



# *Focus on Me not the storm*

Matthew 14:22-33

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

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**Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3**

*Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.*

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**PRELUDE**

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**GATHERING**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

**C Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

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

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Gracious God,

**C** have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Shout to the Lord*

**ELW 821**

*Sing twice*

My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the won-ders of your might-y love.

My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow-er of ref - uge and strength;

let ev-ry breath, all that I am nev-er cease to wor-ship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow-er and maj - es - ty, praise

to the King. Moun-tains bow down and the seas will roar at the

sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;

for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.

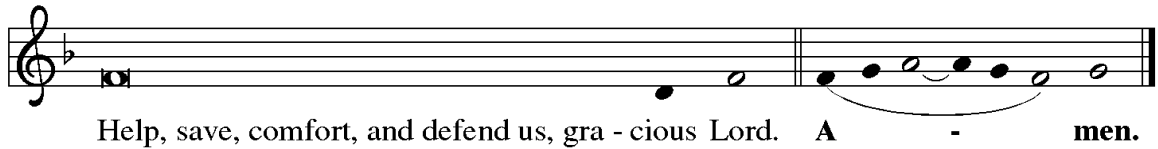
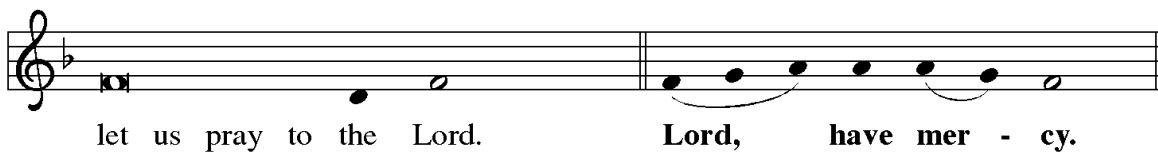
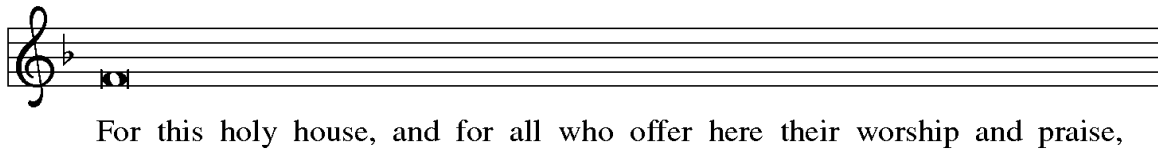
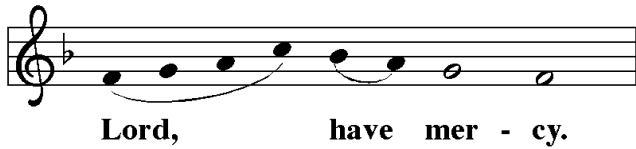
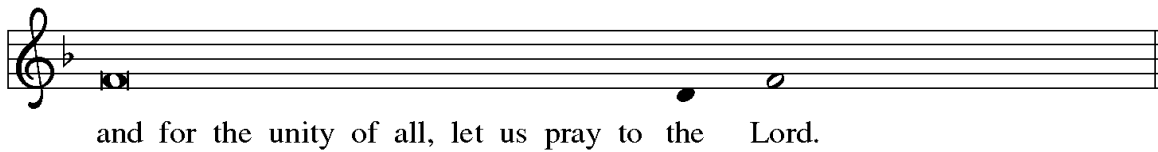
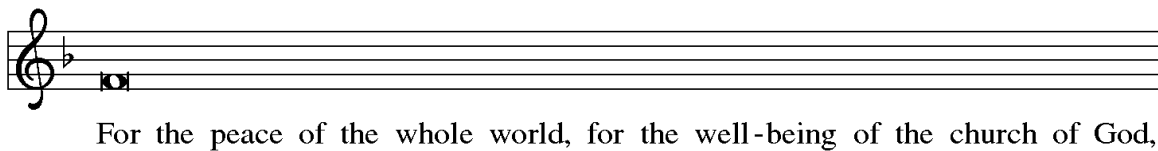
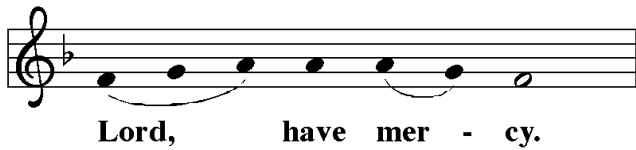
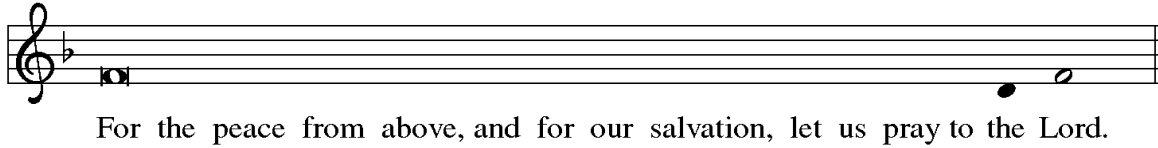
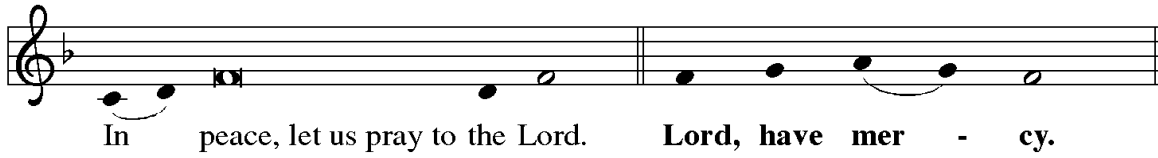
Noth - ing com-pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

# **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.

# KYRIE



## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis-dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



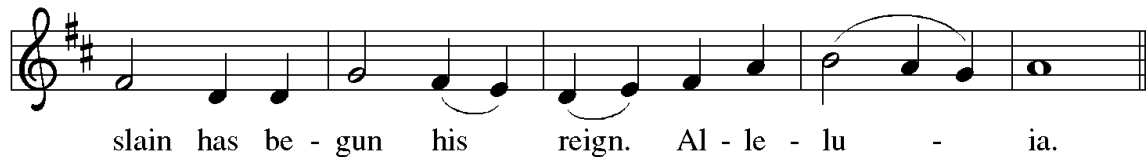
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 19:9-18

<sup>9</sup>At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 85:8-13

*Sung responsively*



<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD<sup>1</sup> God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts  
to you.

<sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell | in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;  
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,  
and our land will | yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD  
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.**

**SECOND READING: ROMANS 10:5-15**

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” <sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

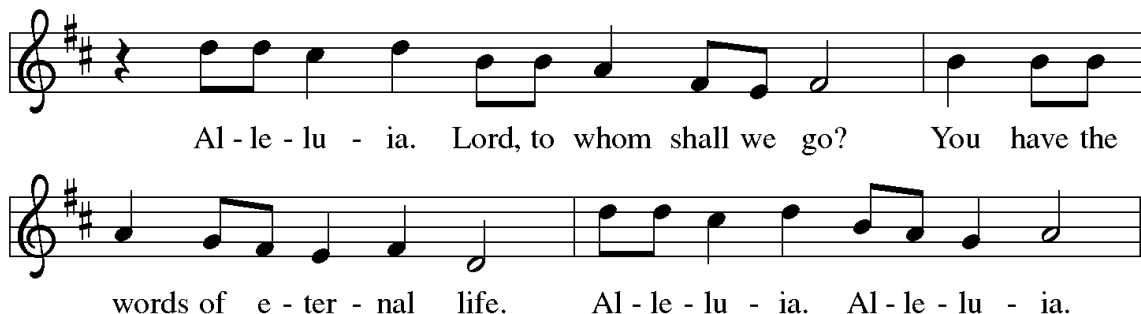
L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:22-33**

<sup>22</sup>Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, while he dismissed the crowds.<sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." <sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

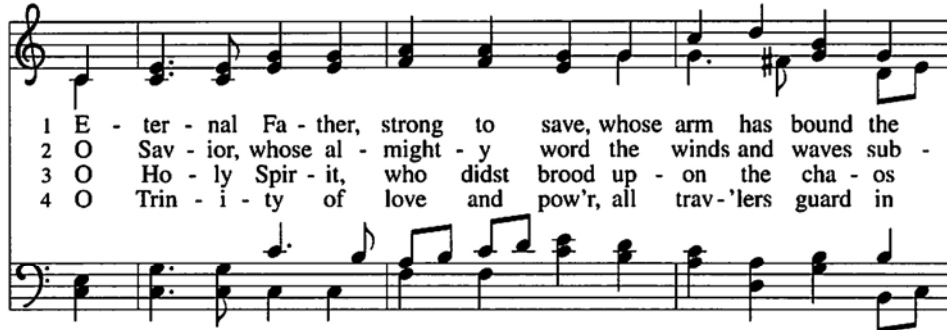
P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

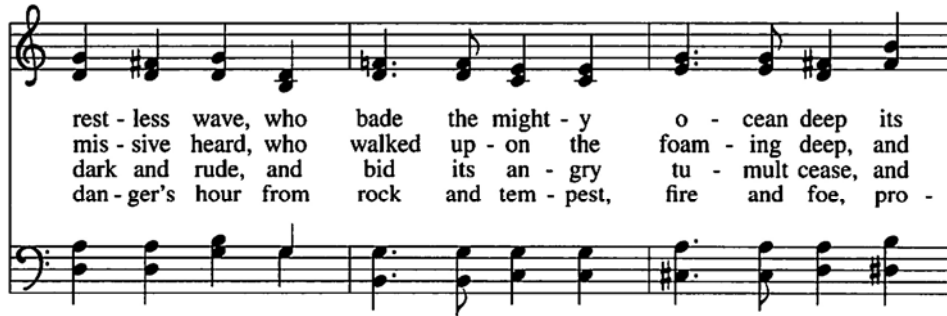
*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

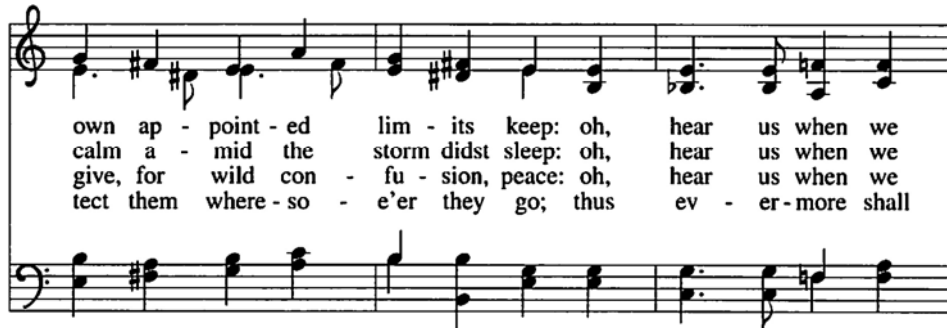
**PASTOR ANDREW PATTY**

*Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.*


1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -  
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we  
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we  
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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.**

#### THE PRAYERS

A Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

A God of grace and faith, your faithfulness is never-ending, and your righteousness becomes ours through Christ Jesus. Send the church, including Advent Lutheran in Olathe and Trinity Lutheran in Otis, Kansas, Hope Lutheran in Rolla, Missouri, and Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa to proclaim the gospel both near and far, in church buildings and on street corners, in person and through digital means. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of all, the plants, animals, mountains, and plains proclaim your glory. Prosper the work of ecologists as they teach us to care for the environment. Bring relief to areas recovering from natural disasters. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of mercy, you give help and sustenance to vulnerable people across the world, especially those affected by the war in Ukraine. Provide safety from violence and assistance to those in need and guidance for families as they lose their homes and loved ones. We continue to lift up the German Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Ukraine and our own partner synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and the Far East to you in prayer as they face these times of conflict. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of peace and justice, you call us to live as your beloved community throughout the world. Instill in local, regional, national, and global political and civic leaders a desire to work for the well-being of all people. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of care and compassion, you bring assurance when we are afraid. Bring calm to any who are anxious or fearful. Bless the work of therapists, nurses, and other health care providers. Comfort all who grieve and soothe any who are sick, especially Marilyn Heckman, Naomi Walker, Linda Longren, and Martha Nemeth. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God of wonder, you accompany us in both joys and sorrows. We pray for children and teachers preparing for a new school year. Make your presence known in our work and play, in lively conversation and in quiet rest. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A You give us lives to celebrate. Today, we lift up Brian McGinnis as he celebrates his birthday, Marilyn Heckman as she remembers her baptism, and Tom & Mary Heald as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P God of new life, you send people to renew both church and society. We give you thanks for their lives of faithful service as examples of following your call. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C Amen.**

#### **THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*Let us greet one another with God's peace.*

*Please be seated.*


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## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

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### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY SONG



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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

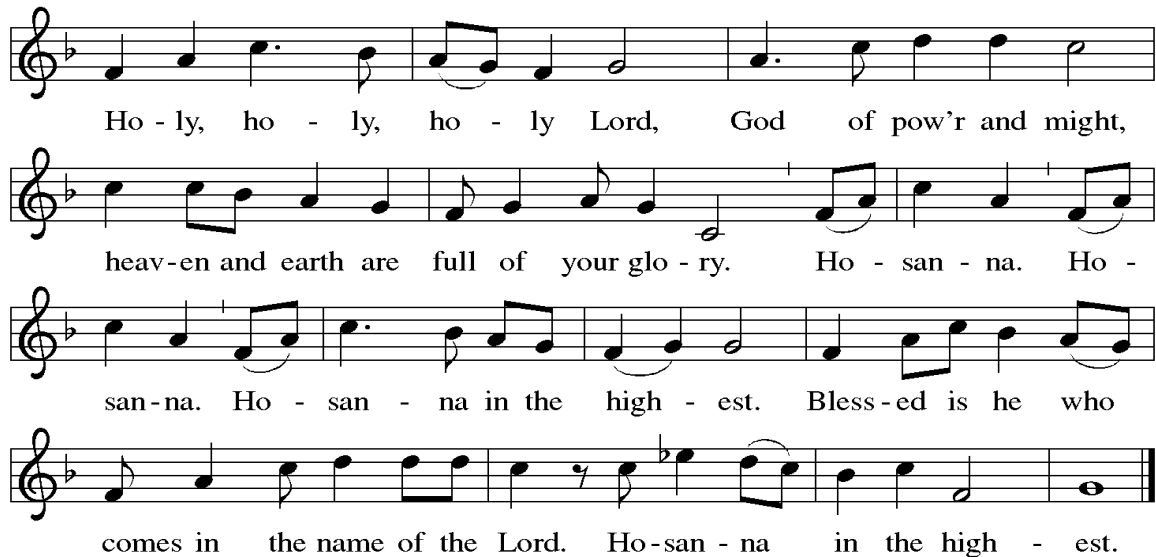
P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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:



#### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P 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.

#### **THE 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.**

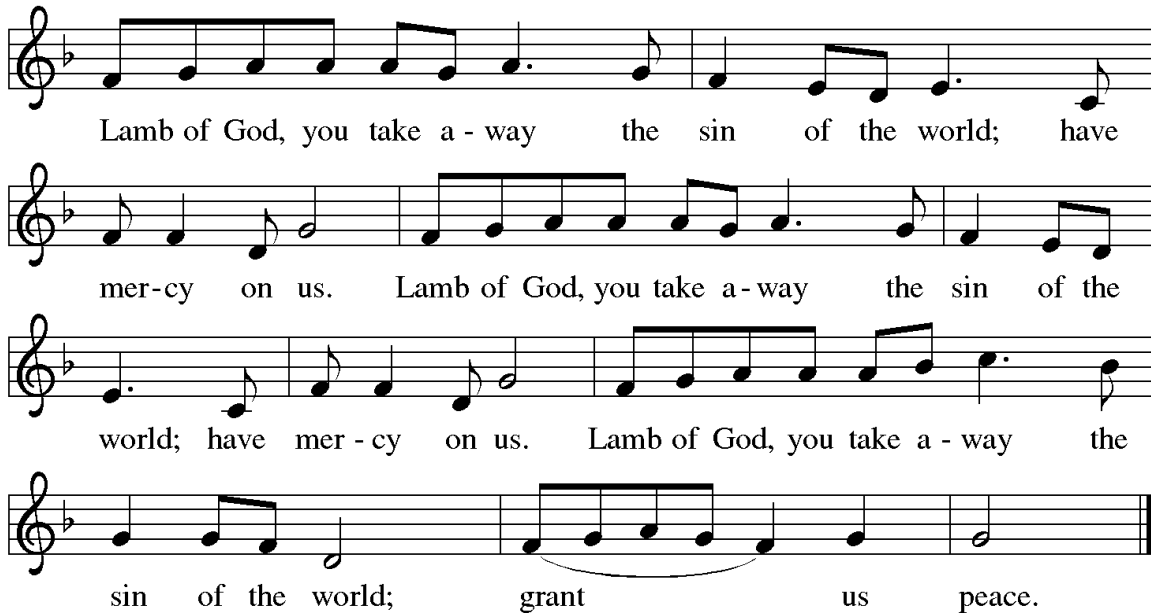
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

### 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.

### COMMUNION HYMN

*When Peace like a River*

**ELW 785**

*See page 16*

### COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

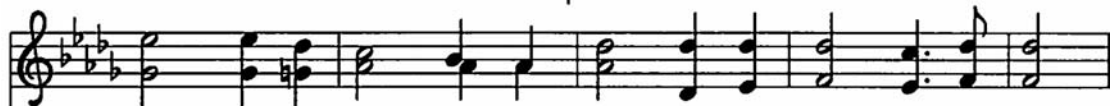
**C Amen.**



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul,





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## SENDING

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### BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

*My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

ELW 763

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!

I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

*Refrain*  
No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 7/8. The score includes four verses of lyrics, a chorus, and a refrain. The lyrics are: 1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion, 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing. 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth. 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing! The chorus is: I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion. It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing? What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth. All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing? The refrain is: No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing. The final line is: Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

# DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the harvest.  
C Thanks be to God.

# POSTLUDE

## Welcome to worship at Trinity!

*Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you found the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please contact the church office at 785.233.0767*

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Aug. 13.....Adult Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
.....Worship with Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM  
..... Coffee Hour .....after worship  
.....PFLAG meeting ..... 2:00 PM  
Mon., Aug. 14 ..... Church Council meeting..... 6:00 PM  
Tues., Aug. 15..... Quilters ..... 9:30 AM  
Sun., Aug. 20 ..... Community Relations Committee meeting.....9:30 AM  
.....Worship with Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM  
..... Coffee Hour .....after worship

## Worship Assistants

Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
Aug. 13	Parker Jackson	Bob Horton, Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson	Shelley Andrews	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty	Janice Greenlee
Aug. 20	Ella Bosch, Curt Lewis	Dean McGinnis, Duane	Laurie Jackson	Diane Bottorff	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Marcy Carlson	Pr. Andrew Patty	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy

## Washburn Campus Ministry Exploration Meetings

Are you a Washburn Alumnus or Staff?

Would you like to learn how our churches could reach young adults in our community?

The three ELCA congregations are joining together to explore what it might look like for us to work together in creating a campus ministry at Washburn University. We will have 3 Wednesday afternoon sessions at each congregation with different topics and discussions. Each session will include a meal provided by a Synod Congregational Vitality Grant. Please join us each week for a time of food, fellowship, learning, and planning for how we might be more involved in the lives of young adults in our community.

Each Wednesday will be at 6pm starting with Dinner:

- August 16th- Our Savior's
- August 23rd- Trinity Lutheran
- August 30th- First Lutheran

Please email Pastor Andrew (acpatty@ku.edu) so we know the number of people to order food for dinner.



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## National Night Out

We are invited to join our Historic Old Town NIA for National Night Out on **August 26th, starting at 10:00am**. There will food — hot dogs, chips, ice cream — games, and getting to know our neighbors here in the Historic Old Town neighborhood.

The NIA is looking for someone willing to organize some games for the event. Games such as horse shoes, corn hole, and others would be great. If you would be willing to help with this, please contact Cindy in the church office, 785.233.0767 or email [office@topekatlc.org](mailto:office@topekatlc.org) or anyone on the Community Relations Committee.

If you would like to know more about National Night Out, here are some links that provide some background:

<https://natw.org/about/>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National\\_Night\\_Out](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Night_Out)

<https://www.ojp.gov/pdffiles1/bja/180775.pdf>

<https://www.spokanecops.org/10-reasons-to-host-a-national-night-out-party>



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### OFFICE HOURS

10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

**Together in Community**

**Living with Christ**

**Caring for Neighbors**

### **Caring for Our Neighbors**

Jesus commands us that when we care for the least of these; that we are in the presence of Christ (*Matthew 25:44-45*). As a congregation, we deeply care about serving those in need in our community. We hope to be a place of refuge and support for our neighborhood and to be a place to uplift those people that struggle around us. We also support ministries both local, national, and global as a church in the ELCA. As a congregation, we focus our efforts to partner with community organizations like Doorstep, while expanding opportunities to help our neighborhood through activities like our food ministry and community garden. We continue to be open to the ways that God calls us to be a presence in our community and to create a world where all are cared for in our society (*Philippians 2:4*).

### **CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

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