

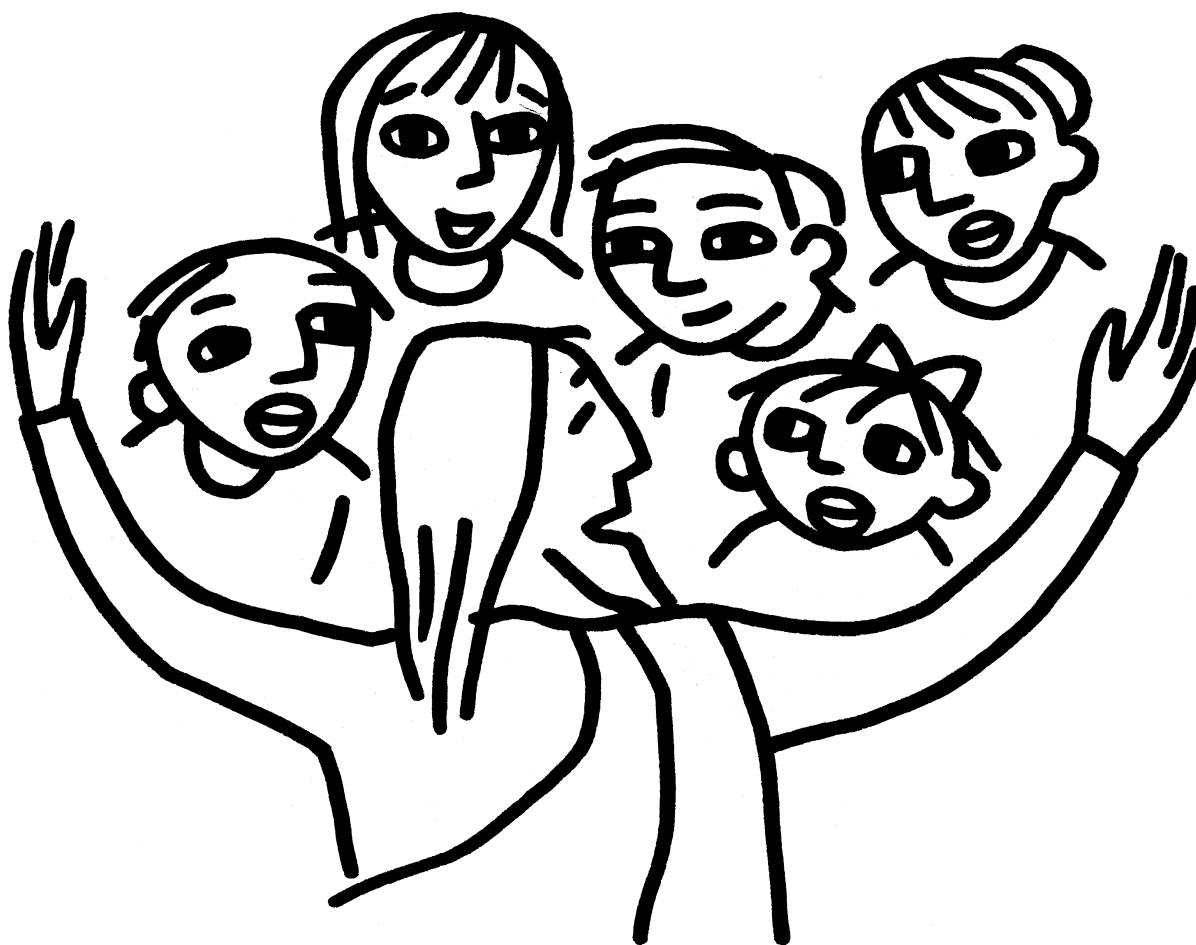


The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

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

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Sunday, September 22, 2024

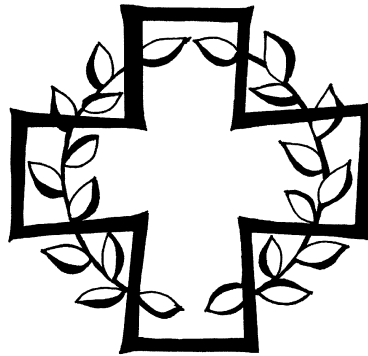


Welcome to Worship at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour
Sharing the Gospel, Learning God's Love, Reaching and Lifting Up Creation!

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Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.



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: "God Is Here"

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is work in Christ we share. Here, as in the
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

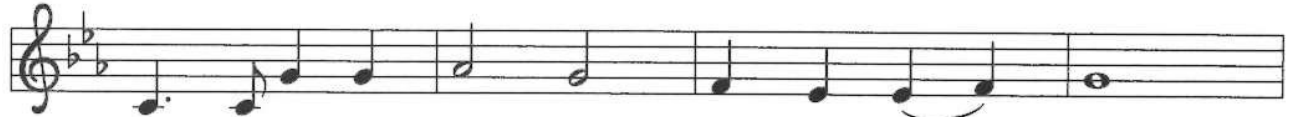
world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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.

Kyrie



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

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: **O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(You may be seated)

The First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Lector: *Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Lector: The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 54

Lector: Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

All: **Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

Lector: For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

All: **Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

Lector: Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

All: **I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

Lector: For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

The Second Reading: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

Lector: *The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.*

A reading from the book of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

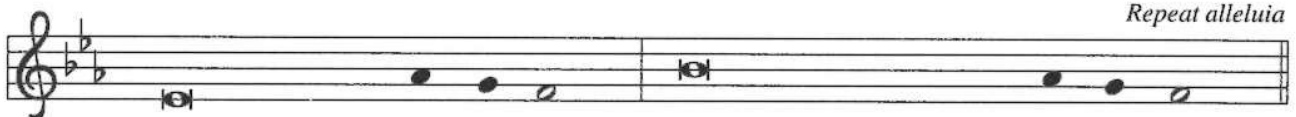
All: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand if you are able)

Gospel Acclamation



Repeat alleluia



The Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37

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

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

Pastor: Jesus and the disciples went on and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

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

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

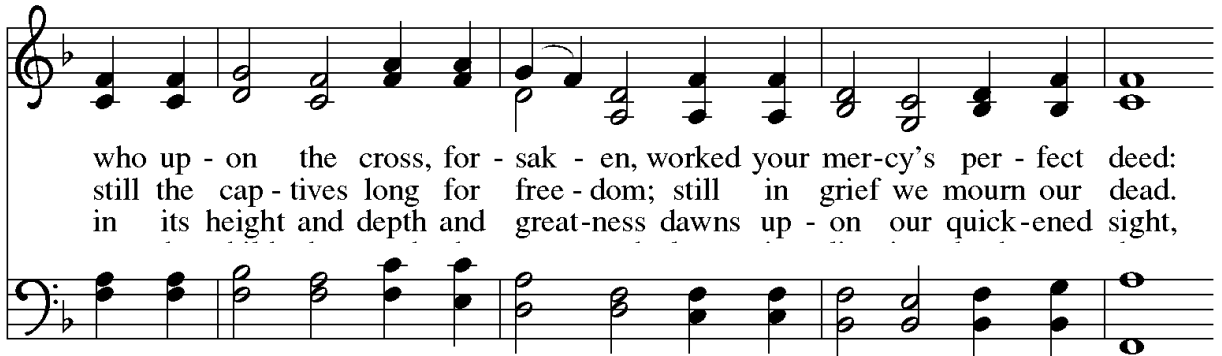
All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**



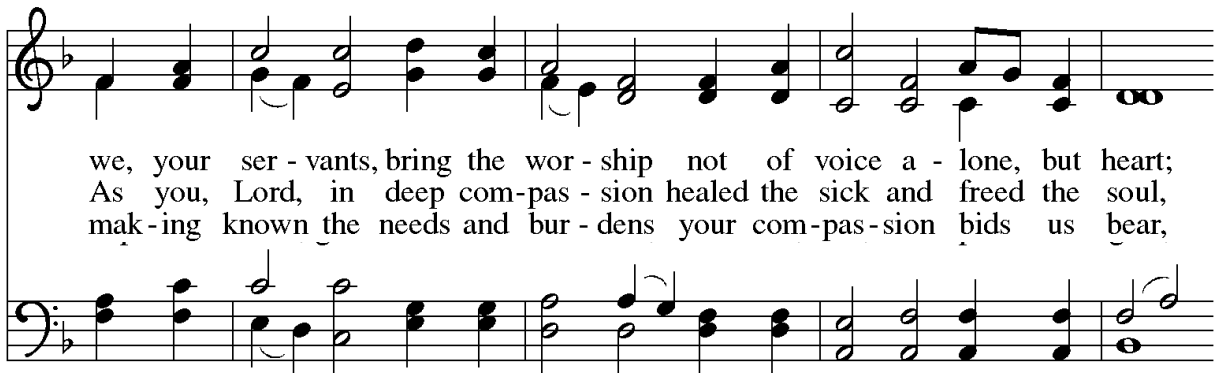
The Hymn of the Day: "Lord Whose Love in Humble Service"



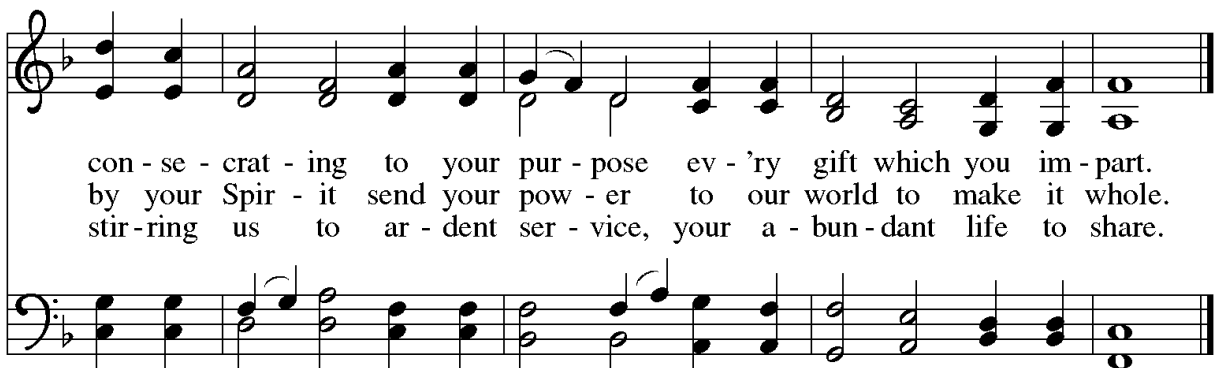
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,

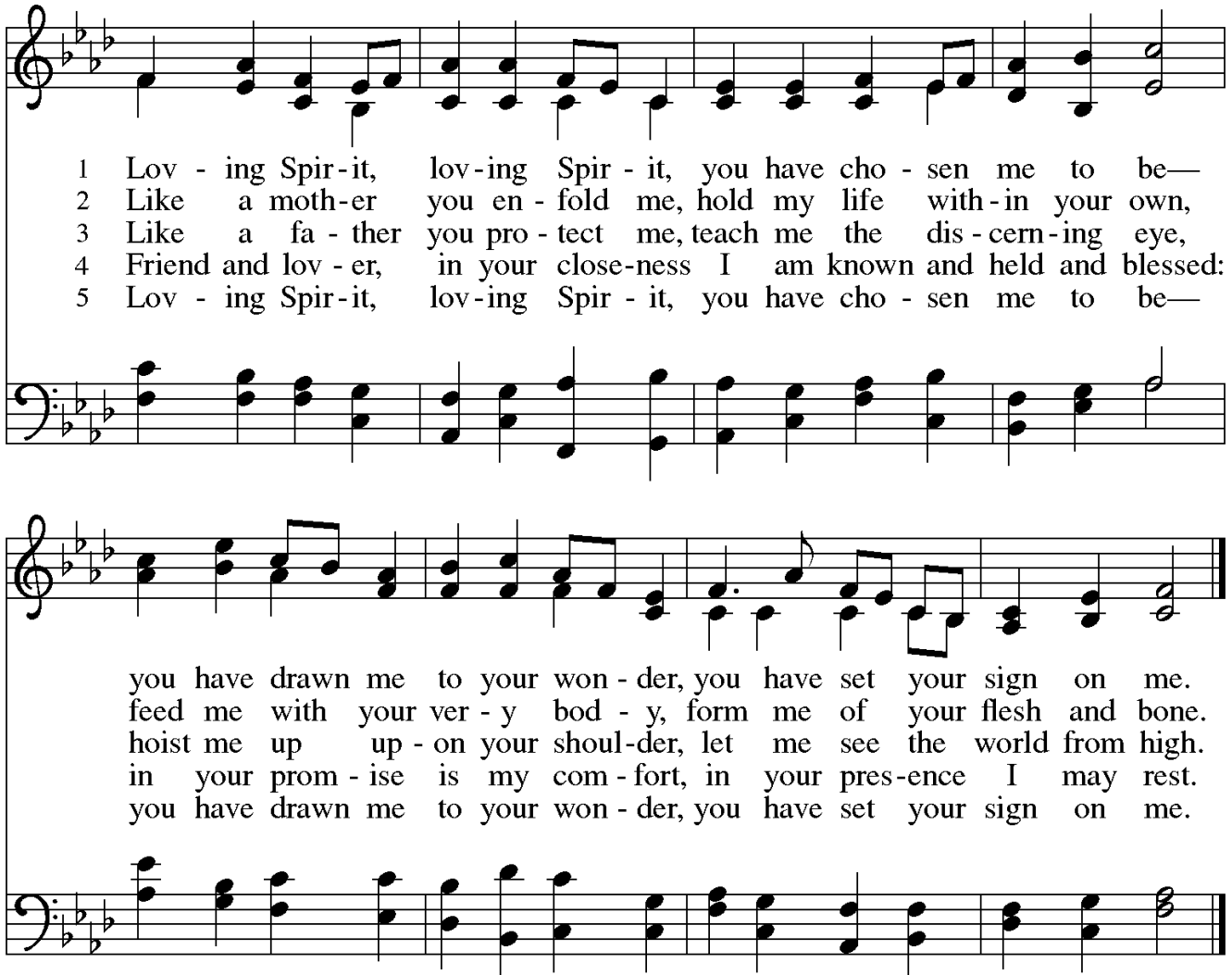


con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.

(You may be seated)

The Sermon: Pastor Joachim Wilck

Hymn of Response: "Loving Spirit"



1 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
2 Like a moth-er you en - fold me, hold my life with-in your own,
3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern-ing eye,
4 Friend and lov - er, in your close-ness I am known and held and blessed:
5 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—

you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
hoist me up up - on your shoul-der, let me see the world from high.
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres-ence I may rest.
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

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:* Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need. *(a brief silence)*
- Loving God, you welcome all at your table of grace. Instill in your church a spirit of humility and curiosity, that we embrace all who seek you. We pray especially for ministries of hospitality and faith formation. Hear us, O God.
- All:* **Your mercy is great.**
- Pastor:* Creating God, you shape the world so there is more than enough for all. Help small independent farmers who properly care for their land and animals thrive, and share their knowledge with the world. Hear us, O God.
- All:* **Your mercy is great.**
- Pastor:* Gracious God, your peace brings justice and solidarity. Encourage peace among peoples, tribes, and nations; heal divisions in our country and that together we might cooperate for the good of all. Hear us, O God.
- All:* **Your mercy is great.**
- Pastor:* Faithful God, you draw near to you all who are in need. Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer especially our members and those we love. Hear us, O God.
- All:* **Your mercy is great.**
- Pastor:* Transforming God, you accompany all through changes and transitions. Help us to see where you are calling this community to new ways of living the gospel promise; assure us that even as change brings loss, it also brings hope and life. Hear us, O God.
- All:* **Your mercy is great.**
- Pastor:* Merciful God, you embrace us on our final pilgrimage from this life. Accompany all who have died, console those who mourn, and at the last, show us the way to eternal life in you. Hear us, O God.
- All:* **Your mercy is great.**
- Pastor:* We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Peace

- Pastor:* The peace of Christ be with you always.
- All:* **And also with you.**

(You may be seated)

Offering Hymn "As the Grains of Wheat"



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



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



- 1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
- 2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
- 3 May these gifts we of - fer be plea—sing in your sight



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



Offering Prayer

Pastor: God of goodness and growth, all; creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wind 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.

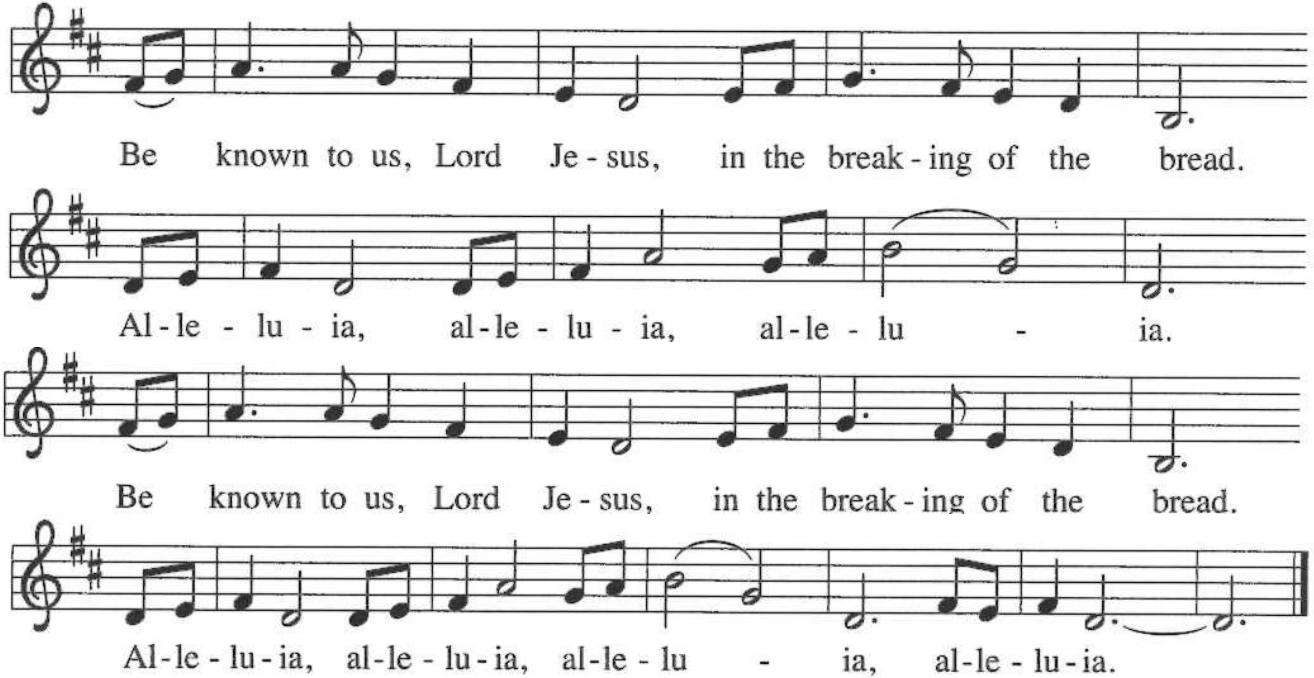
All: **Amen, and amen.**

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.

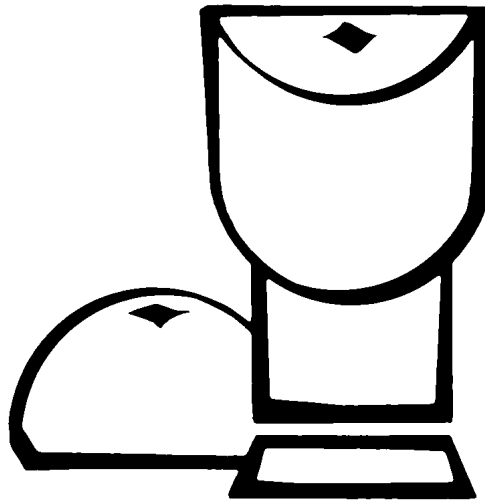
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

Communion Invitation

Pastor: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.



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

Communion Hymn: "When Eyes That We Once Knew as Keen"



1 When eyes that we once knew as keen, a -
 2 When mur - murs come where speech had been, the
 3 These hands that flit - ted o - ver cloth, or
 4 O God, this mind we thought so vast con -



live to ev - 'ry won - drous sight, turn
 laugh - ter gone, the well - turned phrase, the
 rough - ened while the wood grew smooth, that
 tracts, and sim - ple thoughts go wrong, yet



in - ward toward some land un - seen of
 voice that we de - light - ed in, the
 dug the gar - den, stirred the broth, sensed
 still it trea - sures mu - sic past; a



hid - den seas and un - known heights, grant
 pleas - ant chats of oth - er days— though
 when to prod and how to soothe— God,
 wisp of words, a snatch of song. With -



us to look up - on this face and
 these are stilled, may we re - call the
 as we hold now task - less hands, and
 in the bur - dens we must bear your



find the heart to take the loss, the
 hours we spent, the joy we knew, the
 help with cloth - ing, care, and food, we
 grace still shines in such small things. We



pa - tience and a touch of grace to
 words we shared be - fore this wall of
 pray the soul may un - der - stand the
 trust all to your lov - ing care, re -



bear this bit - ter, lin - g'ring cross.
 si - lence and of sor - row grew.
 things we do in grat - i - tude.
 joic - ing that the soul still sings.

Table Blessing

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

Post Communion Hymn: "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a

Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you

heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.

Refrain

By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your
wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your
peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Pastor: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

(Please stand if you are able)

Blessing

Pastor: God, the Source of glory, God the Word of life, God the Spirit of truth † bless you all, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

