



## Sunday, October 12, 2025 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.*

**WELCOME!** We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Here are a few notes to help you feel more at home participating in our worship.

**Worshipping.** Today's service is printed in this bulletin. Parts in **bold** indicate responses by everyone in which you are invited to participate.

**Communion.** *Lutheran Christians believe that the Lord Jesus Christ feeds us with his true body and blood "in, with, and under" the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper. All baptized Christians who receive Communion in their own churches are welcome to receive the sacrament. Please note that the darker wine is non-alcoholic and is available from the Lector. Communion will be distributed continuously, in procession. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.*

**Coffee Hour.** We hope that you will join us for coffee and conversation in the lobby following the worship service.

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## + GATHERING +

### PRELUDE

### RINGING OF THE BELL

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.      C **Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.      C **Amen.**

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

*Pause for silent reflection.*

P Gracious God,      C **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 SONG: GOD, WE GATHER AS YOUR PEOPLE: FOR ALL THE CHILDREN**  
(ACS 1038)



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -  
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be  
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.  
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,  
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we  
that they nev - er have a rea - son to  
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.  
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.  
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

*Refrain*



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

Text: David Lohman, b. 1961  
Music: WELCOME BE OUR SONG, David Lohman  
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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

*Refrain*



Ky-ri - e      e - lei - son,      on our world and on      our way.



Ky-ri - e      e - lei - son,      ev-'ry day.



1      For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2      That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
3      For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all;      for  
hun - gry and the poor;      that  
friends and fam - i - ly;      for  
wa - ter and the word;      that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord,      let us pray to the Lord.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.    **C Amen.**

**FIRST READING: 2 KINGS 5:1-3, 7-15C**

A reading from 2 Kings.

<sup>1</sup> Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. <sup>2</sup> Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

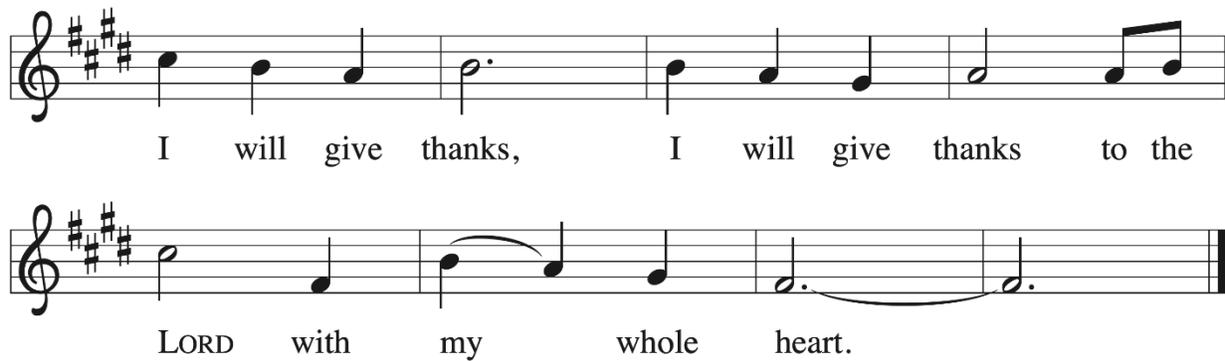
<sup>7</sup> When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup> But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup> But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup> But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" <sup>14</sup> So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

<sup>15a, b, c</sup> Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel." ...The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: 111:1



<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with <sup>1</sup> my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the <sup>1</sup> congregation.

<sup>2</sup> **Great are your <sup>1</sup> works, O LORD, pondered by all who de- <sup>1</sup> light in them. R**

<sup>3</sup> Majesty and splendor <sup>1</sup> mark your deeds, and your righteousness en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever.

<sup>4</sup> **You cause your wonders to <sup>1</sup> be remembered; you are gracious and full <sup>1</sup> of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup> You give food to <sup>1</sup> those who fear you, remembering forev- <sup>1</sup> er your covenant.

<sup>6</sup> **You have shown your people the power <sup>1</sup> of your works in giving them the lands <sup>1</sup> of the nations. R**

<sup>7</sup> The works of your hands are faithful- <sup>1</sup> ness and justice; all of your pre- <sup>1</sup> cepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup> **They stand fast forev- <sup>1</sup> er and ever, because they are done in <sup>1</sup> truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup> You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- <sup>1</sup> nant forever; holy and awesome <sup>1</sup> is your name.

<sup>10</sup> **The fear of the LORD is the begin- <sup>1</sup> ning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- <sup>1</sup> dures forever. R**

## SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 2:8-15

A reading from 2 Timothy.

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

<sup>11</sup> The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us;

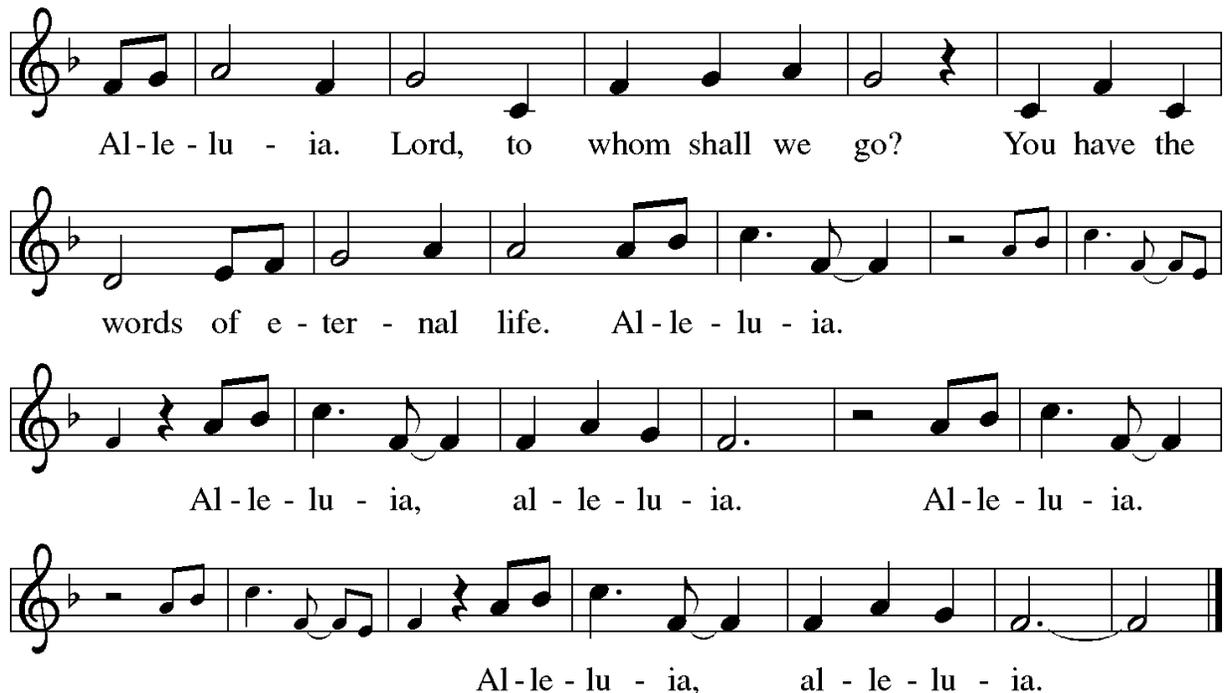
<sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup> Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. <sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

...The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

## GOSPEL: LUKE 17:11-19

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”  
...The gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY: BAPTIZED IN WATER (ELW 456)**



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

**+ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM +**  
*MYLES PAUL STATON*

**PRESENTATION**

*Please be seated. Candidate for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font.*

P God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*Sponsors present Myles Paul:*

Kerri & Christopher: We present Myles Paul Staton for baptism.

*Pastor Ahearne addresses parents:*

P Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Myles Paul baptized into Christ?

Brian & Samantha: We do.

P As you bring Myles Paul to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed and care for others and the world God made.

Do you promise to help Myles Paul grow in the Christian faith and life?

Brian & Samantha: We do.

*Pastor Ahearne addresses sponsors:*

P Kerri & Christopher, do you promise to nurture Myles Paul in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Kerri & Christopher: We do.

*Pastor Ahearne addresses the assembly:*

P People of God, do you promise to support Myles Paul and pray for him in his new life in Christ? C **We do.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**Response: We renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**Response: We renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Response: We renounce them.**

*Please stand.*

P Do you believe in God the Father?

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C 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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C 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.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

*The Assisting Minister pours water into the font during the thanksgiving.*

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your children, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

## **BAPTISM**

P Myles Paul, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

*Pastor Ahearne lays hands on and prays for Myles Paul.*

P Sustain Myles Paul with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **C Amen.**

*Pastor Ahearne marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of Myles Paul forehead.*

P Myles Paul, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **C Amen.**

### PRESENTATION OF CANDLE

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

## Wonder of Wonders

VICTORIA

Melody: David Haas; Harmonization: Carl W. Gscheidle

$\text{♩} = 84$

1. Won - der of won - ders, Life is be - gin - ning,  
2. Now with re - joic - ing, Make ce - le - bra - tion;  
3. Lord of cre - a - tion, Dy - ing and liv - ing,

5

Fra - gile as blos - som, strong as the earth.  
Joy full of pro - mise, Laugh - ter through tears.  
Fa - ther and Mo - ther, Part - ner and Friend.

9

Shaped in a per - son Love has new mean - ing.  
Nam - ing and bless - ing Bring de - di - ca - tion  
Lov - er of chil - dren, Lift all our lod - ing

13

Pa - rents and peo - ple sing at their birth.  
Hum - ble in pur - pose o - ver the years.  
in - to your king - dom World - wide with - out end

P Let us welcome Myles Paul to the St. Stephen's community.

**C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*Join in applause!!!*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world. God of grace, **C receive our prayer.**

A Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace, **C receive our prayer.**

A Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. God of grace, **C receive our prayer.**

A Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing. God of grace, **C receive our prayer.**

A Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving. God of grace, **C receive our prayer.**

A Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ. God of grace, **C receive our prayer.**

A We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

## **PEACE**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

## **ADDITIONAL PRAYERS**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS**

Dottie McPartlin (10/17)

## **BIRTHDAY SONG**

*He who began a good work in you (2x)*

*Will be faithful to complete it (Clap 3x)*

*Will be faithful to complete it (Clap 3x)*

*He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you!*

+ MEAL +

OFFERING SONG: *LEAD ME, LORD* - JOHN D. BECKER

Verses



1. Bless - ed are the poor in spir - it, long - ing for their
2. Bless - ed are the mer - ci - ful, for mer - cy shall be
3. Blest are they who through their life-times sow the seeds of



1. Lord, for God's com - ing king - dom shall be theirs.
2. theirs, and the pure in heart shall see their God.
3. peace, all will call them chil - dren of the Lord.



1. Bless - ed are the sor - row - ing, for they shall be con -
2. Blest are they whose hun - ger on - ly ho - li - ness can
3. Blest are you, though per - se - cu - ted in your ho - ly



1. soled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.
2. fill, for I say they shall be sat - is - fied.
3. life, for in heav - en, great is your re - ward.

Refrain



Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to



seek and to find the nar-row way. Be my way;



be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, to -



day. day. And lead me, Lord, to - day.

Text: Matthew 5:3-12; 7:7, 13; John 14:6. Text and music © 1987, John D. Becker.  
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## OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.     **C Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

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.**

### PREFACE

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:

### HOLY HOLY HOLY



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



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



est.     Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more. **C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world. **C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.  
**C Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

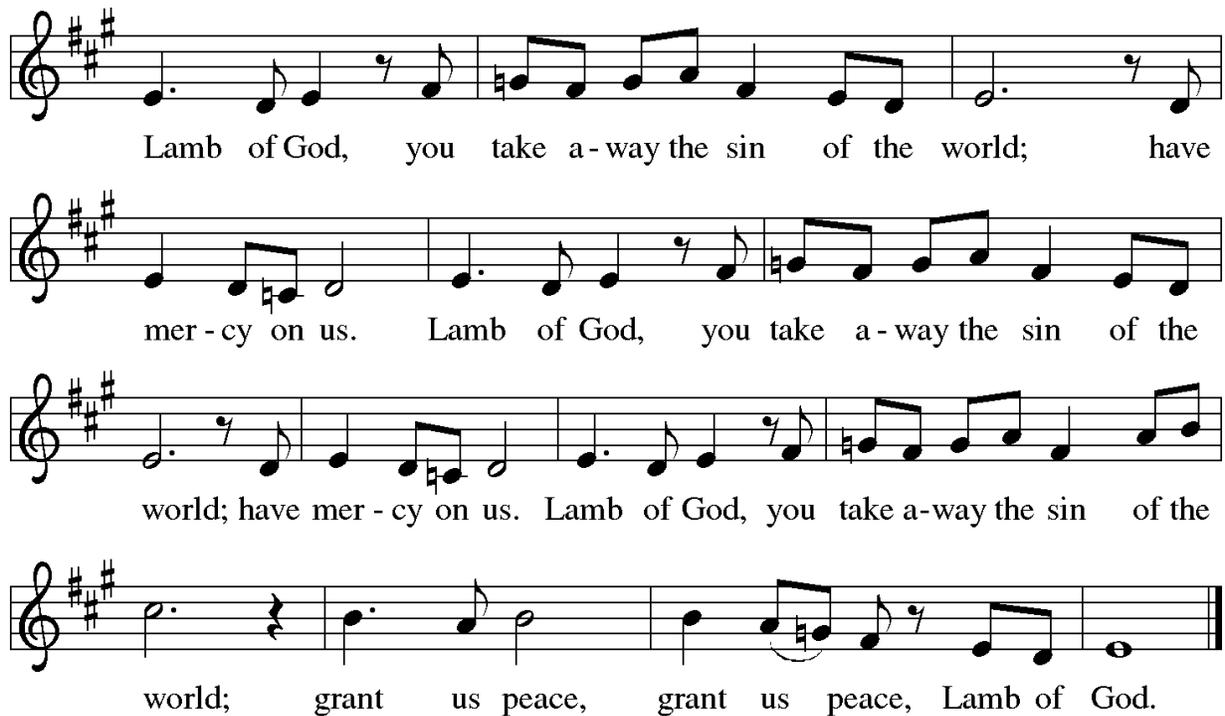
C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine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

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## LAMB OF GOD



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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

**SONG DURING COMMUNION: YOU ARE MINE (ELW 581)**



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,  
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.  
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
 heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
 shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.  
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*  
 Come and rest in me. *To refrain*  
 all will know my name. *To refrain*  
 up, now walk and live! *To refrain*



Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine." *To stanzas 3 and 4*

4 "I

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Let us pray. O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.      **C Amen.**

+ **SENDING** +

## **BLESSING**

P The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.      **C Amen.**

P The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.      **C Amen.**

P The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.      **C Amen.**

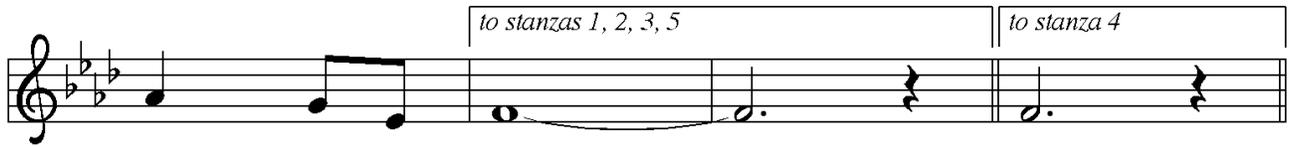
SENDING SONG: SHEPHERD ME, O GOD (ELW 780)

*Refrain*

All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from



death in - to life. life.

Leader or All



1 God is my shep-herd, so noth - ing shall I want, I  
 2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you  
 3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I



rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I  
 lead me by path-ways of righ - teous-ness and truth, my  
 fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your



walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.  
 spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.  
 rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

*Refrain*

Leader or All



4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of



ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

*Refrain*

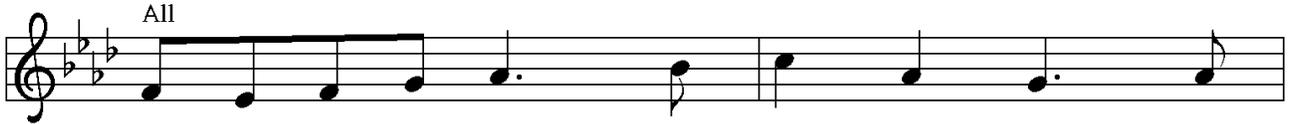


5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;



I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

*Final refrain*



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -



yond my fears, from death in - to life.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on Psalm 23

Music: SHEPHERD ME, Marty Haugen

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## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Upcoming Commemorations

### **Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582**

**Wednesday, October 15, 2025**

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

### **Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115**

**Friday, October 17, 2025**

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.

### **Luke, Evangelist**

**Saturday, October 18, 2025**

Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

**Announcements for the week of  
October 12, 2025**

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*Sanctuary Lamp Candle for October is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rosemary & Joseph Abbattista by Jaclyn Shurman*

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*Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God, and in honor of our Grandson's Baptism by Laura and Dave Staton*

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*Dottie McPartlin - October 17*



*Beth & John Feeney - Oct 14*



**BAPTISM TODAY!**

Join us as we celebrate the baptism of Myles Paul Staton, son of Brian and Samantha Staton. We offer our prayers for Myles Paul; his parents Brian and Samantha; and sponsors Kerri Staton and Christopher Lang.



»» **October Movie:** Come enjoy an afternoon of laughter and lighthearted fun with the classic Halloween comedy *Hocus Pocus!* This family-friendly film follows three over-the-top witches who are accidentally resurrected in modern-day Salem—and hilariously try to navigate the 20th century while stirring up a bit of mischief. Full of silly antics, clever jokes, and playful spookiness, it's a great way to enjoy the season with friends and family. October 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM

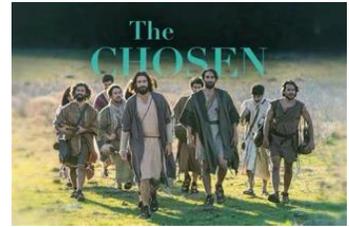


»» **Coffee Hour Sign-Up:** The October–December sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Please consider hosting by providing treats for a given Sunday.

»» **Do you love to sing?** Come add your voice to our church choir! No experience is necessary—just a willing heart and a love for music. Choir is a wonderful way to share your gifts and be part of something that uplifts the whole congregation in worship. All are welcome—join us and help fill our sanctuary with song!

»» **Altar Guild Needs You:** Our numbers are few, and the Guild would welcome your help. We're a small team that prepares the sanctuary for Sunday Communion, festive services, & Services of Word & Light. Don't be overwhelmed—seasonal changes & tasks are handled in pairs, as a group, or with help from the Property Committee. It's a meaningful act of service to the Lord. If you're interested or have questions, speak with Lauren, Bill, Beth, or Jane.

»» **Fellowship Discussion: “The Chosen”** - “The Chosen” takes an intimate look at the real and authentic lives of Jesus and all those around him through this historical drama. “The Chosen” brings the Bible to life. Join us as we gather to watch “The Chosen” television series. At each session we’ll watch an episode followed by a deep dive discussion about the scripture that inspired the story. **We will meet every other Wednesday in the Pastor’s Lounge at 2:00.** *Our next meeting is Wednesday - October 22nd.*



»» **Bible Study:** For the next six weeks, we'll be working on Paul's two letters to the Corinthians: Topic: Bible Study -- First and Second Corinthians. Time: 7:00 PM. Every week on Monday, until Oct 13th. **Zoom meeting link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85144993401?pwd=OACUxGaROukuESsbHcK8x6EeheJ86G.1> **Meeting ID:** 851 4499 3401 | **Passcode:** 846667  
Then, beginning on October 20, there will be a six week focus on Matthew's Gospel. That link will be available in October.

»» **Altar Flowers & Sanctuary Candle:** A chart on the lobby bulletin board allows us to designate weekly Sunday service altar flowers or the monthly sanctuary lamp candle as special memorial/in honor of gifts. Use the envelopes provided to forward the gift (\$25.00 for flowers; \$15.00 for candle). Be sure to include information concerning who is being honored/memorialized by your gift as well as your name, address and telephone number. You may also contact the church office at 516.931.0710.

***Parish Calendar This Week (October 12<sup>th</sup> - October 19<sup>th</sup>)***

Day	Event	Time
Sunday, October 12 <sup>th</sup>	18th Sunday after Pentecost	Holy Communion 9:00 am
Monday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Office Closed	Holiday
	Bible Study via Zoom	7:00 pm
Tuesday, October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Back to Basics	7:00 pm
Wednesday, October 15 <sup>th</sup>	N.A.	7:00 pm
Thursday October 16 <sup>th</sup>	Property Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
Sunday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>	19th Sunday after Pentecost	Holy Communion 9:00 am

**Serving at Worship Today** - Sunday, 9:00 AM

**Assisting Minister**.....Jane Ebersberger    **Usher**.....Rich Humann  
**Lector**.....Dave Staton    **Greeter**.....Maureen O’Brien  
**Acolyte**.....Kiko Reyes    **Audio/Visual**.....Tyler LaVorgna  
**Music Director**.....Mason Griffin    **Altar Guild**.....Lauren & Bill Artus

## **Parish Prayer List**

*If you would like to have your name or your friend or family member's name added to the Prayer List, please call the office. Please remember to keep the office updated.*

### **Pray For Our Congregation**

Laureen Aiello  
Bill Artus  
Dottie Eberhardt  
Richard Engert  
AJ Mangiaracina  
Rick Mosebach  
Alana & Derek Mueller  
Ilona Riggers  
Lenny Schiliro  
Joe Shurman  
June Waller  
Ilse Zeeck

### **Pray For Our Families**

Fred Barrell (brother-in-law of Paul and Susan Portz)  
Peter Denning (son-in-law of Lois Angstadt)  
Joe DiSalvo (cousin of Maureen O'Brien)  
James Ebersberger (brother of Jane Ebersberger)  
Jim Fritz (cousin of Lauren Artus & John Langbehn)  
Bernd Pfeiffer (brother of Christel LaVorgna)  
Linda Pisano (cousin of Lauren Artus & John Langbehn)  
Jean Riolo (mother of Christine Carlson)  
Neil Tingwall (husband of Tanya Maurer, son in law of Robert & Nan Maurer)

### **Pray For Our Friends**

Sadie & Jennifer Amiruddin (friends of Maureen O'Brien)  
Brianna Baldassano (daughter to dear friend of Maureen O'Brien)  
Alice Brahs (friend of Maureen O'Brien)  
Angela Capo (friend of Laureen Aiello)  
Sue Eletti (friend of Christel LaVorgna)  
Ellen Grace (high school friend of Joan Hagner)  
John Judge (friend of Jane Ebersberger)  
Mark Kravitz (friend of John Langbehn)  
Jenn Logan and her Mother (friends of Janet Muller)  
Ellen Motoi (friend of Maureen O'Brien)  
Betty, John & Mary Beth Ott (friends of Jane Ebersberger)  
Bill Schlatter (friend of the Hesse Family)  
Martina Schmid (former member of the congregation)  
Mark Trommsdorff (friend of Dave & Laura Staton)