



... I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh ...

- Acts 2:17

DAY OF PENTECOST

HOLY COMMUNION

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Great Falls, VA

June 8, 2025

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

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

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 red binders just outside the sanctuary.

A few notes about worship:

- **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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Pastor Hank's Retirement Gift

In recognition of Pastor Hank's almost 40 years of ministry, including over eight years as Pastor of Christ the King, we ask that you consider making a monetary contribution for Pastor's retirement gift. You may contribute by dropping either a check (payable to Christ the King) or cash contribution in the offering plate on **any Sunday through June 22**, or by mailing your gift to the church office to the attention of Staff Gifts. Either way, please make sure to note "**Pastor Hank Gift / Fund 27**" on your gift (either on the check memo line or on the envelope that contains your cash gift). Contributions must be received **by June 23** so that we have time to prepare a check to present to Pastor Hank and Shirla at the Retirement Luncheon and Celebration of Service on Sunday, June 29. Your donation will be reflected in your end-of-year contributions statement. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

-Peter Saba, Council President

Congregational Meeting, June 22, 11:00 a.m.

The next congregational meeting will be on Sunday, June 22, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. At this brief meeting, we will be providing an update on the Call and Interim Pastor process, electing council leadership, giving a mid-year financial update, reporting on the D.C. Synod Assembly, and addressing any other church business. If you are unable to attend, please fill out a proxy form. Please go to https://bit.ly/Proxy_0625 for the form or pick one up in the lobby.

Celebration of Pastor Hank's Ministry & Retirement: Sunday, June 29

Please join us on Sunday, June 29 to celebrate Pastor Hank's almost 40 years of ministry including over eight years as our pastor and to wish Pastor Hank and Shirla the best in retirement.

- **Worship Service** at 10:00 a.m.
- **Celebration Luncheon** - in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the Worship Service including catered lunch, fellowship, music, and memories of Pastor Hank & Shirla's time with us.
- **Please RSVP for the Luncheon by June 23 at** <https://bit.ly/4k80bpK>, indicating the number of people attending and whether you can assist with setup or cleanup.

Today's Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Janet and Bill Hiatt in celebration of Janet's birthday.

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.

CALENDAR



Updated Schedule to Help with CtK Bees

We have several opportunities coming up to help with the CtK bees and their honey. Later today we will be harvesting honey. Harvesting will involve putting on the suit and being among the bees. On Sunday, June 15, we will be extracting honey. This operation is for volunteers who don't mind getting sticky. On Sunday, July 6 or Sunday, July 13 we will be bottling honey, a less sticky operation. See ctkbees.org to sign up with the bees. Questions? Please contact Steve Siebert at ctkbees@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed for Honey Harvest Festival: Sunday, August 24

We still need helpers for the Honey Harvest Festival. We need people to help with setup on Saturday August 23; we need people to serve as helpers and guides at the festival to assist guests with things like finding the bathroom; we need help making signs and placing them indoors and out; we need parking attendants; and more. Some tasks can be done in advance (such as making signs) others are time dependent (prep day and event day). For more information and to sign up, please contact Antonia Siebert at the.sieberts@verizon.net.

Vacation Bible School at CtK!

August 4-8, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

You may register your child (potty-trained PreK through rising fifth grade) at <https://vbspro.events/p/vbs2025atctk>. Be sure to note your affiliation with CtK/KKP and register yourself or your teen (rising sixth graders through college) to help - volunteers' children have first priority. **Note:** Heidi will personally confirm your child's enrollment on June 8th. We'll register as many campers as volunteers allow. The system will automatically confirm your online submission. **Please help make VBS happen for more children!** We especially need more adults to lead or assist a "crew" of children and activities/games.

Prayers for the Congregation

Sindy Schwab asks for prayers of healing. **Carol Murphy** asks for prayers of healing. **Karen Magley** asks for prayers of healing. **Bill Hiatt** asks for prayers of healing for his brother Rex who is battling cancer. **Vivienne Wardian** asks for prayers of healing.

Summer Lay Helper Signup Genius

Please go to https://bit.ly/2025_Spr to sign up to help with Sunday services.

This Morning's Lay Helpers
10:00 a.m.
Asst Minister – Brad Ney
Lector – Open
Greeters/Ushers – Open

At CtK THIS WEEK June 8 – June 15

Sunday, June 8 – Day of Pentecost

8:45 a.m. — Adult Forum, In-person & Zoom

10:00 a.m. — In-person Worship
(streaming available on Facebook Live)

7:00 p.m. — AA

Tuesday, June 10

7:00 a.m. — Men's Breakfast, la Madeleine

Thursday, June 12

7:30 p.m. — Service Team Meeting, Zoom

Saturday, June 14

7:00 p.m. — AA

Sunday, June 15 – Trinity Sunday

8:45 a.m. — Adult Forum, In-person & Zoom

10:00 a.m. — In-person Worship
(streaming available on Facebook Live)

7:00 p.m. — AA

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REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

Day of Pentecost • John 14:8-27

“The world isn’t able to accept this Spirit,” Jesus tells his followers. Why? Because the world is too preoccupied with things that have little or no lasting value. What about us?

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

GATHERING SONG: ELW 399 O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you
3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -

a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -

wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

GREETING

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

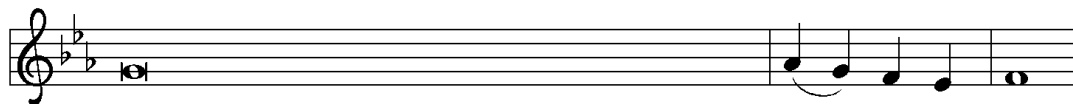
C: And also with you.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



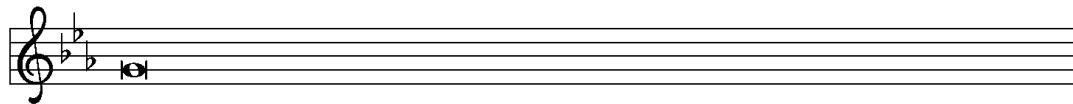
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



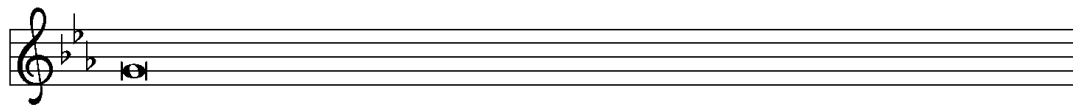
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.



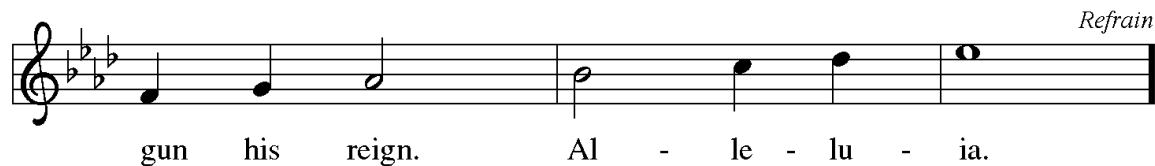
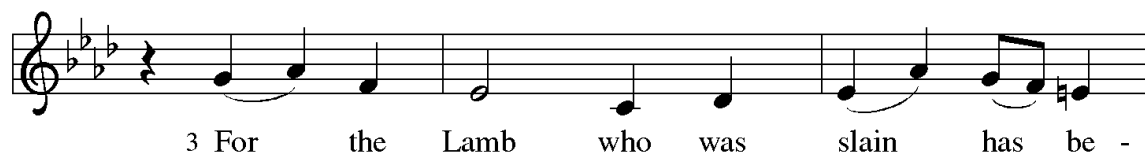
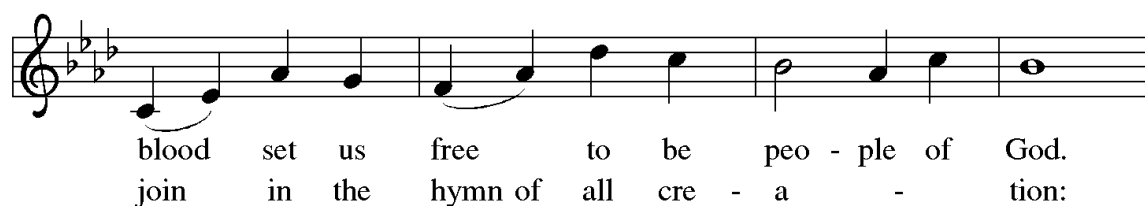
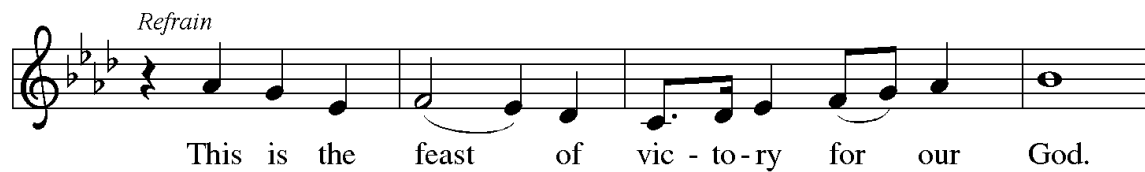
Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD

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

CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 11:1-9

R: A reading from Genesis.

¹ Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." ⁵ The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. ⁶ And the Lord said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." ⁸ So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹ Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: 104:24-34, 35b

sung responsively

The psalm refrain is a song familiar to the children of Jump Start (our younger Sunday School students) and King's Kids Preschool. The psalm tone was inspired by the children of Jump Start. Pastor Langknecht asked them to name a "happy song." Among the titles enthusiastically offered was "Cover Me in Sunshine" by the artist, Pink. Both parts of the psalm tone are bits of Pink's melody. The lyrics from the song that match the two parts of the tone are, "Even if it's far away..." and "...everything'll be alright." Amen!

*BEFORE THE PSALM: all sing the complete **Refrain** in unison.*

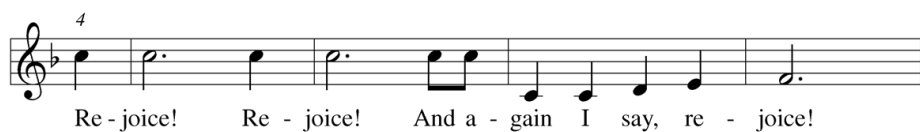
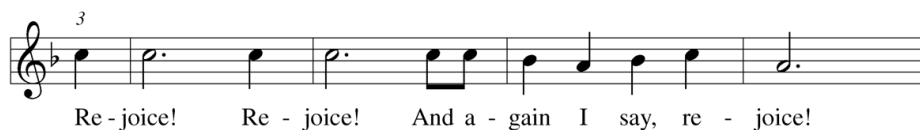
*DURING THE PSALM: The Leader (L) intones the regular text; the Congregation (C) intones the **bold text**. Every few verses (at the "R"), all sing **Line 1** of the **Refrain**.*

*AFTER THE PSALM: all sing the complete **Refrain** in unison or in parts as directed.*

Tone:



Refrain:



- L: 24 How manifold are your | works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.
- C: 25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,
living things both | small and great.
- L: 26 There go the ships | to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.
- C: 27 All of them | look to you
to give them their food | in due season. R
- L: 28 You give it to them; they | gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.
- C: 29 When you hide your face, | they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.
- L: 30 You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
and so you renew the face | of the earth.
- C: 31 May the glory of the Lord en- | dure forever;
O Lord, rejoice in | all your works. R
- L: 32 You look at the earth | and it trembles;
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.
- C: 33 I will sing to the Lord as long | as I live;
I will praise my God while I | have my being.
- L: 34 May these words of | mine please God.
I will rejoice | in the Lord.
- C: 35b Bless the Lord, | O my soul.
Hal- | lelujah! R

SECOND LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

R: A reading from Acts.

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

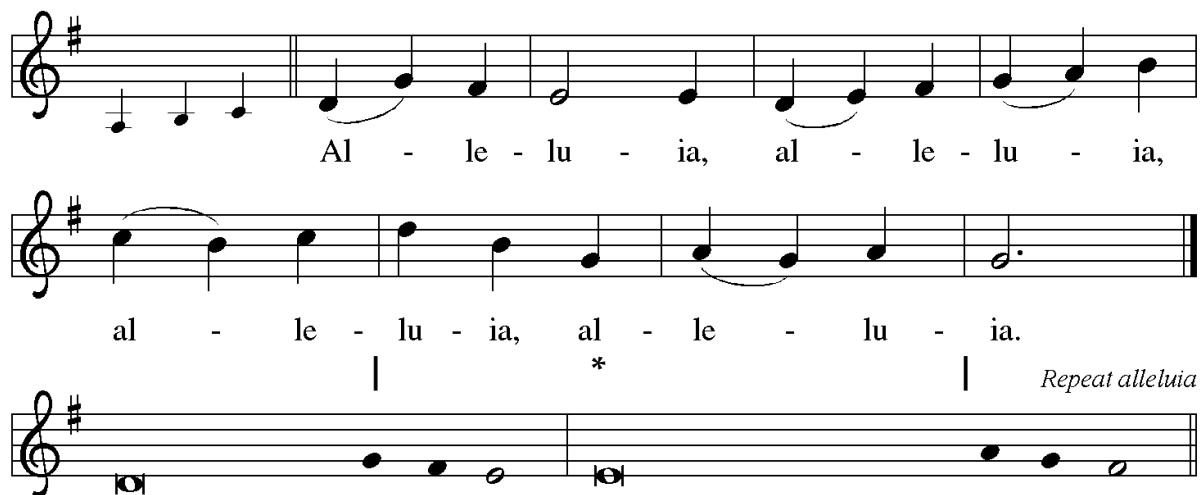
¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts | of your faithful, * and kindle in us the fire | of your love.

Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:8-27

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

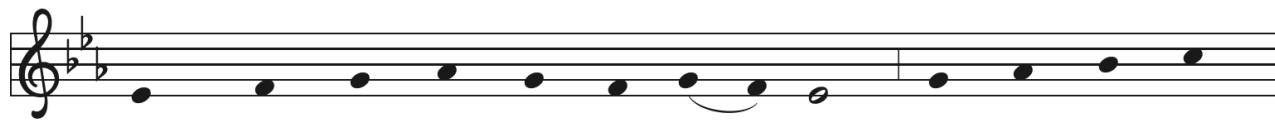
SERMON

The Rev. Henry Langknecht

Silence for meditation may follow the sermon.

Please stand when the music begins.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ACS 1093 In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness



1 In a deep, un - bound - ed dark - ness, long be - fore the
 2 Though our world is ev - er - chang - ing, you are con - stant,
 3 Joy trans - forms our lips to boast - ing on - ly in your
 4 God of Ha - gar, God of Sa - rah, God of no - mad



first light shone, you, O God, be - yond all mer - it
 firm, and sure, faith - ful to your cov - 'nant prom - ise.
 match - less grace, send - ing Christ to dwell a - mong us,
 A - bra - ham; God of Mir - iam, God of Mo - ses,



worked a won - der faith makes known: in your mer - cy,
 Trust - ing you, we live, se - cure: sing - ing prais - es,
 Word made flesh in time and space: Friend and Sav - ior,
 Fi - 'ry Pil - lar, great I AM: lead us home - ward,



in your mer - cy, you em - braced us
 sing - ing prais - es, long as heart and
 Friend and Sav - ior, in whose life we
 lead us home - ward, to the love - feast



as your own,
 breath en - dure, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 glimpse your face,
 of the Lamb,

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church. Continue to inspire our sharing of the gospel and equip us to tear down the barriers we have erected. Make our welcome expansive, intentional, and open to loving challenge. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

- A: We pray for creation. Allow fire to burn safely in habitats where it's needed and quench flames when they threaten to run wild. Protect forests, prairies, and grasslands from destruction by natural forces or human misdeeds. Safeguard firefighters and rescuers in their dangerous work. Hear us, O God.
- C: **Your mercy is great.**
- A: We pray for courts and legislatures. Write your commandments on our hearts, and inspire all who govern to lead with love over retribution. Unite judges, lawyers, and systems of justice in a desire for reconciliation. Hear us, O God.
- C: **Your mercy is great.**
- A: We pray for the sick in body, mind, or spirit especially those close to us. Lift up all who have been bowed low by circumstances or internal strife. Bring to wholeness those who cry out to you in need. Hear us, O God.
- C: **Your mercy is great.**
- A: We pray for this congregation. Raise up in us a deep desire to live out our baptismal promises and to support those of all ages in our shared journey of faith. Hear us, O God.
- C: **Your mercy is great.**
- A: We offer thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in you. Let their lives encourage our own daily living. Console us with the promise of eternal life. Hear us, O God.
- C: **Your mercy is great.**
- A: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
- C: **Amen.**

GREETING OF PEACE

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

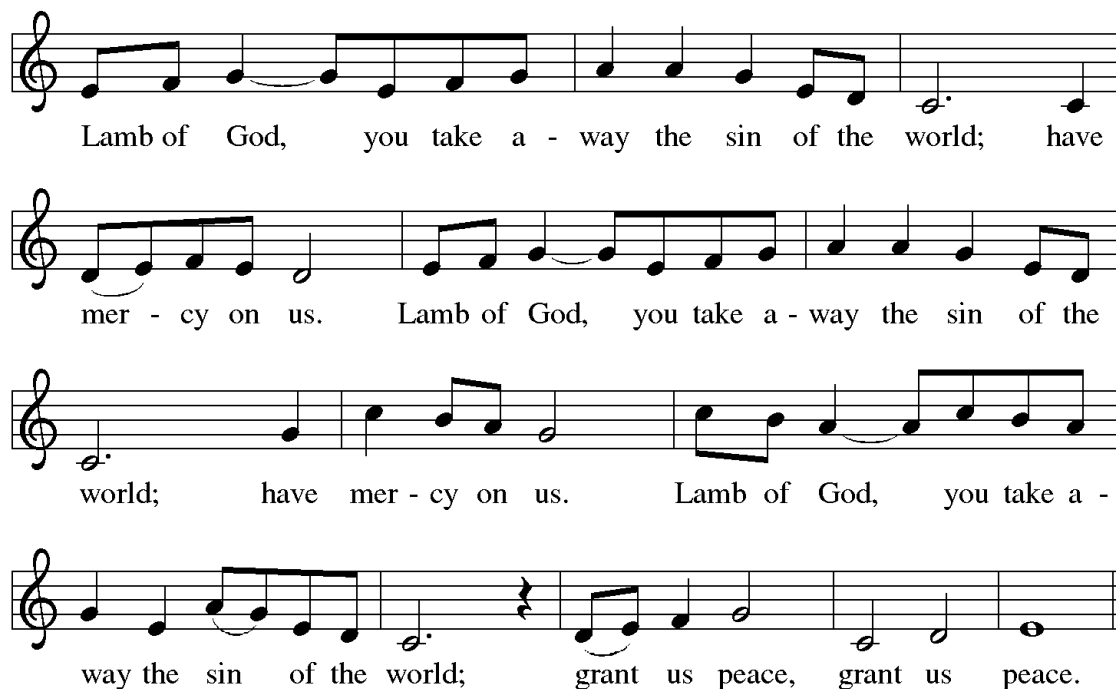
- P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C: **And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING AND MUSICAL OFFERING

During the offering, plates will be passed along the pews in which to place your offering. Make checks payable to "Christ the King Lutheran Church". Contributions go toward the ministries and programs of Christ the King Lutheran Church.



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.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

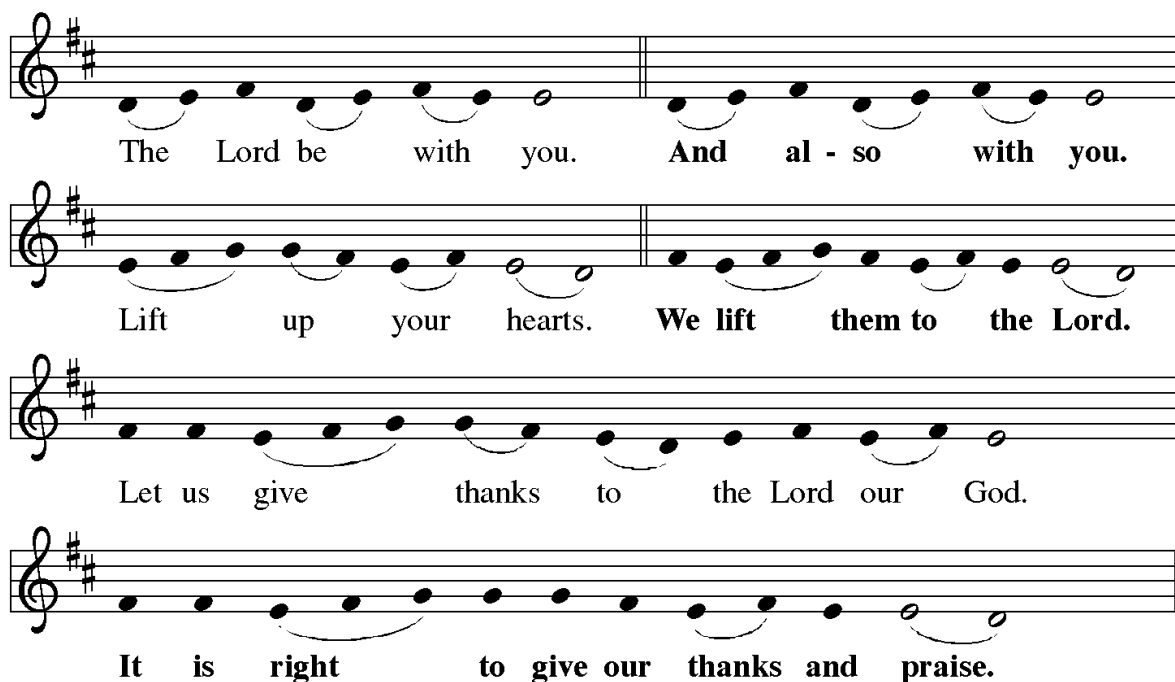
Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

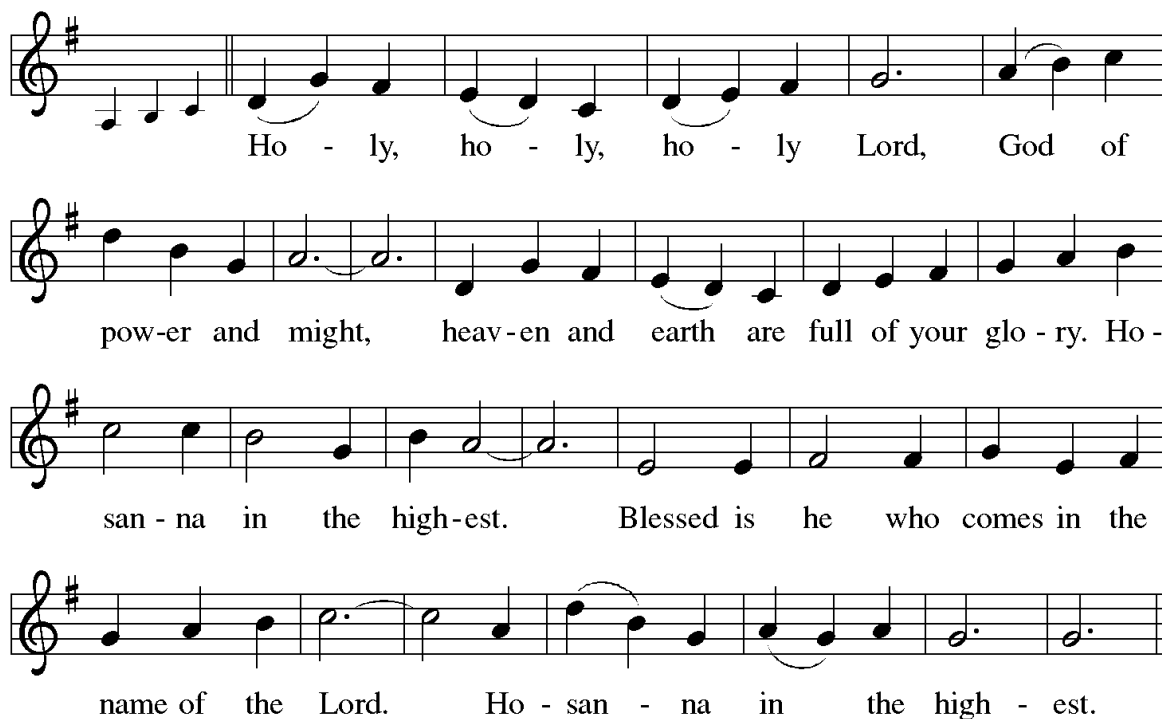
DIALOGUE

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

PREFACE



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer. We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others. 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 life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both 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: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 400 God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE