Weekly Calendar

Sunday, 10/11 8:15am Worship
9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship w/ ASL Interpreter
1:30PM PET BLESSING outside here at HTLC

Monday, 10/12 6:00pm Prayer Group
7:00pm Bible Study

Tuesday, 10/13

Wednesday, 10/14 7:00pm COUNCIL Meeting

Thursday, 10/15 7am-10am Fellowship Hall Rsvd.
Noon Bible Study
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, 10/16

Saturday, 10/17 9:30am Food Pantry Distribution

Sunday, 10/18 8:15am Worship with *CONFIRMATION*
9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship w/Asl Interpreter

PET BLESSING TODAY at Holy Trinity

Sunday, October 11th at 1:30pm
Bring your caged or leashed pet!



Women's Faith and Fellowship will meet

Wednesday, **October 21st at 7:00pm** in the Miller Parlor.
All women are invited to join us!

In difficult times, doing crafts, gardening and using our hands can help keep us grounded.
Join us as we make mosaic crosses and see how the Bible leads.

Welcome Members and Visitors today!

Acolyte robes... are at the top of the steps going to the balcony from the narthex

Sunday School Registrations are available in the church and in the Sunday School classrooms. Please fill out a new form every year!

Men's Group will meet on Saturday, November 14th at 8:00AM for breakfast here at Holy Trinity.

Bible Studies.....

Bible 101.....will meet in person on OCTOBER 1st at 6:00pm. In between the in person study, Bible 101 will be on Facebook Live on Wednesdays and then put on You Tube later in the week. Bible 101 will explore: what is the Bible, how is the Bible put together, how can we best read it and apply it to our lives.

Monday evening Bible Study meets @ 7:00PM, we are studying Joshua.
Thursday Bible Study meets at Noon, we are studying Abraham.

Community Meal —Monday, **October 19-**
Dinner is served at 6:00. All Are Welcome!

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

Love to sing? Join the choir!

One hour rehearsals on Thursdays!
Practice recordings are provided!
See David or email music@htlc.church
Make music for the Lord!



The Altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of my dad, Ron Brentzel's birthday, with love and gratitude for the blessing he is to our family. He is the most authentic person I know, and his presence makes all of our lives richer. He is the one we turn to with our questions, because he always seems to know the answer and shares his wisdom with patience and love. He finds joy in the beauty of nature and in the simple gift of being surrounded by his family. We thank God for his life, his steady love, and the gift of celebrating another year with him.
All my love, Jennifer

Food Pantry 2026 Dates:
October 17 (Thanksgiving), December 12 (Christmas)

Items needed currently, special requests:

Pancake mix	Pancake syrup	Sugar cookie mix
Canned frosting	Christmas candy	Laundry detergent
Liquid hand soap		

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	
Peanut Butter and Cheese Crackers		Cake/muffin/brownie mix	
Chef Boyardee	Canned Vegetables		

Thanks for the generous donations to date! If you would like to donate money, please mark "food pantry" on an envelope. Food pantry contact: Jodi Waugaman at 724-516-9680 or waugawoman86@comcast.net

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

	8:15	10:45
Assisting Ministers	Rick Bavolek	Jodi Richardson
Communion Assistants	Julie Kuhn Debbie Gilkey	Mike Stark Susan Siems
Lectors	Tracy McNelly	Dee Withrow
Acolytes	Katelyn Holsopple	Nadea Scheideman
Greeters		Brian and Andrea Smith
Livestream		Bob Cessna

Altar Guild

Set-up Saturday, Oct. 10		Diane Kowalski, Sandy Tomko, Cookie Nee
Sun., Oct. 11	8:15	Cindy McCune, Mauritta Moyer, Donna Reyes
	10:45	Diane Kowalski, Sandy Tomko, Cookie Nee
Set-up Saturday, Oct. 17		Mimi Wielobo and Debbie Kunkle
Sun.,Oct. 18	8:15	Julie Kuhn and Glenda Wendling
	10:45	Mimi Wielobo and Debbie Kunkle



Holy Trinity now accepts donations thru Venmo
@HolyTrinityLutheranInIrwin

HELP WANTED: USHERS

HOLY TRINITY WANTS YOU! HTLC plans to increase the number of Ushers for worship services. Please consider joining the ranks! Watch for sign-up sheets.

There will be a **training session** scheduled **SOON**.

Worship Plan for Sunday, October 11, 2026
Lectionary 28
Proper 23
20th Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion Setting Two
Sunday, October 11, 2026

Introduction to the day

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

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ***Pastor***

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

*GATHERING SONG *As We Gather at Your Table* #522

As We Gather at Your Table



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Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932
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***GREETING Pastor**
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.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY Pastor**
Let us pray.
A brief silence is kept before the prayer.
Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9
After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

1 O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
2 For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt.
3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. 4 For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, 5 the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. 7 And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations;
8 he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. 9 It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 23

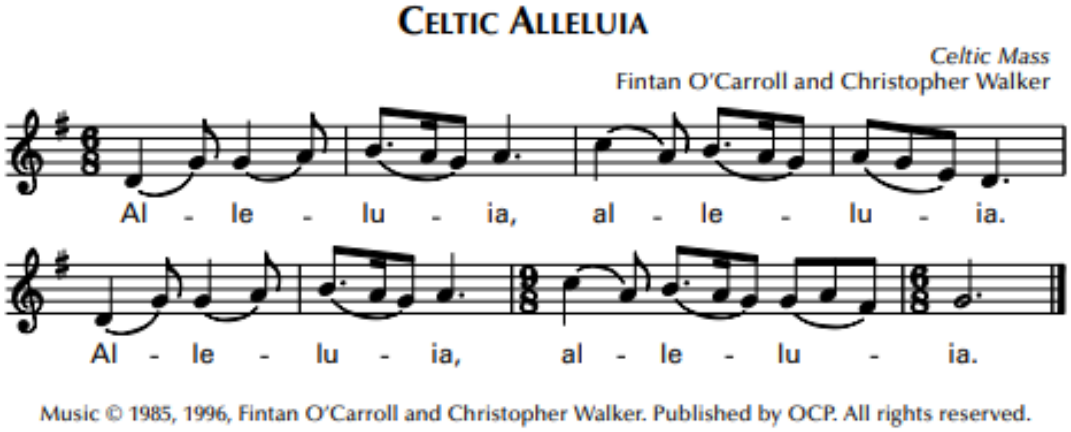
1 The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
2 **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures**
and leads me beside still waters.
3 You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
6 **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,**
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

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

1 My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,
stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.
3 Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they
have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement
and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.
4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your
gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious
about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of
God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your
minds in Christ Jesus.
8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is
commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of
praise, think about these things. 9 As for the things that you have learned
and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace
will be with you.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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***GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14**

The holy gospel according to ….

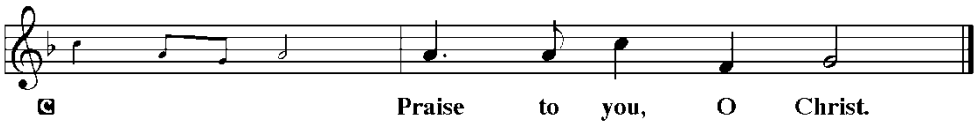


Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

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

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

The gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Rejoice in the Lord Always* by Jeff Enns
Based on Philippians 4:4

****Apostles' Creed***

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.

Assisting Minister

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain. Empower all so that the world may know your undivided love.
Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise of green pastures and quiet waters. Preserve all places of natural beauty and renew our love for your earth.
Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise to not abandon us amid storm and disaster. Renew all communities facing disasters and give your courage to those leading relief efforts.
Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember your promise to wipe away every tear. Heal and console all who are sick or suffering (*especially*). Receive our prayer, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise of a banquet open to all people. Challenge this congregation to open wide our doors and welcome everyone to the table.
Receive our prayer, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember your promise to swallow up death forever. We give thanks for those who have gone before us. Receive our prayer, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Pastor

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

OFFERING
Anthem:

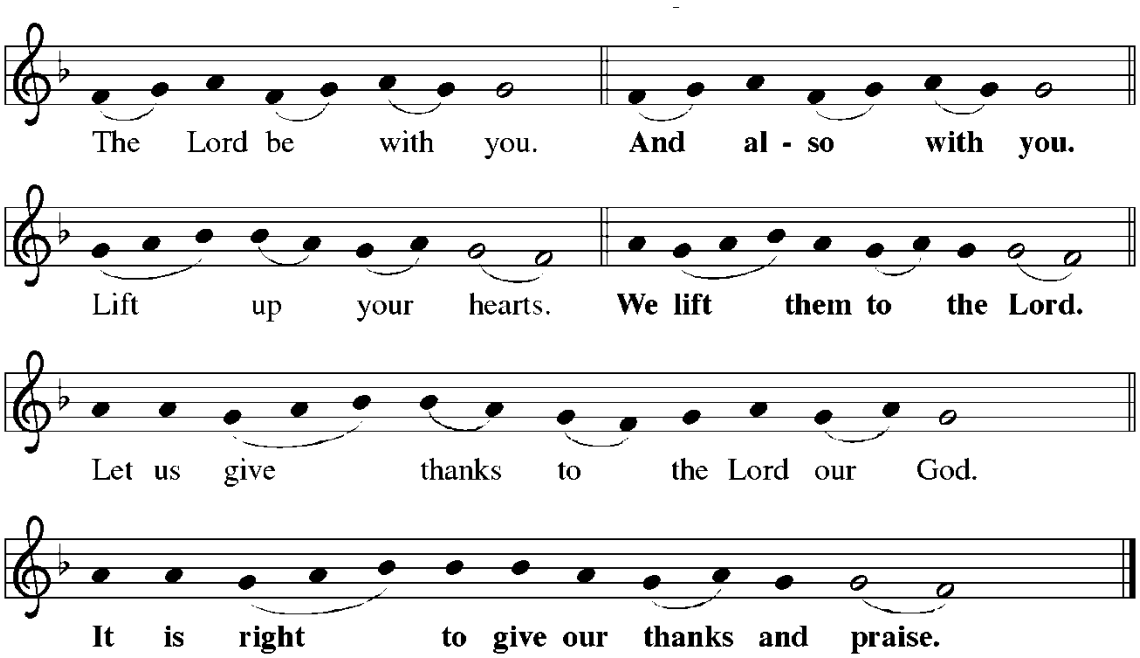
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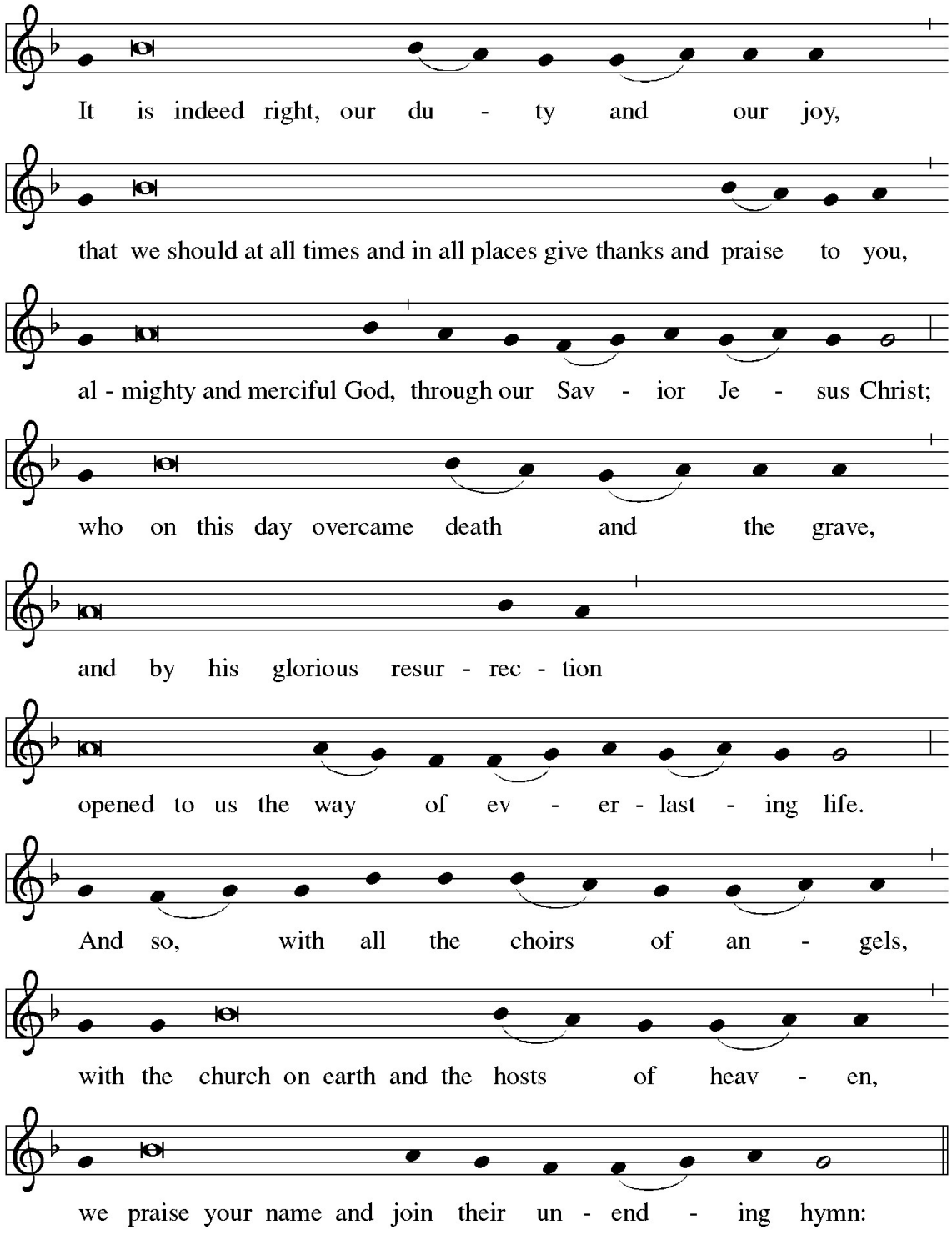
OFFERING PRAYER** ***Assisting Minister

God of creation, all blessings are from you.
Make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always. **Amen.**

***DIALOGUE** **Pastor**

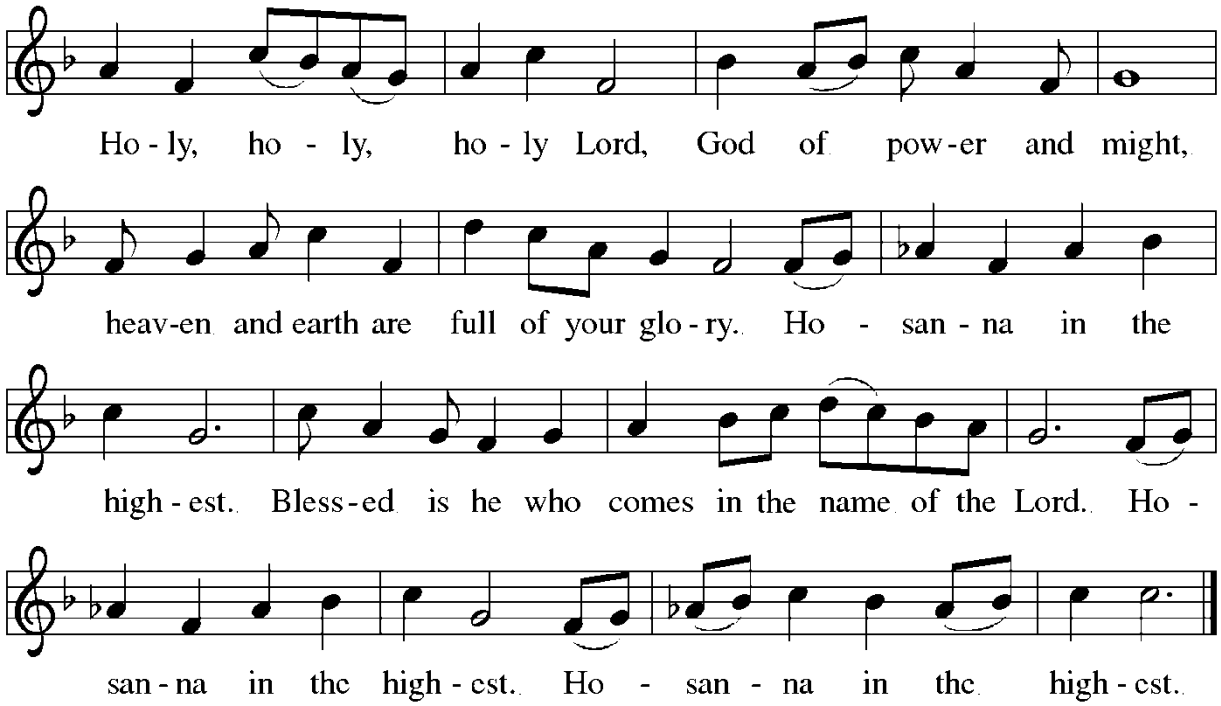


***PREFACE**



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***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE Pastor**

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.

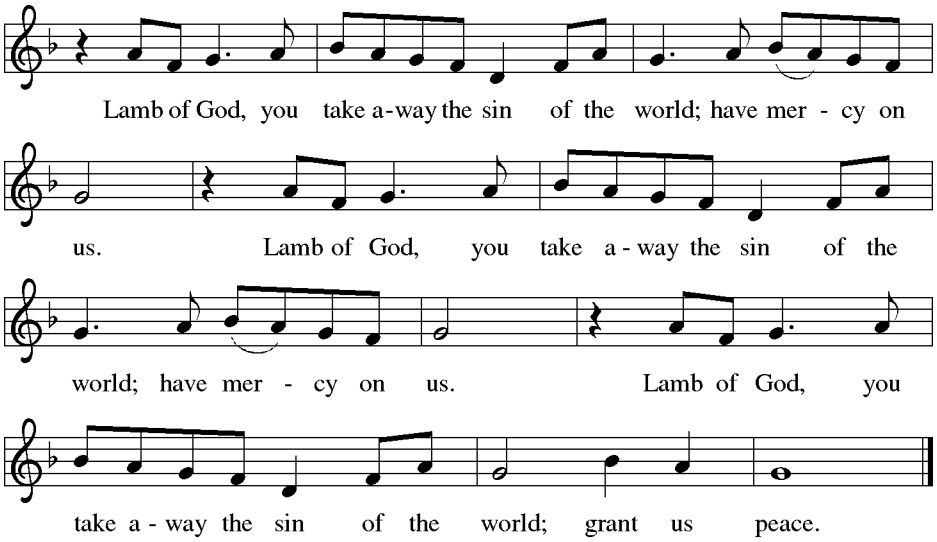
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

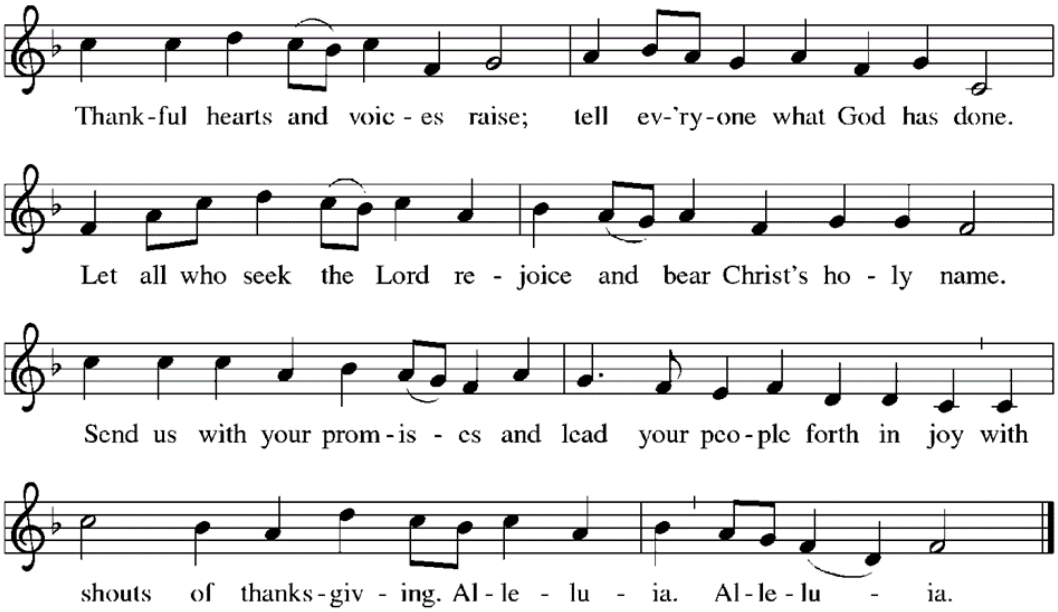
COMMUNION SONG



COMMUNION
Hymn During Communion***: Now We Join in Celebration #462***

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

***SONG AFTER COMMUNION**



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** ***Assisting Minister
Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a world in need.
Amen.

***BLESSING Pastor**
The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG** ***Sent Forth by God's Blessing **547**

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DISMISSAL** ***Assisting Minister

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

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