

## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

*With One Voice*, Holy Communion, Setting Five



ST. JOHN'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

### Prayer before worship:

Almighty God, you pour out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication. Deliver us, as we come into your presence, from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



### Pre-Service Music

"Prelude & Fugue in A" (J. S. Bach)

### Ringling of the Bells

### Welcome

### Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel or be seated, as able*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we are in bondage 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.**

**P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.

**C Amen.**

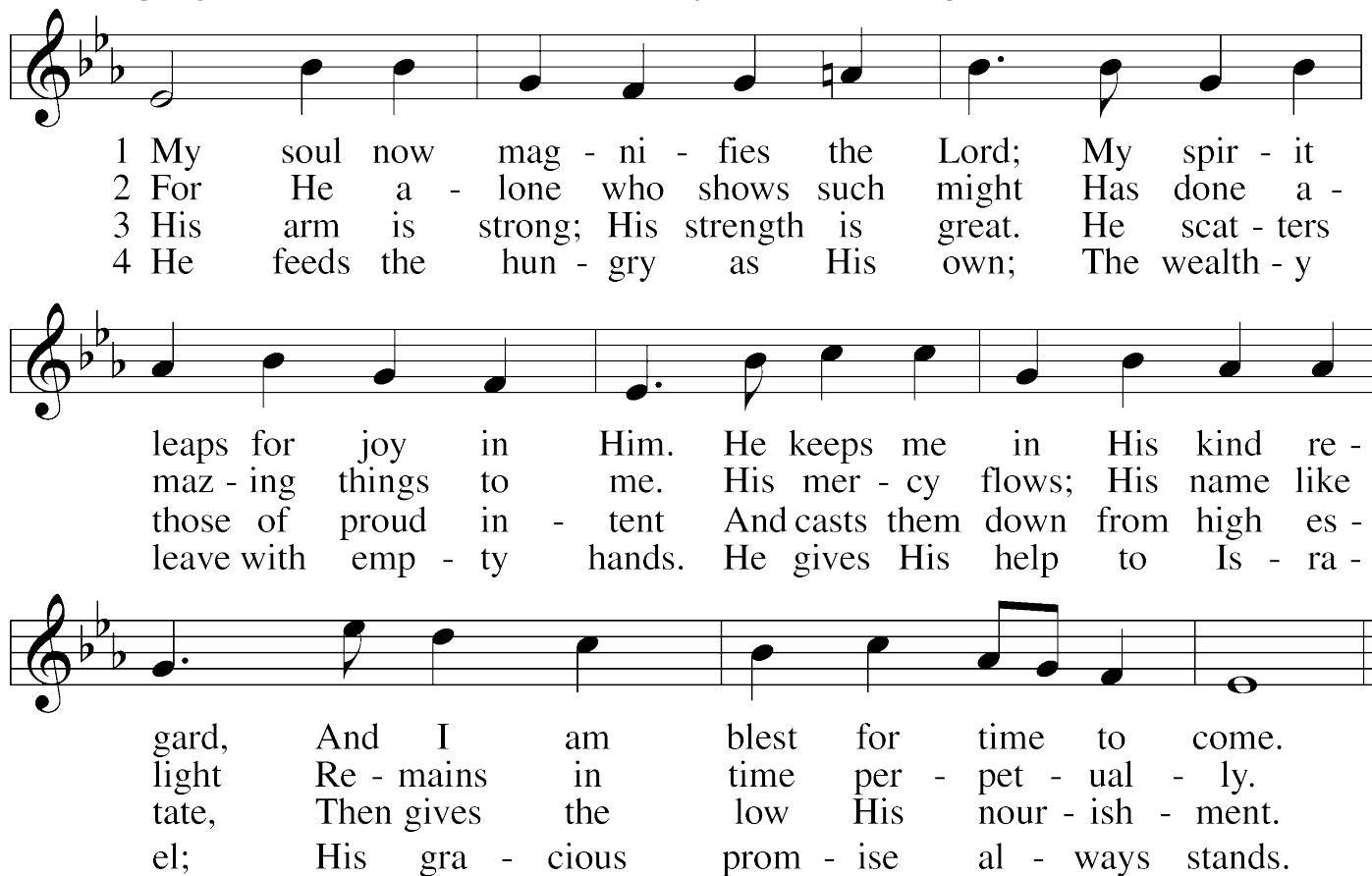
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## Service of the Word

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### Opening Hymn

"My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord" (LSB 934)



1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; My spir - it  
2 For He a - lone who shows such might Has done a -  
3 His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scat - ters  
4 He feeds the hun - gry as His own; The wealth - y

leaps for joy in Him. He keeps me in His kind re -  
maz - ing things to me. His mer - cy flows; His name like  
those of proud in - tent And casts them down from high es -  
leave with emp - ty hands. He gives His help to Is - ra -

gard, And I am blest for time to come.  
light Re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.  
tate, Then gives the low His nour - ish - ment.  
el; His gra - cious prom - ise al - ways stands.

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### Greeting

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

## Hymn of Praise



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



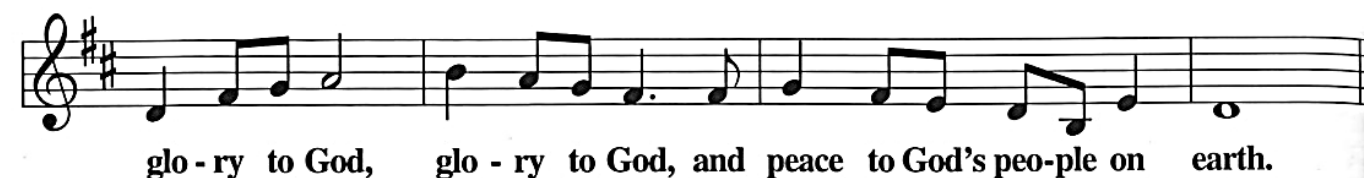
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the





## Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray:

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## Children's Message

### First Reading

Ruth 4

*Please join in reading aloud the **highlighted portion** of Scripture and consider committing this passage to memory in the week ahead.*

<sup>1</sup>Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the redeemer, of whom Boaz had spoken, came by. So Boaz said, "Turn aside, friend; sit down here." And he turned aside and sat down. <sup>2</sup>And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down. <sup>3</sup>Then he said to the redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our relative Elimelech. <sup>4</sup>So I thought I would tell you of it and say, 'Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people.' If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not, tell me, that

I may know, for there is no one besides you to redeem it, and I come after you.” And he said, “I will redeem it.” <sup>5</sup>Then Boaz said, “The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead, in order to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance.” <sup>6</sup>Then the redeemer said, “I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I impair my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it.”

<sup>7</sup>Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one drew off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was the manner of attesting in Israel. <sup>8</sup>So when the redeemer said to Boaz, “Buy it for yourself,” he drew off his sandal. <sup>9</sup>Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, “You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon. <sup>10</sup>Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day.” <sup>11</sup>Then all the people who were at the gate and the elders said, “We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman, who is coming into your house, like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you act worthily in Ephrathah and be renowned in Bethlehem, <sup>12</sup>and may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the LORD will give you by this young woman.”

<sup>13</sup>So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son. <sup>14</sup>Then the women said to Naomi, **“Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel!”** <sup>15</sup>He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him.” <sup>16</sup>Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her lap and became his nurse. <sup>17</sup>And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

<sup>18</sup>Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez fathered Hezron, <sup>19</sup>Hezron fathered Ram, Ram fathered Amminadab, <sup>20</sup>Amminadab fathered Nahshon, Nahshon fathered Salmon, <sup>21</sup>Salmon fathered Boaz, Boaz fathered Obed, <sup>22</sup>Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

## Alleluia Verse



**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

**G** Glory to you, O Lord.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 1: 46-55

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup>for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup>And his mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

<sup>52</sup>he has brought down the mighty from their thrones  
and exalted those of humble estate;

<sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent empty away.

<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup>as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

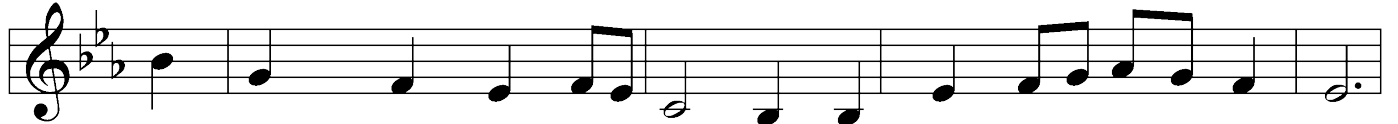
**G** Praise to you, O Christ.

## Hymn of the Day

"For All the Faithful Women" (LSB 855, verses 1,7,8,3,4)



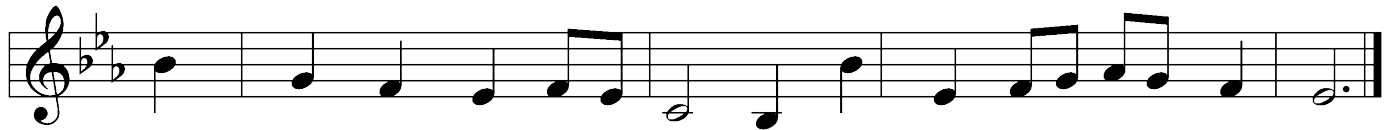
1 For all the faith - ful wom - en Who served in days of old,  
 7 For Ruth, who left her home - land And ven - tured forth in faith,  
 8 We sing of Mar - y, moth - er, Fair maid - en, full of grace.  
 3 O God, for saints and ser - vants, Those named and those un - known  
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



To You shall thanks be giv - en; To all, their sto - ry told.  
 Who pledged to serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death,  
 She bore the Christ, our broth - er, Who came to save our race.  
 In whom through all the a - ges Your light of glo - ry shone,  
 All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, Who binds the Church in one!



They served with strength and glad - ness In tasks Your wis - dom gave.  
 We praise You, God of Is - rael, And pray for hearts set free  
 May we, with her, sur - ren - der Our - selves to Your com - mand  
 We of - fer glad thanks - giv - ing And fer - vent prayer we raise  
 With saints who went be - fore us, With saints who wit - ness still,



To You their lives bore wit - ness, Pro - claimed Your pow'r to save.  
 To bind our - selves to oth - ers In love and loy - al - ty.  
 And lay up - on Your al - tar Our gifts of heart and hand.  
 That, faith - ful in Your ser - vice, Our lives may sing Your praise.  
 We sing glad Al - le - lu - ias And strive to do Your will.

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## Profession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from**



heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayers of the People

- ☐ Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*Special prayer requests are announced followed by a brief silence for private prayer. During the season after Pentecost each petition ends with the phrase: "Lord in your mercy."*

*Please respond by saying: "Hear our prayer."*

*The prayers end with the words:*

- ☐ Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

☑ Amen.

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying,*

*"Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the*

*bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

### Announcements

## Offertory Prayer

**L** Merciful God,

**C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## Service of the Sacrament

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### Great Thanksgiving

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up to the Lord.

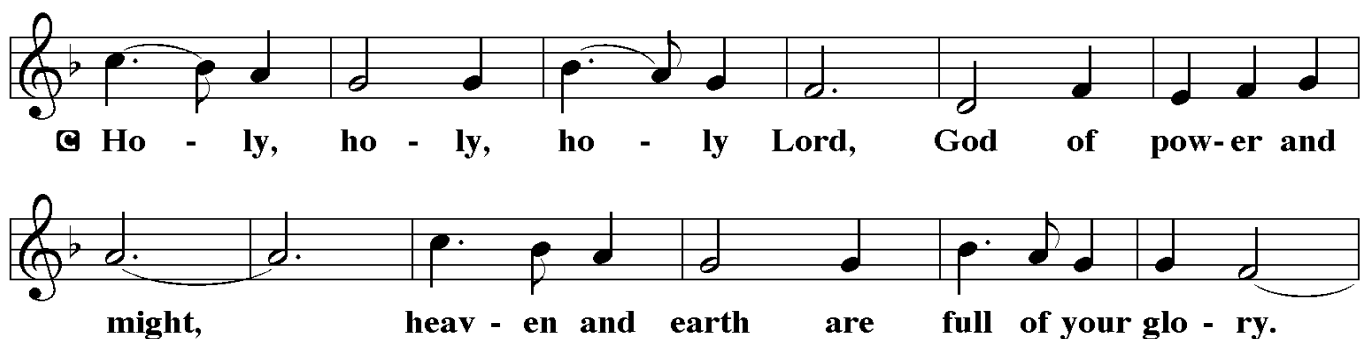
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

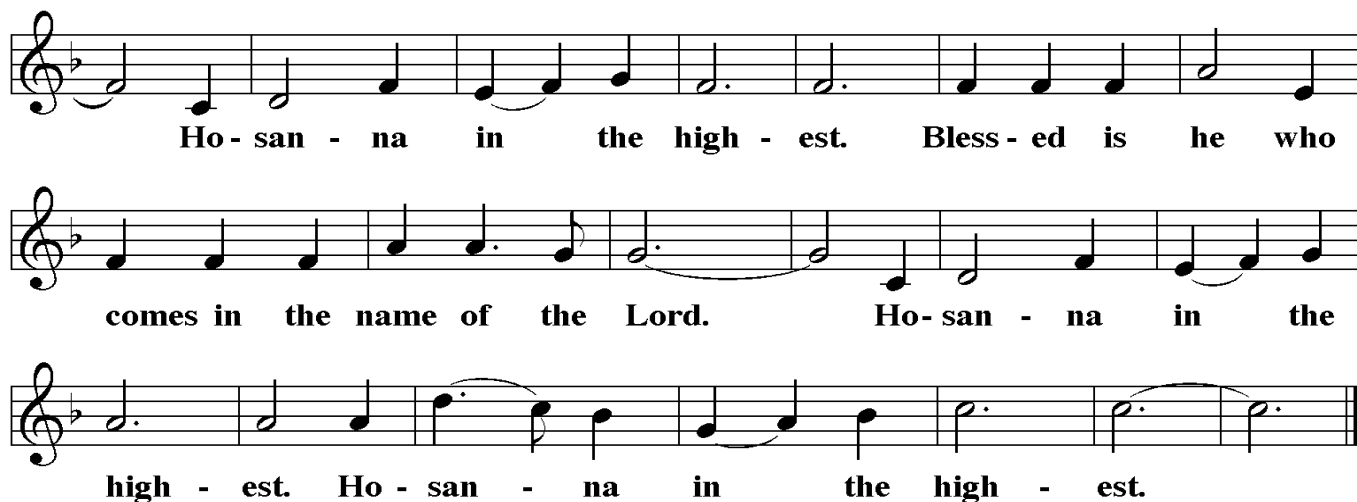
### Preface

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



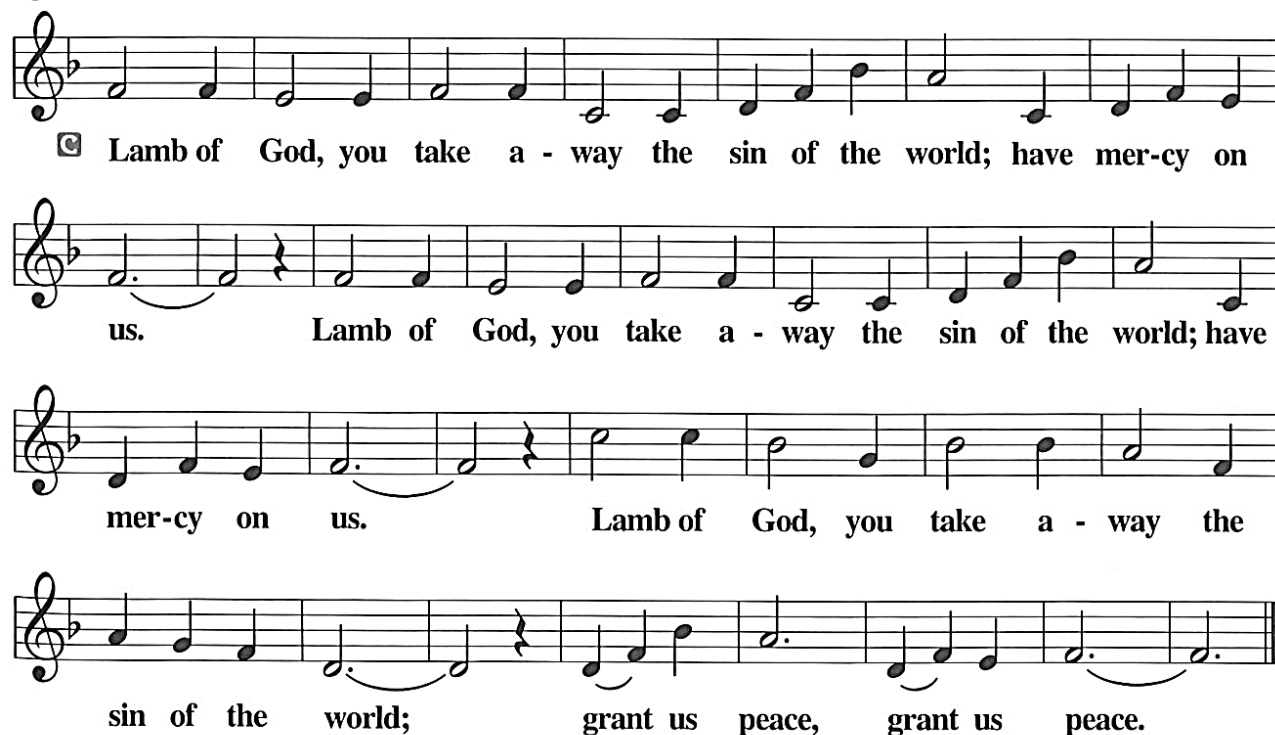
## Eucharistic Prayer

### Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** 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.

### Agnus Dei



*Please be seated*

## **Distribution of Holy Communion**

Lutheran Christians believe and teach that in the Sacrament of the Altar, Christ's body and blood are given to those who receive the bread and wine. With the bread and wine, the gifts of His body and blood are given to Christ's people for forgiveness of sins, strength for our journey of faith, and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. All who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and who trust His words that these gifts are given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, are invited to receive the Eucharist.

Please follow the direction of the ushers to come to the Lord's Table. The bread will be distributed first. **Gluten-free wafers** are available for those who may need these. Please indicate this to the pastor at the distribution. The wine is then received by individual glasses only. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available for those who for medical or recovery purposes must abstain from alcohol.

Children who do not receive the Sacrament are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please cross arms over chest so the pastor and lay assistant are able to distinguish children who do commune from those who do not yet receive the Sacrament.

For additional self-preparation to receive the Sacrament, please see "Christian Questions with Their Answers" beginning on page 1351 in the pew Bible.

## **Music at Distribution**

Summer Choir Anthem

"Simple Gifts"  
(Mark Schweizer)

*'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free  
'Tis a gift to come down where we ought to be  
And when we find ourselves in a place just right  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.*

*'Tis a gift to be loving, 'tis a gift to be kind,  
'tis a gift to leave our bitterness behind,  
And when we find ourselves in a place just right  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.*

*When true simplicity is gained  
to bow and to bend, we shan't be ashamed  
to turn, turn, will be our delight,  
'till by turning, turning, we come round right.*

'Tis a gift to be thankful, 'tis a gift to forgive,  
 'Tis a gift to find out how we ought to live,  
 And when we find ourselves in a place just right|  
 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

"Blest Are They"

(WOV 764)

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it;  
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . .  
 3 Blest are they . . . . who show mer - cy;  
 4 Blest are they . . . . who seek peace; . . . .  
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . .

theirs is the king - dom of God.  
 they shall in - her - it the earth.  
 mer - cy shall . . . be theirs.  
 they are the chil - dren of God.  
 all . . . be - cause . . . of me. Re -

Blest are they . . . . full . . . . of sor - row; . . .  
 Blest are they who hun - ger and thirst; . . . .  
 Blest are they, the pure . . . . of heart . . . .  
 Blest are they who suf - fer in faith; the  
 joice, be glad, . . . . yours is the king - dom; . . .

they . . . . shall be con - soled.  
 they . . . . shall have their fill.  
 they . . . . shall see God!  
 glo - ry of God is theirs.  
 shine . . . . for all to see.

(Refrain, next page)

*Refrain*

The musical score for the Refrain is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: "Re - jice and be glad! Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you. Re - jice and be glad! Yours is the king - dom of God!". The melody features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with several measures containing half notes tied across bar lines. The final measure of the Refrain is a whole note G5, which is also tied to the beginning of the next section.

Re - jice and be glad!

Bless - ed are you,

ho - ly are you. Re - jice and be

glad! Yours is the king - dom of

God!

*To stanzas* *End*

Text: David Haas, b. 1957

Melody: David Haas, b. 1957; Lyrics: David Haas, b. 1957; Music: David Haas, b. 1957

BLEST ARE THEY  
Lutheran

## Dismissal

## Post-Communion Canticle

"Thankful Hearts"

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, O God,  
and lead us forth in joy with shouts  
of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.  
(Lent:) A - men, a - men.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**L** Let us pray:

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Sending

### Blessing

**P** Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Benediction

**L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Sending Hymn

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing" (WOV 721)

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.  
4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.  
I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."  
Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

Text: Jaroslav Vajda, b. 1919

Music: Welsh

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## Postlude

"Postlude on the name "BACH" (Bruce Steane)



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