Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
October 3, 2021 – 9:00am

OUR MISSION: We are God forgiven and mission driven**.**

OUR VISION: To be that Lake Mills place where belonging, healing, growing, serving and believing are open to all, regardless of background, experience or aptitude. Central to this is that we are a -forgiving, mission-driven community, which means we all want to have an impact, shaped by the love of Christ to serve all others.

Saturday--5:30pm Worship Service **Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson** **Organist:** Ruth Sheldon **Reader:** Cindy Haugsdal **Liturgical Choir:** Open **Sound:** Open **Acolytes:** Open **Ushers:** Open **Communion Servers:** **Altar Guild for October:** Linda Helgeson & Gloria Kvale	**Sunday--9:00am Worship Service** **Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson** **Organist:** Ruth Sheldon **Readers:** Krishna Hanson **Liturgical Choir:** Al Skellenger, Willie Skellenger, Bruce Adams **Sound:** Chike Ikefuama **Live Stream:** Brad Evenson **Video:** Chike Ikefuama **Acolytes:** Lyle Thomson **Ushers:** Lyle and Orloue Thomson **Communion Servers:** **Altar Guild for October:** Linda Helgeson & Gloria Kvale

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INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

GATHERING

PRELUDE
BELLS
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.
Amen.

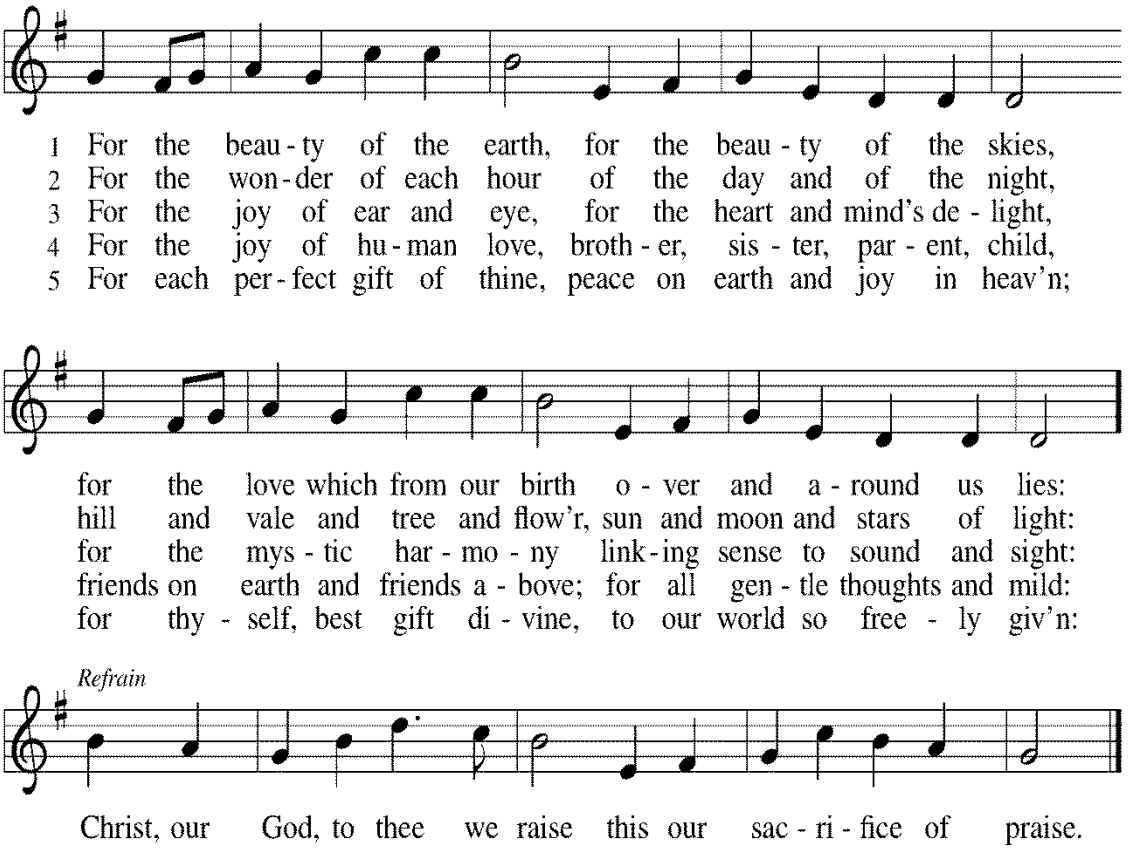
Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:
like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
By the gift of grace in ☩ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.
Amen.

We stand for the hymn of praise.

GATHERING HYMN ***For the Beauty of the Earth*** ELW #879



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME ***Jesus Welcomes Children*** Whirl Story Bible p.286

WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 2:18-24

18 The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make
him a helper as his partner." 19 So out of the ground the LORD God formed every
animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see
what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that
was its name. 20 The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and
to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his
partner. 21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he
slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib
that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought
her to the man. 23 Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

24 Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they
become one flesh.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 8

Todays psalm will be read responsively beginning with the women

1 O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
2 **You whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants
and children;**

You have set up a fortress against your enemies,
to silence the foe and avenger.
3 **When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

4 What are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?
5 **Yet you have made them little less than divine;**
with glory and honor you crown them.

6 You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:
7 **All flocks and cattle,**
even the wild beasts | of the field,

8 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
9 **O LORD our Lord,**
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

1 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,
2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of
all things, through whom he also created the worlds. 3 He is the reflection of
God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things
by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the
right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as
the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

2:5 Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to
angels. 6 But someone has testified somewhere,

> "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? 7 You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, 8 subjecting all things under their feet."

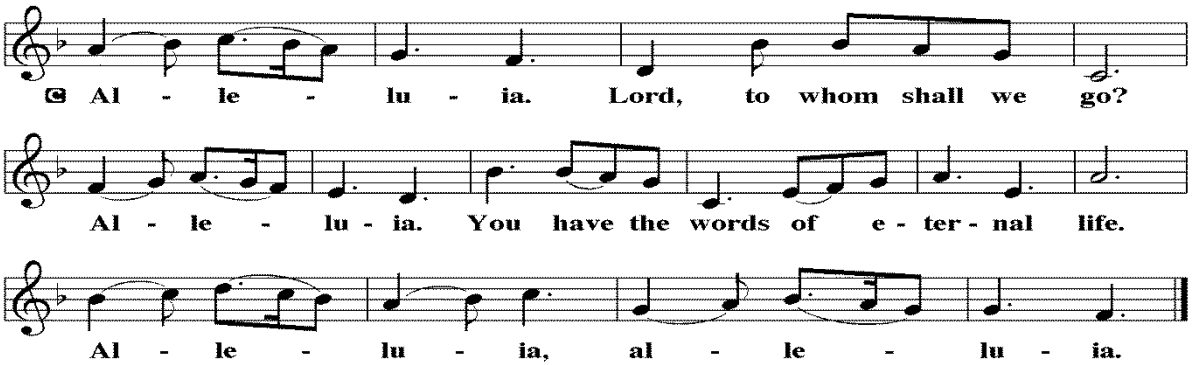
Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it
is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, 9 but we do see Jesus, who
for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and
honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste
death for everyone.

[10]It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. [11]For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, [12]saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ***Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?*** WOV p.31
We stand for the hearing of the gospel.



GOSPEL Mark 10:2-16
The Holy Gospel according to Mark
Glory to you, O Lord.

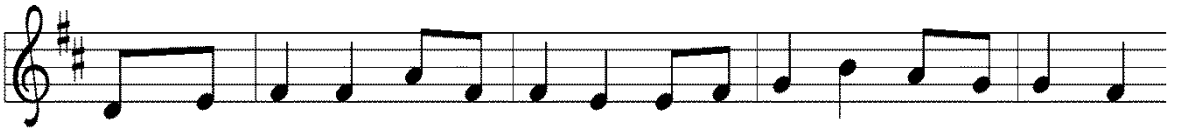
[2]Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" [3]He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" [4]They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." [5]But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. [6]But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' [7]'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, [8]and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. [9]Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

[10]Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. [11]He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; [12]and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

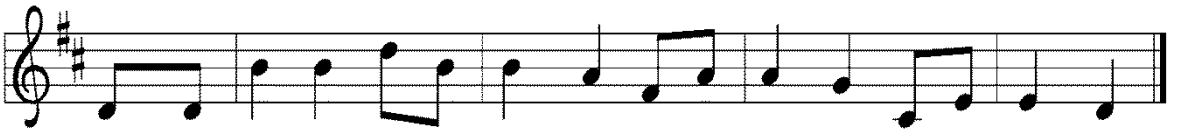
[13]People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. [14]But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. [15]Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” [16]And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Children of the Heavenly Father*** ELW #781



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

All may be seated as the pastor invites us into our time of prayer.

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Holy One, you have raised up faithful leaders throughout history. Empower those discerning a call to ministry and all seminarians, that they continue to be formed for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You have established a diverse and beautiful creation. Revive declining species and preserve endangered lands. Cultivate in us a sense of wonder for the world you created. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You desire for us not to be alone and to live in community with one another. Strengthen relationships between nations and peoples, that we celebrate and support one human family. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You share in our experiences and struggles. Bless all who live with any mental or physical disability. Inspire creative communities, spaces, and environments that are accessible and hospitable. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You have established and nurtured relationships that extend beyond those gathered here today. Bless members who worship with us listening to the radio or watching livestream; or can no longer travel to worship with us. Remind us of their continued role in this community of faith. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered as the pastor concludes the prayers.
Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

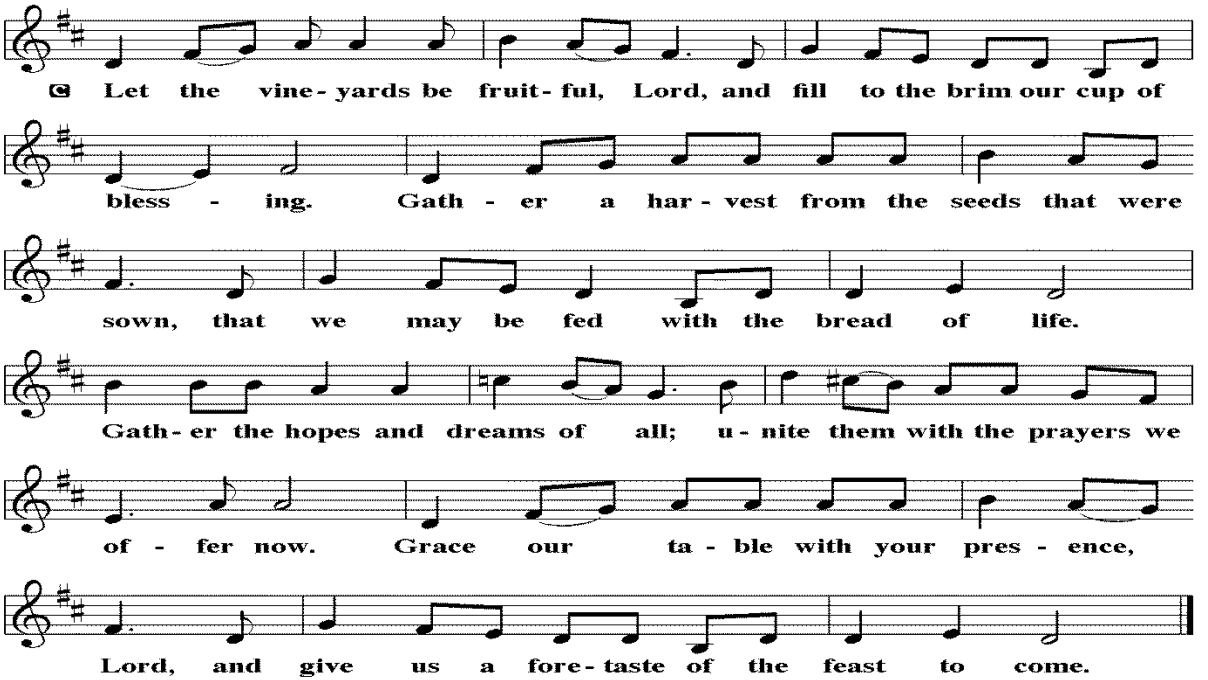
MEAL

OFFERING
The offering is being collected at the beginning of the service as you walk in. The usher will bring the offering forward for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need at the time of the offering song and prayer.

MUSICAL OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS ***Let the vineyards be fruitful*** WOV p.35

The gifts are brought forward



OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

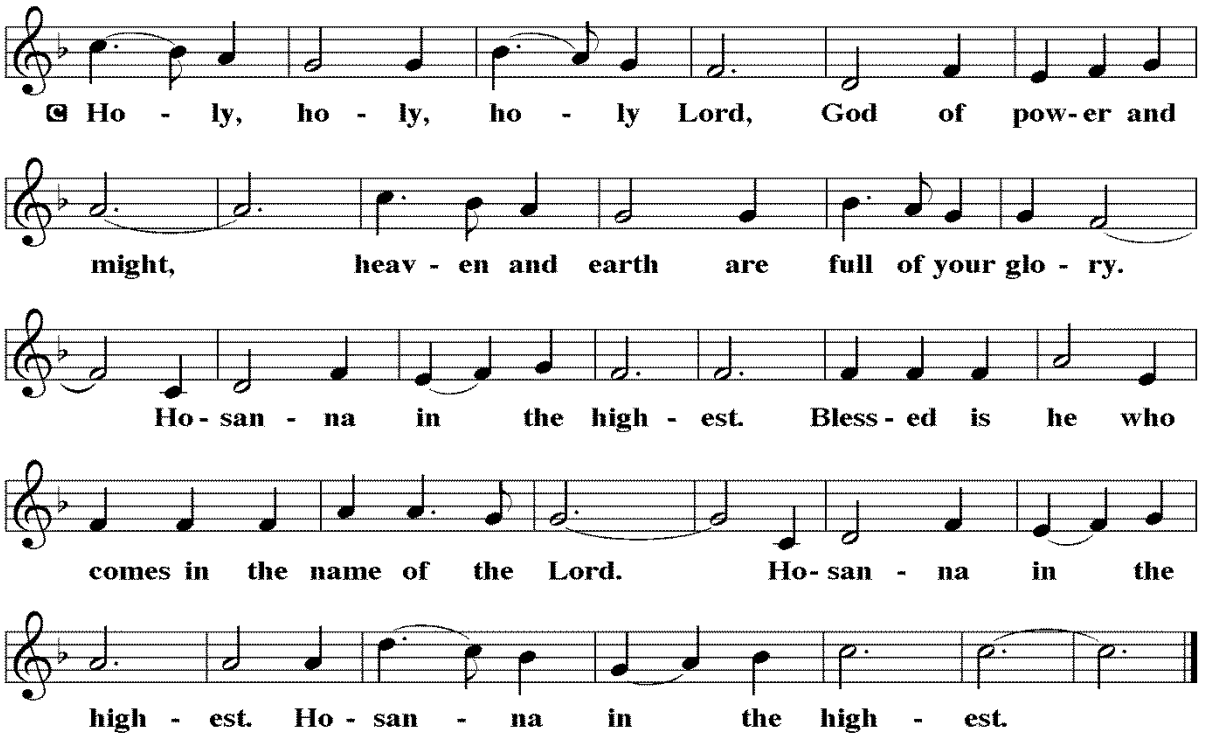
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who rose beyond the bounds of death and, [on this day,] as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*** WOV p.36



In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

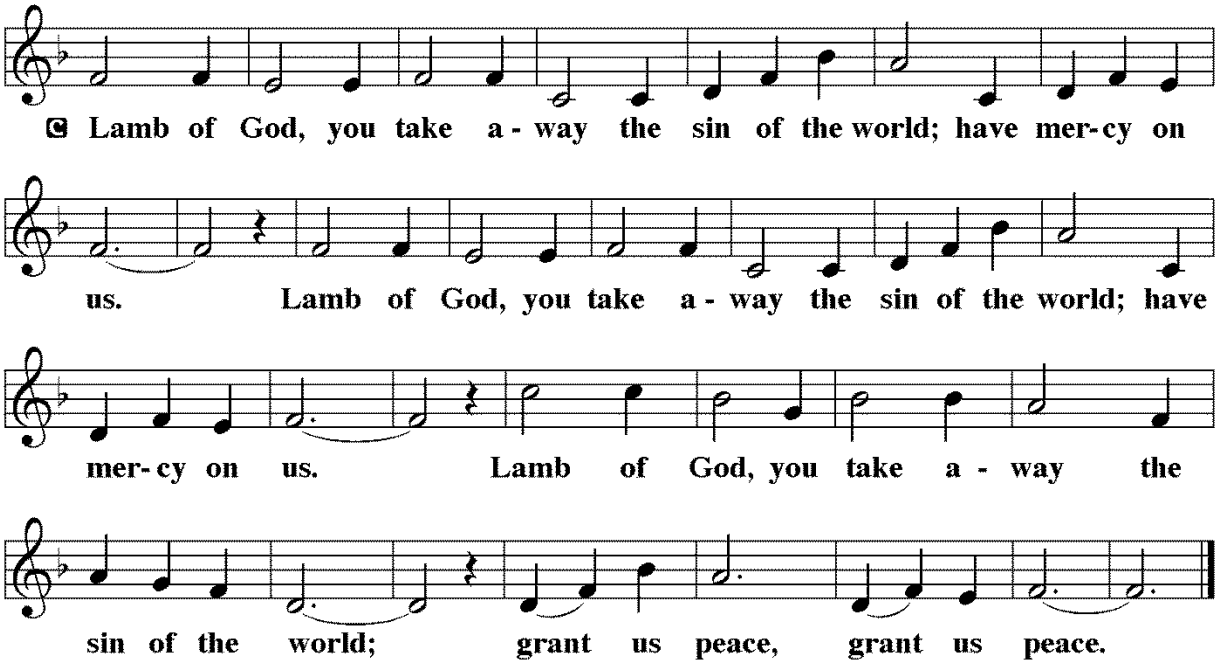
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 no 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

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

COMMUNION HYMN ***Lamb of God…*** WOV p.39



DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

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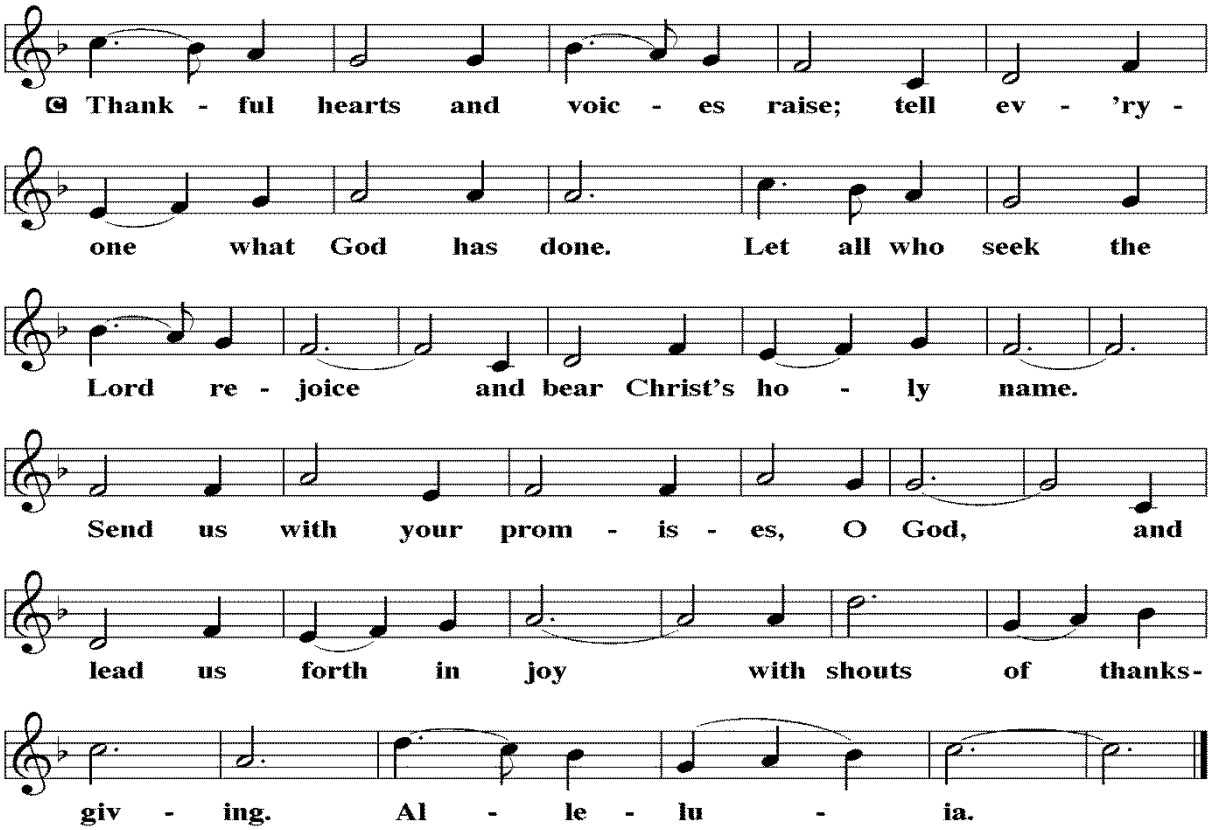


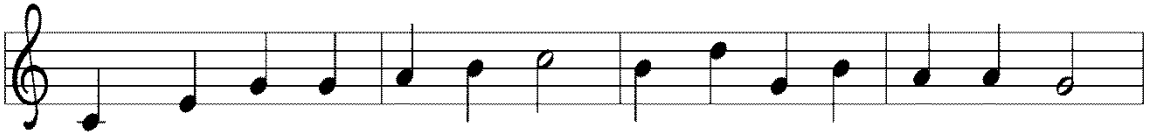
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

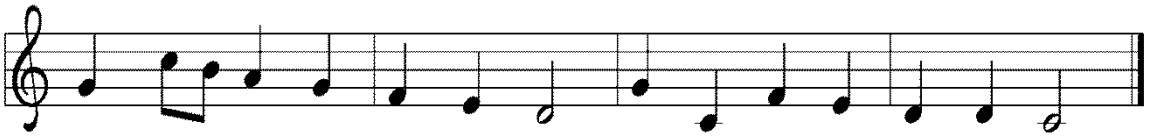
SENDING

BLESSING
People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ☩ one God, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN ***Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word*** ELW #663



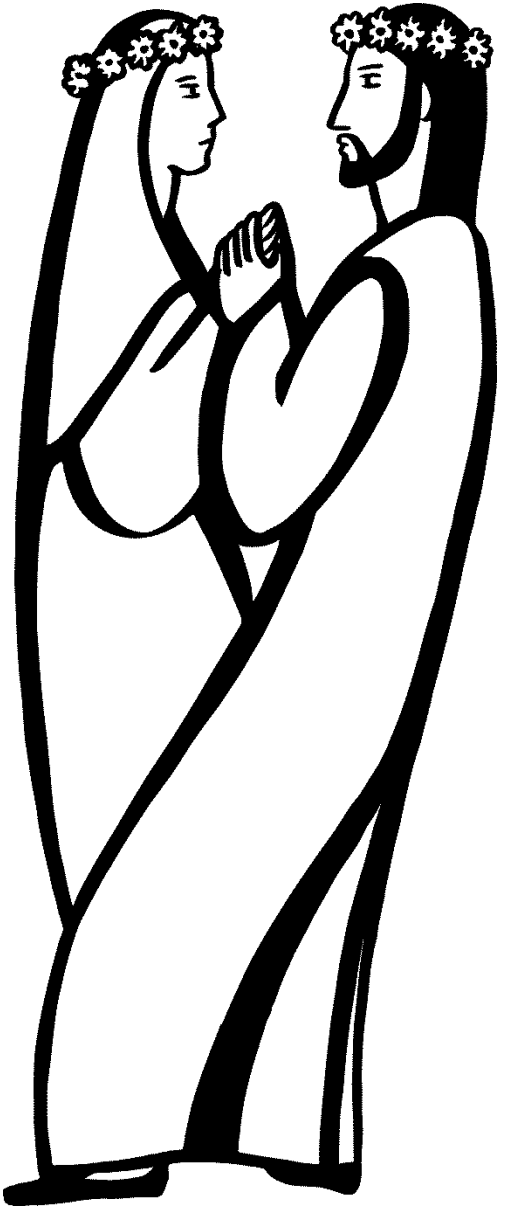
1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.
2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race
3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,
4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;



Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav - en's gifts ex - tend to all.
and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.
strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.
let the gath - 'ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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