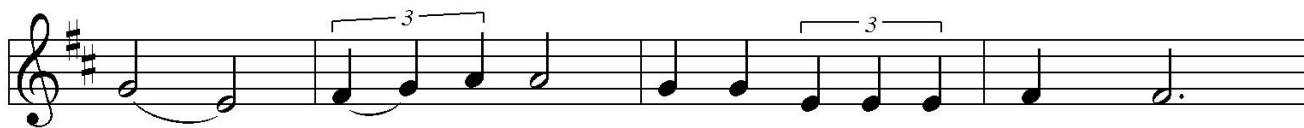
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



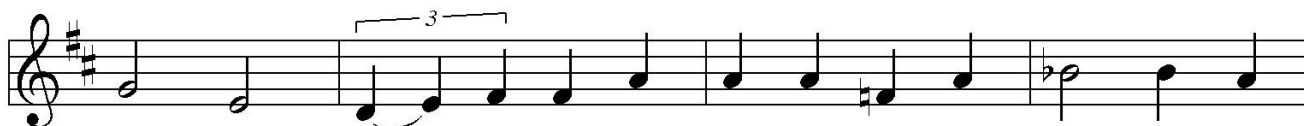
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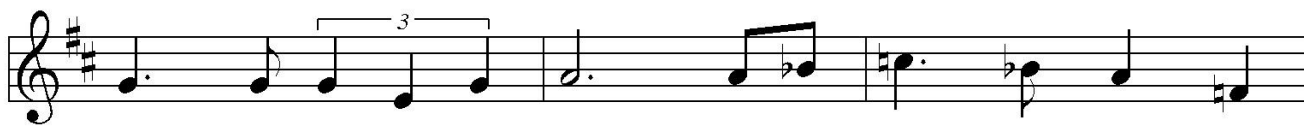
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
II



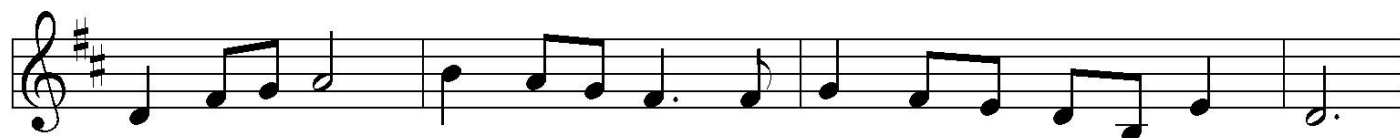
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



☐ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Word of God.

Word of Life.

PSALM 103:[1-7] 8-13

read responsively

REFRAIN: *Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy. (Ps. 103:8)*

¹ Bless the Lord, | O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.

² **Bless the Lord, | O my soul, and forget not | all God's benefits—**

³ who forgives | all your sins and heals all | your diseases;

⁴ **who redeems your life | from the grave and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy; R**

⁵ who satisfies your desires | with good things so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

⁶ **O Lord, you provide | vindication and justice for all who | are oppressed.**

⁷ You made known your | ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

⁸ **Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love; R**

⁹ you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.

¹⁰ **You have not dealt with us according | to our sins, nor repaid us according to | our iniquities.**

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for | those who fear you.

¹² **As far as the east is | from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

¹³ As a father has compassion | for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear | you, O Lord. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the

weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

Word of God.

Word of Life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you O Lord.

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to

every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **I Come With Joy** **ELW 482**

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

THE PRAYERS

Reminded of God’s gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

Move your church throughout the world away from judging and despising others. Lead us to embody the forgiveness you have given us in Jesus. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The endless beauty of your creation reminds us of your mercy. Protect those who care for farms and ranches. Guide those who lead us to wonder at your creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Raise up leaders (*like John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, whom we remember today*) to hold all in authority accountable for any misuse of the power entrusted to them. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Calm the fears of all in need with your promises. Compassionately free the lives of any who feel bound by their failures. Remember your children in need (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Ground this congregation in the welcome you show us in forgiving our sin. Inspire each of us to welcome others for your honor and glory. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With you is found the joy and promise of eternal life. Keep us in that joy as we remember (*name/s, and*) all those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

You may share a sign of peace with your neighbor

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

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 dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
 Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
 All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have.
 Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in
 love to our neighbors, today and always.
Amen.

DIALOGUE

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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en 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.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

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

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

COMMUNION HYMN



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

*The assembly may be seated. Communion will be served at the altar rail.
Wine or grape juice is available.*

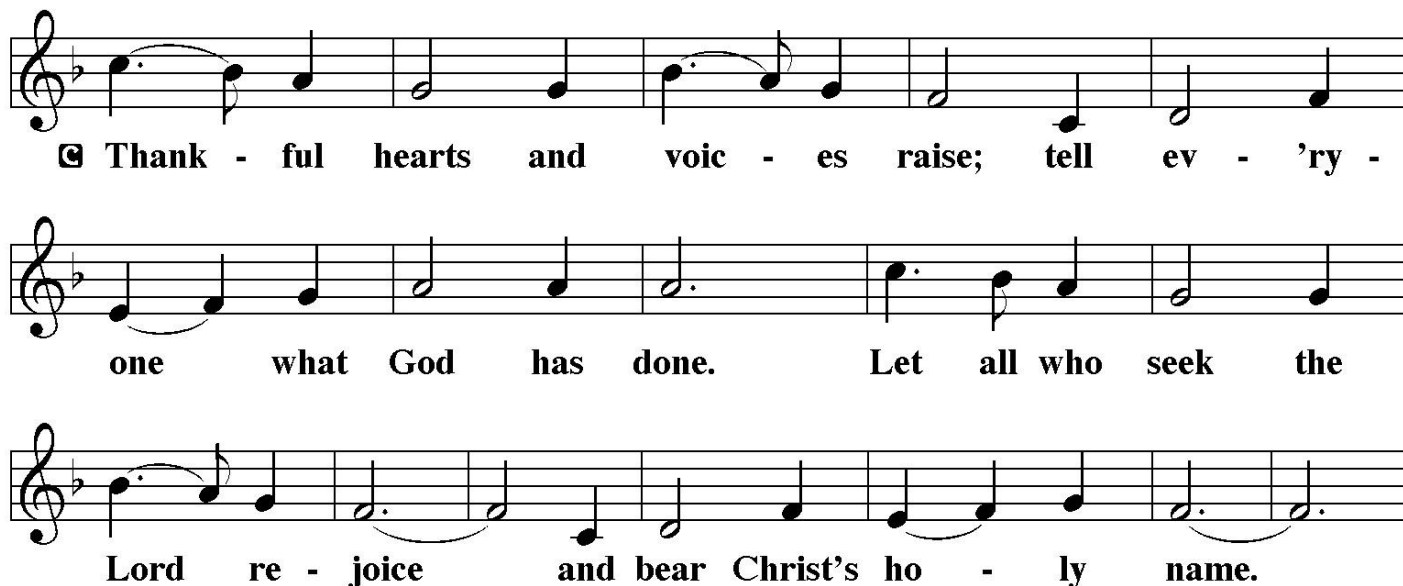
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

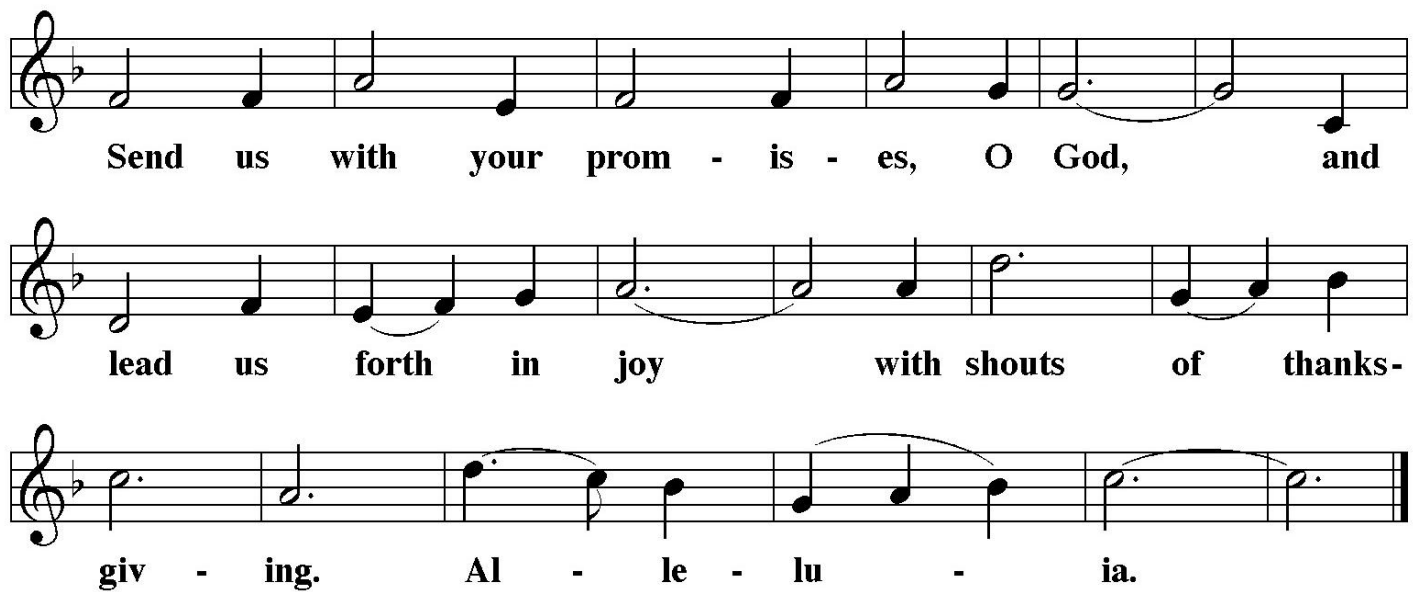
SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick or homebound*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

POST CANTICLE HYMN



☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



BLESSING

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG **Gods Work. Our Hands** **ACS 1000**

DISMISSAL

We go now to be a light in our community, to make Christ known to all
through nourishing, serving, and faith. Thanks be to God.

Pastor
Rev. Karla S. Leiby

Director of Music
William Jacavage

Greeter
Donna Stine

Lector
Mike Erdley

Acolyte
Ryan Billman

Communion Assistant
Tom Propst

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in honor of my daughter, Sara Robinson, whose birthday will be celebrated on September 14th, by her mom, Laurie Robinson.

THE CANDLES are presented by Gail Lehman in honor of Danny Lehman, whose birthday was celebrated September 8th.

The synod's Youth Ministry Initiative, led by youth from around the synod, kicks off the new school year with monthly events. The first event will be a game night at Christ's Lutheran Church, Lewisburg, on Sunday, September 13, 2026, from 2-4 p.m. You are invited to bring your own game and enjoy some fellowship and refreshments.

Children's Sunday School classes begin September 20th following worship service. All children are invited to attend.

Would you like to become a ding-aling? On **Sundays, September 13th and 20th**, the Director of Music, aka Bill, will be having an Intro to Bell Ringing following worship service at 10:15 a.m. You will learn about the different notes that we play, the counts, and music annotations. This is for all interested in joining Bell Choir and for our current ringers it is a

refresher. Please join us as we praise God through music. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bill. We hope to see you there ! ***Our regular weekly practices will resume on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning on September 24th.***

There will be Red Cross Blood Drive held at St. John's on Wednesday, September 16th from 1-6 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to donate blood to those in need of blood and blood products.

Seafarer satchel bags are available for pickup on the table in the rear of the sanctuary. Please assemble the satchel with **new** sweatshirts and t-shirts of the same size and label the satchel with a M, L. **Satchels need to be returned to the church no later than October 25th in order to be shipped to the Seafarers International House in New York.**

Pick the size you will be purchasing, M, L. New shirts only please.

- 1 sweatshirt – hooded or unhooded
- 3 pairs of socks – thermal or white gym, no ankle socks
- 1 t-shirt
- 1 knitted winter cap (matching scarf optional, no baseball caps)
- 1 can of nuts (10 oz or less) or bar of chocolate (2-3 oz)
- A Holiday or Christmas Card from YOU!

This month's Special Pink Envelope is designated for Haven Ministries. The Quiet Cash/Noisy Coin is being collected for ELCA World Hunger.

PRAYERS: Bob Haile; Jim Herbert; Helen Peters; Connie Freitsch; Jeanne Hafer; Marty Rafter

HOMEBOUND and CONTINUED PRAYERS: PRAYERS: Chris Eisely; Kaye Wolfe; Barb Eisley; Jason Gulden; Helen Snyder; June Diehl; Nevin Brungard; Nancy Hendricks; Betty Yerg; Jane Ressler; Bill Wagner; David Bartholomew; Marti Row

Mark Your Calendars!

Celebrating Five Years of Ordained Ministry!

This September, St. John's celebrates a milestone worth giving thanks for the 5th anniversary of The Reverend Karla Leiby's ordination.

Pastor Leiby's history with St. John's stretches back to September 2018, when she joined our congregation as Vicar through the Cooperative Program with the Upper Susquehanna Synod and United Lutheran Seminary, serving in that role through May 2021. That season of shared ministry planted the seeds for what was to come. On August 1, 2021, following a trial service, the congregation voted unanimously to call her as our pastor. One week later, on August 8, 2021, she led her first service as our called pastor, and on August 21, 2021, she was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament — a moment that marked the beginning of a new chapter for both Pastor Leiby and our church family.

In the five years since, we have walked together through worship, milestones, challenges, and everyday moments of faith — a ministry built on the foundation of that beginning. And as we look ahead, we give thanks for the ministry still to come, trusting in God's continued guidance for Pastor Leiby and St. John's together as we continue to be a light in our community, making Christ known through nourishing, serving, and faith.

Mark your calendars now! Join us as we celebrate this anniversary — honoring our past, giving thanks for our present, and looking forward to the future — on **Sunday, September 27, 2026**, following worship. More details will follow in the coming weeks, so watch upcoming bulletins and announcements.

Thanks be to God for our years of ministry together — and for all that lies ahead.

Celebrating St. John's Ministries and Volunteers

The 5th anniversary of Pastor Karla's ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament continues and gets bigger as we celebrate of all the ministries here at St. John's that Pastor Karla has nurtured, started, and enhanced over the past five years and the three years prior when she was our vicar. Church Council and Worship & Music are hosting an intergenerational brunch downstairs in the Social Hall to give thanks and recognition to all the volunteers whose work makes our ministries here at St. John's possible. We hope you can join us as we celebrate together — Pastor Karla's five years of ministry, and recognize the many volunteers that make St. John's what it is.

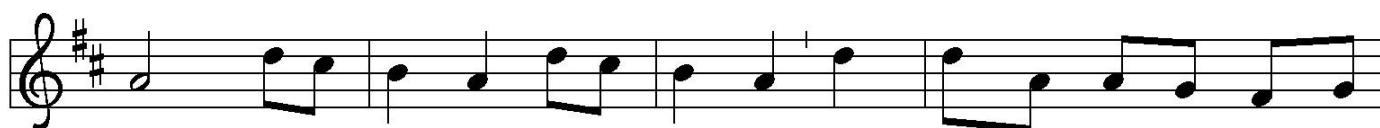
St. John's Ministries

Altar Guild Teams
Bible Study Groups
Blessings Shed
Born Again Boutique
Boy/Girl Scout Ministry
Building Maintenance and Grounds Teams
Children's Church Ministry
Community Vacation Bible School
Easter Sunrise Service
ELCA Program Support
Flower Crew
Funeral Meal Team
Garden Crew
Grief Share Ministry
Home Communion Teams
Kate's Kupboard
Mitten Tree Family and Birthright Tree Ministry
MomCo
Online Service Ministry
Pink Envelope and Quiet Change Ministry
Providing Meeting Space for Community Organizations
Social Ministry and WELCA Programs and Activities
Sound System Ministry
St John's Preschool
Synod Support
Tissue Box Ministry
Worship Resource Bag Teams
Worship Service Assistants and Musicians

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

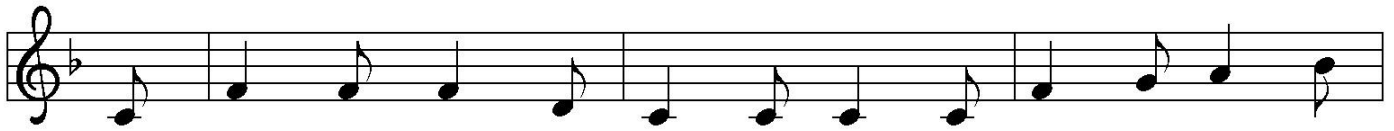
- 5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia.

- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia.

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I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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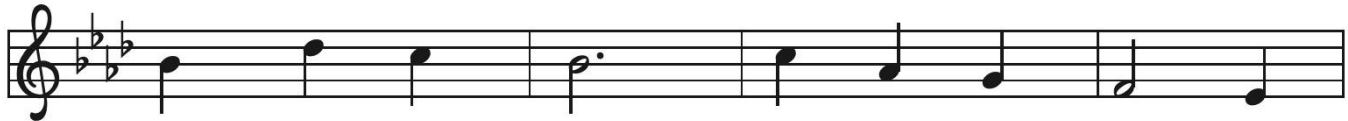
God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



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