

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 8/30		BLESSING OF SCHOOL YEAR AT BOTH SERVICES
		8:15AM WORSHIP
		9:30AM YOUTH GATHERING MEETING WITH PASTOR SARAH
		10:45AM WORSHIP
MONDAY, 8/31		
TUESDAY, 9/1		
7:00PM PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING		
WEDNESDAY, 9/2		
THURSDAY, 9/3		
7:00PM CHOIR REHEARSAL		
FRIDAY, 9/4		
OFFICE CLOSED		
SATURDAY, 9/5		
SUNDAY, 9/6		8:15AM WORSHIP
		10:45AM WORSHIP WITH ASL INTERPRETER
		5:30PM DINNER CHURCH

Youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering
will be meeting with Pastor Sarah
TODAY at 9:30am - August 30th.

Sunday School Registrations are available in the church. Please fill out a new form every year!
Sunday School resumes September 20th at 9:30am.

Women's Faith and Fellowship will meet
Wednesday, **September 16th at 7:00pm** in the Miller Parlor.
All women are invited to join us!

Welcome Members and Visitors today!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE & PICNIC: 10:45am

Join us on **Sunday Morning, September 13th**
at the Wendel Club on Hahntown-Wendel Rd, Irwin

RAIN OR SHINE...
there is a beautiful large pavilion if there is rain.

Remember to bring your lawn chair for the worship service!

And please sign-up in the narthex if you are planning to stay for lunch following the outdoor worship service.

(We will still have our 8:15AM service in the Sanctuary if you are unable to attend the Outdoor Worship event)

Dinner Church– Sunday, **Sept 6th and Sept 27th**
Service at 5:30, Dinner is served at 6:00.
All Are Welcome!

Bible Studies.....

Bible 101.....will meet in person on OCTOBER 1st at 6:00pm.
No in person Bible 101 in September.
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 will resume Sept. 14 @ 7:00PM
And Thursday Noon Bible Study will resume Sept. 10th.

HELP WANTED: USHERS

HOLY TRINITY WANTS YOU! Over the next 3 months HTLC plans to increase the number of Ushers for worship services. Please consider joining the ranks by praying and thinking about what being an Usher means to you. Watch for additional information and sign-up sheets.

There will be a **training session** scheduled in **early fall**.

Community Meal Monday, **September 21st**-
Dinner is served at 6:00. All Are Welcome!

Thank you for your continued support of our Food Pantry.

Monetary donations are always appreciated; however, our pantry shelves are becoming quite bare. We are especially in need of non-perishable food items at this time. Please consider donating any of the items listed on our regular Food Pantry distribution list below.

Your generosity helps us provide food and hope to families in our community. Thank you for your support!

Food Pantry 2026 Dates:

October 17 (Thanksgiving), December 12 (Christmas)

Items needed currently, special requests:

Pop Tarts Gummy Fruit Snacks Boxed raisins/trail mix
Paper Towels

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	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Communion Assistants	Julie Kuhn Debbie Gilkey	Susan Siems Jeffrey Horvath
Lectors	Donna Yusko	Michele Klingensmith
Acolytes	Andrew Sheleheda	Isaac Thomas
Greeters		Anne Coiner Pat Baird
Livestream		Tim Smith

Altar Guild

Set-up Saturday, Aug. 29		Rochelle Belak
Sun., Aug. 30	8:15	Rochelle Belak
	10:45	Doug and Nancy Woodring
Set-up Saturday, Sept. 5		Lori Thomas
Sun., Sept. 6	8:15	Lois Brown and Debbie Reed
	10:45	Zack and Sami Tinsley

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Worship Plan for Sunday, August 30, 2026

Lectionary 22

14th Sunday after Pentecost

ELW Holy Communion Setting Two

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Introduction to the day

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** **Pastor**

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

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

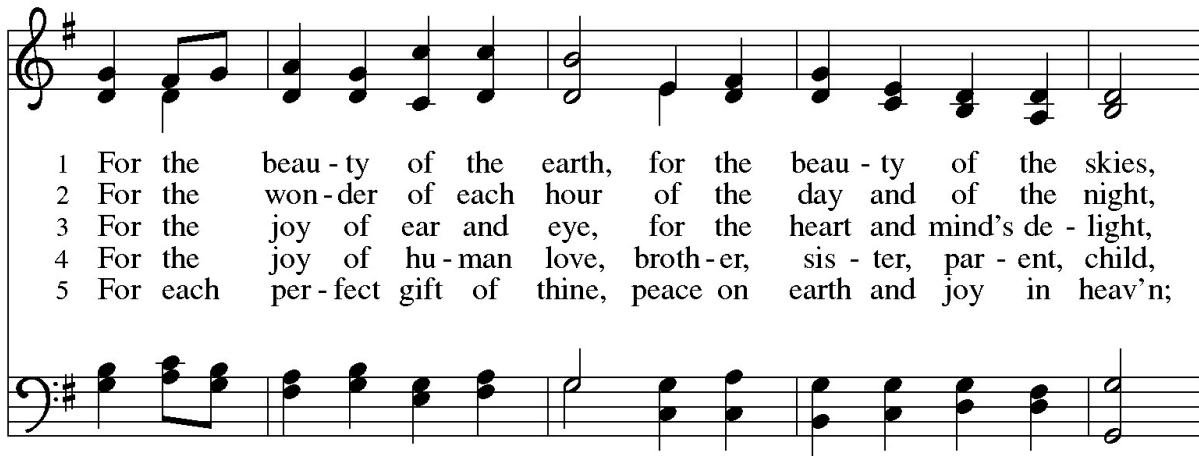
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.

Pastor

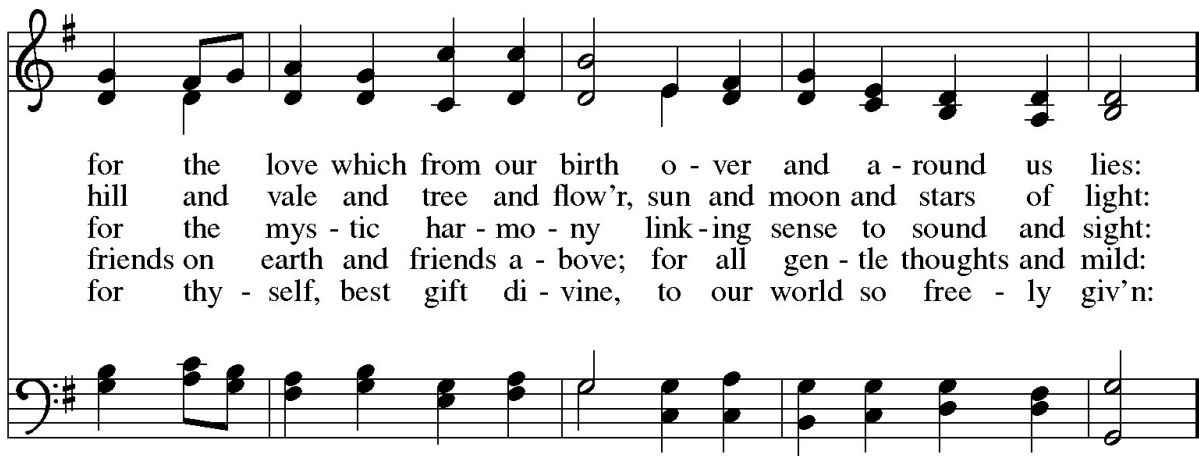
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the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

***GATHERING SONG** *For the Beauty of the Earth* #879

For the Beauty of the Earth



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



Refrain
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

***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.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

¹⁵ O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8

¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

² **Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.**

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴ **I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶ **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸ **LORD, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Celtic Mass
Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker



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***GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28**

The holy gospel according to



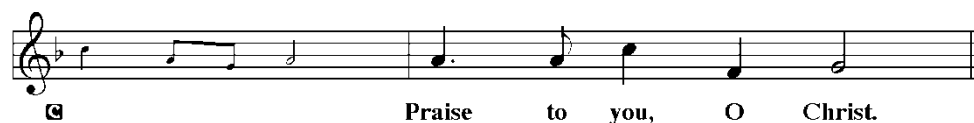
After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised.

²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON - Blessing of the School Year

Generous God, cultivate in these children and teachers the fruit of your Spirit as they begin another school year.

Fill them with love

for learning and for their classmates and students. Prepare them to offer a wide welcome to all who are part of the school community.

Fill them with joy

on early mornings and long bus rides, during reading and recess, in science and art, in study and at play.

Fill them with peace

as they start new routines and transition out of summer's ease into school's demands. Remind them to pause throughout their day for deep breaths and prayers.

Fill them with patience

as they practice new skills, share with others, stumble over unfamiliar words and learn from their mistakes.

Fill them with kindness

for the students and adults who are new to the community, who eat alone, who look different but desire genuine friendship.

Fill them with goodness

as they make choices each day that speak to their character and integrity. May the things they do when no one is looking give you glory.

Fill them with faithfulness

as they carry their baptismal promises with them into the classroom. Remind them of their identity as children of God, beloved and precious always.

Fill them with gentleness

in the words they choose and the actions they take. Help them think before they speak so their words build up others around them.

Fill them with self-control

as they share space with others and make room for all learning styles. May they be an example of your care for all creation.

We ask your blessing on those gathered. May they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation that surrounds them each school day. **Amen.**

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY: *Will You Come and Follow Me* #798**

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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****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.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *Assisting Minister*

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit (*especially*).

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Pastor

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***PEACE**

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

OFFERING

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.

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a whole note, the second with a half note, the third with a half note, and the fourth with a half note and a double bar line.

***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

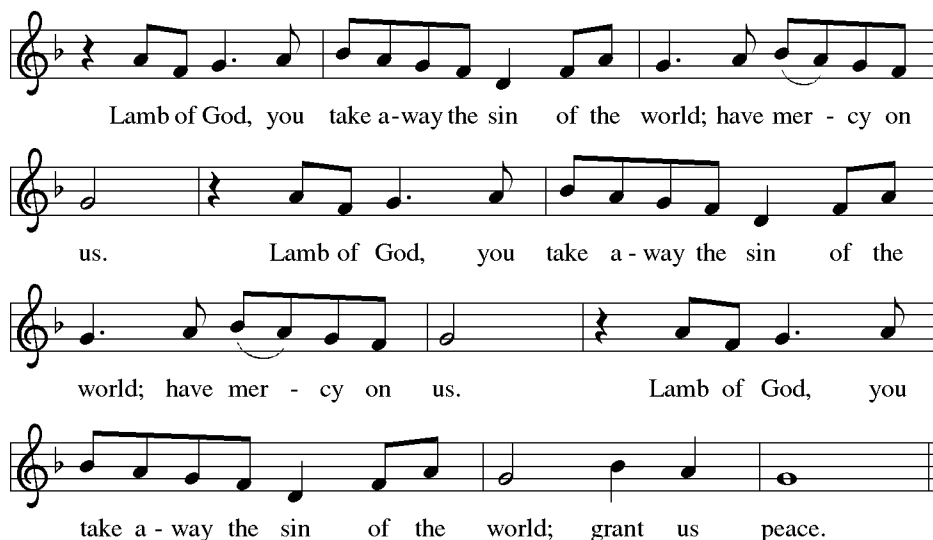
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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: ***Will You Let Me Be Your Servant #659***

*COMMUNION BLESSING **Pastor**

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

*SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION **Assisting Minister**

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

*BLESSING **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 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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***DISMISSAL** *Assisting Minister*

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

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