

17th Sunday After Pentecost

September 20th, 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.

OFFERINGS: Our mission and ministry is not possible without you. Gifts can be shared in a variety of ways during the service. Checks, cash and "I Give Online" cards may be placed in the offering baskets passed during the service. Online and mobile gifts can be shared via the app and QR codes listed below. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.



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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, beginning Pentecost Sunday until 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

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

Penitential Rite *Great is the Lord (W&P #53)*

Great is the Lord, he is ho - ly and just, by his
pow - er we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is
faith - ful and true, by his mer - cy he proves he is
love. Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry.
Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of praise. Great is the Lord, now
lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the
Lord! Great is the Lord!

Text: Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith

Music: GREAT IS THE LORD, Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith

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P Every day, we should bless you and praise your name forever (Psalm 145:2). Instead, we concern ourselves with that which we did not grow or labor for (Jonah 4:10). Let us confess the ways we live in the flesh and fail to choose to be with Christ.

We pause for a moment of silent confession.

P Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised... (Psalm 145:3).

C **We know that you are a gracious and merciful God, one who relents from punishment** (Jonah 4:2). **Forgive our sins; strengthen us to walk side by side in one mind for the faith of the gospel** (Phil. 1:27).

P The Lord is indeed gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love (Psalm 145:8). Saved by grace, live your lives in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, standing firm in the one spirit (Phil. 1:27).

Reprise *Great is 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.

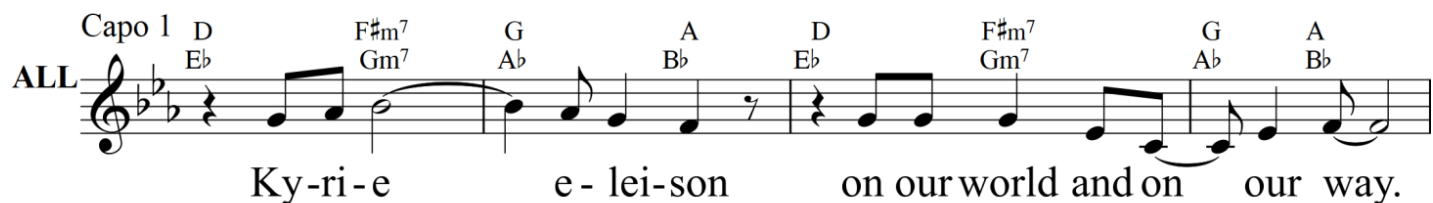
C **And also with you.**

Kyrie Eleison

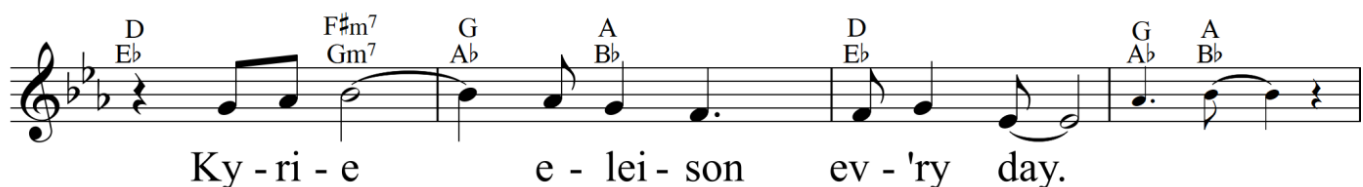
Did you know that "Kyrie Eleison" is Greek for "Lord, Have Mercy"?

Capo 1

ALL

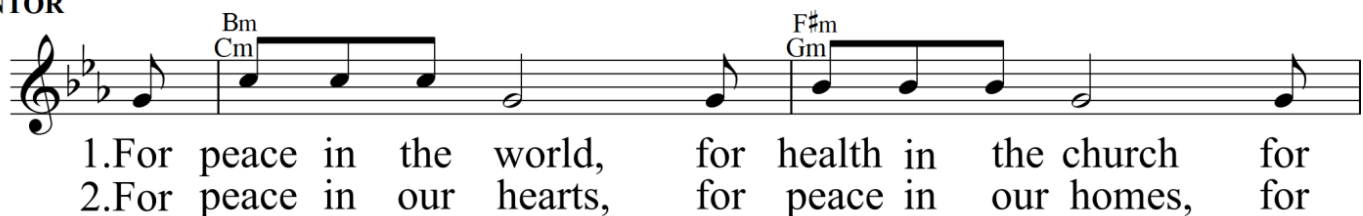


Ky-ri-e e-lei-son on our world and on our way.

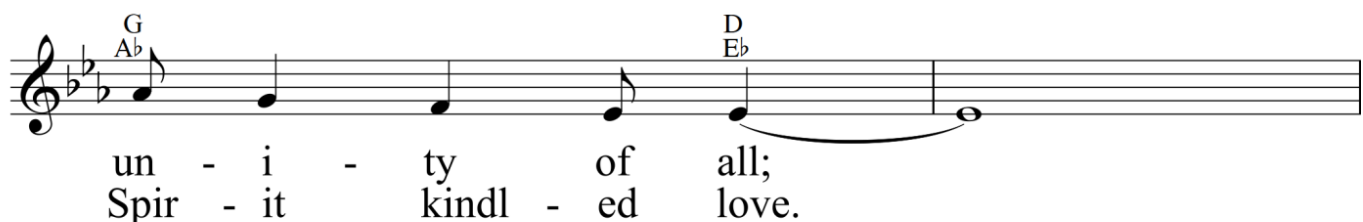


Ky-ri-e e-lei-son ev-'ry day.

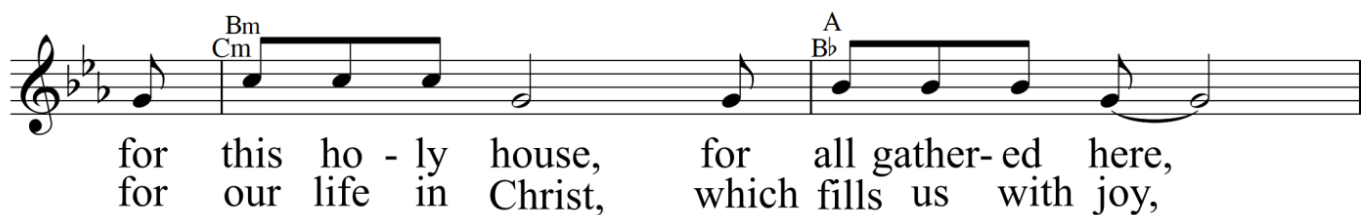
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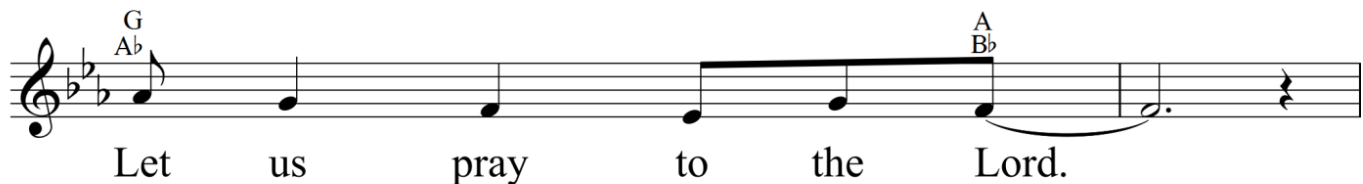
1. For peace in the world, for health in the church for
2. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for



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 includes various chords such as D, Em, Fm, Eb, A, Bb, G, Ab, D, Em, Fm, G, Ab, Em7, Fm7, Gmaj7, A7, D, A(sus4), Bbsus, E(sus4), Fsus, E, F, Bb, Ab, Bb, G, A, D, Em, D, G, Em7, Fm7, Gmaj7, A7, D, Em, D, and G. 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 - praise your name; alt - you. I will stand in the con - gre - ga - I will stand in the con - gre - ga - We will join as a con - gre - ga - tion and I will ex - alt - you. Let the With your name; We will sing as all cre - a - tion lifts the song a 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!'.

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Prayer of The Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray... Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading **Jonah 3:10 – 4:11**

¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night."

¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

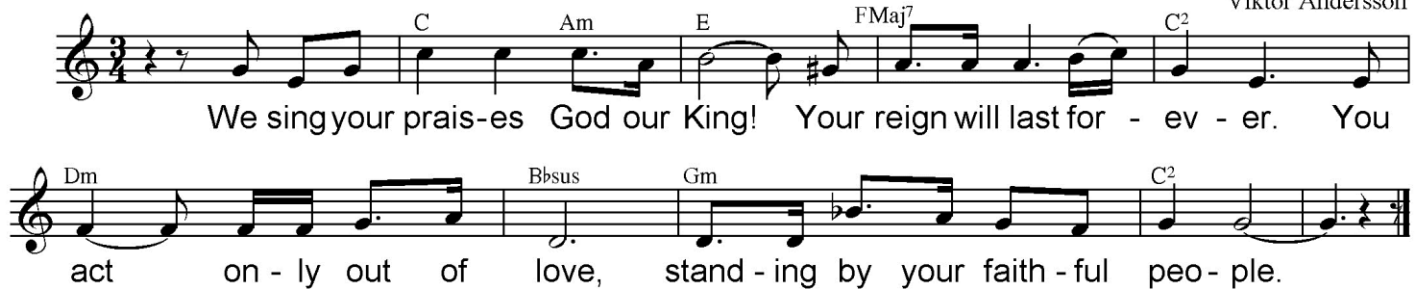
L The Word of the Lord.

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 145

Viktor Andersson



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1. All ages celebrate, praise the splendor of your glory. Tell of your marvelous work. Age to age we tell your deeds. **REFRAIN**
2. All people celebrate, and proclaim your power and greatness. Tell of your gen'rous gifts, joyfully acclaim you love. **REFRAIN**
3. Our God is merciful, tender hearted, slow to anger, loving and ever kind; tenderly embracing all. **REFRAIN**

Second Reading **Philippians 1:21 – 30**

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 20th chapter
C **Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Sermon *Pastor Kyle Rouze*

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

Hymn Of The Day *All Who Love and Serve Your City* (ELW #724)



1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
 2 In your day of loss and sor - row, in your
 3 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
 4 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
 5 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the



bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for peace and
 day of help - less strife, hon - or, peace, and love re -
 work and wast - ed play, call to mind the word of
 Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a world that
 cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our judge, our



jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless,
 treat - ing, seek the Lord, who is your life.
 Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
 spurns him, of - f'ring peace from Cal - v'ry's hill.
 glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

Text: Erik Routley, 1917–1982

Music: NEW ORLEANS, Paul D. Weber, b. 1949

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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 according to their needs.

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.

Chords: E, A, E, A, E, E, A/E, Bb/F, F#m, Gm, B7, C7, E, F, A, Bb, A, Bb, E, F, F#m7, Gm7, E, B(sus4), Csus, B, C, F#m, Gm, E, F, B7, C7, B, C, E, A, E, F, Bb, F.

*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 *The Wayfaring Stranger* American Folk Song Calvary Sanctuary Choir Arr. Paul Smith (b. 1981) [VOCES8]

I am a poor wayfaring stranger, while trav'ling through this world of woe, yet there's no sickness, toil nor danger in that bright world to which I go.

I'm going there to see my Father; I'm going there no more to roam, I'm only going over Jordan, I'm only going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather round me; I know my way is rough and steep, but golden fields lie out before me where God's redeemed shall ever sleep.

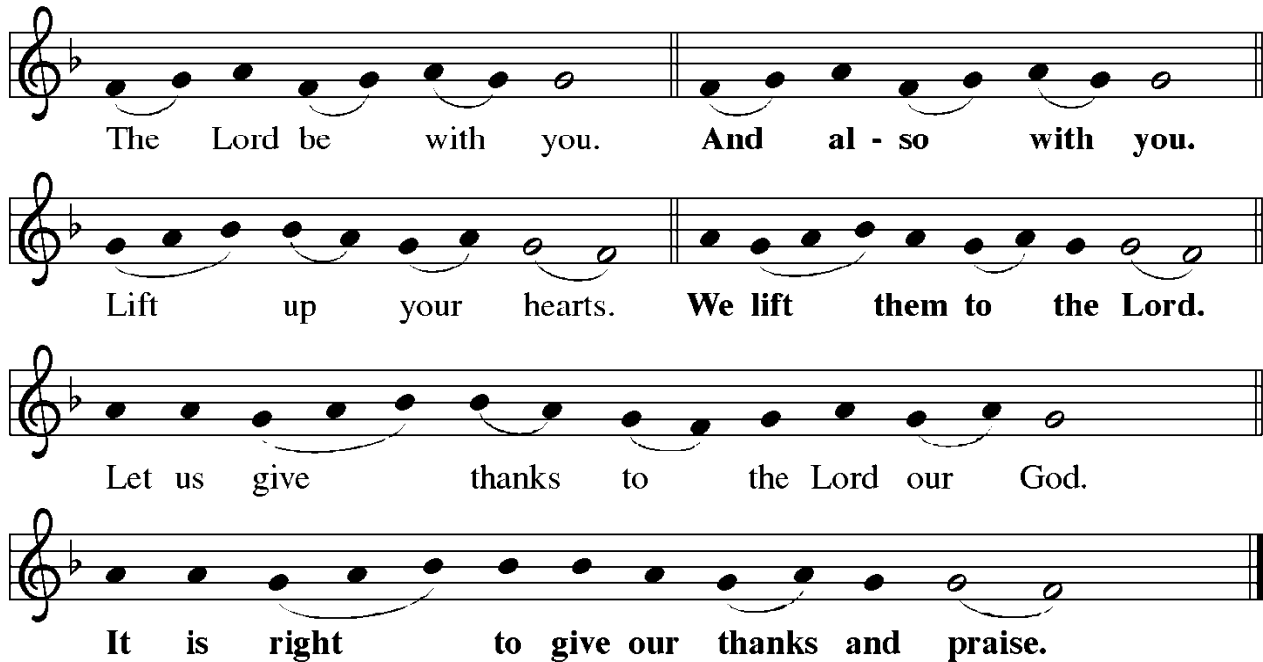
I'm going there to see my mother; she said she'd meet me when I come. I'm only going over Jordan, I'm only going over home.

I'll soon be free from ev'ry trial, my body sleep in the churchyard; I'll drop the cross of self-denial and enter on my great reward. I'm going there to see my Savior to sing his praise forever more.

I'm only going over Jordan, I'm only going over home.

We offer our gifts with joy and thanksgiving.

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. 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.

Chord symbols: F, C, F, F, B^b, F, B^b, C, F, F, C, F, F, B^b, F⁷, B^b, E, F⁷, B^m, B^b, F, G^m, F⁷, B^b, C, F.

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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.

For the Bread Which You Have Broken (ELW #494)

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear harmonic structure. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with line numbers 1-4 corresponding to the four parts. The score includes a final double bar line at the end of the second system.

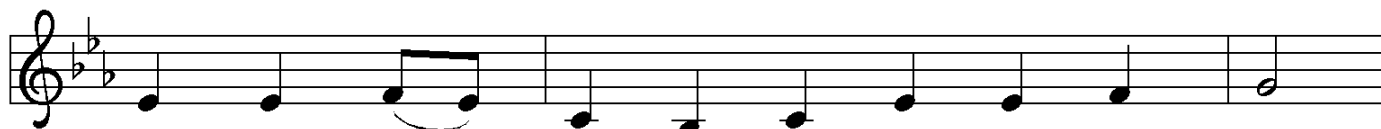
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Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823–1895

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Lord of All Hopefulness (ELW #765)



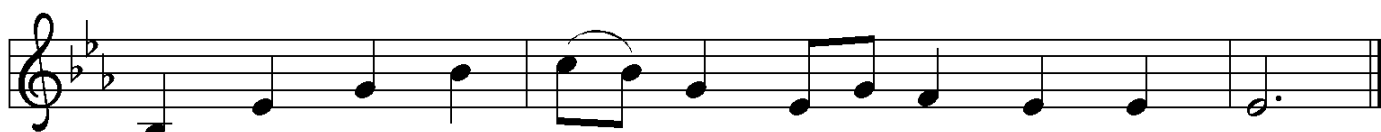
1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
Text © Oxford University Press 1931.

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 - joice 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.*

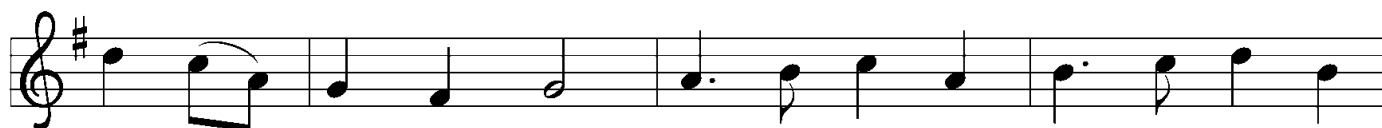
Recessional *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* (ELW #618)



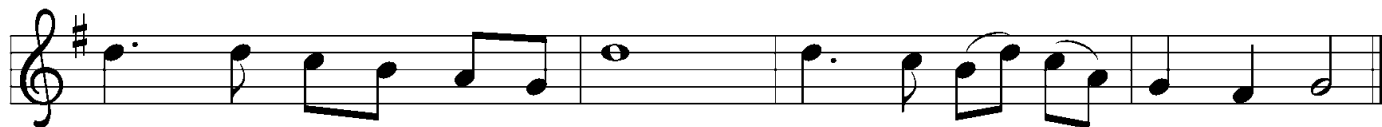
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude *Voluntary – 2nd Movement*
John Stanley (1712 – 1786)

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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...

Nelson Wesley Trout, bishop, died 1996

Sunday, September 20, 2026

A native of Ohio, Trout served parishes in several parts of the United States before being elected bishop of the South Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church, the first African American Lutheran to serve in such a capacity.

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Monday, September 21, 2026

Matthew (or Levi) was a tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman government. Tax collectors were frequently despised for dishonesty and for assisting the occupiers. Jesus nevertheless showed love for them, and chose Matthew to be a disciple.