



# **NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**Christ the King Lutheran Church**

Great Falls, Virginia

October 4, 2026

8:30 a.m.

ELW refers to Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red hymnal in the pew.

W&P refers to Worship & Praise. ACS refers to All Creation Sings.

A: indicates Assisting Minister; L: indicates Leader; P: indicates Presiding Minister;

**C: indicates Congregation.**

At places where the ✝ appears, it is customary to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.

**Should you need to use an enlarged order of service, complete with Bible readings and hymns, you will find several in black binders just outside the sanctuary.**

### **A few notes about worship:**

- **We welcome you to worship today!** Please take a few moments to print your information on the pad in the red folder.
- **We are glad to have children in worship.** We also know that children sometimes need to move and express themselves in ways that the service (and the pews) don't accommodate. There is a family break room/nursery available with toys, a rocking chair, changing table, and other items. It is staffed during Sunday School and the worship service, but you are free to use it as needed.  
To find the family break room, turn left in the foyer and go past the doors leading to the parking lot. It's the first door on the left down the hall.
- The worship service is streamed live on Facebook. The camera angles are set so that worshipers' faces are never seen on camera (the camera may occasionally pick up the back of the heads of those sitting in the front rows); only those leading worship from the chancel, lectern, piano, and organ are ever shown fully or face-on.

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## **CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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# Announcements

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

## Blessing of the Animals Today!

Today is the Blessing of the Animals! The 8:30 a.m. service is indoors (small pets in containers are fine); the 11:00 a.m. service is on the front lawn.

All types of pets and domestic animals are welcome.

In case of rain, the 11:00 a.m. service will be in Gysan Fellowship Hall ... pets still welcome!

## Journey Women's Bible Study

### New Session Begins Wednesday, October 7

On Wednesday, October 7 at 9:30 am, Journey Women's Bible Study will begin a study of 12 Disciples. The book for this session is The Twelve Disciples by Douglas Connelly, a LifeGuide book, and can be purchased on Amazon. Please join us!

We meet on Zoom on the first, third, and occasional 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 am.

Please contact Kris Pace with any questions or for the Zoom link at [krispace518@gmail.com](mailto:krispace518@gmail.com).

## Blood Drive at Christ the King

### Thursday, October 8, 1-6 p.m.

We will have a Red Cross blood drive at Christ the King on Thursday, October 8, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Gysan Fellowship Hall. Please click [here](#) to sign up for a donation timeslot on the Red Cross website. We must have 30 donors to hold the blood drive.

We will need help setting up at noon and cleaning up at 6:00 p.m. We will also need home-baked goods, please. If you have any questions, please call Melody Starya Mobley at (571) 276-7356.

## Sunday School Registration for 2026-27

If you haven't already done so, please register [here](#) for preschool to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, confirmation (grades 6-8), and high school and youth group (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade).

## WELCOME!



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Christ the King Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Metro DC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

### MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to know more about Christ the King or are interested in living out your discipleship as a member of this community, please contact the church office at (703)759-6068.

If you would like to be on our email list to receive our weekly newsletter, please contact the church office at (703)759-6068 or visit our website: [gflutheran.org](https://gflutheran.org).

### CALENDAR



## Electric Drum Set in Music Room \_\_\_\_\_

We are cleaning out different parts of the church. We discovered an electric drum set in the music room that was donated to the church. If you know its history, please contact Paul Park at [ppark117@gmail.com](mailto:ppark117@gmail.com). It is not something that we plan to use. Once we know more about its background, we are open to finding it a home. Please let Paul know that as well to work out the details.

## Join the King's Choir \_\_\_\_\_

### Rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Our choir meets to rehearse every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the music room. We welcome all singers. Please contact Paul Park at [ppark117@gmail.com](mailto:ppark117@gmail.com) for more information.

## Attendance Pads in Red Book \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign the attendance pad that is found in the red book in each pew. It will help us get to know your name and will give us accurate information on who is attending our services. If you are a visitor, we welcome you. Please sign the red book or fill out a special card by the hymnals so we can keep in touch.

## Prayers for the Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

**Antonia Siebert** asks for prayers of healing for Janie McCutchen. Please pray for comfort and healing for **Caryl Morgan**. For healing: **Lynda & Roger Hammel; Karen Magley; Pat & Carol Murphy; Vivienne Wardian**

## Signup Genius for Fall Lay Helpers \_\_\_\_\_

Please click [here](#) to sign up to help with our two worship services each week.

| This Morning's Lay Helpers |                                  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 8:30 a.m.                  | 11:00 a.m.                       |
| Asst Minister – Open       | Asst Minister – Marian Zimmerman |
| Lector – Joni Holeman      | Lector – Open                    |
| Greeter/Usher – Kris Pace  | Greeter/Usher – Open             |
| Set Up Refreshments – Open | Clean Up Refreshments – Open     |
| Counters – Open            |                                  |

## At CTK THIS WEEK October 4 – October 11

### Sunday, October 4

#### Blessing of the Animals

8:30 a.m. — In-person Worship  
(streaming available on Facebook Live)  
9:45 a.m. — Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. — Adult Forum, In-person & Zoom  
11:00 a.m. — Outdoor Worship  
7:00 p.m. — AA

### Tuesday, October 6

7:00 a.m. — Men's Breakfast, la Madeleine  
10:45 a.m. — Preschool Chapel  
2:00 p.m. — Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, October 7

9:30 a.m. — Journey Women's Bible Study  
10:45 a.m. — Preschool Chapel  
7:30 p.m. — Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 8

7:00 p.m. — AA

### Saturday, October 10

7:00 p.m. — AA

### Sunday, October 11

8:30 a.m. — In-person Worship  
9:45 a.m. — Adult Forum, In-person & Zoom  
11:00 a.m. — In-person Worship  
(streaming available on Facebook Live)  
7:00 p.m. — AA



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## Reflections on Stewardship

Pentecost 19 • Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus hits the ranking priests and the Pharisees right between the eyes with this story. After all, they expect to inherit what they think is rightfully theirs. A faithful steward knows that in order to be given God's domain they have to live a life which shows that they merit it.

### GATHERING

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

#### PRELUDE

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Compassionate God,

C: **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. 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.**

P: Hear the good news: 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.**

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*Our vision is to be a vibrant community of Jesus' disciples,  
empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring God's grace into our world.*

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 851 When in Our Music God Is Glorified



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -  
 2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -  
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and  
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most  
 5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as  
 men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship  
 love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness  
 e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us  
 rejoice who have a voice to raise; and may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried:  
 moved us to a more pro - found  
 to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sing, for whom he won the fight:  
 give us faith to sing al - ways:

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.

As Cantor



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

A11



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

P: Let us pray.

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WORD

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*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 5:1-7

R: A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup> I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup> He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.

<sup>3</sup> And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?

<sup>5</sup> And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

<sup>6</sup> I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

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

The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 80:7-15

*said responsively*

*The Reader (R) says the regular text;  
the Congregation (C) says the **bold text**.*

R: <sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

C: <sup>8</sup> **You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.**

R: <sup>9</sup> You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

C: <sup>10</sup> **The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

R: <sup>11</sup> You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

- C: <sup>12</sup>**Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**  
 R: <sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.  
 C: <sup>14</sup>**Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;**  
 R: <sup>15</sup>behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

## SECOND LESSON: Philippians 3:4b-14

R: A reading from Philippians.

Paul writes: <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:

<sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

<sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

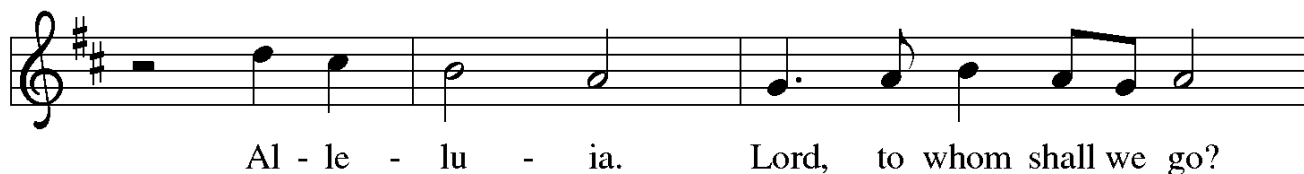
<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind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

The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia

*ELW page 151*



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

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

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?

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

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

The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Sandy Kessinger

*Silence for meditation may follow the sermon.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: W&P 95 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace



1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.  
 2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.  
 4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.



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

*Last time to coda* ☼



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

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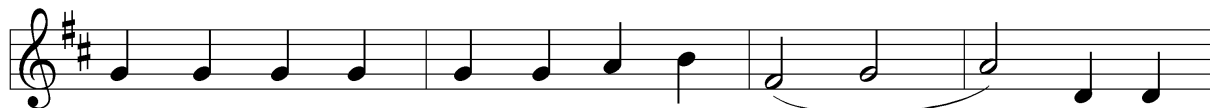


and where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
 and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.

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

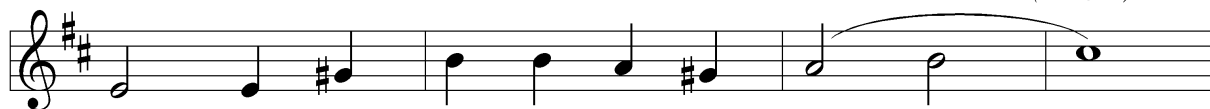


much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be



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

*D.C. (stanza 4) al coda*



loved as to love with all my soul.

☼ *Coda*



ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

## APOSTLES' CREED

*said in unison*

**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.**

*Please sit or kneel as you are comfortable for our time of prayer.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

*A brief silence.*

God of every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought to renew and transform your holy church. Inspire us to follow their example in our own day. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of every creature, bless and protect the earth and all those who dwell within it. We give thanks for those who have helped us to see your Spirit in creation, especially Francis of Assisi. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of every tribe and nation, restore peace to the world's conflict zones, and shelter those who live within them. We pray especially for the safety of displaced people and refugees. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering, especially those on our prayer list and those we name in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of every truth, you draw us nearer to you through your holy word. We give thanks for teachers of the faith. Fill their hearts with your Spirit, that they inspire others with your truth. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of every soul, you are the one who calls us home. We give thanks for all the saints who have been restored to perfect unity with you. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: 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.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying Peace be with you as you shake hands or embrace. Please be seated following the sharing of the peace.*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### OFFERING

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*Contributions are tax deductible and go toward the ministries and programs of Christ the King Lutheran Church.*

*We welcome you to worship today! Please take this time to print your information on the pad in the red folder.*



### OFFERING AND REGATHERING SONG: ELW 460 Now the Silence

Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed

Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come

Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing

Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion

Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing

Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny

Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C: **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

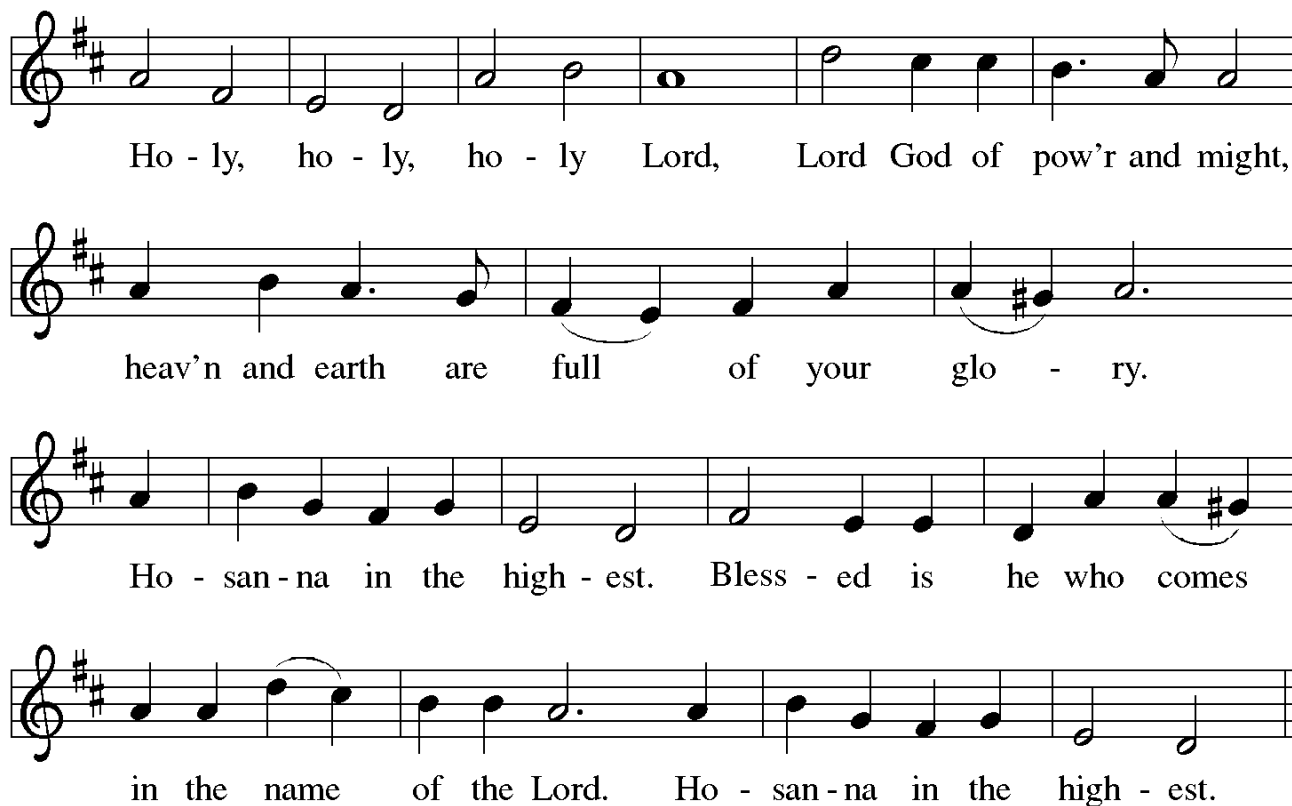
### PREFACE

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*ELW page 153*



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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.  
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.  
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.  
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

- P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- 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: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*Please remain standing.*

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.

## DISTRIBUTION WITH MUSICAL OFFERING

*Instructions for communion distribution will be given at this time. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. Those who have not received instruction or who wish not to receive communion may come forward for a blessing.*

## POST-COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 204 Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho-ly name.

Send us with your prom-is-es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

## SENDING

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

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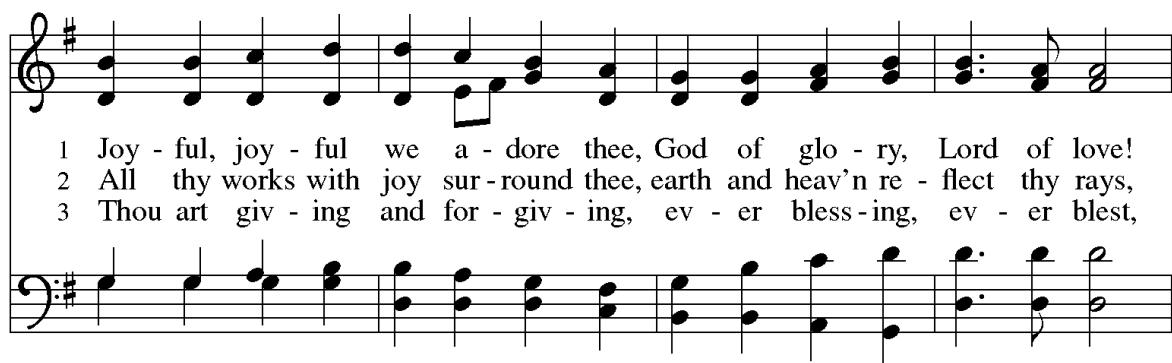
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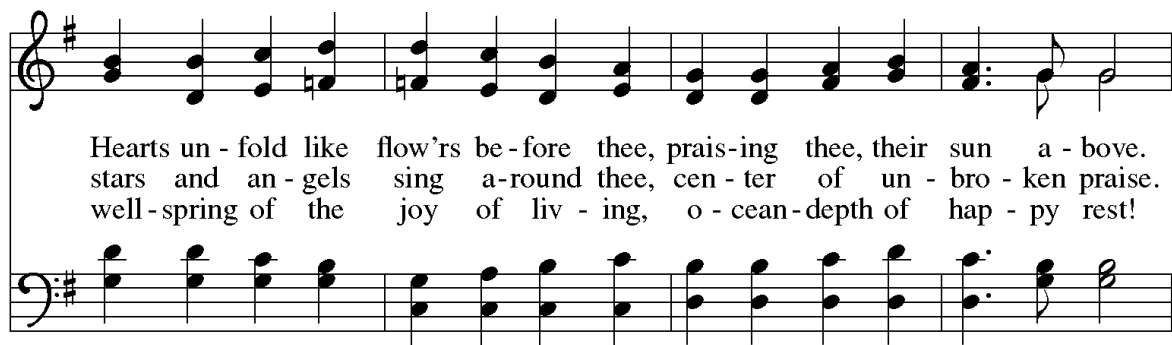
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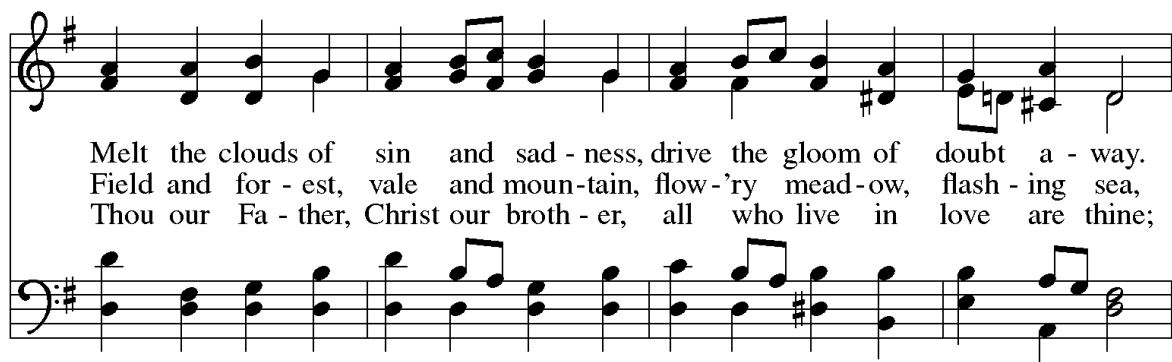
SENDING HYMN: ELW 836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE