

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 8/31	8:15AM WORSHIP 9:30AM SERVICE RECORDING MEETING-BALCONY 10:45AM WORSHIP- <i>SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER</i>	
MONDAY, 9/1	HAPPY LABOR DAY! OFFICES CLOSED	Pastor Sarah Vacation Through Sept. 5
TUESDAY, 9/2	7:00PM PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING	
WEDNESDAY, 9/3		
THURSDAY, 9/4		
FRIDAY, 9/5		
SATURDAY, 9/6		
SUNDAY, 9/7	8:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT WENDEL CLUB 6:00 DINNER CHURCH IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL	

[A meeting of all those who record the services](#)
Today 9:30 AM in the balcony.

[YOUNG AT HEART](#)... will meet on **Sunday, Sept. 14, at 9:30 AM** in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast. We will preview the topics for the upcoming months & discuss potential areas of service in our community.

[Seton Hill Child Services](#) here at Holy Trinity has openings for early childhood education programs for Pre-K, Head Start and Early Head Start. Apply online at Shchildservices.org or see the bulletin board in the Narthex with the QR code.

[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](#) will begin on Sept. 14th at 9:30 a.m. Registration sheets can be picked up in the Narthex or use the QR code . Please invite friends to come!



[Grown-up and Me Class...starting Sept. 14](#)

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. We also need help setting up this area. Please talk to Danielle if you can help set up the room.

[Bible Studies.....](#)

Monday night Bible Study will resume September 8th at 7:00PM. We will be discussing the Council of Nicea - which celebrates its 1700th anniversary this year!
Ask Pastor Sarah about the first rule of Council of Nicea.

Thursday Bible Study will resume on September 11th at Noon. Topic: Who is Jesus?

[COMMUNITY MEALS NEEDS YOU!](#)

[September Community Meal](#)...Monday, September 15th
Doors open at 5:00 PM. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM.

[Sunday School Teacher Installation](#)

Installation of our Sunday School Teachers will take place next Sunday, Sept. 7th at both services.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE & ANNUAL PICNIC: 10:45am

Join us next **Sunday Morning, September 7th**
at the Wendel Club on Hahntown-Wendel Rd, Irwin

Lunch will be provided! So, just bring your chair for
the outdoor worship service.

Then following lunch, Lou Santini, a family friendly
comedian, will entertain us!

Come join in the FUN!

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

Our Harvest Festival coming this fall...

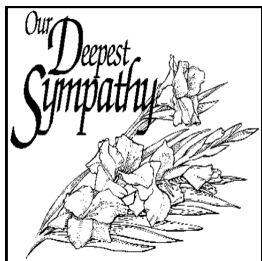
Join us on **Sunday, October 19th following the
2nd Service** with all of our favorite fall foods and
entertainment by Mikey Dee.

Look for information to come! Tickets on Sale in September!

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

MEN'S GROUP...will meet on **Saturday, September 13, at 8:00 AM**
in Zion's Lutheran Church in Harrison City at 3417 PA Route
130, Harrison City. All men are invited to join in this initial gathering!

SENIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS PICNIC... On **Sunday,**
Sept. 14, at 5:00 PM, Pastor John will be hosting the high
school Sunday School students and their parents at his house.



*Our thoughts and prayers are with
Pat Granny. Her son, Thomas Granny
passed to life triumphant
on August 22, 2025.*

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

	8:15	10:45
Assisting Minister	Chris Karpinsky	Jodi Waugaman
Communion Assistants	Debbie Gilkey Connie Berg	Susan Siems Lisa Lucotch
Lector	Donna Yusko	Karly Kunkle
Acolyte	Hannah Glenn	Ty Cessna
Greeters		Sandy Tomko Doug Woodring
Altar Guild		

Set-up Saturday, Aug. 30		Andrea and Brian Smith
Sunday, Aug. 31	8:15	Vicki and Doug Hillier
	10:45	Andrea and Brian Smith
Set-up Saturday, Sept. 6		Lori Thomas
Sunday, Sept. 7	8:15	Lori Thomas
	10:45	Lori Thomas

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

Worship Plan for Sunday, August 31, 2025

Lectionary 22

Proper 17

12th Sunday after Pentecost

ELW Holy Communion Setting Two

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Introduction to the day

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** Pastor

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

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus

and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of ☩ Christ,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG**

O God beyond All Praising #880

O God beyond All Praising

1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
 2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
 3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
 its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;
 that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;

for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,
 but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-
 and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
 though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:
 we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,
 for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,
 to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,

we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.
 and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.
 and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

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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.

O God, give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7a

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,

^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

PSALM: Psalm 112

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast

forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers.

⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Celtic Mass
Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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

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***GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

The holy gospel according to

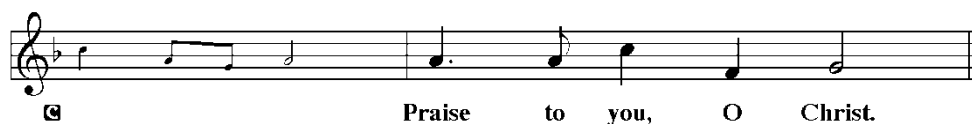


Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." The gospel of the Lord.




Children's Sermon

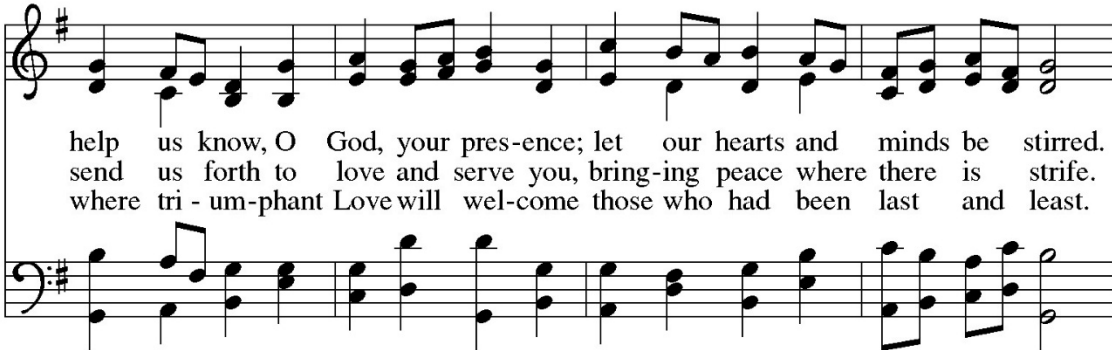
Sermon

***Hymn of the Day As We Gather at Your Table #522**

As We Gather at Your Table



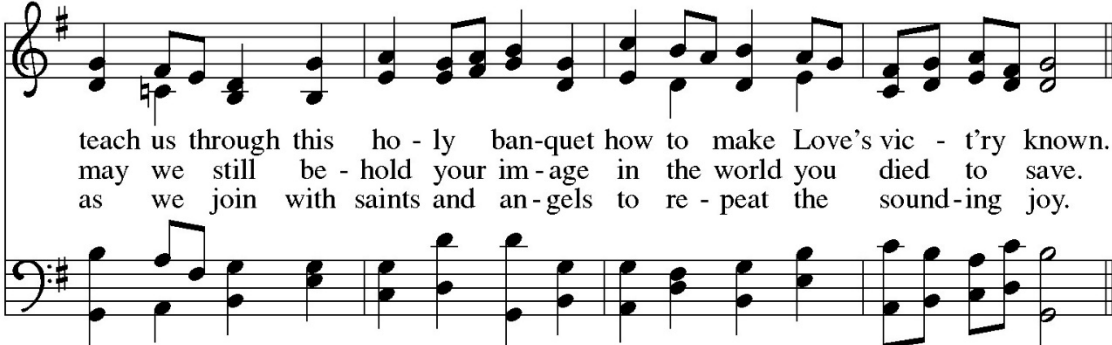
1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

***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*

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God.

A brief silence.

For the leaders of the church, we pray. Inspire deacons, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and Christian education directors with a passion for the word of God. Equip all the baptized to share your word of grace. O God, **Your mercy is great.**

For the leaders of towns, cities, provinces, states, and nations, we pray. On this Labor Day weekend, make us mindful of workers whose labor often goes unnoticed. O God, **Your mercy is great.**

Accompany all who need reassurance of your loving presence (*especially*). O God, **Your mercy is great.**

For the hospitality ministries of this congregation, we pray. Give ushers and greeters a spirit of welcome for visitors, and bless the work of those in fellowship ministries who feed and nourish us. O God,
Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For all the saints who from their labors rest, we give thanks. With them, we offer our sacrifice of praise to you, O God, the same yesterday and today and forever. O God, **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor


Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion. **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.

Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good

and the harvest is plentiful.

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth

and our labor,

that we may work for the good of all;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

***DIALOGUE** Pastor

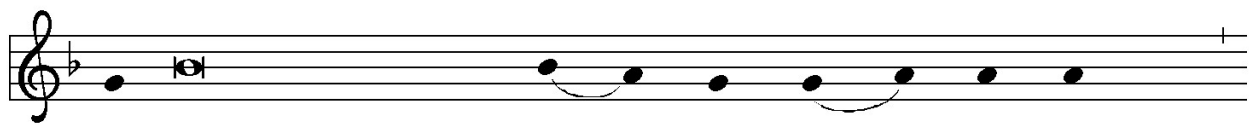
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

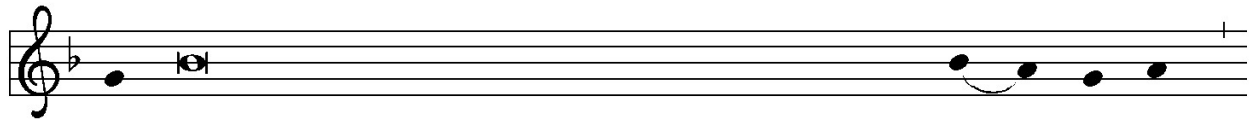
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

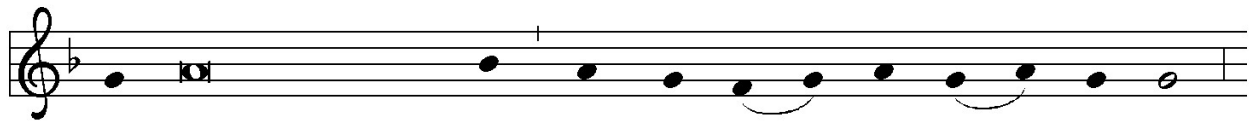
***PREFACE**



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



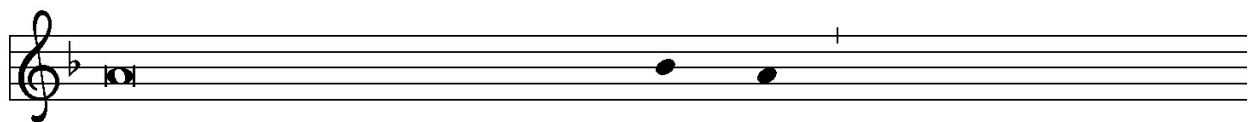
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



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



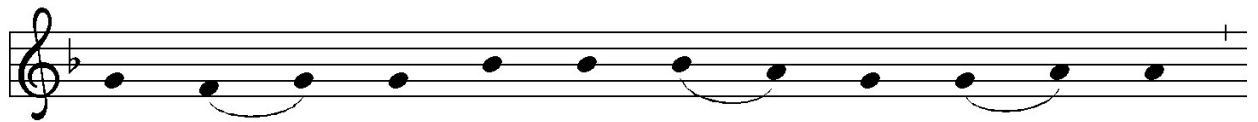
who on this day overcame death and the grave,



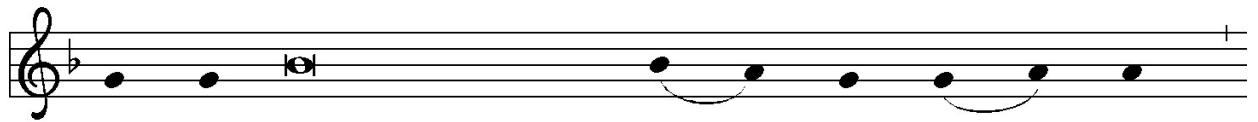
and by his glorious resur - rec - tion



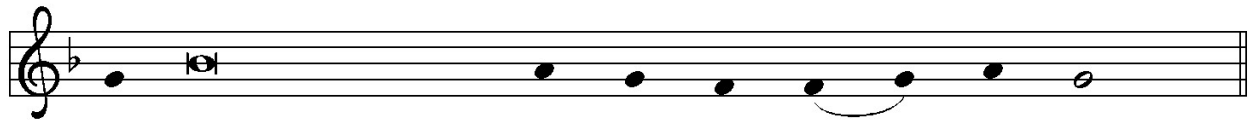
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.



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 whole note. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

***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

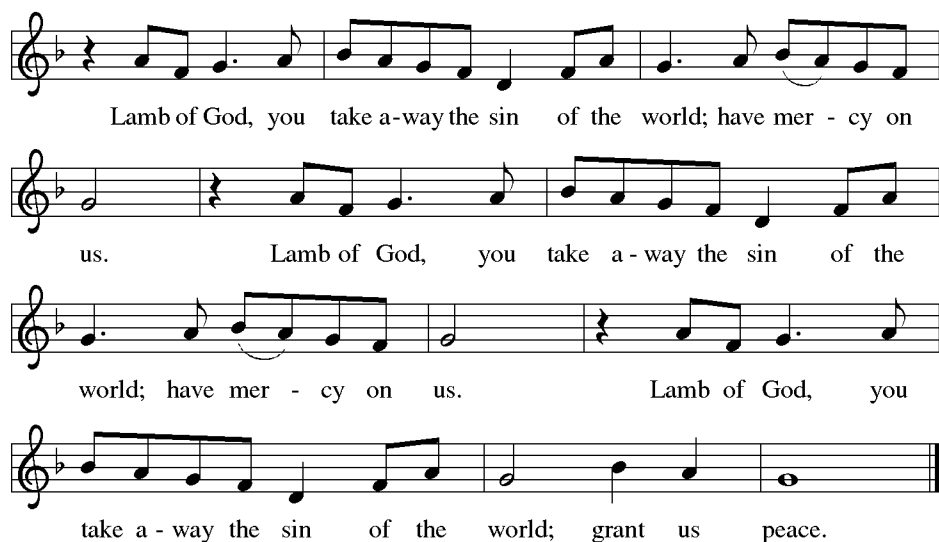
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

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.

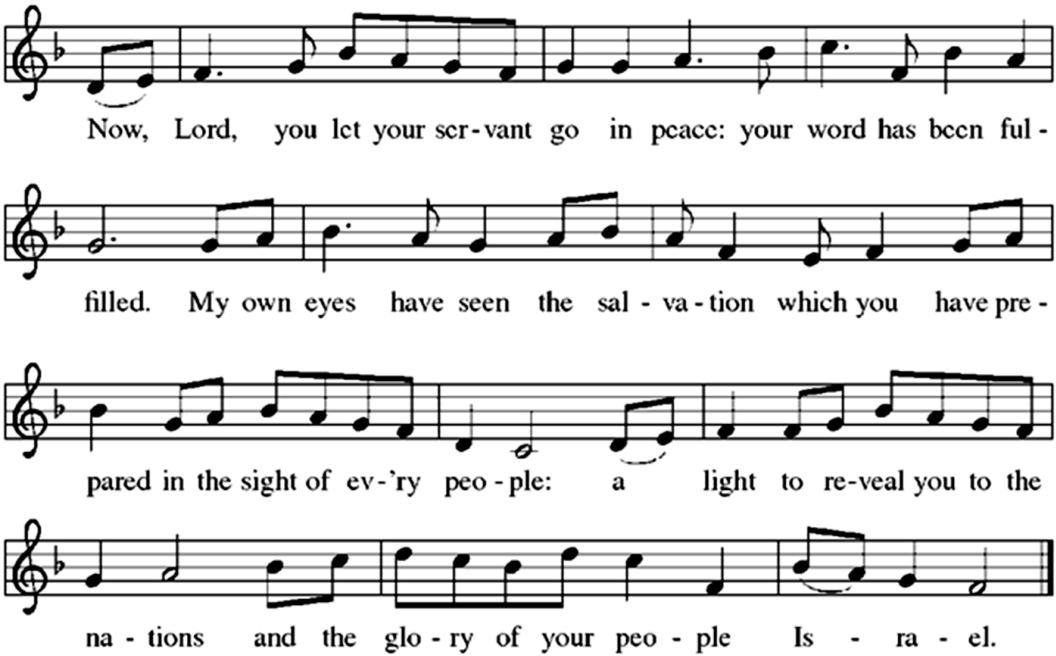
Communion

Hymn During Communion: ***In the Singing #466***

*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.

Holy God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

*BENEDICTION **Pastor**

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✝ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG ***Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace #716***

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all
 2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,
 3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less
 4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
 5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I
 Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -
 act and thought - less word. Make me to see the wrong I
 strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim
 Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I



see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.
 sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
 do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.
 be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.
 be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

***DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**