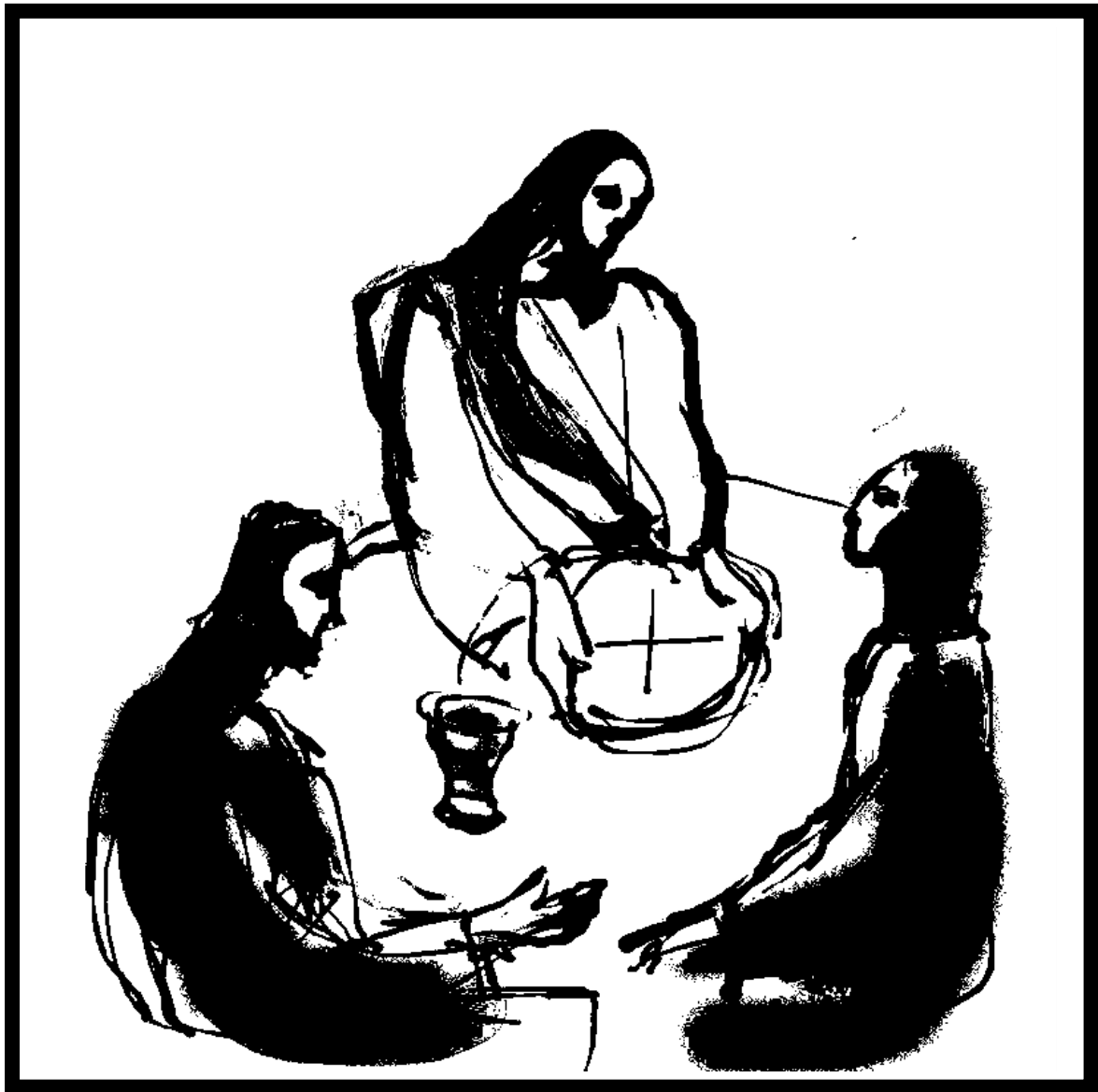


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*** The congregation please stand as you are able.**

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15 PENTECOST

September 6, 2026

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Prelude on a Welsh Tune - Gordon Young
Air - Gordon Young
Joanne Vasey, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Beloved, God's Chosen
Text: Susan Palo Cherwien Music: Robert A. Hobby
Brandy Aguirre, vocals Joanne Vasey, piano

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed by the Holy Trinity ✠ one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

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

Brief silence

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 neglected to nurture the new growth you cause to sprout among us. We have failed to protect those tender and vulnerable in faith from the choking weeds of our indifference and inflexibility. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, rededicate us, and compel us, So that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

* GATHERING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee - ELW # 836

* GREETING

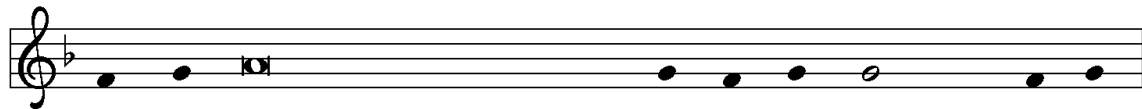
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

* KYRIE



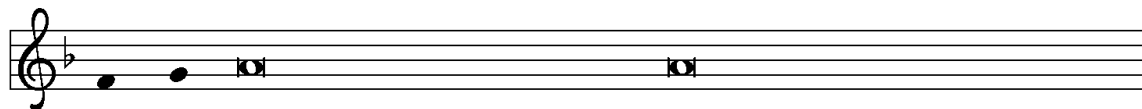
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



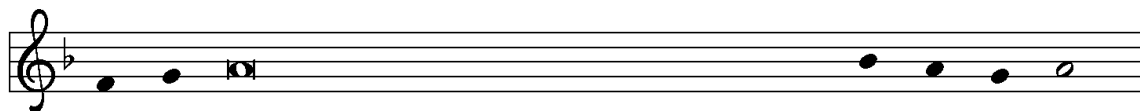
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



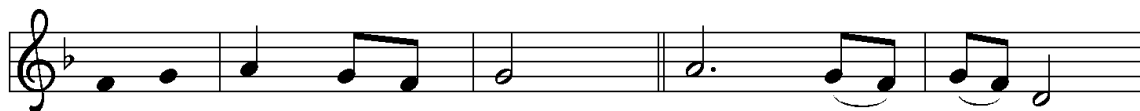
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



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



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

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

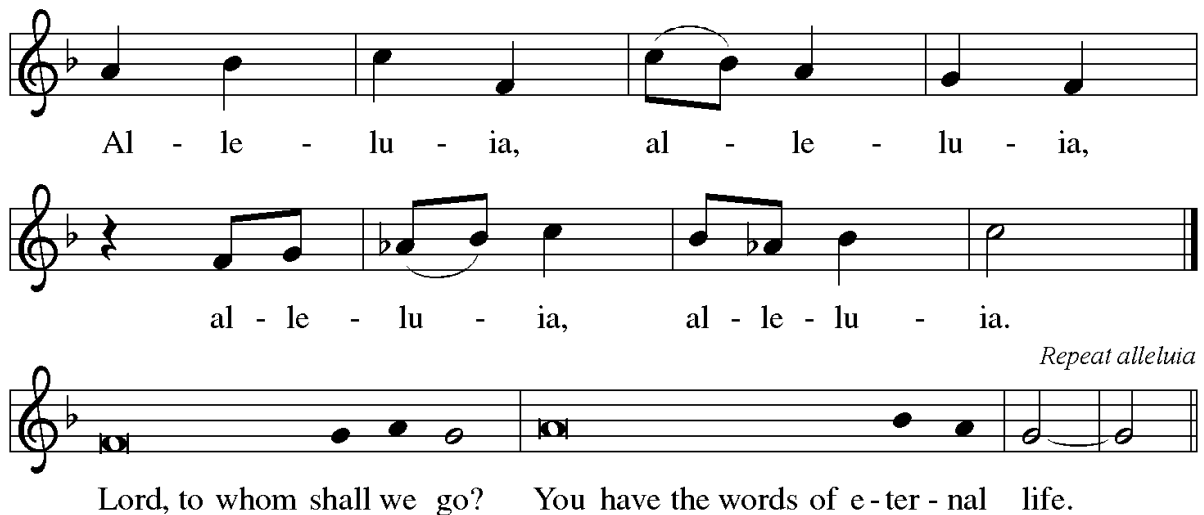
⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the eighteenth chapter:

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

The Rev. Justin Lingenfelter

* HYMN OF THE DAY

Faith Begins By Letting Go – ACS #1004

Faith Begins By Letting Go



1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem-'ry's roots a - live
3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

P Living together in trust and hope with believers around the world, we confess our common 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 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**

A Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

P Proclaiming God, empower your church throughout the world to announce the words you give us. Open us to receive your word in unexpected ways. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Forming God, renew the cycles of your creation that provide for the needs of all. Protect grasslands, marshes, swamps, and all places of transition. Heal communities crying out after disaster. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Governing God, turn all who create, enforce, or interpret legislation away from selfish gain and toward your promise of good for all, especially the good of all who labor. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Attending God, wake us up to any around us who are in need. Restore broken relationships, failing health, frayed emotions, and the hurts we carry with us. We pray especially for those we name aloud or in our hearts (*brief pause*). Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Gathering God, resolve conflicts in this community through your righteousness and grace. Reconcile us to each other, making your good news known even through our imperfections. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Loving God, all who die in faith have life with you. We give you thanks for the nearness of your salvation for all who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

(Worshippers are encouraged to share the greeting "Peace be with you" with one another.)

OFFERTORY INTERLUDE

Hymn Fragment
George C. Stebbins; Arr. Robert J. Hughes
Joanne Vasey, organ

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*OFFERTORY VERSE

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW # 181

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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* OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C **Amen.**

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

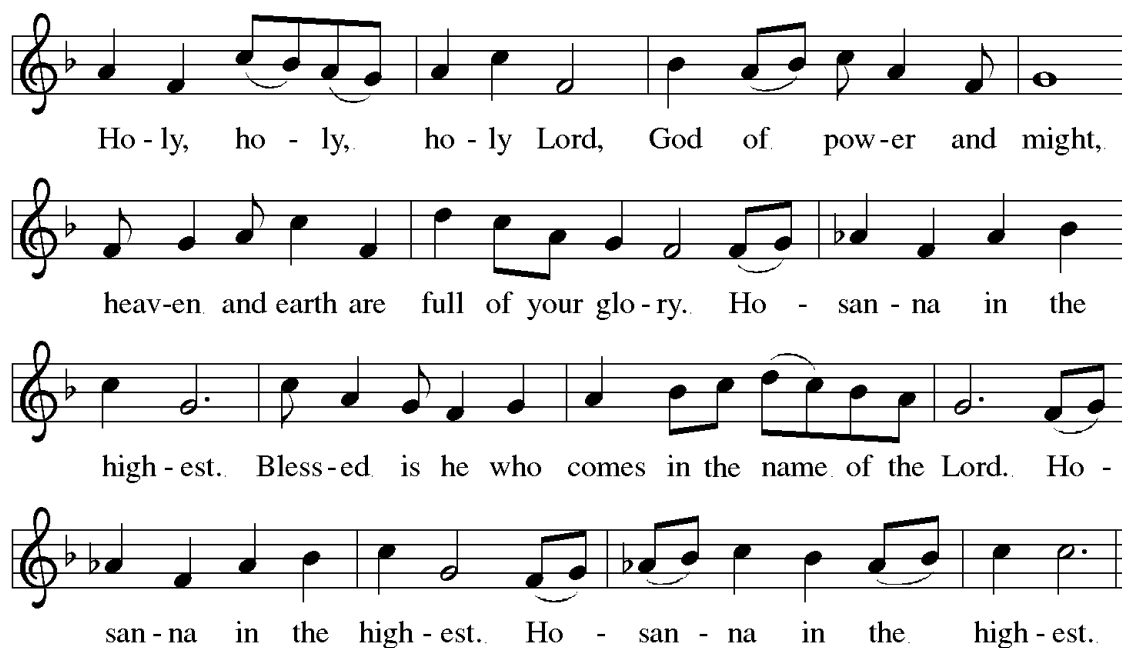
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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:

* SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

- P Jesus was always the guest. In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna, he was always the guest. At the meal tables of the wealthy where he pled the case of the poor, he was always the guest. Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, he was always the guest.
- P But here, at this table, he is the host. Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him. Those who want to follow him must first be fed by him. For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished. This is the table where we who are broken are made whole. So, come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.
- 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.
- P 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.
- P So now we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and wine, the produce of the earth and fruit of human labor. In these, Jesus has promised to be present; through these, Christ can make us whole. We ask, merciful God, that you send, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. Let that same Spirit rest on us, call us from the folly of this world, until in wisdom, we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.
- P All this we ask through your son, Jesus Christ. By him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, All honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us saying:

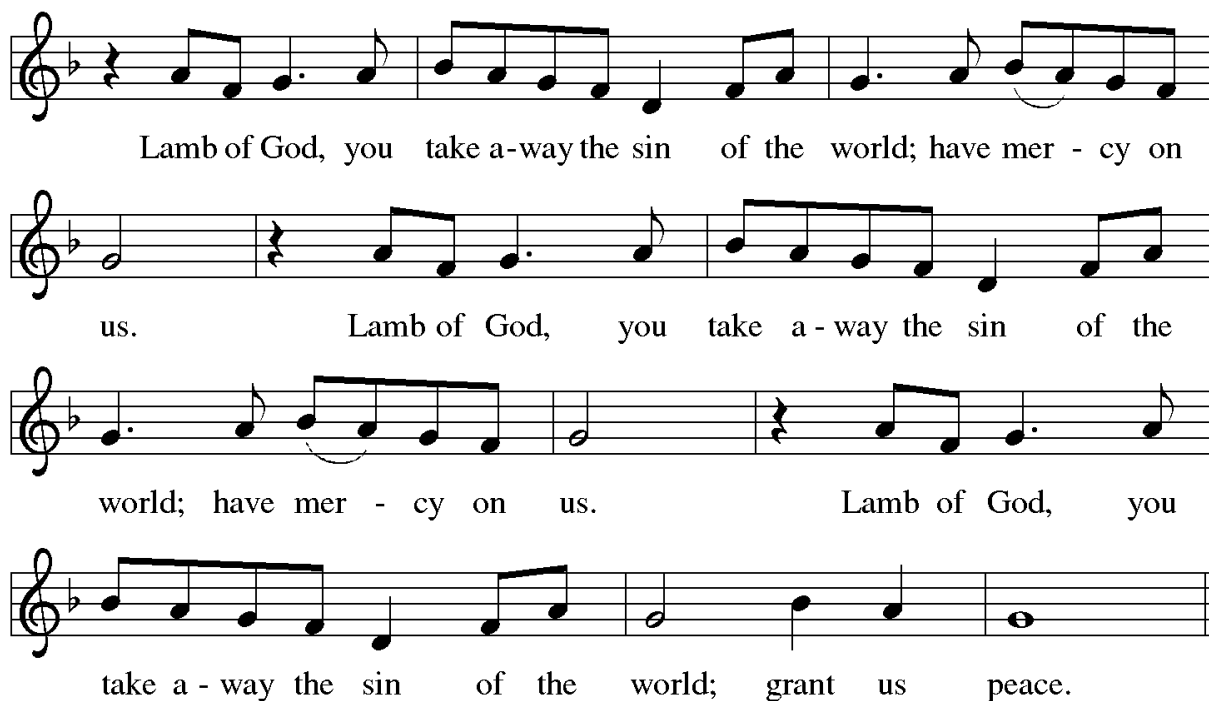
C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

C **Thanks be to God.**

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Come, Share the Lord
Words & Music: Bryan Jeffery Leech
Brandy Aguirre, vocals Joanne Vasey, piano

COMMUNION HYMN

Seek Ye First - WOV # 783
(Blue hymnal)

* POST COMMUNION BLESSING

- P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C **Amen.**

* SENDING OF COMMUNION

- P Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and sacrament to our siblings in their homes and in hospitals. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

* POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- A Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
C **Amen.**

* BENEDICTION

- P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.
C **Amen.**
- P The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.
C **Amen.**
- P The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever.
C **Amen.**

*** SENDING HYMN**

Go, My Children, With My Blessing - ELW # 543

*** DISMISSAL**

P Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*** POSTLUDE**

Postludium - Gordon Young
Joanne Vasey, organ

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Thanks to Brandy Aguirre for providing today's anthems for worship.

Pop-Up Orchestra Next Sunday!: A Pop-Up Orchestra will accompany the gathering and sending hymns next Sunday. Thanks to everyone who has expressed interest in participating. It isn't too late! Music is still available today. Let's gather at 8:45 am next Sunday for a quick run-through. For more info, contact Joanne Vasey.

Women's Outreach Works Sept. Picnic Event: (Sept. 21st @ New Berlin, 1:30-3:30pm) -The **deadline to sign up is Wed., Sept. 9th**. Please contact Miriam Milbrand to RSVP: 570-490-3403. There will be three presenters at the event along with light treats and iced tea & lemonade to enjoy.

Preschool Mum Orders: Due Sept. 16th, (Pick up at the church on Sept. 24th). **Cost: \$10 Each or 3 for \$25.** Payment goes to church office, **DO NOT PUT PAYMENT IN COLLECTION BOX.**

You've had a chance to look at the **childhood photos** of members of our Congregation. Can you guess who they are? Forms are available at the Welcome Desk. Place your guesses in each numbered slot. Add your name and we will see who has the most correct guesses. **The exhibit will be in place until October 1st.** You can put your completed forms in the church office mail slot.

ATTENDANCE: 9:30am: August 30, 2026: 77

OFFERINGS: Aug. 16, Aug. 23 & Aug. 30, 2026: \$6,198.50

**Choir & Ensembles for Fall 2026 –
New folks welcome and encouraged to participate!**

Parish Choir: Rehearsed choir for mixed voices. Rehearsals begin Mon., Sept. 14 at 7:15 pm. MS/HS students welcome as well as adults of all ages. Contact Brandy Aguirre.

Parish Peal Handbell Choir/Handbell Ensemble: Rehearsed choir of bell ringers. MS/HS students welcome as well as adults of all ages. Ability to read music is helpful, but not a deal breaker. New folks interested in learning to ring are asked to contact Joanne Vasey. Rehearsals begin Mon., Sept. 14 at 6:30 pm.

Pop-Up Choir: Unrehearsed choir of mixed voices who provides the communion anthem on announced Sundays. Anthems are familiar hymns sung in harmony as written. Children, youth and adults welcome! Contact Brandy Aguirre.

Children's Choir: For pre-school and elementary children. Rehearses during the Sunday School hour. Singing, rhythm instruments, Orff, color-coded handbells, and more! Contact Brandy Aguirre.

Ensembles will be organized at announced times. Examples include Bass Instrument Ensemble; Woodwind Ensemble; String Ensemble; African Drumming Ensemble; Orff Ensemble; Orchestra - Multi-generational - Contact Joanne Vasey & Brandy Aguirre.

Special Music: Folks in the congregation are welcome to provide vocal and/or instrumental anthems for worship. All ages and experience levels welcome. Contact Joanne Vasey.

What's Happening This Week at CELC?

Sunday, Sept. 6

Worship, 9:30am

Monday, Sept. 7

Labor Day - Church office closed

Al-Anon-YR, 7:00pm–8:00pm

Tuesday, Sept. 8

Cooperative Preschool begins

Wednesday, Sept. 9

Holy Sew 'N' Sews - LCH, 9:00am

Thursday, Sept. 10

Men's Breakfast - LCH, 8:30 am – noon

(Deadline to sign up@ Welcome Desk is TODAY)

Ladies Bible Study - Rm. 204-206, 9:30am & 3:30pm

Men's Bible Study - Parlor, 6:00pm

Rally Day Sunday, Sept. 13

Anniversary Sunday Worship, 9:30am

Sunday School, 10:45am

Faith Lab - United in Christ, 4:30 - 6:30pm

Synod Youth Game Night - CELC, 2:00pm–4:00pm

September Prayer Requests

Are you or a loved one in need of prayer?

Submit your prayer request by calling 570-524-0745
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MEMBER CONCERNS:

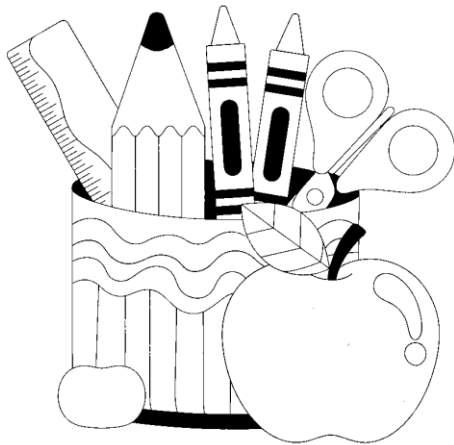
Patti Faux -cancer treatment Emmy Gearhart -health Bonnie Hetherington -cancer treatment The friends & family of Barbara Hilferty -bereavement Dennis Lucas -health John & Dottie Michaels -health Gary Rickenbach -health The friends and family of Sharm Liddick -bereavement Janet Shuman -health Rick Slear -cancer recovery	Julie Stefan - breast cancer & treatment Tracy -concerns Joanne Vasey -health Lisa Veloz -health DeeDee Wagner -health Ruth Ann Wallis -health Diane Warner - health Jay Warner -diabetes Roberta Winder -health Charlotte Winter -health Toletha Yost -health
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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS & THOSE IN LONG TERM CARE:

Cori Hetherington Jodi Jarrett Ben & Marian Thomas	Bryan Berry Joyce Beck Leola Dornsife	Joanne Gundrum Matt Hepner
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EXTENDED FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Gustavo Amaya -renal failure	Dave Lohr -cancer
Jared Carvell -ALS	Marc Pompeo -health
Kathy Davis -health & recovery	Wade Reese -cancer treatment
Nick Donaldson -cancer	Emily Rowe -chemotherapy for colon cancer
Dave Lohr -cancer	Scott Smith -cancer
The family of Ken Hall -bereavement	Andrew White -health
Erin May Kellett -cancer	Dave White -surgery
Celeste Klingler -health	Nikk Wintersteen -cancer
Albert Lee -Parkinsons	



Loving God,

Thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer. We pray for our children as they begin their new school year. Bless them with the joy of seeing friends, excitement of new experiences, and a love of learning. Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Please note, your prayer requests will stay on the prayer list for 8 weeks unless you contact the church office (570.524.0745) and request otherwise. If you see an asterisk by a name it indicates an update is needed from the person who placed them on the prayer list.*