

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God,

C we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C Amen.

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.

Refrain

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

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

- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, ... for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

¹ O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ² For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. ³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. ⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich

food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

(Refrain: You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over.)

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C ² The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³ You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. *(Refrain)*

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. *(Refrain)*

(Refrain: You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over.)

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴ Rejoice in the

Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(10 measures organ intro)*



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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:

² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his

slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again

he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’

⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his

farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

The gospel of the Lord.

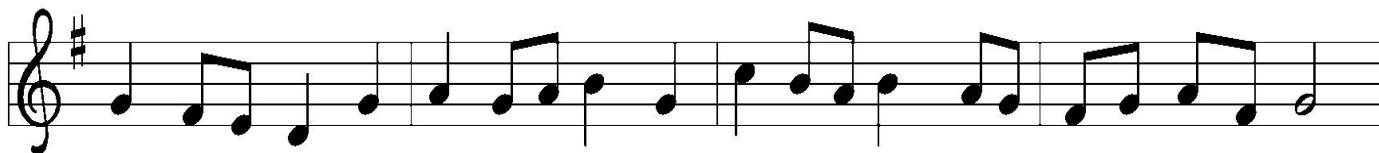
C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON *Pastor Timothy Holt*

HYMN OF THE DAY

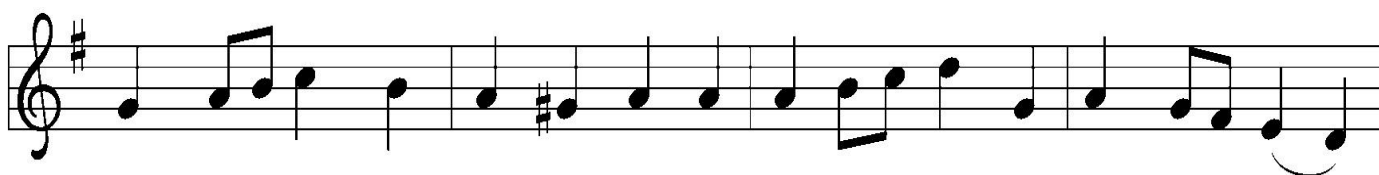
As We Gather at Your Table



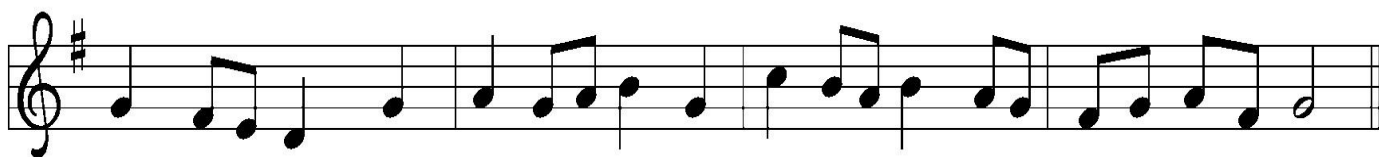
- 1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
- 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
- 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

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APOSTLE'S CREED

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

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain. Empower the World Council of Churches and all those working across religious

difference, that the world may know your undivided love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Preserve all places of natural beauty and restore our relationship with the land. Renew all communities facing disasters and give your courage to those leading relief efforts. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Remember your promise to swallow up death forever. We give thanks for those who have gone before us. Heal and console all who are sick or suffering. *(We pray especially for Ken Keller, Judy Kieffner, Gene Mehne, Larry Sendelweck, Darlene Ziegler, family and friends of Brad Leistner, and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)* Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

We remember your promise of a banquet open to all people. Challenge this congregation to open wide our doors and welcome everyone to the table. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. *(We pray especially for Luke Himself, Joshua Hoffman, and Cooper Uebelhor.)* Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

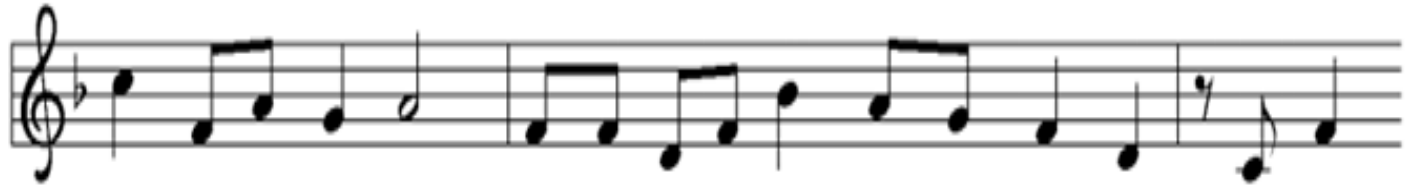
OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



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

Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received instruction about Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. As you approach the communion assistant, they first will hand you the bread. Take and eat it. Then take a communion cup from the tray. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

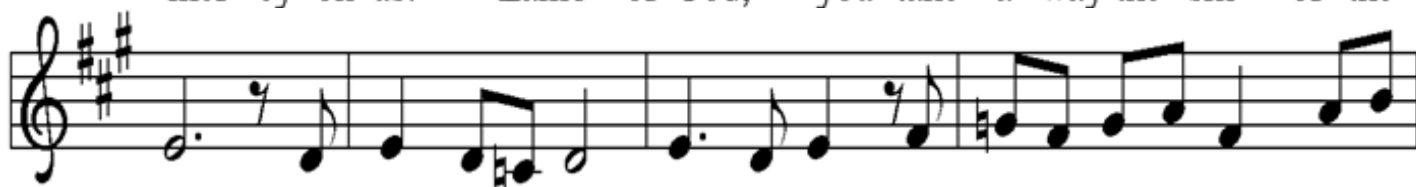
LAMB OF GOD



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, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 203 "Now We Join in Celebration"

LBW 214 "Come, Let Us Eat"

LBW 457 "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



May you run and not be wea - ry. 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 wea - ry. May your



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

C Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

The God of grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

LBW 221 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Mission Statement: *Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship,
Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.*

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Thank you to the following people for your service today.

Greeters: Amy Beckman
Comm. Asst: Greg Bauer
Video: Lori Keller
Pianist: Kaia Holt
Lay Reader: Duane Hembree
Audio: Keith Keller
Acolytes: Eva Neukam

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 216 SS: 15

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
Oct. 11th – Oct. 18th

Sun., Oct. 11 th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Sunday School following communion - 10:30 AM)</i>
Mon., Oct. 12 th	6:30 PM	Church Council Meeting
Wed., Oct. 14 th	9:30 AM	Archive Meeting
	6:30 PM	Confirmation
Sun., Oct. 18 th	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>no communion & no Sunday School</i>

Please continue to keep in your prayers, Alexis, Brenda, Carol, Donna, Ely, Katrina, Druscilla Chestnut, Amy DeKemper, Keith Freyberger, Dorothy Fuhrman, Elizabeth Hansen, Hester James, Lana Hoffman, Mary Ann Jerger, Carol Keller, Don Krodel, Zach Leinenbach, Madison Mann, Jeanne Marks, Dean Mehringer, Melvin Meyer, Logan Musgrave, Bob and Edith Nugent, Christine Probst, Anita Reed, Annette Schepers, Jim Seitz, Kaine Seitz, Leon Seitz, Audrey Weisheit, and Judy Wessel.



ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have a college student, please turn his/her address into the office by Oct. 31 so the Evangelism Committee can send them a care package.

-Jennifer Bauer and Martha Church

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Are you going away to college and would like a little taste of home every month. Sign up for the monthly Epistle newsletter! (See the sign-up form page.)

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Have an announcement, special event, accomplishment, etc. you would like to share with your church family? Epistle Newsletter content and pictures always welcome!

Call or email Marcie 😊

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Sunday School October 2026



10/4

Age 3 – 1st: Seventh Day of Rest
2nd – 6th: Backpack Buddies + Memory
Work + Games

10/11



Age 3 – 1st: Adam and Eve Sin
2nd – 6th: Jesus Calms the Storm



10/18

FALL BREAK: NO CLASS

10/25

FALL FUN ACTIVITY: WHOLE GROUP
“We need S’more of Jesus”

