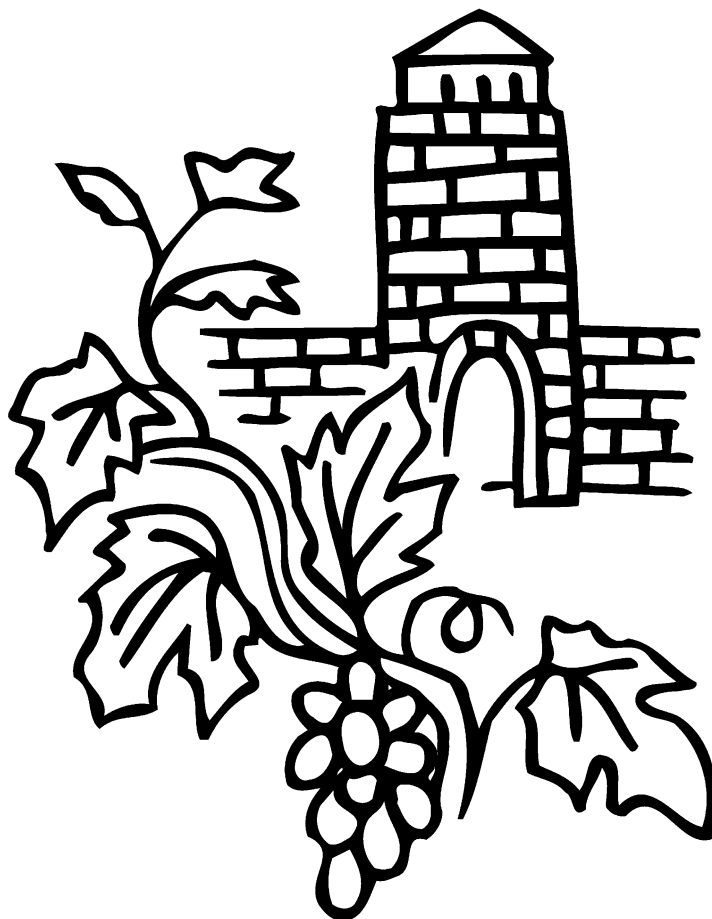


**October 8, 2023, 10:30 am**

**The 19th Sunday after Pentecost**

**ELW Setting One**



**Our Saviour**

**Lutheran Church**

**Warrenton, VA**

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## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### PRELUDE

*Please observe a prayerful silence as we prepare to worship.*

### Confession and Forgiveness

*The assembly stands and turns to face the cross at the entrance.*

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

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

**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility,  
confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,

**you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.**

**We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.**

**For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;**

**in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.

God's compassion is beyond compare.

In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.

In ✝ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**Amen**

**GATHERING SONG****OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY**

#533

*Hymn numbers (#) are for the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.*

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty,  
Zion, let me enter there,  
where my soul in joyful duty  
waits for God who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place,  
filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 2 Gracious God, I come before thee;  
come thou also unto me;  
where we find thee and adore thee,  
there a heav'n on earth must be.  
To my heart, oh, enter thou,  
let it be thy temple now!
- 3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted,  
here thy seed is duly sown;  
let my soul, where it is planted,  
bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
so that all I hear may be  
fruitful unto life in me.
- 4 Thou my faith increase and  
quicken, let me keep thy gift  
divine; howsoe'er temptations  
thicken, may thy word still o'er me  
shine as my guiding star through  
life, as my comfort in all strife.
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,  
let thy will be done indeed;  
may I undisturbed draw near thee  
while thou dost thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows;  
here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine  
Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

**GREETING**

*The presiding minister greets the assembly in the words of 2 Corinthians 13:4.*

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.**

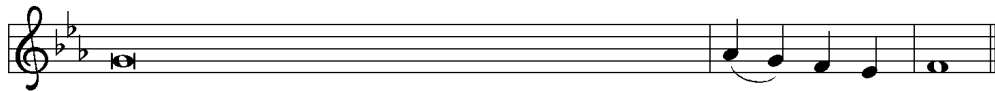
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



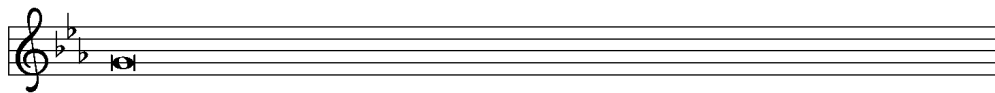
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



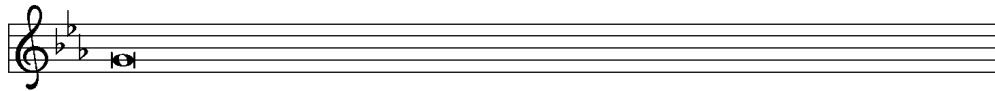
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**CHILDREN’S SERMON THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE**

**#677**

*Children are invited to come to the front for a brief lesson while we all sing.*

This little light of mine, I’m goin’-a let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I’m goin’-a let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I’m goin’-a let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**FIRST READING: EXODUS 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20**

A reading from Exodus.

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ...

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ...

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

<sup>18</sup>When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the

trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, <sup>19</sup>and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.” <sup>20</sup>Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 19

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker’s handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

<sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one’s own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable  
in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

**SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 3:4b-14**

A reading from Philippians.

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with a double bar line and contains the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia," with notes and rests corresponding to the syllables. The second staff continues with "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:33-46**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

[Jesus said to the people:] <sup>33</sup>“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord’s doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The gospel of the Lord.

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

## **SERMON**



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| <p>1 There in God's garden<br/>stands the Tree of Wisdom,<br/>whose leaves hold forth<br/>the healing of the nations:<br/>Tree of all knowledge,<br/>Tree of all compassion,<br/>Tree of all beauty.</p>       | <p>4 See how its branches<br/>reach to us in welcome;<br/>hear what the Voice says,<br/>"Come to me, ye weary!<br/>Give me your sickness,<br/>give me all your sorrow,<br/>I will give blessing."</p>  |
| <p>2 Its name is Jesus,<br/>name that says, "Our Savior!"<br/>There on its branches<br/>see the scars of suffering;<br/>see where the tendrils<br/>of our human selfhood<br/>feed on its lifeblood.</p>        | <p>5 This is my ending,<br/>this my resurrection;<br/>into your hands, Lord,<br/>I commit my spirit.<br/>This have I searched for;<br/>now I can possess it.<br/>This ground is holy.</p>              |
| <p>3 Thorns not its own<br/>are tangled in its foliage;<br/>our greed has starved it,<br/>our despite has choked it.<br/>Yet, look! it lives!<br/>its grief has not destroyed it<br/>nor fire consumed it.</p> | <p>6 All heav'n is singing,<br/>"Thanks to Christ whose passion<br/>offers in mercy<br/>healing, strength, and pardon.<br/>Peoples and nations,<br/>take it, take it freely!"<br/>Amen! My Master!</p> |

Text: Király Imre von Pécselyi, c. 1590-c. 1641; tr. Erik Routley, 1917-1982  
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### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of all grace, you are the source of life and joy. Strengthen the resolve of your church throughout the world, especially through the Virginia Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Lutheran World Federation, that together we press on toward the goal of your heavenly call in Jesus Christ.

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of all steadfastness, you set Christ as the cornerstone and foundation of the church. Build up Our Saviour Lutheran Church as living stones, that it stands in the community as a witness to your enduring faithfulness and love. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of all creation, you plant and nourish the earth as your own precious vineyard. Bless fields and orchards and the hands of those who labor in them, and all people involved in the steps to bring food and drink to our tables and altars. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of all compassion, in Christ, you lovingly poured yourself out like wine for your people. Have mercy on all who are ill, who struggle with their mental health, who cry out for justice, who hunger, and all in any need (*especially*). God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of all hope, the saints who came before us lived and died with their hearts fixed on you. We give you thanks for their faithful witness, and we wait with hope for the great day when we join their voices in praise. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

#### **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Online worshipers may greet one another in the "Comments" section.*

#### **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

#### **OFFERING**

*While the organ plays, an offering is gathered for the mission of the church.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN      PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSING FLOW**

*As the offering is brought forward, the assembly stands.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

**OFFERING PRAYER**

*The assisting minister may lead the following prayer.*

Let us pray together.  
**God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.**  
**We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.**  
**Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.**  
**Amen.**

**DIALOGUE**

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also 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**

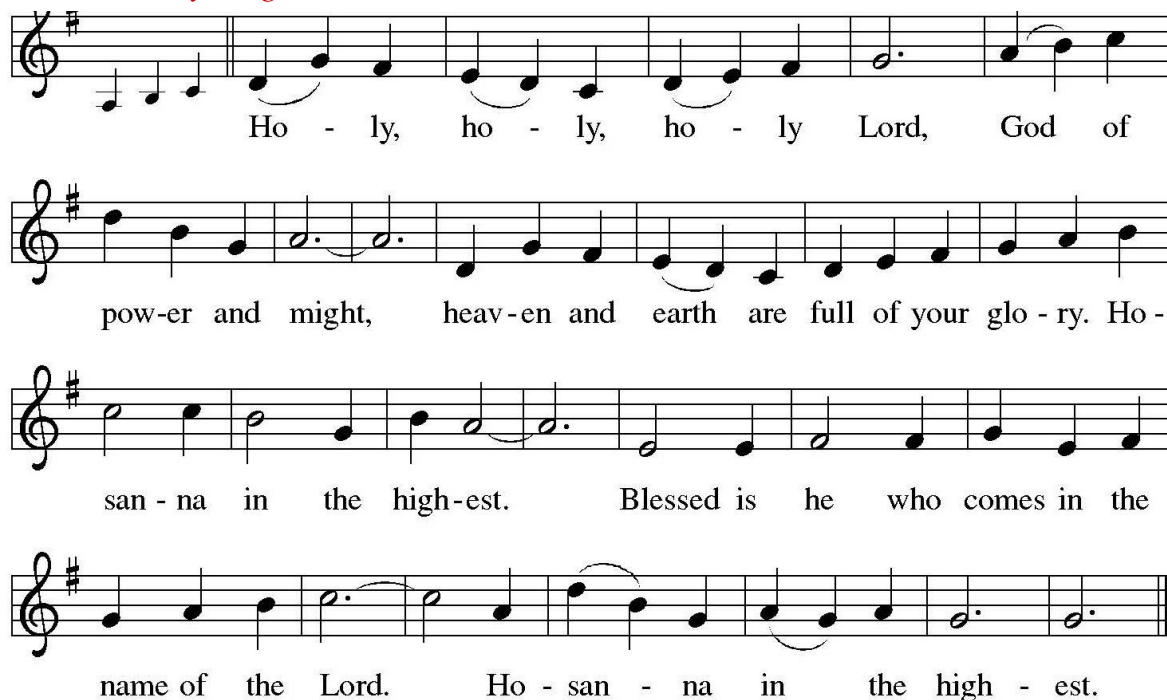
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*The assembly sings the Sanctus, based on Isaiah 6:1-8 and Matthew 21:9*



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 PRAYER

*Those with hearing difficulty may follow the text below as the presider offers a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.*

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,  
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,  
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners  
and to become food for the world.

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 life given for us  
and his rising from the grave,  
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:  
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,  
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

*The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

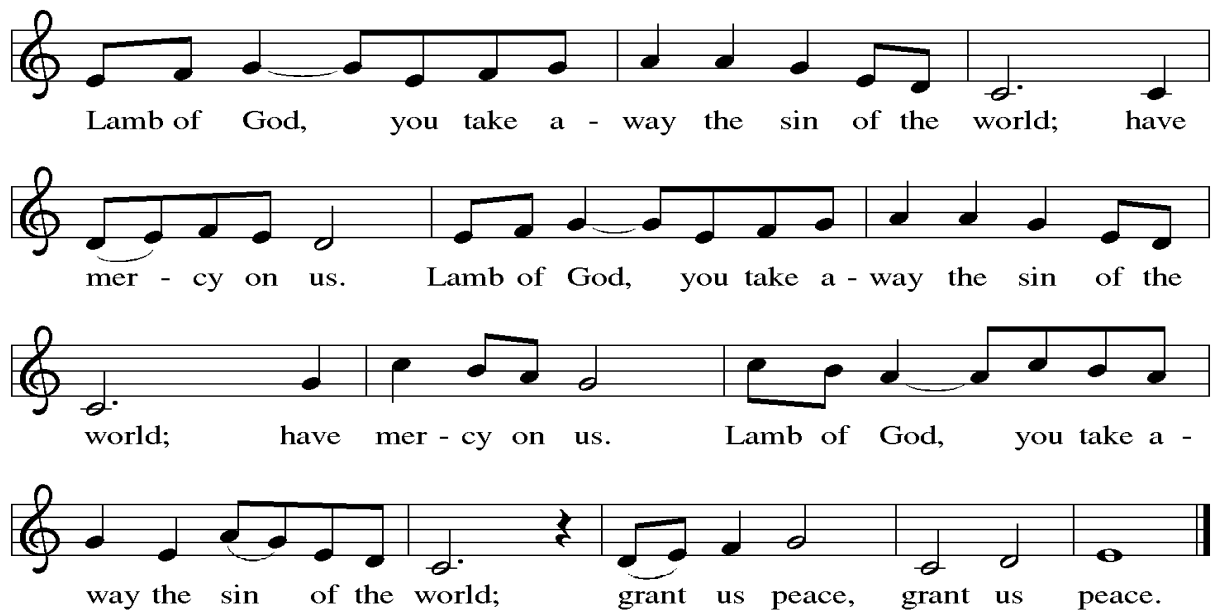
Jesus invites you to this table.

**Come, eat and live.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## LAMB OF GOD

*We sing the canticle Agnus Dei, based on John 1:29*



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

*When invited, gather at the altar, either kneeling or standing. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Those who do not receive may cross their arms over their chest and receive a blessing. Let an usher know if you need to receive in your seat.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*The organ plays as the people come forward.*

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The assisting minister leads the prayer after communion.*

Let us pray.

Blessed be your name, O God,  
for we have feasted on your Word,  
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.  
Strengthened by this food,  
send us to gather the world to your banquet,  
where none are left out and all are satisfied.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### BLESSING

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENDING SONG

### GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

**#536**

- 1 God be with you till we meet again;  
by good counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

#### *Refrain*

Till we meet, (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet again,)  
till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet again.)  
God be with you till we meet again.

- 2 God be with you till we meet again;  
holy wings securely hide you,  
daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*
- 3 God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you;  
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904, alt.

**DISMISSAL**

*The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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