

# The Holy Trinity

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## Holy Communion Lutheran Church

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**Mission:** To make Christ known in our actions and our faith

**Vision:** We are a community living out the gospel of Jesus Christ by service to the Portsmouth Community and by following Jesus.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.  
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.  
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.  
'+' Please stand as you are able.

**+ Gathering +**

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

**Prelude**      "Praise be to the Lord, my God, who lives forever"  
From BWV 129 by J.S. Bach

**+ Confession and Forgiveness** ELW p.94

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

## + Gathering Song

ACS #1096 "Joyful is the Dark"



1 Joy - ful is the dark, ho - ly, hid - den God,  
 2 Joy - ful is the dark, Spir - it of the deep,  
 3 Joy - ful is the dark, shad - owed sta - ble floor;  
 4 Joy - ful is the dark, cool - ness of the tomb,  
 5 Joy - ful is the dark, depth of love di - vine,



roll - ing cloud of night be - yond all nam - ing:  
 wing - ing wild - ly o'er the world's cre - a - tion,  
 an - gels flick - er, God on earth con - fess - ing,  
 wait - ing for the won - der of the morn - ing;  
 roar - ing, loom - ing thun - der - cloud of glo - ry,



maj - es - ty in dark - ness, en - er - gy of love,  
 silk - en sheen of mid - night plum - age black and bright,  
 as with ex - ul - ta - tion, Mar - y, giv - ing birth,  
 nev - er was that mid - night touched by dread and gloom:  
 ho - ly, haunt - ing beau - ty, liv - ing, lov - ing God.



Word - in - flesh, the mys - ter - y pro - claim - ing.  
 swoop - ing with the beau - ty of a ra - ven.  
 hails the in - fant cry of need and bless - ing.  
 dark - ness was the cra - dle of the dawn - ing.  
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing and tell the sto - ry!

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Music: LINDNER, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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## + Greeting

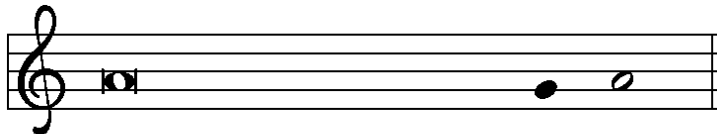
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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

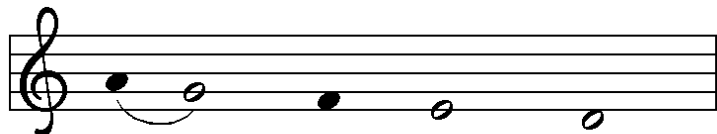
**And also with you.**

## + Kyrie

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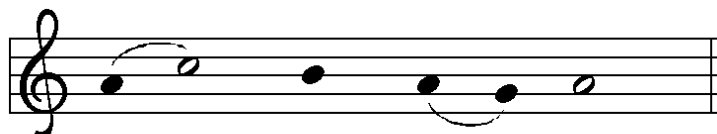
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



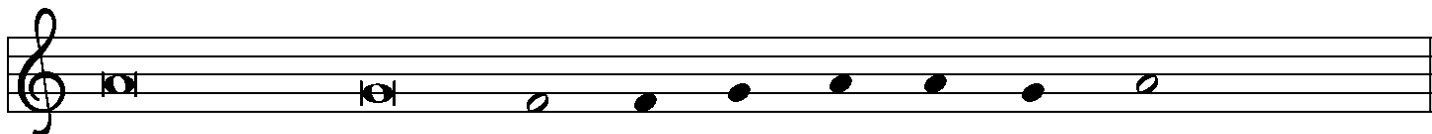
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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

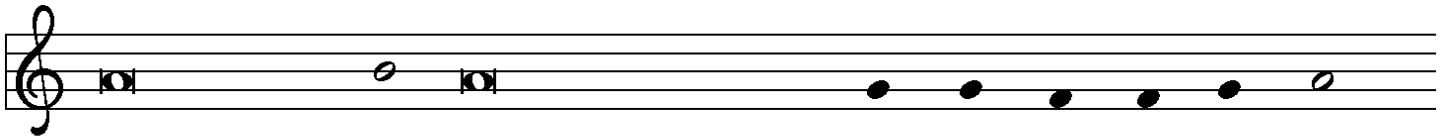


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

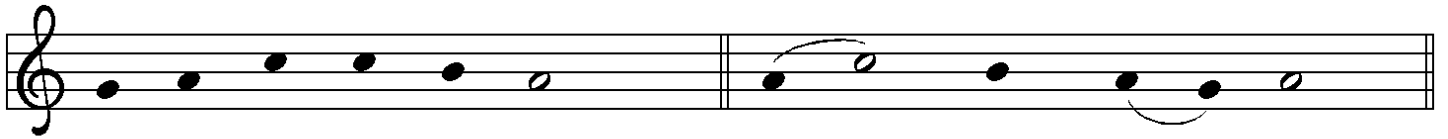


Lord, have mer - cy.

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For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.

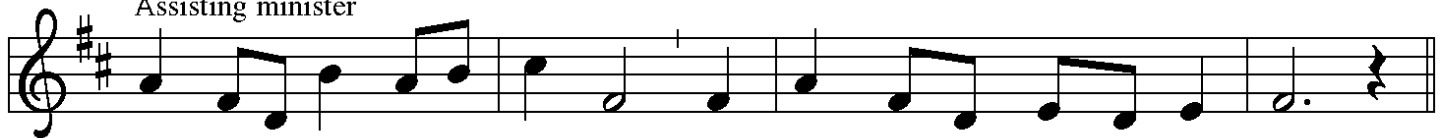


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

**+ Canticle of Praise**

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Assisting minister



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

All



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;

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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

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God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## +Word+

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

### First Reading

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

A reading from Genesis.

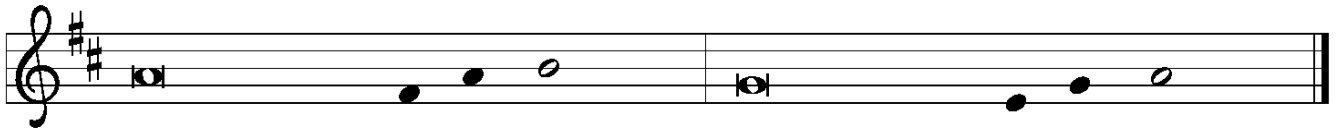
<sup>1</sup> When God began to create the heavens and the earth,  
<sup>2</sup> the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. <sup>6</sup> And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup> So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. <sup>9</sup> And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was

morning, the third day. <sup>14</sup> And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. <sup>20</sup> And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." <sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. <sup>24</sup> And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." <sup>27</sup> So God created humans in his image, in the

image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” <sup>29</sup>God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. <sup>4a</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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



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- <sup>1</sup> O | LORD our Lord,  
       how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—
- <sup>2</sup> **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the  
 mouths of in- | fants and children;  
       you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to  
       silence the foe | and avenger.**
- <sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,  
       the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,
- <sup>4</sup> **what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of  
 them,  
       human beings that you should | care for them?**
- <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little less | than divine;  
       with glory and hon- | or you crown them.
- <sup>6</sup> **You have made them rule over the works | of your  
 hands;  
       you have put all things un- | der their feet:**
- <sup>7</sup> all | flocks and cattle,  
       even the wild beasts | of the field,
- <sup>8</sup> **the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,  
       and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**
- <sup>9</sup> O | LORD our Lord,  
       how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

A reading from Second Corinthians.

[Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. <sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

## + Gospel Acclamation

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## + Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

**Young at Heart Message & Sermon**

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

# The Play of the Godhead



1 The play of the God-head, the Trin - i - ty's dance, em - brac-es the  
2 The warm mists of sum - mer, cool wa - ters that flow, turn crys-tal as  
3 In God's gra - cious im - age of co - e - qual parts, we gath-er as



earth in a sa - cred ro - mance, with God the Cre - a - tor, and  
ice when the win - try winds blow. The tap - root that nur - tures, the  
danc - ers, u - nit - ing our hearts. In tune with the mu - sic of



Christ the true Son, en - twined with the Spir - it, a web dai - ly  
shoot grow - ing free, the life - giv - ing fruit, full and ripe on the  
all liv - ing things, we join in the round of bright na - ture that



spun in span-gles of mys - t'ry, the great Three - in - One.  
tree: more mys - tic and won - drous, the great One - in - Three.  
rings with rap - ture and rhy - thm: cre - a - tion now sings!

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: PERICHORESIS, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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## **+ Apostles' Creed**

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With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the 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**

*sung refrain: ACS #980*

# Come, Holy Spirit, Descend

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of one flat (B-flat major). It consists of three lines of music. The first line contains the lyrics: '\*Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, de - scend on us, de -'. The second line continues with: 'scend on us. We gath - er here in Je - sus\''. The third line begins with a fermata over a whole note chord, followed by the lyrics 'name.' and '(hm)'. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

\*Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, de - scend on us, de -  
scend on us. We gath - er here in Je - sus'  
name. (hm)

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: BREATH OF HEAVEN, John L. Bell

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**+ Peace**

## +Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

### Offering

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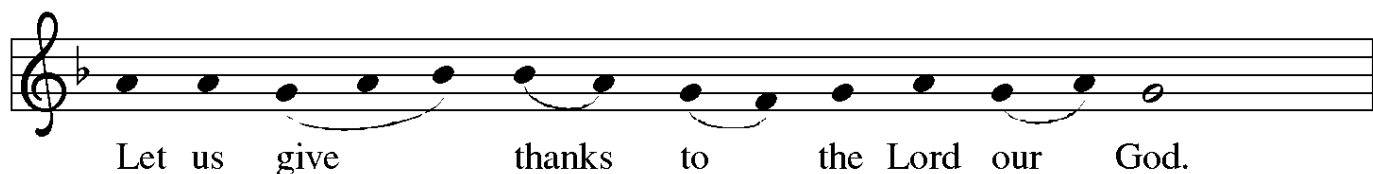
### + Offering Prayer

Let us pray. *A brief silence.*

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### + Great Thanksgiving

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## + Proper Preface

### + Sanctus

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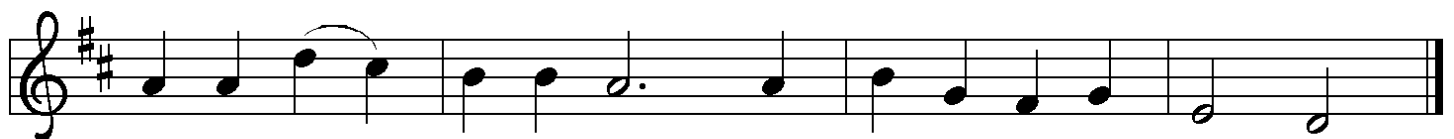
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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 (V)

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### + Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

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**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

### Agnus Dei

ELW p.154



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.

### **Notes about Communion Distribution at HCLC**

*When we're gathered at God's table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! HCLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.*

*Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may come forward with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.*

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading



*Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.*

- 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
- 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
- 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



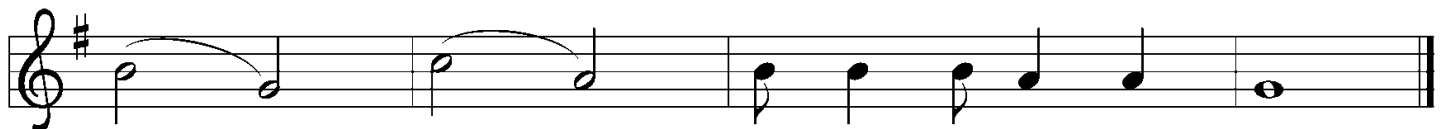
*Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.*

It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.  
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.  
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

*Refrain*



*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



*Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.*  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

- 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,  
 nor rootless liberty;  
 turn disquiet to contentment,  
 doubt into certainty. *Refrain*
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness,  
 unswayed by earth's allure.  
 Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
 which you alone assure. *Refrain*

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+ Table Blessing

## + Post Communion Canticle

ELW #207



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



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



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.

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## + Prayer after Communion

### + Sending +

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

## + Blessing

## Announcements

## + Sending Song

Hymn Lotto

## + Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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