



**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 15, 2012**

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FAITHFUL LUTHERANS SENT BY CHRIST TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN

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WELCOME!

All are welcome at Faith Lutheran Church today as we continue our journey of faith. Join with us as we offer our praises to God. We offer Holy Communion each Sunday. All baptized persons who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. There is a nursery available for those who need it.

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The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Brent and Beverly Haire in memory of Chris Steward

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Events/Activities This Week around Faith:

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| Today | 9:15am | Adult S.S. | Thu. 7/12 | 10:00am | Bible Study |
| | 10:30am | Worship | Fri. 7/13 | 7:00pm | Concert/Park |
| Mon. 7/16 | 10:00am | Quilters | Sun. 7/15 | 9:15am | Adult S.S. |
| Wed. 7/18 | Newsletter Articles Due | | | 10:30am | Worship |

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Announcements

CONCERTS IN THE PARK continues this Friday. Please sign up on the sheets in the Narthex to bake or to man the booth or both.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER sign up sheets are in the Narthex on the bulletin board. Space is available for July. Please sign up to assist with worship or to usher or greet.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES are due this Wednesday, July 18.

BECKY hall needs 12 volunteers to help with the Motorcycle rally on August 11, 2012 beginning at 9:00am. If you can help, please let the office know. Thank you for your assistance.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean,
the bread of life coming down from above,
the power at work within us and this world.

Amen.

Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

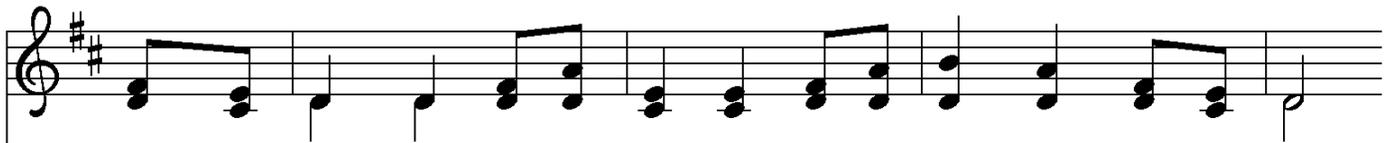
God and Father of all,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.
We have thought better of ourselves than others.
We have told lies, said hurtful things,
acted in ways we wish we could take back,
and looked the other way when action was needed.
In your mercy, O God,
forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us,
for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.
Amen.**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away;
everything has become new!
In Christ, + you are a new creation:
your sins are taken away and you are made new.
Be kind to one another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ has forgiven you.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (ELW 807)



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



REETING

The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



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



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.....O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Amos 7:7–15

A reading from Amos.

⁷This is what he showed me: the LORD was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the LORD said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 85:8–13

The Psalm for the day is spoken responsively.

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3–14

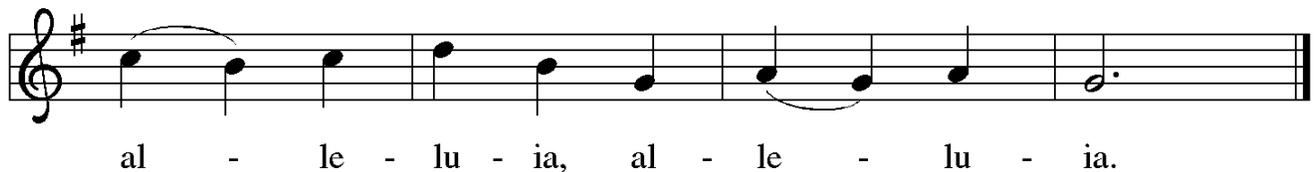
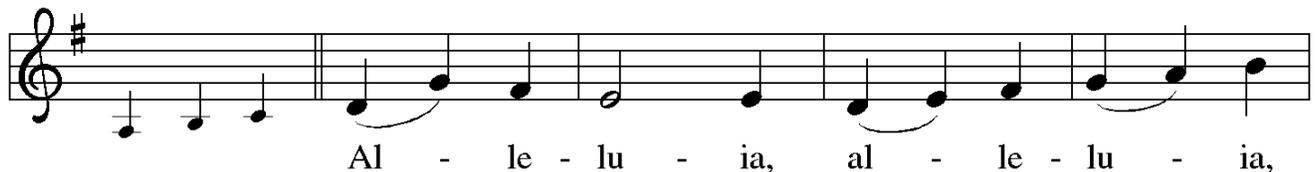
A reading from Ephesians.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



GOSPEL: Mark 6:14–29

The holy gospel according to St. mark, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Faith of Our Fathers* (ELW 812)

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
 2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in

fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
 con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
 all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

Refrain

when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word.
 if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
 by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.

ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.

BLESSING OF THE GATHERING PARTICIPANTS

At your baptism, you were claimed by God, and promises were made on your behalf. At your confirmation, you claimed your faith as your own and made promises yourself. Hear the promises you made: 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 words and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

As we send you to New Orleans for the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering, *citizens with the saints*, we know that we are sending you to live out your baptism, and live out these promises.

We pray that you return to us renewed in your understanding of your Christian faith as a way of being in the world. We look forward to welcoming you back to inform this community about its missional imagination. We are born children of a fallen humanity; but in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God, beloved members of the Church, the body of Christ. As we live in community with God and one another, we grow in faith, love and obedience to the will of God, witnesses to Jesus' way of compassion and justice.

We send these young people and adults forth as disciples to experience the body of Christ beyond this place. While there, they will practice discipleship, practice peacemaking, and practice justice. They will return to us with a new commitment to serve all God's people, following the example of Jesus, and with new skills to sharpen this community's mission. Will you, the people of God gathered here as faith Lutheran Church, accept the gift of their witness with love and gratitude?

We will.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...We give you thanks, O God, that through the waters of Baptism you have made us all sisters and brothers in Christ. In this community of faith, we have heard your loving Word for us and for all of creation. We have been fed and forgiven at your holy table and called to be witnesses to your Gospel of justice and peace. We ask you: grant peace to those attending the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering and bless them, form them by your hand, guide them by your Word, renew them by you Spirit, protect them as they travel, make their ways safe, and their homecomings joyful.

God has looked with favor on this community and God has blessed us through the lives of these young people. As they have been a blessing to us, so now we send them forth as missionaries to the larger church, to be a blessing to others, through Jesus Christ, our truth and life. **AMEN**

Go now with Jesus, to put your faith into action. **AMEN**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With reverence for the earth, those in need, and the whole human family, let us offer our prayers to God. *A brief silence.*

God of grace and glory, you have formed the church to fulfill your mission in this world, we pray for the church, for leaders to proclaim your grace, and prophets to call us to your justice and truth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of power and might, you provide for our governance, our protection and our welfare, we pray for judges and magistrates, political and civic leaders, fire fighters and police officers, arbitrators and mediators, farmers and laborers. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all creation, you give us everything we need to have life and to have it more abundantly, we pray for the earth, that the land will yield its increase and all creation flourish with your prosperity. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Christ our healer and great physician, your will for us is health and long life, we pray for all who work for cures for cancer and other diseases, and for all who work to prevent and treat malaria. For all living with suffering, sickness, or despair *especially Megan Holman, Walter Clive, Barbara Sorenson, Chuck Boston, Shirley Buschman, Kathy Dycus, Vivian Fraizer, Pat Hudson, Brian Johnson, and Guy McCauley.* For ministries of compassion and care in our community *especially the Center for Lay Ministry and Loaves and Fishes.* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gracious and generous God, you give of your love and grace freely for all the world, we pray for the members of this assembly who give generously of their time, abilities, and gifts. We pray for the grace to see your presence in the loved ones and strangers we will meet this day. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Hear, O God, the prayers of your faithful people, either silent or spoken aloud.

Be present at celebration tables, increasing the joy of those who gather for birthdays, weddings, and parties especially *Eric Peter, Ashley Thoms, Jim Wheat, Tom Hayes, Izzie Campbell, Jim Faulkenstein, Justin Meier, and Mike Woehrle* with birthdays and *Dan and Judy Diekhoff* with an anniversary this week. Be present at empty tables, filling the hungry and the lonely with hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for all the faithful who were marked with the seal of the Spirit. May we too receive the pledge of our inheritance, to the praise of your glory. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our hopes and prayers, O God of mercy, for great is your faithfulness in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. 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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.

OFFERING PRAYER

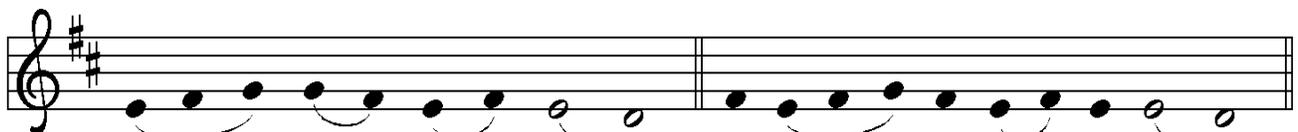
The assisting minister offers the following prayer

Let us pray....God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

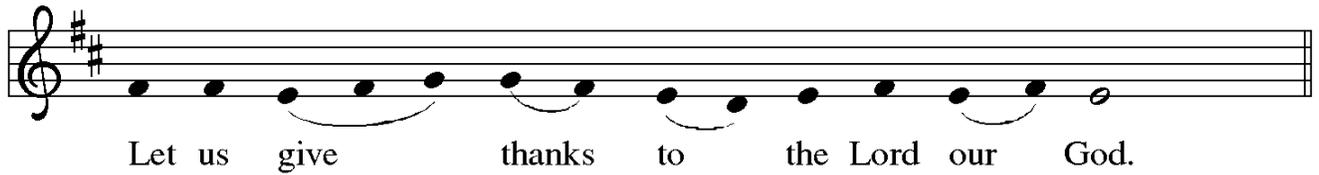
DIALOGUE



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



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



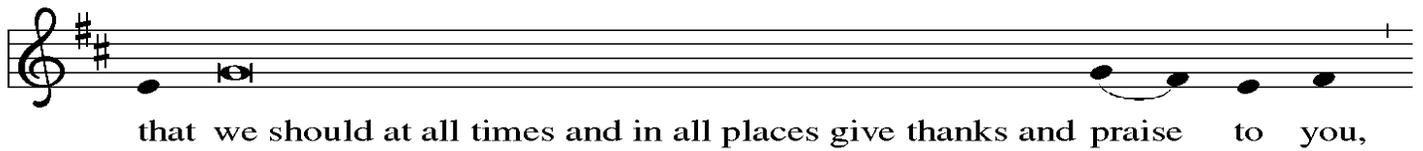
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.



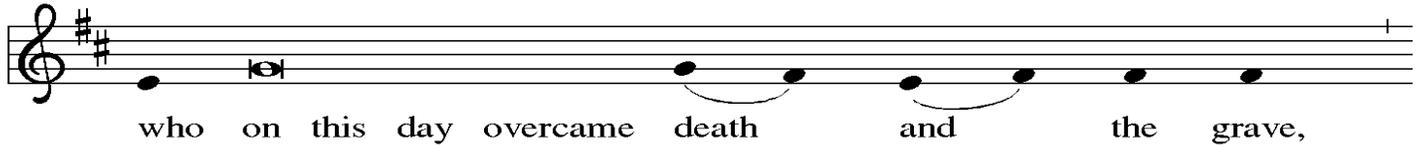
It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



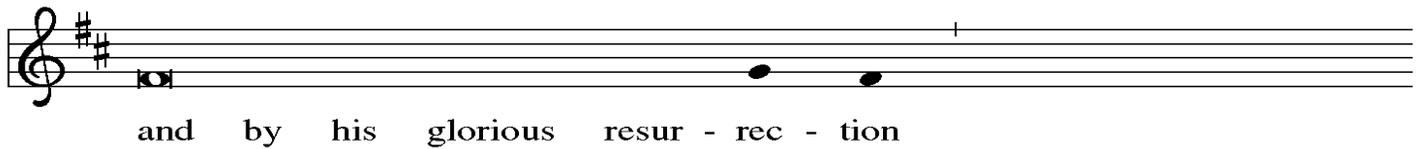
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



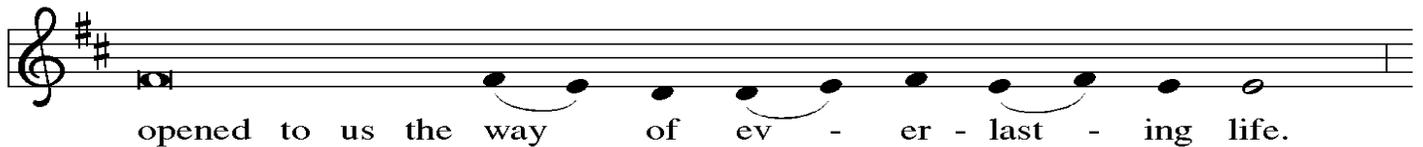
al-mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;



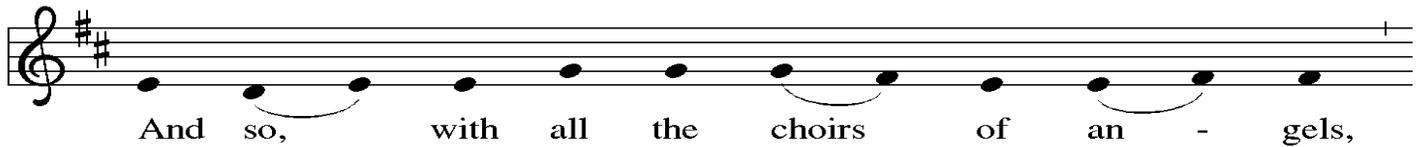
who on this day overcame death and the grave,



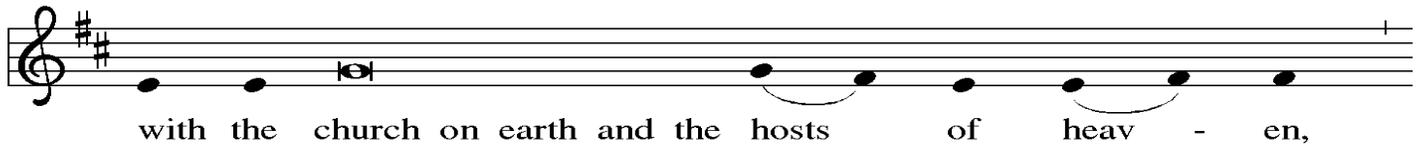
and by his glorious resur - rec - tion



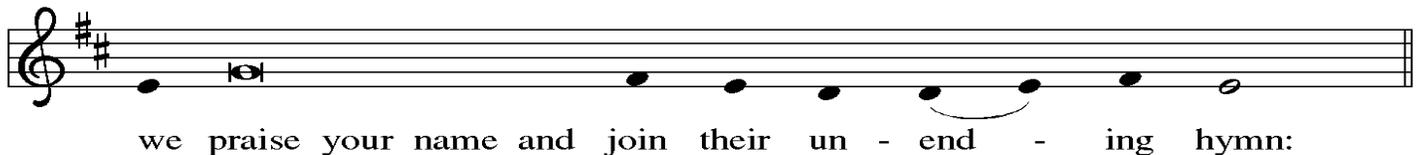
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.



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

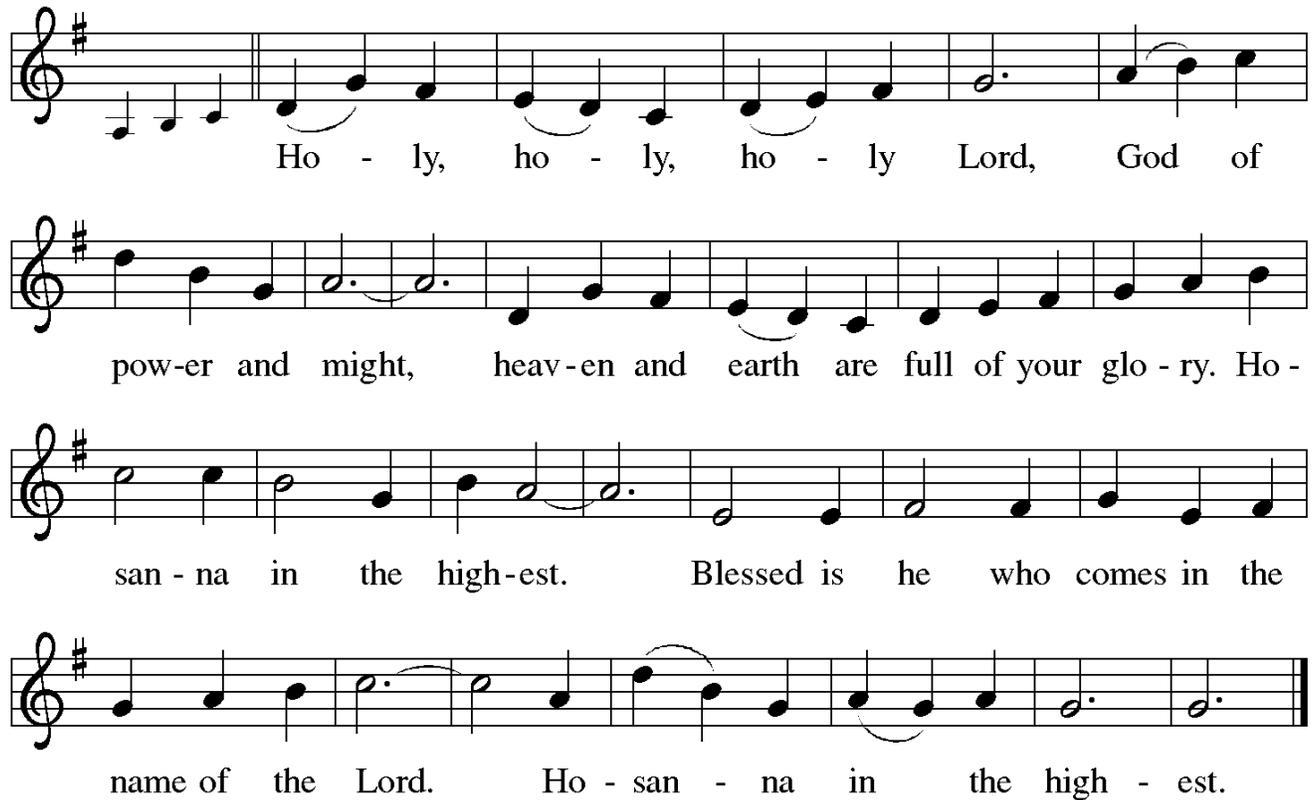


with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,



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. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. 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

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

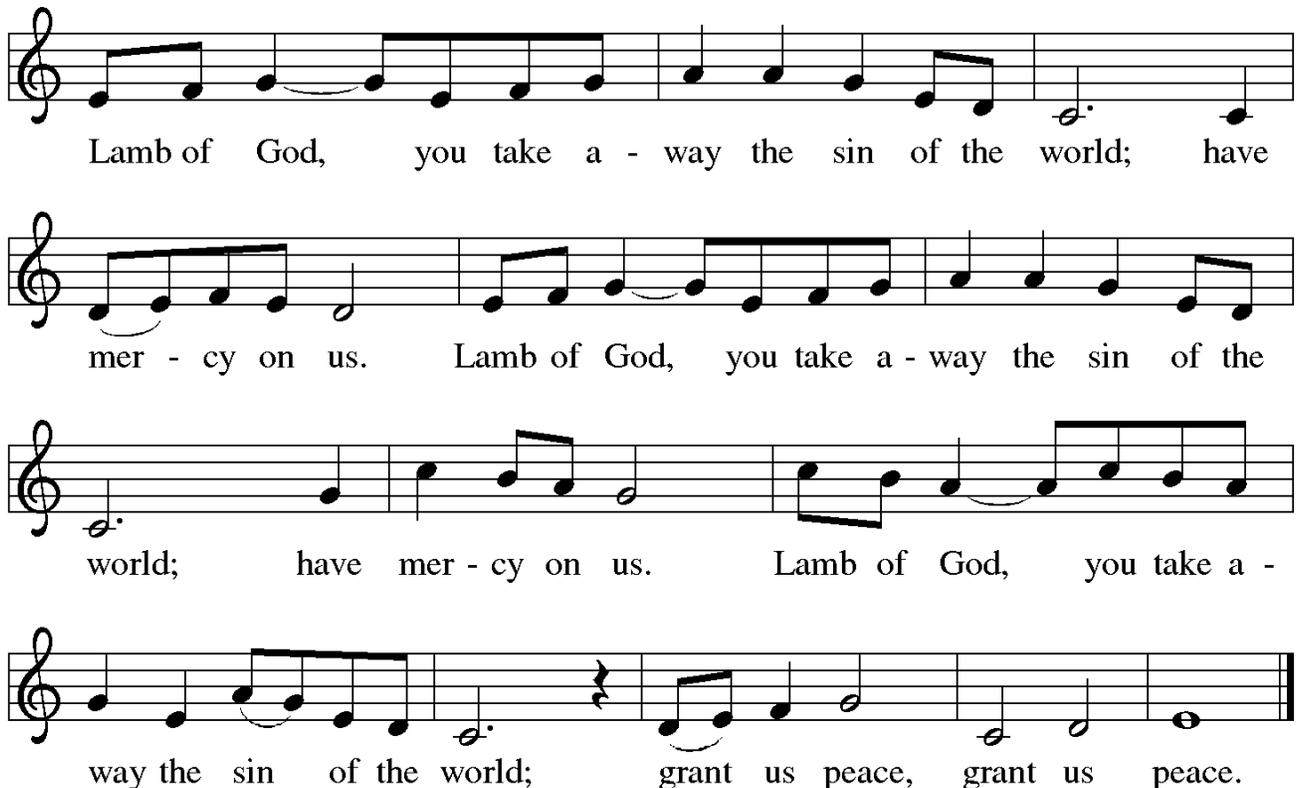
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister offers the following prayer

Let us pray....Generous God, we thank you that at Wisdom's holy table you have fed us again with her bread and wine, the food of everlasting life. Send us, your servants, into all the land, that we may act wisely, seek the good of our neighbor, and call others to come to the feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty and merciful God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.

SENDING SONG: *Lead On, O King Eternal!* (ELW 805)

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
 Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us. **Thanks be to God.**

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Members

Megan Holman, Thyroid cancer treatment
Walter Clive, repair of hip replacement
Barbara Sorenson, surgery for colon cancer

Family & Friends

Chuck Boston, alcohol rehab
Shirley Buschman, transitioning to home
Kathy Dycus, in recovery in Carmel, IN
Vivian Fraizer, surgery for recurring colon cancer
Pat Hudson, treatment for leukemia
Brian Johnson, skin cancer (Joyce Gerwing's son)
Guy McCauley, health issues
Elaine Thoms and family at the death of her father Robert Dietrich
*Please note, we reset the Family & Friends portion of prayer concerns each month,
please let us know of anyone you would like to remain on or be placed on the list.

Shut-in

Edwina Andregg, Autumn Woods
Norma Boehme, Westminster Village
Dorothy Clerici, Lincoln Hills Health Center
Ken Steward, Westminster Village

Service agencies/programs/special needs

CLM
Eric Hall Foundation
Members of our Armed Forces at home and abroad
Members of Faith who have lost jobs and are seeking employment
Lapsed members and visitors seeking a church home
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
Families affected by tornados in IN and KY
Farmers affected by the drought

Last Week at Faith

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| Current Offering | \$2,597.00 | Worship attendance | 64 |
| Other Offering | 25.00 | Nursery attendance | 4 |
| Total Offering | \$2,622.00 | Total attendance | 68 |

We need \$3,226 in current each week to continue the missions of our church. How did we do last week? Thanks to all who worship, work, give, and pray at Faith in thanks to God for God's blessings.

SERVING THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

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|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Pastor | Pastor Scott Meier |
| Assistant | Bev Haire |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Youth |
| Altar Guild | Bev Haire |
| Greeters | Brent and Bev Haire |
| Ushers | Dick and Virginia Klemens |
| Audio | Chuck Landis |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | |
| Financial Assistant | Veronica Rife |

SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

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| Pastor | Pastor Scott Meier |
| Assistant | Virginia Klemens |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Youth |
| Altar Guild | Bev Haire |
| Greeters | |
| Ushers | Dick and Virginia Klemens |
| Audio | Chuck Landis |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | |
| Financial Assistant | Veronica Rife |

Scripture Readings for next week: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56