

HOLY COMMUNION
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021

8:00 am and 9:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: *Come Thou Almighty King*

Moore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

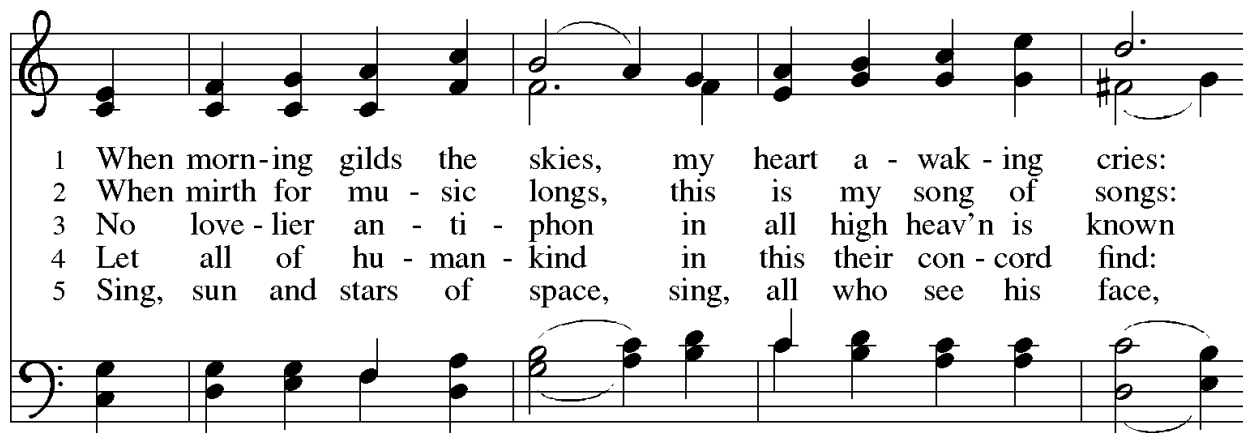
GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

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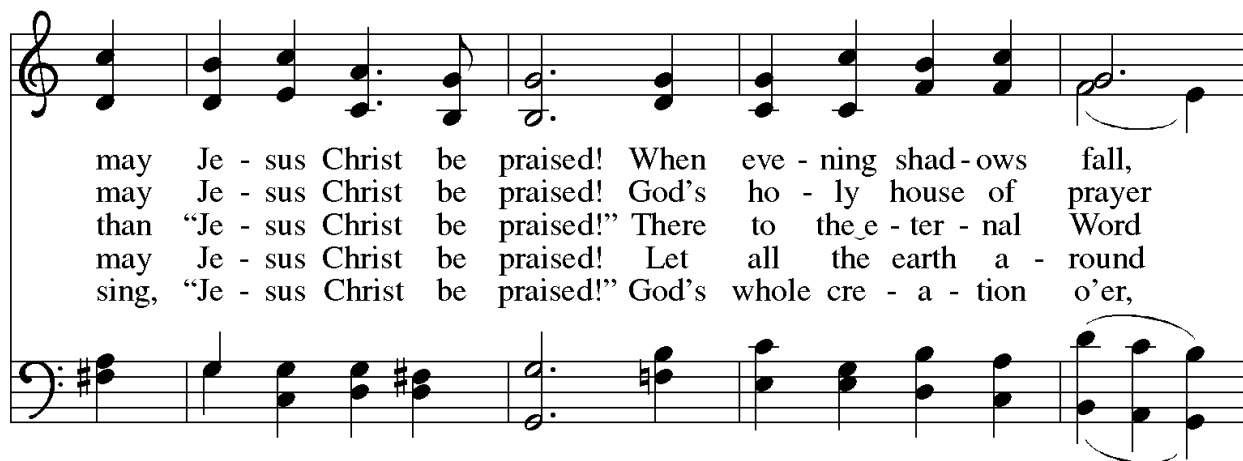
HYMN: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

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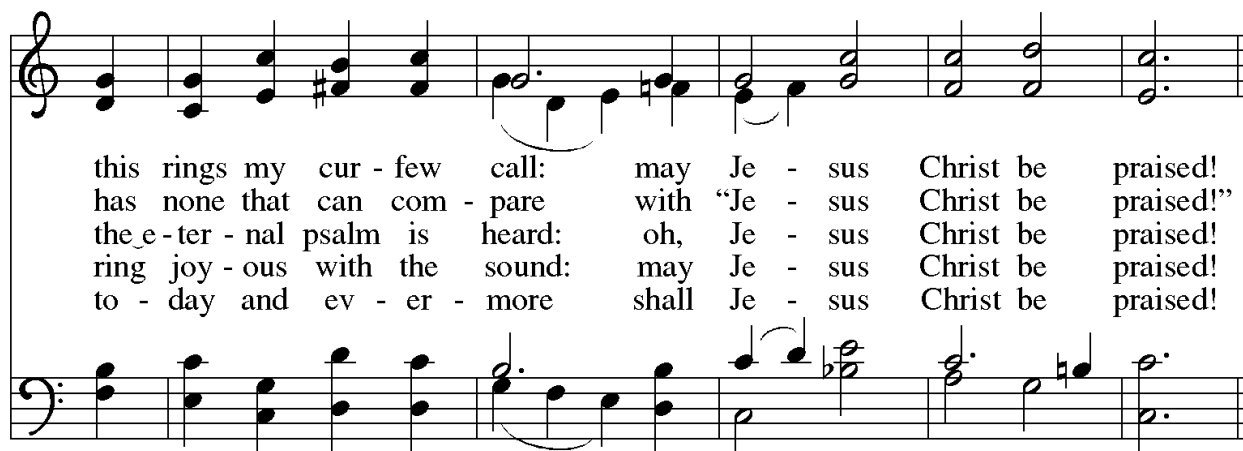
When Morning Gilds the Skies



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
 4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
 5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

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.

Kneel/Stand

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**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.**

**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** In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Stand

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.

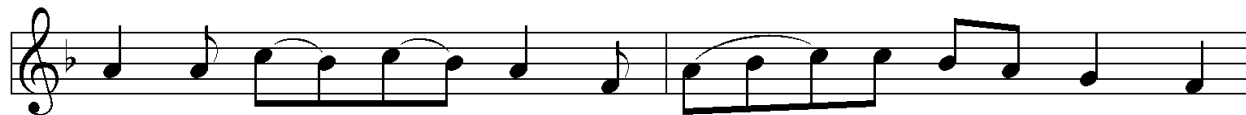
HYMN OF PRAISE (GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO)



A Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav'n - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther: We wor - ship



you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



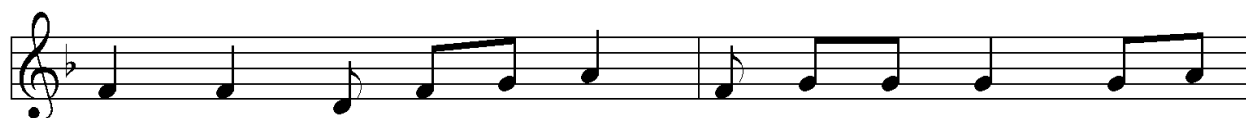
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, O Lord God,



Lamb of God: You take a - way the sin of the world; have



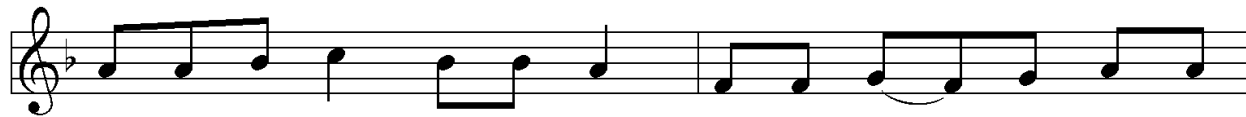
mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the



Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone



are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
God of all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your Son Jesus Christ as Lord.

G Amen.

Sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

In the Near East, covenant means “agreement” or “alliance.” It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.

A A reading from Joshua.

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Later service only:

PSALM 34:15-22 *(The congregation's verses are in bold face type.)*

- ¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are up- | on the righteous,
and his ears are open | to their cry.
- ¹⁶**The face of the LORD is against those | who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them | from the earth.**
- ¹⁷The righteous cry, and | the LORD hears them
and delivers them from | all their troubles.
- ¹⁸**The LORD is near to the | brokenhearted
and will save those whose spir- | its are crushed.**
- ¹⁹Many are the troubles | of the righteous,
but the LORD will deliver him out | of them all.
- ²⁰**He will keep safe | all his bones;
not one of them | shall be broken.**
- ²¹Evil shall | slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous | will be punished.
- ²²**The LORD ransoms the life | of his servants,
and none will be punished who | trust in him.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.

A A reading from Ephesians.

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end

keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation, Verse, and repeats the Alleluia.

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

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one flat). The first staff is a vocal line with lyrics 'Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff is a piano accompaniment with lyrics 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.' The third staff is another vocal line with lyrics 'Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'

GOSPEL

John 6:56-69

The “hard saying” that offends Jesus’ disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: “To whom shall we go?”

P The holy gospel according to John.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about

it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

- P** The gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit
SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand
Later service only:

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Come, Thou Almighty King*
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Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be

help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
 hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
 ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.

APOSTLES CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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 into hell.
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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, for the newly
baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our
growth in grace.

Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase
of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and
among peoples.

Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts...
Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones.
Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

The Offering will be collected in the Narthex as you leave the church.

OFFERTORY

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

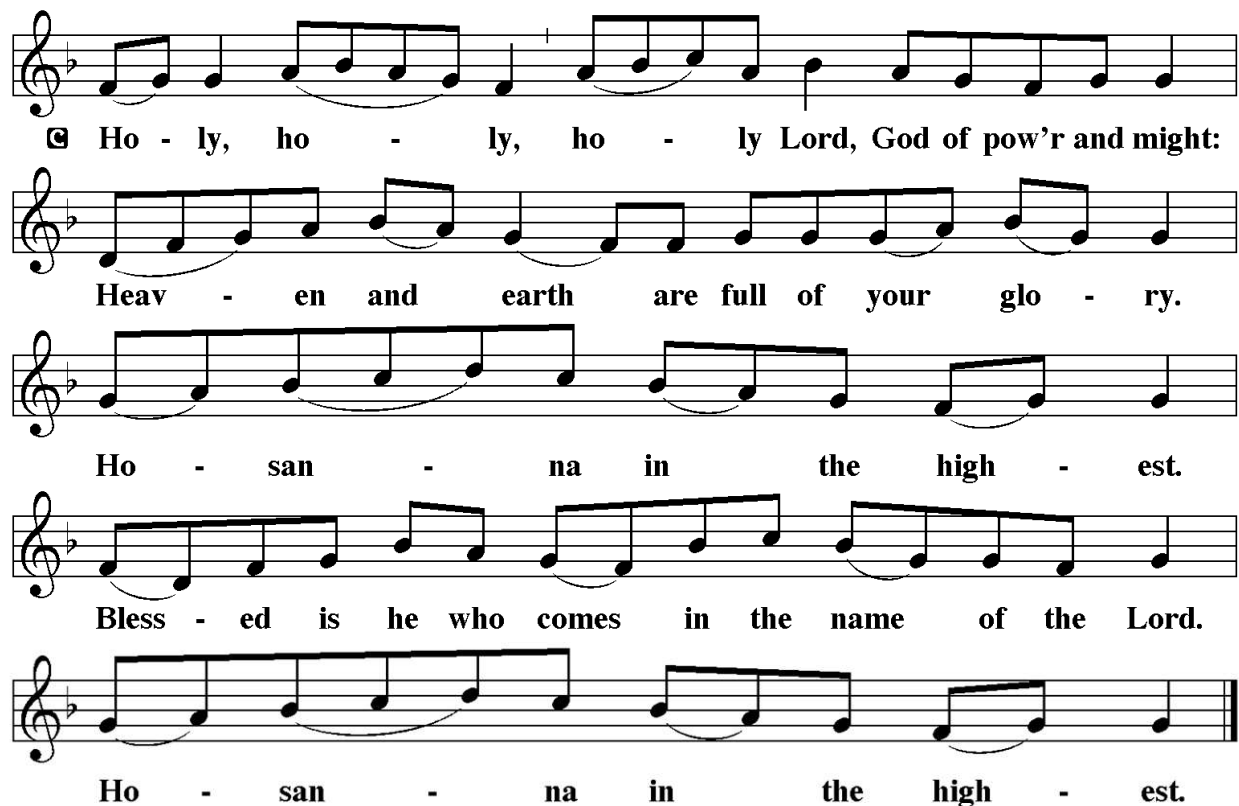
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:

☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.
 ☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.
 ☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 ☑ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly sings the SANCTUS:



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 in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

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.

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 Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

C **Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

Sit

COMMUNION

When giving the bread, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you. *and each person may respond*

☒ Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are “truly and substantially” present “in, with, and under” the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing. At the direction of the ushers, approach the communion station, receive the host in your palm, move to the side and place the host in your mouth, and return to your seat.

Music during Communion:

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

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. A - men

Stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

- P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C** Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A** Let us pray.
We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you
and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING (BENEDICTION)



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.

♩ A - men, A - men, A - men.

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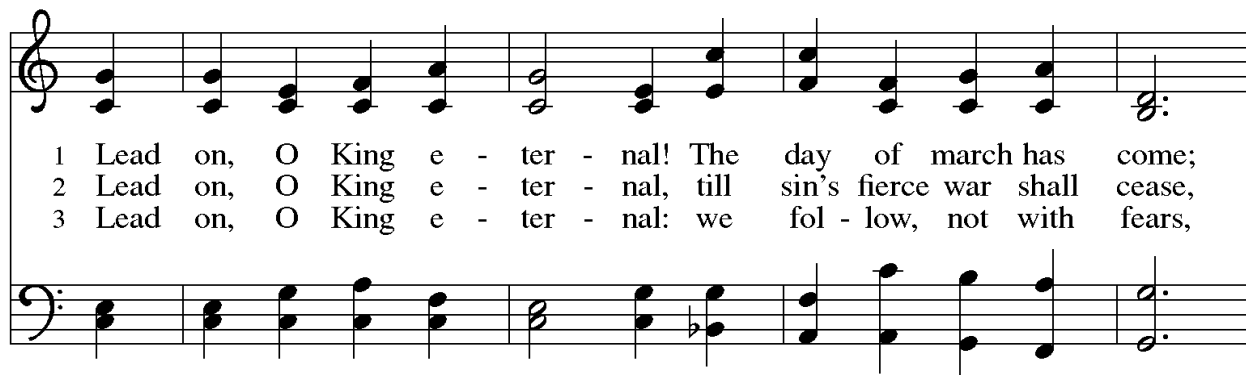
♩ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

♩ Thanks be to God.

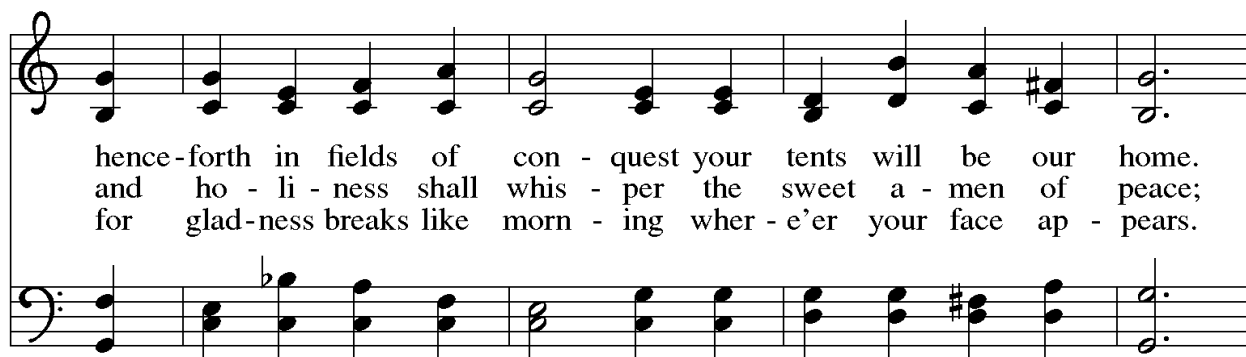
HYMN: *Lead On, O King Eternal*

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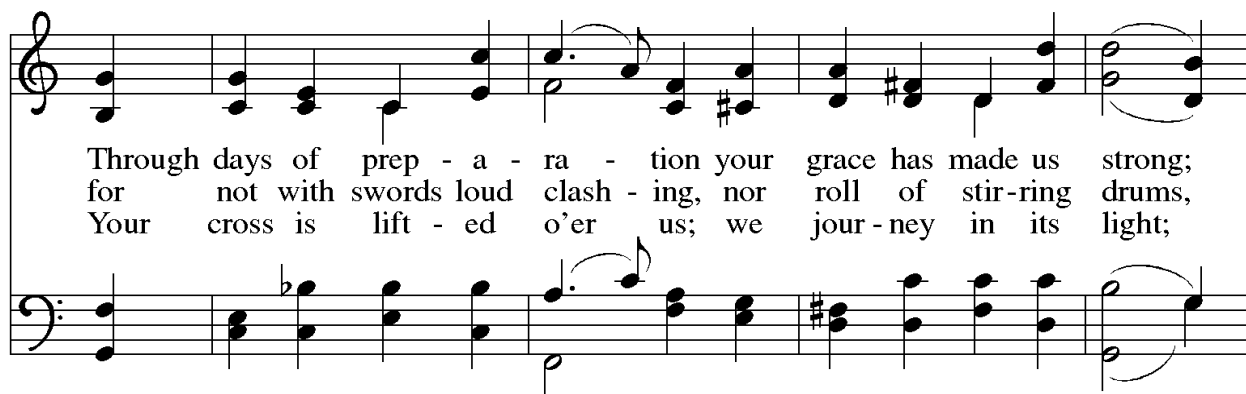
Lead On, O King Eternal!



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: *Lead On, O King Eternal*

Callahan



The Time of the Church is the season after Pentecost, beginning with The Holy Trinity and ending with Christ the King. These weeks focus on Christ's ministry and teaching.

On Sundays for which the color is green, it is appropriate to omit either the Kyrie or the Hymn of Praise, reserving both together for festival seasons.

The liturgical color green, symbolic of growth, is used for the season after Epiphany and after Pentecost.



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Worship Assistants

Vestry Greeters: Janet Stokes, Sherry Jessee and Shane Elison

Ushers: Dick Allebach, Scott Halteman, and Mike Taylor

Lectors: 8:00 am: Laurie Mueller 10:30 am: Sonya Sowards

Altar Guild: Mike Van Blaricum

Offering Tabulation: Janet Stokes, Sherry Jessee and Shane Elison

Video Production: Jim Lien, Jeannie Funk, or Jonathan Mueller.

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar in the Brick Church Nave are given to the glory of God by Anita Halteman in loving memory of husband, Galen

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar in the Old Church Nave are given to the glory of God by Sally Sweeney in memory of her mother, Virginia L. Weicheld, and Debra Augustine in loving memory of her son, Samuel Carlos Augustine.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Jim and Sally Lorah for all the blessings in our 64 years of marriage.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gallagher in loving memory of brother-in-law Charles Sharkus.

Is God calling you to serve in children's ministry? We are looking for teachers and assistant teachers to join us as we re-gather IN PERSON on September 12th. Your commitment can be for every Sunday or occasional Sundays and we need both adults and teens to help guide our children. Teaching experience is helpful but not necessary—the only requirement is a love for children and a desire to support them in their faith development and help grow our future church. Adults over 18 will need clearances, which are easily obtained but the process should be started by mid-August. Please contact Sonya Sowards at education@augustrappe.org or call/text (904) 476-4409. Help us start Sunday school off with a bang this year!

Altar Guild Help Wanted: Altar Guild members attend to the altar on Sundays. They change the paraments, prepare Holy Communion, place the flowers, and a host of other small jobs that are so important to our weekly worship. No experience required! We'll train you! Contact Deb Scholl at Schollde@aol.com.

Green Thumb Volunteers Needed: We are very proud of the Augustus campus and would like visitors to be left with a feeling that we really care how it looks. As a result, the Property Committee is looking for a few individuals to maintain/weed various areas around the campus such as the Mother's Day Garden, the Bubeck memorial and the gardens around the Old Church throughout the summer months. If you have any interest please contact Pat O'Hara (qadirector5@aol.com) or Gary Wessner (gtwess@comcast.net). Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Daily Bread Community Food Pantry will be collecting school supplies and backpacks for the children of our clients. Our biggest needs this year include:

- small backpacks with cartoon characters, Disney or similar
- medium and especially large backpacks
- 24 count packs of crayons
- Fiskar children's scissors
- boxes of 24 colored pencils
- plastic pencil boxes
- pencil cases with 3 holes for binders
- composition books
- red pens
- packs of 3x5 index cards
- packs of dividers for binders
- 1" three-ring binders
- folders with prongs
- loose leaf filler paper
- black dry erase markers
- packs of dry erase markers containing 4 different colors
- highlighters of any color
- mechanical pencils
- Sharpie markers
- small pencil sharpeners
- packs of Post-It notes
- flash drives.

We will be distributing school supplies at the food pantry throughout the month of August and will gladly accept donations through mid-August. All donations can be delivered to the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry. There is someone there to receive donations Monday through Friday from 9 A.M. until Noon. You can also drop off school supplies at any time in the beige bin near the garage doors on the side of the food pantry. Thank you so very much for your dedicated and generous support of this project! We sincerely appreciate it!

CUB SCOUT/BOY SCOUT CHARTERED ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE (COR)

The Vestry of Augustus Lutheran is looking for someone over the age of 18 to be a liaison between the Scouts and the Church. Augustus Lutheran is the sponsor for Troop/Pack 87. The responsibilities are as follows:

1. Sign forms when needed. This pertains to any leader applications, Pack & Troop Charters, etc.
2. Communicate with Pastor and/or the Vestry when there are questions or issues.
3. Attend committee and district meetings a couple of times throughout the year.
4. Work with Vestry / Pack / Troop regarding clearances and keys.

If you are interested, please contact Gary Wessner, gtwess@comcast.net. The COR must be a member of the Sponsors organization (Augustus Lutheran Church). Being a past member of the Scouts is not a prerequisite for this position.