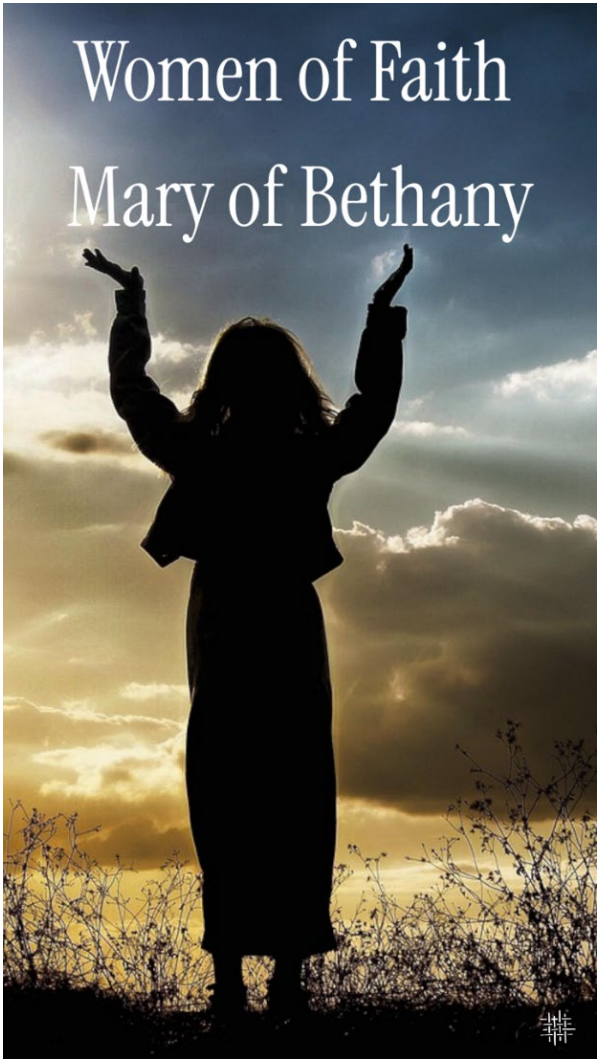


Grace Lutheran Church

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

Welcome to Worship

All Saints Day

November 1, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Liturgical worship with piano

Setting 1

OUR STATEMENT OF MISSION

Grace Lutheran Church is a community of faith, centered in worship, held in grace, strengthened in love, sent forth in mission, in Jesus' name.

Grace Lutheran Church commits to welcoming and celebrating all people; those in the LGBTQIA+ community, Black, Indigenous, People of Color, and their allies.

We commit to the work of anti-racism, liberation, social and environmental justice for all of God's creation. We affirm the sacredness of all people, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

We affirm the sacredness of all those who have experienced exclusion because of race, ability, age, culture, or nationality. We affirm the sacredness of those who wrestle with addiction, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us.

No matter the labels others may place upon you, or the labels you may place upon yourself, here at Grace you will find a home among friends in need of a Savior. You are welcome here.

Welcome! *If this is your first time worshiping at Grace Lutheran, we're glad you are here! You can learn more about our congregation*

- *on our website at www.gracedm.org*
- *by asking a greeter or other members of the congregation*
- *picking up one of our brochures or newsletters from the display in the Entryway.*

Worship Online: *During times when you cannot be with us in person, you can participate in worship on our website or Facebook page at facebook.com/gracelutherandm. You do not need a facebook account to watch.*

We worship together in many ways: Standing, sitting, singing, speaking, listening. You are invited to worship in as many or few ways as you are comfortable and able. ***When following along in the bulletin, the congregation is invited to read the items in bold (often marked with a C:) aloud.***

Children belong and are welcome in worship! *Children's bulletins are available from the ushers, and activity bags are available outside the doors to the sanctuary. If needed, the* ***Kids Corner*** *in the Gathering Hall has puzzles, books, coloring pages and more. This space is intended to offer a place for children to be and play if they need to step out of worship and during fellowship times.*

Communion – We welcome all people to the Lord's table *to receive Holy Communion.*

- *If you are not able to come forward to take communion, please notify an usher before the service. Then try to sit by the aisle and the pastor will commune you in your pew.*
- *Children ages 3 and above are welcome at the parents' discretion, after meeting for instruction with the pastor. Children not instructed are invited to come forward for a blessing*

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Prelude "For All the Saints" arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Welcome

Please rise in body or in spirit
Confession and Forgiveness
L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Holy God,
C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

L: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
C: Amen.

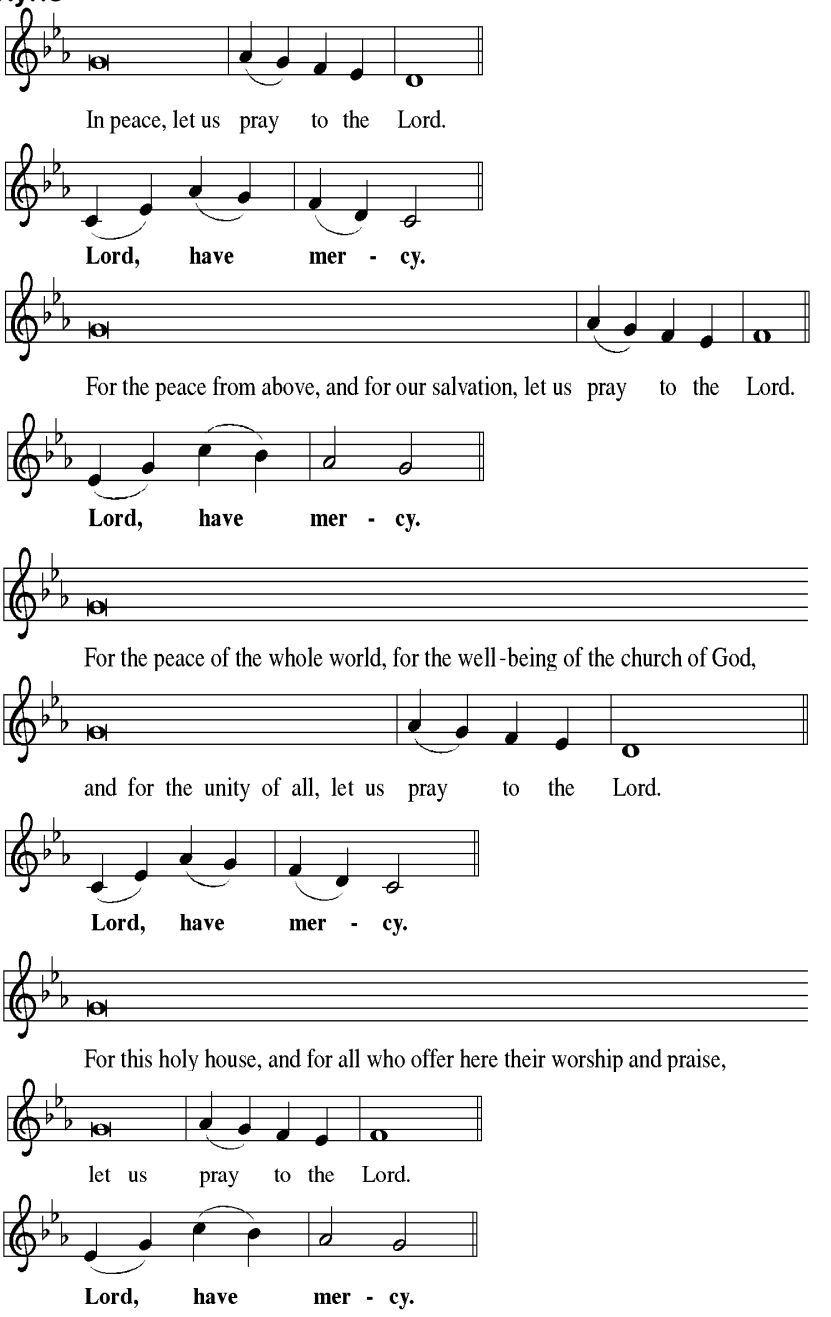
Gathering Hymn "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" ELW #414

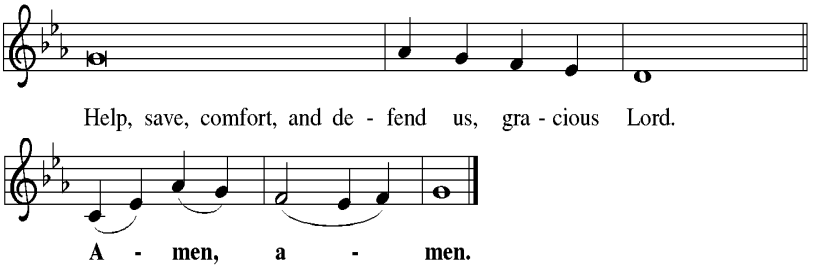
Greeting
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn: *We are a "singing church," so we follow the advice of the apostle Paul to teach and admonish "one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Colossians 3:16).*

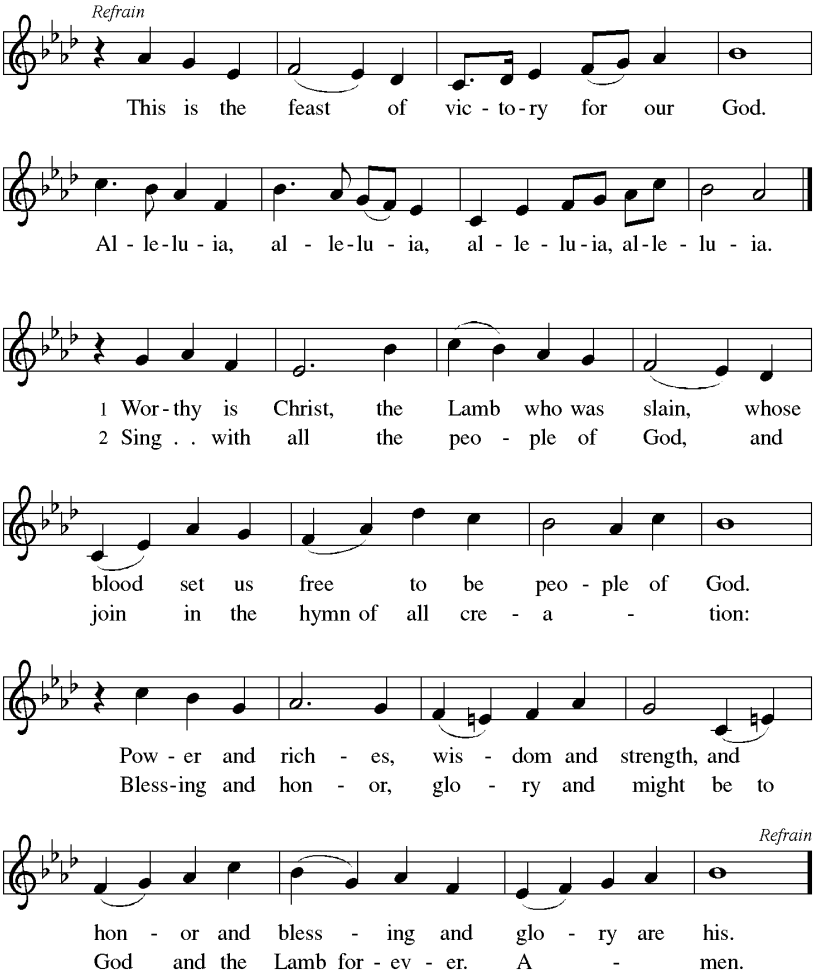
Kyrie: *In Mark 10 we hear of Jesus' journey through Jericho to Jerusalem where he encounters Bartimaeus, a blind man, who hears this is Jesus and shouts, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me." From that time to the present, Jesus' followers have prayed that same prayer to God: "Kyrie Eleison" ("Lord, have mercy"). We are totally dependent upon God, so we pray for mercy in every aspect of life.*

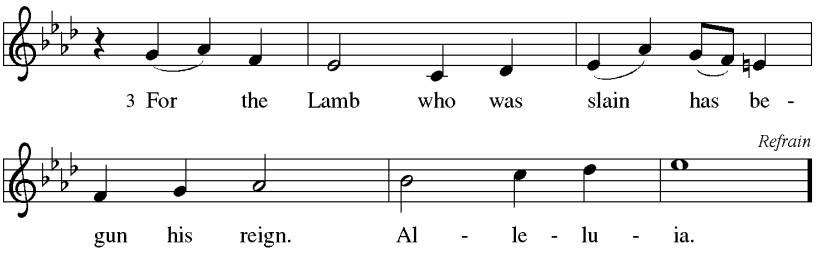
Kyrie





Canticle of Praise





L: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day
L: Let us pray,
C: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated
Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no
one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples
and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb,
robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried
out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is
seated on the throne and to the Lamb!” 11 And all the angels
stood around the throne and around the elders and the four
living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne
and worshiped God, 12 singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and
wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to
our God forever and ever! Amen.”
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are
these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” 14 I said
to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me,
“These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they
have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of

Reading Notes:
The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today’s reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: “Who is able to stand?” The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God’s

the Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship
him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on
the throne will shelter them. 16 They will hunger no more and thirst
no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, 17 for
the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he
will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe
away every tear from their eyes."

L: The Word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God

Anthem "Shepherd of Souls"
Chancel Choir

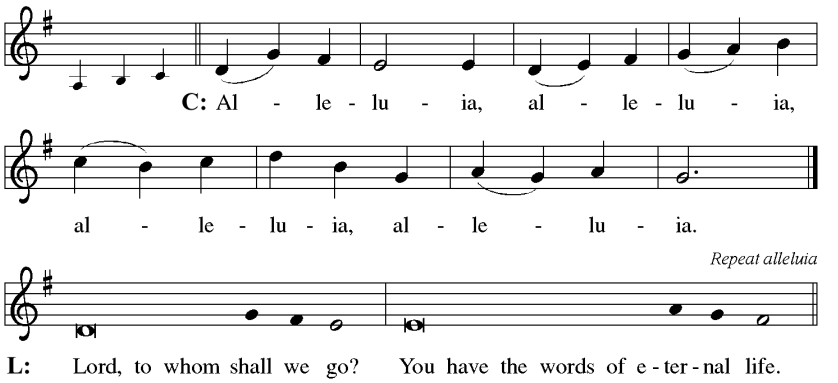
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in
my mouth.
2 **I will glory in the Lord; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt God's
name together.
4 **I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all
my terrors.**
5 Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your faces be
ashamed.
6 **I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me
from all my troubles.**
7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord
and delivers them.
8 **Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take
refuge in God!**
9 Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord
lack nothing.
10 **The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek
the Lord lack nothing that is good.**
22 O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put
their trust in you will not be punished.

Please rise in body or in spirit

protection and a vision of victory.

Gospel: *The Gospel Lesson is a selection from the accounts of the life of our Lord recorded by the four evangelists, St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, and St. John. Because Christ is with us in the Gospel reading, we stand to honor his presence. We also sing short verses before and after the reading of the Gospel.*

Gospel Acclamation



L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the Eleventh Chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

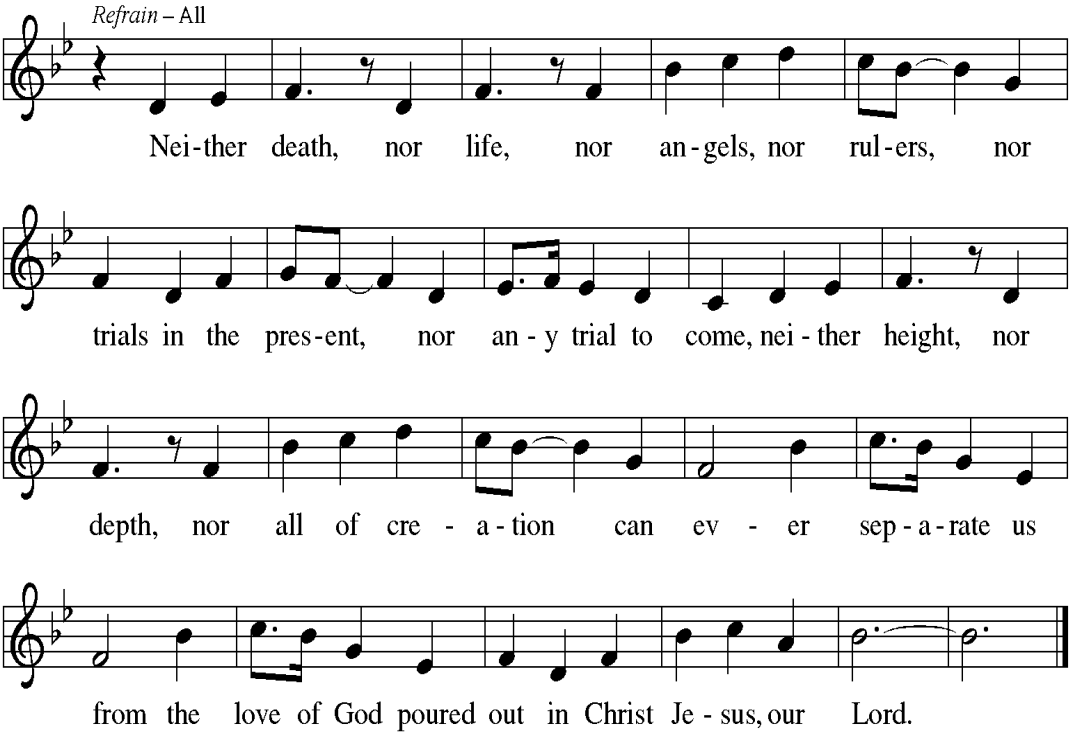
Gospel: John 11:28-37

28 When she had said this, she went back and called her sister
Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling
for you.” 29 And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went
to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still
at the place where Martha had met him. 31 The Jews who were
with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and
go out. They followed her because they thought that she was
going to the tomb to weep there. 32 When Mary came where
Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him,
“Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”
33 When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with
her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply
moved. 34 He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him,
“Lord, come and see.” 35 Jesus began to weep. 36 So the Jews
said, “See how he loved him!” 37 But some of them said, “Could
not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this
man from dying?”

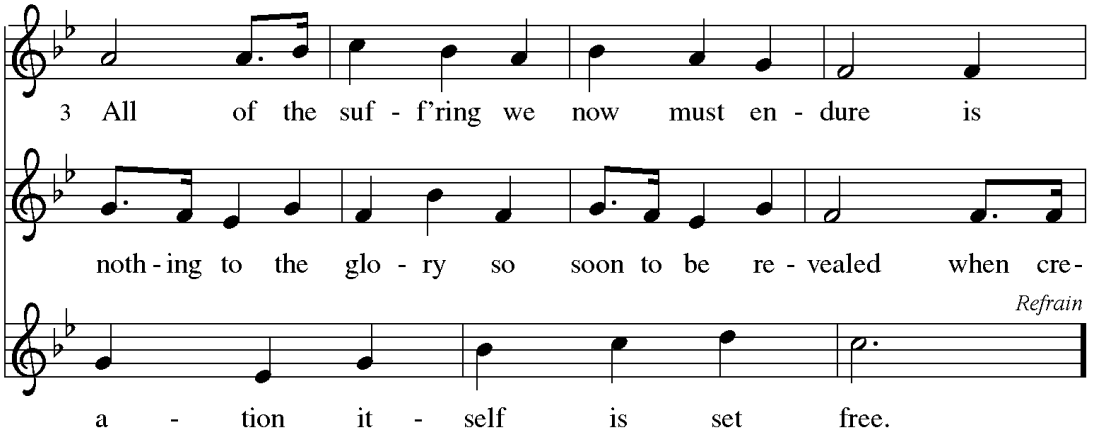
L: The Gospel of the Lord
C: Praise to you, O Christ

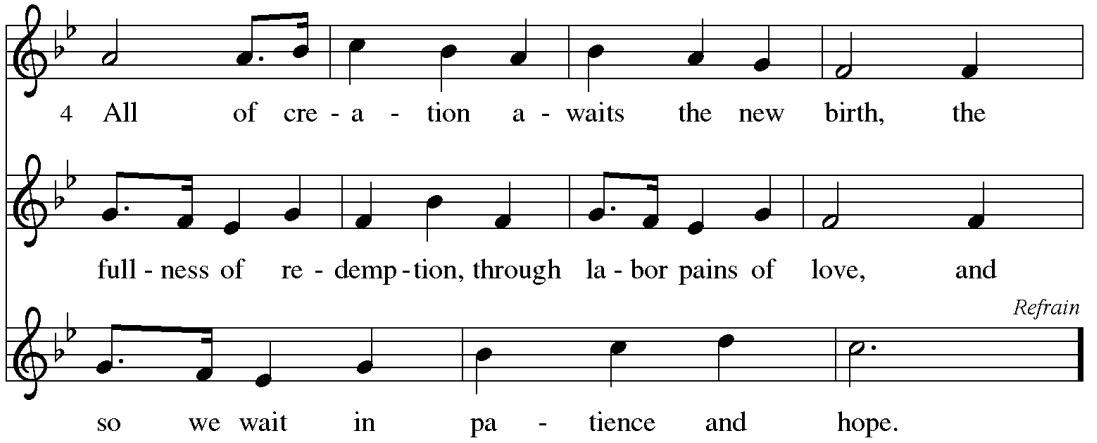
Please be seated
Sermon

Please rise in body or in spirit
Hymn of the Day "Neither Death Nor Life" ELW #622
Refrain – All, Vss. 1-2 Choir, Vss. 3-4 All, Vs. 5 Choir



Verses 3 and 4 are printed on the next page


3 All of the suf - f'ring we now must en - dure is
noth - ing to the glo - ry so soon to be re - vealed when cre -
Refrain
a - tion it - self is set free.


4 All of cre - a - tion a - waits the new birth, the
full - ness of re - demp - tion, through la - bor pains of love, and
Refrain
so we wait in pa - tience and hope.

Apostles' Creed
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 to the dead.*
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 the People
L: God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

L: We pause to remember those saints who:
Entered the church triumphant: *Elijah Torres, Barb Powers, Frank McKinneyl*

Through the sacrament of Holy Baptism: *Victoria Medina-Ruiz*

L: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
C: Amen.

All: God of love, have mercy on us. Pour out your Spirit upon us. Center us in worship. Hold us in grace. Strengthen us in love. Send us forth in mission. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

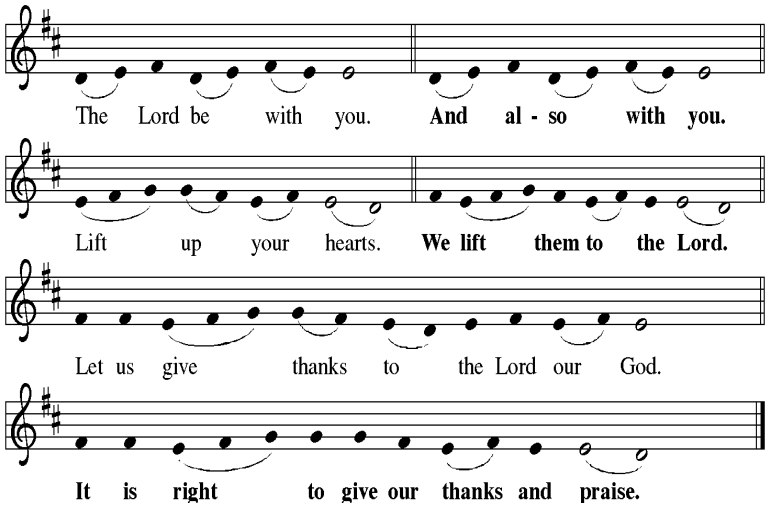
Prayers of the People: *This prayer in the service follows the directive of the Apostle Paul to young Timothy, a pastor: "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone."*

Passing of the Peace
L: The peace of the Lord be with you all,
C: And also with you!

Please be seated
Announcements

Please rise in body or in spirit
Offering Prayer
L: Eternal God,
C: our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

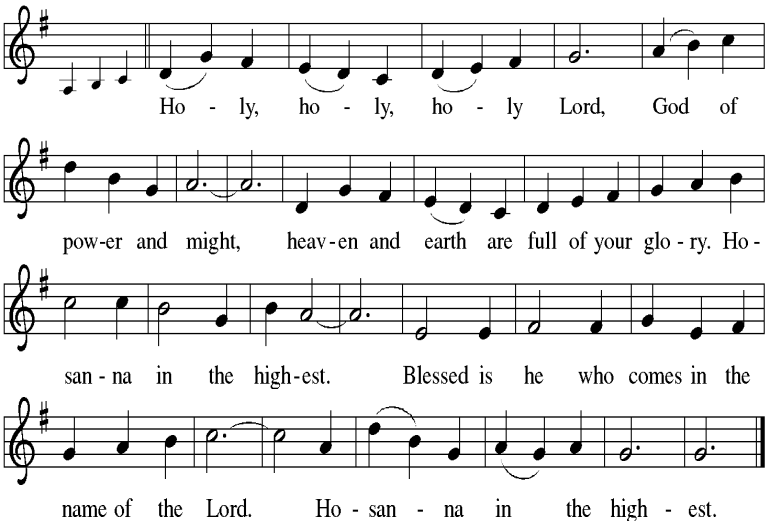


Preface

Offering: *As Lutherans, we believe that Christian giving is about worship AND action. As an option to the offering plate, scan this QR code to access our secure digital offering plate.*

Preface:
Preface means "introduction." The pastor and people get ready to celebrate the Holy Meal by greeting each other and with an exhortation as how to celebrate the meal. These words state why we should give thanks using words and ideas appropriate for the season of the church year.

Holy, Holy, Holy



Holy, Holy, Holy: *Sanctus is a Latin word meaning "Holy." The Sanctus contains words from Isaiah's vision of God (Isaiah 6:3) and the crowd's response on Palm Sunday when Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem. We join them in spirit by singing their words as we anticipate Christ's coming in the sacrament.*

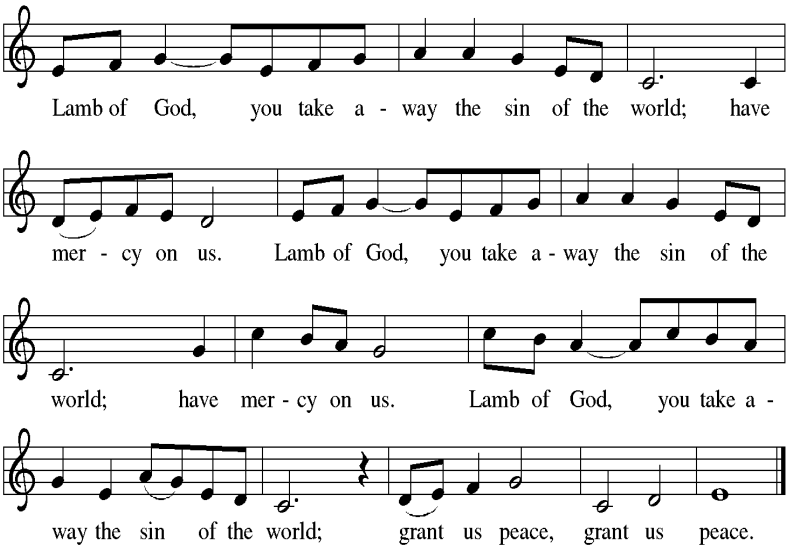
Thanksgiving at the Table
L: In the night in which he was betrayed…

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
Lord's Prayer
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Communion:
Today we will receive Holy Communion through wafers and pouring chalice. Two lines will form from the front pews to the back. Please use the hand sanitizer provided and take a cup from the tray. Then proceed to receive the gluten-free wafer. Both wine and grape juice will be available. Please place your cup in the basket by the side aisle as you return to the pew.

Invitation to Communion
L: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.
Please be seated

Lamb of God



Distribution Hymns: ACS #1037 (3x), ELW #466, ELW #482, ELW #494

Please rise in body or in spirit
Prayer after Communion
L: Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.
C: Amen

Blessing
L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen

Sending Hymn "Give Thanks for Saints" ELW #428

Dismissal
L: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Canticle of the Turning"
arr. Anne Krentz Organ

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