

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 4, 2022**

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

**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PRELUDE:** *Meditation on "How Great Thou Art"*

Linker

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

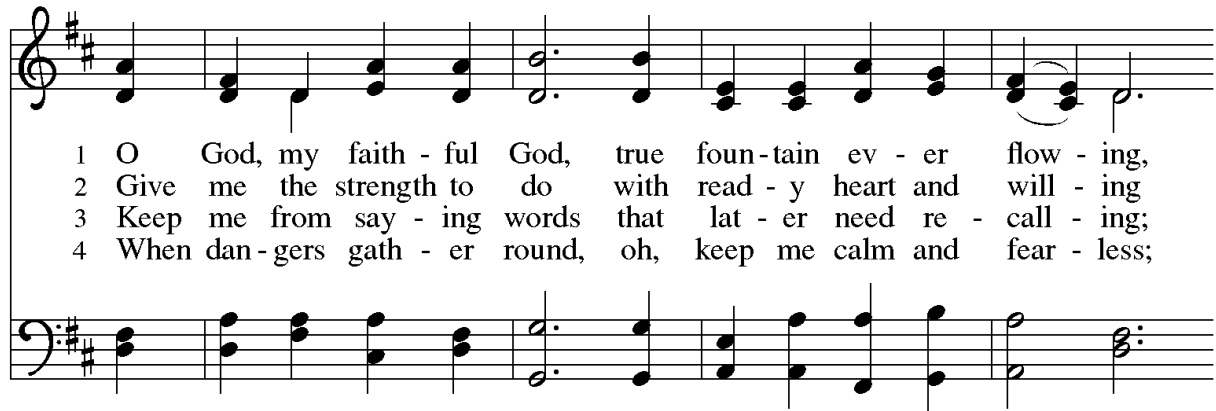
**GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)**

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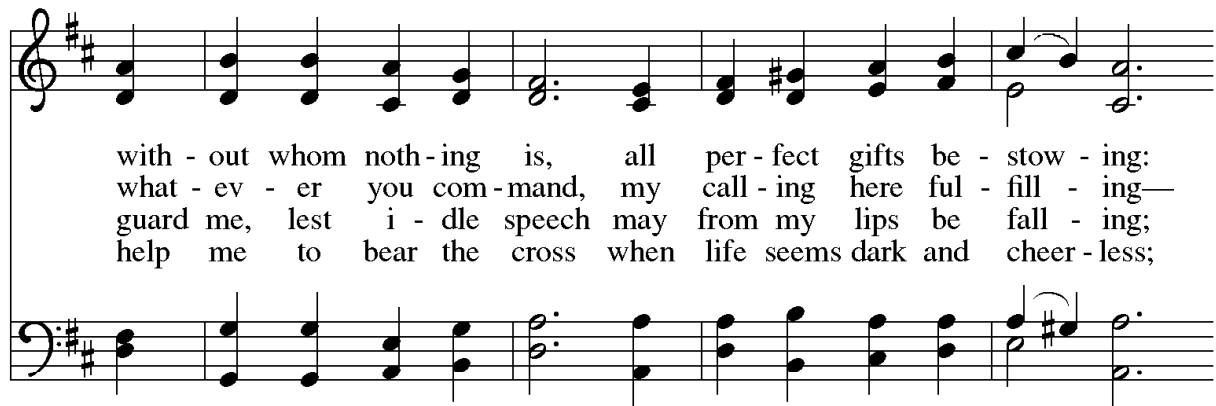
**HYMN:** *O God, My Faithful God*

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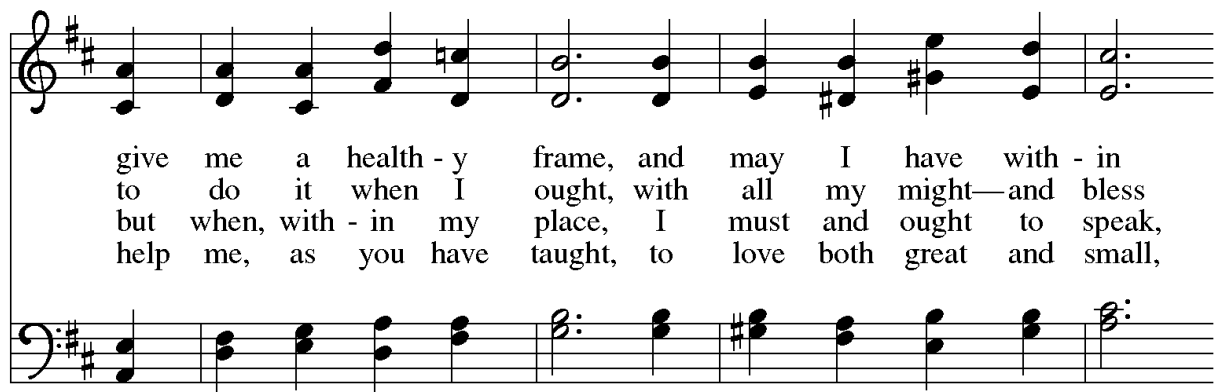
# O God, My Faithful God



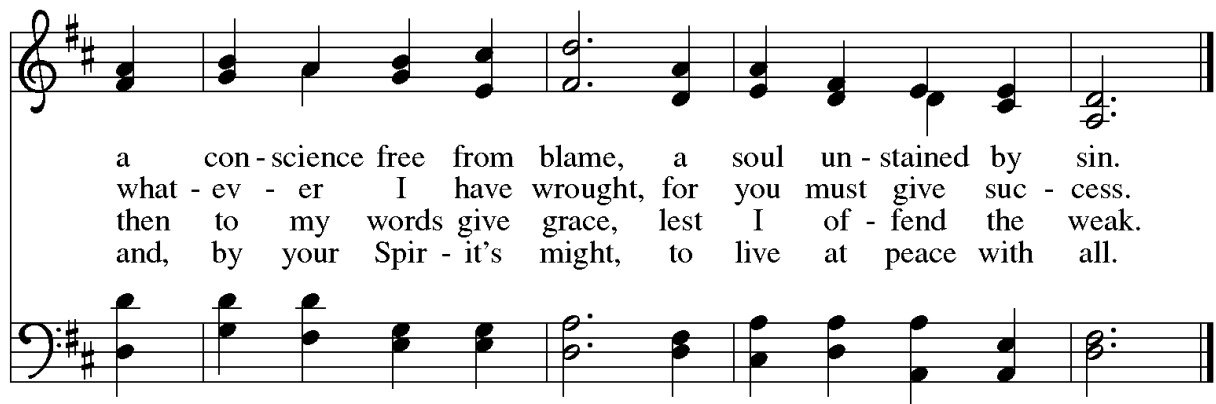
1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,  
2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing  
3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;  
4 When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:  
what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—  
guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;  
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in  
to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless  
but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,  
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.  
what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.  
then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.  
and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

## 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** Glory be to God on high!
- C** And on earth peace, good will toward all.  
We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,  
we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father:  
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.

For you are holy;  
you only are the Lord;  
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

*Sit*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

*Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the LORD; or choose death by following other gods.*

- A** A reading from Deuteronomy.  
<sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

- A** The word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

*Later service only:*

**PSALM 1** (*The congregation's verses are in bold face type.*)

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel <sup>1</sup> of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats <sup>1</sup> of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
and they meditate on his law <sup>1</sup> day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with  
leaves that <sup>1</sup> do not wither;  
everything they <sup>1</sup> do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so <sup>1</sup> with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind <sup>1</sup> blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when <sup>1</sup> judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council <sup>1</sup> of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way <sup>1</sup> of the righteous,  
but the way of the wick- <sup>1</sup> ed is doomed.**

## SECOND READING

Philemon 1- 21

*While Paul was in prison, he was aided by Onesimus, a man who had run away from Philemon, a slaveowner and a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to Philemon and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.*

**A** A reading from Philemon.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

<sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him

with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.

<sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.

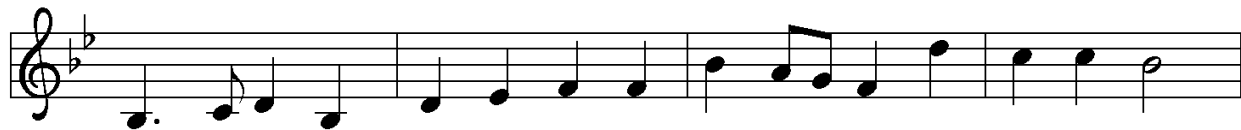
<sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** 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

Luke 14:25-33

*Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.*

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

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

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them,  
<sup>26</sup>“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children,  
brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever  
does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you,  
intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see  
whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation  
and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This  
fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to  
wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is  
able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty  
thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a  
delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become  
my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

- ☐ The gospel of the Lord.
- ☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

*Sit*

SERMON

Pastor Weleck

*Stand*

*Later service only:*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Take My Life, That I May Be*  
*Printed on the next page.*



# Take My Life, That I May Be

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four verses, and the second system contains the next four verses. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass accompaniment.

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

*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

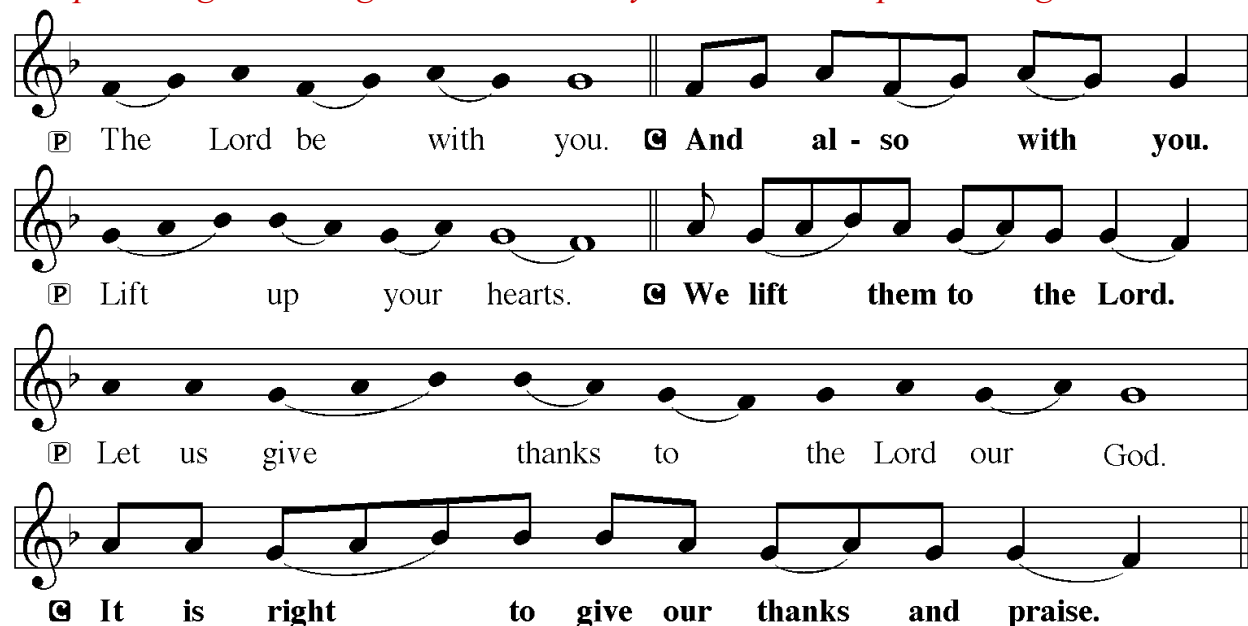
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

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:*



**P** The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.

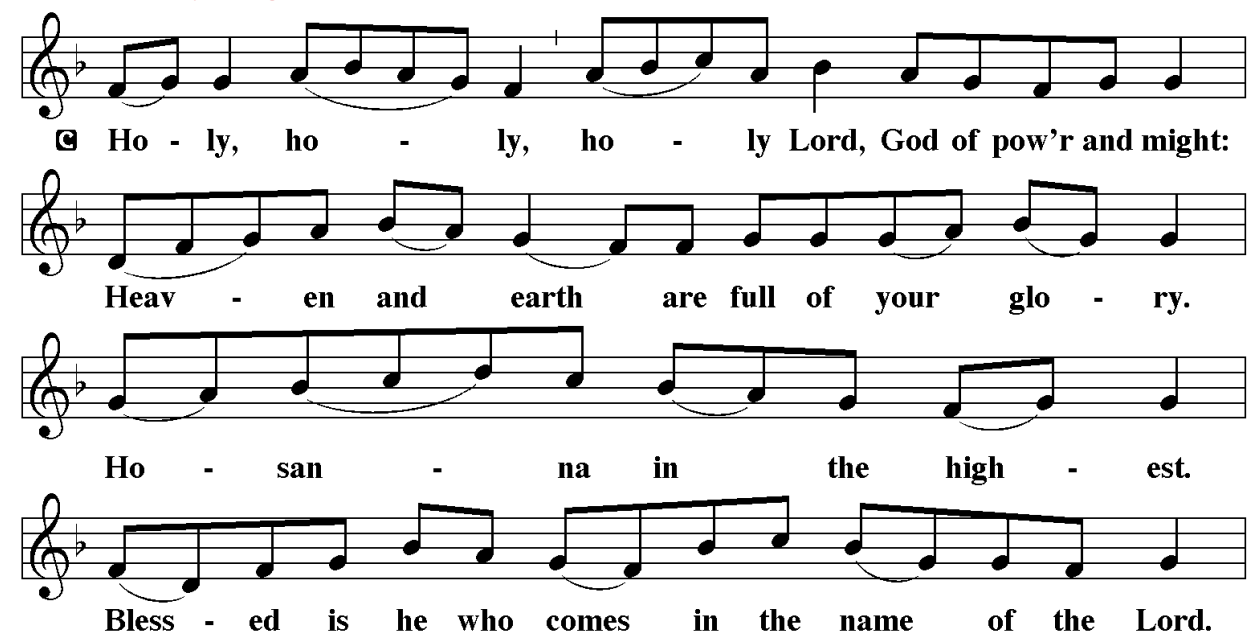
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**G** 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:*

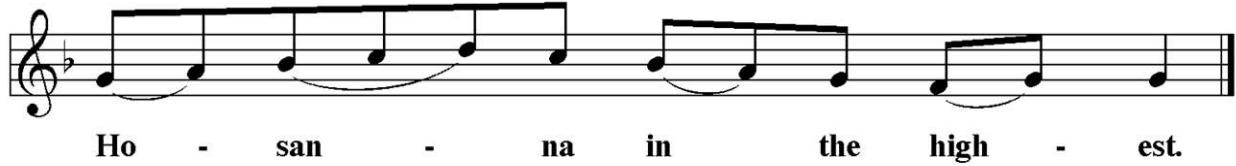


**G** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

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.



*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)

**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. A - men

**ANTHEM:** *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*  
Jamie Roach, Soloist

arr. Hogan

***Stand***

**BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

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

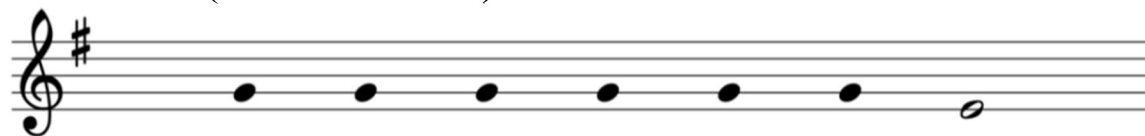
**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

- 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.

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

DISMISSAL

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN:** *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*  
*Printed on the next page.*

## Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!  
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;  
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;  
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;

Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.  
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.  
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

### OFFERING

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

**POSTLUDE:** *Trumpet tune on "How Great Thou Art"*

Linker



**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

Ushers: Mike Taylor, Scott Halteman, and Dick Allebach

Lectors: 8:00 am: Laurie Mueller      9:30 am: Sonya Sowards

Altar Guild: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine      9:30 am: Becky Quirk

Offering Tabulation: Debra Augustine, Brian O'Hara, and Chilly Lyaro

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

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God by Richard and Lois Robinson in honor of daughter, Kathryn Anne Robinson's birthday.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by the Menendez family in remembrance of their dear friend Kathy Lentini.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Brooke Gabel and family in loving memory of Amy Hall.

### **Ready to get back to Church?**

**Mark your calendars now for our September program year start!**

Adult Vocal Choir has begun! If you're a tuneful singer, come join us! Contact Laurie Mueller for more info at [music@augustrappe.org](mailto:music@augustrappe.org).

Sunday School starts at 9:00 am on September 11<sup>th</sup> with a Sunday School Breakfast where we'll get to know each other, sing a little, and generally get this party started!

We return to our regular worship times on September 11<sup>th</sup> as well: 8:00 am and 10:30 am. On the 11<sup>th</sup>, both services will be in the Old Trappe Church.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Class Orientation will take place on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. New and returning students and one parent per student are required to attend this meeting. Bring your calendar! Questions? Contact Sonya Sowards at [education@augustrappe.org](mailto:education@augustrappe.org).

Bell Choir begins on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Contact Laurie Mueller for more information: [music@augustrappe.org](mailto:music@augustrappe.org).

Adult Bible Study begins at 9:00 am on September 18<sup>th</sup> in the church library. Join this dedicated group of folks led by Pr. Howard Kriebel. Coffee available!

Rally Day starts with church returning to the Brick Church Nave on September 18<sup>th</sup>. During both services, we'll hear from our youth about summer activities, and at the 10:30 service, we begin our Children's Sermons for the year with a song. After the 10:30 service, the Sr. High Youth Group will provide our annual picnic. Bring a blanket or some chairs to hang out with your church family!

**Pastor Fluck** recently turned 90 years old! He has been very generous to Augustus over many years, and we would like to honor him by raising some money for one of his favorite charities in his honor. So please, if you can, help us support **United Lutheran Seminary** in his honor. You can make a check payable to Augustus Lutheran Church and put Pastor Fluck/Seminary on the memo line. We will write one check to the seminary as a gift from his Augustus friends. Please give your gift on or before **October 30**. This is a great way to honor Pastor Fluck and to support our seminary at a time when the church truly needs new pastoral leaders well-trained for ministry. Thank you!

### ***Augustus Book Club Fall Picks***

**September 15** We'll discuss: Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

**October 17** We'll discuss: Glory over Everything by Kathleen Grissom

**November 21** We'll discuss: The Sweetness of Water by [Nathan Harris](#)

All meetings take place in the Vestry Room (near the church office) at 7:00 pm on the "Third Monday" each month. Refreshments always served. You are welcome to join us! Contact Karen McClain 610-489-9625 or [office@augustrappe.org](mailto:office@augustrappe.org) with any questions. Didn't finish the book? No problem! Come anyway!