

# **Saint John Lutheran Church**

*We love because He first loved us*

**November 24, 2024**

Christ the King

Setting Three – Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)

## **PRELUDE**

Ruth Brown

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **WE GATHER**

## **EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us share God's peace with one another.

*All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying  
"Peace be with You."*

## **INVOCATION**

*Please stand as you are able. All may make the sign of the cross, the  
sign marked at Baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our  
beginning and our end.

**C Amen.**

P Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us  
from our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

**C we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

P These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

**C Amen.**

## **GATHERING HYMN**

*ELW #408 "Come, Thou Almighty King"*

- 1 Come, thou almighty King,  
help us thy name to sing;  
help us to praise;  
Father all-glorious,  
o'er all victorious,  
come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.
  
- 2 Come, thou incarnate Word,  
merciful, mighty Lord;  
our prayer attend.  
Come and thy people bless,  
and give thy word success,  
and let thy righteousness  
on us descend.

- 3 Come, holy Comforter,  
 thy sacred witness bear  
 in this glad hour!  
 Thou who almighty art,  
 rule now in ev'ry heart,  
 never from us depart,  
 Spirit of pow'r.
- 4 To thee, great One in Three,  
 eternal praises be  
 hence evermore!  
 Thy sov'reign majesty  
 may we in glory see,  
 and to eternity  
 love and adore.

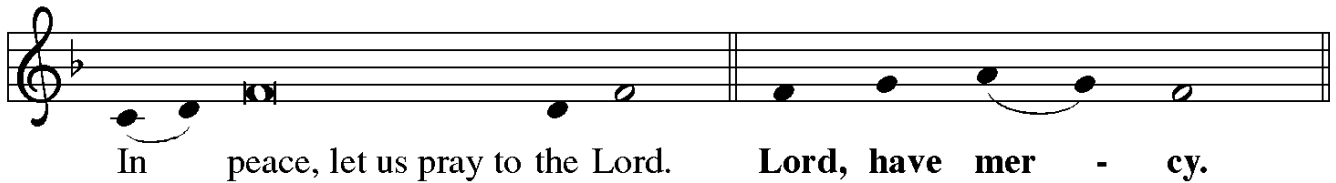
**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

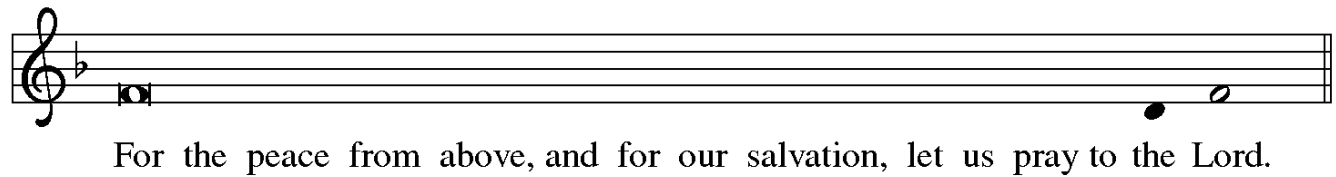
**C And also with you.**

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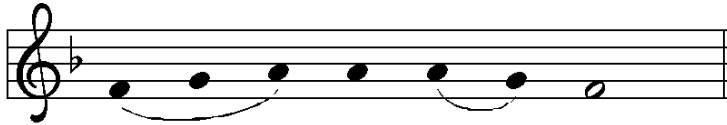
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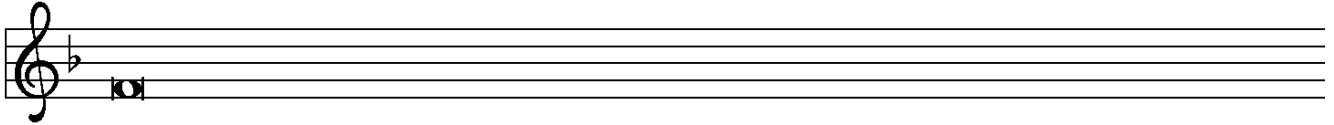
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



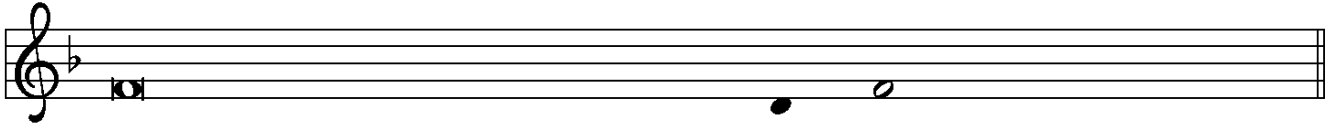
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



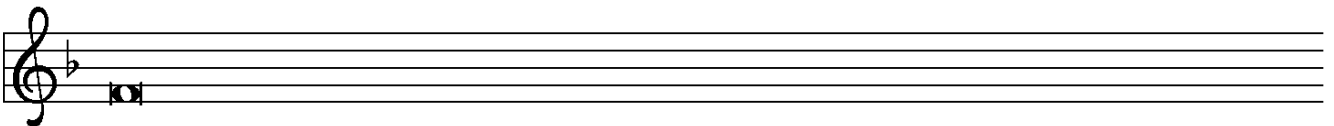
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



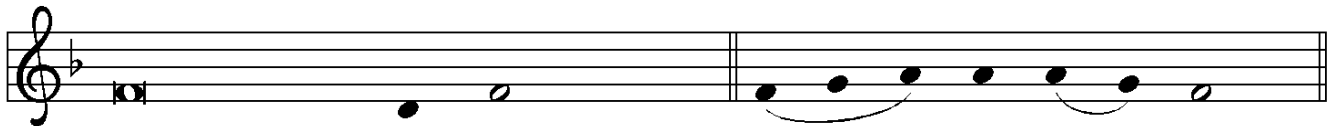
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

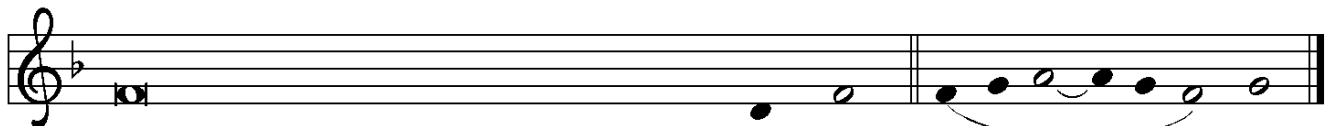


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



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

## **HYMN OF PRAISE** *"Glory to God"*

*Pg. 139-140*

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, 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;

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

**C Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the**

**people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

## **THE HOLY WORD**

### **FIRST READING**

*Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14*

<sup>9</sup>As I watched,  
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne,  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.

<sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousands served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.  
The court sat in judgment,  
and the books were opened.

<sup>13</sup>As I watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven.  
And he came to the Ancient One  
and was presented before him.

<sup>14</sup>To him was given dominion  
and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him.



from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

A The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able to greet the Gospel.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Pg. 142*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL**

*John 18:33-37*

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate



replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." <sup>38</sup> Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ!**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

Pastor Pete

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*ELW #439 "Soon and Very Soon"*

- 1 Soon and very soon  
we are goin' to see the King.  
soon and very soon  
we are goin' to see the King,  
soon and very soon  
we are goin' to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King.
- 2 No more cryin' there,  
we are goin' to see the King.  
no more cryin' there,  
we are going to see the King.  
no more cryin' there,  
we are going to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King.

3 No more dyin' there,  
we are goin' to see the King.  
no more dyin' there,  
we are goin' to see the King.  
no more dyin' there,  
we are goin' to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King.

4 Soon and very soon  
we are goin' to see the King.  
soon and very soon  
we are goin' to see the King,  
soon and very soon  
we are goin' to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King.

*After verse 4*

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

*Pg. 105*

**C 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 THE CHURCH**

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Revive our congregations, synods, and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders (*like Justus Falckner, Jehu Jones, and William Passavant, whom we commemorate today*) who teach and serve your people. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places. Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, that the chorus of creation's praise resounds with joy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf (*local officials may be named*). Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated. Transform systems of retribution into systems of reconciliation and restoration. Empower activists who advocate for change. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent (*worship ministries may be named*). Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

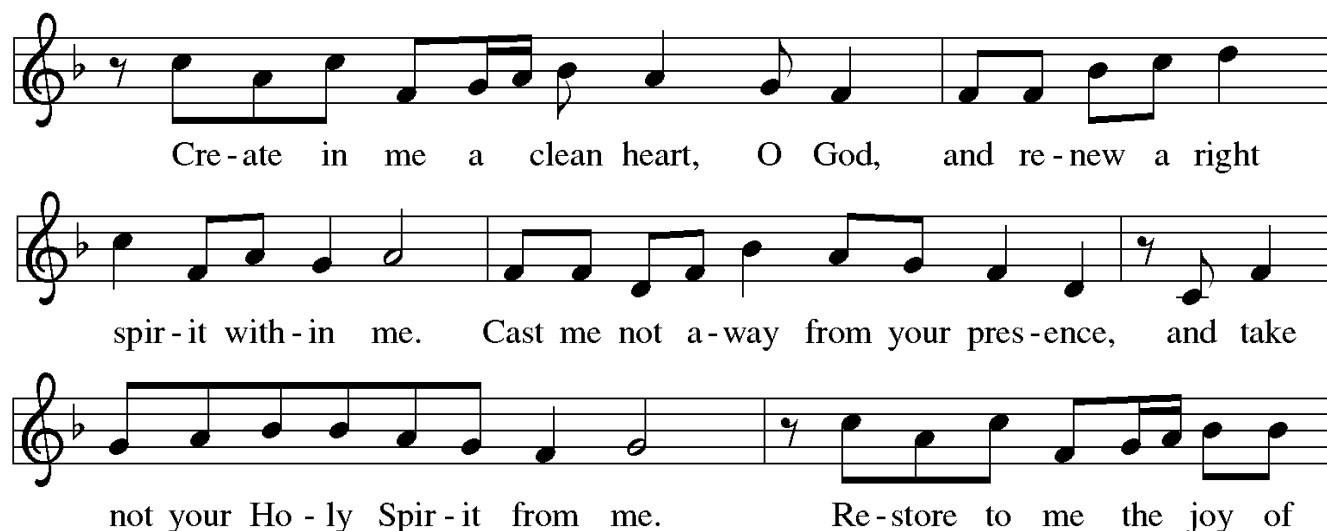
*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

In your eternal presence the saints (*recently deceased members of the congregation may be named*) sing of your majesty. Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## **WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES & OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY CANTICLE** *ELW #186 "Create in Me"*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

## OFFERING PRAYER

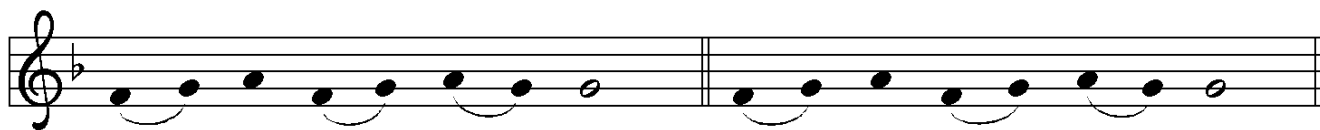
**A** Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

**C Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

### 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.



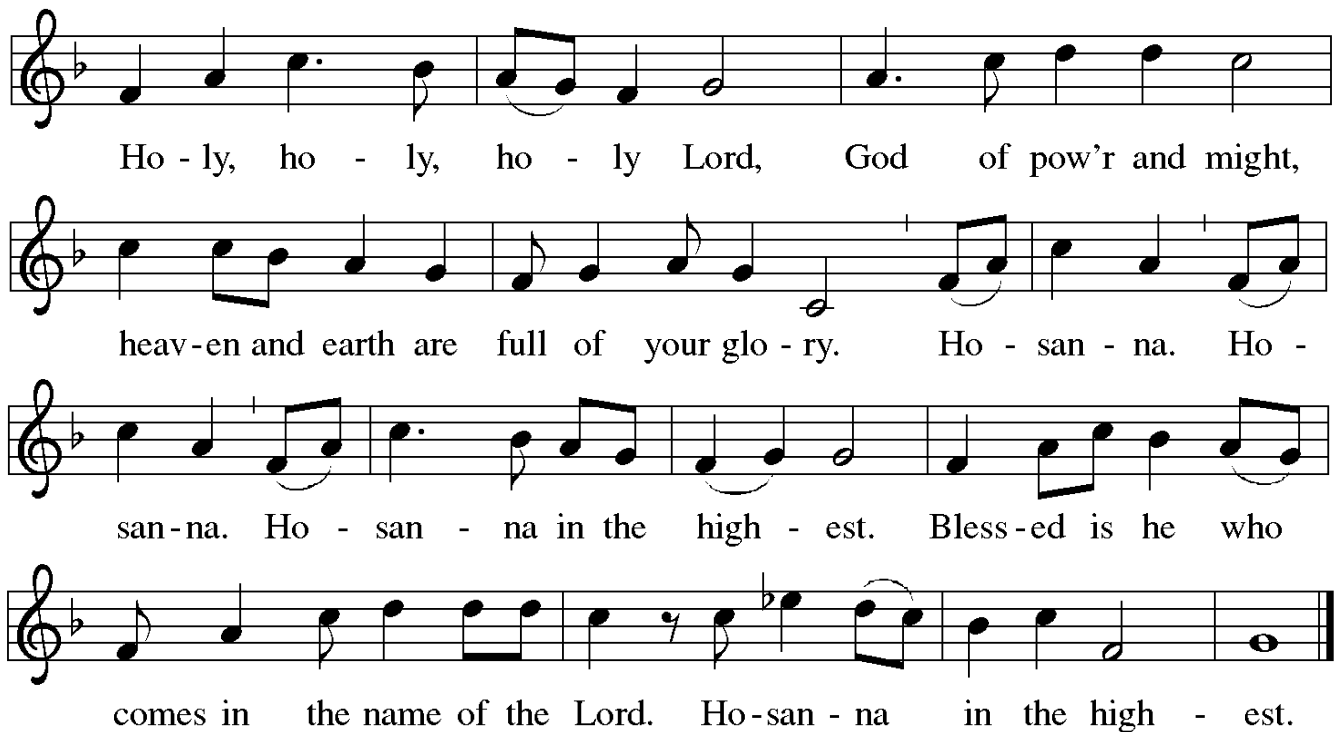
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## THE PROPER PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### SANCTUS "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

Pg. 144



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

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

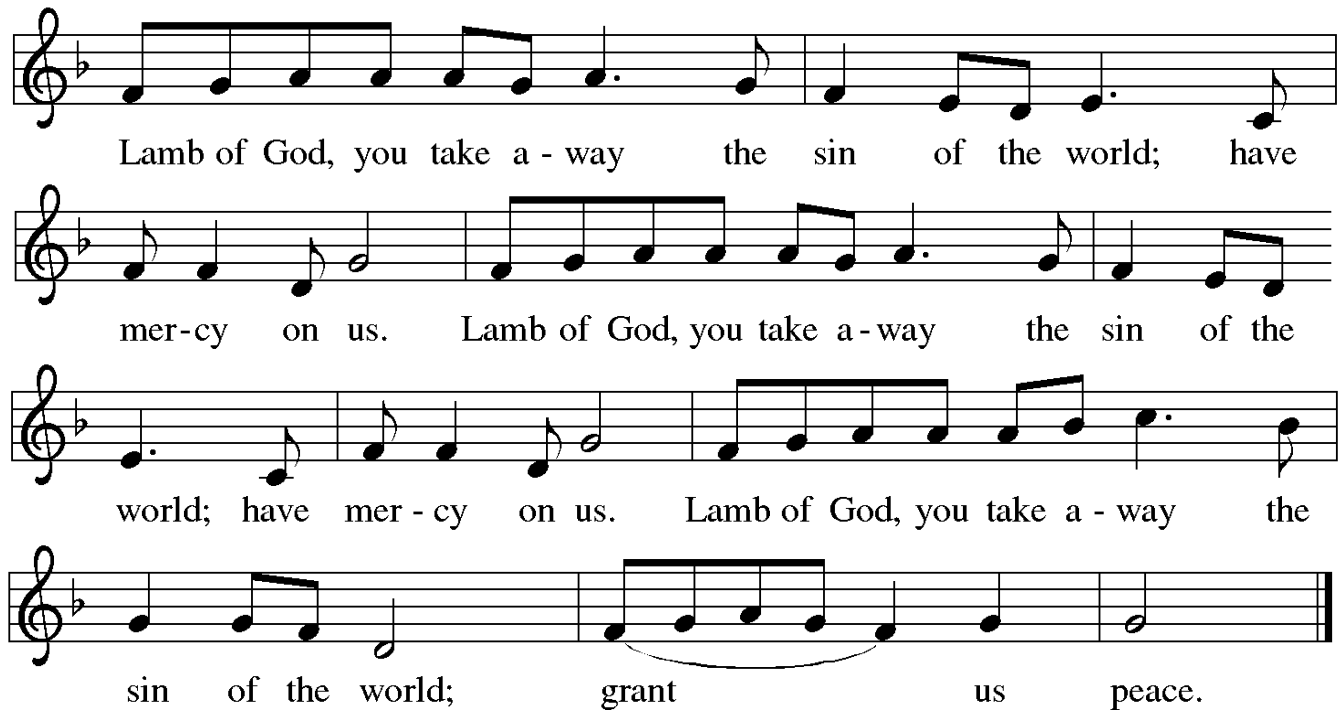
**C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

## LAMB OF GOD

Pg. 146



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.

## HOLY COMMUNION OF GOD'S HOLY PEOPLE

*We are celebrating Holy Communion during the service this morning. We believe that Christ is truly present in this meal of bread and wine. All are welcome at table. Small children who have not yet received communion instruction are welcome at the table to receive a blessing. Those who prefer not to receive wine may take white grape juice supplied in the inner circle of the communion tray, gluten free wafers are available, just let your server know you wish to receive gluten free.*

## MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

*Instrumental*

## TABLE DISMISSAL

**P** Now may the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.



## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **SENDING**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

P The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, ✠ bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*ELW #855 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" vs. 1, 3, & 4*

1 Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king  
through all eternity.

3 Crown him the Lord of love--  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bend their burning eyes  
at mysteries so bright.

4 Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
who died and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

## **DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

Ruth Brown

Thank you to those serving today:

## **READER**

Cindy Hesser

## **ASSISTING MINISTER**

Jimmy McDaniel

## **CANTOR**

Preston Brown

## **USHERS**

Patrick Walters & Don Fuchs

**ACOLYTE**

Riley Bennett

**COUNTERS**

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