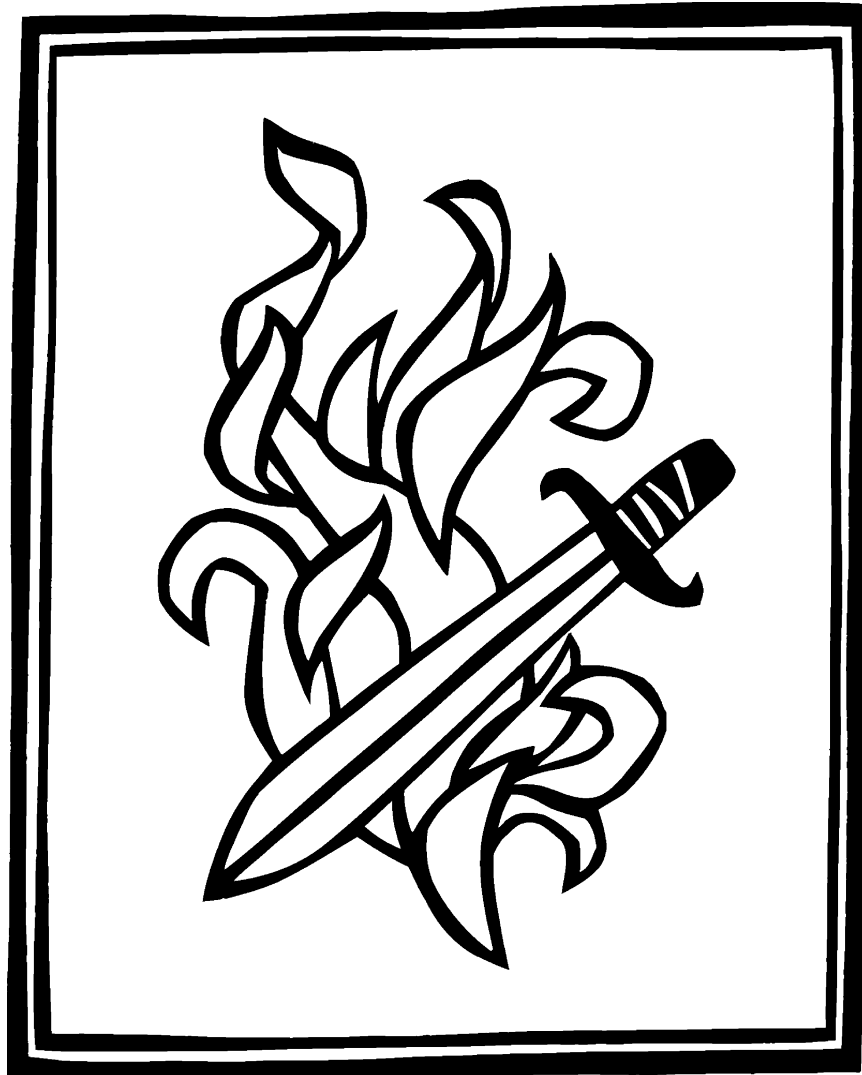


Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 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 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” arr. Phillip Keveren

+ 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.

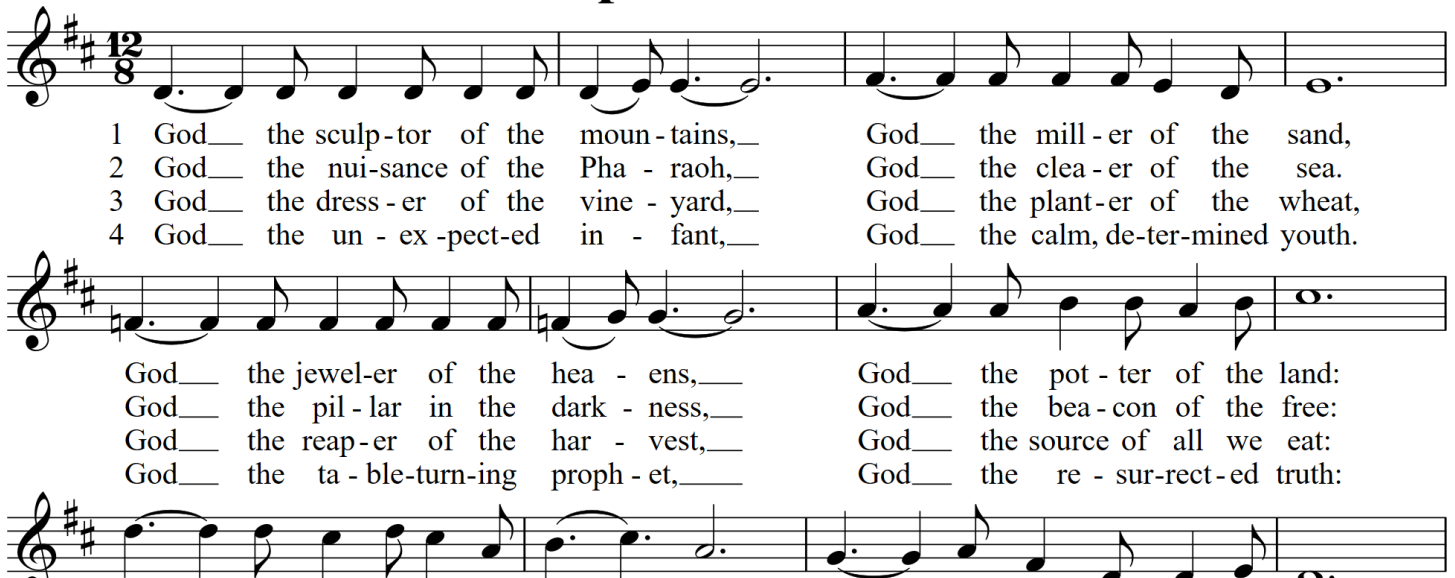
Merciful God, **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, 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 #736

God the Sculptor of the Mountains



1 God__ the sculp-tor of the moun-tains,__ God__ the mill-er of the sand,
2 God__ the nui-sance of the Pha-raoh,__ God__ the clea-er of the sea.
3 God__ the dress-er of the vine-yard,__ God__ the plant-er of the wheat,
4 God__ the un-ex-pect-ed in-fant,__ God__ the calm, de-ter-mined youth.

God__ the jewel-er of the hea-ens,__ God__ the pot-ter of the land:
God__ the pil-lar in the dark-ness,__ God__ the bea-con of the free:
God__ the reap-er of the har-vest,__ God__ the source of all we eat:
God__ the ta-ble-turn-ing proph-et,__ God__ the re-sur-rect-ed truth:

you__ are womb of all cre-a-tion, we__ are form-less; shape us now.
you__ are fount of all de-liv-'rance, we__ are sight-less; lead us now.
you__ are host at ev-'ry ta-ble, we__ are hun-gry; feed us now.
you__ are pres-ent e-'ry mo-ment, we__ are search-ing; meet us now.

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+ Greeting

ELW p.98

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 5:1-7

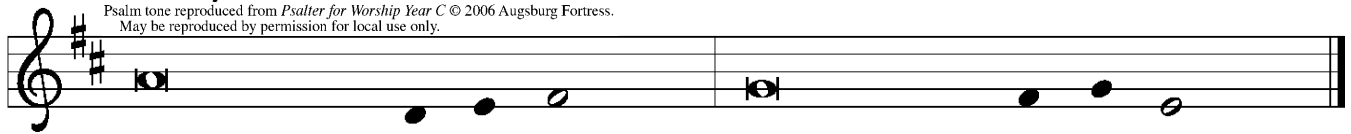
A reading from Isaiah.

¹ I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

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

Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19

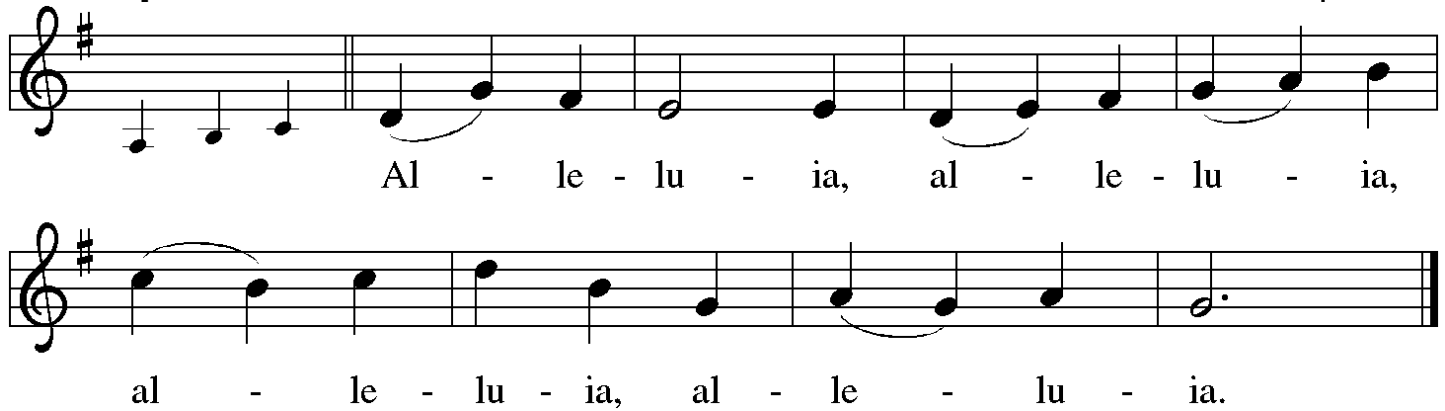
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- ¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the
cherubim.
- ² **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,**
stir up your strength and | come to help us.
- ⁸ You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and | planted it.
- ⁹ **You cleared the | ground for it;**
it took root and | filled the land.
- ¹⁰ The mountains were covered | by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.
- ¹¹ **You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea**
and its branches | to the river.
- ¹² Why have you broken | down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?
- ¹³ **The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,**
and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.
- ¹⁴ Turn now, O | God of hosts,
look | down from heaven;
- ¹⁵ **behold and | tend this vine;**
preserve what your right | hand has planted.
- ¹⁶ They burn it with | fire like rubbish;
at the rebuke of your countenance | let them perish.
- ¹⁷ **Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,**
the one you have made so strong | for yourself.
- ¹⁸ And so will we never turn a- | way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.
- ¹⁹ **Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;**
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

+ Gospel Acclamation

ELW p.102



+ Gospel Reading

Luke 12:49-56

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

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹ "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." ⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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

+ Song of the Day

ELW #519

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People



- 1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal-le-lu-jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



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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:

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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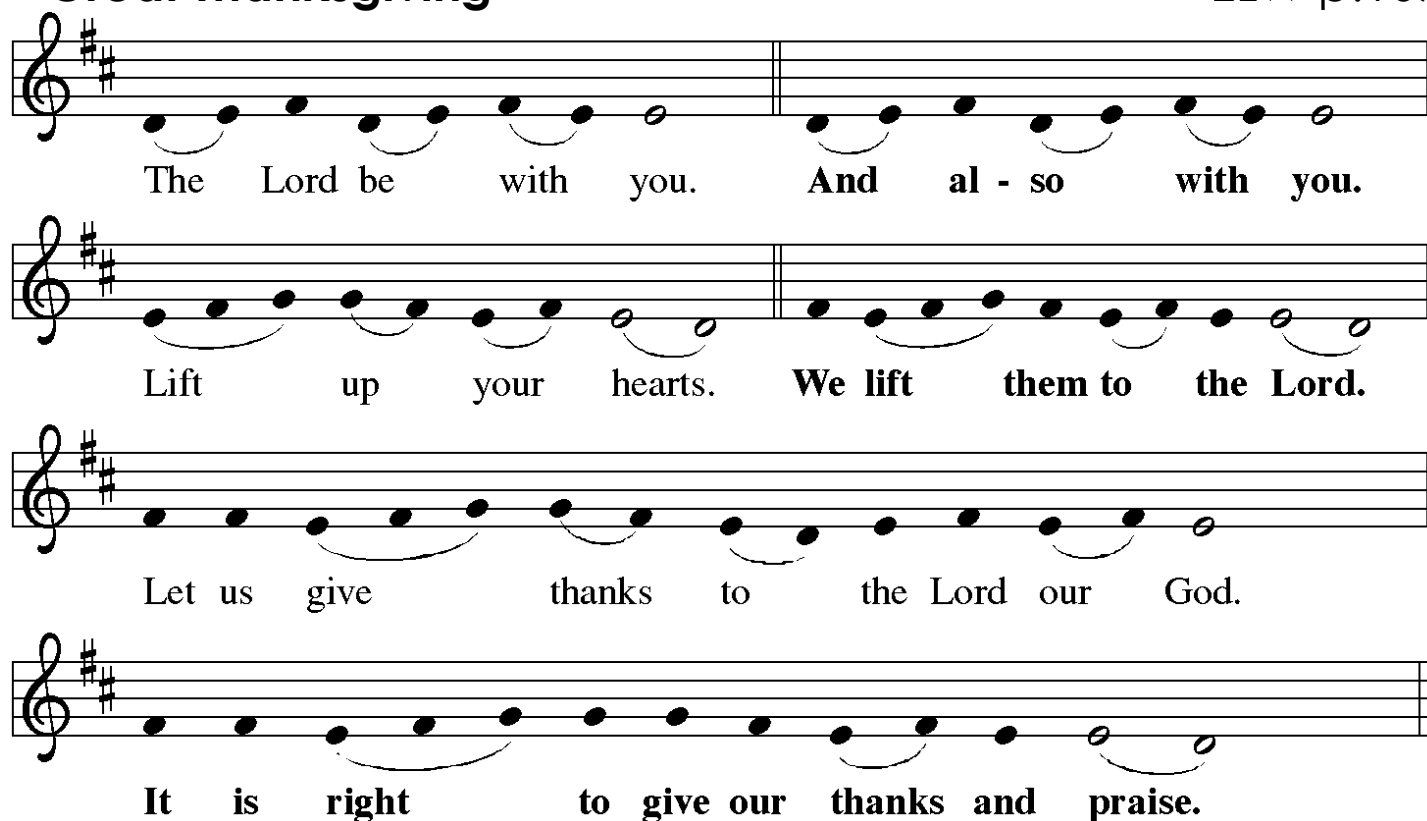
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+ Offering Prayer

+ 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

ELW p.108

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

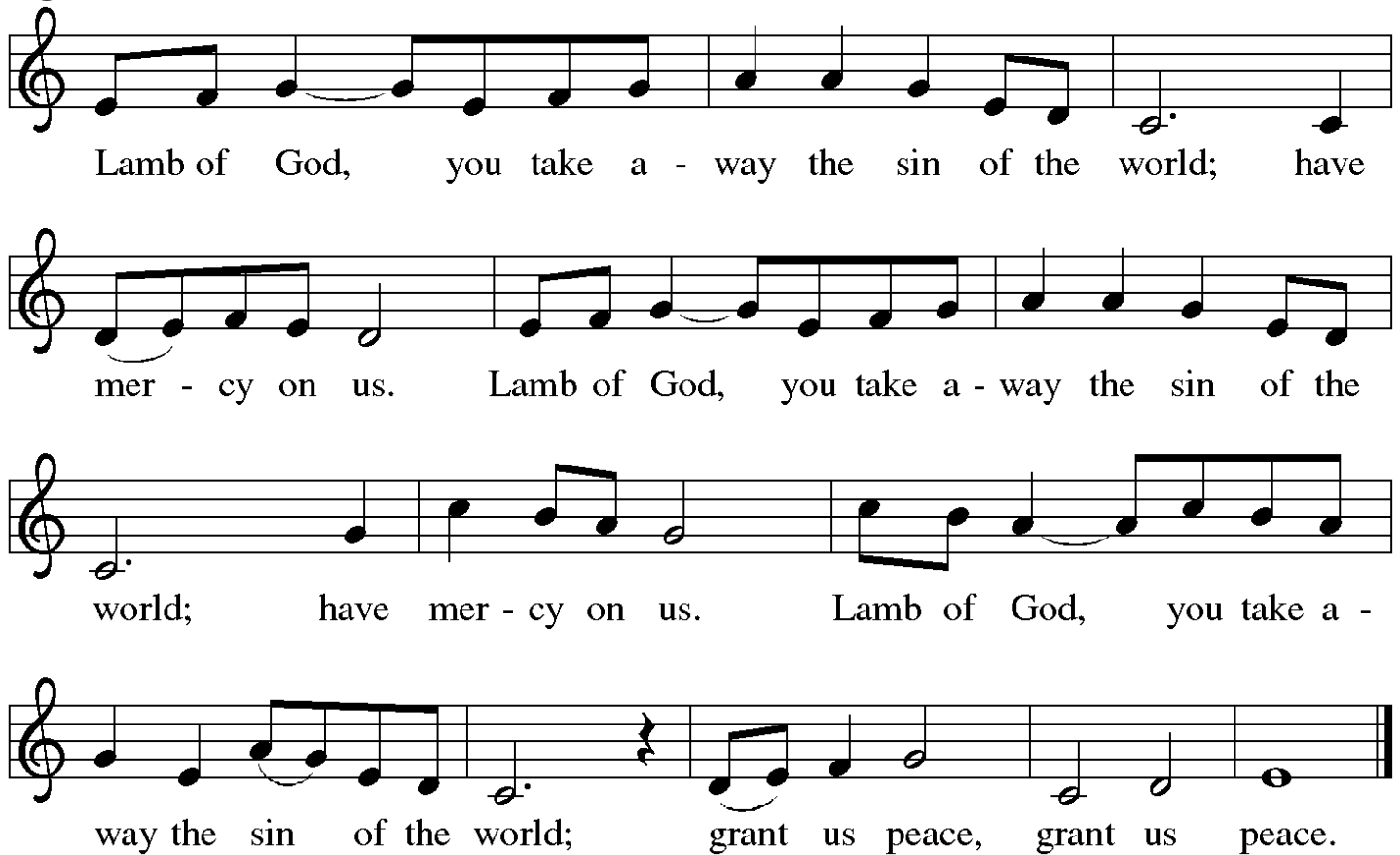
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Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from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

+ Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

ELW p.112



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.

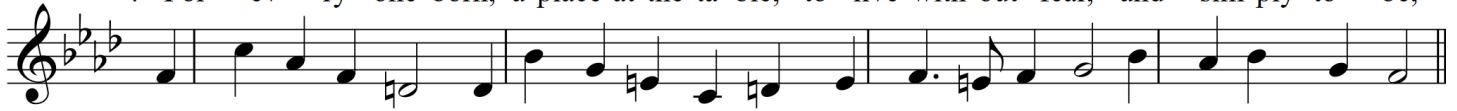
If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may come forward with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

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

“Stir Us, Lord”

Stir up in our hearts, oh Lord, what you want us to do.

You showed your love up up - on the cross. We want to give of our lives to you.

Show us the fac - es of all of those in need.
With gifts we've been giv - en help us see where we fit in.

Move us to ac - tion, giv - ing with a joy - ful heart,
We're part of one fam - ily, know-ing that we have a place,

lov - ing is the place to start. Let your spir - it plant the seed.
serv - ing by your gift of grace. Keep your spir - it stirred with - in.

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+ Dismissal

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

Postlude

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