



# September 25, 2022

## 16th Sunday after Pentecost

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY, FABER AND HAMPTON*

#### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**

**We have harmed your good creation.**

**We have failed to do justice,  
love kindness,**

**and walk humbly with you.**

**Turn us in a new direction.**

**Show us the path that leads to life.**

**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,  
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**

**Amen.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ☩ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN

*Gather Us In* (ELW 532)



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

## REETING

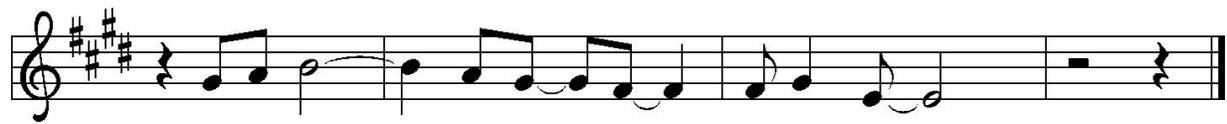
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## KYRIE

*Refrain*



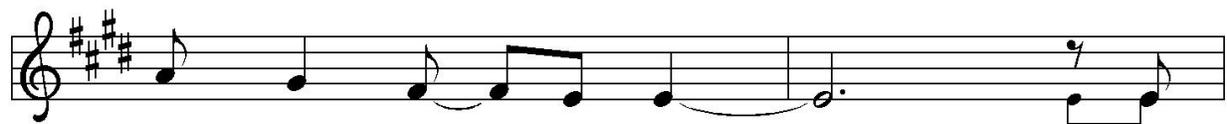
Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

*Refrain*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**LADIES' ENSEMBLE (10:45AM)** *I WILL TRUST IN THE LORD*, LYNN SHAW BAILEY

## **FIRST READING // Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15**

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. <sup>2</sup>At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, <sup>3a</sup>where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. <sup>6</sup>Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>7</sup>Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." <sup>8</sup>Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

<sup>9</sup>And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. <sup>10</sup>I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. <sup>11</sup>Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; <sup>12</sup>and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. <sup>13</sup>In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, <sup>14</sup>Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. <sup>15</sup>For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

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

## PSALM // Psalm 146

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,**

**and in that day their thoughts perish.**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**

**who keeps promises forever;**

who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the captive free.

**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**

**the Lord loves the righteous.**

The Lord cares for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**The Lord shall reign forever,**

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING // 1 Timothy 6:6-19

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the

eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## GOSPEL // Luke 16:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—<sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the

prophets; they should listen to them.’<sup>30</sup> He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’<sup>31</sup> He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

What gift of grace is Je-sus my re-deem-er There is no more for heav-en now to  
The night is dark, but I am not for - sa - ken. For by my side, the Sav-ior He will  
No fate I dread, I know I am for - gi - ven. The fu ture sure, the price it has been  
With ev-ery breath, I long to fol-low Je - sus. For He has said, that He will bring me  
give. He is my joy, my right-eous-ness and free - dom. My stead-fast  
stay. I la - bor on in weak-ness and re - joic - ing. For in my  
paid. For Je - sus bled and suf-fered for my par - don. And He was  
home. And day by day, I know He will re - new me Un - til I  
love, my deep and bound-less peace. To this I hold, my hope is on - ly  
need, His pow - er is displayed. To this I hold, my Shep-herd will de -  
raised to o - ver-throw the grave. To this I hold, my sin has been de -  
stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I hold, my hope is on - ly  
Je - sus. For my life is whol-ly bound to His. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can  
fend me. Through the deep-est val-ley He will lead. Oh the night has been won, and I  
feat - ed. Je - sus now and e - ver is my plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can  
Je - sus. All the glo - ry e - ver-more to Him. When the race is com-plete, still my  
sing, "All is mine," yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
shall o - ver-come, Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
sing, "I am free," Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
lips shall re - peat Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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me. To this I hold, my hope is on-ly Je - sus All the glo - ry e-ver-more to  
 Him. When the race is com-plete, still my lips shall re-peat Yet not I, but through Christ in  
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## 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.**

Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne. The  
 ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would  
 hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can  
 for you yearn, you will show your might, put the strong to  
 nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - 'ry mouth be  
 flight, for the world is a - bout to turn. *to Refrain*  
 fed, for the world is a - bout to turn. *Interlude*

*Refrain*  
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the  
 fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the  
 dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill, especially those we lift before you today, aloud or silently in our hearts. Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place. We pray especially for our worship leaders and planners, for our worship volunteers, Chancel Choir, Chimes Choir, Ladies' Ensemble, our Worship Band, the Worship & Music Committee, Emily, Karl, and Pastor Alex. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## PEACE

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

## OFFERING

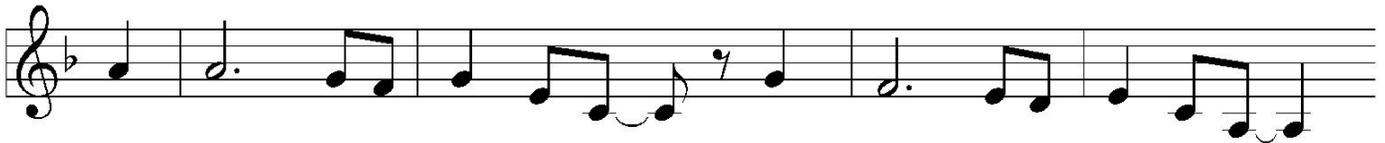


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# OFFERTORY

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart (W&P 41)*



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



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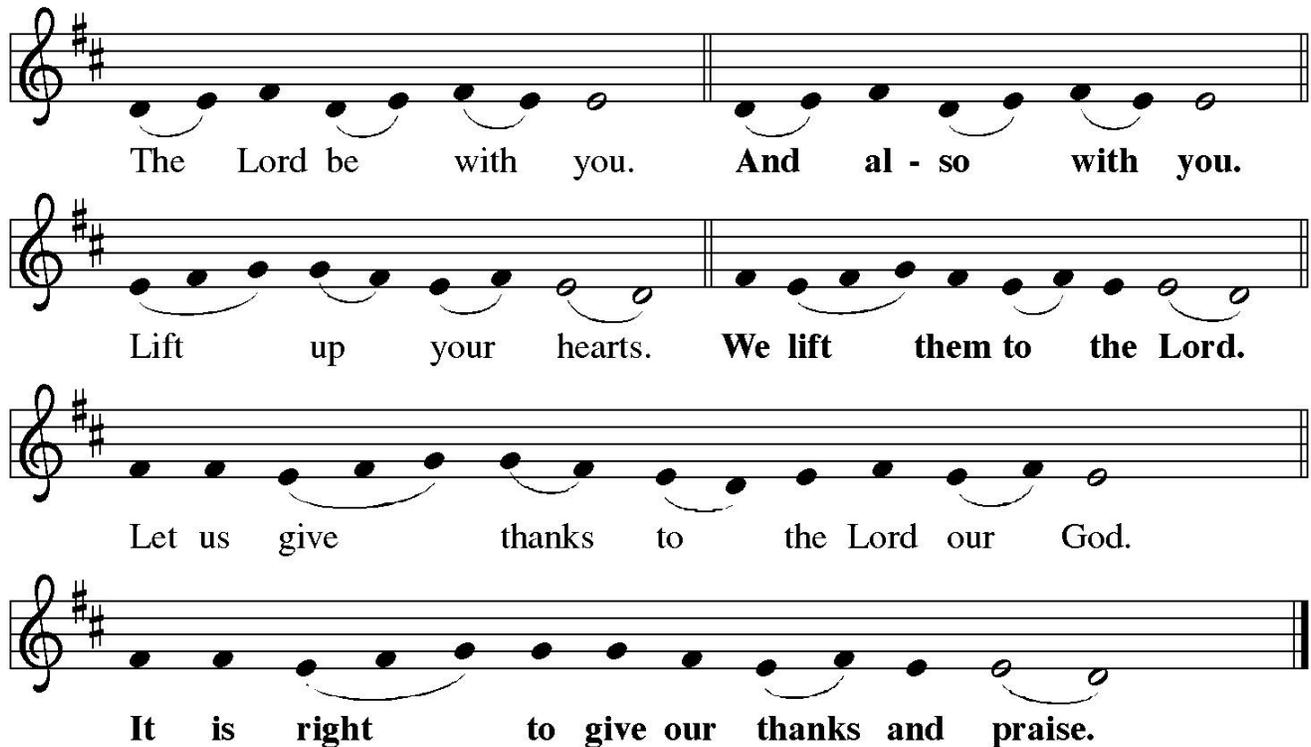


rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray, Gracious God,  
**in your great love you richly provide for our needs.**  
**Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,**  
**and make us ready to share with all in need;**  
**through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

## DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

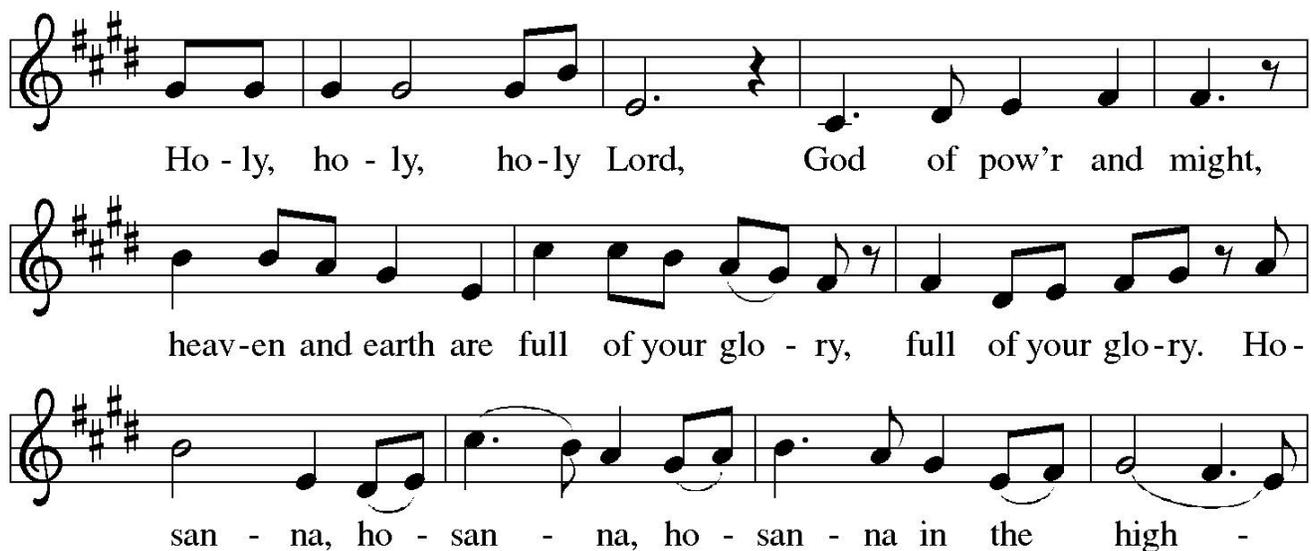
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## THANKSGIVING

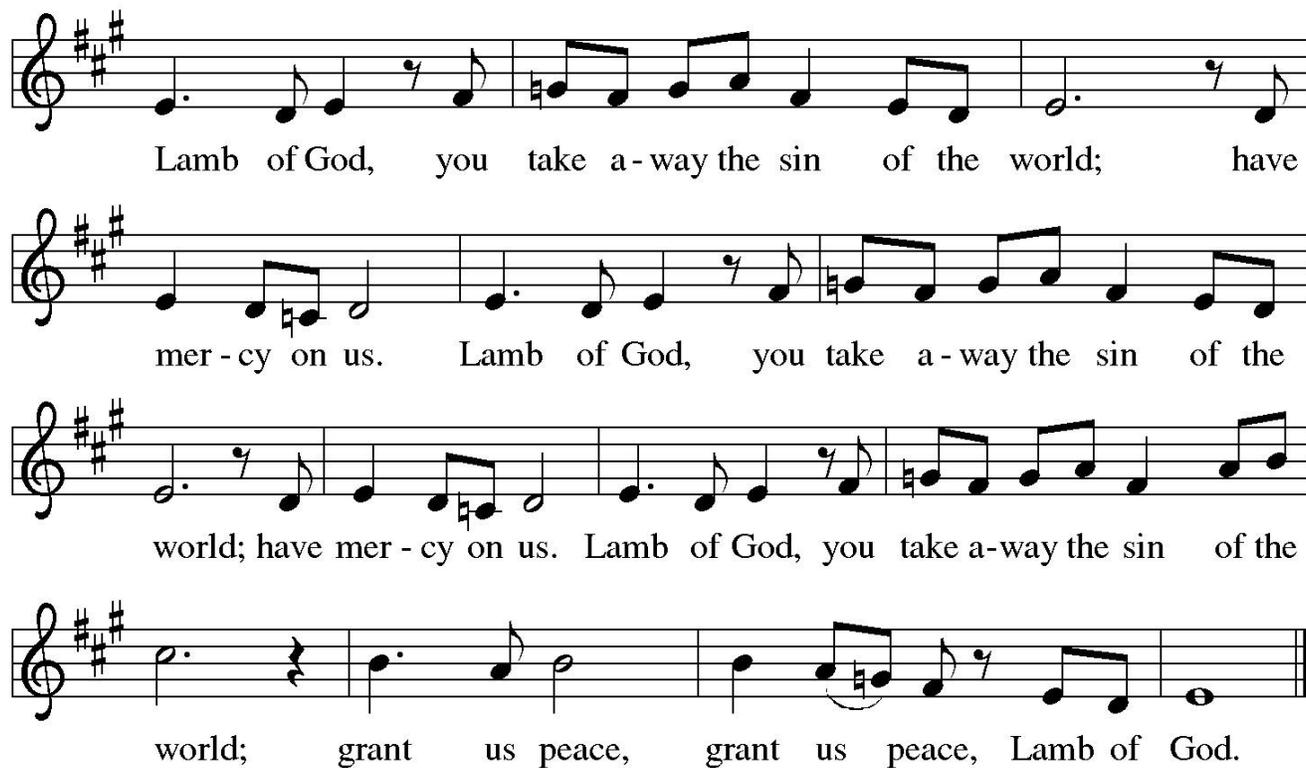
It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy ...



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



# LAMB OF GOD



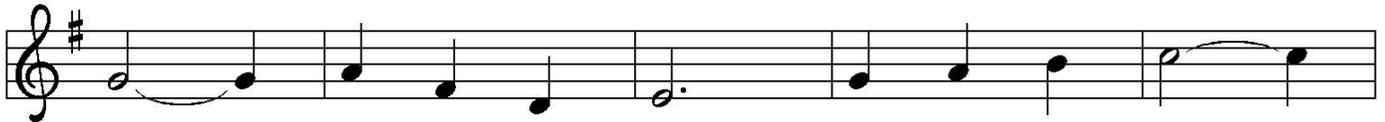
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

Christ, Be Our Light (ELW 715)



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

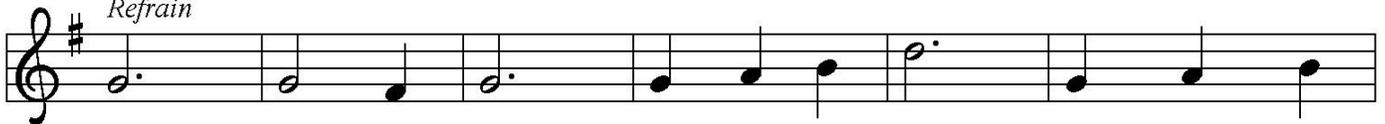


truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

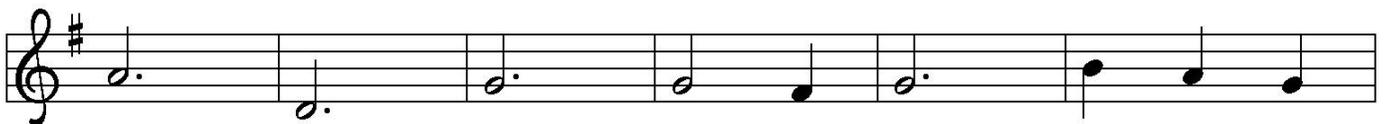


your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

*Refrain*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray, **God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the holy Trinity, † one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN

## *In Christ Alone*

V1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light my strength my  
 V2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less

song; This corn - er stone, this so - lid ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and  
 babe. This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones he came to

storm, what heights of love what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when stri - vings  
 save. till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sa - tis -

cease! My com - for - ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I  
 fied. for ev' - ry sin on him was laid, here in the death of Christ I

stand. live. V3 There in the ground His bo - dy lay, light of the  
 V4 No guilt in life no fear in death this is the

world by dark - ness slain. then bur - sting forth in glo - rious day up from the  
 power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to fin - al breath Jes - us com

grave he rose a - gain! and as He stands in vic - to - ry sin's curse has  
 mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can e - ver

lost its grip on me. for I am His and He is mine bought with the  
 pluck me from his hand, till he re - turns or calls me home, here in the

pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*GIVE ME JESUS*, R. BILLINGHAM

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Pastor:	Alex Martini
Director of Music Ministries:	Karl Segletes
Organist:	Emily Koons
Liturgist:	Susan Hensel
Lector:	Susan Hensel
Worship Band:	Stacey Niedzwiecki, <i>vocals</i> David Hamilton, <i>vocals</i> Susan Hensel, <i>vocals</i> Dory Kessler, <i>vocals</i> Matthew Pepper, <i>baritone</i> Cindy Ward, <i>cello</i> Susan Niedzwiecki, <i>keyboard</i> Craig Nelson, <i>drums</i>
Tech Team:	Chris Nelson & Kathy Zagoric

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**Sunday School** – We have a WONDERFUL team of Sunday school teachers this fall. Come to Adult Sunday school (9:15-10:15) in the Council Room or Youth Sunday School (9:30-10:30) which starts in the sanctuary. Invite your friends!

**Grocery Gift Cards for Sale** – See Tom or Priss to purchase your Weis or Giant gift cards. These are a good and easy way to financially support the church as we get a portion of the gift card amount.

**CROP Walk** – Save the date for the CROP Walk on October 23 at 2:00 PM at Memorial Park, Mechanicsburg. Please see Bill L. to sign up to walk with our team or to financially support a walker. Your contributions support hunger initiatives in our community and the world.

**Coffee Grinder Raffle** – For the months of September and October you may enter a chance to win a Cuisinart Coffee Bean Grinder. One chance is \$2 or 3 chances for \$5. Money raised from this will be put into our Mission Trip Fund for assistance for those people choosing to participate in our future mission trips. Tickets will be available on Fair Trade Sunday in the board room and any other times by contacting Carol Forbes.

**First Responder's Dinner** - Saturday, October 22nd at 4 PM at church. The price is \$10 per dinner which is used to support this annual event. Payment can be given to Craig Nelson or paid at the door on the day of the event. Please sign up on the form on the Fellowship board in the hallway or email [stpeterlcfellowship@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterlcfellowship@gmail.com) by Saturday, October 15th.

**ELCW Pizza Party** - Tuesday at 6:00 PM.