



The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

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

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Sunday, September 8, 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

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.



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,

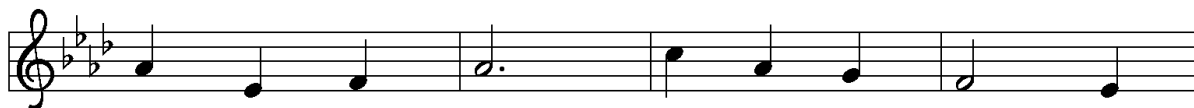
All: **against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

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: "Earth and All Stars!"



1	Earth and all stars!	Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet and pipes!	Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
3	En - gines and steel!	Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
4	Class-rooms and labs!	Loud boil - ing test tubes!
5	Knowl-edge and truth!	Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing	to the Lord	a new song!
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Hail,	wind, and rain!	Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
Harp,	lute, and lyre!	Loud hum - ming cel - los!
Lime - stone	and beams!	Loud build - ing work - ers!
Ath - lete	and band!	Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
Daugh - ter	and son!	Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



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God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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: **Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

(You may be seated)

*“Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come.”*

Isaiah 35:4



The First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Lector: *These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34 portrays God’s vengeance on Edom, Israel’s age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles’ return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; at he burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Lector: The word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146

Lector: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

All: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Lector: Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

All: When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

Lector: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;

All: who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

Lector: who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.

All: The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

Lector: The Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

All: The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

The Second Reading: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

Lector: *Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.*

A reading from the book of James.

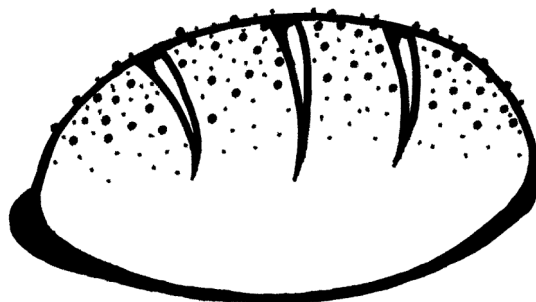
My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

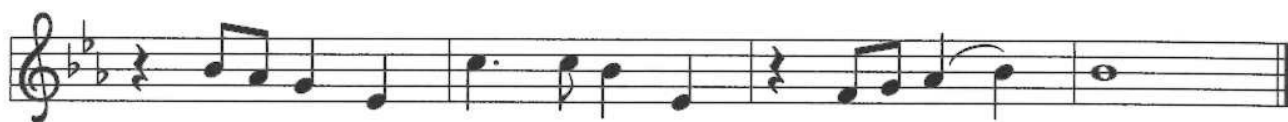
Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



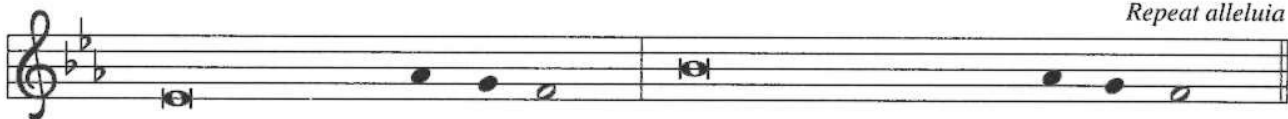
(Please stand if you are able)

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: Mark 7:24-37

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

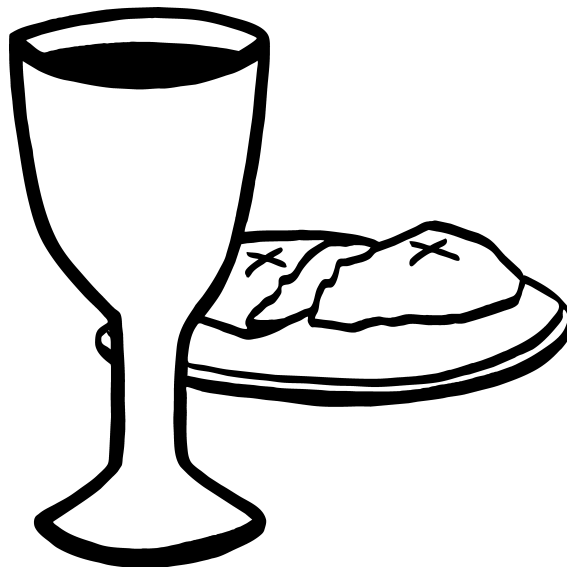
All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pastor: Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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



The Hymn of the Day: "Healer of Our Ev'ry Ill"

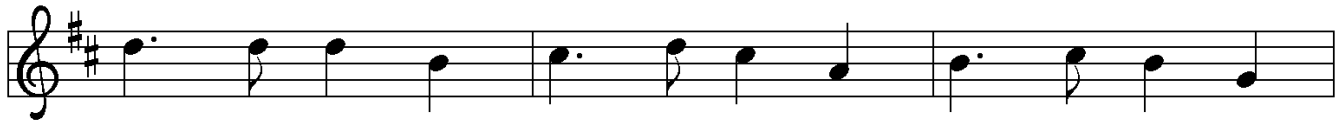
Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

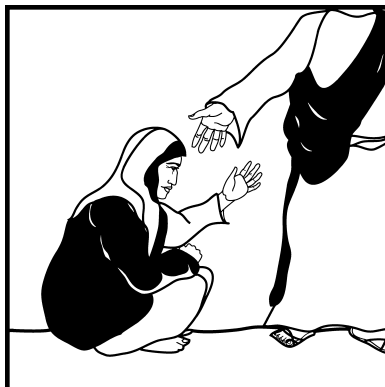
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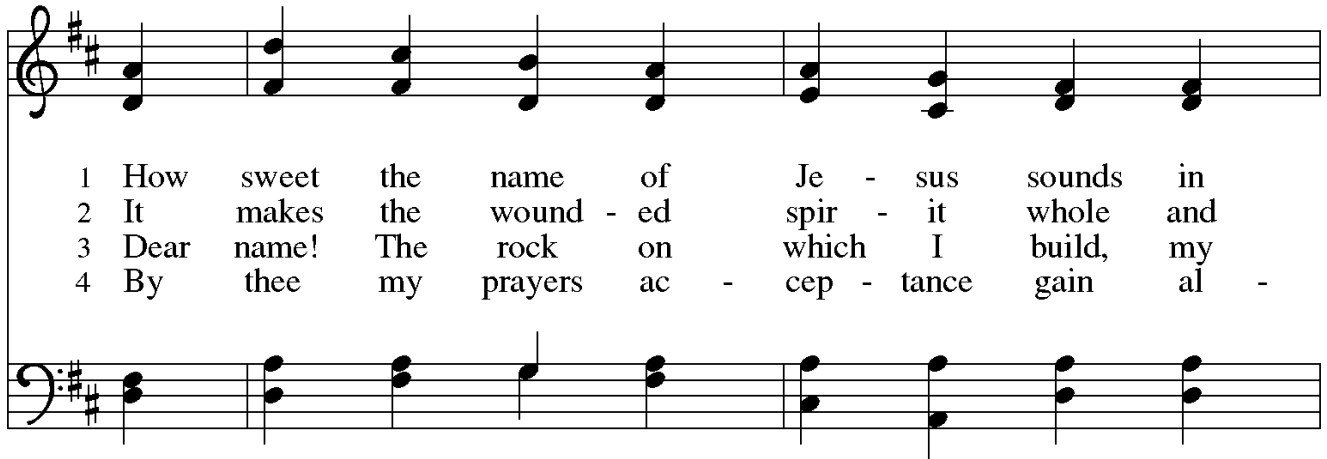
peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

(You may be seated)

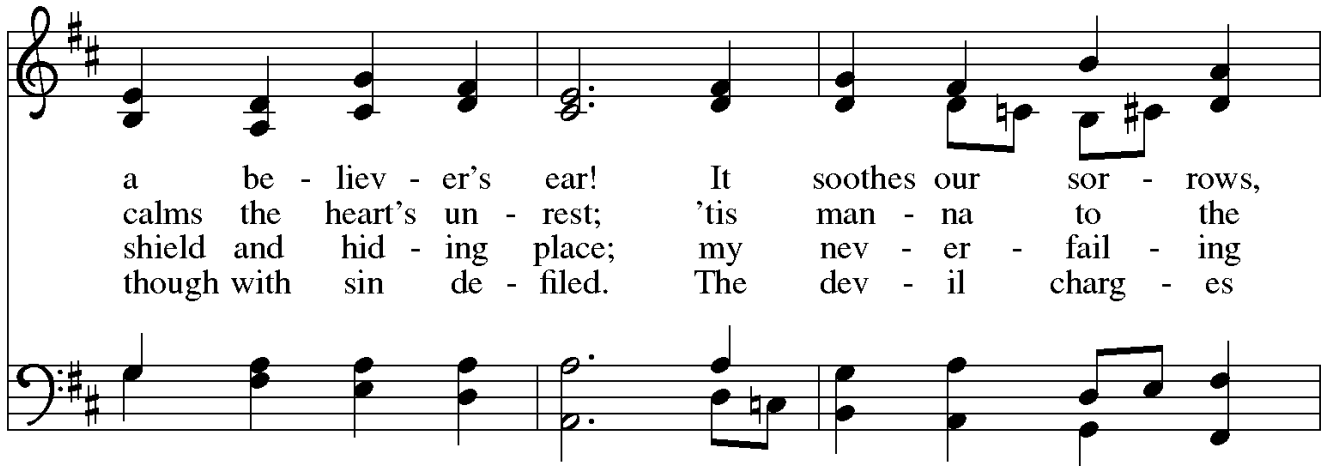
The Sermon: Pastor Joachim Wilck



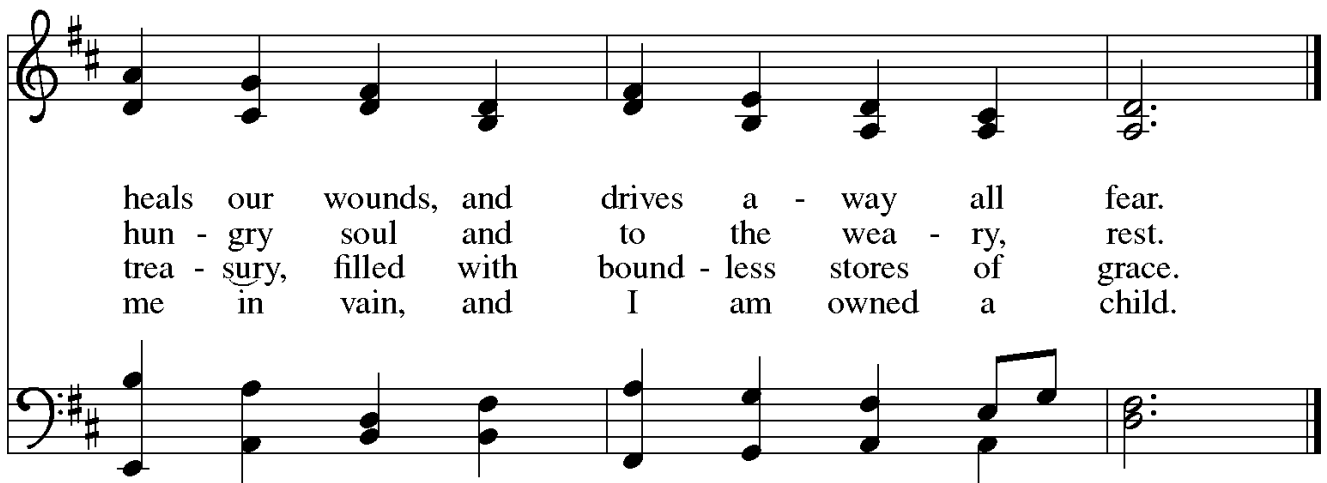
Hymn of Response: "How Sweet the Name of Jesus"



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my
 4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
 shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing
 though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
 hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.
 trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.
 me in vain, and I am owned a child.

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)*

Awaken in our communities of faith a spirit of radical hospitality. Encourage our churches to celebrate and embrace people of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and abilities. Deepen our commitment to ecumenical and interreligious partnerships. Hear us, O God.

All: **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Bring forth water to nourish plants and animals in places suffering from drought. Renew our commitments to protect rivers, lakes, and streams, and make us good stewards of water in our homes and communities. Preserve wetland habitats and the creatures that make their homes there. Hear us, O God.

All: **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Inspire leaders of cities, nations, and tribes to lead with wisdom and humility. Bring peace among peoples in conflict and strengthen global commitments to nonviolent solutions. Guide all who seek refuge from war to a safe haven. Hear us, O God.

All: **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Comfort all who live with chronic illness. Surround them in your tender embrace and sustain all who provide ongoing care and support. Bring hope and healing to people struggling with addiction and nourish the spirits of all who are in recovery. Hear us, O God.

All: **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Nurture in all people the gift of your creating Spirit. Inspire artists and musicians, woodworkers and quilters, poets and dancers. Revive those whose artistic wells have run dry and enliven all who doubt their creative talents. Hear us, O God.

All: **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: We give you thanks for all who have died and now find their rest in you. May their faithful witness guide us in our daily life with 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.

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"



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: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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.



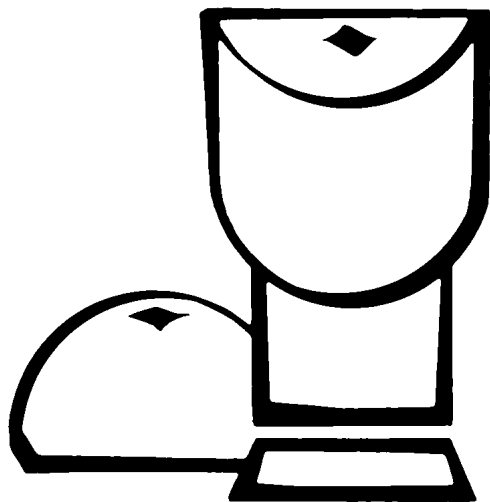
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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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: "All Good Gifts" *from the musical Godspell.*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see . . . the bright - ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run . . . with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life . . . is Je - sus.
 and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 we shall know the joy . . . of Je - sus.

In him there is no dark - ness at all.

The night and the day are both a - like.

The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

(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: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another through Jesus Christ our Lord.

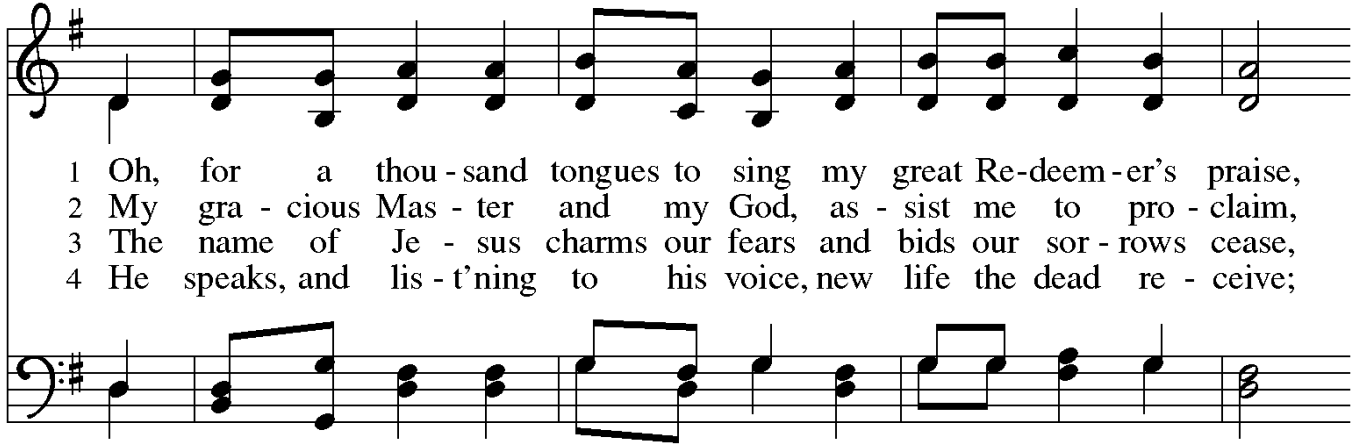
All: Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

