

19th Sunday After Pentecost

St. Francis of Assisi

October 4th, 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

Penitential Rite *May You Run and Not Be Weary (W&P #97)*

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

May you run and not be weary. May your
heart be filled with song. And may the
love of God con - tin - ue to
give you hope and keep you strong. And may you
run and not be weary. May your
life be filled with joy. And may the
road you trav - el al - ways lead you home.

Text: Handt Hanson

Music: JOURNEY BLESSING, Handt Hanson

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- L Regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus... in order to gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of your own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith (Philippians 3:8-9). Let us confess all that would prevent us from gaining Christ.

We pause for a moment of silent confession.

- L Restore us, O God;

C God of Hosts, bring us back. Let Your face shine on us and we shall be saved. Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name (Psalm 80:3,18).

- L In the mercy of Almighty God all your sins are forgiven. Therefore, strive to know Christ and the power of his resurrection... forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus (Phil. 3:10, 13-14).

Reprise *May You Run and Not Be Weary*

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.

CANTOR

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 with a capo on the first fret. It consists of nine staves of music. The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some lines having multiple voices (e.g., 'I will stand', 'We will join'). The chords are indicated above the notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

Chords: D, Em, D, Em, D, Em, G, Ab, D, Em, D, Em, D, G, Em7, D, Gmaj7, A7, D, Em7, D, A(sus4), Bbsus, A, Bb, F#m7, Bm7, G, A, D, Ab, Bb, Eb, Vm, Eb, Fm, Eb, G, Em7, D, Gmaj7, A7, D, Em, D, Em7, D, Gmaj7, A7, D, Em, D.

Lyrics:

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 _____ you. I will stand in the con - gre - ga -
 praise your name; I will stand in the con - gre - ga -
 alt _____ you. We will join as a con - gre - ga -
 tion and I will ex - alt _____ you. name; Let the
 tion and I will ex - alt _____ you. name; With your
 tion and we will ex - alt _____ you. We will
 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 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!
 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... 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.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading **Isaiah 5:1 – 7**

¹I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

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 80

Refrain

God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

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1. O shepherd of Israel hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **REFRAIN**
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.
REFRAIN
3. May your hand be on the one you have chosen, the one you have
given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again; give us life
that we may call upon your name. **REFRAIN**

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b – 14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ 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; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ 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 ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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 21st chapter
C **Glory to you, O Lord**

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

⁴²Jesus 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’?

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

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

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 (W&P #95)

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

Refrain after each verse; repeat vs 1 to end



Make me a chan- nel of your peace.
 Make me a chan- nel of your peace.
 Make me a chan- nel of your peace.



Where there is ha- tred, let me bring your love;
 Where there's de- spair in life, let me bring hope;
 It is in par- don - ing that we are par- doned



where there is in- ju- ry, your par- don, Lord;
 where there is dark- ness, ev- er ly light;
 in giv- ing of our - selves that we re- ceive



and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 and where there's sad- ness, ev- er joy.
 and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

Refrain



O Mas- ter, grant that I may nev- er seek so



much to be con- soled as to con- sole, to be



un- der- stood as to un- der- stand, to be



loved as to love with all my soul.

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.

*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 *Rosymedre* Music J. D. Edwards 1805-1885 Handbell Choir
Setting by Ralph Vaughn Williams 1872-1958
Transcription by Douglas E. Wagner b. 1952

We offer our gifts with joy and thanksgiving.



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We stand as our gifts are presented.

Handbell Choir musical score for "Two Ways to Give". The score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three 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." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings (G, C2, Dm7, F, C, 3, Dm7, G, C2, Dm7, F, C, 3, Dm7, F, G7).

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.

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

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.

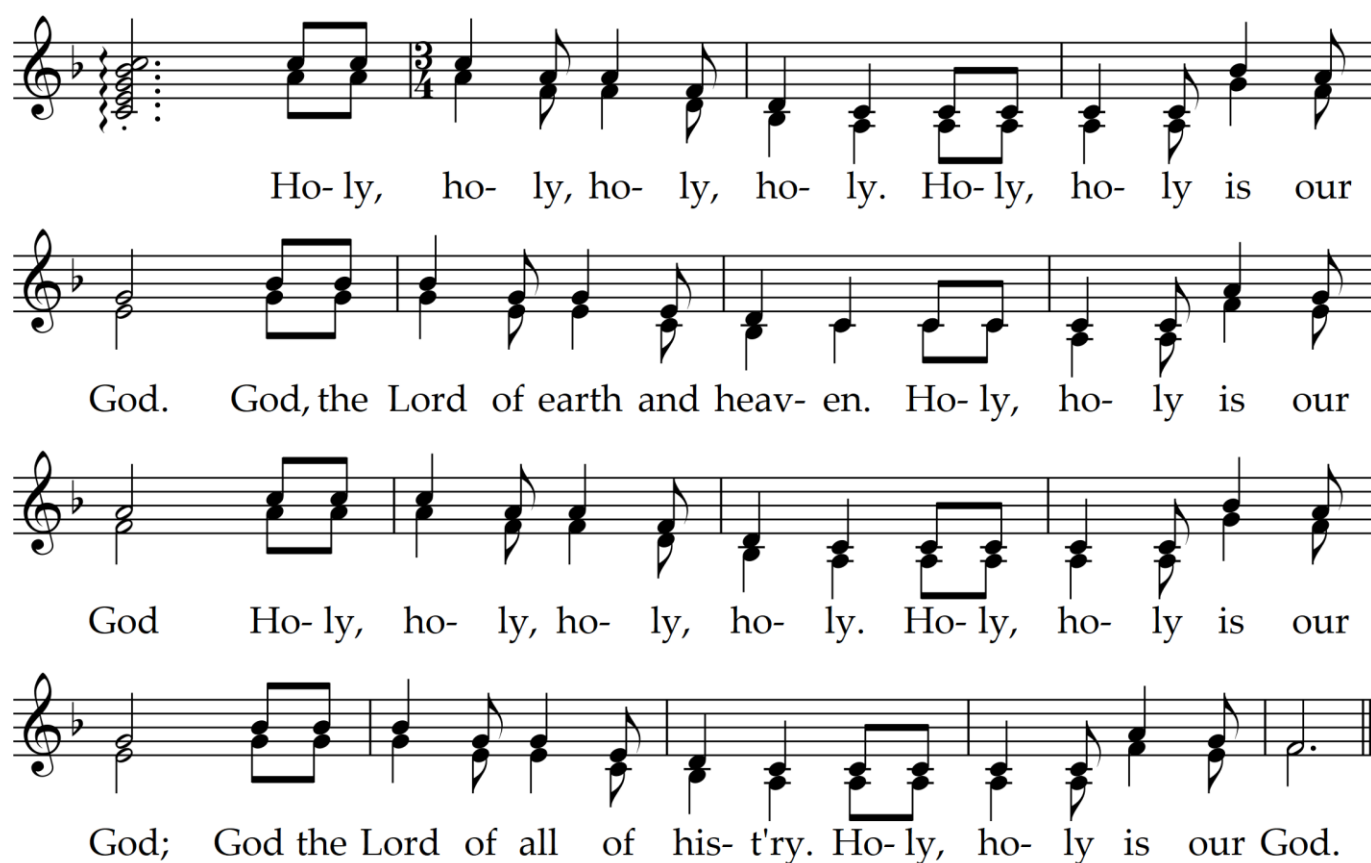
P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;

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



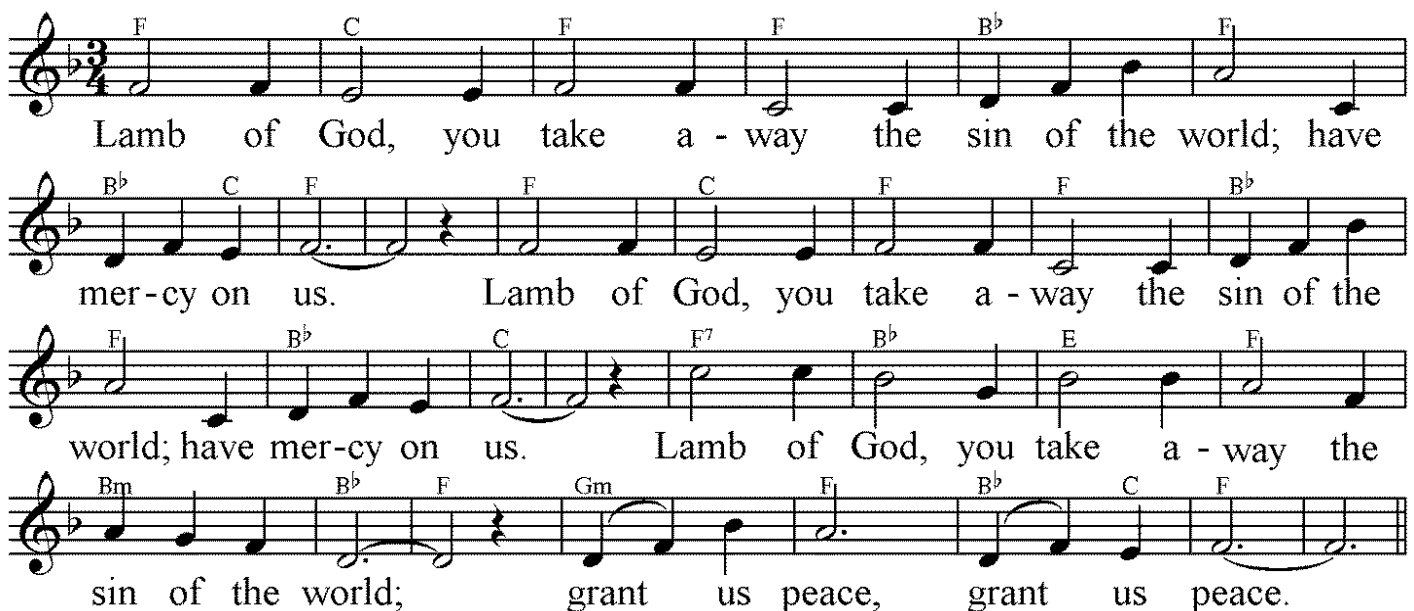
P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

**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".



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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.

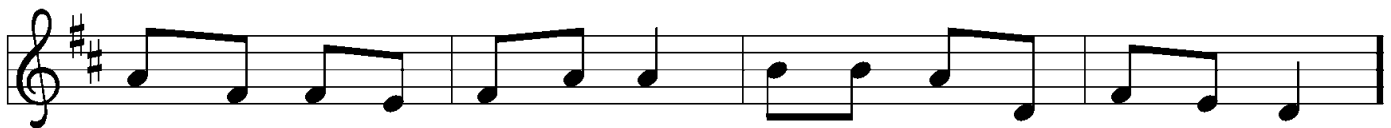
The following hymns may be sung during the sharing of communion.

Here I Am, Lord Music Dan Schutte b.1947 Handbell Choir Setting By Arnold B. Sherman 1948-2024

Jesus Loves Me (ELW #595)



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Here is Bread (W&P #58)



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us,
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us,
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us,



he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine,
 he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace,
 he is with us. We'll pro - claim till he comes



Christ is with us here.
 feast on Je - sus here.
 Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Refrain



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is



life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it,



Christ is with us here.

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.

Sending ***God the Sculptor of the Mountains (ELW #736)***

D Bm Em Em⁷/A A

1 God the sculp - tor of the moun - tains,
 2 God the nui - sance to the Pha - raoh,
 3 God the dress - er of the vine - yard,
 4 God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant,

D Bm Em Em⁷/A A

God the mill - er of the sand,
 God the cleav - er of the sea,
 God the plant - er of the wheat,
 God the calm, de - ter - mined youth,

F Dm Gm⁷/Bb Gm/C C

God the jewel - er of the heav - ens,
 God the pil - lar in the dark - ness,
 God the reap - er of the har - vest,
 God the ta - ble - turn - ing proph - et,

F E⁷ A A⁷/G

God the pot - ter of the land:
 God the bea - con of the free:
 God the source of all we eat:
 God the re - sur - rect - ed truth:

D/F# F#m⁷ GM⁷ Bm

you are womb of all cre - a - tion,
 you are fount of all de - liv - 'rance,
 you are host at ev - 'ry ta - ble,
 you are pres - ent ev - 'ry mo - ment,

Em D/A Em/A D

we are form - less; shape us now.
 we are sight - less; lead us now.
 we are hun - gry; feed us now.
 we are search - ing; meet us now.

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude *Built on the Rock*
Ludvig M. Lindeman (1812 – 1887)
Setting: Jacob B. Weber (c. 2017)

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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...

The 800th anniversary of St. Francis' death.

Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.

Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, died 1864

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Fliedner helped to bring about a revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans. He was influenced in this by Moravian deaconesses he had met. The motherhouse he founded in Kaiserswerth, Germany, inspired many around the world to take up this ministry.

William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.

Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.

Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1986 (TFF)

Saturday, October 10, 2026

A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America. Ordained in 1958, he served in positions including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.