

# EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 14, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

Prelude “O That I Had a Thousand Voices” -Paul Manz

Confession and Absolution

Hymn of Invocation: “O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

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1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts  
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts  
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,

Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.  
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,  
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing

Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in  
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -  
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love

us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us  
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.  
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.

That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing  
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing  
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er

Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.  
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.  
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 143:1–2, 8a; antiphon: v. 11*

*(The congregation will chant the verses in bold.)*



For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!\*

In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

**Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!\***

**In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!**

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,\*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

**Let me hear in the morning of your | steadfast love,\***

for in | you I trust.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

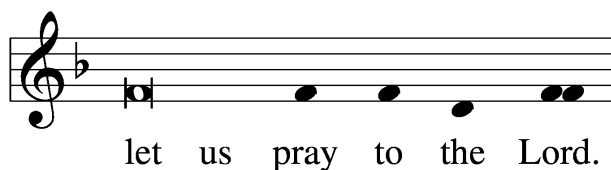
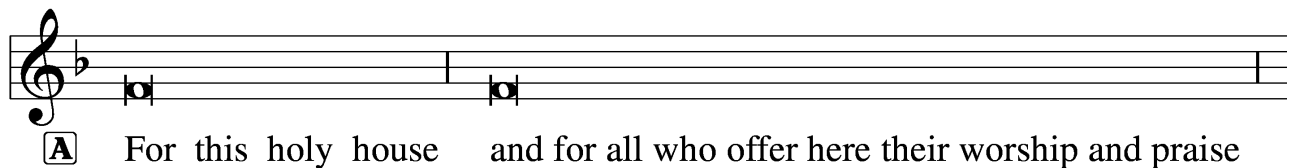
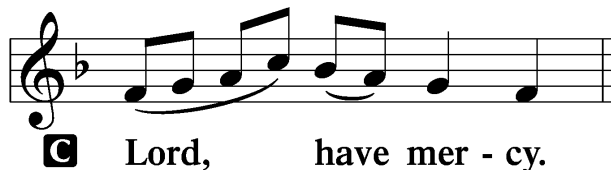
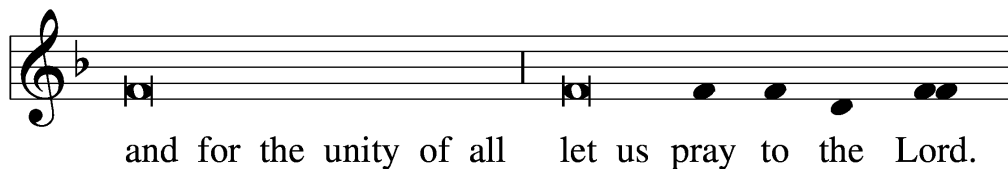
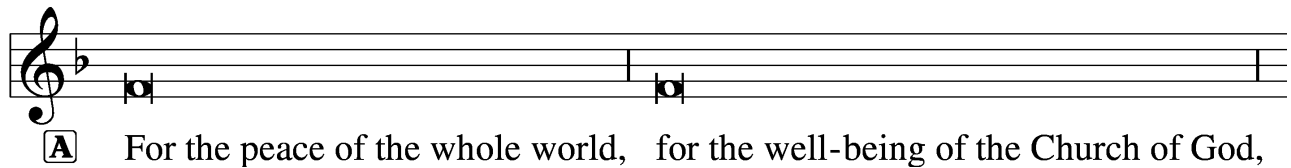
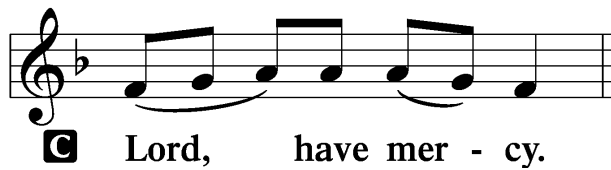
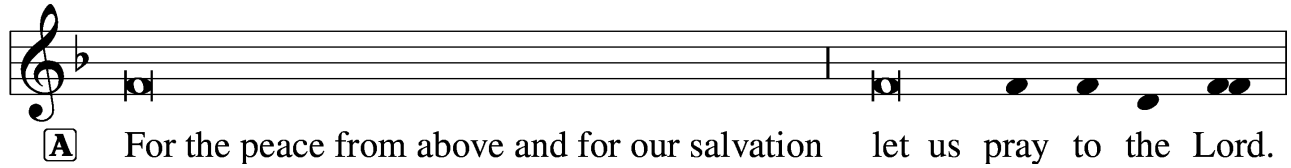
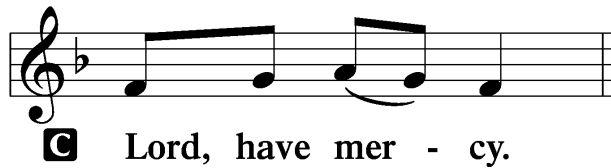
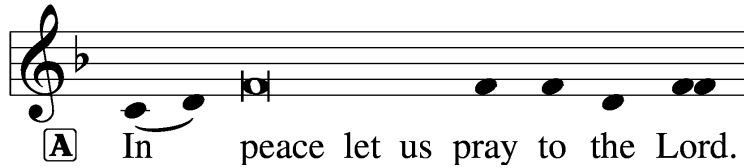
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

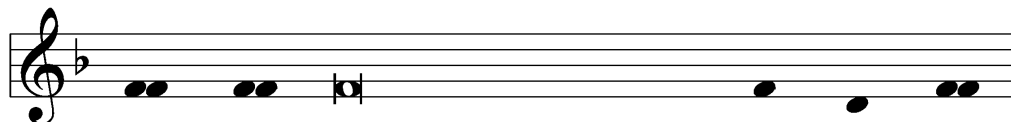
For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!\*

In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!





**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



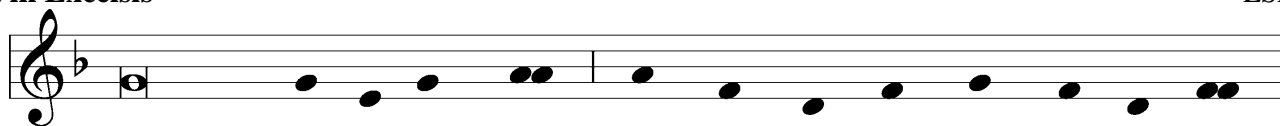
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### Gloria in Excelsis

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**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** 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.



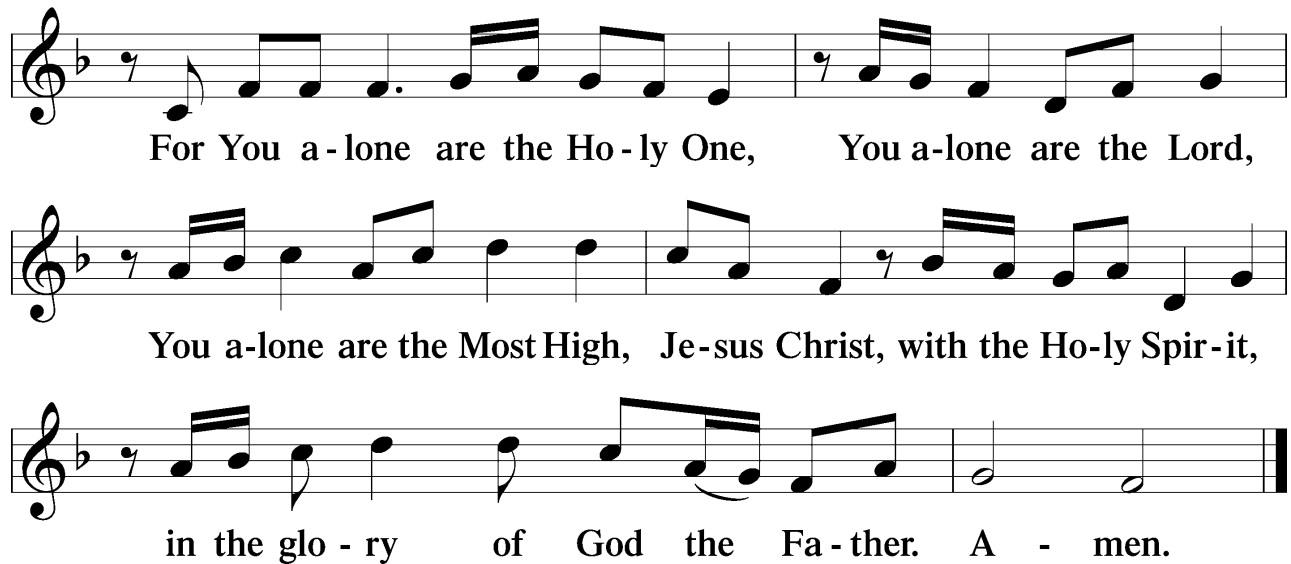
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



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.



### Salutation and Collect of the Day

*Proper 10 (Year B)*

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

- P** Let us pray. O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

### Old Testament Reading

*Amos 7:7–15*

This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.” Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’” And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm

*Psalm 85:8–13; antiphon: v. 7*

(The congregation will chant the verses in **bold**.)



Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,  
and grant us your sal- | vation.

**Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,\***  
**for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;**  
**but let them not turn back to | folly.**

Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,\*  
that glory may dwell | in our land.

**Steadfast love and faith- | fulness meet;\***  
**righteousness and peace kiss each | other.**

Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,\*  
and righteousness looks down | from the sky.

**Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,\***  
**and our land will yield its | increase.**

Righteousness will go be- | fore him\*  
and make his foot- | steps a way.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,  
and grant us your sal- | vation.

## Epistle

*Ephesians 1:3–14*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



## Holy Gospel

*Mark 6:14–29*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

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

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -  
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,  
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter  
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
 Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I  
 How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my  
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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**Sermon** "Paul's Longest Sentence"

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

**Offering** "The Church's One Foundation" -John Eggert  
(Grayson L, trombonist)

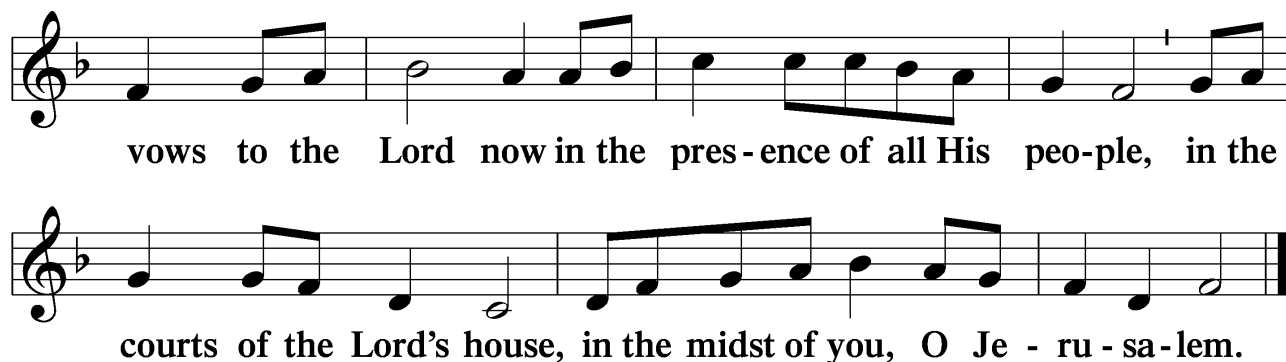
*We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you enter the sanctuary, or as the offering plates are passed at this time.*

## Offertory

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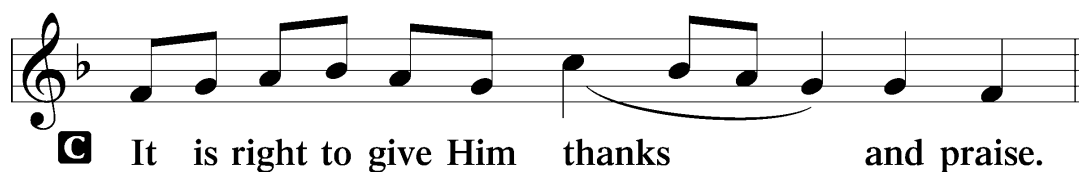
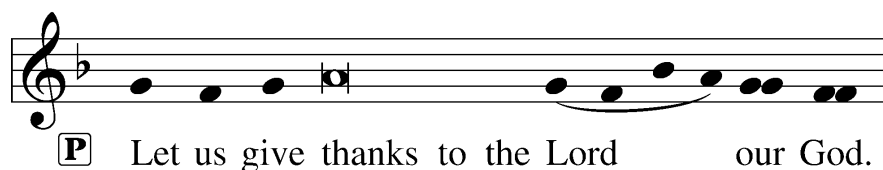
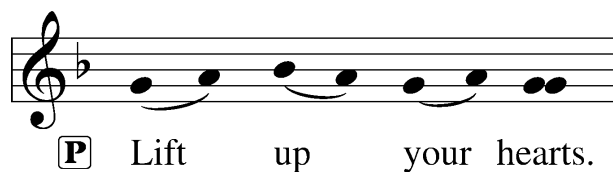
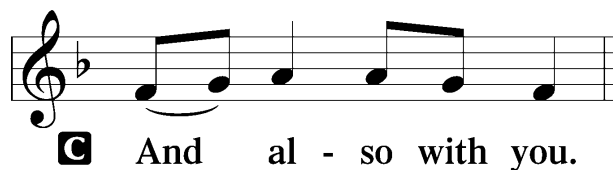
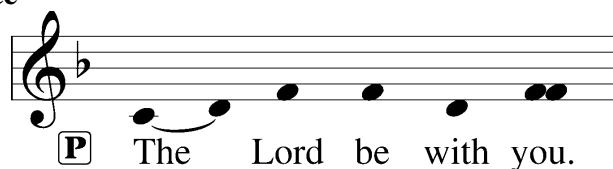
**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



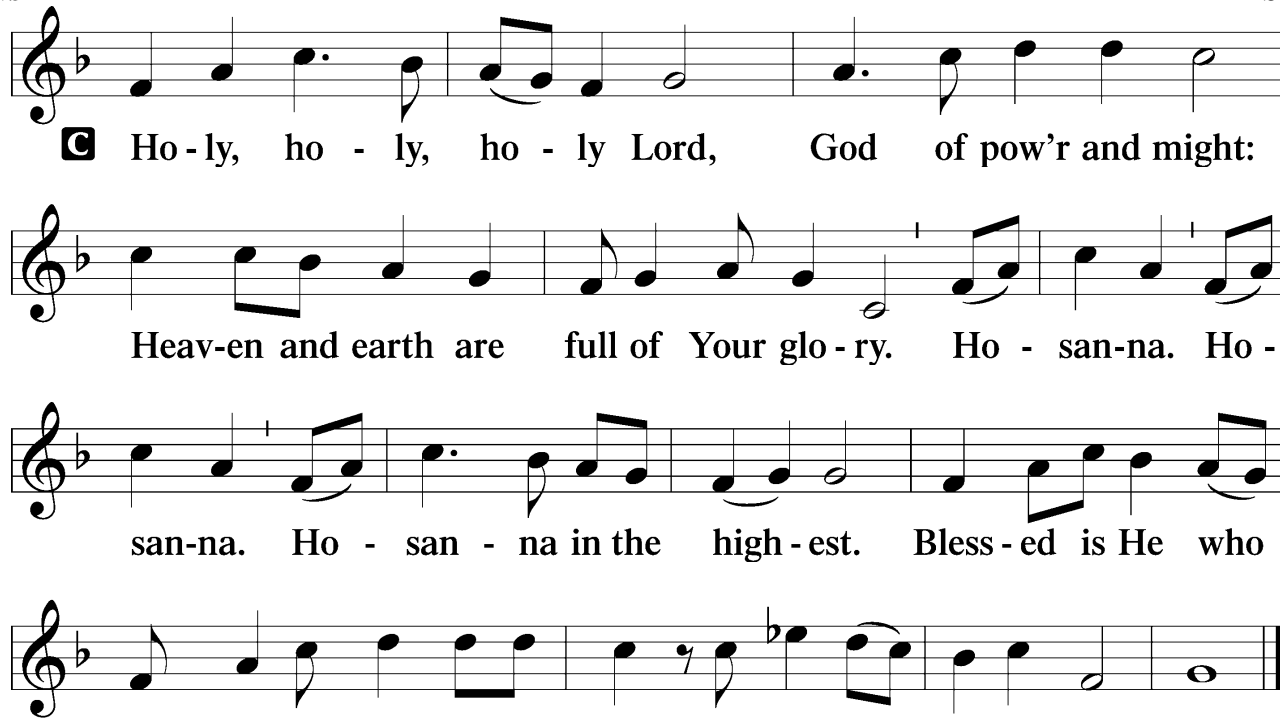
# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

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**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



**C** 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.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.
- Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

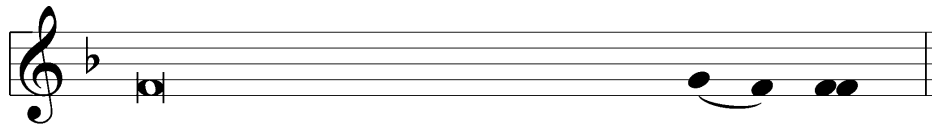
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**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



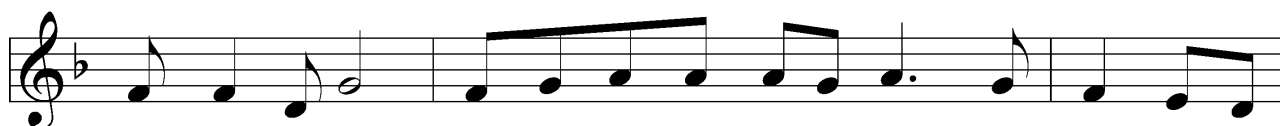
**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

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**C** 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.

## Distribution

*You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

*Communion is offered in two ways: the individual cup and the common cup. If you would like the individual cup, please partake as the assistant minister passes by after Pastor gives the bread. If you would like the common cup, let the assistant minister pass by, open your hands palm up, and Pastor will return to give you the common cup.*

**Distribution Hymn: “Jesus Comes Today with Healing”**

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1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my  
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and  
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the  
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.  
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,  
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,  
 me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His  
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the  
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter  
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: “Come and taste the bless - ed feast.”  
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.  
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.  
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
 Whose own feast of love I savor,  
 Bidden by His gracious call.  
 Wedding garments He provides me,  
 With a robe of white He hides me,  
 Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,  
 Comfort in my tribulation,  
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.  
 God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
 Cleanses me from sin and error,  
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.

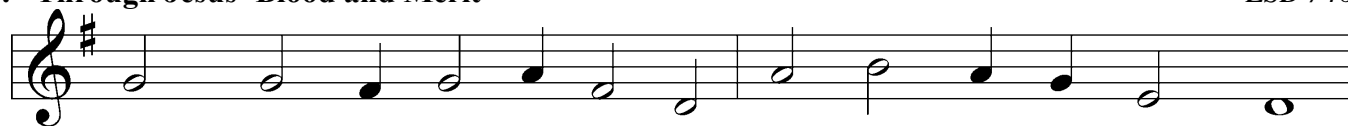
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**Hymn: “Through Jesus’ Blood and Merit”**

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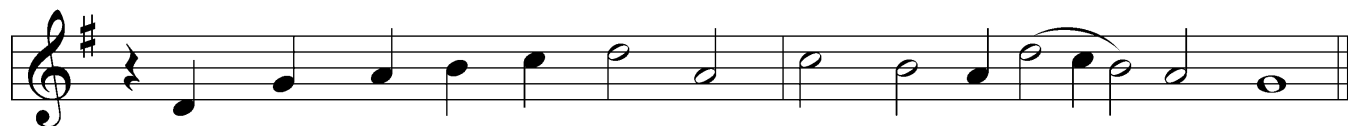
1 Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it I am at peace with God.  
2 There's noth - ing that can sev - er From this great love of God;  
3 For nei - ther life's temp - ta - tion Nor death's most try - ing hour  
4 Nor an - y crea - ture ev - er Shall from the love of God



What, then, can daunt my spir - it, How - ev - er dark my road?  
No want, no pain what - ev - er, No fam - ine, per - il, flood.  
Nor an - gels of high sta - tion Nor an - y oth - er pow'r  
This ran - somed sin - ner sev - er; For in my Sav - ior's blood



My cour - age shall not fail me, For God is on my side;  
Though thou - sand foes sur - round me, For slaugh - ter mark His sheep,  
Nor things that now are pres - ent Nor things that are to come  
This love has its foun - da - tion; God hears my faith - ful prayer



Though hell it - self as - sail me, Its rage I may de - ride.  
They nev - er shall con - found me, The vic - t'ry I shall reap.  
Nor height, how - ev - er pleas - ant, Nor dark - est depths of gloom  
And long be - fore cre - a - tion Named me His child and heir.

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## Thank the Lord

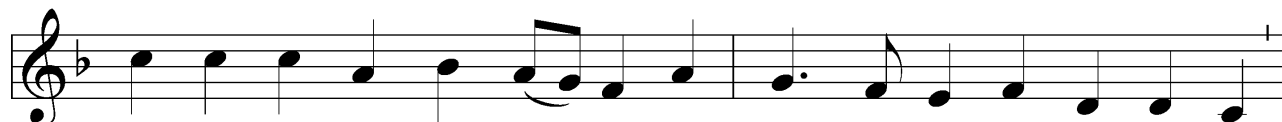
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**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



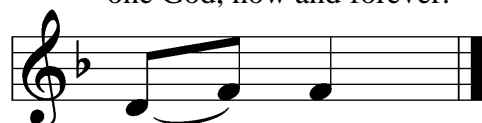
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

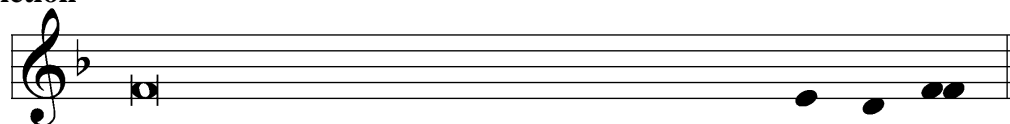
**A** Let us pray.  
... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Benediction

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



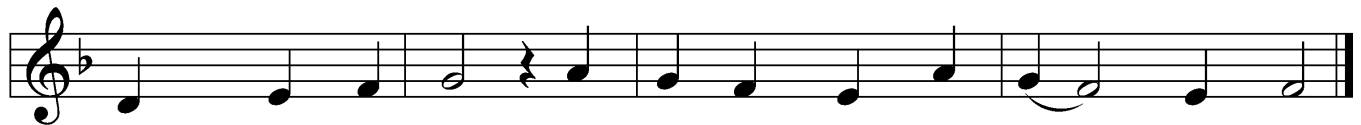
**C** A - men.



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide, For round us  
 2 In these last days of great dis - tress Grant us, dear  
 3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of  
 4 May glo - rious truths that we have heard, The bright sword



falls the e - ven - tide. O let Your Word,  
 Lord, true stead - fast - ness That we keep pure  
 fire and make us bold To shine Your Word  
 of Your might - y Word, Spurn Sa - tan that



that sav - ing light, Shine forth un - dimmed in - to the night.  
 till life is spent Your ho - ly Word and Sac - ra - ment.  
 of sav - ing grace In - to each dark and love - less place.  
 Your Church be strong, Bold, u - ni - fied in act and song.

5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride  
 That seeks to thrust Your truth aside  
 Or with some man-made thoughts or things  
 Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.

6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;  
 Preserve our faith our whole life through—  
 Your Word alone our heart's defense,  
 The Church's glorious confidence.

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**Postlude** “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng” -John Behnke

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Worship 9:30 a.m.

**GENEROSITY THOUGHTS:** *Amos 7:8 – “And the LORD said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb line.’ Then the Lord said, ‘Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them.’”* In the book of Amos, the Lord condemns the people for their lack of kindness, charity and generosity toward the weak and lowly. God takes great offense at this because His activity toward us is built on kindness, charity and generosity. He wants us to respond in kind.

**PASTORAL CARE FOR JULY:** In the month of July, Pastor Kooi will be gone from July 8th to July 20th. If you need pastoral care in the case of an emergency, please contact Pastor Joshua Miller from Jehovah, and he will be happy to help and serve you.

**HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR”** on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week’s broadcast: “Unhindered” Dr. Jeff Gibbs and podcaster Jessica Bordeleau join Dr. Michael Zeigler to talk about St. Paul’s harrowing journey to Rome. (Acts 27 & 28)

**CIRCUIT YOUTH EVENTS** for middle school and high school: Meet at Emmaus at 8:30 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m. RSVP for both by July 19th!!!! Each event is \$10 and includes a pizza lunch.

- July 23: Service at Options for Women (Pregnancy Shelter) and Fun at Two-Bit Arcade
- July 30: Service at Trinity First Lutheran school and Fun at Liliputt or Grandslam (based on weather)

### **THIS WEEK AT EMMAUS:**

Today: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Bible Study

Mon: 9 a.m. August Newsletter Deadline

Wed: Bulletin Deadline

Fri: Office closed – call Pastor in emergencies

Sat: 12-5 p.m. Organist Rehearsal

Next Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Bible Study

### **SERVING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY:**

PASTOR: Dr. Jim Gimbel

ALTAR GUILD: Roxann M

ORGANIST: Rebecca F

SOUND TECH: Marilyn P

VIDEO TECH: Simeon N

WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Gene B

USHERS: Alan M, Christine S

COUNTERS: Jenny H, Marilyn P

LECTOR: Marie G

GREETER: Janet G

ACOLYTES: Donnegan L



## St. Paul Outreach News

**July 26** join other St. Paul Outreach center partners as we host a Summer Social (free frozen treats!) and Sampler. All partners will be invited to bring information and people from their site(s), and Jehovah will host, show off our SPOC facilities. Come to meet partners and neighbors to share the love of Jesus by reaching out and meeting physical, social, and spiritual needs.

How can *you* partner?

**Mark your calendar and join the party!**

**Pray** for those served by the SPOC and all the partners!

**Learn more** about the SPOC by contacting coordinator David Mennicke or checking out the SPOC website:

**Tell others** about the SPOC and all its ways to connect to the community



**Chai Dosti with SPOC partner, CSP** Chai Dosti is a program of conversation and fellowship with international students at Concordia University, St. Paul. We will meet occasionally over the summer. Everyone is welcome to stop by and meet students and be a welcoming presence during their time in the US. Meet in the Buenger Education Center (BEC) at 4:30 p.m. **Planned summer dates are July 31 and August 28.** Contact Anna Gruen (gruen@csp.edu) with questions or visit the CSP hospitality website for more details about this and other volunteer opportunities: [www.thehospitalitycenter.org/events](http://www.thehospitalitycenter.org/events)

**Food Distribution with SPOC partner St. Stephanus** - Each month a truck from Second Harvest comes to deliver many pounds of fresh produce for us to give out to neighbors in need. Food is paid for through gifts to Second Harvest or St. Stephanus. You're invited to join the team of volunteers to sort food, bag it, and distribute it to our neighbors. We have a dedicated team of volunteers that help each month, but we would love, and need, some new hands to help this summer as people travel. There is a job for everyone! **Volunteers are needed each 3rd Thursday, 2:30-6:45** with the sign-up for slots at: <https://tinyurl.com/4xuevwy9> **The remaining dates this summer are: July 18, August 15.** For questions, contact Megan at [youth@saintstephanus.org](mailto:youth@saintstephanus.org).

**Life Match Grant Initiative** Great news! Life Match Met! The SPOC partners have already exceeded the \$4,500 LCMS Life Match Grant with \$5,230 in pledges and gifts, more than meeting the \$9,000 total to support the three women in their pre-natal care at Options for Women East. The excess donations (and any more that come in) will go into the SPOC budget for more ministry. We also continue to seek mentors to connect with the three women clients. Please contact David Mennicke at [spoc@jehovahlutheran.com](mailto:spoc@jehovahlutheran.com) if you are interested in this mentorship.