

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 16, 2023**

**8:00 am and 9:30 am**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PRELUDE:** *Sicilienne*

Archer

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

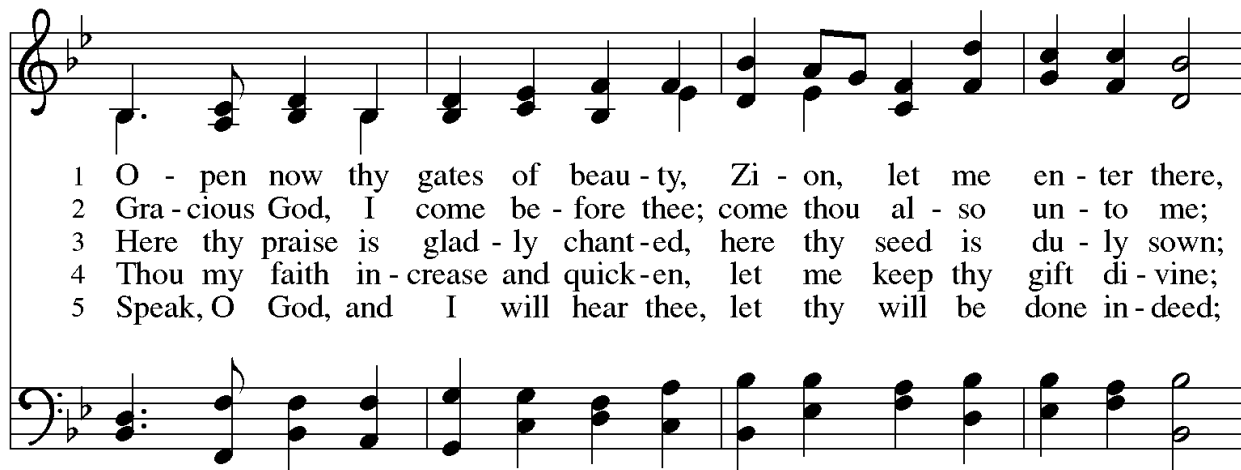
**GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)**

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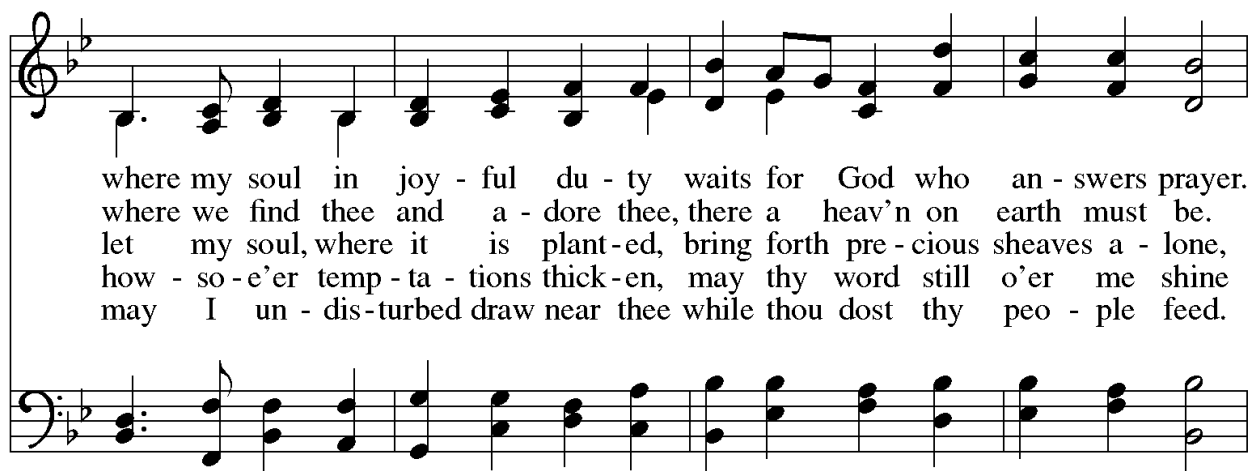
**HYMN:** *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

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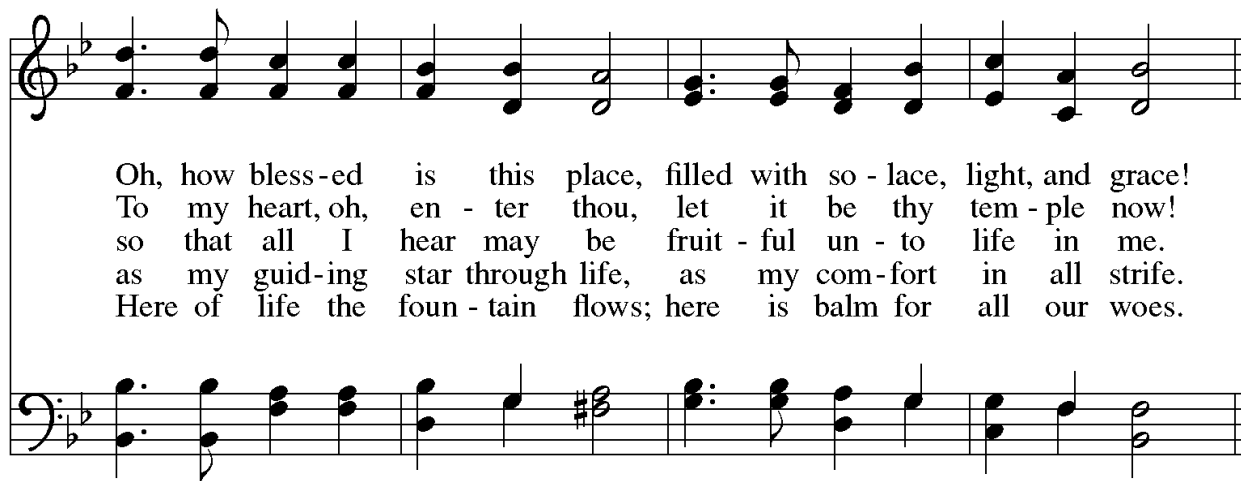
# Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;  
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;  
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thic - ken, may thy word still o'er me shine  
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.  
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

## 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.

## KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## PRAYER FOR OUR SERVANT TRIP PARTICIPANTS

*Sit*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

*God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.*

**A** A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Later service only:*

**PSALM 65:9-13** *(The congregation's verses are in bold face type.)*

<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it<sup>1</sup> very plenteous;  
the river of God is<sup>1</sup> full of water.

<sup>10</sup>**You pre-<sup>1</sup>pare the grain,  
for so you provide<sup>1</sup> for the earth.**

<sup>11</sup>You drench the furrows and smooth<sup>1</sup> out the ridges;  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and<sup>1</sup> bless its increase.

<sup>12</sup>**You crown the year<sup>1</sup> with your goodness,  
and your paths over-<sup>1</sup>flow with plenty.**

<sup>13</sup>May the fields of the wilderness be<sup>1</sup> rich for grazing,  
and the hills be<sup>1</sup> clothed with joy.

<sup>14</sup>**May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak  
them-<sup>1</sup>selves with grain;  
let them shout for<sup>1</sup> joy and sing.**

## SECOND READING

Romans 8:1-11

*There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its death-dealing ways. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.*

**A** A reading from Romans.

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

<sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead

dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**Stand**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

*In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.*

**P** The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!"



<sup>18</sup>“Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

*Sit*  
**SERMON**

Pastor Kochenderfer

*Stand*  
*Later service only:*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *We Plough the Fields and Scatter*  
*Printed on the next page.*

## We Plow the Fields and Scatter

1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,  
 2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.  
 3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,  
 You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.  
 the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.

who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
 The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;  
 No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.  
 much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.  
 but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

*Refrain*

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.

We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

*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.

## PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

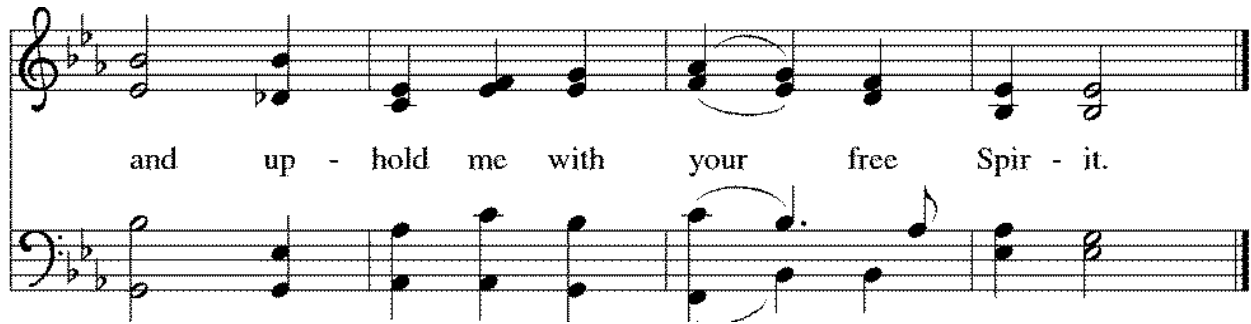
*Worshippers do not greet one another. The service continues with the Offertory.*

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.

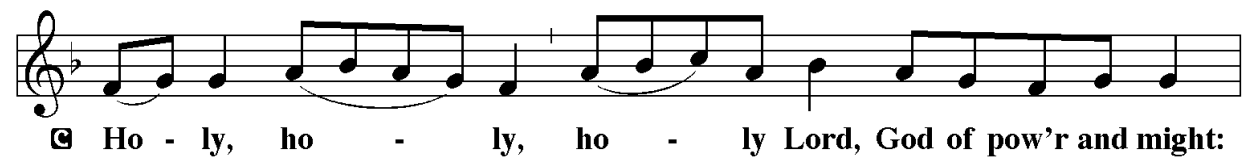


☑ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

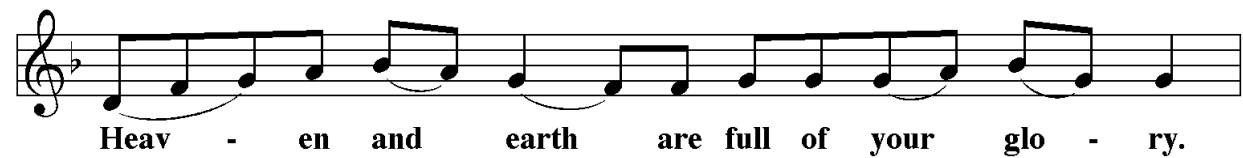
*The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:*

☐ 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 and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.      The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond*

**R** 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.*

Music during Communion:

**LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)**

**L**amb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
**L**amb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
**L**amb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men

**ANTHEM:** *In Paradisum*

Faure

Alanna Jessee, soloist

**Stand**

**BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

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



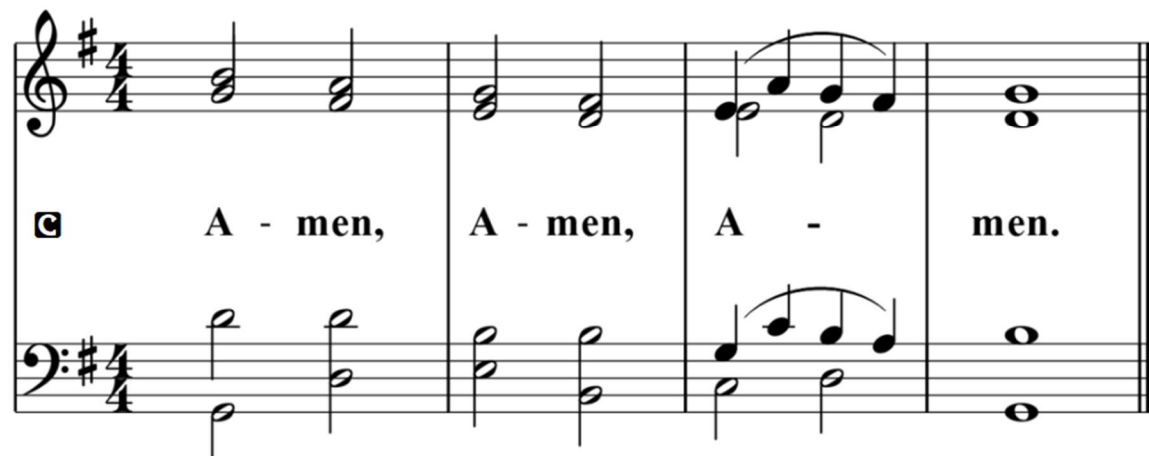
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.



The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.



The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



**C** A - men, A - men, A - men.

**DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN:** *On What Has Now Been Sown*

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# On What Has Now Been Sown

1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the  
2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -  
3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may

pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in  
cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,  
meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low

grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!  
Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.  
you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

## OFFERING

*The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.*

**POSTLUDE:** *Festival Finale*

Archer



**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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9:30 am: Mike Van Blaricum

Offering Tabulation: Jennifer Wentworth, Brian O'Hara, and Chilly Lyaro

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God by Lewis Christy in loving memory of Julie A. Christy.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Dick Althouse in loving memory of wife, Eilene Althouse.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lilienthal in memory of loved ones.

The Flowers in the Old Trappe Church are given to the glory of God by Sally Sweeney in memory of her parents Richard and Virginia Weicheld and by Debra Augustine, in memory of her son Samuel Carlos Augustine.

**The Daily Bread Food Pantry is collecting school supplies and backpacks** for the children of their clients. Last year they distributed back packs and school supplies to 303 children. The items needed are listed below:

- 78 Large Backpacks (distributed to 9th through 12th grade)
- 85 Medium Backpacks (distributed to 5th through 8th grade)
- 85 Small Backpacks (distributed to Kindergarten through 4th grade)
- 30 Plastic pencil boxes (distributed to Kindergarten through 4th grade)
- 53 Pencil cases for binders (distributed to 5th through 12th grade)
- 72 Packs of Dividers for binders
- 54 1" three-ring binders
- 85 pairs of Fiskar (elementary age) scissors
- 12 packs of 3x5 lined index cards
- 40 block erasers (large, usually pink) for elementary age
- 6 rulers
- 300 Flash drives

Please drop your donations in the Food Pantry Donations basket in the Muhlenberg Center. We will get them to the food pantry. Help our neighbors in need!



**SENIOR YOUTH GROUP  
MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS**

Ethan DePaul	Sam Dogonniuck
Lauren Fishell	Nick Fritzing
Dylan Funk	David Judisch
Nathan Kerr	Thomas Lyaro
Elizabeth Wentworth	

Adults:

Chris Dogonniuck  
Elimchili Lyaro

The Senior Youth Group ended the 2022/23 year by taking a trip to Hershey Park. We had 22 people attend the trip and a great time was had by all. We only had one senior this year and we'd like to thank Liz Wentworth for all she's done the last 4 years. We wish her the best in all her future endeavors.

The SYG looks forward to our annual mission trip to Camden, NY, which will take place from July 23 through July 29<sup>th</sup>. We have 9 youth attending this year. Please keep the youth and leaders in your prayers.

Thanks again for all the support you give our group throughout the year. It's very much appreciated. Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

If anyone is interested in becoming a leader in the SYG, contact one of the current leaders. New people bring new ideas and that is always appreciated.

If you are in need of work or you know someone that is, please let us know. The three churches that make up the One Dream Mission Team would like to help where we can. Please contact any of the leaders or contact the office with a message.