"Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Mark 10:17

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

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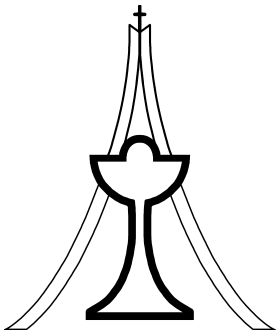
October 10, 2021, 9:00 A.M.

All are welcome here
All people of faith, All people of doubt
All people of any origin, race, ability, sexual orientation or gender expression
All people who seek a compassionate community

All are welcome here
Welcome to worship, Welcome to pray
Welcome to learn, Welcome to give thanks
Welcome to serve God and neighbors

All are welcome here
All are redeemed by a gracious God



Invitation to Holy Communion (livestream) with
Our Saviour Lutheran Church

(Please read before worship begins)

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I cannot say what Communion is any better than Luther, so I'll let him say it. In the Small Catechism Luther writes the following, and more in The Sacrament of the Altar.

> *What is the Sacrament of the Altar?*
> It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink, instituted by Christ Himself.
>
> *What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?*
> This is shown by the words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." In the Sacrament, forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given to us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.
>
> *How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*
> It is not the eating and drinking that do these things, but these words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." These words are, along with the bodily eating and drinking, the main thing in the Sacrament. Anyone who believes these words has what they say: that is, the forgiveness of sins.

- As we travel this wilderness of COVID-19, it is right and proper for us to participate in the Eucharist as we are gathered as the church in person, as well as live streaming. Holy Communion takes place in the assembly of the Body of Christ.

- Live Stream Communion is new territory for us as we navigate our new context. After reading Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, after much prayer and discernment, I believe this technology should be used in such manners to share God's grace, love, forgiveness and acceptance.

- As we assemble in person or live stream, when confessions are heard and forgiven, as the Word is proclaimed, it is proper for Communion to take place as we are then sent out as the Body of Christ for the

world. I ask you to only commune as the live Word is spoken and not commune to the recording of this service.

- Please use bread and wine or a gluten free option and grape juice. Please prepare a plate and cup prior to service to have and share. If you have one and not the other, know that God is fully present in both elements and only one is necessary.

- God is the One working through the spoken Word in the mystery of communion. We don't fully know how, rather we know Jesus said, "Take, eat; this is My body," … "Take this and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." God is the source of love infused into us through the Spirit as we partake of the Eucharist. We don't understand it fully; we fully believe Christ is there fulfilling His promises of forgiveness, life and salvation.

Remember: All Are Welcome – Hospitality fills God's Table – Everywhere!

Pastor Randy

The Gathering

Prelude Music

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices, Setting by Anne Krentz Organ
Soli Deo Gloria, Setting by Roberta Rowland-Raybold

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17 © 2011 Joan Stott – "The Timeless Psalms" RCL Psalm Year A, used with permission.)

IC In every generation, the people of God have been
blessed to find their home and resting place in God!
C We gather to worship and praise the God of all people.

IC All people created since time began have been blessed
to find that the place of their birth is their Creator's hands.
C We gather to worship the God of all creation.

IC We gather to worship and praise our God, and to
ask God to fill us with the joy of unfailing love.
C May the favor and blessing of God be upon us this day. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.
C Amen.

P Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

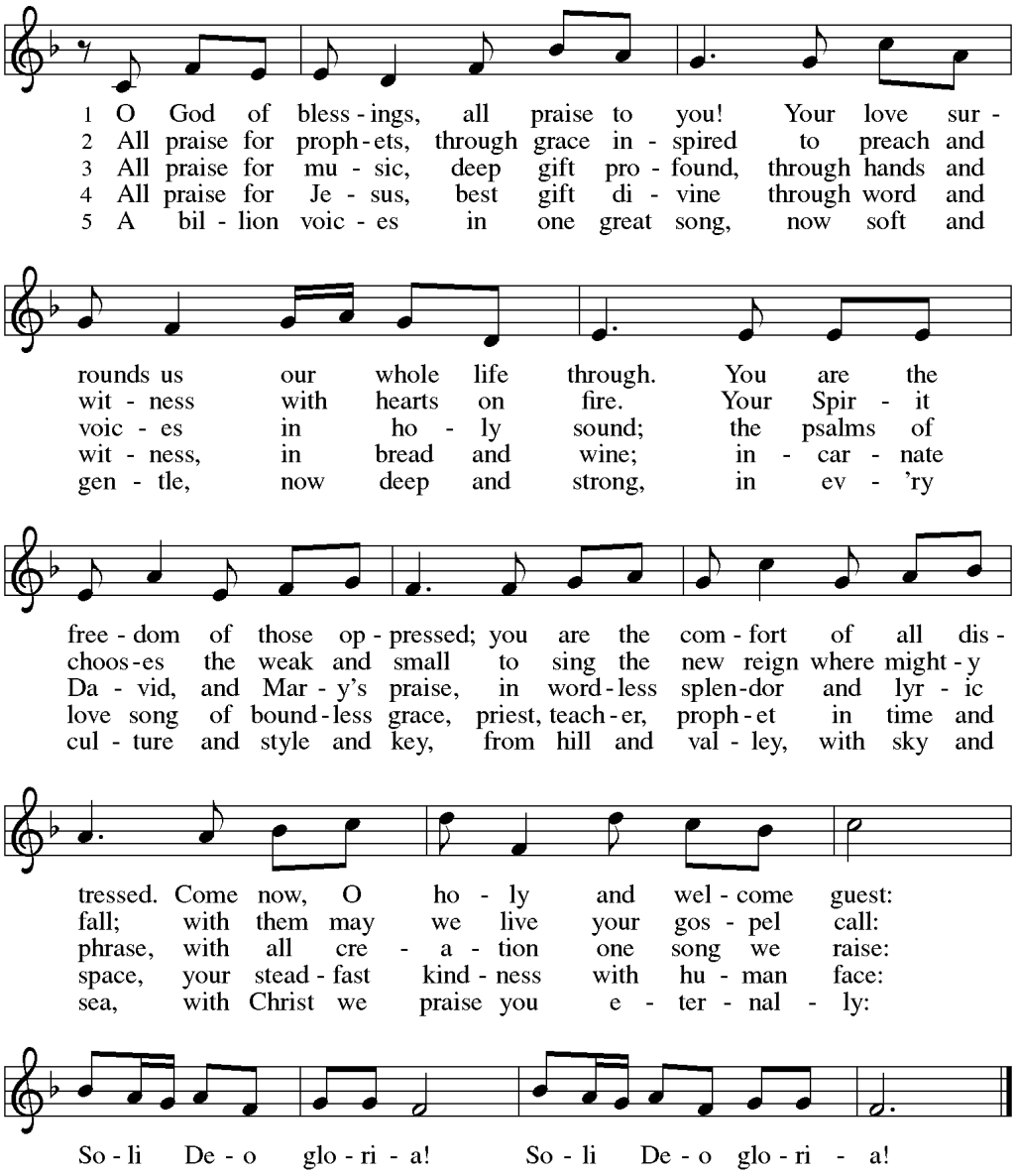
Silence is kept for reflection.

P God our comforter:
C like lost sheep, we have gone astray.
We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
Free us from our sin, gracious God.
Listen when we call out to you for help.
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 878, verses 1 and 4: *Soli Deo Gloria*



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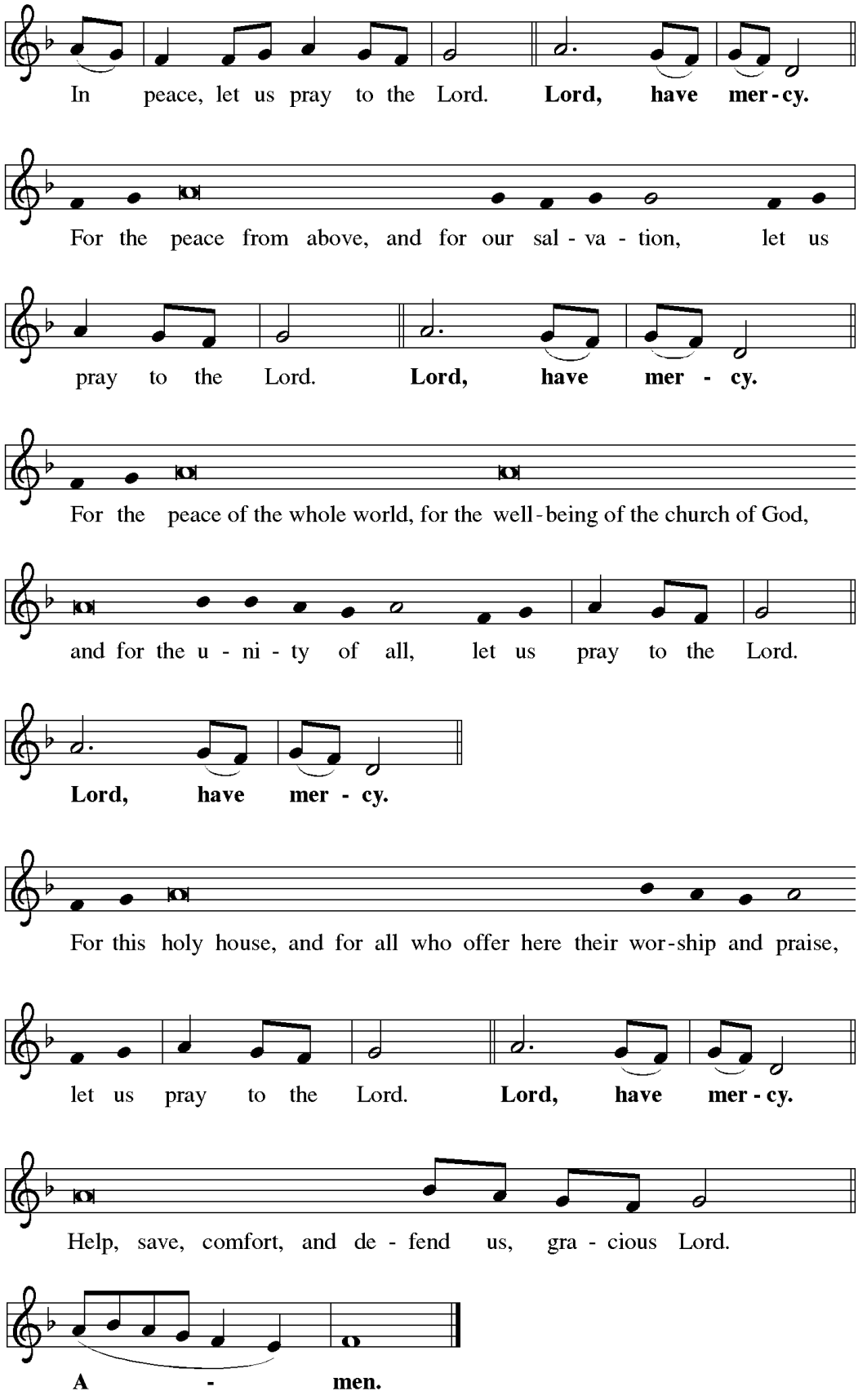
Greeting

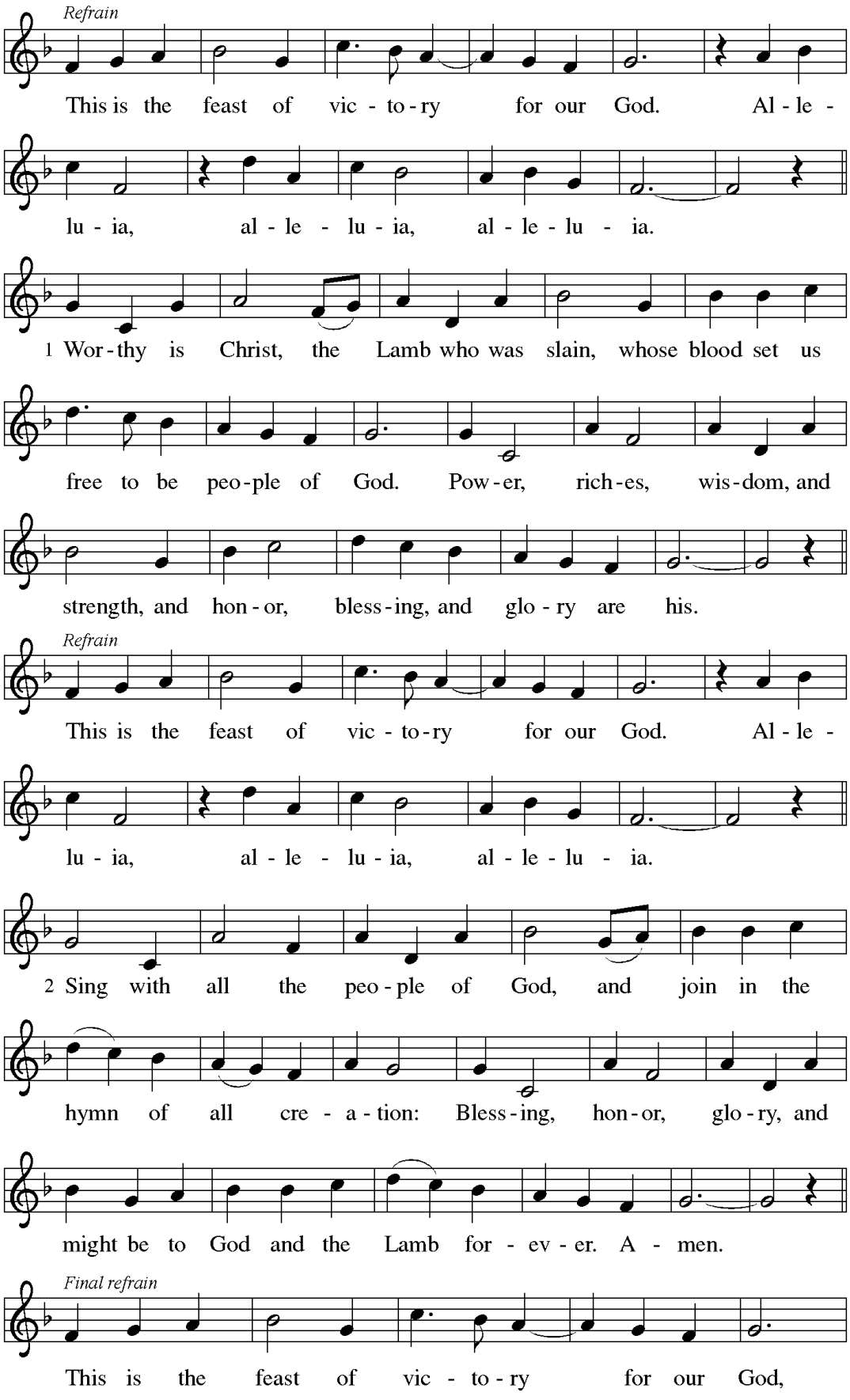
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

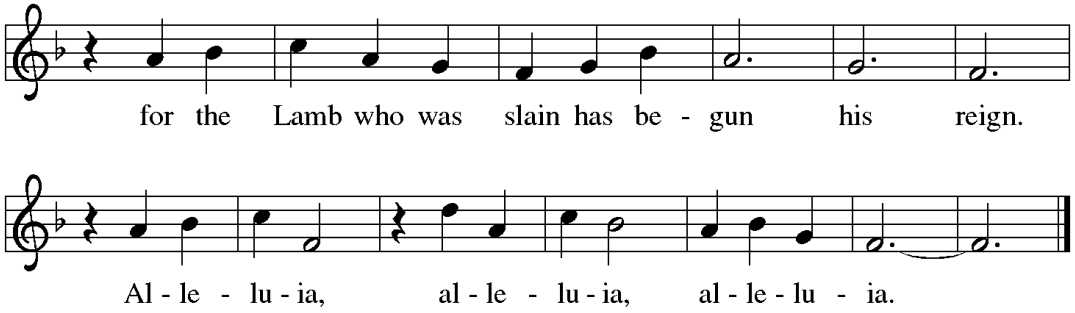
C And also with you.

Kyrie


In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us
pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
A - men.

Hymn of Praise





Prayer of the Day

IC Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

The Word

L A reading from the book of Amos.

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

6 Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
7 Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

10 They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
11 Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.
12 For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
13 Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

14 Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
15 Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L The word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:12-17

12So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
13Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?
Be gracious to your servants.
14Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.
15Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.
16Show your servants your works,
and your splendor to their children.
17May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

L A reading from Hebrews.

Hebrews 4:12-16

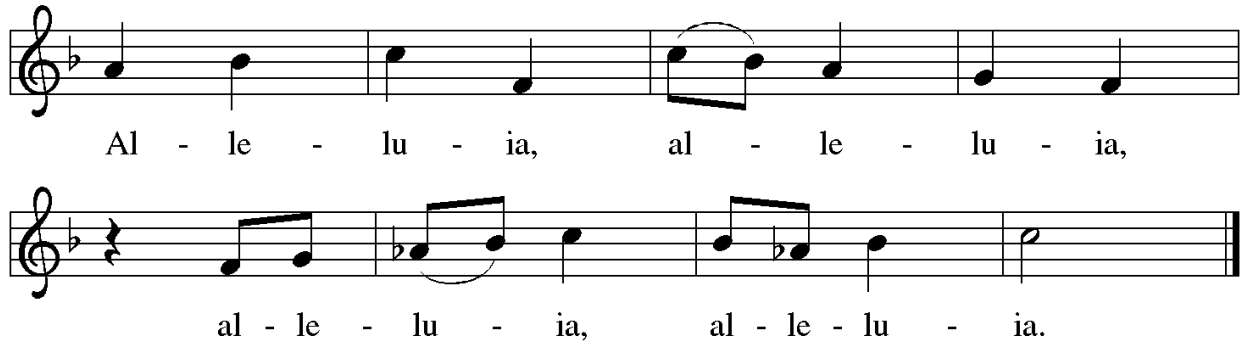
We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

12Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul
from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13And before him
no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an
account.

14Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us
hold fast to our confession. 15For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our
weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. 16Let us therefore
approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of
need.

L The word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

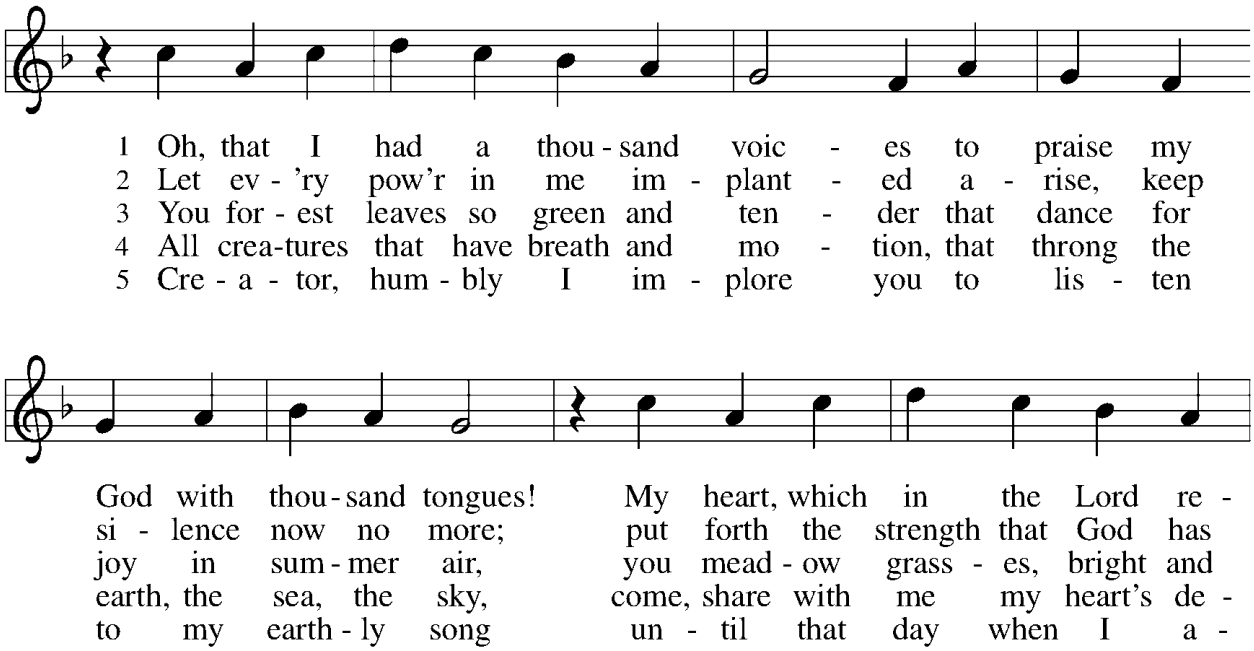
17 As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher,
what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18 Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but
God alone. 19 You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall
not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' " 20 He said
to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." 21 Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack
one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then
come, follow me." 22 When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many
possessions.
23 Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to
enter the kingdom of God!" 24 And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again,
"Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a
needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." 26 They were greatly astounded and said to
one another, "Then who can be saved?" 27 Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not
for God; for God all things are possible."
28 Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." 29 Jesus said, "Truly I tell
you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my
sake and for the sake of the good news, 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers
and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. 31 But
many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

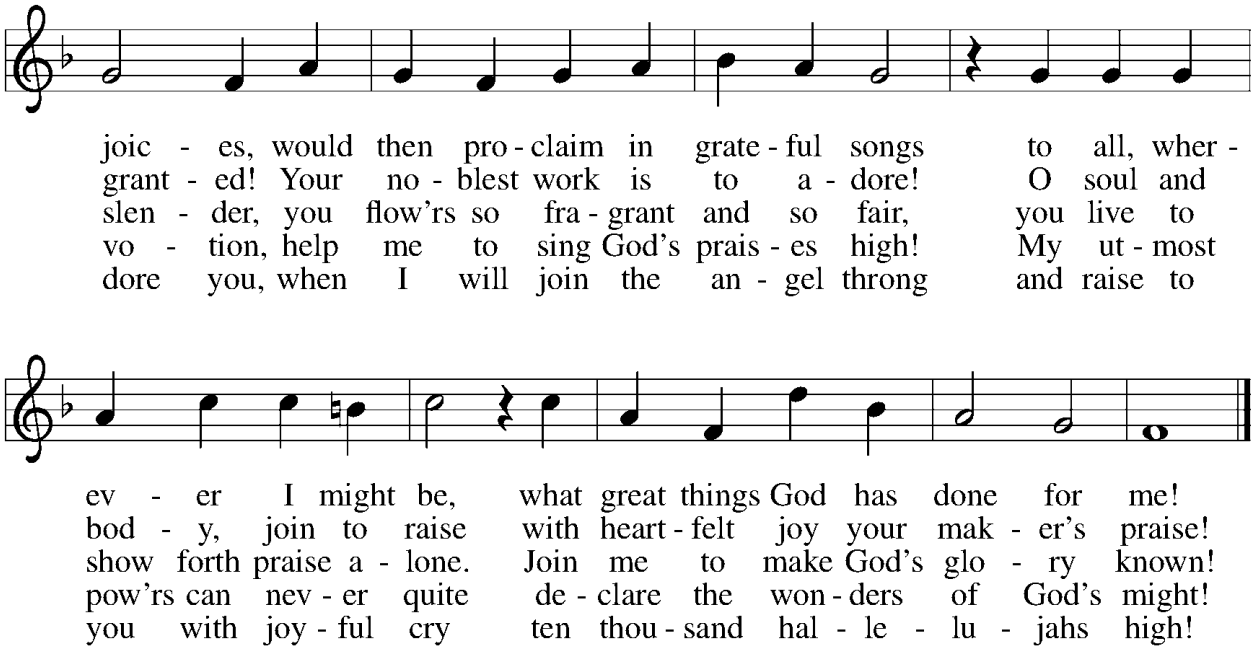
P The Gospel of our Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon **Rev. Dale Buettner**

Hymn of the Day: ELW (red), hymn 833, verses 1 and 5: *Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices*





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Apostles' Creed

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 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 Intercession

A Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Healing God, we know you hear us when we pray, so today we lift up Candy, Jason, Fil, Shirley & Eric, Rosalie, Jeff, Denise, Barb, Janet, Donna, Helmut & Carol, Kim, Victoria, Jennifer, Jeanette, Suzanne, Mike, Kari & Terry, Shelby, Cheryl, Jim, Eric M, Joan, Amber M. and family, Judy, Jill Y, Mary Jane, Mike G, Miguel, Emily O., and family and friends of Hans S. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died. Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The Meal

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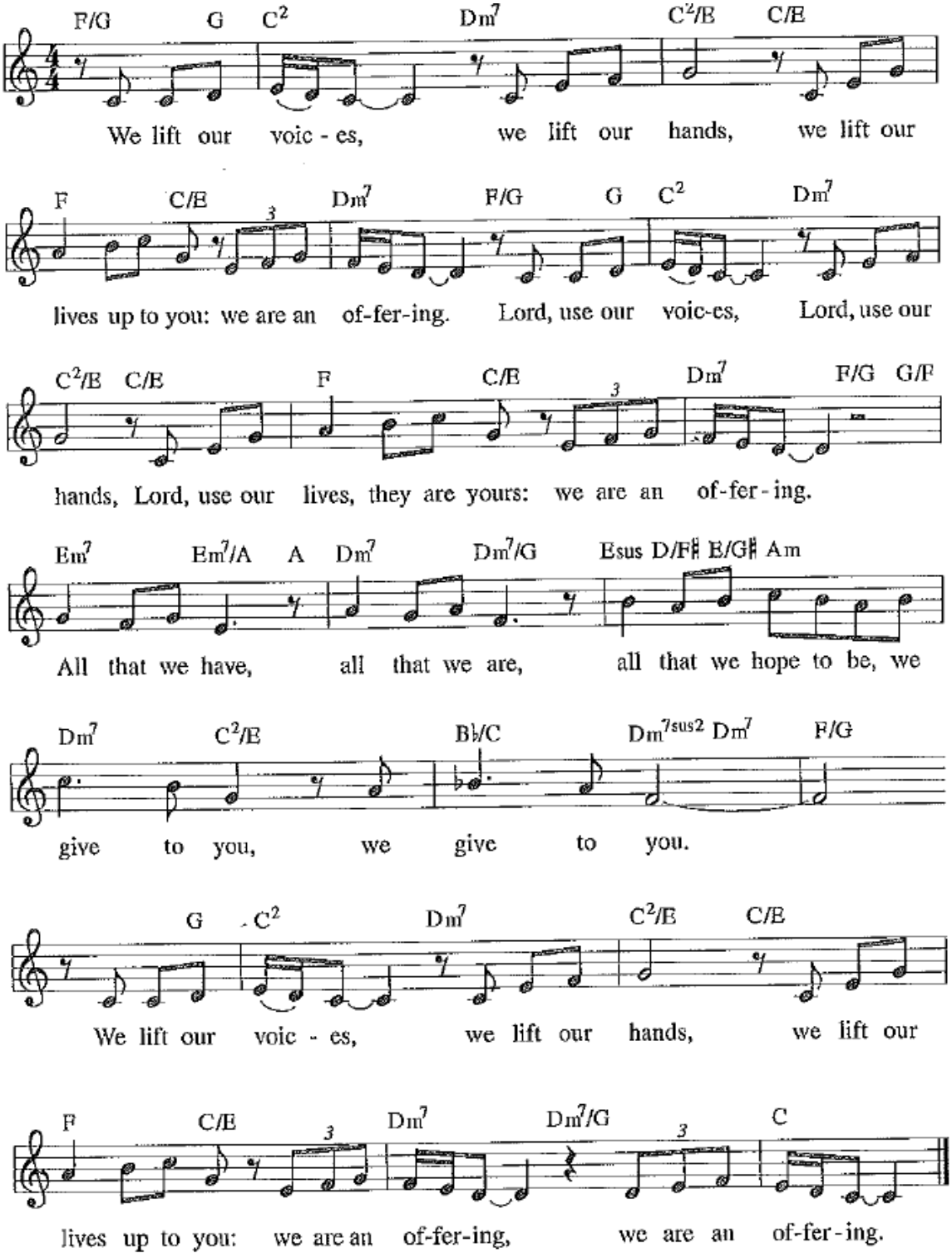
- Please have your wine and bread ready for the Meal. It would be best to use grape juice or wine and a small portion of bread or gluten free option for the Eucharist.
- Please participate by lifting the bread and the wine as the pastor lifts the bread and wine.
- If everyone in the family is healthy please take the time to commune each other; presenting the bread first and saying, “the Body of Christ given for you” and then the wine/juice saying, “the Blood of Christ shed for you.” If you’re not feeling well, please commune yourself as you are able.
- The elements (bread and juice or wine) should be consumed in their entirety or returned to the earth as once they are consecrated they are the Body and Blood of Christ. Please do not throw Jesus in the trash or down the drain.

Offering: Please feel free to send your regular tithe in the mail, drop it off to the church office or if you have not checked out our website and "Your Offering Made Easy" tab, this could be your opportunity. (John Mills is available to answer any questions about the Vanco Online giving option if you wish to contact him. His email address is **john_r_mills@icloud.com)**

Offertory: ELW (red), hymn 692: ***We Are an Offering***



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Offering Prayer

A God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen.

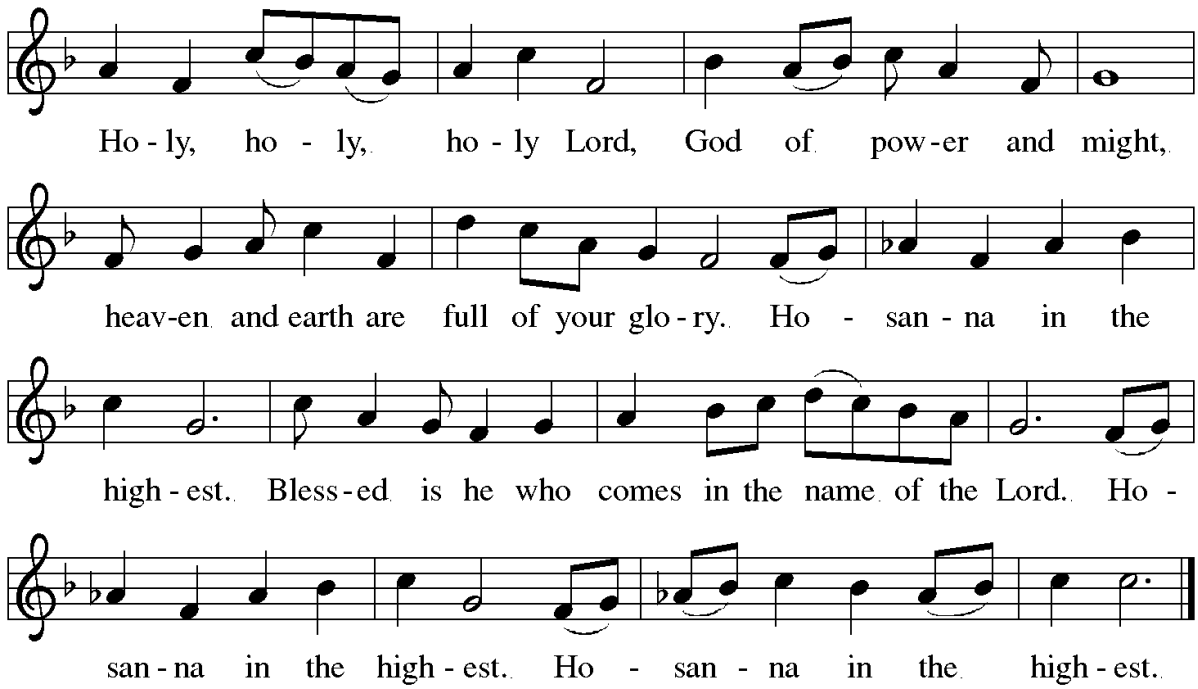
The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor.
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

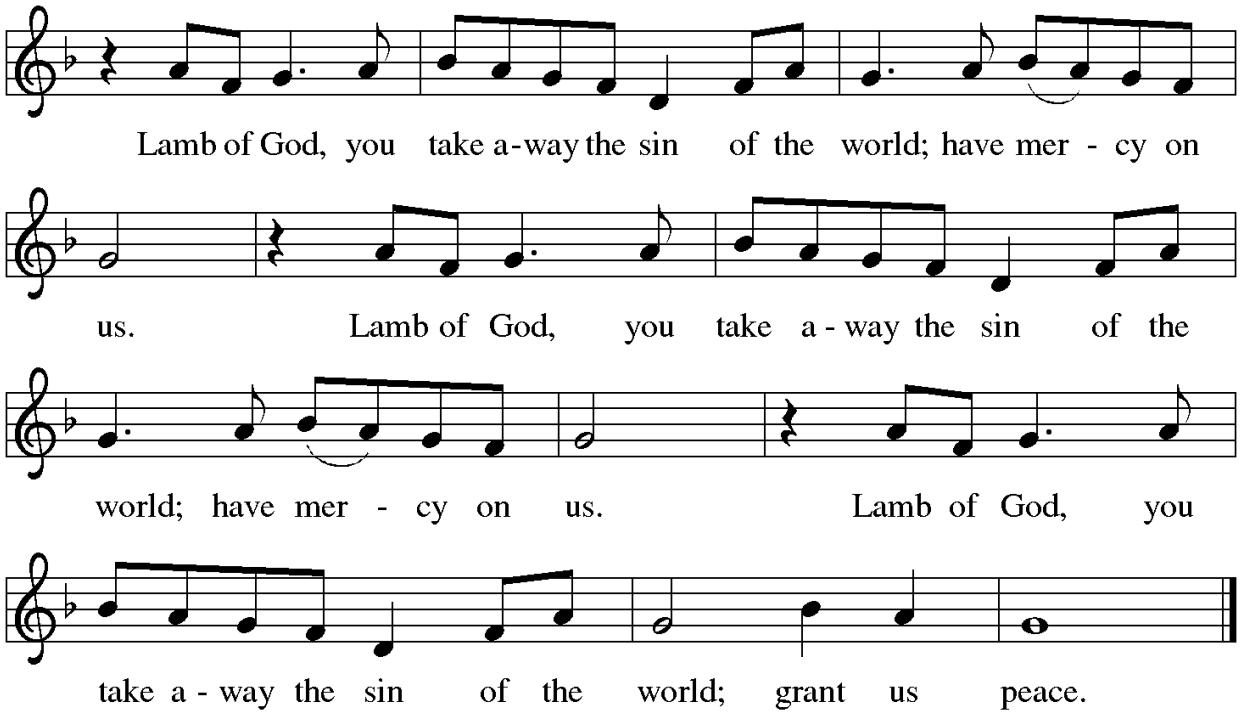
The Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Invitation to Communion

P So come to this table, which now extends into our homes, you who have faith and you who would like to have faith; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Lamb of God



P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and for ever.

C Amen.

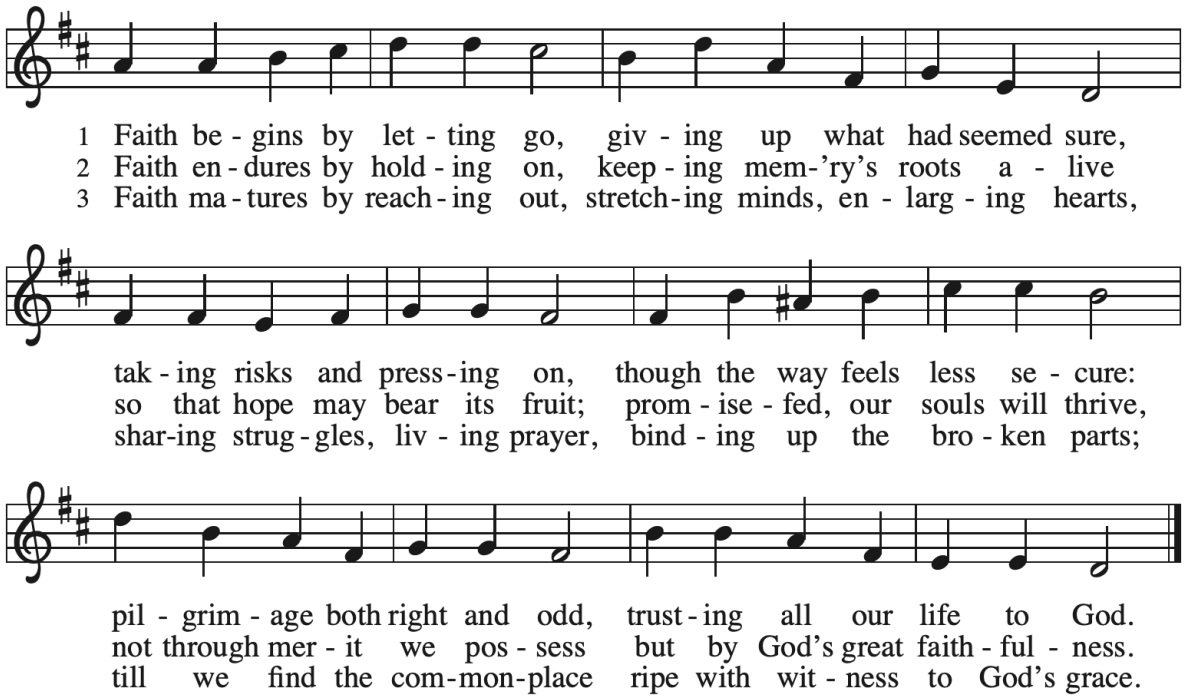
Prayer after Communion

A Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

The Sending

Sending Hymn: ***Faith Begins by Letting Go***



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IC Go now in the confidence of people who have found mercy.
Follow Jesus,
keeping the commandments,
letting go of all that binds you to the ways of this world,
and investing everything in God's realm.

And may God come close to you and keep you safe;
May Christ Jesus reward your faithfulness a hundredfold;
and may the Holy Spirit be your help in time of need.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
C **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stick around; the Zoom meeting will continue with a virtual "Coffee Hour."

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Worship Assistants Today: Julie Huetteman, Sara Behnke (Musicians), Mark Hermodson (Assisting Minister), Marcia Daehler (Lector), Carol Grady (Usher), Russell Hillberry (Cantor), Mike Williams (A/V & Livestream Specialist)

Wednesday Zoom with Kiddos meets every Wednesday at 4:30 P.M. Talk to Dale if you have questions.

We collect toiletries (travel size) to donate to the homeless shelter. The basket for your donations is in the narthex. (Look beneath the buffet.)

Adult Forum Schedule for October:

TODAY- Chris Campbell—"What's Happening at the State House"

October 17th– Aaron Johnson—Topic TBA

October 24th- Dr. Jeremy Adler—"COVID, 20 Months Later"

October 31st- Students and teachers from OSLC share about the new school year

This Week at OSLC & PLM:

Today: Intern Candice & the PLMers get together each Sunday. Email IC for the time and place: interncandice@gmail.com.
Monday: Confirmation Class, 7pm on the second floor of OSLC
Thursday: AA Meeting, 8pm in the Fellowship Hall

LTHC
HOMELESS SERVICES

It's everybody's favorite month of the year SOCKtober! Over the next few weeks, LTHC is asking for your help to stock the sock shelves! We are hoping to collect **10,000 pairs of new, adult socks** to help during the next few cold months.

If you want to order online, please have the socks shipped to Attn: Jennifer Shook at LTHC Homeless Services, 815 North 12th Street, Lafayette, IN 47904.

If you want to drop some off, they accept donations on weekdays between 9 am - 4 pm at Door #4 of the Engagement Center. That's the only door on the 13th Street side of the building -- you can use the unloading zone, ring the bell, and give staff a few minutes to get to you and help.

Or, there's a box in the narthex at OSLC if you'd like to drop off the socks at the church.

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