

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**SUNDAY, 3/23** 8:00 WORSHIP  
9:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:45 WORSHIP - BAPTISMS

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**MONDAY, 3/24** 6:00 PRAYER GROUP  
7:00 BIBLE STUDY

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**TUESDAY, 3/25** 7:00 MEN'S GROUP

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**WEDNESDAY, 3/26**

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**THURSDAY, 3/27** NOON BIBLE STUDY  
7:00PM CHOIR REHEARSAL

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**FRIDAY, 3/28**

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**SATURDAY, 3/29**

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

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Thank you Xenia Yelovich, our organist this morning!



Welcome our newest baptized members:

**Cleo Saur**  
**Donna Morgan**

God bless you!

The **Altar Flowers** for this week are presented to the glory of God and in honor of the baptisms of DJ Morgan and Cleo Saur by Jennifer Brentzel.



*Altar Flowers*

*Welcome Members and Visitors today !*

**Palm Sunday** ..... April 13, **before each service** we will gather at Bell Park (on Main St., in front of the Irwin Fire Hall) and then **process to Church**

**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! Join us!

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

**Young at Heart Breakfast** .....April 6th at 9:30AM.  
Please sign up in the narthex

**Bible Studies** .....Monday 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.

**First Communion Instruction** .....will 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.

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

**Maundy Thursday** .....services at Noon and at 7:00PM  
 7:00PM with First Communion

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

**April Community Meal**.....The next Community Meal  
 is Mon., April 21<sup>st</sup> - Doors open at 5:00, 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 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM.  
 Join us in the Fellowship Hall



*Our thoughts and prayers are with the  
 family of Jodi Fill . She passed to life  
 triumphant on March 18, 2025.  
 Jodi is David Kroon's daughter,  
 Halle Copeman's sister-in-law,  
 and Sandy Yonika's niece.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the  
 family and friends of Susan Hahn .  
 She passed to life triumphant on March 15, 2025.*

**ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP**

	8:15	10:45
Assisting Minister	Rick Bavolek	Jodi Waugaman
Communion Assistants	Doug and Vicki Hillier	Samantha and Zack Tinsley
Lector	Pat Koos	Grace Darby
Acolyte	Landon Hillier	Will Little
Greeters		Heidi and Grace Darby
Altar Guild		

Set-up Saturday, March 22		Lori Thomas
Sunday, March 23	8:15	Lori Thomas
	10:45	Nina Saccamano and Debbie Curtis

Set-up Saturday, March 29		Lori Thomas
Sunday, March 30	8:15	Lois Brown and Debbie Reed
	10:45	Nina Saccamano and Carly Glasgow

**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](mailto:waugawoman86@comast.net)

## **Worship Plan for Sunday, March 23, 2025**

3 Lent

Third Sunday in Lent

ELW Holy Communion Setting Two

Sunday, March 23, 2025

### **Introduction to the day**

*The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down!*

*The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us.*

*Thanks be to God!*

### **\*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.

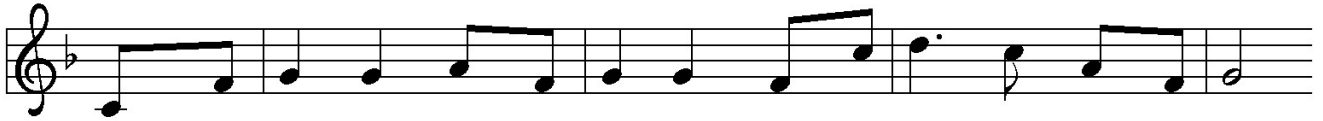
You have a place in God's house forever.

**Amen.**

### **\*GATHERING SONG**

***As the Deer Runs to the River #331***

## As the Deer Runs to the River



- 1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
- 2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
- 3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
- 4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.  
Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.  
God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."  
Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

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### \*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

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

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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: Isaiah 55:1-9**

*To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.*

<sup>1</sup> Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will  
make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

## **PSALM: Psalm 63:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

<sup>2</sup> **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,  
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

<sup>3</sup> For your steadfast love is better than life itself;  
my lips shall give you praise.

<sup>4</sup> **So will I bless you as long as I live  
and lift up my hands in your name.**

<sup>5</sup> My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

<sup>6</sup> **when I remember you up on my bed,  
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

<sup>7</sup> For you have been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

<sup>8</sup> **My whole being clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

*Paul uses images from Hebrew Scriptures and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.*

<sup>1</sup> I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.

<sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup> Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play."

<sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup> And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

<sup>11</sup> These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup> So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup> No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

## \*GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

The holy gospel according to



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

*Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.*

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.<sup>2</sup> [Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?"<sup>3</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' <sup>8</sup>He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The gospel of the Lord.





## **CHILDRENS' SERMON**

### **Sermon**

**\*Hymn of the Day *Borning Cry* #732**

# Borning Cry



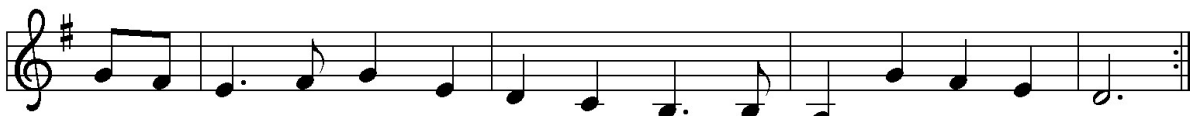
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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**Baptism at 10:45: INSERT, then continue to the Peace and Offering**

**\* Apostles' Creed 8:15 ONLY**

**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.**

**8:15 ONLY**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *assisting minister* **8:15 ONLY**

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

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church, called to be a witness to all peoples. Grant humility and wisdom to bishops, pastors, councils, and congregations, that they call upon you in making decisions. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the earth, called to provide abundantly. Teach your people the goodness of your generosity and to share what we have been given. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations, called to protect their inhabitants and collaborate in the work of justice and peace. Forge bonds of compassion and mutual care across human borders and boundaries. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those in need, called to receive your compassion (*especially*). Comfort those whose lives have been disrupted through natural disasters and human conflict (*especially*). Aid communities in coming together to mourn, heal, and rebuild. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly, called to welcome its neighbors to the table of your grace. Bless food pantries, community gardens and meals, and all ministries that address human hunger. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for the faithful lives of those who proclaimed your gospel in times of challenge and strife, and for all those whose lives of love and service have ended (*especially*). May their witness inspire our own. 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: *Classic Praise*

## \*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.

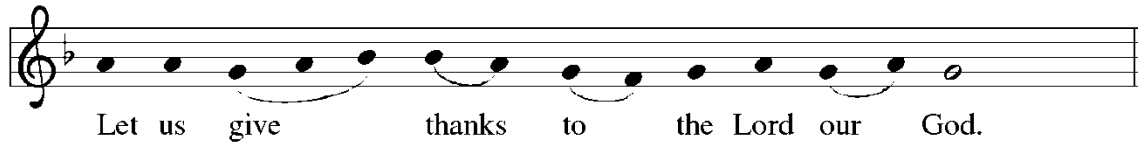
Gracious Provider,

you set your immense treasures among us,  
opening your heart to the world.

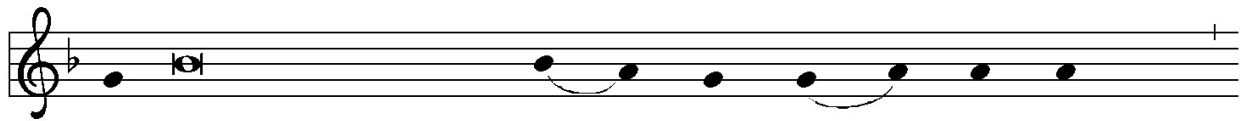
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,  
deepen our commitment to sharing those  
treasures with others,  
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

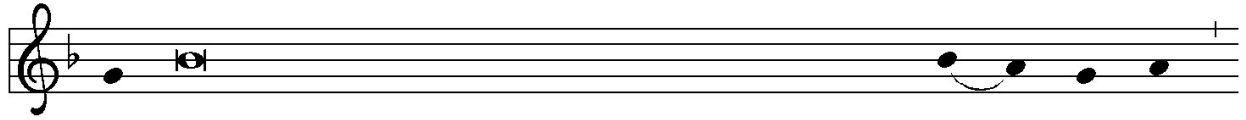
**\*DIALOGUE Pastor**



**\*PREFACE**



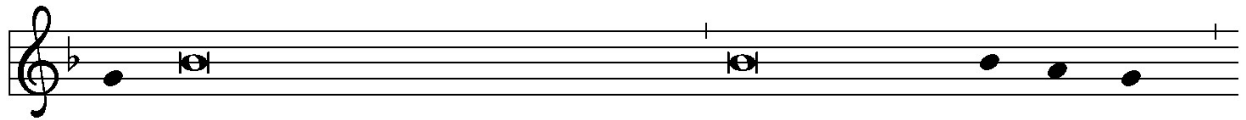
It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



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.



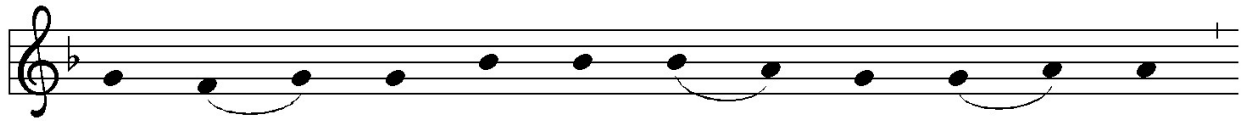
You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the



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



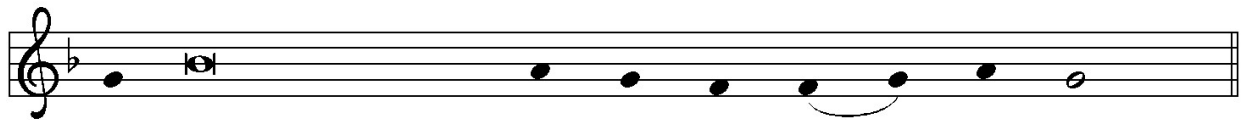
we may come to the full - ness of your grace.



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

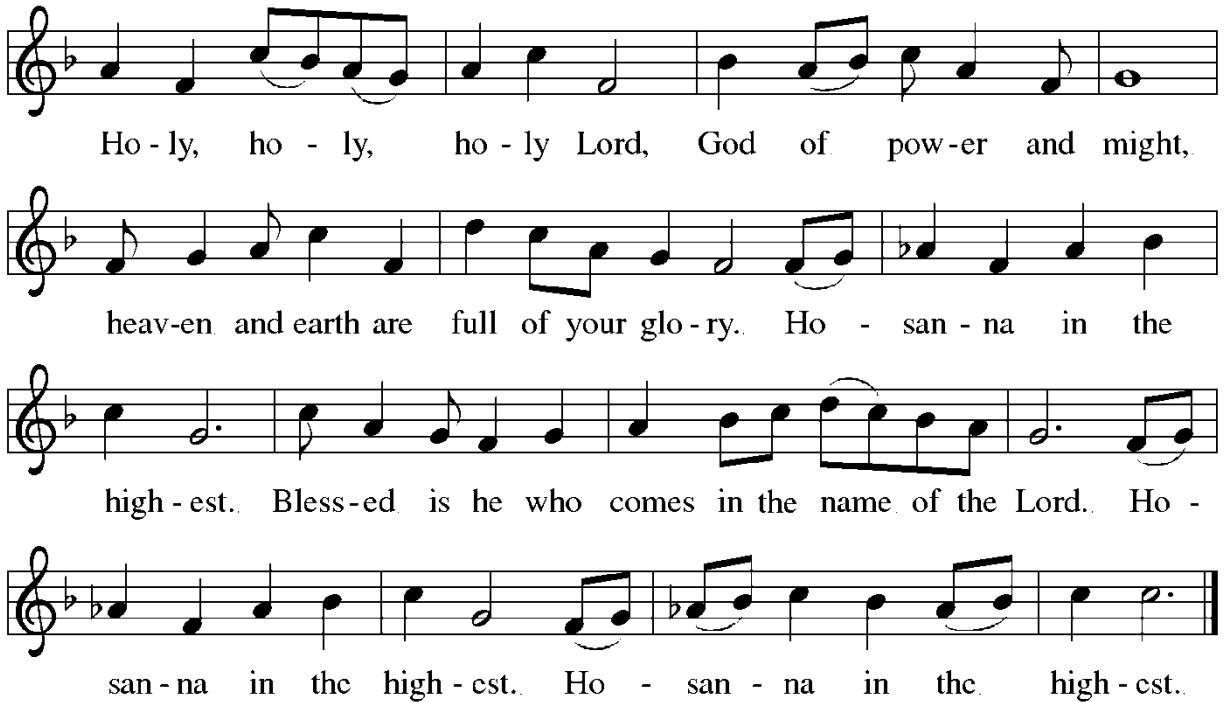


with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,



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..

### **\*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

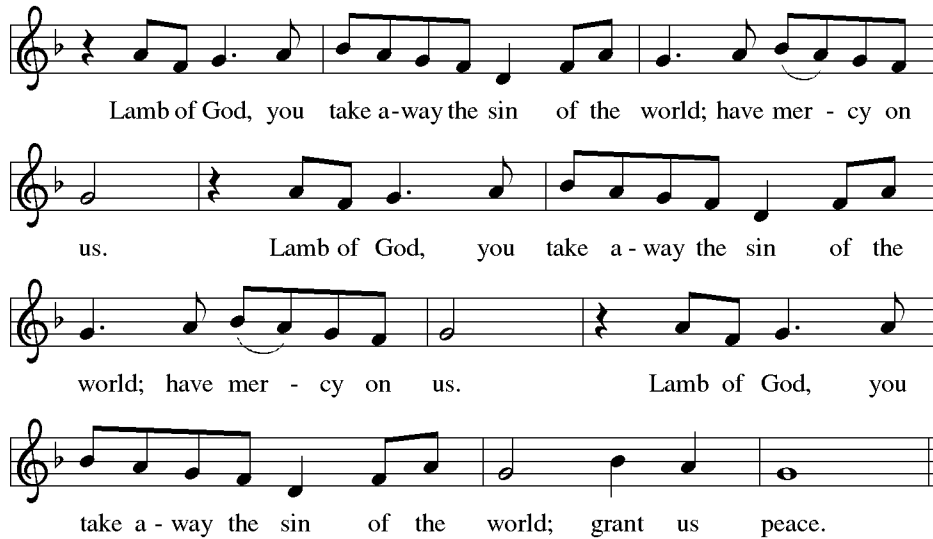
**Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.**

**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: ***Rock of Ages Cleft for Me #623***

**\*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: *Jesus, Still Lead On #624*

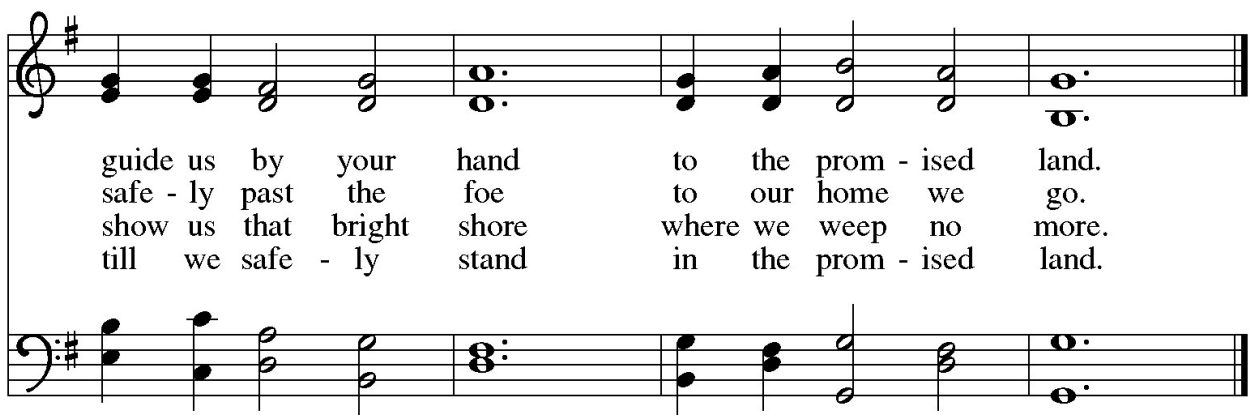
# Jesus, Still Lead On



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al-though the  
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less  
3 When we seek re - lief from a long-felt grief, when temp-ta - tions  
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n-ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;  
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;  
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;  
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.  
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.  
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.  
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

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