

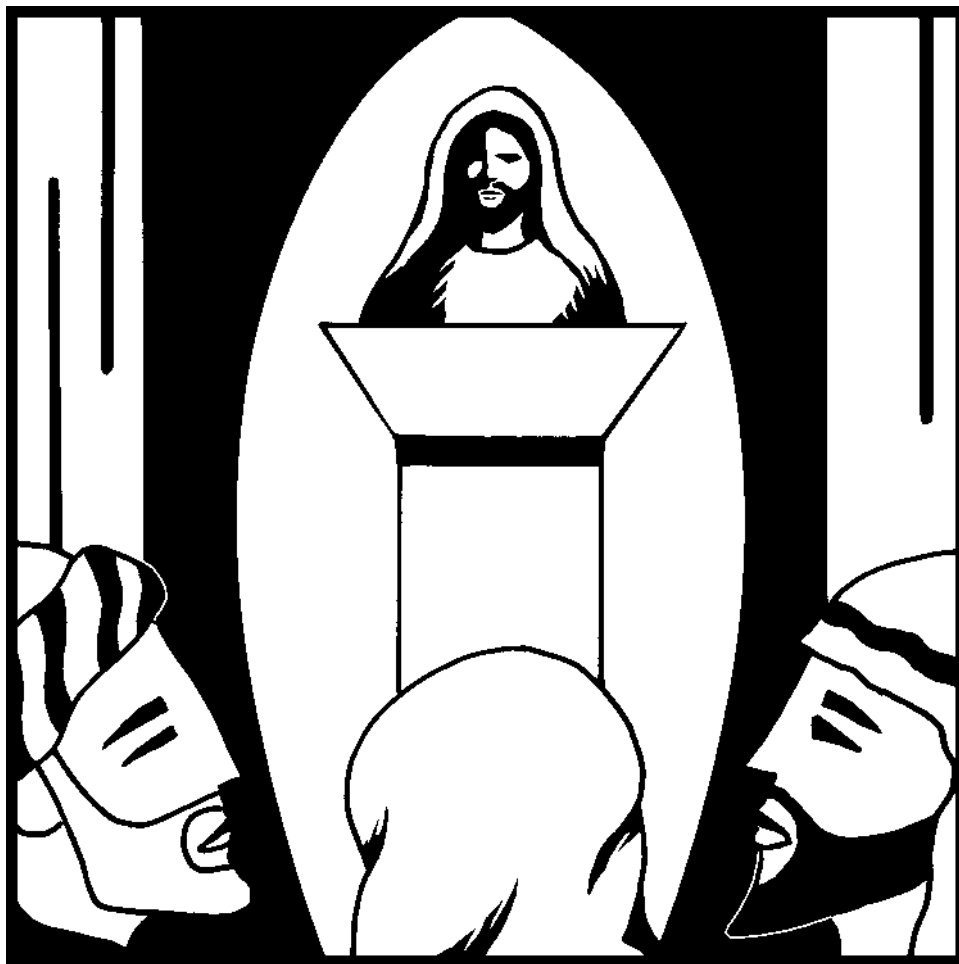


The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

*We Greet Our Members and Visitors
Warmly In Jesus' Name.*

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Sunday, August 25, 2024

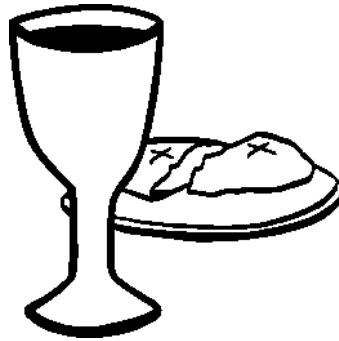


Welcome to Worship at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour
Sharing the Gospel, Learning God's Love, Reaching and Lifting Up Creation!

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Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.



Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

All: Amen.

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

Pastor: Have mercy, O God,

All: **against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

Pastor: As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above the earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

All: **Blessed be God forever.**

(Please stand until the conclusion of the Gloria)

Entrance Hymn: "When Morning Guilds the Skies"

1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
 4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:

may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round

this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

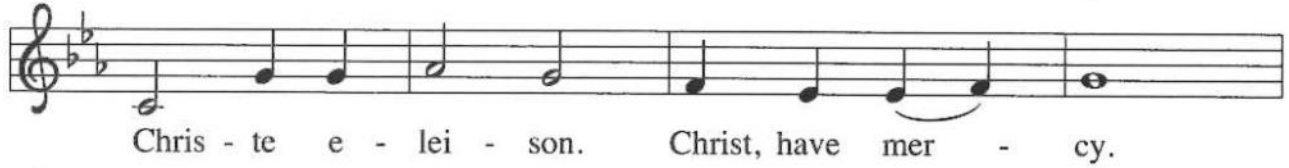
Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

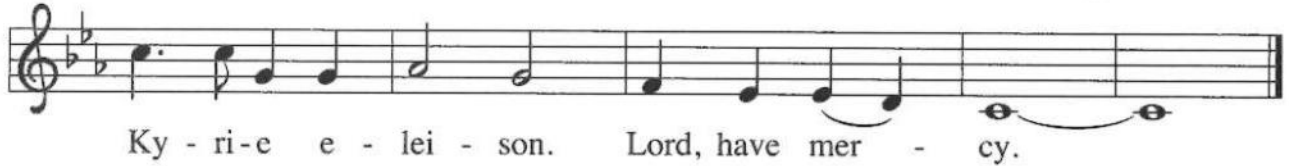
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Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

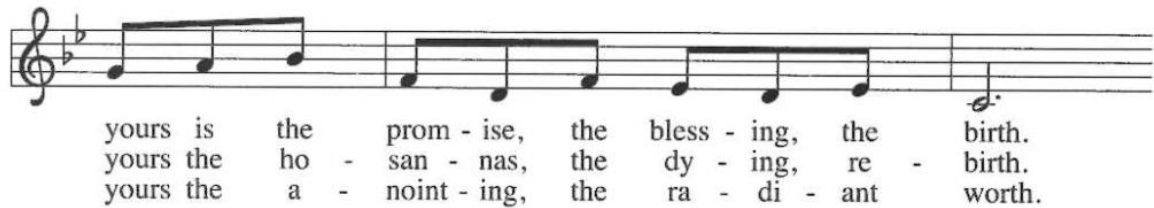


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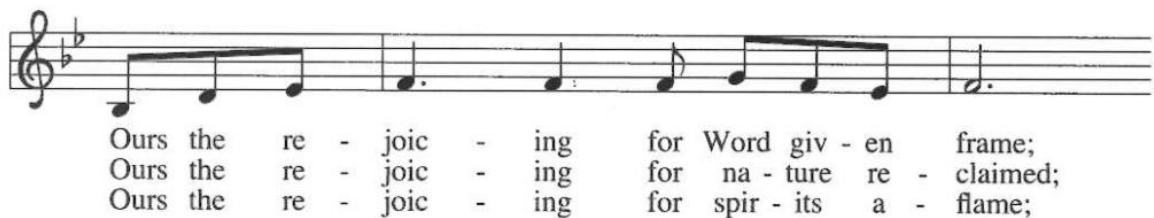
Gloria



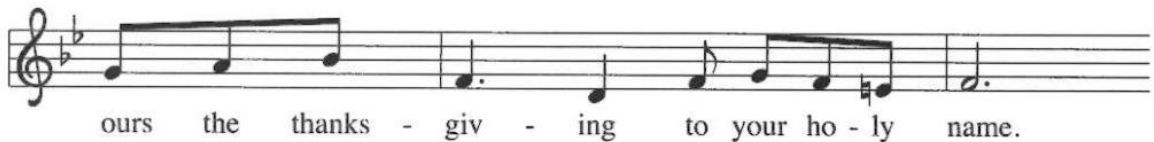
1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



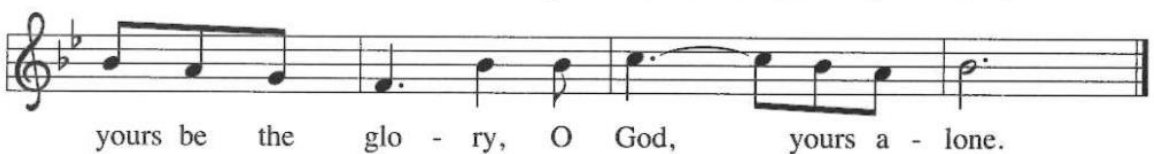
Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: **Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(You may be seated)

The First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Lector: *In the Near East, covenant means “agreement” or “alliance.” It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.*

A reading from the book of Joshua.

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

Lector: The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:15-22

Lector: The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.

All: **The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

Lector: The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

All: **The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

Lector: Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord delivers them from every one.

All: **God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.**

Lector: Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

All: **Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

The Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Lector: *Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.*

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand if you are able)

Gospel Acclamation

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

The Gospel Reading: John 6:56-69

Pastor: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord According to St. John.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pastor: Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Hymn of the Day: "Blessed Assurance"

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:


this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

(You may be seated)

The Sermon: Pastor Joachim Wilck

Hymn of Response: "Holy, Holy"

C Em⁷/B Am⁷ C/G FM⁷ F⁶ G⁷ Dm Dm⁷



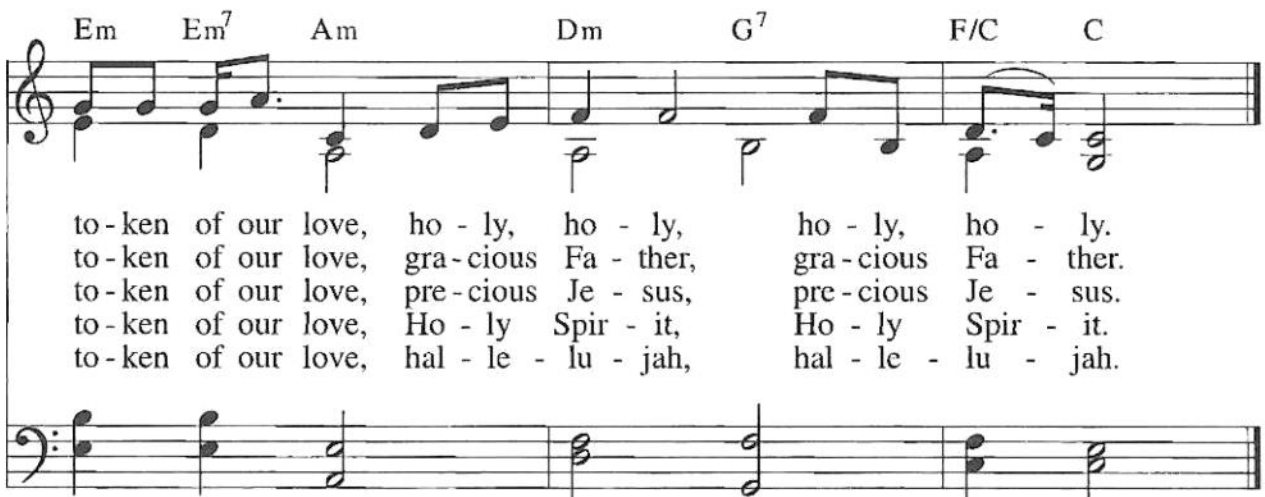
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
2 Gra-cious Fa-ther, gra-cious Fa - ther, we're so blest to be your
3 Pre-cious Je - sus, pre-cious Je - sus, we're so glad that you've re -
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it, come and fill our hearts a -
5 Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, . . .

G⁷ C C⁷ F F/E Dm⁷ B⁷/D#



Lord God Al - might-y; and we lift our hearts be-fore you as a
chil - dren, gra-cious Fa - ther; and we lift our heads be-fore you as a
deemed us, pre-cious Je - sus; and we lift our hands be-fore you as a
new, . . . Ho - ly Spir - it; and we lift our voice be-fore you as a
. hal - le - lu - jah; and we lift our hearts be-fore you as a

Em Em⁷ Am Dm G⁷ F/C C



to-ken of our love, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.
to-ken of our love, gra-cious Fa - ther, gra-cious Fa - ther.
to-ken of our love, pre-cious Je - sus, pre-cious Je - sus.
to-ken of our love, Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it.
to-ken of our love, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

(Please stand if you are able)

The Apostles' Creed

Pastor: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

All: **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 hell.
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.**

Prayer of Intercession

Pastor: Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *(a brief silence)*

Holy God, you have the words of eternal life. Lead the church to put its trust in Jesus, the living Word. Direct preachers, teachers, writers, and all the baptized in faithful speech and bold witness. Merciful God,

All: **receive our prayer.**

Pastor: Creator God, we and all creation are sustained by your Word. We pray for all who remind us of our interconnectedness with all living things. Prosper the work of conservation organizations. Merciful God,

All: **receive our prayer.**

Pastor: God of wisdom, as our nation navigates another election cycle, guide our leaders to act justly for the sake of the world. Bring about fruitful conversation among your people and bring about change where you see fit. Merciful God,

All: **receive our prayer.**

Pastor: God of restoration, bring healing and wholeness to all who cry to you. Where pain is sharp, bring a sense of comfort and relief. Where grief runs deep, bring your tender mercy. Care for those on our hearts (especially). Merciful God,

All: **receive our prayer.**

Pastor: God of new life, protect students and teachers for a new school year. Bring an end to school shootings and cycles of violence. Move us to do all that is necessary to ensure a safe future for our children. Merciful God,

All: **receive our prayer.**

Pastor: God of every generation, we remember with thanksgiving all who have completed their baptismal journeys. Strengthen us in our baptismal callings to serve you faithfully until our journey's end. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Pastor: We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

All: Amen.

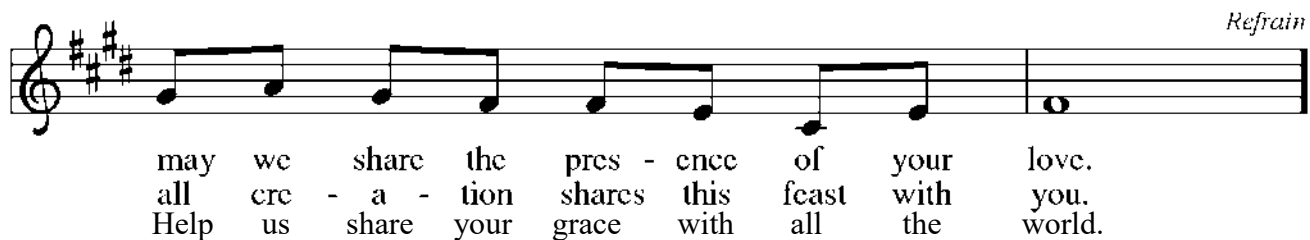
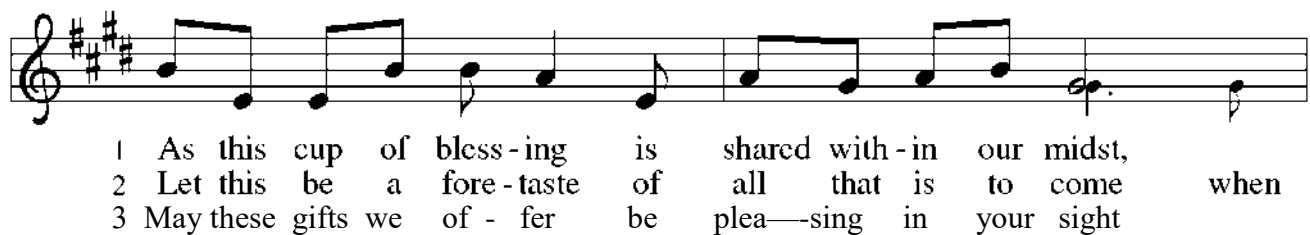
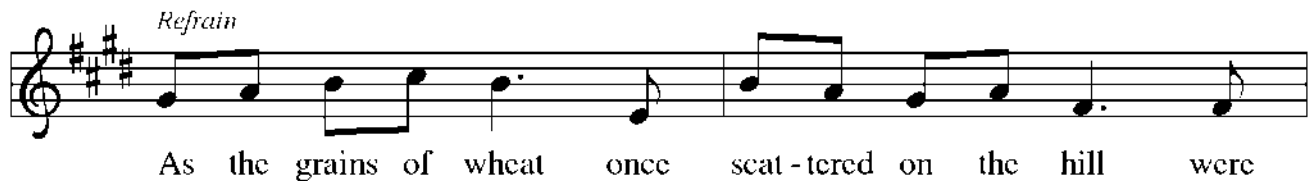
Peace

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

(Please be seated)

Offering Hymn "As the Grains of Wheat"



Offering Prayer

Pastor: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: 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 in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor: O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness. Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song: The earth is full of your glory.

All: **The earth is full of your glory.**

Pastor: We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth. 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.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in the song: The earth is full of your glory.

All: **The earth is full of your glory.**

Pastor: O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth. Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again: The earth is full of your glory.

All: **The earth is full of your glory.**

Pastor: Amen, and amen.

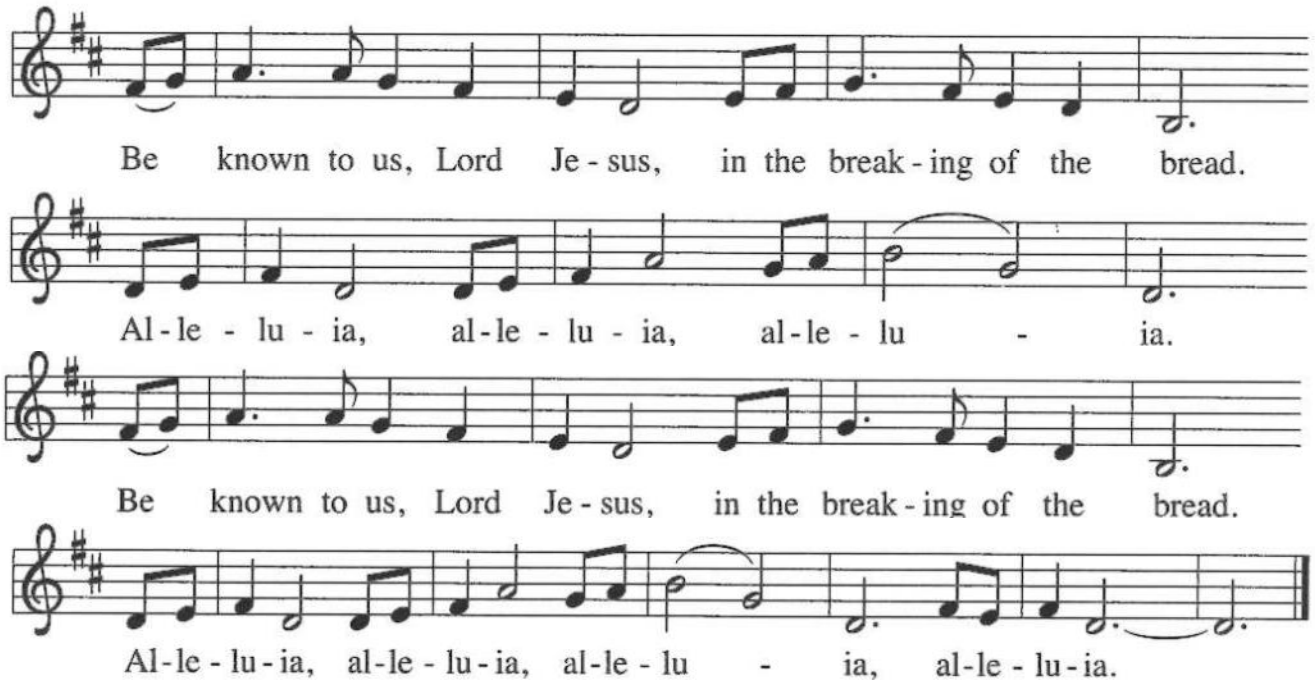
All: **Amen, and amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray as our Savior taught.

All: **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.**

Communion



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

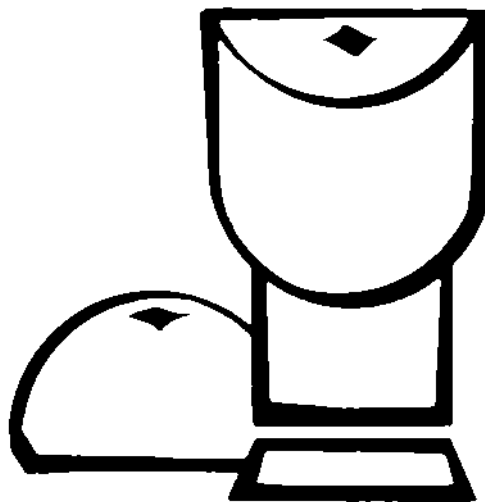
Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first and third staves are identical, with lyrics: "Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread." The second and fourth staves are also identical, with lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases ending in a fermata.

Communion Invitation

Pastor: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!



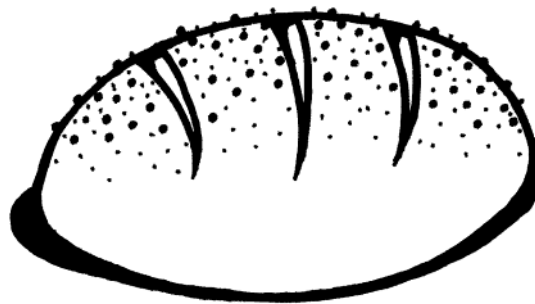
*(if you would like communion to be brought to you in your pew,
please speak to a service leader.)*

Communion Hymn: "In This Feast of Love"

1 In this feast of love, in this
 2 In this bread and wine, in this
 3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

feast of love, Lord, you share your
 bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
 peace, O Lord; fill us with the

blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
 Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
 joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.



(when all are seated the following is sung)

Post Communion Hymn: "Now The Meal Is Over"



1 Part I
Now the meal is o - ver, peace to all who leave here.

2 Part II
Let us now go for - ward with strength and cour - age.

3 Part III
When we leave here, fed and nour - ished,

1
Now the meal is o - ver, peace be with you now.

2
Let us now go for - ward to heal a bro - ken world.

3
love will be our last - ing call.

Post Communion Prayer

Pastor: Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in † Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Praise and Thanksgiving"

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'er, strong de - liv - 'er,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more. feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm. shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more. I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace, carrying the love of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude