



FOR

MANY ARE CALLED,

*BUT FEW ARE*

CHOSEN.



MATTHEW 22:14

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

OCTOBER 15, 2023

**Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost**

**October 15, 2023**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 3**

*In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.*

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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.

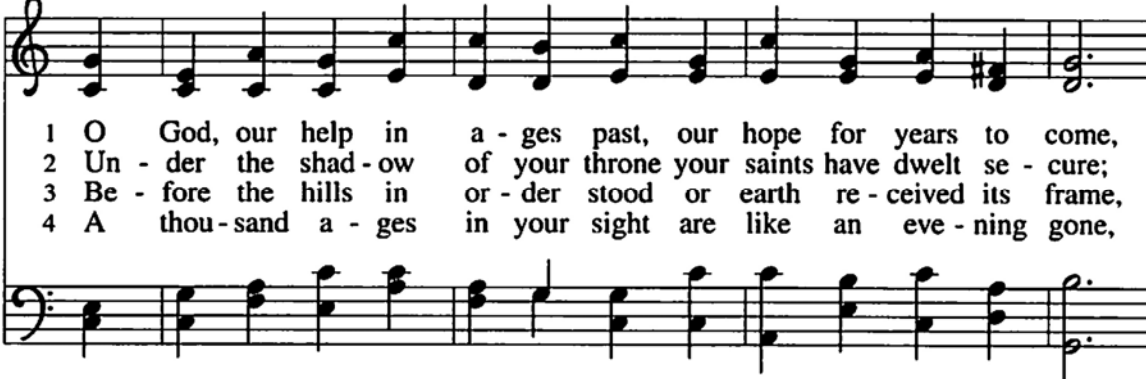
*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Gracious God,

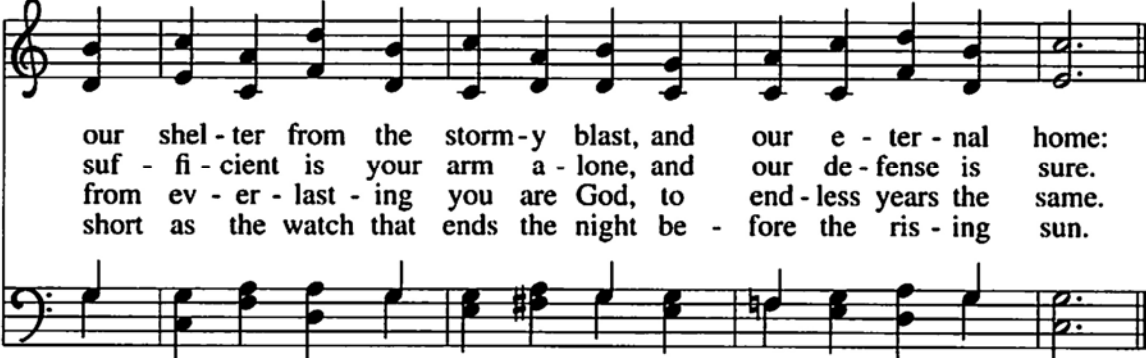
**C** have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your 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.**



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
 bears all our years away;  
 they fly forgotten, as a dream  
 dies at the op'ning day.

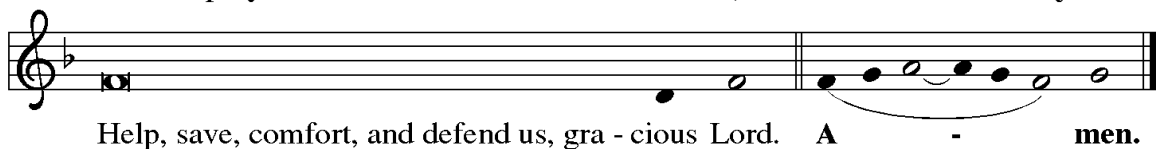
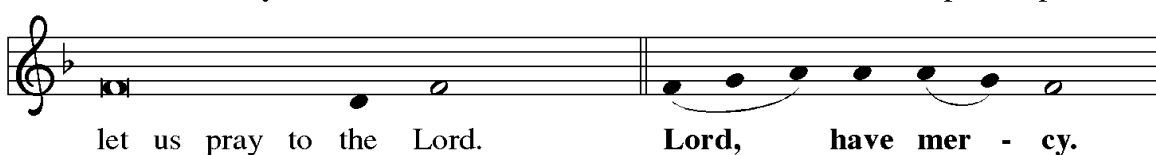
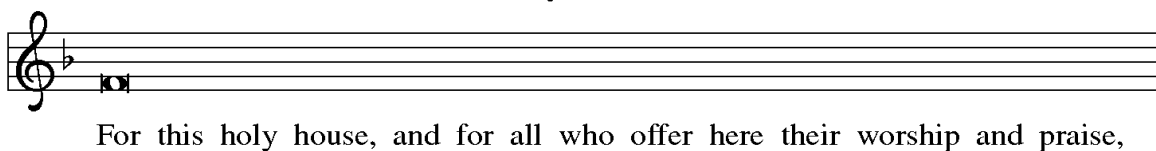
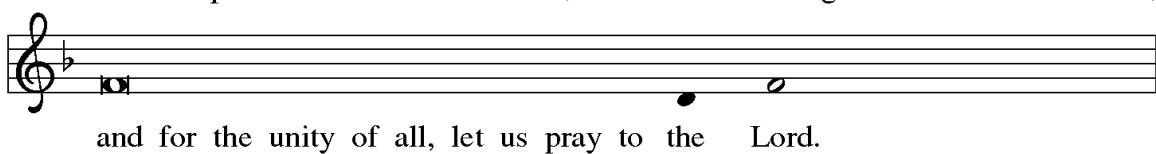
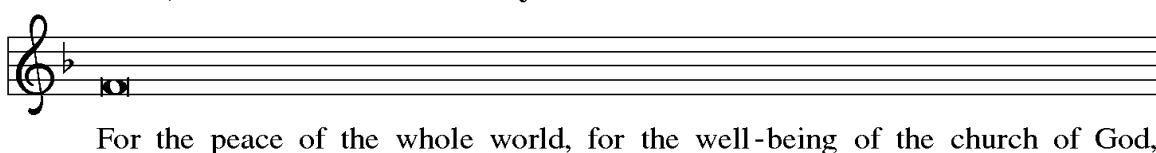
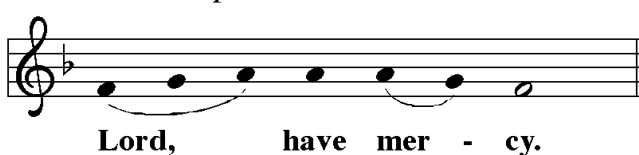
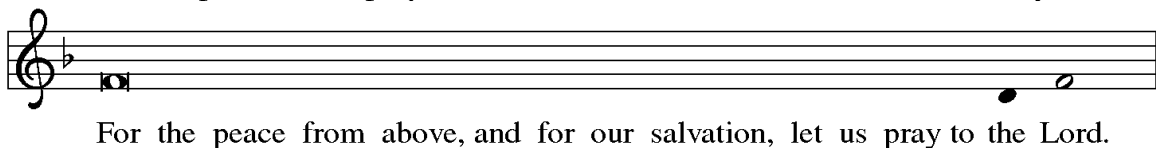
6 O God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,  
 still be our guard while troubles last  
 and our eternal home.

## 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

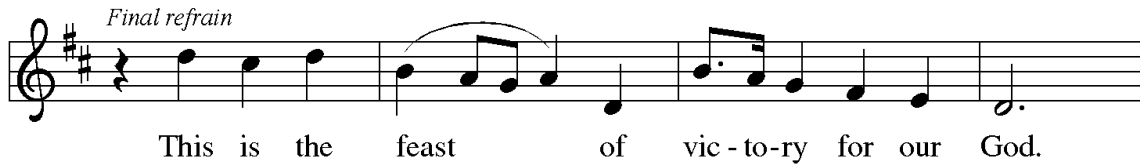
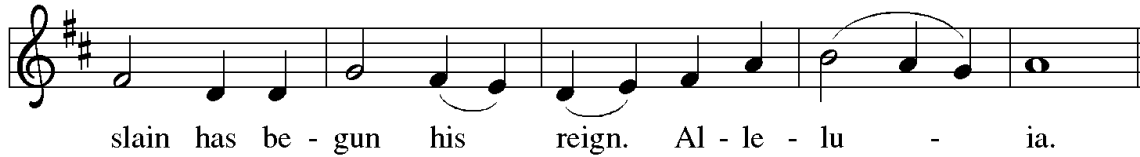
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*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.

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 25:1-9

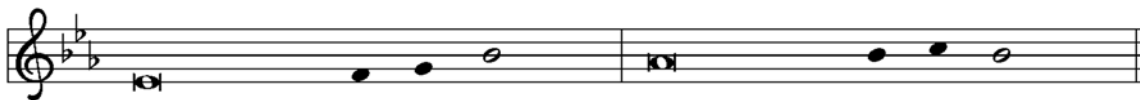
<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you are my God;  
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.  
<sup>2</sup>For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin;  
the palace of aliens is a city no more,  
it will never be rebuilt.  
<sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.  
<sup>4</sup>For you have been a refuge to the poor,  
a refuge to the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.  
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,  
<sup>5</sup>the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,  
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;  
the song of the ruthless was stilled.  
<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.  
<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.  
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.  
<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

*Sung responsively*



<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O | God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

<sup>8</sup>**You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;**  
**you cast out the nations and | planted it.**

<sup>9</sup>You cleared the | ground for it;  
it took root and | filled the land.

<sup>10</sup>**The mountains were covered | by its shadow**  
**and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.**

<sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea  
and its branches | to the river.

<sup>12</sup>**Why have you broken | down its wall,**  
**so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?**

<sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.

<sup>14</sup>**Turn now, O | God of hosts,**  
**look | down from heaven;**

<sup>15</sup>behold and | tend this vine;  
preserve what your right | hand has planted.

**SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. <sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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 twenty-second chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

**PASTOR ANDREW PATTY**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

ELW 523

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

Sing refrain, then three verses, repeat refrain.

*Sing refrain, then three verses, repeat refrain.*

Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la  
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the

me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -  
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is

re - te tie - ne un pues - to y\_u - na mi - sión.  
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -  
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -  
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the  
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all

pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do\_a - le - gre la  
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm  
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be  
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

*Refrain / Estribillo*

cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu\_a - mis - tad.  
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.  
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.  
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

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 Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

A For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land, that all followers of Christ share the mind of Christ and strive to live together in peace, staying firm in the Lord. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For green pastures and still waters and all the beauty of the natural world, that creation flourishes and humankind lives in right relationship with all you have made. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For those affected by the war in Ukraine, that they might find safety from violence and assistance 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. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For the nations of the world and all who hold positions of authority, that they govern in accordance with God's vision of justice, striving toward the goal of peace and prosperity for all. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For all experiencing valleys of illness and grief, that they be healed and comforted and find rest in the presence of the Good Shepherd who walks beside them We pray especially for Peggy Buchholz, Naomi Walker, Linda Longren, David McGinnis, and Martha Nemeth. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For this congregation and that of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Manchester, Missouri, Trinity Lutheran in Lawrence, New Gottland Lutheran in McPherson, and Elim Lutheran in Marquette, Kansas, that the love of Christ may keep us united and mindful of all that is true, just, and honorable. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A For Conrad Youngblom, Rosemary O'Neil, and Tresa Johnson as they celebrate their birthdays, and for Kade Welp, Ellen Irwin, Barbara Apps, Ted Murphy, Brooke Ralph, and Collin Horton as they remember their baptisms, we pray. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

P In thanksgiving for the beloved saints who now rest in your mercy, that their faithful witness guides your church until the day we join them at your heavenly feast. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through 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 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.**

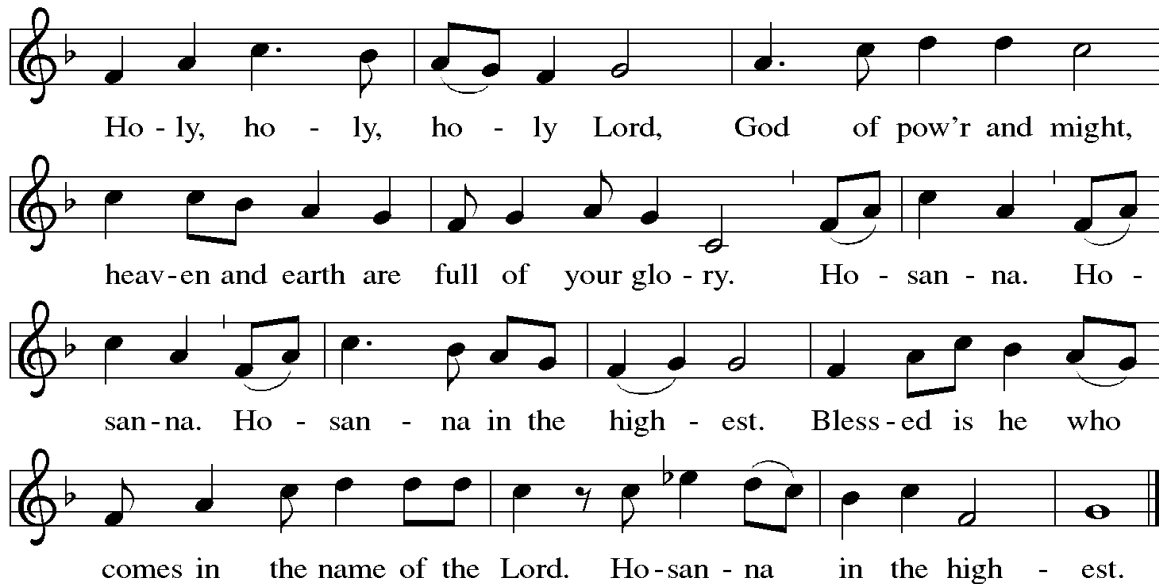
P Lift up your hearts.

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:



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.

### **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.**

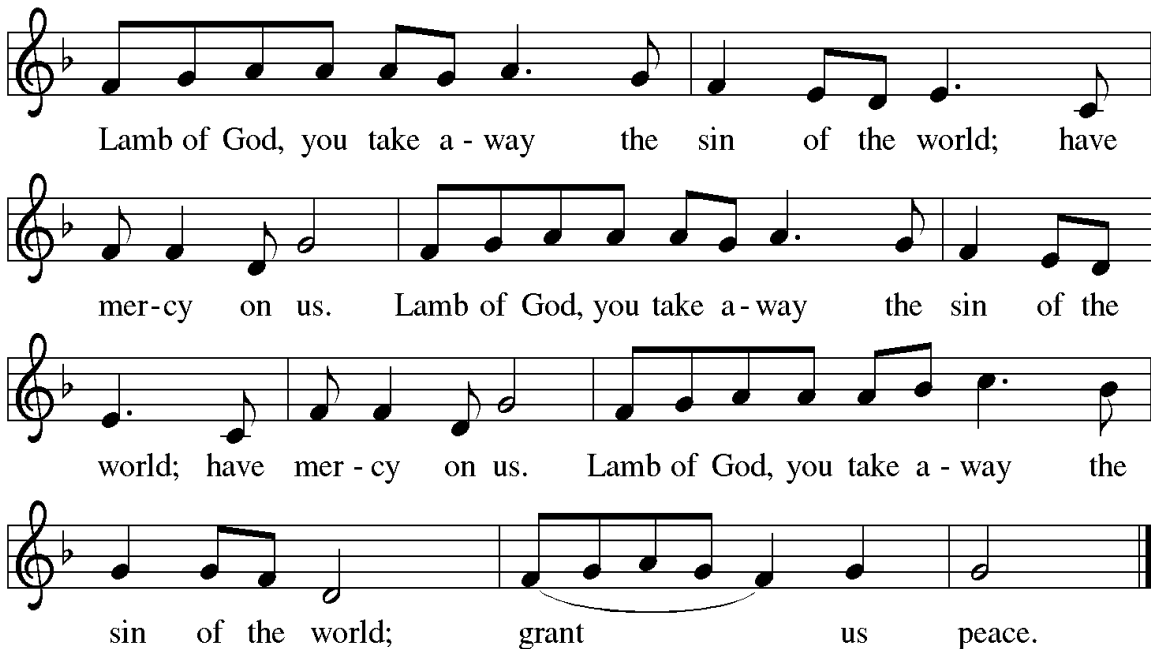
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**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. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The text is: "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." The word "grant" is underlined with a curved 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  
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COMMUNION HYMN

*Come, Let Us Eat*

ELW 491



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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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

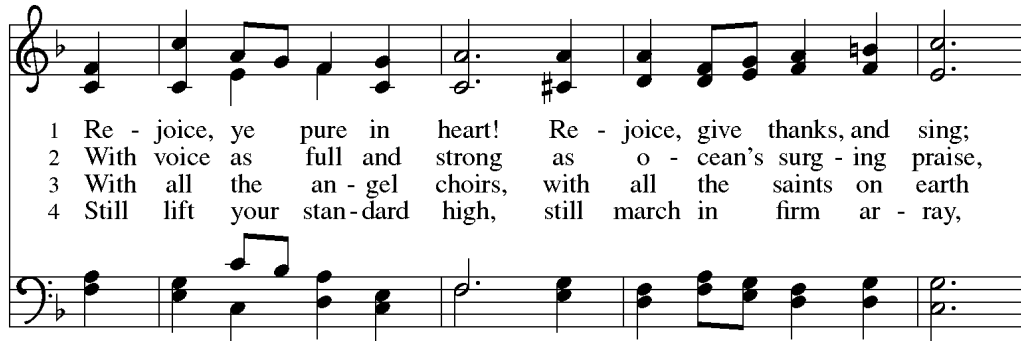
P The God of glory, ☩ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

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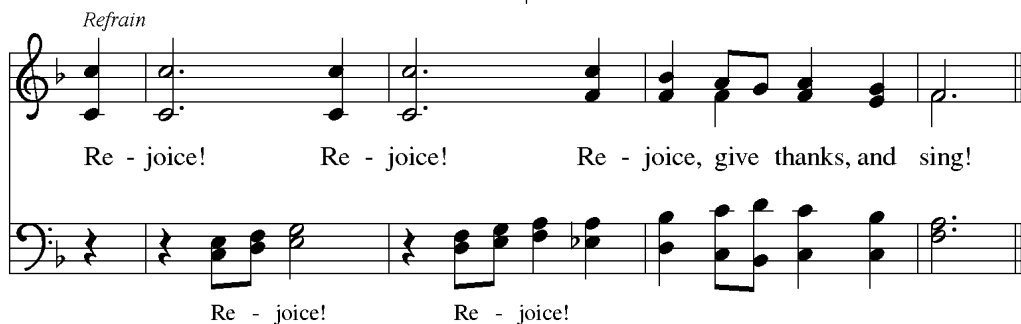


1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;  
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth  
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.  
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

*Refrain*



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!  
Re - joice! Re - joice!

5 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
one God forevermore. *Refrain*



DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. God is at work in you

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, Oct. 15 ..... Community Relations committee meeting ..... 9:30 AM  
 ..... Worship with Holy Communion ..... 10:30 AM  
 ..... Coffee Hour ..... after worship  
 ..... **Altar Guild meeting ..... during coffee hour**

Tues., Oct. 17 ..... Quilters ..... 9:30 AM

Sun., Oct. 22 ..... Worship with Holy Communion ..... 10:30 AM  
 ..... Farewell to Pr. Andrew Potluck Lunch ..... after worship  
 ..... Workday at Doorstep ..... 1:00 PM

As you may already know, Pr. Andrew has accepted a new call at St. John's Lutheran Church in New York City and his first day there will be November 1st. His last Sunday with us will be October 22nd. He will take some vacation time Oct. 23rd through Oct. 31st.

Pr. Dave Whetter from the Central State Synod office will be with us for worship on Oct. 22nd for the Thanksgiving at the Conclusion of a Call. Then the following Sunday, Oct. 29th, Bishop Susan Candea will be with us for worship.

To wish him the very best with his new call, we will have a potluck lunch after worship on Oct. 22nd. Please see the bulletin insert for more information.



### Worship Assistants

Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Asst. Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
Oct. 15	Curt Lewis, Ella Bosch	Dean McGinnis, Duane Pomeroy	Mitchell Bean	Marcy Carlson	Carol Marker & Team 1	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty	Janelle Meredith & Charlotte O'Brien
Oct. 22	Cindy McGinnis	Howard Reece, Diane Bottorff	Laurie Jackson	Bob Horton	Carol Marker & Team 1	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty & Pr. Dave Whetter	Steve Luoma
Oct. 29		Bob Horton	Laurie Jackson	Debbie Pomeroy	Carol Marker & Team 1	Marcy Carlson	Bishop Susan Candea	Trunk or Treat



## Trunk or Treat on Reformation Sunday October 29th

We will celebrate Reformation Day with a Trunk or Treat in the Trinity Hall parking lot after worship. You are invited to come and pick up some treats or open the trunk of your car to share treats with members, friends, and neighbors. There will be coffee available.

Children are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes to church.

Janice Greenlee is the coordinator for this Trunk or Treat; you can contact her with questions about how you can participate in the fun —

[Janice0914@aol.com](mailto:Janice0914@aol.com)

As always, Janice has come up with some fun theme ideas:

Mary and Martha passing out M&Ms; the Devil passing out Red Hots; Peter, Andrew, James & John passing out Goldfish crackers; Judas passing out Hershey kisses, Noah's ark passing out animal crackers/cookies, Adam & Eve passing out apples. Popcorn is always a nice healthy choice, too. OR you can just open your trunk and decorate with an autumn theme.

This year, we will be inviting kids from the neighborhood, so please plan for around 50 participants if you are providing treats.

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Sept. 17	\$2,150.00	\$0.00	\$2,150.00	-\$1,653.85	\$496.15	29/26
Sept. 24	\$1,296.00	\$0.00	\$1,296.00	-\$1,653.85	-\$357.85	39/29
Oct. 1	\$3,696.00	\$0.00	\$3,696.00	-\$1,653.85	\$2,042.15	29/28
Oct. 8	\$1,493.00	\$0.00	\$1,493.00	-\$1,653.85	-\$160.85	24/19
			\$0.00	Expense		
		Aug. 2023	\$16,374.93	-\$12,500.86	\$3,874.07	
		Jan. - Aug.	\$115,595.34	-\$99,775.95	\$15,819.39	



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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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