



Jesus said  
"If any of you wants to be my follower,  
you must turn from your selfish ways,  
take up your cross, and follow me."  
Matthew 16:24

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

**Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

**September 3, 2023**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3**

*Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words delight. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.*

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**HYMN SING**

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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**

*Son of God, Eternal Savior*

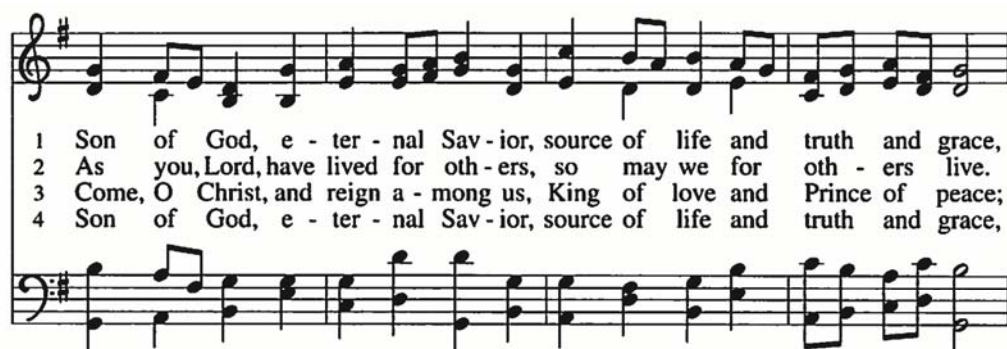
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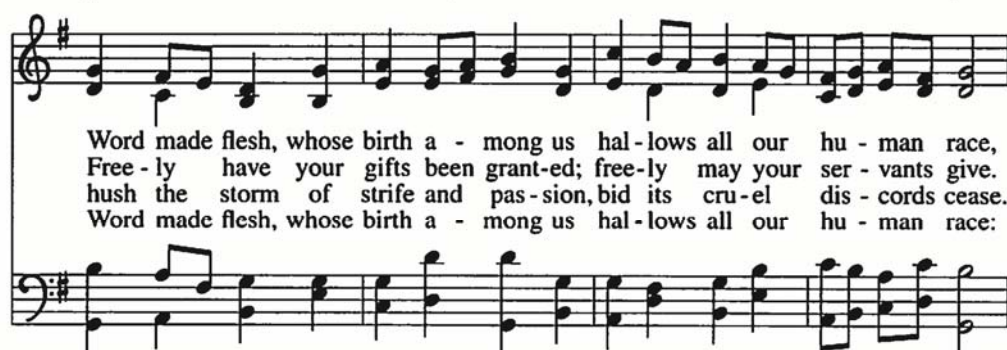
**GREETING**

**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.**



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



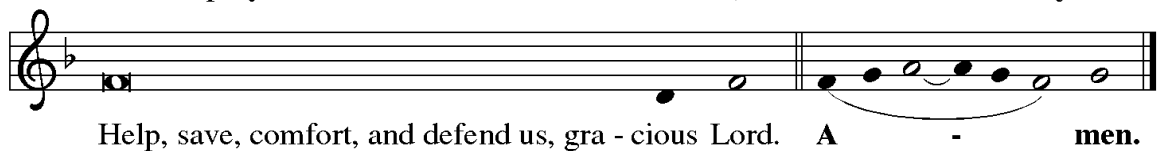
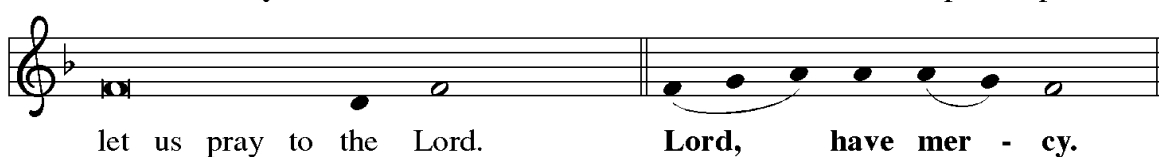
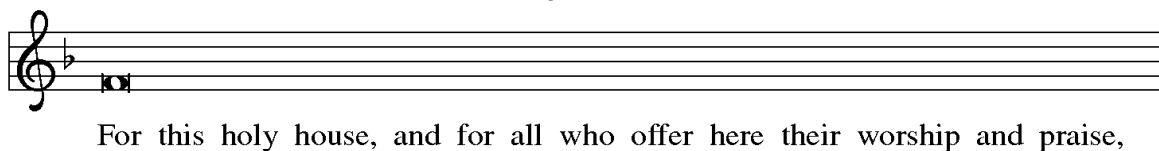
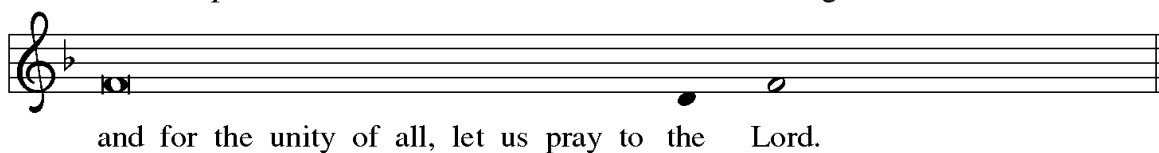
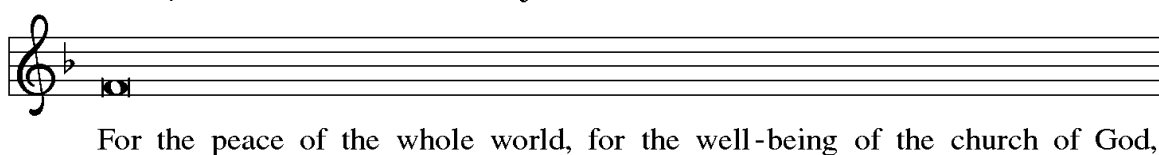
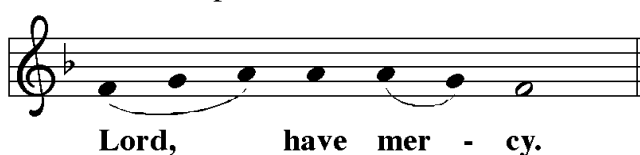
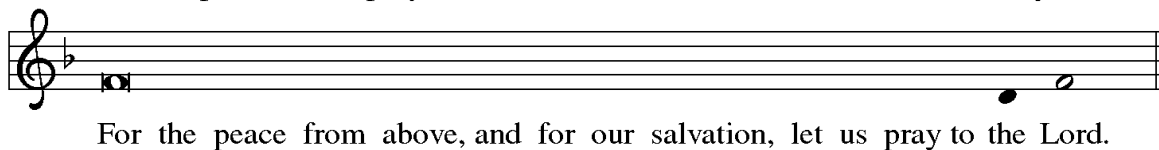
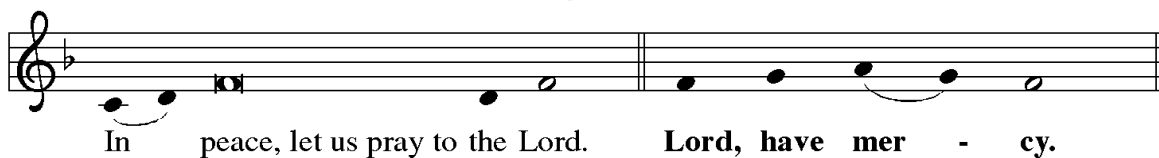
you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.



# 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,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

# **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 15:15-21

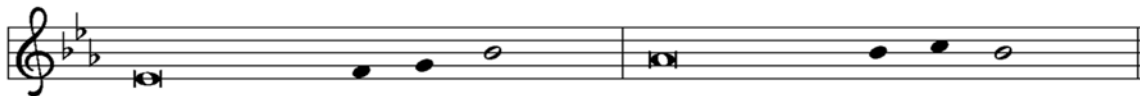
- <sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.  
In your forbearance do not take me away;  
know that on your account I suffer insult.
- <sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart;  
for I am called by your name,  
O LORD, God of hosts.
- <sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,  
for you had filled me with indignation.
- <sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?  
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail.
- <sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD:  
If you turn back, I will take you back,  
and you shall stand before me.  
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall serve as my mouth.  
It is they who will turn to you,  
not you who will turn to them.
- <sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,  
says the LORD.
- <sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 26:1-8

*Sung responsively*



<sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;

I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.

<sup>2</sup>**Test me, O | LORD, and try me;**

**examine my heart | and my mind.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;

I have walked faithful- | ly with you.

<sup>4</sup>**I have not sat | with the worthless,**

**nor do I consort with | the deceitful.**

<sup>5</sup>I have hated the company of | evildoers;

I will not sit down | with the wicked.

<sup>6</sup>**I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,**

**that I may go in procession | round your altar,**

<sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving

and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

<sup>8</sup>**LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell**

**and the place where your glo- | ry abides.**

**SECOND READING: ROMANS 12:9-21**

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

<sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Be- loved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is writ- ten, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

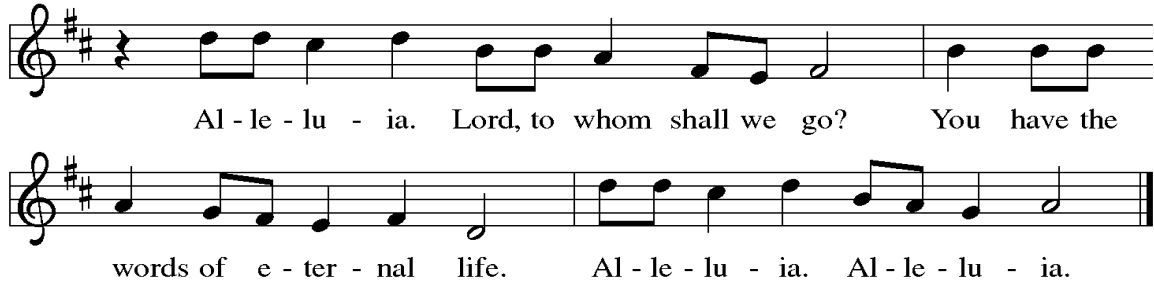
L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*



# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

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

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:21-28**

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." <sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? <sup>27</sup>"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

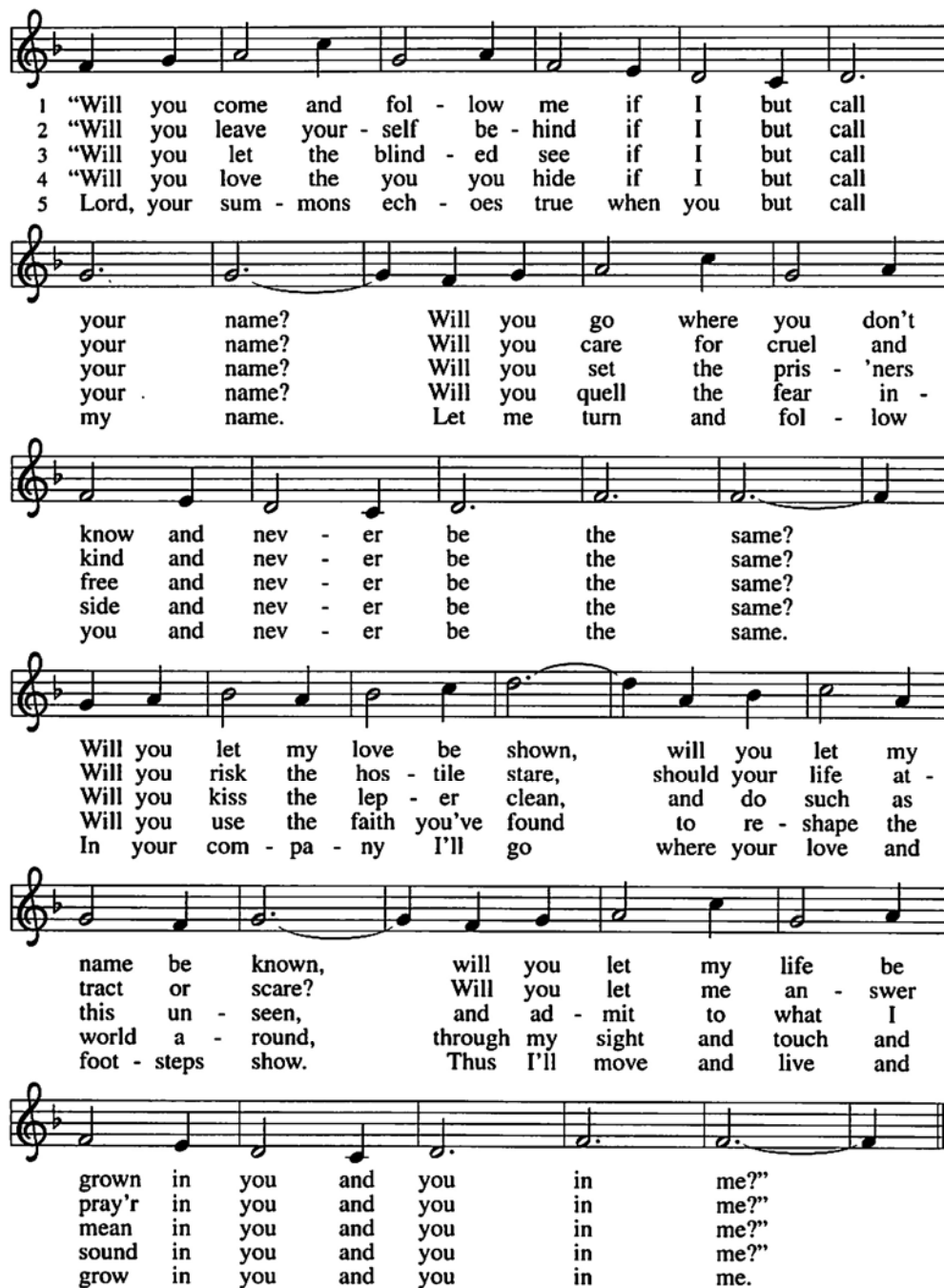
P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

**PASTOR ANDREW PATTY**

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


1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

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 Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

A God of life, your words are the joy at the heart of your church. Draw the seeker to you, place messages of hope and healing in the mouths of your witnesses, and open your children to your truth when we stumble. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God of steadfast love, renew the earth by your Spirit, that lands and oceans reveal the beauty of your creation. Challenge us to live humbly and peaceably as part of your world. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God of strength, you offer 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. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God of patience, lead those who govern to hold fast to what is good. Guide them to show honor to the people in their care. Overcome evil in all nations and grant peace to peoples and places mired in conflict. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God of deliverance, remember all who are suffering and in pain, especially Marilyn Heckman, Naomi Walker, Linda Longren, David McGinnis, and Martha Nemeth. Give endurance to workers who persevere on this Labor Day and insure fair wages and safe working environments. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God of justice, equip this congregation and that of Our Savior Lutheran in Jefferson City and Metro Lutheran Ministry in Kansas City, Missouri, Cross of Glory Lutheran in Derby and Christ Lutheran in Eureka, Kansas to boldly follow you in uncertain times and to remain faithful in prayer when facing challenges. Show us how best to love and care for one another and our communities. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God of joy, you give us lives to celebrate. Today, we lift up Ellen Irwin, David Ralph, Bob Horton, and Laurie Jackson as they celebrate their birthdays, Asher Klamm, Charlotte Blenden, and Ralph Hudson as they remember their baptisms, and Larry & Mary McGinnis as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P God of glory, we give thanks for the saints who now dwell with you in splendor. Nurture us in faith until the day we join their heavenly song. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**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 -



### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

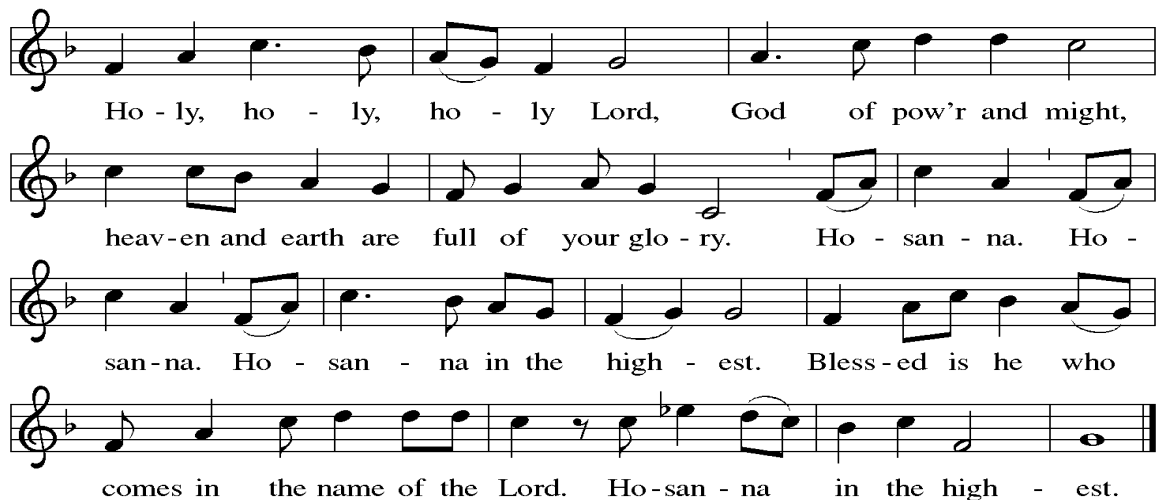
P Lift up your hearts.

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.**

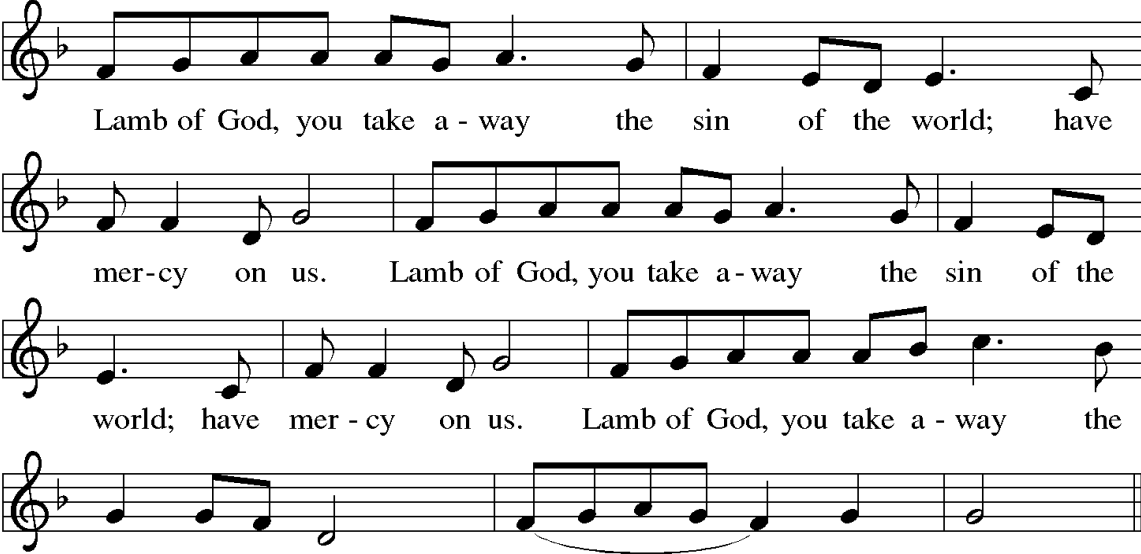
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

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

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

### **LAMB OF GOD**



The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system, using a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, aligned with the music. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have'. The second staff contains 'mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the'. The third staff contains 'world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The fourth staff contains 'sin of the world; grant us peace.' and ends with a double bar line.

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***In the Singing***ELW 466**

1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,  
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,  
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,

*Refrain*

Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

**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** Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C Amen.**

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**SENDING**

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**BLESSING**

**P** The God of glory, ✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

give free-dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home-land bright-ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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, Sept. 3.....Congregational Life Committee meeting.....9:30 AM  
..... Hymn Sing Along ..... 10:15 AM  
..... Worship with Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM  
..... Coffee Hour .....after worship

Mon., Sept 4.....Labor Day (office will be closed).....

Tues., Sept. 5..... Quilters ..... 9:30 AM

Sun., Sept. 10 .....Adult Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
..... Worship with Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM  
..... Coffee Hour .....after worship  
.....PFLAG meeting ..... 2:00 PM

### Worship Assistants

Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
Sept. 3	LaVell Winsor	Diane Bottorff, Marcy Carlson	Laurie Jackson	LaVell Winsor	Cindy McGinnis & Team 3	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty	Mike & Shelley Andrews
Sept. 10	Curt Lewis	Bob Horton, Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Bob Horton	Cindy McGinnis & Team 3	Marsha Ridinger	Pr. Andrew Patty	

### OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS

Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Aug. 6	\$2,160.93	\$0.00	\$2,160.93	-\$1,653.85	\$507.08	24/24
Aug. 13	\$11,471.0	\$0.00	\$11,471.00	-\$1,653.85	\$9,817.15	24/24
Aug. 20	\$1,552.00	\$0.00	\$1,552.00	-\$1,653.85	-\$101.85	24/22
Aug. 27	\$2,191.00	\$0.00	\$2,191.00	-\$1,653.85	\$537.15	38/27
			\$0.00	Expense		
		July 2023	\$10,011.00	-\$9,769.92	\$241.08	
		Jan. - July	\$99,220.41	-\$87,275.09	\$11,945.32	

First Lutheran Church of Topeka, 1234 SW Fair-Road, announces a *Growing in Prayer Workshop* will be held September 16th at the church.

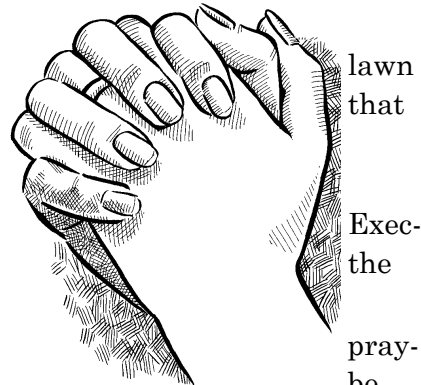
Rev. Ernie Hinojosa, pastor of Rejoice Lutheran Church in Coppell, Texas and Rev. Louise Johnson, Executive Director for Administration ELCA will lead event.

This will be a daylong experiential event focusing on prayer. Registration starts at 8:30 with the first session beginning at 9:00. Lunch will be 12:00 to 1:00, and the afternoon session will be 1:00 to 3:00. We would like to invite members of your church to join us for this exciting event.

A freewill offering will be divided between Doorstep and Lutheran World Relief.

Please use this link to register. <https://forms.gle/fbLksZNCnkEF5YCy8>.

If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Koenig (501-781-5692) at [koenig1942@hotmail.com](mailto:koenig1942@hotmail.com)



Walkers and runners are invited to participate in our 6th Annual

## Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Run

A Fundraiser for Doorstep, Inc.

**Location:** Lake Shawnee Shelter Houses 1 & 2, West Edge Road

**Date:** Sunday, October 1, 2023

**Check-in & Late Registration:** 1:00pm - 1:45pm

**Time:** One Mile Walk & 5K Fun Run to begin at 2:00pm

Forms Available or  
Register Online at:  
**DoorstepTopeka.org**

**Celebrity Starter for the Walk/Run is**  
Chris Fisher ~ WIBW-TV

Snacks & drinks will be provided at the finish  
of the Walk/5K Run in Shelter House #1

Enjoy cookies, granola bars, fresh fruit, juice,  
and water

**Register by September 13th**  
to guarantee an event t-shirt.

Pay \$30 Entry Fee or get  
sponsors to donate to Doorstep  
as your entry fee! One child 10 &  
under can walk for FREE with  
one paid adult. (shirt extra)



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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*).

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