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In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

GATHERING

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

Confession and Forgiveness

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

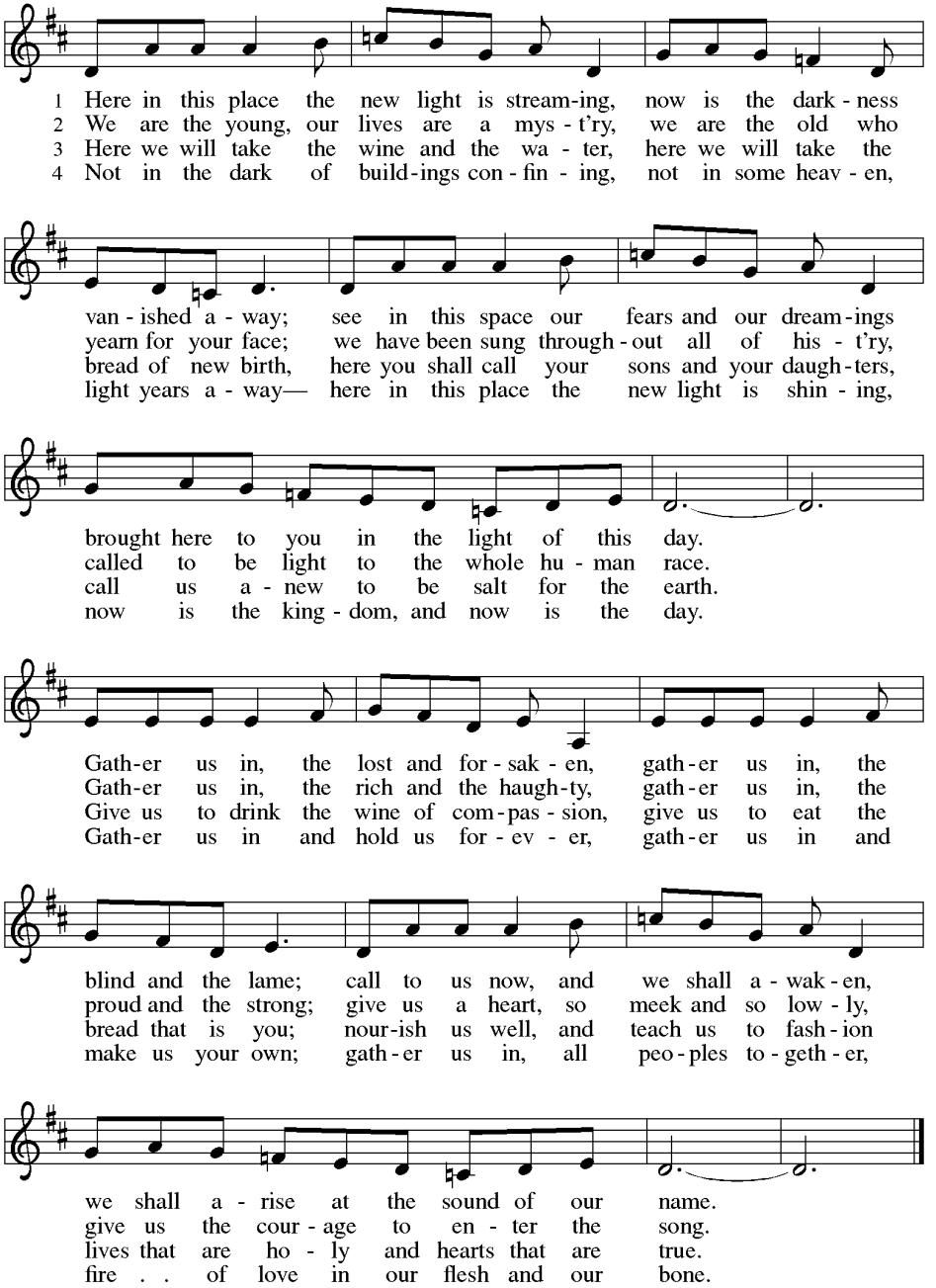
Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.
A brief silence.

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 Song ***"Gather Us In"*** *ELW #532*
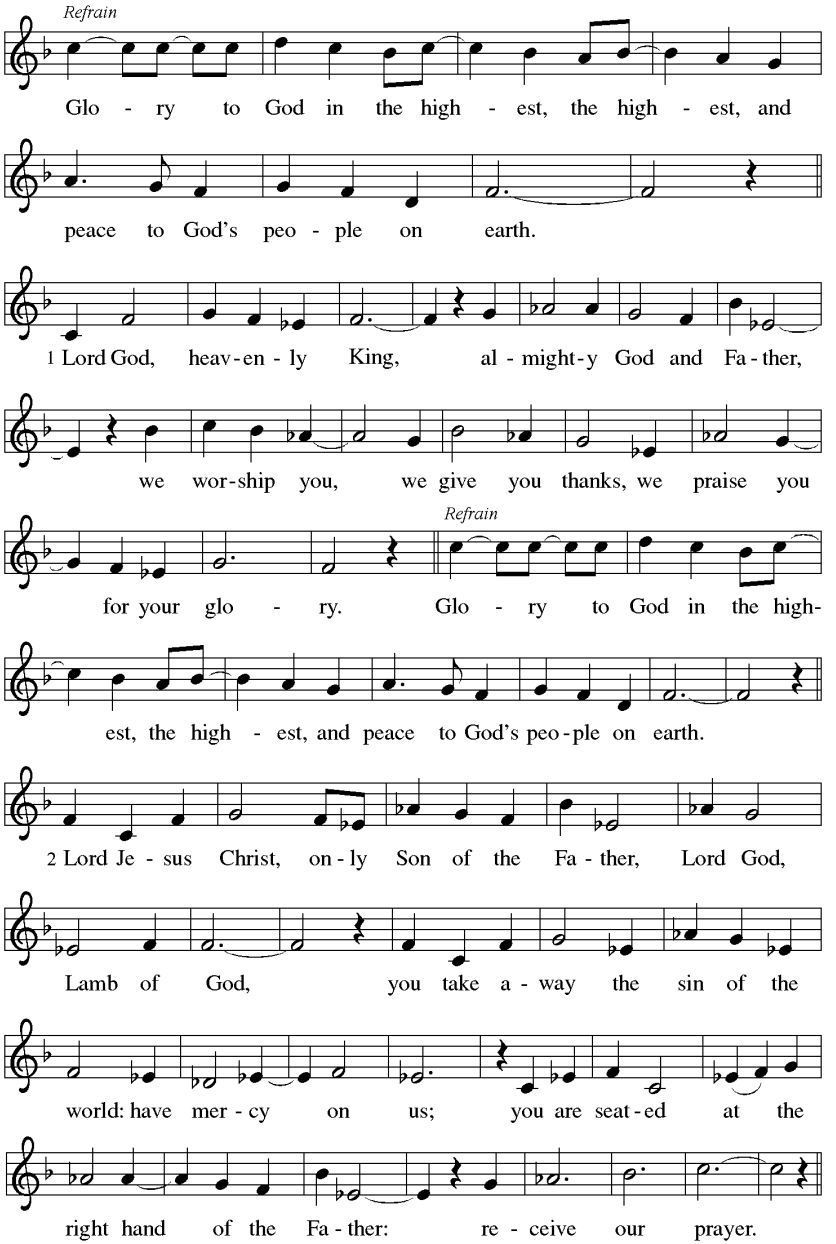


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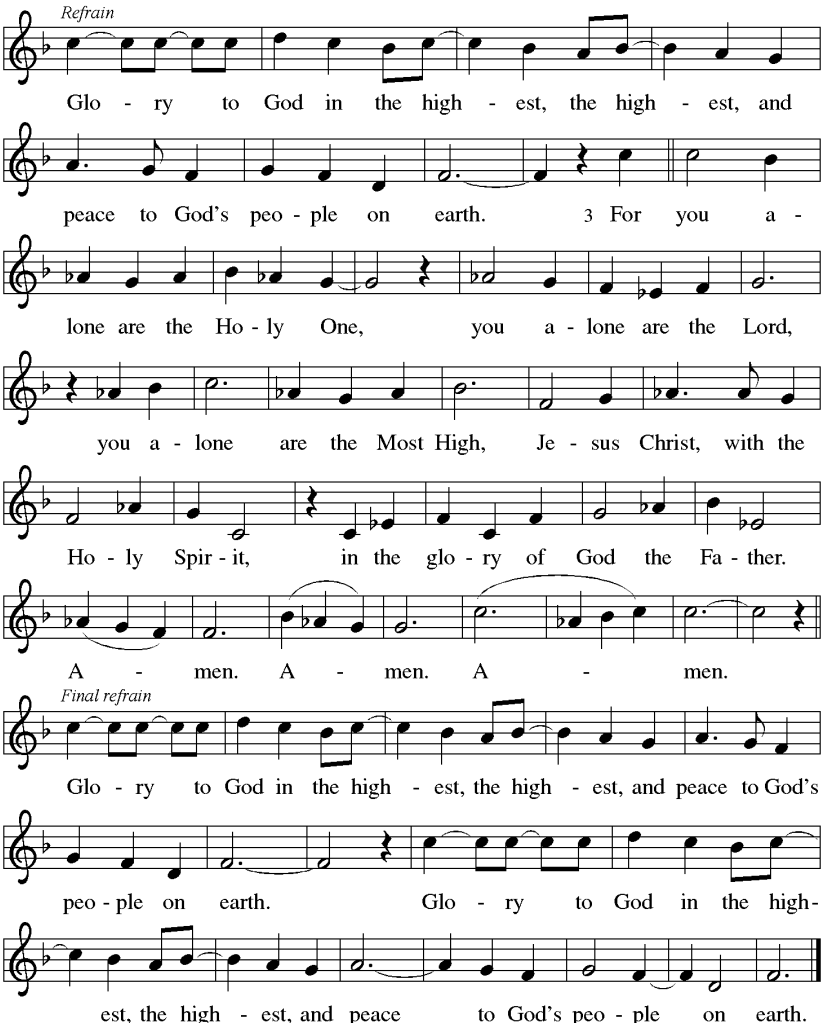
Greeting

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.

Hymn of Praise





Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Lord of the feast,

you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading — Exodus 32:1-14

After Israel sinned by worshiping the golden calf, Moses interceded with God to spare Israel, lest the Egyptians conclude that God had evil intents in the exodus. Moses reminds God of the promises God made to Israel's matriarchs and patriarchs.

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the
people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods and goddesses for
us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the
land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." 2Aaron said to them, "Take
off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters
and bring them to me." 3So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and
brought them to Aaron. 4He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast
an image of a calf, and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up
out of the land of Egypt!" 5When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron
made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." 6They rose
early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being,
and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel.

7The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of
the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; 8they have been quick to turn aside from the
way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and
have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who
brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " 9The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this
people, how stiff-necked they are. 10Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot
against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

11But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn
hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power
and with a mighty hand? 12Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that
their god brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from
the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not
bring disaster on your people. 13Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants,
how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your
descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give
to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' "14And the Lord relented from
bringing about the disaster that the Lord had planned to bring on the people.

At the conclusion of the reading, the Assembly responds: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Remember, O LORD, the favor you have for your people. (Ps. 106:4)

1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good,
for God's mercy en- | dures forever.
2 **Who can declare the mighty acts | of the LORD or proclaim in | full God's praise?**
3 Happy are those who | act with justice and always do | what is right.
4 **Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have | for your people,**
and visit me with | your salvation;
5 that I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness | of your people,
that I may glory with | your inheritance.
6 **We have sinned as our | forebears did;**
we have done wrong | and dealt wickedly.
19 They made a bull- | calf at Horeb
and worshiped a | molten image;
20 **thus they ex- | changed their glory**
for the image of an ox that | feeds on grass.
21 They forgot | God their Savior,
who had done great | things in Egypt,
22 **wonderful deeds in the | land of Ham,**
and fearful things | at the Red Sea.
23 So you would have destroyed them, had not Moses your chosen stood | in the breach,
to turn away your wrath from con- | suming them.

Second Reading **Philippians 4:1-9**

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

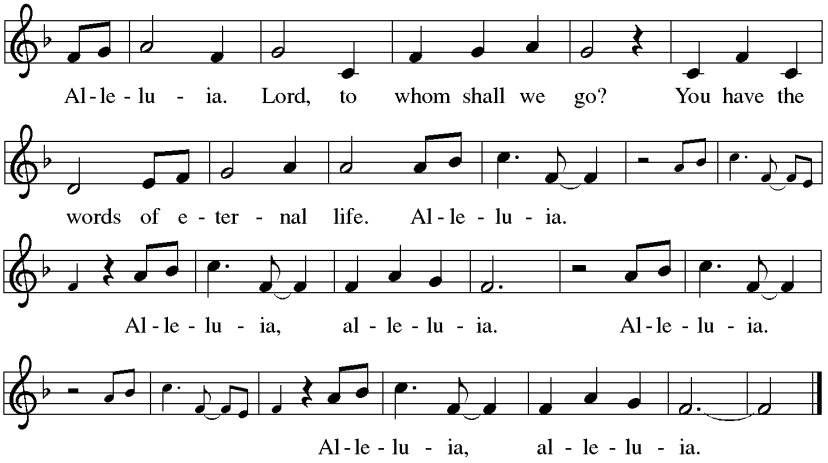
My dear family, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

2I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. 4Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8Finally, dear family, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

At the conclusion of the reading, the Assembly responds: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Announcement

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel **Matthew 22:1-14**

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.
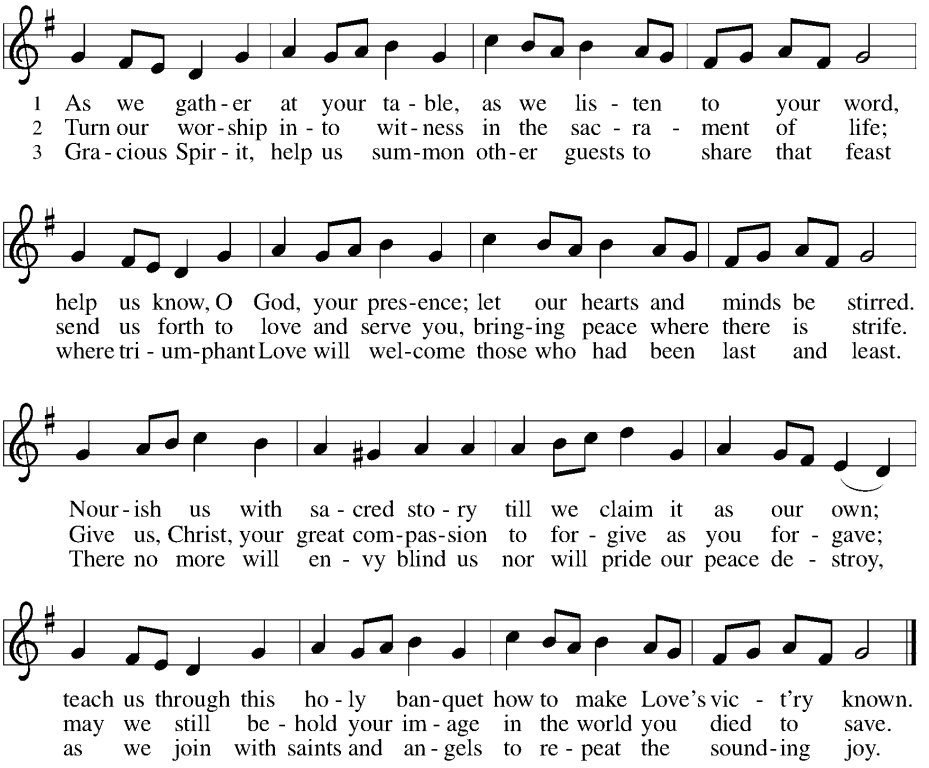
Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: [2]"The dominion of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. [3]He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. [4]Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' [5]But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, [6]while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. [7]The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. [8]Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. [9]Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' [10]Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

[11]"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, [12]and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. [13]Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' [14]For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ***"As We Gather at Your Table"*** *ELW #522*



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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.

**Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.*

Prayers of Intercession

The Assisting Minister leads the prayers of the people for the church, the world, and all people in need. At the end of each petition the Assembly responds: **your mercy is great.**

We remember our homebound members and all who have asked for our prayers: Erna Joswig, Joyce Owens, Dorothy Popadic, Pat Quale, Marty Andrea, Nancy Nelson, William Schultz Jr., John Falk, Carmen Falk, Lynn Hooper, Randy Weit, Aimee and Mark Hooper.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.
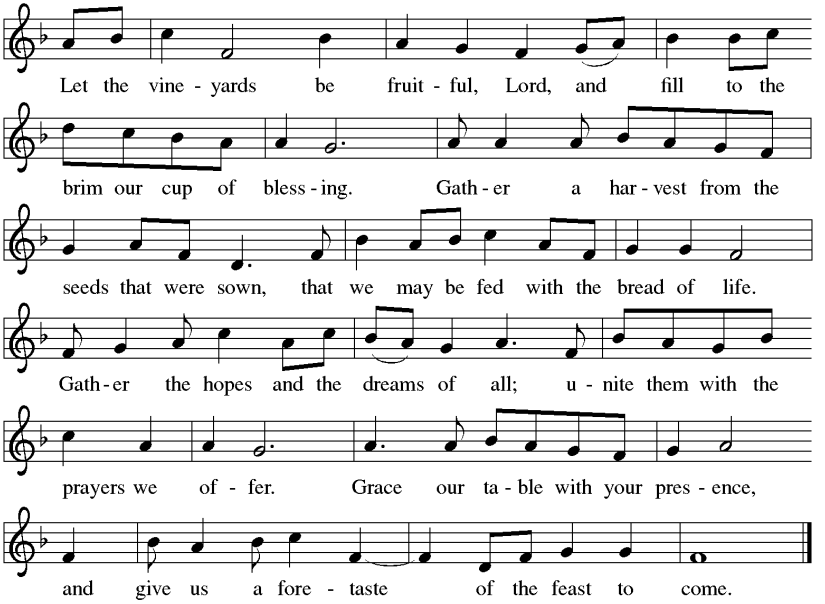
MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Your offering helps us carry on God's mission in our community! You may place your offering in the offering plate as it is passed, you may mail your offering to the church office, you can even text to give by texting the amount you wish to give to 262.592.5757, then follow the prompts. You may also scan the code to the right with your smartphone's camera to give on our website (www.racinelcredeemer.com). You can also sign up for automatic giving on our website as well! ***Thank you for your generosity!***

Offering Song



Offertory Prayer
Let us pray. God of creation,

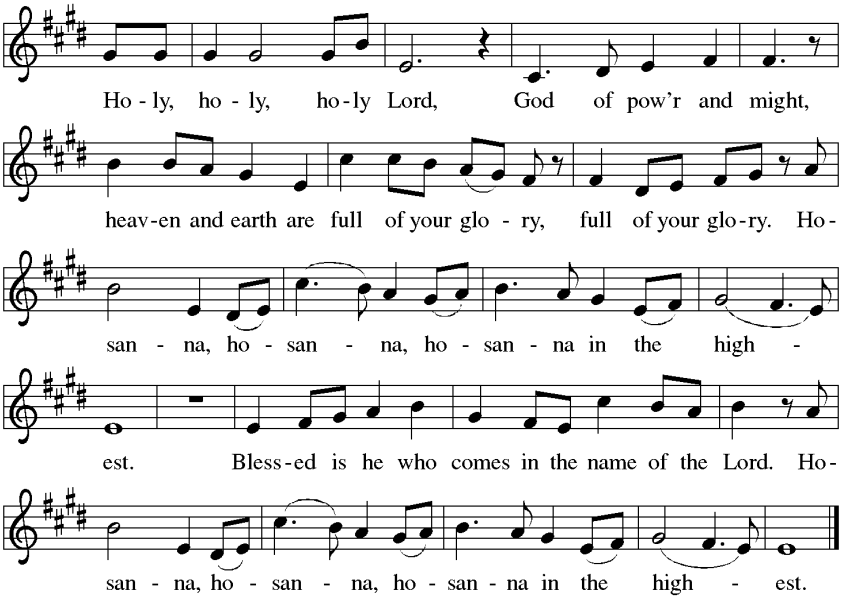
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always. Amen.

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.**

It is indeed, right our duty and our joy….
…. we praise your name and join their unending hymn:.



The Presiding Minister prays giving thanks to God, for God's saving work throughout history.

The Assembly responds when prompted:

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. *…*

… all our sins and sorrows will be no more.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *…*

… sharing your bounty with all the world.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. *…*

At the conclusion of the prayer, the assembly responds: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

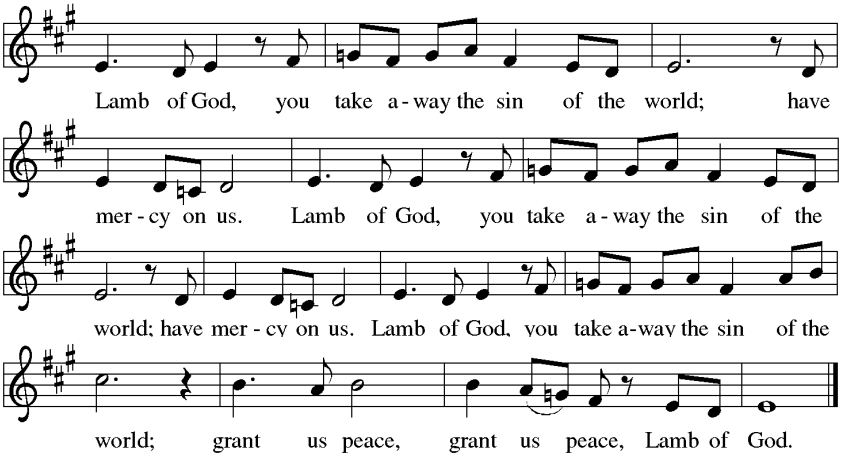
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Invitation to Communion

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

Distribution of Communion

If you are worshipping with us at home, you are invited to partake in Communion as well! All you need is bread of any kind and wine or juice of any kind. As you receive the bread: 'This is the Body of Christ given for you.' As you receive the wine or juice: 'This is the Blood of Christ shed for you.' If you are worshipping with more than one person, please serve one another as you able using the above words



Communion Song ***"Let Us God Now to the Banquet"*** *ELW #523*

Words and music on page 14.

Table Blessing

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. 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

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Blessing

God our Mother root you deep in grace. God our Neighbor stand with you in strength. God our Nourishment sustain you in hope and ✝ bless you unto evergreen life. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ***"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*** *ELW #547*

Words and music on page 15.

Announcements

Dismissal

Got out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

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We gather today on the ancestral lands of the Potawatomi, Ho-Chunk, Myaamia, Očhéthi Šakówi, Kickapoo, and Peoria peoples. We honor and acknowledge the traditional stewards of this land, recognizing their enduring connection to this region. As we come together in worship, let us commit ourselves to respecting their history and culture, and work toward healing and justice for Indigenous communities. May we be mindful of our role in creating a more equitable future for all.

Serving Today

Altar Flowers:	Linda Bagley
	In Honor of My Birthday
Assisting Minister:	Susan Krikau Sorensen
Reader:	Paul Berge
Usher:	John Wosyk
Altar Guild:	Susan Krikau Sorensen & Lori Rennock
Musician:	Paul Berge
Pastor:	The Rev. Matt James

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This Week @ Redeemer

Sunday:	Worship – 9:30am
Monday:	GriefShare – 10—11:30am
Wednesday:	Book Club – 1pm @ Inclusive Bean & 6pm @ Tulip Tavern

Celebrations this Week

Birthdays:	Jutta Stoewe & Linda Bagley (10/13), Stephanie Mercier (10/16)
Wedding Anniversary:	Cherie & Chuck Julius (10/14)

Upcoming Commemorations
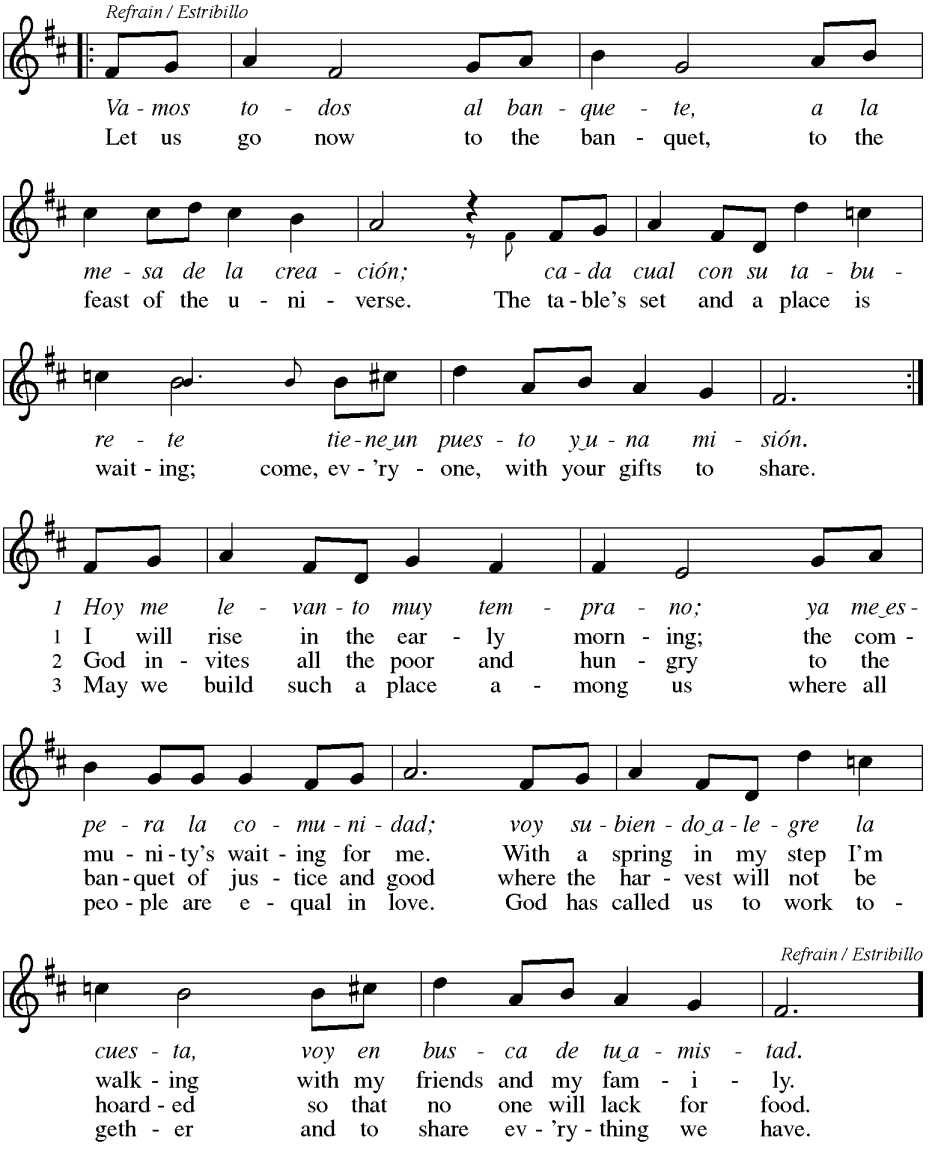
Marmaduke N. Carter, pastor, 1961 (TFF)
Wednesday, October 14, 2026
In 1916 Marmaduke Carter became the principal of the Christian Day School (formerly called the Rosebud School) and the first pastor of Christ Church, Rosebud, Alabama, a pioneering congregation in African American ministry among Lutherans in the South.

Teresa of Ávila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582
Thursday, October 15, 2026
A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115
Saturday, October 17, 2026
Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.

Texts for Next Sunday, October 18th, 21st Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1;1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

Communion Song ***"Let Us God Now to the Banquet"*** *ELW #523*
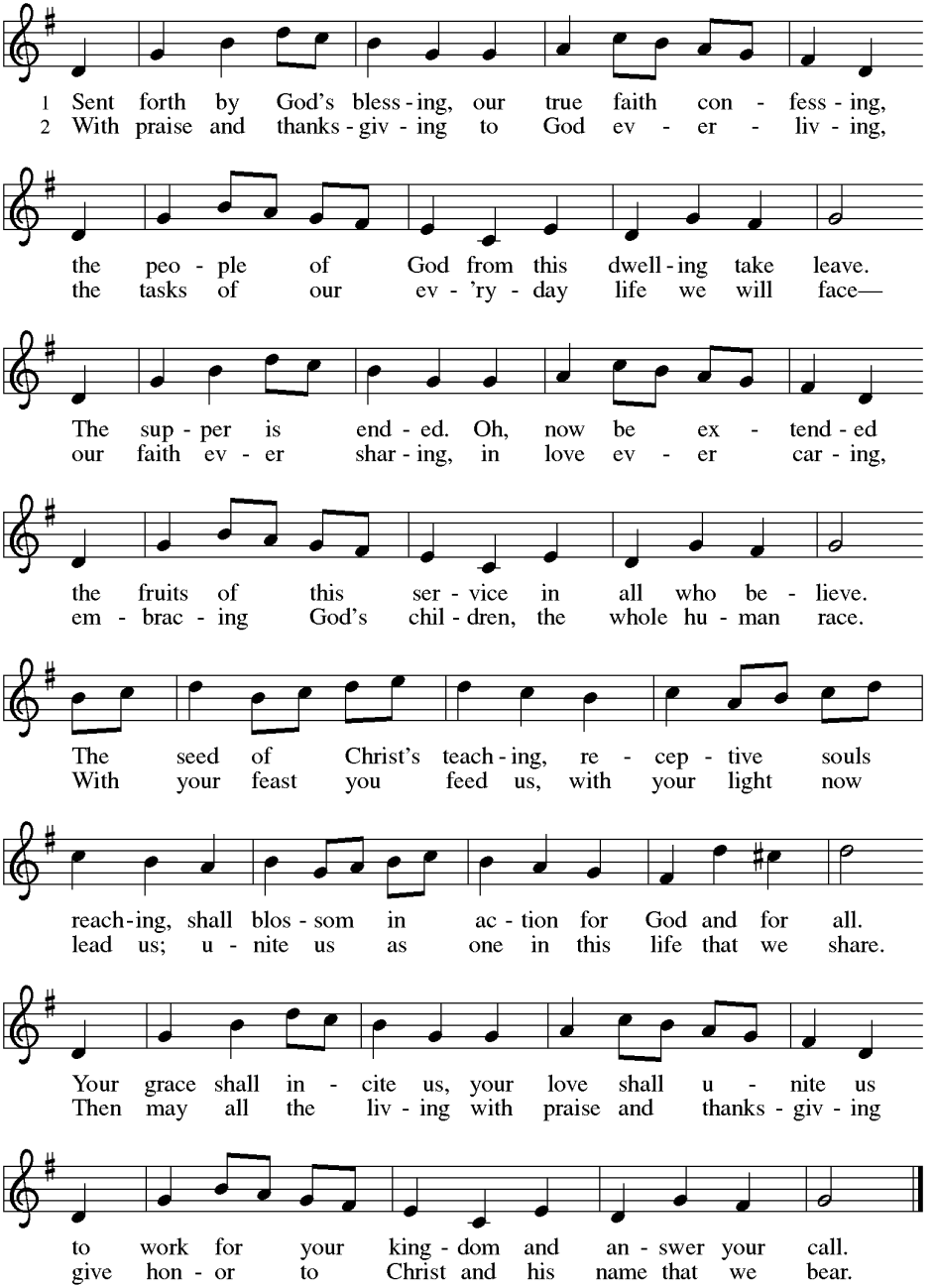


2 *Dios invita a todos los pobres*
a esta mesa común por la fe,
donde no hay acaparadores
y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo

3 *Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo*
una mesa donde haya igualdad,
trabajando y luchando juntos,
compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

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Sending Hymn ***"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*** *ELW #547*



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