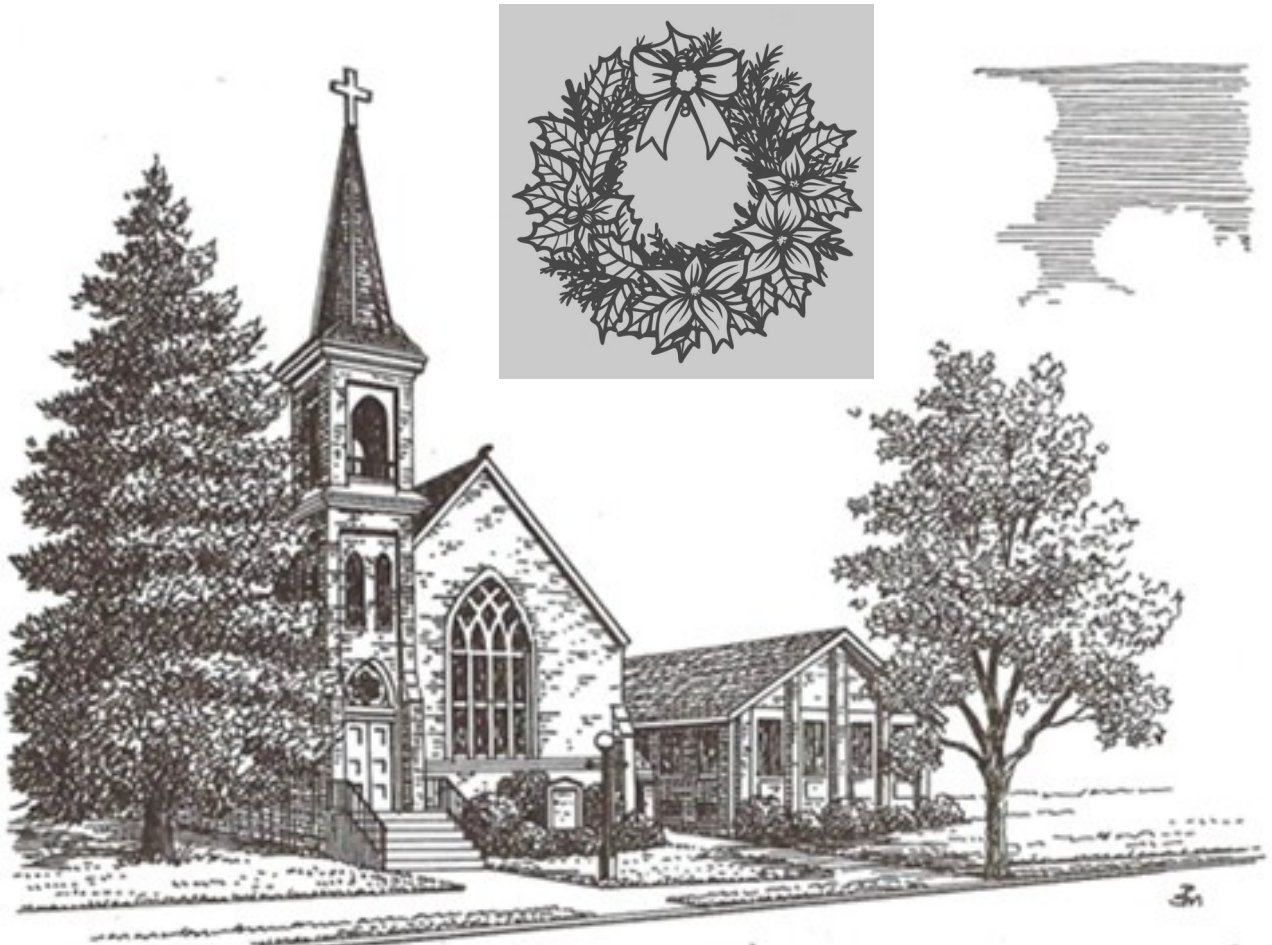


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**WORSHIP GUIDE**  
for the  
**SEASON**  
of **CHRISTMAS**

# Holy Communion

## Pattern for Worship

*In the principal service of Christian worship, the Holy Spirit gathers people around the means of grace: the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus Christ meets us with forgiveness, life, and salvation, we are sent out to share God's love and to care for those in need.*

*The basic pattern of this service — gathering, word, meal, sending — is a structure that allows for freedom and flexibility in the ways worship may be shaped locally, while focusing on what the church holds in common. The whole people of God are joined by the same gifts of grace, for the sake of the same mission of the gospel, into the life of the one triune God. Remember, people of all faiths are welcome at the Lord's Table. You may also come forward for a prayer of blessing from our pastor.*

## Why Do We Have Liturgy?

*Our liturgy forms a pattern that is familiar and repetitious in order to help us frame our minds for a fuller worship experience. As steps in a dance free you to express yourself in music, the patterns in liturgy free us to express ourselves spiritually. There is comfort in repeating phrases and prayers each week, and liturgy — literally the “work of the church” — frames our collective experience each time we gather. We hope you find peace, strength, and comfort in the liturgy we have designed for you today!*



# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## Prelude

## Confession and Forgiveness

**Leader** Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God, full of compassion and mercy, and abounding in steadfast love.

**All** Amen.

**Leader** Trusting in Christ's promise of forgiveness, let us now turn our hearts toward God in humble confession.

*Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel or sit.*

**Leader** Gracious God,

**All** You are our breath and our very life. We are the work of your hands, the children of your creation. We confess that we have often turned from you and sought our own path through life. Forgive us our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, that you may be our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Leader** As we are reminded each week, God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were still far away, and has given us new life through our Lord Jesus Christ. By grace you have been saved, and in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit, God forgives you all your sins!

**All** Amen.

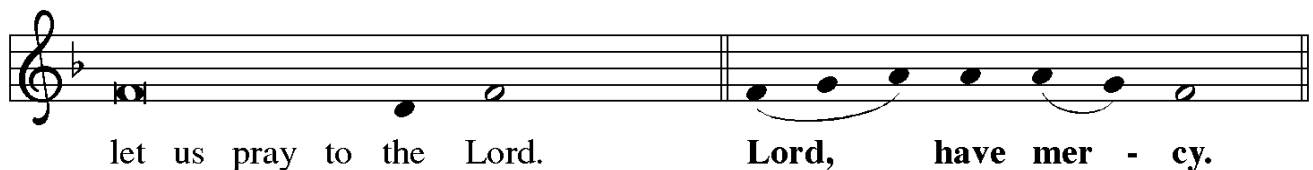
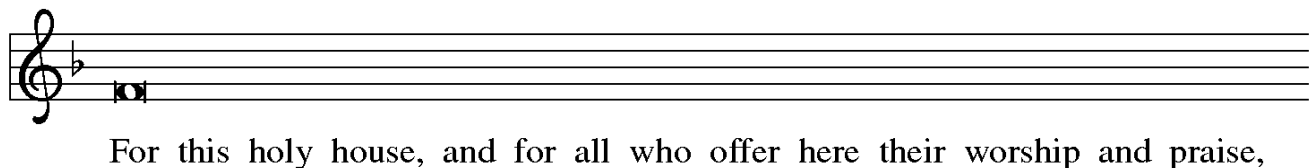
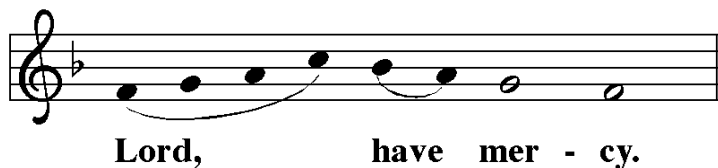
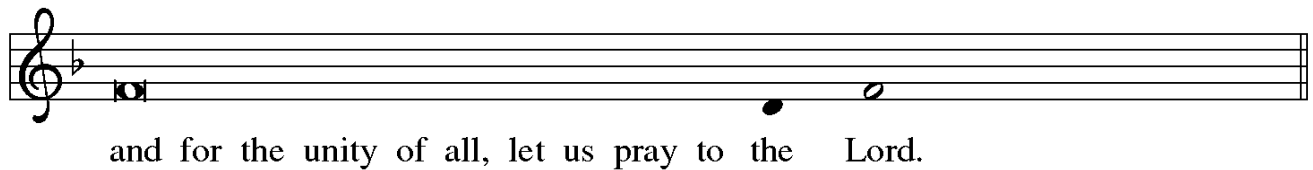
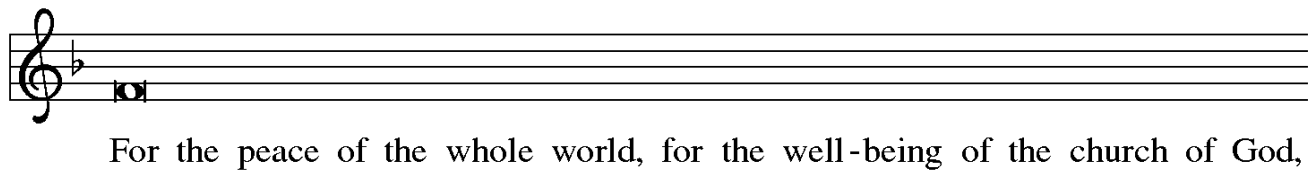
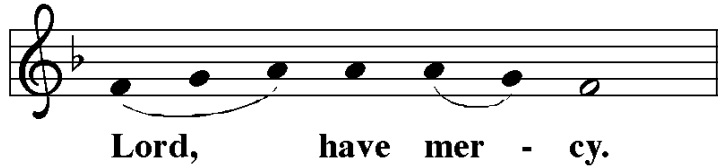
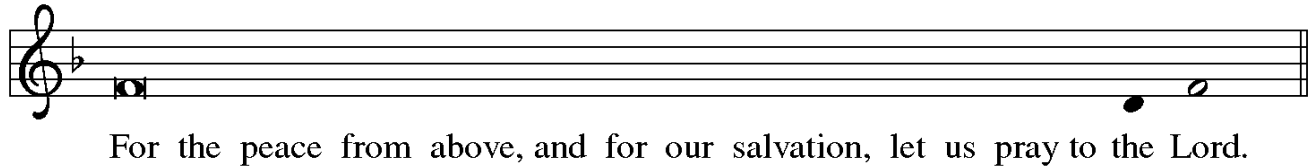
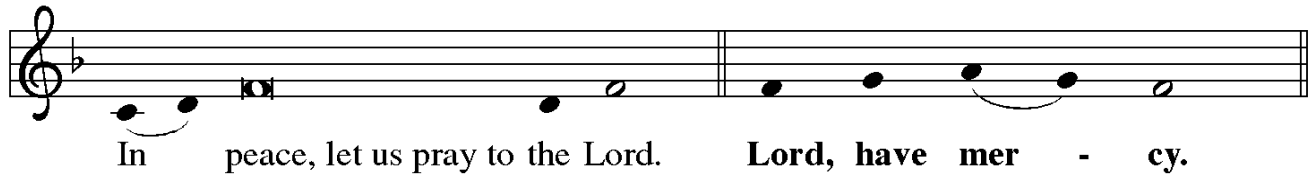
## Gathering Hymn

## Apostolic Greeting

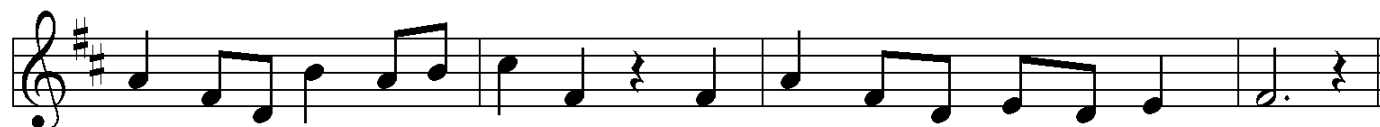
**Leader** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All** And also with you.

# Kyrie



## Hymn of Praise *(Non-Communion Weeks)*



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



**B** 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.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



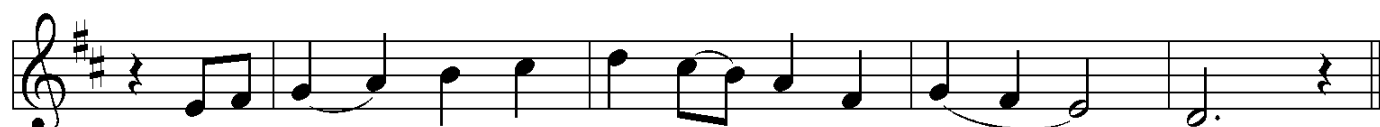
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

*(skip to bottom pg. 7)*

# Hymn of Praise (*Communion Weeks*)

*High Voices Sing Verses 1 and 3*

*Low Voices Sing Verses 2 and 4*

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **1** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **2** Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **3** Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **4** For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

*The presiding minister gathers the congregation into prayer.*

Leader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Leader Let us pray...

*(see "Celebrate" insert)*

All Amen.

*The congregation is seated*



# WORD

## First Reading *(see "Celebrate" insert)*

Reader The word of the Lord.  
All Thanks be to God!

## Psalm *(see "Celebrate" insert)*

Read responsively

## Second Reading *(see "Celebrate" insert)*

Reader The word of the Lord.  
All Thanks be to God!

*Please stand if you are able*

## Gospel Acclamation





# *gospel*

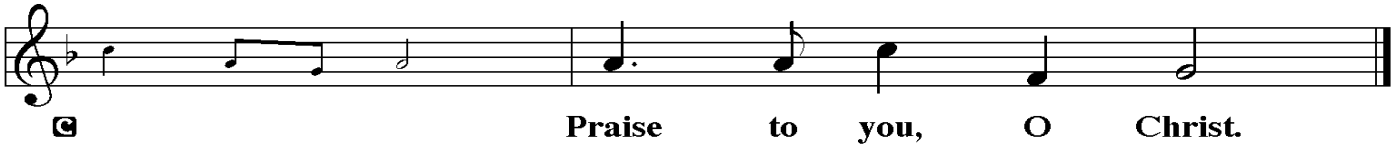
**Leader**     The holy gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter.



**Gospel Reading**     *(See Celebrate insert)*



**Leader**     This is the gospel of the Lord.



*The congregation is seated.*

**Sermon**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*Please stand if you are able.*



**Hymn of the Day**

*God's word is further proclaimed as we sing and as we confess our faith with the whole church. After praying for the whole world, we receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace.*

**Leader** We express our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**All** 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 Christian\*\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*\*or, "descended into hell."*

*\*\*or, catholic (universal)*

### *Apostle's Creed*

I BELIEVE  
FATHER ALMIGHTY,  
AND EARTH, AND IN  
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 INTO HELL, THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN  
FROM THE DEAD, HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND IS  
SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,  
FROM THERE 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  
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EVERLASTING  
AMEN



# Prayers of Intercession

*See Celebrate insert.*

## Sharing of the Peace

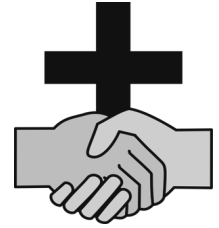
Leader The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say:*

Response Peace be with you.

*The congregation is seated.*



## Offering

*An offering is gathered and the table is set. During this section of worship, we offer our gifts of time, self, and possessions to the glory of God, and we celebrate the sacrament of the eucharist, where Christ comes to meet us at the table.*

## Offertory Anthem



*When there is Communion, skip to page 14.*

## Offertory Canticle

*As the gifts are brought forward, the congregation stands.*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the  
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

## Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray.

All O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Leader Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us boldly pray:

All 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.

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

*The gifts of grace that we share at God's table are now ours to bring to all those in need.*

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*Go in peace!*

## Benediction

Leader The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ grant you peace.  
All Amen.

## Sending Hymn

## Dismissal

Leader You are the body of Christ, raised up for the world!  
Go in peace! Serve the Lord!  
All Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

*Continued from pg. 11.*

## Offertory Canticle

*As the gifts are brought forward, the congregation stands.*



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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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# The Great Thanksgiving

**Pastor** The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you.

**Pastor** Lift up your hearts.

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

**Pastor** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**Pastor** It is indeed right and salutary, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord heavenly Father, through Christ our Lord. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through who you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so with the church on earth and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

**Pastor** Blessed are you, almighty and ever-living God. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. We give you thanks that you have gathered us into one through your Son, Jesus Christ, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**All** Amen! We give you thanks and praise, O Lord!

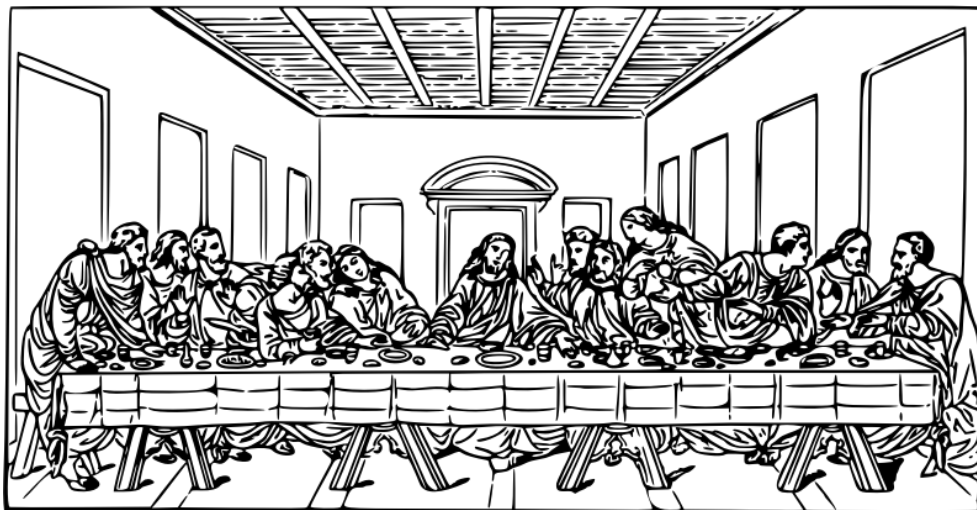
**Pastor** On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity that we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, ✠ with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

**All** Amen.





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hallowed be thy name,  
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**Pastor** Come to the table where all are welcomed home.

## 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.

*After the Eucharist has been shared by all, the congregation stands.*

## Table Blessing

**Pastor**      The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep  
you            in his grace.

**All**            Amen.

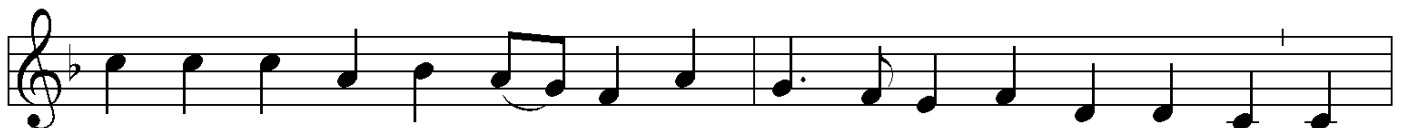
## Post-Communion Canticle



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer After Communion

**A**            Let us pray.

God of all creation, all that you have made is good, and your love endures forever. Send your spirit with us now, that we may be united and transformed through the healing power of this gift of life, to serve you more fully by loving our neighbors more deeply.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All**            Amen.

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## Sending Hymn



## Dismissal

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**All**            Thanks be to God!

## Postlude



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