



**July 26, 2026**

**9th Sunday after Pentecost**

*As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!*

**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 cold drinks, treats and conversation in the lobby following the worship service.

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## ✠ GATHERING ✠

*As the prelude begins we invite you to conclude your conversations and join us in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to worship together.*

### PRELUDE

### RINGING OF THE BELL

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

C **Amen.**

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

*Pause for silent reflection.*

C Have mercy, O God,            C **against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

P As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for us. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for us. As far as east is from west, so far God removes our sin from us, renewing our life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

C **Blessed be God forever.**

## GATHERING SONG: *COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING* (ELW 807)



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## 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.

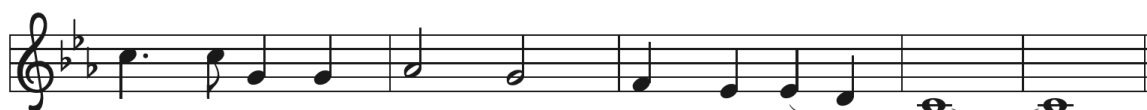
## KYRIE



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray. Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

## **✠ WORD ✠**

### **FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 3:5-12**

A reading from 1 Kings.

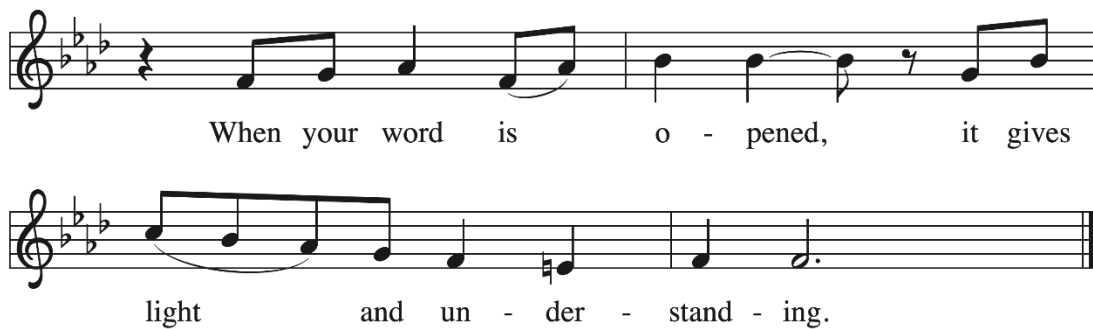
<sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” <sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup> And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?”

<sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> God said to him, “Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.”

...The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: PSALM 119: 129-136



<sup>129</sup> Your de- | crees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with | all my heart.

<sup>130</sup> **When your word is opened | it gives light; it gives understanding | to the simple.**

<sup>131</sup> I open my | mouth and pant because I long for | your commandments.

<sup>132</sup> **Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me, as you always do to those who | love your name. R**

<sup>133</sup> Order my footsteps | in your word; let no iniquity have dominion | over me.

<sup>134</sup> **Rescue me from those | who oppress me, and I will keep | your commandments.**

<sup>135</sup> Let your face shine up- | on your servant and teach | me your statutes.

<sup>136</sup> **My eyes shed | streams of tears, because people do not | keep your teaching. R**

## SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:26-39

A reading from Romans.

<sup>26</sup> The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

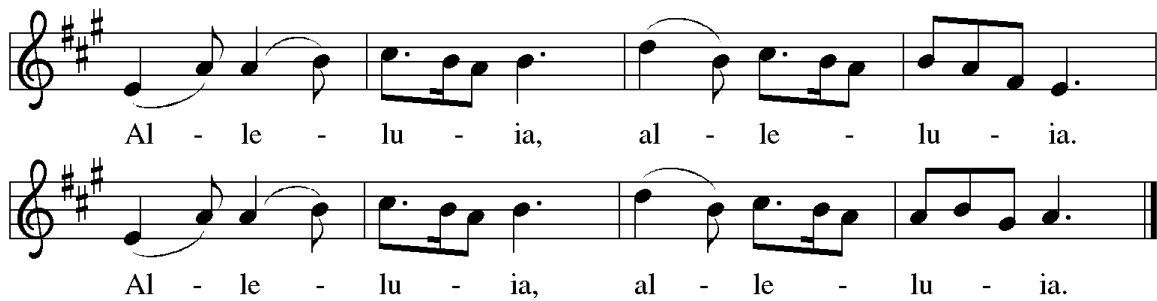
<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor

things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

...The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CELTIC ALLELUIA (ELW 174)



### GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52

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

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

<sup>31</sup> Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;<sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

<sup>33</sup> He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup> on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup> when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup> And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

...The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY: *BE NOT AFRAID* BY BOB DUFFORD

### Verse 1

1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-stand. You shall see the face of God and live.

The musical notation for Verse 1 is written on five staves. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a whole rest followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note, a half note, and a quarter note. The second staff begins with a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, and a half note. The third staff begins with a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, and a half note. The fourth staff begins with a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, and a half note. The fifth staff begins with a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, and a half note.

### Refrain

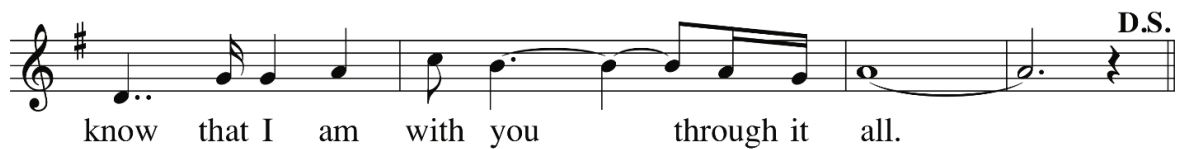
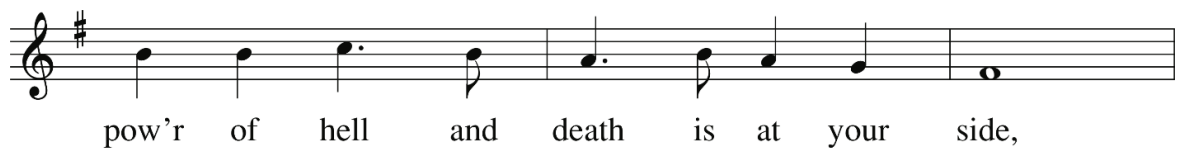
Be not a - fraid. I go be - fore you al - ways. Come, fol-low me, and I will give you rest.

The musical notation for the Refrain is written on two staves. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, and a half note. The second staff begins with a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, and a half note.

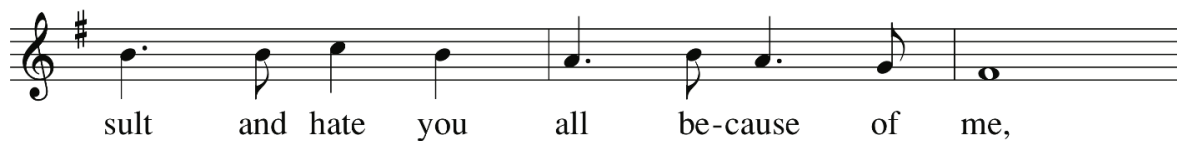
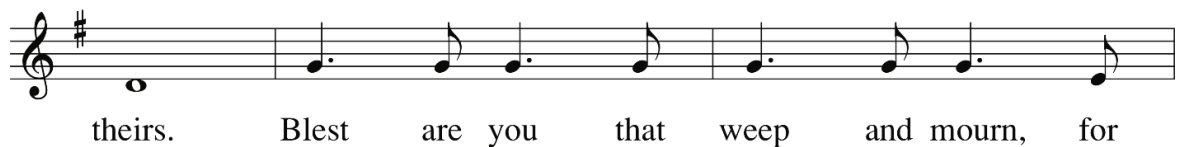
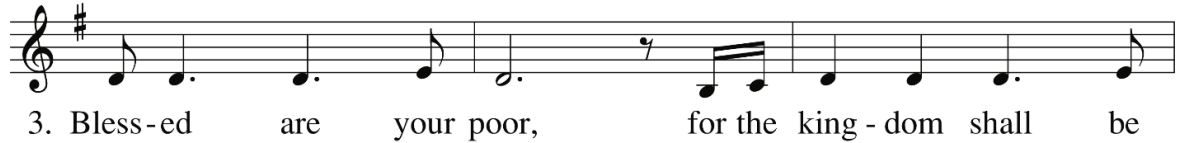
### Verse 2

2. If you pass through rag-ing wa-ters in the sea, you shall not drown. If you walk a-mid the burn-ing flames, you shall not be harmed. If you stand be-fore the

The musical notation for Verse 2 is written on three staves. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, and a half note. The second staff begins with a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, and a half note. The third staff begins with a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, and a half note.



Verse 3



## APOSTLES' CREED

A With the whole Church, we confess our faith.

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended 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 Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A God our wisdom and our song, we pray for bishops, candidacy committees, those preparing for seminary, those awaiting call as deacons or pastors, and all who seek to lead your disciples in any way. God of grace,     **C hear our prayer.**

A God our breath and our heartbeat, help us to recognize signs of your presence among us. Protect and support diverse ecosystems, from national parks to family farms, from ranches to wild places. God of grace,     **C hear our prayer.**

A God our peace and our guide, help civic leaders hear all their peoples' stories with compassion and curiosity, and remind us of your love from which we can never be separated. God of grace,     **C hear our prayer.**

A God our intercessor and our lawgiver, dismantle the barriers to care and recognition of all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and uncertainty. God of grace,     **C hear our prayer.**

A God our redeemer, may we trust your love above and beyond all else that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us. God of grace,     **C hear our prayer.**

A God who seeks, finds, and saves, for our community's part in the ongoing gift of creation, and for the riches of faith and hope which came before, we give you thanks. God of grace,     **C hear our prayer.**

A Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.  
**C Amen.**

## **PEACE**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

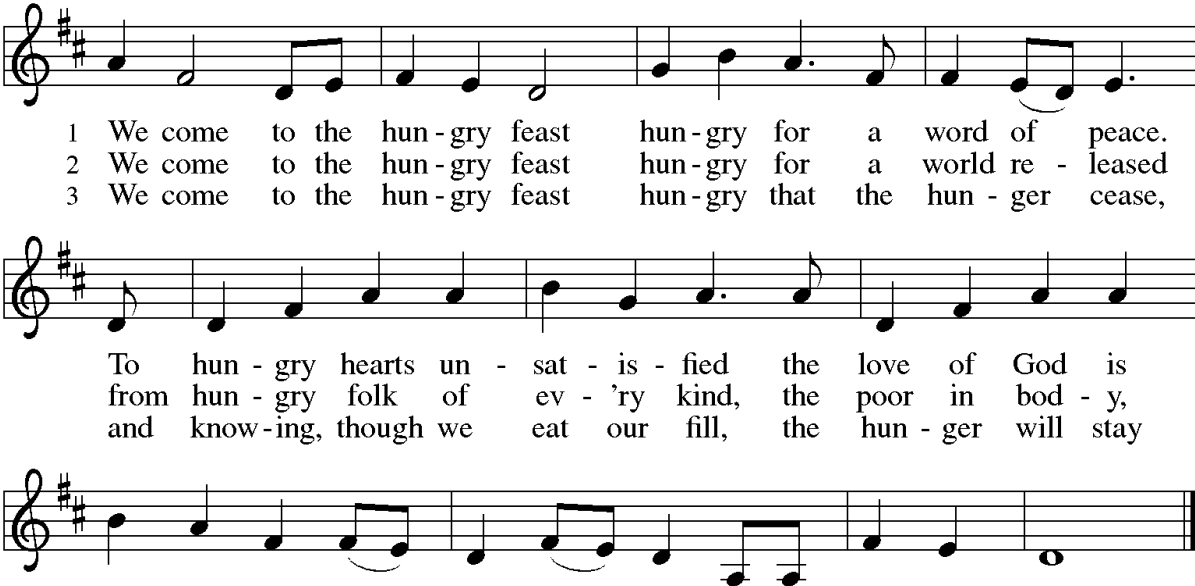
P Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

## **ADDITIONAL PRAYERS**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## ✠ MEAL ✠

### OFFERING SONG: *WE COME TO THE HUNGRY FEAST* (ELW 479)



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,

To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay

not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

### OFFERING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray. God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

**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

**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:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, mighty and merciful, your people praise you, saying: Your mercy endures forever. **C Your mercy endures forever.**

P By your promise you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures, granting them life and calling them to flourish, setting the sign of your bow in the clouds, the colors of your love and faithfulness. Your mercy endures forever. **C Your mercy endures forever.**

P By your promise you bound yourself to your people of old, blessing them with family outnumbering the stars and calling them to be a blessing to others, showing them steadfast love in every generation and calling them to be a light to the nations. Your mercy endures forever. **C Your mercy endures forever.**

P By your promise you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved, grafting us into your living Vine, and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love. 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. With this bread and cup we remember his life laid down and lifted up as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

P Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine. Bless us to be a blessing. Make us a sign of your faithfulness. Send us to tend and cherish the earth and to serve the world with mercy and love. With all the saints in light, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus, in your Spirit, 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

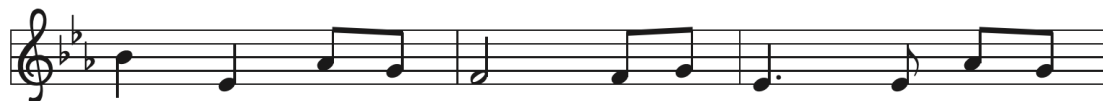
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## SONG DURING COMMUNION: *LOAVES WERE BROKEN, WORDS WERE SPOKEN* (ACS 966)



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

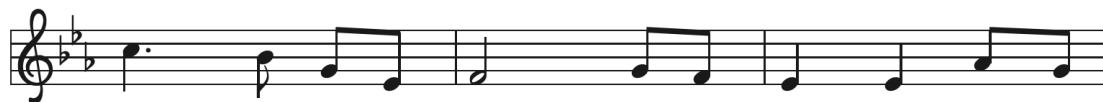


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

*Refrain*



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. **C Amen.**

## ✠ SENDING ✠

## BLESSING

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

P The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in ✠ Christ Jesus. **C Amen.**

# SENDING SONG: *BIND US TOGETHER* (WOV 748)

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The score is divided into several systems, each with a key signature change indicated above the staff: F major, Dm (D minor), Gm (G minor), C7 (F7), F major, Dm, Gm, C major, F major, F major, C7, F major, C7, F major, and a final section marked 'Refrain' with F major and Bb/C (B-flat over C) major.

The lyrics are as follows:

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that  
 can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,  
 bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.  
 1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.  
 2 You are the fam-ly of God. You are the prom-ise di - vine.  
 There . . is on - ly one Bod-y; that . . is why we can sing:  
 You are God's cho-sen de - sire, you are the glo-rious new wine.

## DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

## **Upcoming Commemorations**

**Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians**

**Tuesday, July 28, 2026**

These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces, and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, Messiah, is a setting of scriptural texts.

**Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany**

**Wednesday, July 29, 2026**

Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

**Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030**

**Wednesday, July 29, 2026**

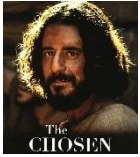
Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF

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### **See the Story. Share the Conversation.**



“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. At each meeting we’ll present one episode followed by a discussion about the scripture that inspired that episode. **Next Meeting: Wednesday July 29th @ 2pm.**

### **St. Stephen’s Needs YOU!**

**Ushers:** Our usher team needs additional volunteers. Serving as an usher is an important ministry of hospitality, and the responsibility should be shared among the congregation rather than carried by the same few individuals. If you are able to help, please speak with Barbara Barcavage. Your willingness to serve would be greatly appreciated.



**Counting Blessings (& Offerings!):** We are in need of additional volunteers to serve on our counting team. This important ministry of stewardship ensures that the congregation's weekly offerings are counted and recorded accurately. The work is done as part of a team, typically on Monday mornings. If you are able to serve, please speak with Janet Muller for more information.



**Altar Guild:** The Altar Guild is in need of additional volunteers. This important ministry helps prepare the sanctuary for Holy Communion and special services throughout the year. The responsibilities are shared among team members and should not rest on the same few individuals. If you are able to serve or would like more information, please speak with Jane.



### **A Thoughtful Way to Honor Someone Special**

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.





## School Supply Collection



As The New LIFE Center prepares for their annual school supply distribution for the 2026–2027 school year, they have asked for support of local students in need. Donations of new school supplies and backpacks are greatly appreciated, especially as costs continue to rise. **Please bring donations to the church by the week of July 27, as backpacks will be distributed beginning August 3.** The list of items is below. Thank you for helping make a difference for local families!

K-Kindergarten | E-Elementary | M-Middle | H-High

- Sturdy Backpacks must be able to fit a laptop-All Ages
- 2 inch 3 Ring Binders & Subject Dividers-M,H
- Loose Leaf Paper-College Ruled-M,H
- Composition Notebooks-College Ruled & Wide ruled-K,E,M
- Spiral Notebooks-E,H
- Plastic 2 Pocket Folders-K,E,M
- Colored Pencils-K,E,M
- Washable Box of Colored Markers-K,E,M
- Black & Blue Pens-E,M,H
- Elmers Glue-E,H
- Pencil Sharpeners-K,E,M
- Pencil Pouches/Pencil Boxes-K,E,M,H
- Erasers-K,E,M
- Glue Sticks-Small & Jumbo size-K,E,M
- Ruler-E,M,H
- Scissors-Child Safety Size-K,E
- Index Cards-M,H
- Post It Notes-3"x3" & 1 1/2"x1 1/2"-E,M,H
- Highlighters-K,E,M,H
- Fine Tip Dry Erase Markers-K,E
- Basic Calculator-H
- Stylus-H
- Geometry Set-H
- Plug in Earbuds-M,H
- Headphones-K,E

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

|                                                 |                                            |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>Assisting Minister</b> .....Jane Ebersberger | <b>Greeter</b> .....Ilse Zeeck             |
| <b>Lector</b> .....Jaclyn Shurman               | <b>Musical Director</b> .....Mason Griffin |
| <b>Acolyte</b> .....Sara LaGuarina              | <b>Audio/Visual</b> .....Livestream Team   |
| <b>Ushers</b> .....Lauren Artus & John Musi     | <b>Altar Guild</b> .....Allison Barone     |

### ***Parish Calendar This Week (July 26<sup>th</sup> - August 2<sup>nd</sup>)***

| <b>Day</b>                | <b>Event</b>                       | <b>Time</b>                   |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, July 26th</b>  | <b>9th Sunday after Pentecost</b>  | <b>Holy Communion 9:00 am</b> |
|                           | HSS Yoga                           | 10:00 am                      |
| Tuesday, July 28th        | Back to Basics                     | 7:00 pm                       |
| Wednesday, July 29th      | The Chosen                         | 2:00 pm                       |
|                           | NA                                 | 7:00 pm                       |
| <b>Sunday, August 2nd</b> | <b>10th Sunday after Pentecost</b> | <b>Holy Communion 9:00 am</b> |

### ***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**

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Bill Artus       | John Langbehn |
| Gail Bodnar      | Jan Mosebach  |
| Dottie Eberhardt | Ilona Riggers |
| Richard Engert   | Ilse Zeeck    |

#### **Pray For Our Families**

Alexandra (*Stepdaughter of Vincente Batsford*)  
Janet and Fred Barrell (*Sister and Brother-in-law of Paul and Susan Portz*)  
Scott Berman (*Cousin of Laureen Aiello*)  
Peter Denning (*Son-in-law of Lois Angstadt*)  
James Ebersberger (*Brother of Jane Ebersberger*)  
Helen Feeney (*Mother of John Feeney*)  
Jim Fritz (*Cousin of Lauren Artus and John Langbehn*)  
Gina (*Sister of Vincente Batsford*)  
Arleen Grimm (*Cousin of Maureen O'Brien*)  
Bernd Pfeiffer (*Brother of Christel LaVorgna*)  
Laura Panaro (*Mother of Laureen Aiello*)  
Jean Riolo (*Mother of Christine Carlson*)  
Cecelia and Bruce Rudd (*Cousins of Bob Maurer*)  
Steve Scala (*Cousin of Laureen Aiello*)  
Lynn Sicilia (*Sister of Bill Artus*)  
Joann Tingwall (*Mother and Mother-in-law of Neil and Tanya Tingwall*)

### **For Our Friends**

Jennifer Amiruddin (*Friend of Maureen O'Brien*)

Alice Brahs (*Friend of Maureen O'Brien*)

Bebe Chacko (*Friend of Laureen Aiello*)

Michael Garofalo (*Friend of Kerri Staton*)

Ellen Grace (*High school friend of Joan Hagner*)

Kathleen Hagen (*Friend of the Panaro and Aiello families*)

John Judge (*Friend of Jane Ebersberger*)

Rich McDermott (*Friend of the Mosebachs*)

Ellen Motoi (*Friend of Maureen O'Brien*)

Bruce Muhlenbruck (*Friend of The LaVorgna Family*)

Betty, John and Mary Beth Ott (*Friends of Jane Ebersberger*)

Richard (*Friend of Joan Hagner*)

MaryAnn Schwartz (*Friend of Dorothy Eberhardt*)