

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 3/9 8:00 WORSHIP
9:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30 YOUNG AT HEART BREAKFAST IN THE FELLOW HALL
10:45 WORSHIP

MONDAY, 3/10 6:00 PRAYER GROUP
7:00 BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY, 3/11 7:00 MEN'S GROUP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 3/12 5:00PM CHURCH COUNCIL DINNER AND MEETING

THURSDAY, 3/13 NOON BIBLE STUDY
7:00PM CHOIR REHEARSAL

FRIDAY, 3/14

SATURDAY, 3/15

SUNDAY, 3/16 8:00 WORSHIP
9:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:45 WORSHIP

ROTARY'S CHILI COOK OFF RESULTS ARE IN...

HOLY TRINITY'S AWARDS:

2ND PLACE FOR CHILI!

1ST PLACE FOR PRESENTATION!

WE RAISED OVER \$425!

A big thank you to our members who prepared the chili and created our table with the *Wicked* theme !

And, a special thank you to all those who donated money at church and came to support us Thursday evening!

Welcome Members and Visitors today !

First Communion Instructionwill take place on April 6th from Noon until 2:00pm in the Miller Parlor. Please see Pastor Sarah if your child would like to attend. First Communion will be held on Maundy Thursday at the 7:00PM service.

Sunday School classeswill be singing at 10:45 on Easter Sunday. Rehearsals will be in late March and early April.

Palm Sunday we will have an Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00am. We will gather together to hear the Holy Week Story then hunt for eggs! Plan to attend!

Bible StudiesMonday night Bible Study will focus on the villains of Lent.
Thursday Bible at Noon continues each week.
We meet in the Miller Parlor.
Attend when you can! All are welcome to join us as your schedule allows.

OUR MISSION
Worship God, Grow in Faith, Serve with Love

Volunteers needed..... See Anne Coiner for details if you are interested in helping to hand stitch the new bell choir pad covers. Meeting times will vary to meet individual availability. Thank you!

Womens' Faith and Friendship....No meeting in March.

Maundy Thursdayservices at Noon and at 7:00PM
 7:00PM - First Communion

Good Friday..... Walk of the Cross in Irwin, Noon
 Worship Service at 7:00PM

March Community Meal.....The next Community Meal will be on Monday, March 17. Doors open at 5:00 and dinner is served at 6:00PM.
 No sign up is needed to attend the dinner.

Dinner Church.....The next Dinner Church will be on Sunday, April 6th at 6:00PM

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

	8:15	10:45
Assisting Minister	Chris Karpinsky	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Communion Assistants	Lois Brown Debbie Gilkey	Susan Siems Diane Kowalski
Lector	Fran Sivonek	Bob Schlotter
Acolyte	OPEN	Ryan Henaghan
Greeters		Clyde and Carrie Ellen Stewart
Altar Guild		

Set-up Saturday, March 8		Lori Thomas
Sunday, March 9	8:15	Lori Thomas
	10:45	Nina Saccamano and Debbie Curtis
Set-up Saturday, March 15		Nina Saccamano and Carly Glasgow
Sunday, March 16	8:15	Lois Brown and Debbie Reed
	10:45	Zack and Samantha Tinsley

Food Pantry

2025 Distribution Dates:
 April 12, June 21, August 9, October 11, Dec. 13

Items needed for the April distribution:

Canned ham	Canned pineapple rings	Scallop potato mix
Egg coloring	Easter candy	Paper towels
Shampoo and conditioner		Yellow cake mix
Maraschino cherries (small jar)		

Items always requested:

Mac & cheese/pasta	Applesauce	Baked beans	Cake/muffin/
brownie mix	Canned fruit	Canned tuna	Cereal
Granola bars	Pasta Sauce	Oatmeal	Paper towels
Peanut butter & Jelly	Potato/rice mix		Pudding Cups

Many thanks for the generous donations to date! If you would like to donate money, please mark "food pantry" in the subject line on your check or you may use one of the pew envelopes. Food pantry contact: Jodi Waugaman at 724-516-9680 or waugawoman86@comast.net

Worship Plan for Sunday, March 9, 2025

1 Lent

First Sunday in Lent

ELW Holy Communion Setting Two

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Introduction to the day

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.

We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the generous hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home.

In ✝ Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

***GATHERING SONG *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* #611**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - 'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

*GREETING *Pastor*

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

*KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*The **presiding minister** leads the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

¹ When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

- ¹ You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—
- ² **you will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust."**
- ⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,
- ¹⁰ **no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**
- ¹¹ For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.
- ¹² **Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**
- ¹³ You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.
- ¹⁴ **I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**
- ¹⁵ They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
- ¹⁶ **With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

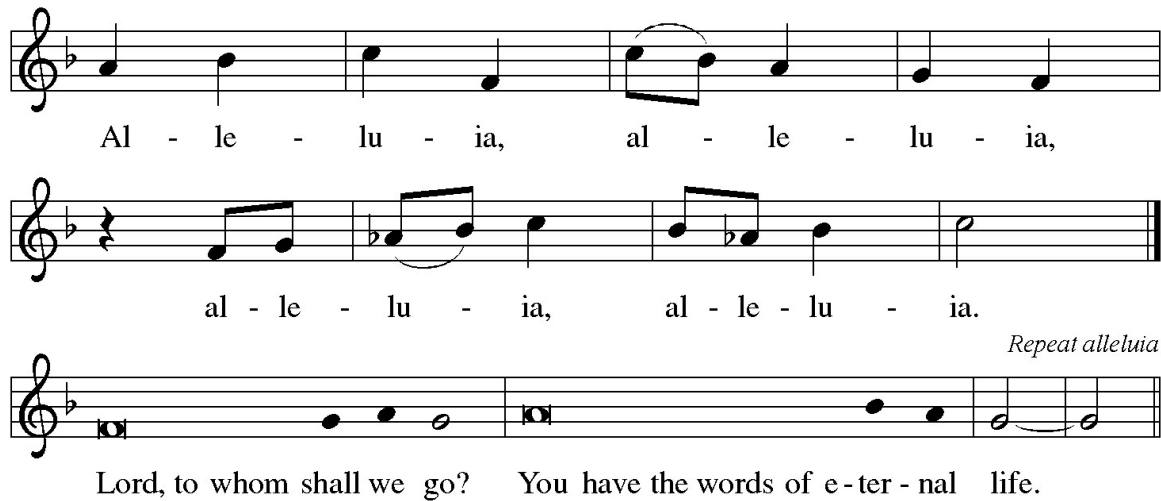
SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

^{8b} "The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with
your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him
from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is
justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture
says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹² For there is no
distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is
generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, "Everyone who calls on the name of
the Lord shall be saved."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

*GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

The holy gospel according to



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

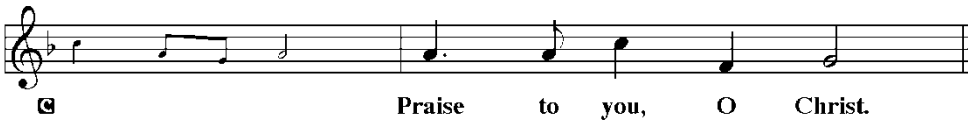
⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹ and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

¹² Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The gospel of the Lord.



CHILDRENS' SERMON

Sermon

***Hymn of the *Day Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church* #321**

Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church



1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,



far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
so we are dead and live with you in God.
so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

Text: Thomas H. Cain, 1931–2003

Music: OLD 124TH, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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****Apostles' Creed***

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.**

Welcoming New Members to the Congregation 10:45

Presentation of New Members

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Elizabeth, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as a new member into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Introduction of new member.

Elizabeth "Libby" Moore

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Address and Questions

The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Elizabeth, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Pastor, tell her the response:....

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for Elizabeth in her life in Christ? **Pastor, tell the congregation their response:....**

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Stir up in _____
the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Welcome (in the bulletin so the congregation knows what to say)

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *assisting minister*

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, tribal leaders, legislators, judges, juries, and presidents. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one.

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless all who minister to the sick, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill (*especially*). God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have died(*especially*). Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Pastor

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.
Amen.


***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Choir Anthem: *Be Thou My Vision*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

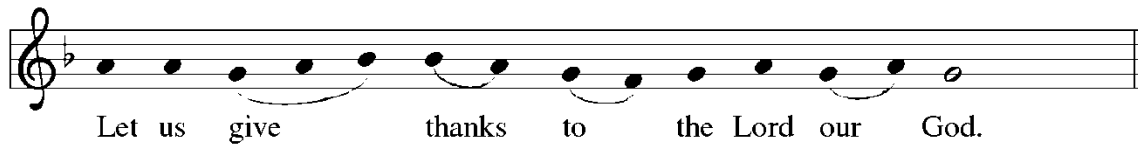
***OFFERING PRAYER** *assisting minister*

Let us pray.

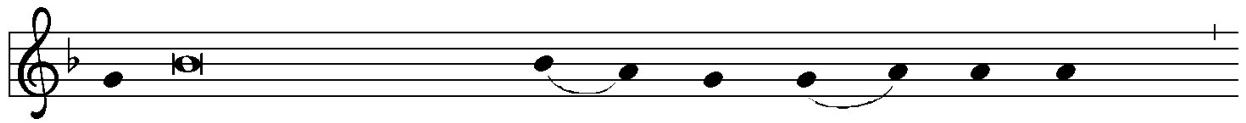
Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

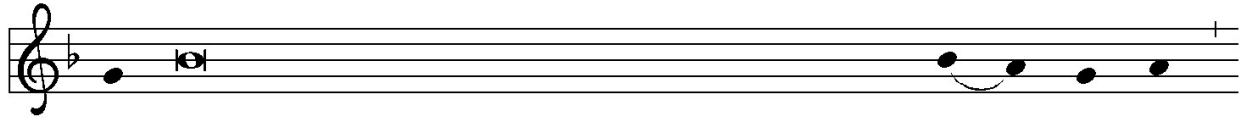
***DIALOGUE Pastor**



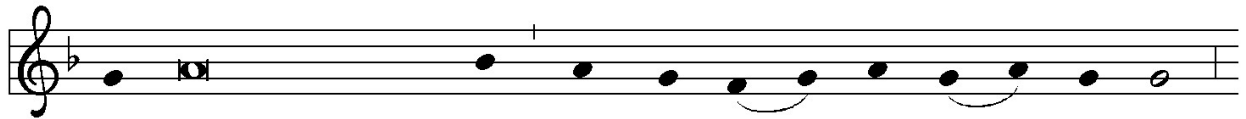
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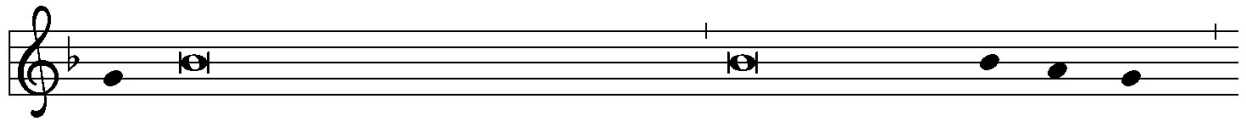
It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.



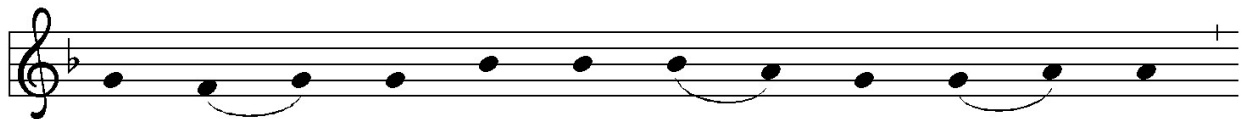
You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the



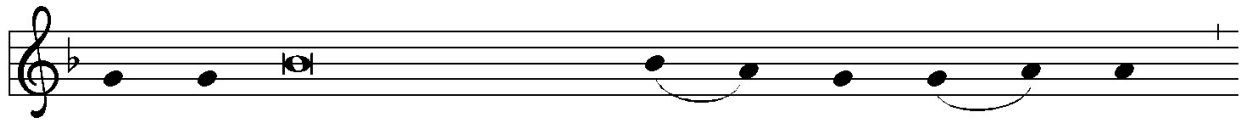
pas - chal feast, that re - newed in the gift of bap - tism,



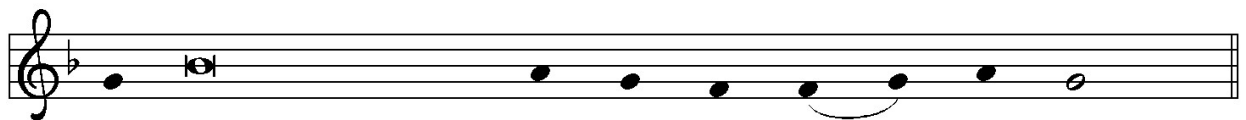
we may come to the full - ness of your grace.



And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,



with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,



we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.. 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.. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a whole note G, the second with a whole note G, the third with a whole note G, and the fourth with a whole note G. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever. **Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER** Pastor

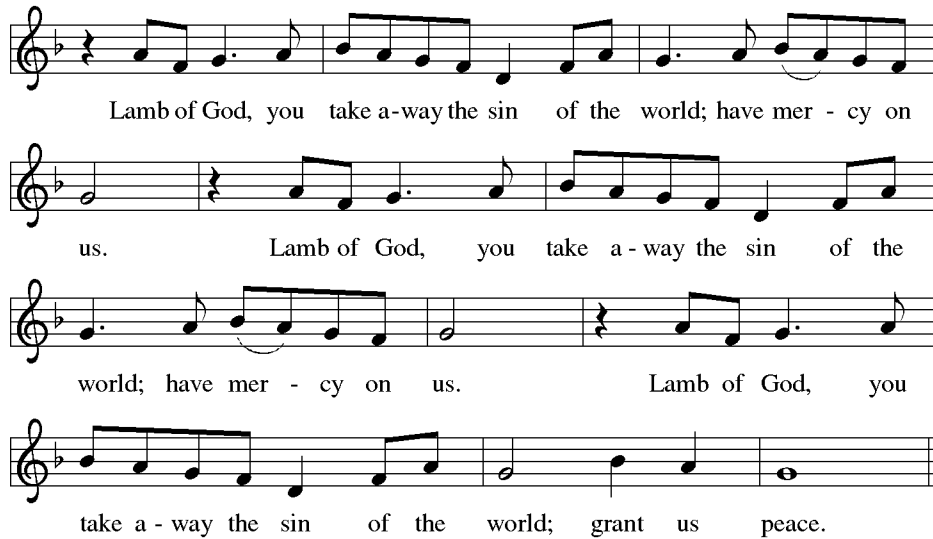
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 Pastor**

All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.

COMMUNION SONG



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.


Communion

Hymn During Communion: ***I Want Jesus to Walk With Me #325***

***COMMUNION BLESSING Pastor**

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

*SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -
pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *assisting minister*

Let us pray.

Generous Host,

you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,

that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,

in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*BENEDICTION: **Pastor**

God our tender parent,

God the crucified one,

God the reconciling Spirit,

✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

*Recessional Hymn: *Bless Now, O God, the Journey* 326

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
 2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
 3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
 your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
 We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
 We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
 but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
 to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

***DISMISSAL** *assisting minister*

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **Thanks be to God!**