

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**SUNDAY, 9/21** 8:15AM WORSHIP -NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED  
9:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:30AM YOUNG AT HEART BREAKFAST  
10:45AM WORSHIP WITH SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

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**MONDAY, 9/22** 6:00PM PRAYER GROUP  
7:00PM BIBLE STUDY

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**TUESDAY, 9/23** 7:00PM MEN'S GROUP

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**WEDNESDAY, 9/24** 7:00PM SCRAPBOOKING IN THE MILLER PARLOR

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**THURSDAY, 9/25** 12:00PM BIBLE STUDY  
7:00PM CHOIR REHEARSAL

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**FRIDAY, 9/26**

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**SATURDAY, 9/27**

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**SUNDAY, 9/28** 8:15AM WORSHIP  
9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:45AM WORSHIP WITH BAPTISM

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**Young at Heart...** TODAY at **9:30AM** in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast. We will preview the topics for the upcoming months & discuss potential areas of service in our community.

**Theology on Tap....**will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 30th at the Manor Grille in Irwin at 7:00PM. All are welcome to join us!

**Parking....** It has come to our attention that people have been parking in the former dentist office across the street. We have been asked not to park there. Thank you in advance.

Welcome Members and Visitors today!

**Sunday School Classes** are back !  
Registration sheets can be picked up in the Narthex or email the office for the online registration form.  
New registrations are needed each year.  
Please invite friends to come!

**Grown-up and Me Class...!**

There is a new class for children 2 years and younger to learn about God's love and for their grown-ups to connect. Please share this with anyone with children in this age range.

**Bible Studies..... Join us anytime!**

**Monday night Bible Study** meets at 7:00PM.  
We will be discussing the Council of Nicea - which celebrates its 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year!

**Thursday Bible Study** meets at Noon in the Miller Parlor.  
Topic: Who is Jesus?

**Scrapbooking .... All are welcome to join us for** Scrapbooking in the Miller Parlor- Sept. 24th and continuing the last Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM.

**Acolyte Meeting .....**

October 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM.  
All Acolytes and those interested in being an acolyte, please plan to attend !

**Our Harvest Festival coming this fall...**

Join us on **Sunday, October 19th following the 2nd Service** with all of our favorite fall foods and entertainment by Mikey Dee.

Tickets on Sale after each service!

Seating will be limited so mark your calendar and plan to attend!

**Dinner Church...**Join us October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall

**October Community Meal...**

Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

Doors open at 5:00 PM. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM.

**Pet Blessing... October 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM,**  
Bring your leashed or caged pet! We will be outside.



*Altar Flowers*

The **Altar Flowers** are presented to the Glory of God, and in memory of their beloved mother, Norma Jean Wisser, by her daughters, Janis and Jennifer.

**ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP**

	8:15	10:45
Assisting Minister	Tracy McNelly	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Communion Assistants	Melissa Fox Glenda Wendling	Zack and Sami Tinsley
Lector	Pat Koos	Bob Cessna
Acolyte	Garrett Fennell	Ty Cessna
Greeters		Sonnie Freed Luella Tomasello
Altar Guild		

Set-up Saturday, Sept. 20		Lori Thomas
Sunday, Sept. 21	8:15	Lori Thomas
	10:45	Zack and Sami Tinsley
Set-up Saturday, Sept. 27		Nina Saccamano and Debbie Curtis
Sunday, Sept. 28	8:15	Lois Brown and Debbie Reed
	10:45	Nina Saccamano and Debbie Curtis

**Food Pantry**

2025 Distribution Dates: Oct. 11, Dec. 13

Items needed currently:

Canned yams	Stuffing mix	Mashed potato mix	Turkey gravy
Cranberry sauce		Kleenex	Bar soap
Antibacterial wipes/spray		single serve	Chef Boyardee

Items always requested:

Mac & cheese/pasta	Applesauce	Baked beans	Canned fruit
Canned tuna	Cereal	Granola bars	Pasta Sauce
Oatmeal	Paper Towels	Peanut butter & Jelly	
Potato/rice mix	Pudding Cups	Toilet Paper	
PB & Cheese Crackers	Cake/muffin/brownie mix		

Many thanks for the generous donations to date! If you would like to donate money, please mark "food pantry" in the subject line on your check or you may use one of the pew envelopes. Food pantry contact: Jodi Waugaman at 724-516-9680 or [waugawoman86@comast.net](mailto:waugawoman86@comast.net)

## **Worship Plan for Sunday, September 21, 2025**

Lectionary 25

15th Sunday after Pentecost

### **Introduction to the day**

*As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.*

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** Pastor

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

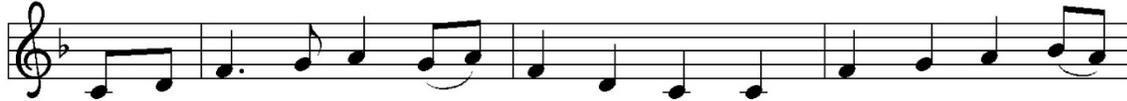
Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG** *All Are Welcome* #641

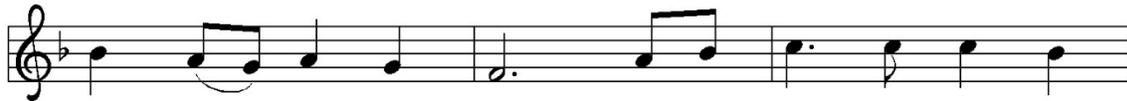
## All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

**\*GREETING**

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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.**

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

FESTIVAL CANTICLE: WORTHY IS CHRIST

Richard Hillert

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le -



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

1-5 to Verses Final

Verses



1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4. "Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -



1. blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
2. hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.  
3. join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. (to Vs 4)  
4. God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men."  
5. gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

to Refrain

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## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7**

*Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.*

<sup>4</sup> Hear this, you who trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

<sup>5</sup> saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain,

and the Sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier  
and practice deceit with false balances,

<sup>6</sup> buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals

and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

<sup>7</sup> The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 113**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;  
praise the name of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> **Let the name of the LORD be blessed,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

<sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its going down  
let the name of the LORD be praised.

<sup>4</sup> **The LORD is high above all nations;  
God's glory above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup> Who is like the LORD our God,  
who sits enthroned on high,

<sup>6</sup> **but stoops to behold  
the heavens and the earth?**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

<sup>8</sup> **enthroning them with the rulers,  
with the rulers of the people.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

**SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7**

*The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.*

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,

<sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time.<sup>7</sup> For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**CELTIC ALLELUIA**

*Celtic Mass*

Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Celtic Alleluia. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes.

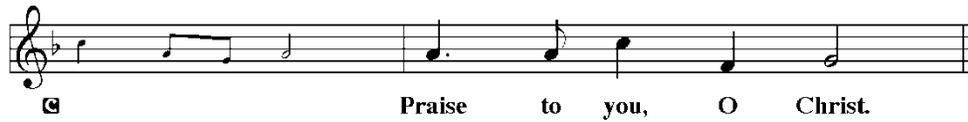
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**\*GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13**

The holy gospel according to.....



The gospel of the Lord.



## Children's Sermon

## SERMON

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**    *Let Streams of Living Justice*    #710

## Let Streams of Living Justice



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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## **Welcoming New Members to the Congregation 8:15 only**

### **10:45 skip to Apostles' Creed**

#### **Presentation of New Members**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Introduction of each new member.

#### **Patrick Fitzgerald**

#### **Halle Copeman, children - Kennedy and Hayden**

#### **Victoria McCune, son, Bastion**

#### **Apostles' Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.**

#### **Address and Questions**

*The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.*

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Friends in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

*Those being welcomed respond.*

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Stir up in \_\_\_\_\_

the gift of your Holy Spirit:

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,

the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,

the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYERS** Assisting minister

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

We give you thanks for our new members,

whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ

and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith.

Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the

prayers, and in service to others. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Compassionate God, we pray for all facing illness, those near death, or those grieving the loss of loved ones (*especially*). May they find comfort and

strength in your love. Prepare us to surround them with your healing care.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

## **Pastor**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

## **Welcome**

Let us welcome these new members to this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.  
Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## **Skip to Sharing of Peace**

### **\*Apostles' Creed 10:45 only**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.**

### **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION assisting minister 10:45 only**

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Compassionate God, we pray for all facing illness, those near death, or those grieving the loss of loved ones (*especially*). May they find comfort and strength in your love. Prepare us to surround them with your healing care. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Gracious God, we give thanks for the saints who now join the heavenly chorus in praising your name. Lift us up from grief and remind us of your promise of new life. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

### **Pastor**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

### **\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

### **OFFERING**

Choir Anthem: *Come as You Are*

## \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE



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

## \*OFFERING PRAYER *assisting minister*

Let us pray.

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are in need, though Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

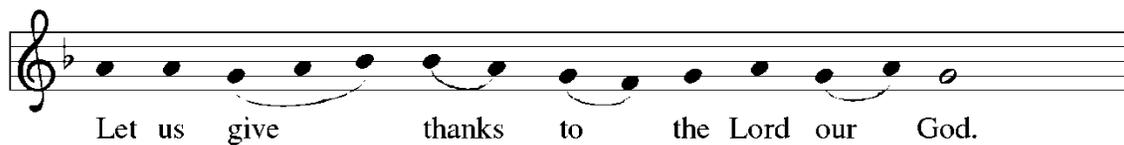
**\*DIALOGUE** **Pastor**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

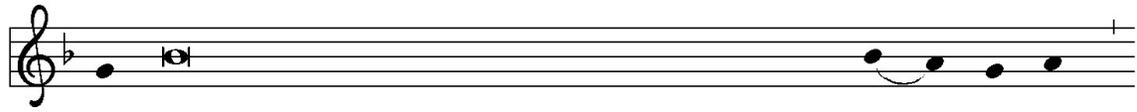


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**\*PREFACE**



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;



who on this day overcame death and the grave,



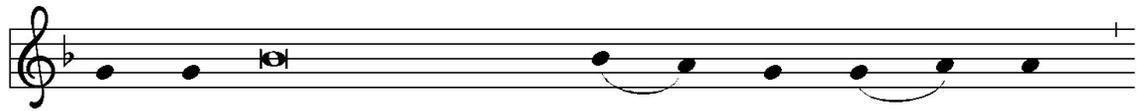
and by his glorious resur - rec - tion



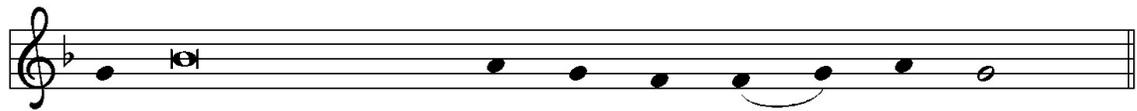
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.



And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,

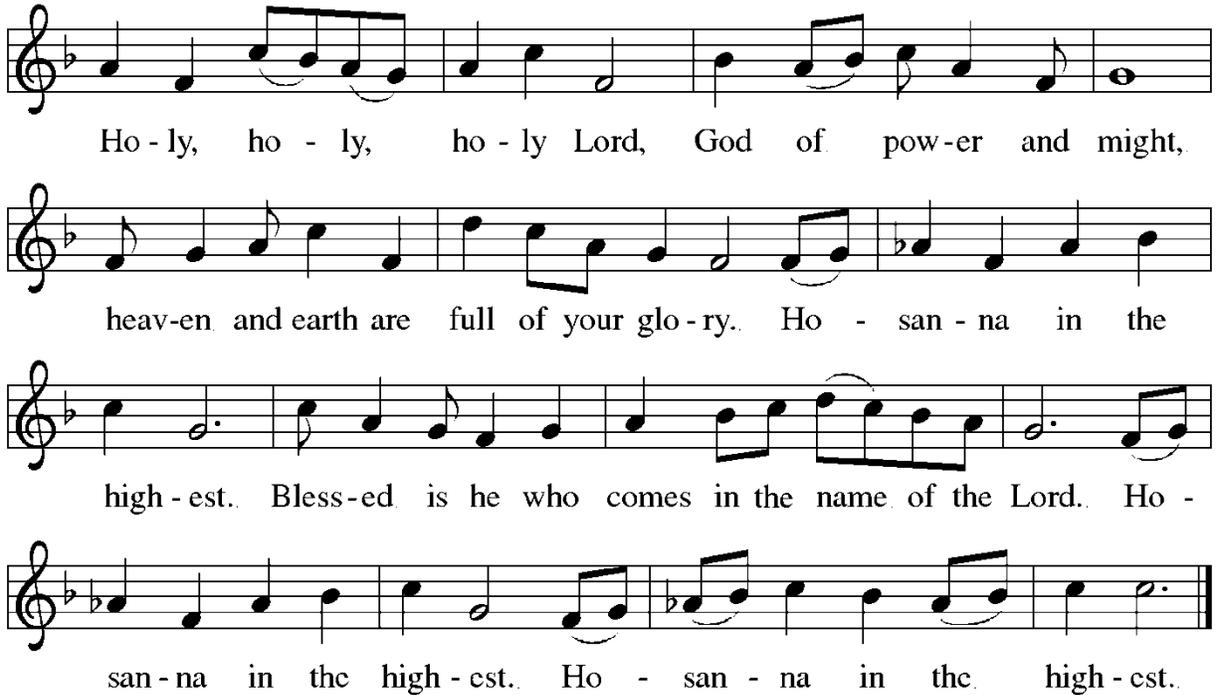


with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,



we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

### \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

### \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER** Pastor

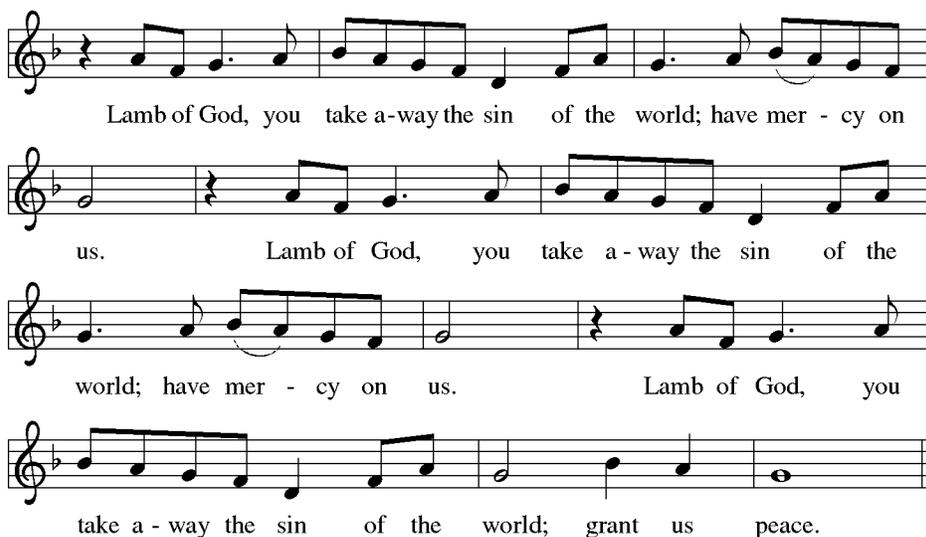
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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** Pastor

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**COMMUNION SONG**



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.

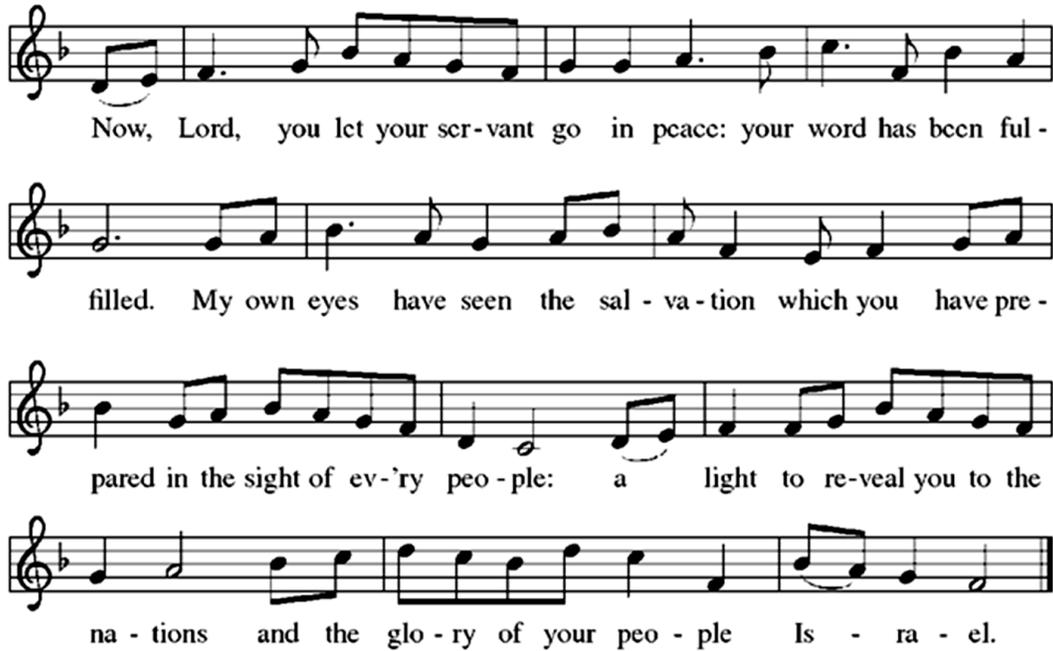
## Communion

Hymn During Communion: ***Be Thou My Vision #793***

### \*COMMUNION BLESSING **Pastor**

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

### \*SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful-  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -  
pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the  
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION **assisting minister**

Let us pray.

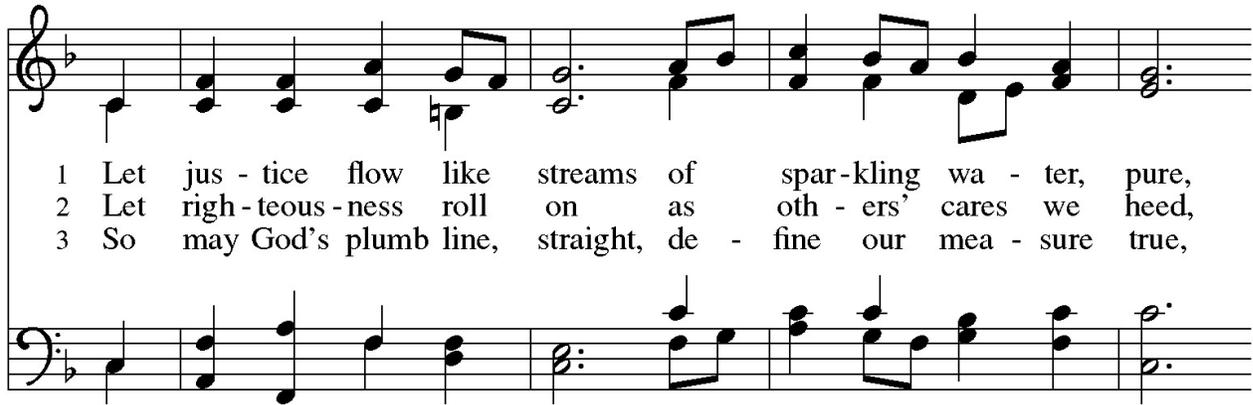
O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### \*BENEDICTION **Pastor**

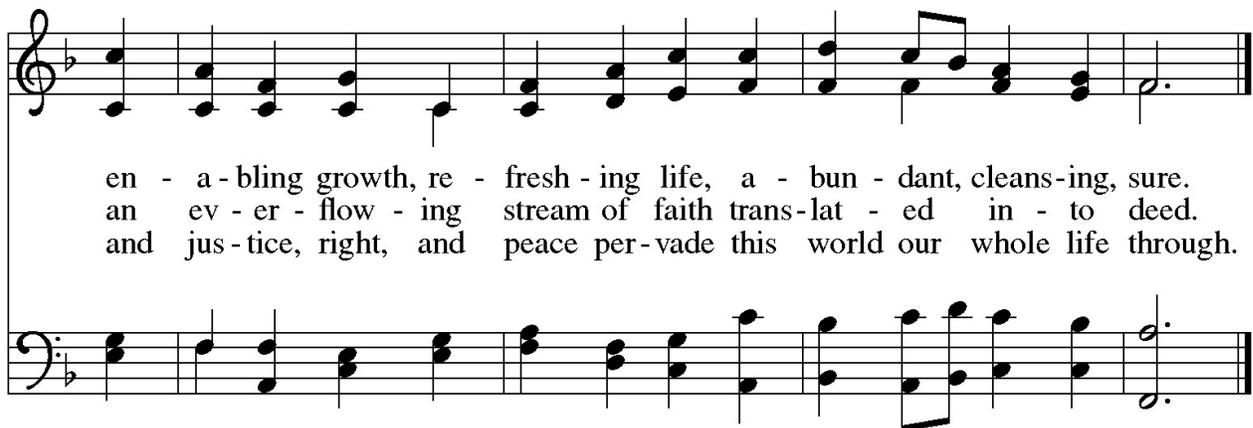
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace. **Amen.**

### \*SENDING SONG ***Let Justice Flow like Streams #717***

## Let Justice Flow like Streams



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,  
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.  
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

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**\*DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

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