

# **Saint John Lutheran Church**

*We love because He first loved us*

**January 19, 2025**

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Setting Three – Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)

## **PRELUDE**

Ruth Brown

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **WE GATHER**

## **EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us share God's peace with one another.

*All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying  
"Peace be with You."*

## **INVOCATION**

*Please stand as you are able. All may make the sign of the cross, the  
sign marked at Baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector,  
our wellspring of life.

**C Amen.**

P Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our  
hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Merciful God,

**C you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

P God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine."  
In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free.  
Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

**C Amen.**

## **GATHERING HYMN**

*ELW #523 "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet" vs. 1 & 3*

### *Refrain*

Let us go now to the banquet,  
to the feast of the universe.  
The table's set and a place is waiting;  
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

1 I will rise in the early morning;  
the community's waiting for me.  
With a spring in my step I'm walking  
with my friends and my family.

*Refrain*

Let us go now to the banquet,  
to the feast of the universe.  
The table's set and a place is waiting;  
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

3 May we build such a place among us  
where all people are equal in love.  
God has called us to work together  
and to share ev'rything we have.

*Refrain*

Let us go now to the banquet,  
to the feast of the universe.  
The table's set and a place is waiting;  
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

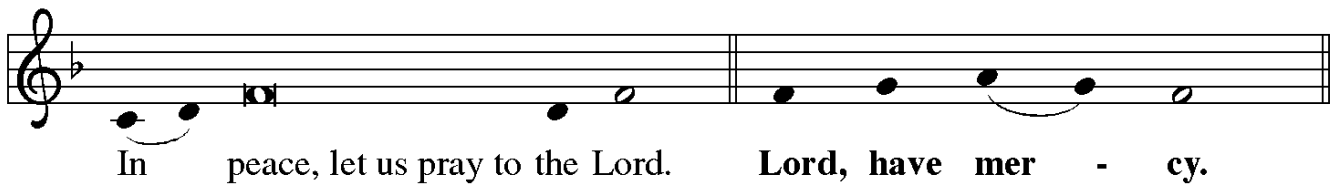
**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

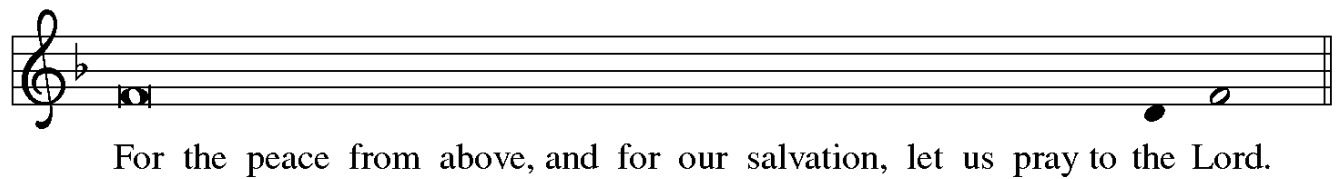
**C And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

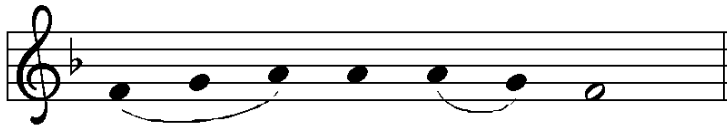
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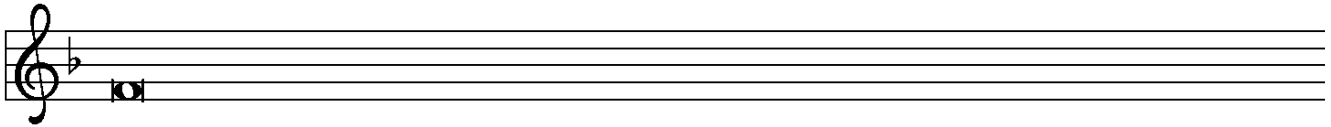
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



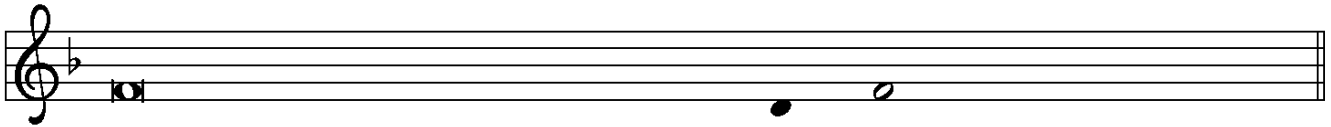
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



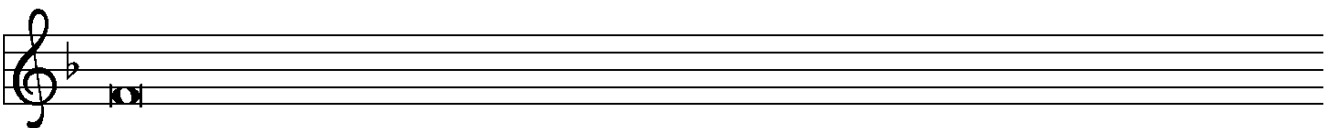
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



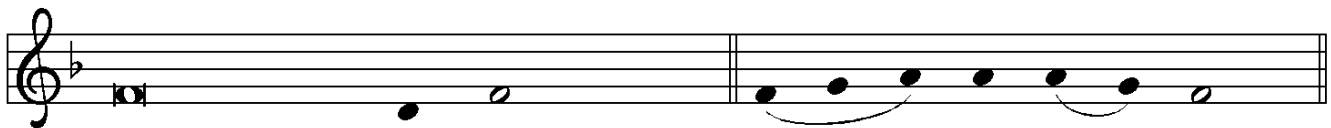
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

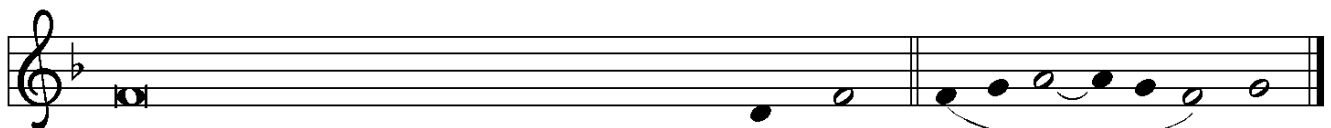


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *"Glory to God"*

*Pg. 139-140*

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



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



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



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**C Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

## **THE HOLY WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 62:1-5*

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup>You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. <sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

A The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 36:5-10*



<sup>5</sup>Your love, O Lord, reaches | to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness | to the clouds.

<sup>6</sup>**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice  
like | the great deep;  
you save humankind and ani- | mals, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>How priceless is your | love, O God!  
All people take refuge under the shadow | of your wings.

<sup>8</sup>**They feast upon the abundance | of your house;  
you give them drink from the river of | your delights.**

<sup>9</sup>For with you is the | well of life,  
and in your light | we see light.

<sup>10</sup>**Continue your lovingkindness to | those who know you,  
and your favor to those who are | true of heart.**

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 12:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the

same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

A The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able to greet the Gospel.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Pg. 142*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL**

*John 2:1-11*

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet



come.”<sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”<sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.<sup>8</sup> He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it.<sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom<sup>10</sup> and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.”<sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

Pastor Pete

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*ELW #531 "The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing"*

1 The trumpets sound, the angels sing,  
the feast is ready to begin.  
The gates of heav’n are open wide,  
and Jesus welcomes you inside.

#### *Refrain*

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.  
Come and revel in heaven’s love and light.  
Take your place at the table of the King.  
The feast is ready to begin;  
the feast is ready to begin.

2 Tables are laden with good things;  
Oh, taste the peace and joy he brings  
He'll fill you up with love divine;  
He'll turn your water into wine.

*Refrain*

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.  
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.  
Take your place at the table of the King.  
The feast is ready to begin;  
the feast is ready to begin.

3 The hungry heart he satisfies,  
Offers the poor his paradise.  
Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud  
The amazing goodness of the Lord.

*Refrain*

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.  
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.  
Take your place at the table of the King.  
The feast is ready to begin;  
the feast is ready to begin.

**APOSTLE'S CREED**

*Pg. 105*

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 THE CHURCH**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need (*especially*). God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites (*especially*). Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints (*especially Henry, Bishop of Uppsala*). Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.  
**Amen.**

## **WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES & OFFERING**

## OFFERTORY CANTICLE *ELW #186 "Create in Me"*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

## OFFERING PRAYER

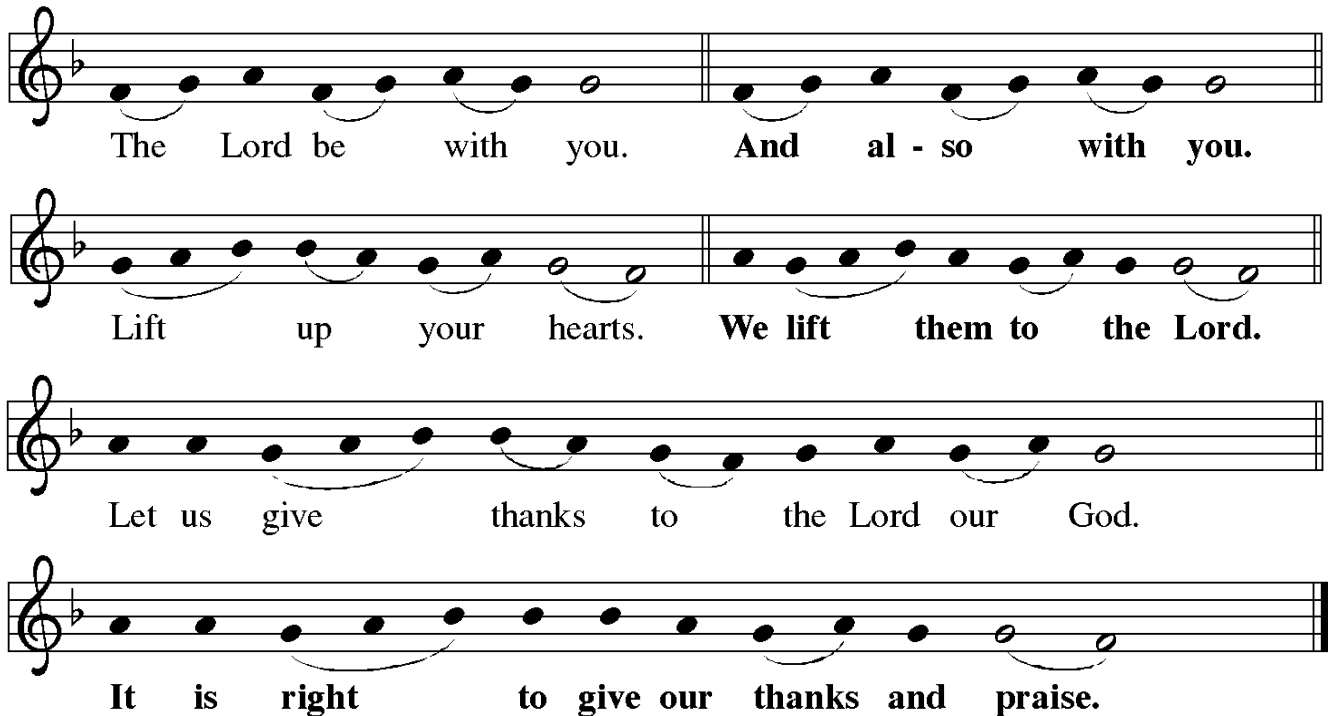
**A** God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

**C** Amen.

## HOLY COMMUNION

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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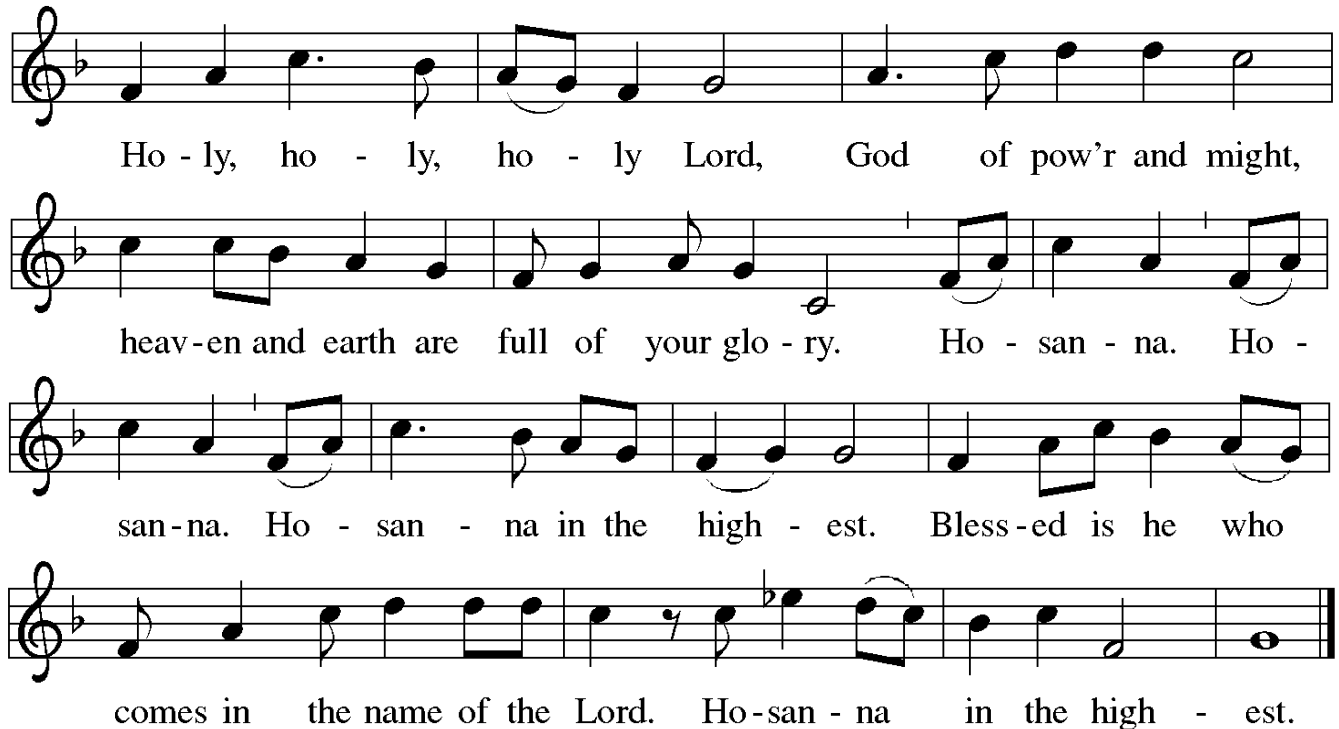
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## THE PROPER PREFACE

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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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 "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

## LAMB OF GOD

*Pg. 146*

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.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have'. The second staff continues: 'mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the'. The third staff continues: 'world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The fourth staff concludes: 'sin of the world; grant us peace.' The word 'grant' is underlined with a curved line.



## **HOLY COMMUNION OF GOD'S HOLY PEOPLE**

*We are celebrating Holy Communion during the service this morning. We believe that Christ is truly present in this meal of bread and wine. All are welcome at table. Small children who have not yet received communion instruction are welcome at the table to receive a blessing. Those who prefer not to receive wine may take white grape juice supplied in the inner circle of the communion tray, gluten free wafers are available, just let your server know you wish to receive gluten free.*

## **MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION**

*Instrumental*

## **TABLE DISMISSAL**

P Now may the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

**C Amen.**

## **SENDING**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

P The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

**C Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*ELW #576 "We All Are One in Mission"*

- 1 We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission  
compels us from above  
to plan and work together  
that all may know Christ's love.
- 2 We all are called for service,  
to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are diff'rent;  
our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others  
with God's surprising grace,  
so ev'ry folk and nation  
may feel God's warm embrace.
- 3 Now let us be united,  
and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel  
for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.

## **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

Ruth Brown

Thank you to those serving today:

**READER**

Charles Schulze

**ASSISTING MINISTER**

JoAnn Fuchs

**CANTOR**

Matt Hughes

**USHERS**

Walt Bennett & Kevin Hughes

**ACOLYTE**

Riley Bennett

**COUNTERS**

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