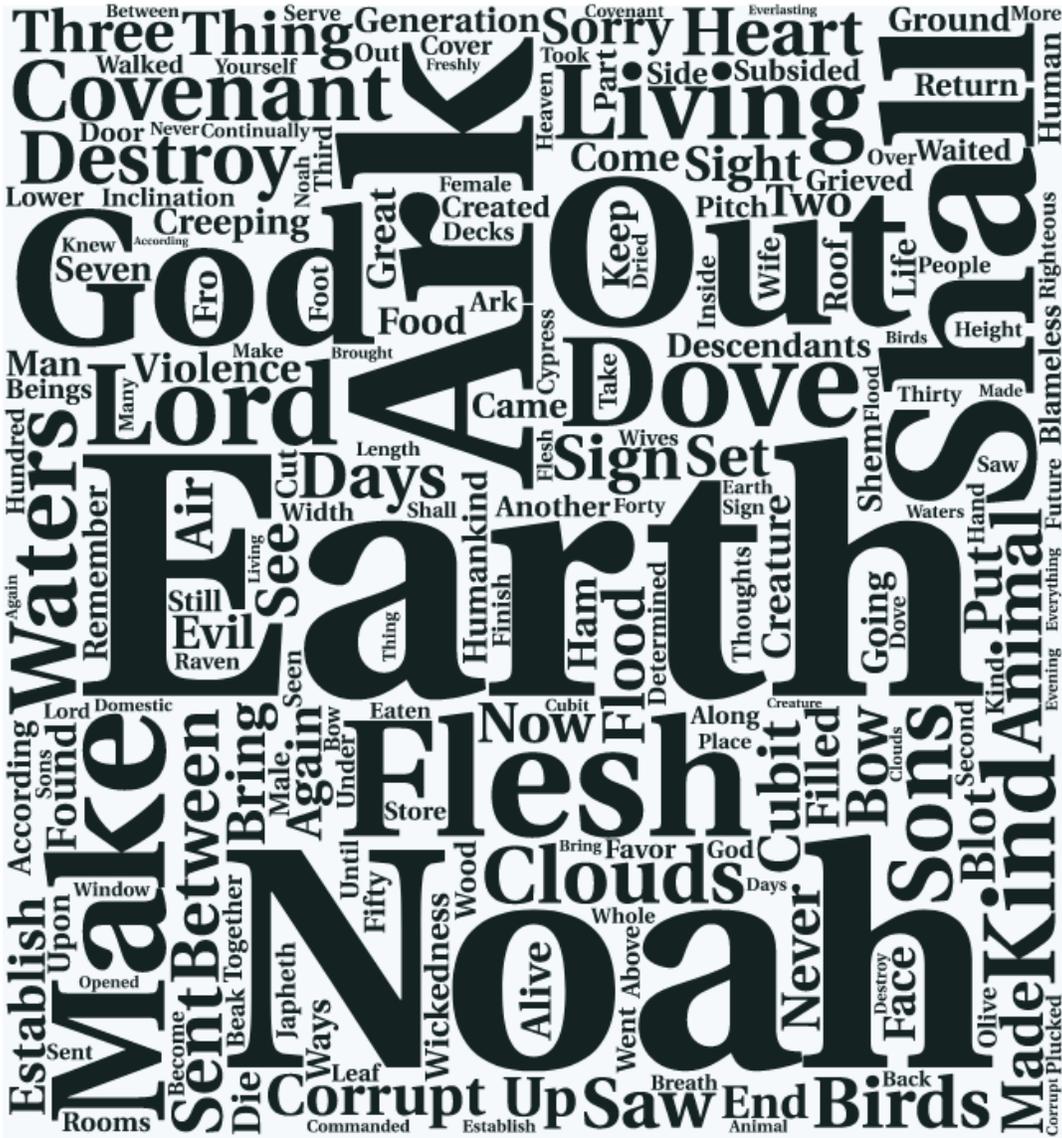


Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
*A Community Following in the  
Footsteps of Christ*

15th Weekend after Pentecost  
Saturday/Sunday, September 8 & 9, 2018



Flood and Promise

## **Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17**

Noah's story shows us how saddened God can be at our thoughtless actions. How that same creator has the power to destroy us all with one swipe. And, miraculously, chooses not to.

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### **Welcome to Holy Trinity!**

- **Everyone is invited to receive communion.** Non-communing children and adults are invited to come forward for a blessing.
- If you would like **to receive communion in your pew**, please let an usher know.
- If you would like **a prayer included in the prayers**, please fill out a **prayer card located in the pew racks** and **put it in the offering plate**.
- **Restrooms** are located on the main level off the Community Center.
- **Hearing assistance devices and cushions** are available from the ushers.

You are invited to join with us as we seek to be God's loving community as we *follow in the footsteps of Christ*. You are received as a friend...

- Just as you are, created by God
- Whatever your color, culture & customs, your age, your abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity
- Wherever circumstances find you...in the midst of change or challenge or pain, in need of strength & hope
- Whether you are a new visitor or an old friend, have no church home, have doubts, or want to follow Christ and pursue peace & justice in Christ's name
- You are embraced as an expression of the diversity & beauty of the creation God has given us.

**You are welcome here!**

*Arrows indicated when the congregation may sit ↓ or stand ↑ as able.*

***Bold print indicated responses spoken by the congregation.***

## ↓ GATHERING MUSIC

*(Sunday) God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

arr. Ludvig Nielson

## CALL TO WORSHIP

You are my children—all you creatures, wild and tame.

**Come, let us praise the Lord!**

I will remember my covenant with you.

**Come, let us praise the Lord!**

Never again will I utterly destroy you.

**Come, let us praise the Lord!**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

Faithful God,

**You have called us to places unknown and have promised to be our guide. Yet we prefer to find our own way and do our own thing, taking credit when things go well and blaming others when they don't. We resist putting our trust in you. We forget your covenant with us. And we suffer for it. Turn us around to walk where you are leading. Forgive us for wandering from the path.**

God is faithful at all times and to all who seek guidance. May you know the grace which has been freely offered to you, and the special blessing which God continually grants to all who simply ask. Receive the forgiveness of your loving creator, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## ↑ OPENING SONGS

# Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



1. Sing praise to God who reigns a-bove, the God of all cre -  
2. The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but through all grief dis -  
3. Thus, all my toil-some way a-long, I sing a-loud thy



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of  
tress - ing, an ev - er pres-ent help and stay, our peace and  
prais - es, that earth may hear the grate-ful song my voice un -



our sal - va - tion. With heal-ing balm my soul is filled and  
joy and bless - ing. As with a moth-er's ten-der hand, God  
wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, both



ev-ery faith-less mur-mur stilled: To God all praise and glo - ry.  
gent-ly leads the cho-sen band: To God all praise and glo - ry.  
soul and bod-y bear your part: To God all praise and glo - ry.

WORDS: Johann J. Schütz, 1675; trans. by Francis E. Cox, 1864 (Dt. 32:3)  
MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's Kirchengesänge, 1566; harm. by Maurice F. Bell, 1906

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# Shout to the Lord



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.

Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

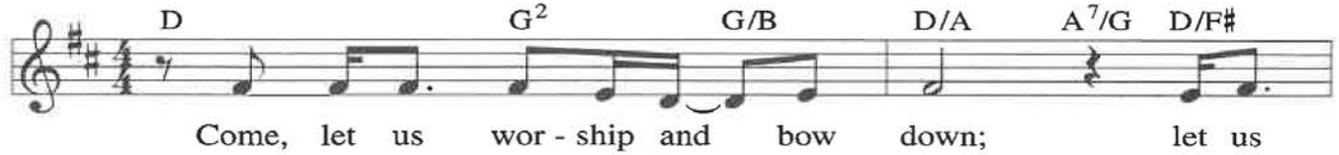
Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Sing twice

D G<sup>2</sup> G/B D/A A<sup>7</sup>/G D/F#



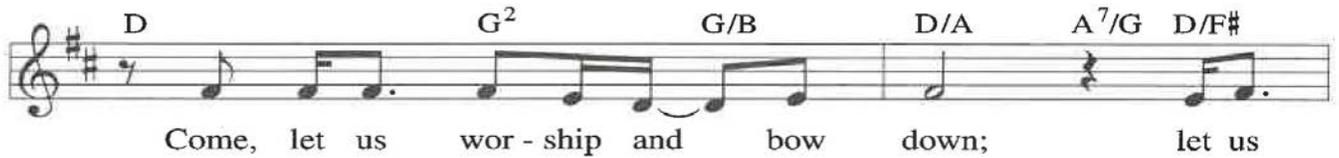
Come, let us wor-ship and bow down; let us

G Em<sup>7</sup> G/B A



kneel be-fore the Lord, our God, our mak-er.

D G<sup>2</sup> G/B D/A A<sup>7</sup>/G D/F#



Come, let us wor-ship and bow down; let us

G Em<sup>7</sup> G/B A



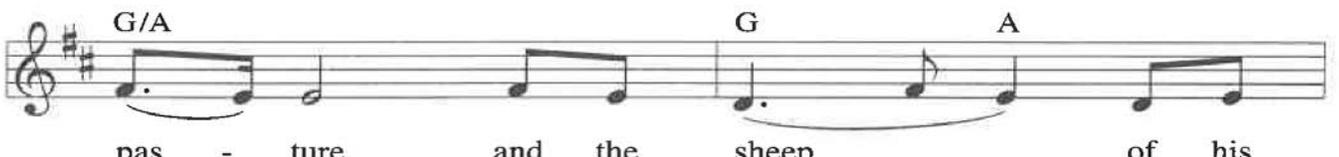
kneel be-fore the Lord, our God, our mak-er. For

G D/F# Em<sup>7</sup> D/F# G D/F# G



he is our God, and we are the peo-ple of his

G/A G A



pas-ture, and the sheep of his

D Bm<sup>7</sup> D/A G A D



hand, and the sheep of his hand.

Text: Psalm 95:6-7  
Music: Dave Doherty  
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## GREETING

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

**And also with you**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of promise, you set a bow in the sky to remind us that you will never again forsake your creation. Make us ever mindful of your promise, so that we might honor our covenant with you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## ↓ WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### READING

Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17

Readers: Narrator, Lord

**Narrator:** The Lord saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. So the Lord said,

**Lord:** “I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created—people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.”

**Narrator:** But Noah found favor in the sight of the Lord. These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. And God said to Noah,

**Lord:** “I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above; and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you. And of every

living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and for them.”

**Narrator:** Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him. At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more. Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him,

**Lord:** “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

**Narrator:** God said,

**Lord:** “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”

**Narrator:** God said to Noah,

**Lord:** “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

# CHILDREN'S SERMON

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

## God of the Sparrow



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the swirl - ing  
2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the trum - pet  
3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the emp - ty  
4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the prod - i -



stars How does the crea - ture say Awe  
blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe  
grave How does the crea - ture say Grace  
gal How does the crea - ture say Care



How does the crea - ture say Praise  
How does the crea - ture cry Save  
How does the crea - ture say Thanks  
How does the crea - ture say Life

5 God of the neighbor  
God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace

6 God of the ages  
God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Music: ROEDER, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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## OFFERTORY

(Sunday) *Wade in the Water*

African-American

## OFFERING RESPONSE

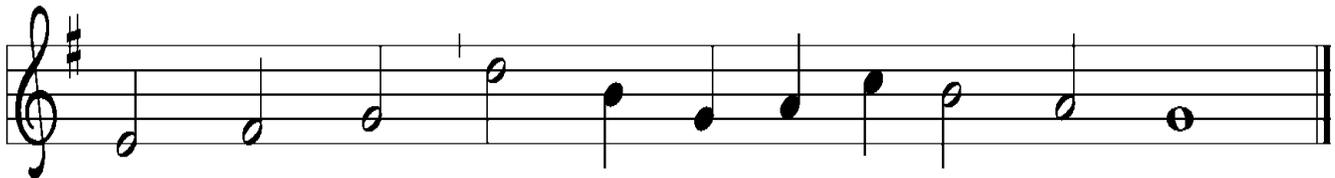
### Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all



crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Give us grateful hearts, O God, for all that you have bestowed upon us, though undeserving. Bless these token gifts that we offer back to you, in service to a world that is broken, unequal, and crying out for justice. Use us in your mission and make us true servants of your Son, in whose name we pray.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE INTERCESSION**

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Even in the most forsaken of places, O God, you can find something worth redeeming. Give us your eyes to seek out what is good, true, and just, and to expand it for the sake of the love which brought us to be. Lord, In Your Mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

All people, all creatures, all growing things are precious to you, who breathed your Spirit and poured your living waters over the earth. Cultivate within us that same respect, and make us champions for the downtrodden and disadvantaged, for the abused and mistreated, for the exploited and misused of your beloved creation. Lord, In Your Mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We are often so certain that we know who is evil and who is good, who is worthy of saving and who is not. Give us humility to acknowledge that we—like everyone else—are neither fully righteous nor fully depraved. Give us courage to correct ourselves when we are found in error, and may we leave the task of judgment to your own infinite wisdom. Lord, In Your Mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

The evil that we do—and that we wish upon others—is a plague on our bodies and a stain on our souls. Visit us with your healing mercy—the kind which frees us from ourselves and opens us up to love again. We bring before you all your children who are in need this day, *especially* Scott, Chris, Dorothy, Pat, Gert, Scott, Noah, Sharon, Jennifer, Randy, Lloyd, Ellen, Jack, Sally, and Sandy. Lord, In Your Mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Make of us one great human family—both on earth and in your everlasting fellowship. Make us mindful of your servant, Noah, and give us his obedience that we might also share in his blessings. Lord, in Your Mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

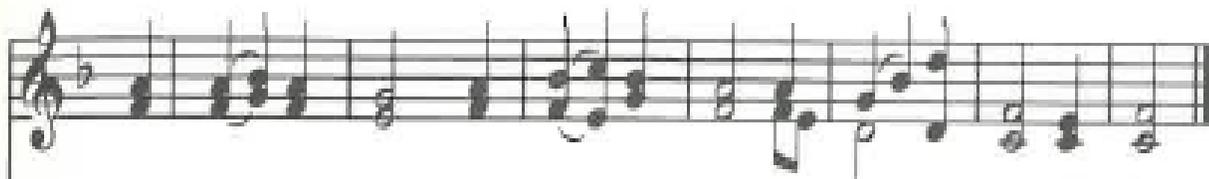
You hold all creation in your hands, O Lord. Hold these our prayers, and the unspoken desires of our hearts, together with your grand vision for the world. Make us part of the solution. In Christ we pray.

**Amen.**

## The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young



1. The care the ea - gle gives her young, safe in her loft - y nest  
2. As when the time to ven - ture comes, she stirs them out to flight,  
3. And if we flut - ter help - less - ly, as fledg - ling ea - gles fall,



is like the ten - der love of God for us made man - i - fest.  
so we are pressed to bold - ly try, to strive for dar - ing height.  
be - neath us lift God's might - y wings to bear us, one and all.

### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

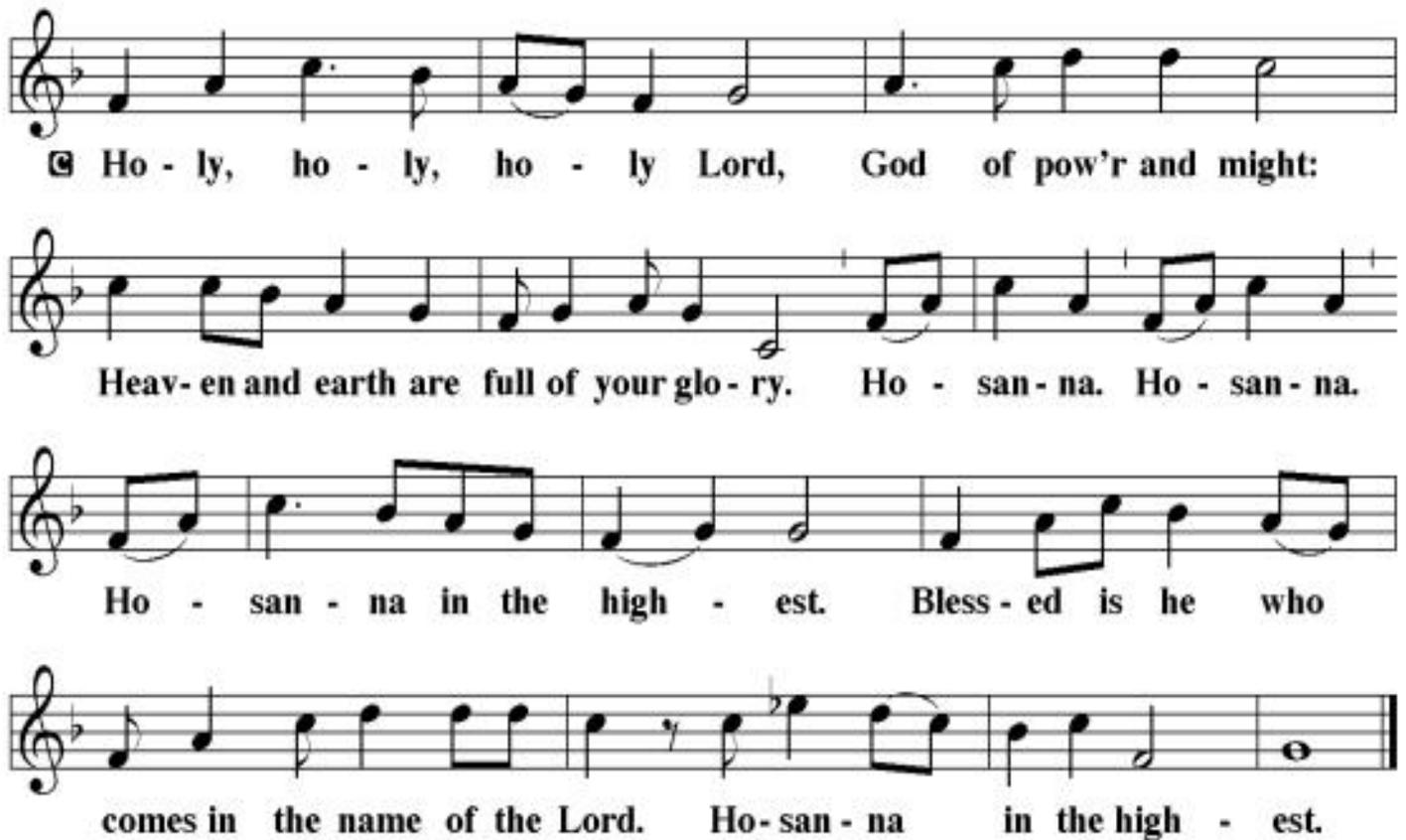
**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

### ↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

### WORD'S OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

### LORD'S PRAYER

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

Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

**Amen.**

### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

*(Sunday) Whatever God Ordains is Good*

Johann G. Walther

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy and compassionate God,  
in bread and wine you give us gifts  
that form us to be humble and courageous.  
May your words come to life  
in our serving and in our witness,  
that we might speak a living voice  
of healing and justice to all the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

**Amen.**

### **↑BLESSING**

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;  
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;  
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:  
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING OF COMMUNION**

*Communion ministers are sent to take the sacrament to those who are absent or homebound.*

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care:  
As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread,  
assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament  
with those who are *sick or homebound*.

In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

↑ **SENDING SONG**

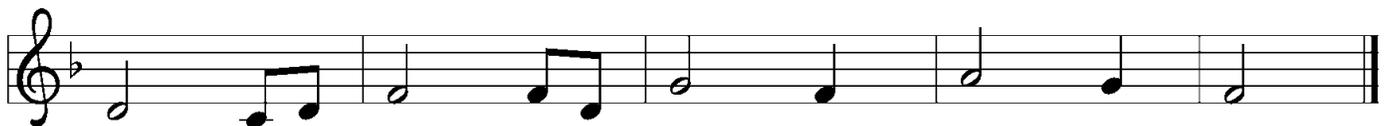
**Creating God, Your Fingers Trace**



1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -  
 2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries  
 3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -  
 4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly



signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and  
 known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with  
 spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a  
 with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by



light and what lies hid - den praise your might.  
 air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.  
 dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.  
 grace un - til we praise you face to face.

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 Music: PROSPECT, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835  
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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*(Sunday) My Hope is Built*

William Bradbury

## **Ministering this Weekend**

Pastor: Rev. Jeffrey G. Mikyska

Deaconess: Andrea Delaney

Organist (Sun): Michael Fetzer

Musician (Sat): Ellen Lawrence

Assisting Minister: Pam Williams

Reader: Doug Riebock

Ushers (Sat.): Wally Allen

(Sun): Doug & Jan Riebock, Noel Borows

Communion Assistants: Angie Schaefer, Julia Schaefer, Kris Benson

Radio Announcer: Bruce Cook

Greeter: Kris Benson

Coffee Hour: The Delaney Family

## **Special Offerings**

Altar Flowers, Worship folders, wine, 7-day candle: Mark & Andrea Delaney  
in honor of their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary