

**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 16, 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. 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 Jane Lakes

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Events/Activities This Week around Faith:

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| Today | 9:15am | S.S. | Thur. 9/20 | 9:00am | WCS |
| | 10:30am | Worship | | 1:00pm | Bible Study |
| | 11:40am | Meet/Eat | Fri 9/21 | 7:00pm | Concerts/Park |
| Mon. 9/17 | 10:00am | Quilters | Sat 9/22 | 11:00am | WELCA Tea |
| Tues 9/18 | 9:00am | WCS | Sun. 9/23 | 9:15am | S.S. |
| Wed. 9/19 | Newsletter Articles Due | | | 10:30am | Worship |
| | 7:00pm | Confirmation | | | |

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Announcements

Meet and Eat meets today after Worship. Pr. Nancy Nyland will meet with the Stewardship Team. Council will meet following.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES are due in the office on Wednesday, September 19th

TODAY we welcome Pastor Nancy Nyland, assistant to Bishop Bill, who will be preaching this morning.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose name is majestic in all the earth,
who rescues and heals in every time of trouble,
who does all things well.

Amen.

Let us come before God, seeking forgiveness and life.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and saving God,
have mercy on us.

**In so many ways we cause or suffer brokenness:
envy, ambition, conflict, boasting,
hard hearts, lashing tongues,
dishonor for the poor.**

**In your compassion,
forgive our sins and heal our hurts.**

**Bring forth from us a harvest of righteousness,
the fruits of gentleness and peacemaking,
the sheaves of wisdom and justice;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

In the name of + Jesus, the Son of God,
receive mercy and find grace in your time of need.

Your transgressions are forgiven;

God's love is healing balm for your wounds.

Continue to pray for one another;

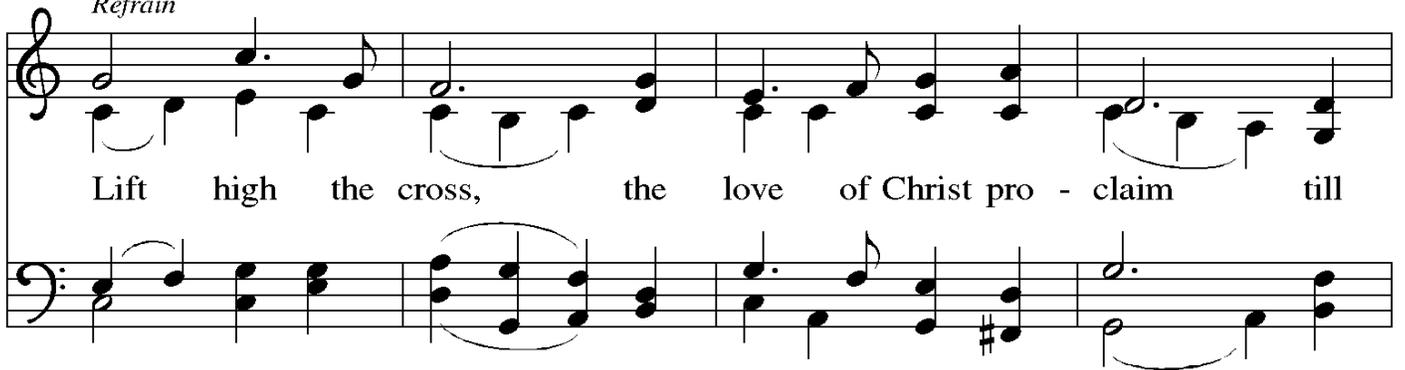
care for those who are wandering;

and seek the good, that you may live.

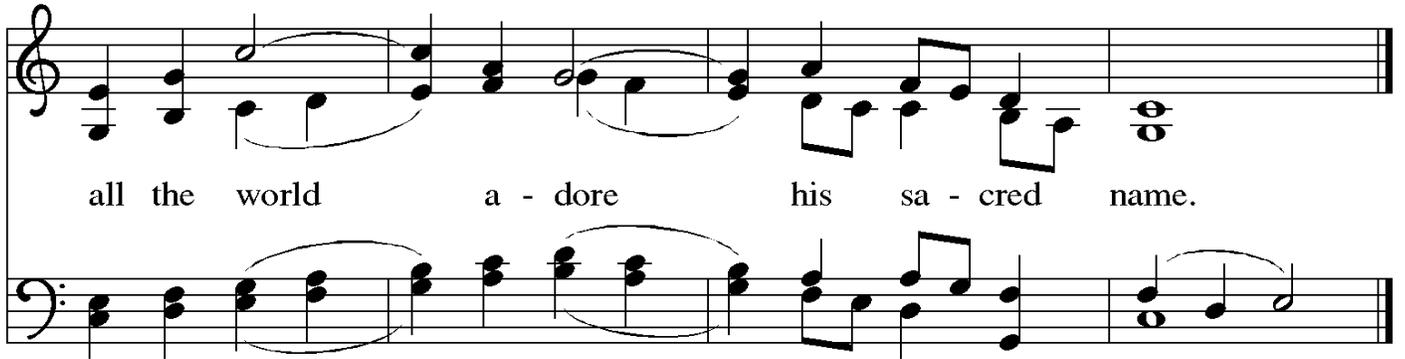
Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Lift High the Cross* (ELW 660)

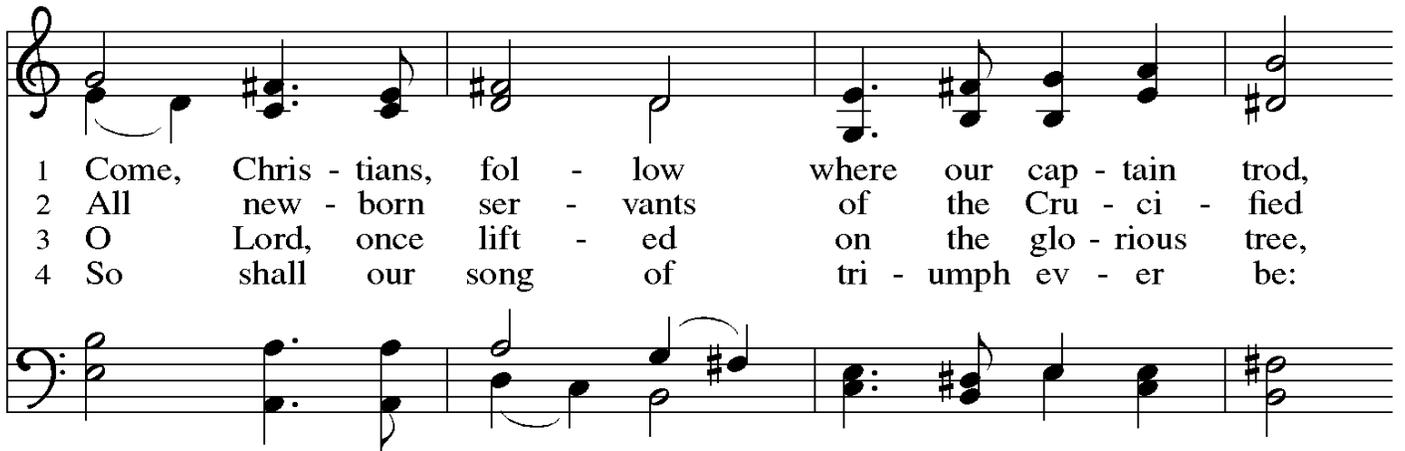
Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till

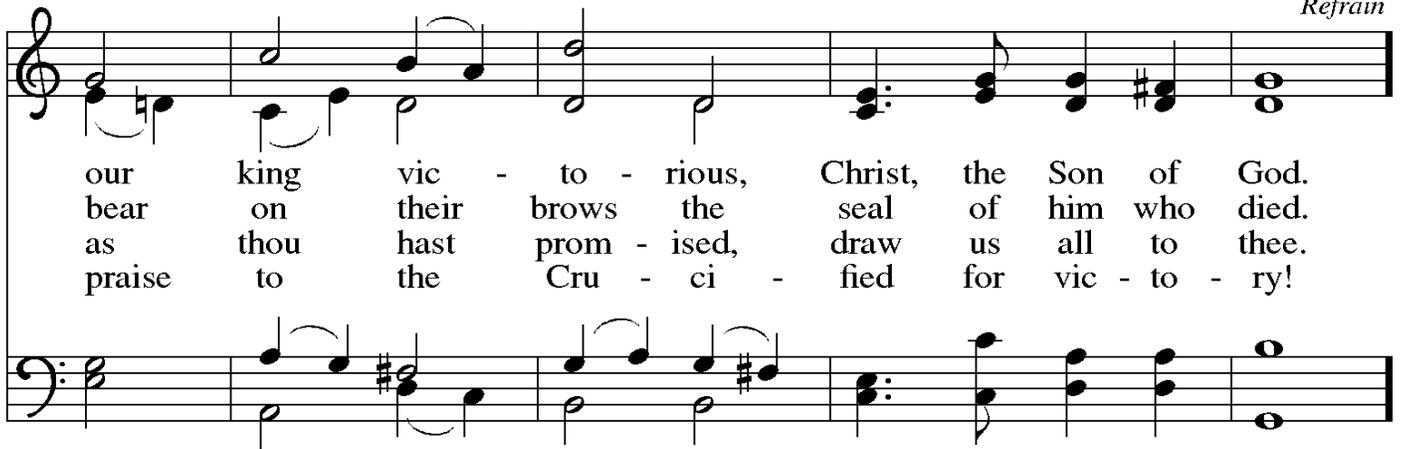


all the world adore his sacred name.



1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
2 All new-born servants of the Crucified
3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:

Refrain



our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Crucified for victory!

GREETING

God of hosts most gracious, God the Son who saves us, God the Spirit placed upon us, be with you all. **And also with you.**

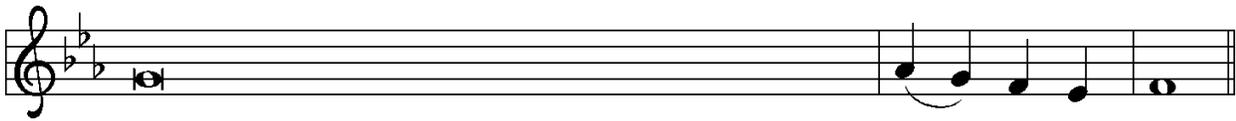
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



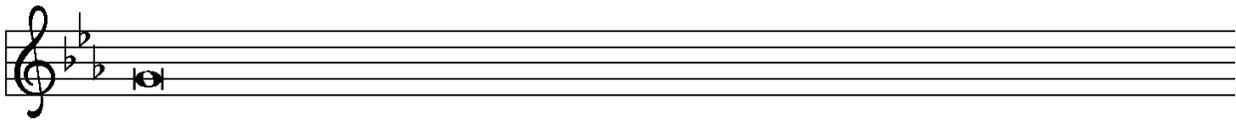
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



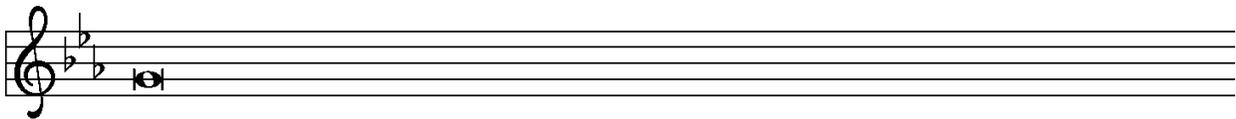
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

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.



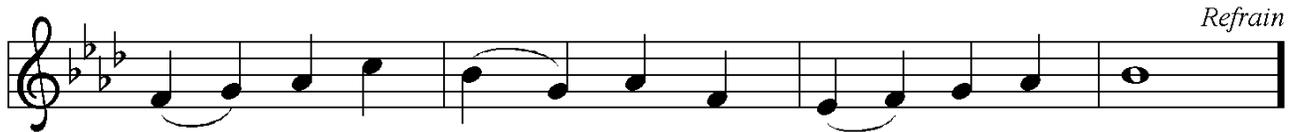
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



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

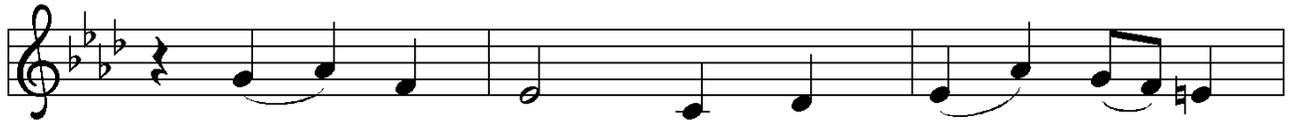


Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

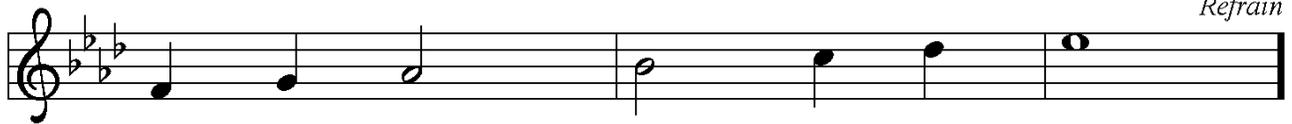


Refrain

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, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pr. Nancy Nyland

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4–9a

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1–9

The Psalm for the day is sung.

¹I love the LORD, who has ¹heard my voice,
and listened to my ¹supplication,

²**for the LORD has given¹ ear to me
whenev-¹er I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me;
the anguish of the grave¹ came upon me;
I came to¹ grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name¹ of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray you,¹ save my life."**

⁵Gracious is the¹ LORD and righteous;
our God is full¹ of compassion.

⁶**The LORD watches o-¹ver the innocent;
I was brought low,¹ and God saved me.**

⁷Turn again to your rest,¹ O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt¹ well with you.

⁸**For you have rescued my¹ life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my¹ feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk in the presence¹ of the LORD
in the land¹ of the living.

SECOND READING: James 3:1–12

A reading from James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue — a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine yield fresh.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27–38

The holy gospel according to Mark, the eighth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

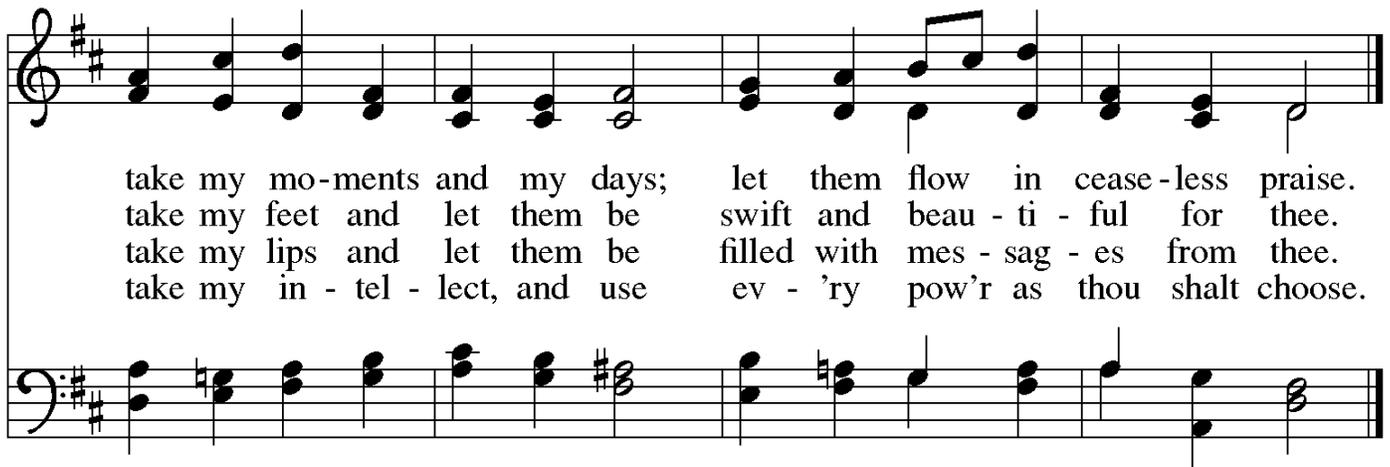
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Pr. Nancy Nyland

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Take My Life, That I May Be* (ELW 685)



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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

As disciples of Christ Jesus called to love and serve all people, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

Lord, we believe that you are the Messiah, the anointed one of God. Grant us the willingness and courage to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow you for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, the heavens declare your glory. When hurricanes and floods come, keep your people safe from all harm and danger. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of justice, you are gracious and righteous. Hear the voices of all who cry out to you for an end to violence and warfare, hatred and racism, hunger and homelessness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you are full of compassion. Bring hope and healing to those who are grieving, lonely, anxious, or sick *especially* Peg Gernand, Arlys Johnson, Patti Smith, Anne Alia, Marcella Denton, Kathy Dycus, Vivian Fraizer, Kathy Gilmore, Flynn Hewitt, Pat Hudson, Charlie Kayrouz, Phil Lakes, Addison Licavaro, Guy McCauley, Dodie McEuen, Angela Rutledge, Ken Walker. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Abiding Spirit, you are the love that binds this assembly into the body of Christ. May our words and deeds be a faithful witness to you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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 Kristina Peter, Fred Steaban, and Karen Vescelus with birthdays and Fred and Anne Steaban with an anniversary this week. Be present at empty tables, filling the hungry and the lonely with hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Risen Christ, you have rescued our life from death. May we continue to walk in your presence with *Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage*, and all the faithful who have gone before us, until that day when you come again in glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayers, faithful God, and renew us by your Spirit, that we may joyfully love and serve you and one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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

Look Down

CHOIR

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church,



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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your

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

OFFERING PRAYER

The assisting minister offers the following prayer

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

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

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

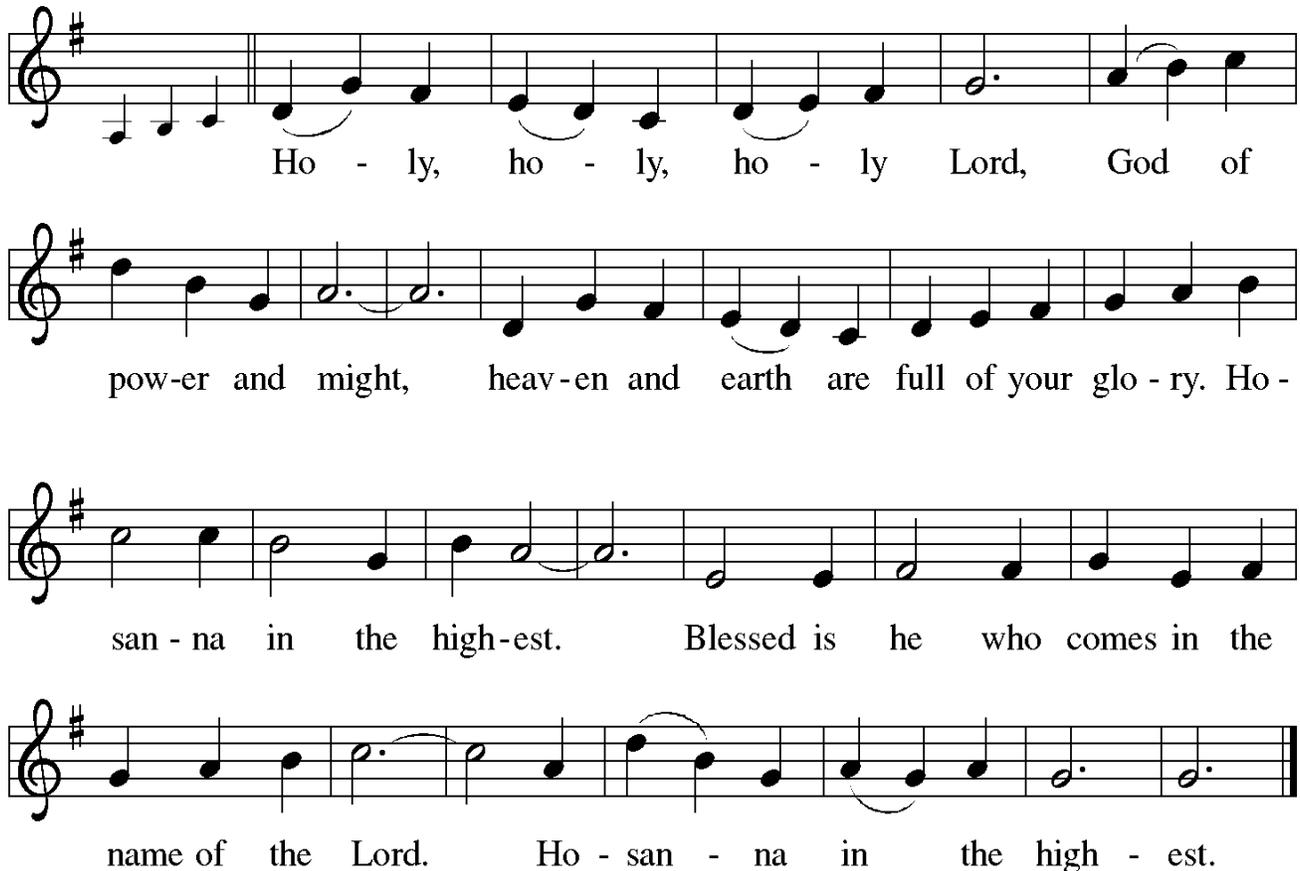
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

The proper preface for the day is sung by the Pastor

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

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

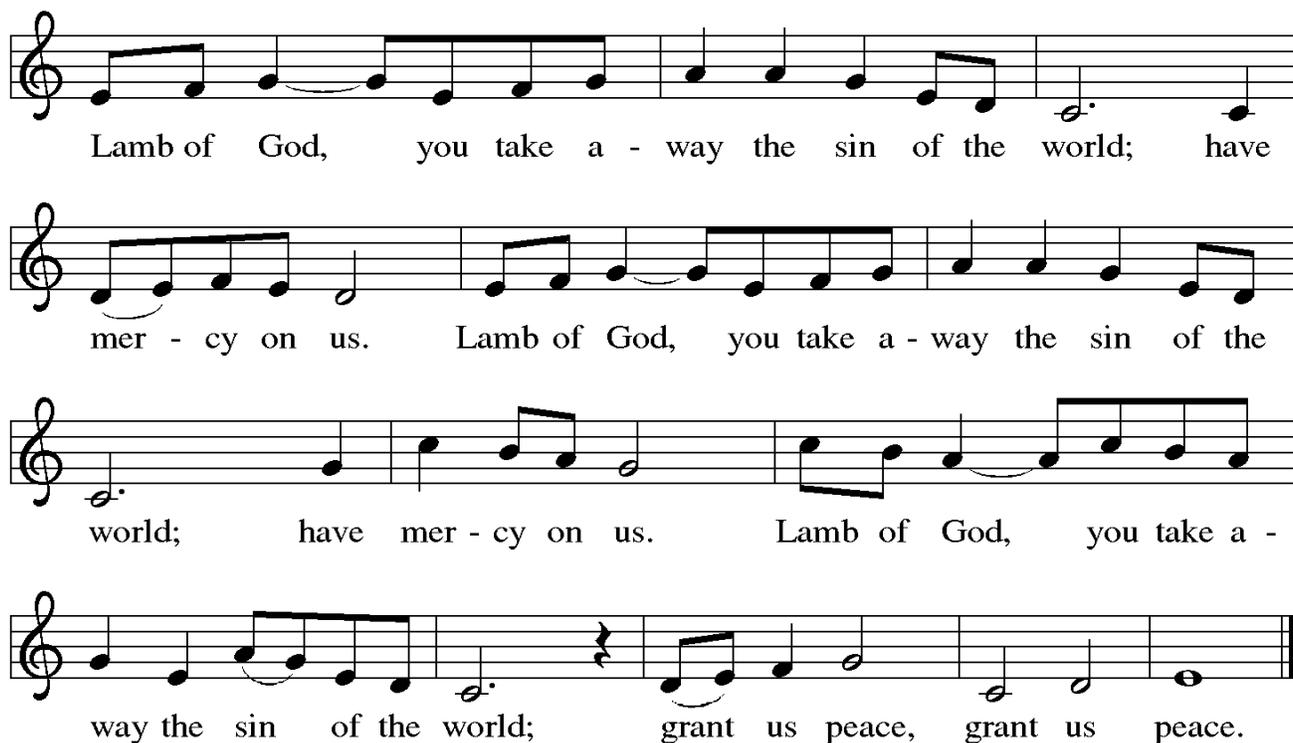
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

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

God gives food to those who hunger. Come, be fed, be healed.



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

COMMUNION SONG *Let Us Break Bread Together* (ELW 471)

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

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

The presiding minister may say a table blessing;

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister offers the following prayer

Let us pray....We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By your gifts of word and holy meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, following after Jesus Christ, our servant Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Like children in the arms of Jesus, receive blessing:

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.

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. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Members

Arllys Johnson, recovering from broken femur surgery

Patti Smith, ankle fracture

Family & Friends

Anne Alia, health issues

Marcella Denton, intestinal illness

Kathy Dycus, in recovery in Carmel, IN

Vivian Fraizer, surgery for recurring colon cancer

Kathy Gillmore, health concerns

Flynn Hewitt, (newborn) hole in heart

Pat Hudson, treatment for leukemia

Charlie Kayrouz, stage 4 cancer

Phil Lakes, stroke and heart condition

Addison Licavaro, (newborn) heart murmur

Guy McCauley, health issues

Dodie McEuen, health issues

Angela Rutledge, heart attack

Ken Walker, cancer of the tongue

*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

Walter Clive, at home

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 and drought in IN and KY

Last Week at Faith

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| Current Offering | \$3,104.00 | Worship attendance | 76 |
| Other Offering | 25.00 | Nursery attendance | 2 |
| Total Offering | \$3,129.00 | Total attendance | 78 |

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 | Carol Taylor |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Children's Church | Matt Craven |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Youth |
| Altar Guild | Bev Haire |
| Greeters | Matt Craven |
| Ushers | Bill and Cathy Holman |
| Audio | Lyle Gernand |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | Meet and Eat |
| Financial Assistant | Ken Hawkins |

SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Pastor | Pastor Scott Meier |
| Assistant | Carrie McCoy |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Children's Church | Kate Blough |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Youth |
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Scripture Readings for next week: Jeremiah 11: 18-20; Psalm 54; James 3: 13-4:3; Mark 9: 30-37