

16th Sunday After Pentecost

September 13th, 2026

9:30 am



Welcome to Calvary Lutheran Church.
We are so glad you are worshipping with us today.

LET US KNOW YOU'RE HERE: Whether this is your first time or you're a regular, we invite you to fill out an attendance sheet located within the blue binders in each pew to let us know you're here. If you're watching online, you can let us know you joined us by clicking the "Let Us Know You're Here" link on our website's worship page.

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NURSERY: Children are a joy in worship, *and* we understand that little ones might sometimes need a break. The nursery, for children ages 0-3, is open throughout Sunday mornings until the end of the 11:00 a.m. service. For children in worship, you can find busy books and activity bags outside the sanctuary. Ask one of our ushers if you need help finding the nursery or worship resources.

COMMUNION: All are welcome at Christ's table, including children. Ushers will guide you to the altar where you can either kneel or stand to receive the body and blood of Christ. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. Wine is received either by drinking from the silver chalice, or by saving the bread and dipping it in the chalice, or in the individual cups. Individual cups include both wine (red) and non-wine (white) and may be discarded in the baskets found at the aisles while returning to your seats. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing, keeping your hands folded over your chest. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone. For those unable to commune at the altar, our pastors will bring communion to you.

ABOUT THE CHURCH SEASON: The Season After Pentecost, often referred to as "Ordinary Time", stretches from summer to fall from Pentecost Sunday through Advent. Denoted within the church by the color green, (found in the banners, paraments, and pastor's vestments) this half-year focuses on the teachings of Jesus and the works of the Spirit.

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and to view the full church calendar.**

The Liturgy at Calvary Lutheran Church

Prelude *No. 7 in D Minor and No. 5 in A Minor*
Stephanm Beneking, c. 2015

Penitential Rite *I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord (W&P #74)*

We turn in place, following the cross as it passes in procession to the altar.

I will sing of the mer - cies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will
sing, I will sing. I will sing of the mer - cies of the *Fine*
Lord for - ev - er, I will sing of the mer - cies of the Lord.
With my mouth will I make known thy
faith - ful - ness, thy faith - ful - ness. With my mouth will I make
D.C. al fine
known thy faith - ful - ness to all gen - er - a - tions.

Text: Psalm 89:1
Music: FILLMORE, J. H. Fillmore

L The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities (Psalm 103:9-11). Trusting in God's mercy let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for confession and reflection

L Bless the LORD, O my soul,
C **God forgives us all our sins, healing those who live in pain, saving us from final death. God fills us with goodness and love. You save my life from destruction and crown me with steadfast love and mercy. Bless the LORD, O my soul** (Psalm 103:2-4).

L As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love; as far as the east is from the west, so far have our sins been removed from us (Psalm 103:11-12).

Reprise *I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord*

Apostolic Greeting

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

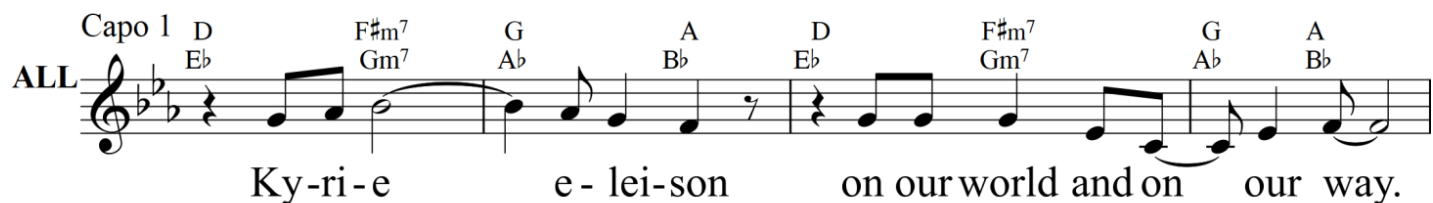
C **And also with you.**

Kyrie Eleison

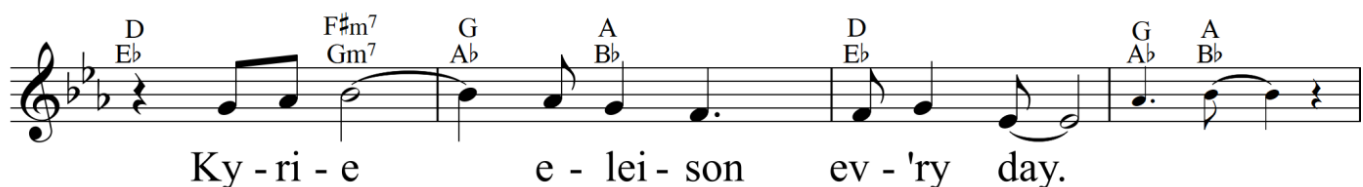
Did you know that "Kyrie Eleison" is Greek for "Lord, Have Mercy"?

Capo 1

ALL

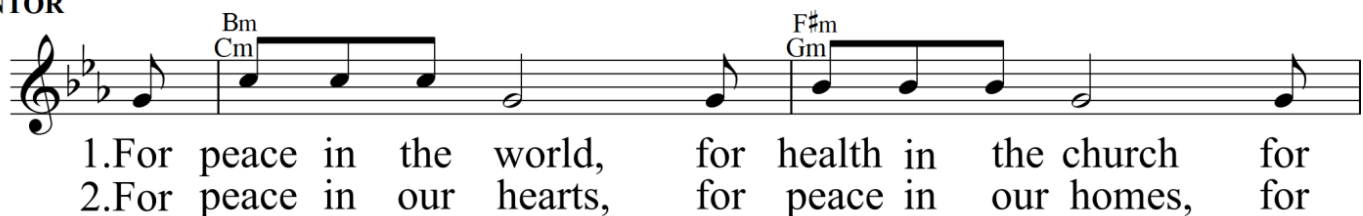


Ky-ri-e e-lei-son on our world and on our way.

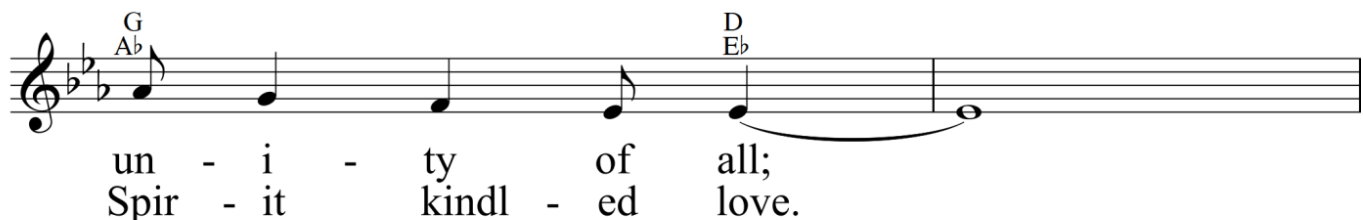


Ky-ri-e e-lei-son ev-'ry day.

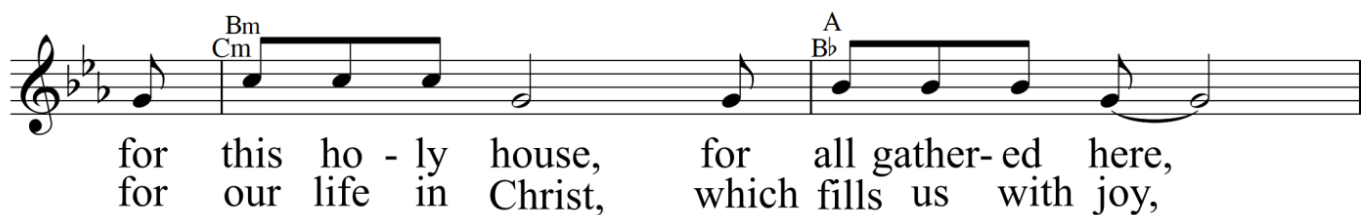
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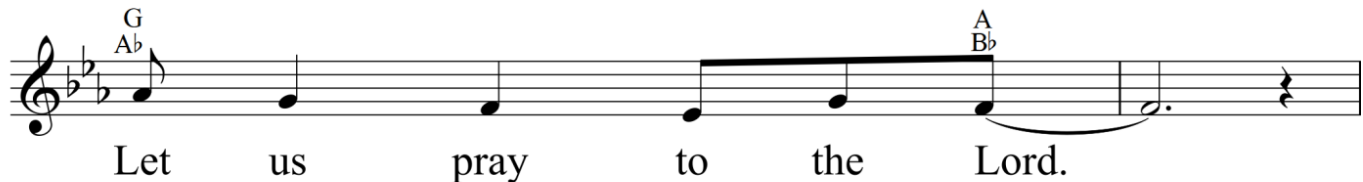
1. For peace in the world, for health in the church for
2. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for



un-i-ty of all;
Spir-it kindl-ed love.



for this ho-ly house, for all gather-ed here,
for our life in Christ, which fills us with joy,



Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL



let us pray to the Lord. Refrain

Hymn of Praise

Capo fret 1

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It features a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The guitar part is in the first position (Capo fret 1). The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words in italics. The score is divided into systems, each with a guitar staff and a vocal staff. The chords are indicated by letters above the staff, and the lyrics are written below the staff. The score includes a variety of chords, including major, minor, and suspended chords, as well as triads and dyads. The lyrics are: "I will stand in the con - gre - ga - tion and I will ex - I will stand in the con - gre - ga - tion and I will - We will join as a con - gre - ga - tion and we will ex - alt your name; I will stand in the con - gre - ga - I will join as a con - gre - ga - tion and I will ex - alt your name; Let the With your will sing as all cre - a - tion I lifts the song a praise! new. Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Let the child - ren of your sal - va - tion lift their prais - es too! Hal - le - lu - jah!"

I will stand in the con - gre - ga - tion and I will ex -
I will stand in the con - gre - ga - tion and I will -
We will join as a con - gre - ga - tion and we will ex -

alt your name; I will stand in the con - gre - ga -
praise your name; I will stand in the con - gre - ga -
alt your name; I will join as a con - gre - ga -

tion and I will ex - alt your name; Let the With your will
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chil - dren of your sal - va - tion lift their prais - es too!
peo - ple of ev - 'ry na - tion I will shout this praise!
sing as all cre - a - tion I lifts the song a new.

Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Let the child - ren of your sal - va - tion lift their prais - es too!

Hal - le - lu - jah!

Prayer of The Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray... O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading **Genesis 50:15 – 21**

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*The choir leads our Psalm. They sing the refrain and the congregation echoes it,
The congregation then sings the refrain following the verses sung by the choir.*

Psalm 103: Loving and Forgiving



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1. All my being bless the Lord, bless the holy name of God. All my being, bless the Lord, rememb'ring the goodness of God. God forgives us all our sins, healing those who live in pain, saving us from final death. God fills us with goodness and love. **REFRAIN**
2. Good and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger, rich in love. God remembers not our sins, forgiving and loving is God. As heaven soars above the earth, so great the love of God for us. As far as east is from the west, the Lord takes our sins from us. **REFRAIN**

Second Reading Romans 14:1 – 12

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

L The Word of the Lord
C **Thanks be to God**

We stand for the gospel as Christ, the Word of God, is proclaimed.

Alleluia Verse & Gospel

Halle Halle Halle

Hal - le hal - le hal - le lu - jah!

Hal - le hal - le hal - le lu - - jah!

hal - le hal - le ha - le lu - -

jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 18th chapter
C **Glory to you, O Lord**

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Sermon *Pastoral Intern Michael Rivard*

Following the sermon, we pause for a time of silence, reflection, and prayer.

Hymn of The Day *Where Charity and Love Prevail* (ELW #359)

1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,

brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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Creed

Did you know that "Creed" comes from the Latin "Credo" meaning "I believe"?

A Let us profess the faith in which we are baptized:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people

Capo fret 1

Instrumental Intro

In the si - lence Lord, Hear our prayer.

In the still - ness Lord, Hear our prayer.

Our spo - ken words, our si - lent thoughts:

these we hum - bly share.

In this mo - ment Lord, Hear our prayer.

according to their needs.

*The Assisting Minister will end each prayer petition saying "Lord, in your mercy..." to which the congregation responds, **"hear our prayer."***
The Pastor will conclude the prayers with the following...

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

C **Amen.**

Peace

We greet our neighbors in the name of the Lord.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Offertory

Just As I Am

Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1849

We offer our gifts with joy and thanksgiving.



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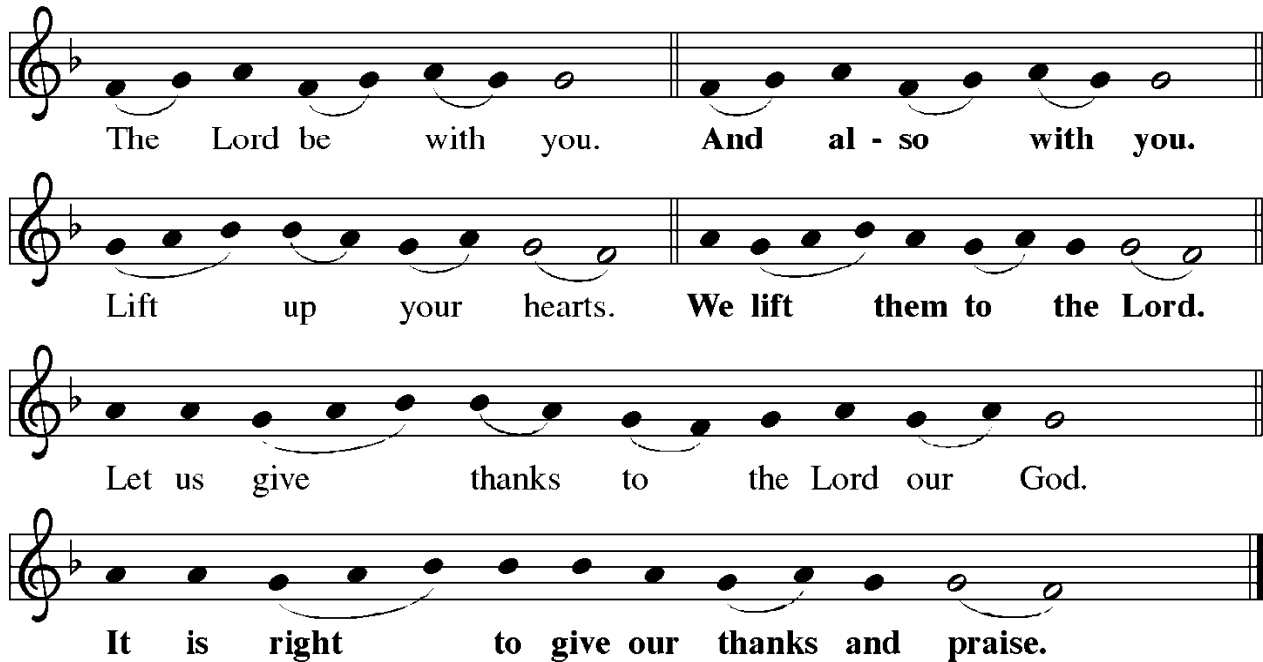


We stand as our gifts are presented.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time. It consists of 16 measures across 8 staves. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices. We lift our hearts, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices. Lord, use our hearts. Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices we lift our hearts, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. We are an offering." The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests, as well as dynamic markings like *mf* and *f*. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: G, C², Dm⁷, C², F, C, Dm⁷, G, C², Dm⁷, C², F, C, Dm⁷, F, G⁷, Em⁷, Asus, Dm⁷, G⁷sus, E, D, E, Am, Dm⁷, C², Bb, Dm⁷, G, C², Dm⁷, C², F, C², Dm⁷, G, C, and F. There are also triplets indicated by a '3' over a group of notes.

- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- 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**

Great Thanksgiving



P 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:

Sanctus & Benedictus

The Sanctus and Benedictus, translated from the Latin meaning "Holy and Blessed" is an ancient song that draws on the words of Isaiah and recalls Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.



Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly. Ho- ly, ho- ly is our
God. God, the Lord of earth and heav- en. Ho- ly, ho- ly is our
God Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly. Ho- ly, ho- ly is our
God; God the Lord of all of his- t'ry. Ho- ly, ho- ly is our God.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharist is from the Greek meaning "Thanksgiving". The Pastor prays the Eucharistic prayer, weaving in the day's themes with the familiar words of Jesus from the Last Supper. We are reminded that we share in this meal "in remembrance of Jesus".

Eucharistic Acclamation



We pro-claim your death, Lord; we cel - e- brate your ris - ing; we
break this bread and share this_ cup un - til you come a - gain.

P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

**All 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.**

P The Body of Christ given for you.
The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Agnus Dei

"Agnus Dei" comes from the Latin meaning "Lamb of God".

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.

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Sharing of Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome at Christ's table.

Please follow the directions of the ushers as we share in this meal of grace.

As we share in the meal, the words of promise are shared:

"The body of Christ, given for you." and "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

Detailed communion information can be found on the inside cover of your bulletin.

The following hymns may be sung during the sharing of communion.

Goodness is Stronger Than Evil (Taizé-ELW #721)



Good -ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;



light is stron - ger than dark - ness; life is stron - ger than death; vic - t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic - t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Text: From *An African Prayer Book*, Desmond Tutu, b. 1931

Music: GOODNESS IS STRONGER, John L. Bell, b. 1949

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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.



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



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

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C Amen

Post-Communion Canticle

Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise;_ tell ev-ery
one what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joyce and
bear Christ's ho-ly name. Send us with your
prom-is-es, O God, and lead us forth with joy! With -
shouts of thanks-giv-ing, A-men, A-men; With -
shouts of thanks-giv-ing A-men! A-men!

A Let us pray... Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C Amen

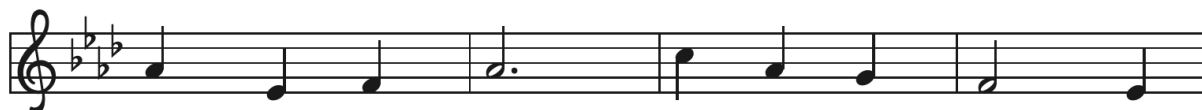
The Benediction evokes the language of the Priestly Blessing from Numbers 6:24 – 26.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and
✠ give you peace.

C Amen

*Having been fed by the Word and at the table, we are sent to live out our baptismal calling – sharing God's love with our human hands.
During the recessional hymn, we turn in place, following the cross.*

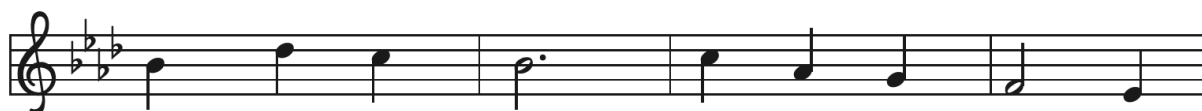
Recessional *God's Work, Our Hands* (ACS #1000)



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922–1987

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A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude *Musette*
Michel-Richard Delanland, 1657 – 1726

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Scriptures from the NRSVue Bible Translation (2021).

The Lutheran church sets aside days during the year to commemorate saints, martyrs, and renewers of the church to give thanks for the ways they shared God's grace, and to honor the work of the Holy Spirit throughout history. This week, we remember...