

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025—10am



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

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”
arr. Jane Holstein

+ Confession and Forgiveness

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

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the
Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, **you free us to love others, but we neglect
our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the
Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the
abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience,
kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing
what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on
us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.
Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children
through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the
power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with
Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

+ Gathering Song

ELW #852 "Golden Breaks the Dawn"



Qing zao qi - lai kan, hong ri chu tong - fang,
 1 Gold - en breaks the dawn, comes the east - ern sun;
 2 Ho - ly, liv - ing God, keep me safe to - day;
 3 Give me dai - ly bread, while I do my part;



xiong - zhuang xiang yong - shi, mei - hao xiang xin - lang;
 like a rid - er strong, set the course to run.
 though I wea - ry plod, make me kind, I pray.
 bright skies o - ver - head, glad - ness in my heart.



tian gao fei - niao guo, di kuo ye - hua xiang,
 Birds a - bove me fly, flow - ers bloom be - low;
 Let me guide our youth, hon - or weak and old;
 Sim - ple wants pro - vide, e - vil let me shun;



zhao wo qin gong - zuo, Tian - fu you en - guang.
 through the earth and sky God's great mer - cies flow.
 let me serve with truth, and God's love un - fold.
 Je - sus at my side, till the day is done.

Text: Tzu-chen Chao; para. Frank W. Price, 1885–1974

Music: LE P'ING, Te-ngai Hu

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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.

+ Prayer of the Day

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+Word+

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

First Reading

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

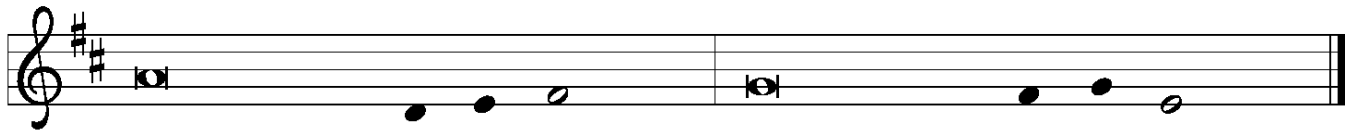
¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! ¹¹ What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls or of lambs or of goats. ¹² When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more! ¹³ Bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. ¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. ¹⁵ When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. ¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove your evil deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil; ¹⁷ learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow. ¹⁸ Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: If your sins are like scarlet, will

they become like snow? If they are red like crimson, will they become like wool? ¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land, ²⁰ but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

ELW #50



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- ¹ The mighty one, God the | LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.
- ² **Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,**
God shines | forth in glory.
- ³ Our God will come and will | not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about
a | raging storm.
- ⁴ **God calls the heavens and the earth | from above**
to witness the judgment | of the people.
- ⁵ "Gather before me my | loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and
sealed | it with sacrifice."
- ⁶ **The heavens declare the rightness | of God's cause,**
for it is God | who is judge.
- ⁷ "Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear
wit- | ness against you;
for I am | God, your God.
- ⁸ **I do not accuse you because | of your sacrifices;**
your burnt offerings are al- | ways before me.

²² Consider this well, you I who forget God,
lest I tear you apart and there be none to de- I liver
you.

²³ **Whoever offers me a sacrifice of thanksgiving I honors
me;**

**I will show the salvation of God to those who go I the
right way."**

+ Gospel Acclamation

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+ Gospel Reading

Luke 12:32-40

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom

the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹ "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

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

Young at Heart Message & Sermon

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

+ Song of the Day

ELW #773

Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1 Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am
 2 When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near, when my life is__
 3 When the dark - ness ap-pears and the night draws near, and the day is__

weak, I am worn._ Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
 al - most gone,_ hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall._
 past and gone,_ at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

Take my hand,_ pre-cious Lord,_ lead me home._____

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+ Apostles' Creed

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With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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:

Open Our Eyes, Lord

Words & Music by Robert Cull, b. 1949

O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see Je - sus, to
reach out and touch him, and say that we love him. O - pen our
ears, Lord, and help us to lis - ten. O - pen our
eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

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+ Peace

+Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

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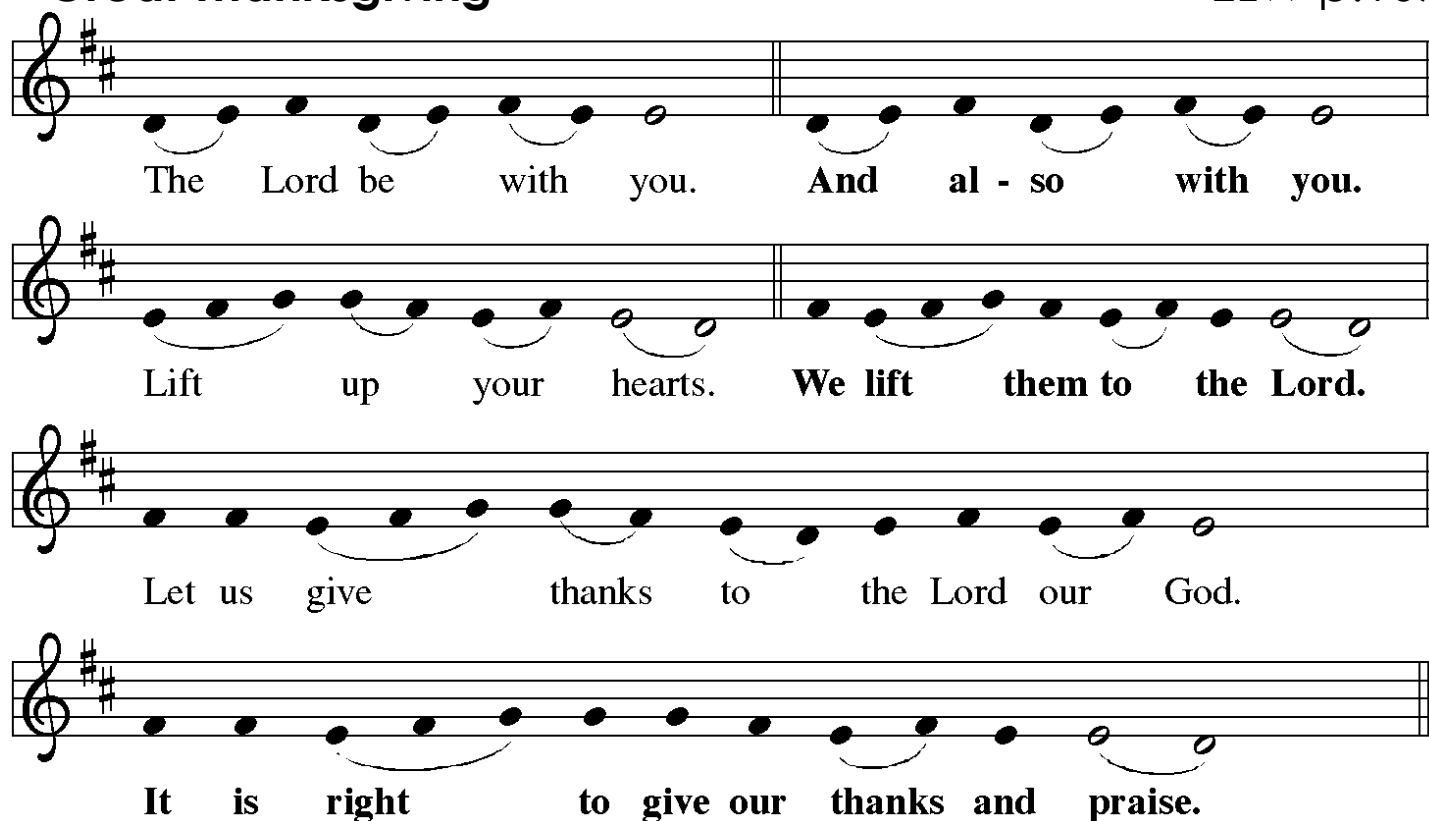
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+ Offering Prayer

+ Great Thanksgiving

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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.

+ Proper Preface

+ Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

+ Thanksgiving at the Table

+ Lord's Prayer

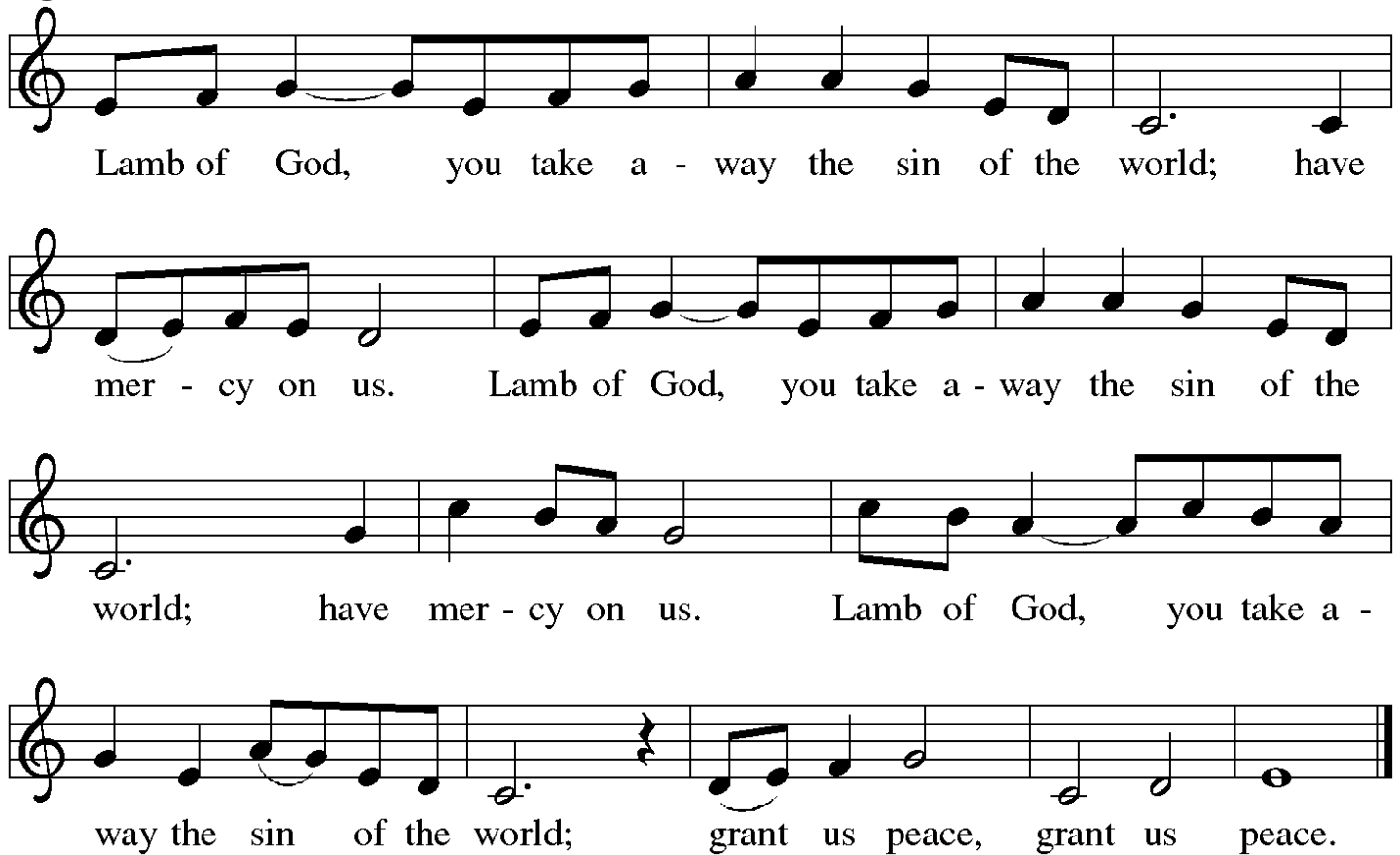
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Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

+ Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

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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.

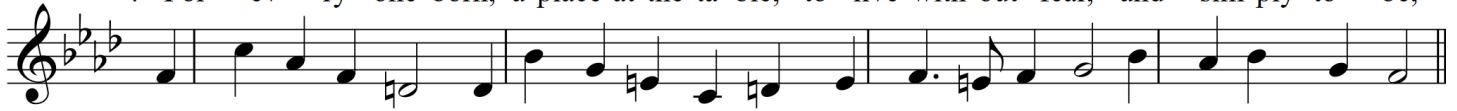
If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may come forward with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

Distribution Song

"For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table"



1 For ev - 'ry - one born, a place at the ta-ble, to ev - 'ry - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
2 For wo - man and man, a place at the ta-ble, re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid-ing the share,
3 For young and for old, a place at the ta-ble, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
4 For ev - 'ry - one born, a place at the ta-ble, to live with-out fear, and sim-ply to be,



a shel ter, a space, a safe place for grow ing: For ev - 'ry-one born, a star o - ver head.
with wis-om and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er: For wom-an and man, a sys tem that's fair.
the hand of a child in hands that are wrink led; For young and for old, the right to be-long.
to work, to speak out, to wit-ness and wor-ship; For ev - 'ry-one born, the right to be free.

Refrain



And God will de-light when we are cre-a-tors of jus-tice and joy, com - pas-sion and peace;



Yes, God will de-light when we are cre-a-tors of jus-tice, jus-tice and joy.

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+ Table Blessing

+ Prayer after Communion

+ Sending +

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

+ Blessing

Announcements

+ Sending Song

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Take the Name of Jesus with You

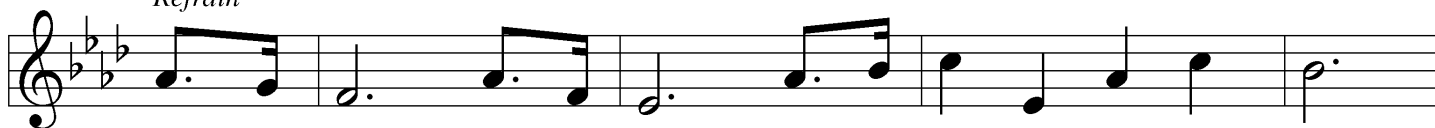


- 1 Take the name of Je - sus with you, child of sor - row and of woe;
- 2 Take the name of Je - sus ev - er as a shield from ev - 'ry snare;
- 3 Oh, the pre-cious name of Je - sus! How it thrills our souls with joy,
- 4 At the name of Je - sus bow - ing, fall - ing pros - trate at his feet,



it will joy and com - fort give you; take it then, wher-e'er you go.
if temp - ta - tions round you gath - er, breathe that ho - ly name in prayer.
when his lov - ing arms re - ceive us, and his songs our tongues em - ploy!
King of kings in heav'n we'll crown him, when our jour - ney is com - plete.

Refrain



Pre - cious name, oh, how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n.



Pre - cious name, oh, how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n.

Text: Lydia Baxter, 1809–1874

Music: PRECIOUS NAME, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

+ Dismissal

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

Postlude

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