

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026 | 10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



At Holy Cross Lutheran Church, we joyfully celebrate that every person is a beloved child of God. No matter who you are, where you come from, or what your story is, you are welcome here. We are committed to breaking down barriers, embracing diversity, and building a community rooted in love, equality, and grace. Whatever your race, background, identity, or circumstance, you are safe, valued, and cherished among us. Thank you for joining us in this experience of discovering the boundless love of God while building a welcoming, inclusive, and affirming faith community. You have a place here!



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Today's Introduction

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

AUG
09

Vacation Bible School 2026!

Join us at Holy Cross for Vacation Bible School starting August 9, 2026! Fun, faith, and friendship await for all ages!

AUG
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Pastor Eric's Installation

Join us as we officially install Pastor Eric as our new pastor at 2:00pm with a festive worship service followed by light refreshments.

Weekly Update

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HOLY CROSS
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Sunday, August 2, 2026

VISITORS: It is a joy to have you with us this morning. If you are looking for a church family, we hope you will consider Holy Cross. For more information, you can fill out a visitor form in the narthex, speak to an usher, or scan the QR code to the right.



FAMILIES: Children are always welcome at our worship services! There's also a small play area in the Narthex where you can hear the broadcasted service.

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

For additions or updates, email Admin@HolyCrossHerndon.org
Names are removed after one month unless advised otherwise.

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Juliana Roe Beck | Bonnie Burton | Terry & Linda Butler | Joy Caveney
Joel Flegal | Roy Geiger | Otto Jacobson | Reed Morgan
Mike Muller | Craig Reichow | Tuula Toney | Cherie Weatherhead

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Riley Morgan | Thomas Newcomb | Collin Reichow
Friends of Thomas Newcomb currently serving in Iran

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION

Erin Barden (sister of Andrew Barden)
Von Bergstrom (cousin of Jill Reichow)
Jane Campbell (friend of Cheryl Smith)
Joana Cherry (mother of Jo Roe)
Karen Davidson (grandmother-in-law of Jared Lem)
Don and Liz Gober (friends of Craig Reichow)
Madilyn Gross (cousin of Desirae Peral)
Uwe Gutschmidt (nephew of Ellen Atwell)
Jeff Harwood (friend of Craig Reichow)
Michael Levrini (friend of Jared Lem)
Phyllis Krapf (wife of Dick Krapf)
Don Kress (friend of Helen and Gary Wolfe)
Dale, John, and Jeff MacPherson (friends of Jared Lem)
Sue Mason (sister of Pam Darby)
Sharon Massen & Dorie Miller (friends of Craig Reichow)
Brian McCagh (cousin of Helen Wolfe)
Lisa Nolf (friend of Jared Lem)
Jim Pollock (godfather of Andrew Barden)
Anne Marie Berardi Rabinowitz (friend of Tonya Elliott)
John Smith (brother-in-law of Cheryl Smith)
Joseph Strada (father of daughter-in-law of Sam & Sharon Carter)
Nancy and Steven Swancutt (sister and brother of Lynn Russo)
Dianna Tilton (family friend of Jared Lem)
Bernadette Stevenson Williams (friend of the Roe family)

THOSE IN MOURNING

Family & friends of Kathy Hale (aunt of Marie Edwards Nelson,
sister-in-law of Chip Edwards)

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor:	Rev. Eric Randolph
Pianist:	Suzanne Baggett
Sound Technician:	Bob Thompson
Video Technician:	Sylvia Moran

Serving August 2nd: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Assisting Minister:	TBD
Reader:	Helen Wolfe
Acolyte:	Gary Wolfe
Greeter:	Cheryl Smith

Serving August 9th: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Assisting Minister:	TBD
Reader:	Catherine Taylor
Acolyte:	TBD
Greeter:	Jared Lem

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: AUG 2 – AUG 9

SU 2	10:00 am	Worship – 10 th Sunday after Pentecost
	11:00pm	Fellowship & Coffee ~ FH
	11:30 am	H.U.G.S. Group ~ Conference Rm
	1:00 pm	Bldg. Use: Christian Missionary ~ FH
TU 4	6:30 pm	Bldg. Use: Boy Scouts Troop 12 ~ FH
W 5	11:30 am	Lunch for the Soul ~ FH
TH 6	9:00 am	Quilting Group ~ Rm 202
SA 8	8:00 am	Bldg. Use: Herndon's Women AA ~ Rm 204
	11:00 am	Bldg. Use: 7 th Day Called2Be ~ FH
SU 9	10:00 am	Worship – 11 th Sunday after Pentecost
	11:00 am	Fellowship & Coffee ~ FH
	11:30 am	Festival Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
	1:00 pm	Bldg. Use: Christian Missionary ~ FH
	6:00 pm	Vacation Bible School

H.U.G.S. GROUP—MEETING TODAY

The H.U.G.S. Group's August meeting will be **today, August 2**, after the service in the conference room. We are here to support each other through whatever happens in our lives. Having a rough day? Stop by—hugs are free!

MEET WITH PASTOR ERIC

Pastor Eric is still available for one-on-one meetings during his first 90 days with us. These meetings are a chance for Pastor Eric to get to know you better and for you to share input that will help leadership develop a strategic plan for our ministry life together.

To schedule a meeting, scan the QR codes below. If you are unable to find a time that works with your schedule, please contact Pastor Eric directly at Pastor@HolyCrossHerndon.org.



Daytime, In-Person



Evening, Online



Mark your calendars for **August 9–13, from 6:00–8:00 p.m.** and join us for a fun-filled week of faith, fellowship, and learning—with dinner provided each evening!

Kids will take on the **Snowball Mountain Challenge**, while adults are invited to **Grace Unfolded: Exploring the Heart of Lutheran Faith**, led by Pastor Eric. There's something for every generation to enjoy as we grow in faith together.

Kids – Sign Up Here: tinyurl.com/mvuau5t6

Adults – Sign Up Here: tinyurl.com/bdx246x6



Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm



You are invited to join a special Festival Choir for Pastor Eric's installation service. Festival Choir members only need to attend three rehearsals (two of which will take place conveniently right after Sunday worship) and then sing at the installation service. Whether you are too busy for the regular choir schedule, have always wanted to give choir a try, or simply love to sing, we would be delighted to have you join us. Bring a friend to sing with you!

Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/ERFestivalChoir>



This month, we're packing bag lunches to provide our guests with an extra meal to take with them. We'd love your help! Sign up for **Wednesday, August 5** using the QR code or this link: perfectpotluck.com/YEEI1717

TREASURERS REPORT – JUNE 2026

June 2026	Year to Date – 2026
Operating Fund	Operating Fund
Income: \$ 31,035.08	Income: \$ 202,606.95
Expenses: \$ 27,211.66	Expenses: \$ 172,580.48
Net Balance: + \$ 3,823.42	Net Balance: + \$ 30,026.47

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Welcomes ALL!

Holy Cross Lutheran Church joyfully affirms and celebrates that every person is a beloved child of God. We welcome all who are seeking God's boundless love and sustaining grace into full community with us at Holy Cross. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves to breaking down barriers and systems that divide God's children working to be a space committed to racial equality for God's people and to building a community where all are recognized as part of Christ's new creation.



We welcome you, and you are safe with us...
 Whatever your race, ethnicity, or heritage;
 Whatever your relationship status;
 We welcome you, and you are safe with us...

Whatever your sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or gender expression;
 Whatever your socio-economic status;
 We welcome you, and you are safe with us...

Whatever your age and life circumstance;
 Whatever your physical and mental ability.
 You are a beloved child of God, you are valued, and you are welcome here.

What to Expect in Worship

Worship services can be intimidating for newcomers. While we try to make worship as accessible as possible for everyone, we know that some aspects can be confusing. Feel free to ask an usher or someone near you for help if you have any questions today. We are happy to help and want all voices to be included in praise to God.

Our worship style is traditional at Holy Cross. A full liturgy is used to focus our praise and prayers to God. Notes are included in the side gutter of the bulletin to explain why we use the various liturgical elements. Communion is celebrated every Sunday at Holy Cross. The table (altar) is not our table, but Christ's table. Just as Christ welcomes all, all are welcome to receive communion at Holy Cross. Pastor will give instructions on how we celebrate communion at that part of the service. Written instructions are also included at that point in the bulletin.

Throughout the year we emphasize each liturgical season differently to mark the passage of time. Liturgical texts change to reflect aspects of that season, some elements are removed or added to reflect the mood of that season, and colors used to decorate the chancel are changed to provide visual reminders of the current season.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Transforming the world & ourselves, together in community, fellowship, and faith.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026 | 10:00 AM

For several weeks now, Matthew's theme of judgment gives over to his stories of divine mercy. Later in the fall the theme of judgment returns.



WE GATHER



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Fairest, Lord Jesus

arr Jerry Ray

Please stand as you are able.

INVOCATION

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, source of hope in every nation, rest of the weary, glory and peace to the ends of the earth.

Assembly: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Pastor: Let us bring every burden to God.

Pastor: Compassionate God,

Assembly: **God of all mercy, we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your good creation. Within ourselves and our communities, our desire to do what is good is at war with the evil that dwells in us. We lament the evil that holds us captive. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of

the church of Christ, and by his authority, I
therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of
all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the
+ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Assembly:

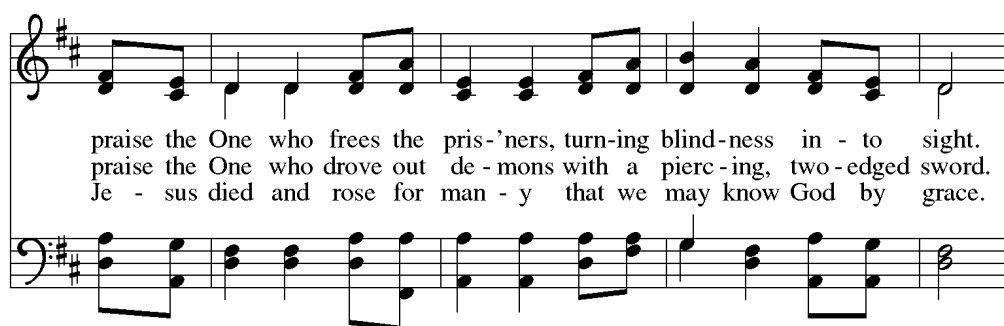
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

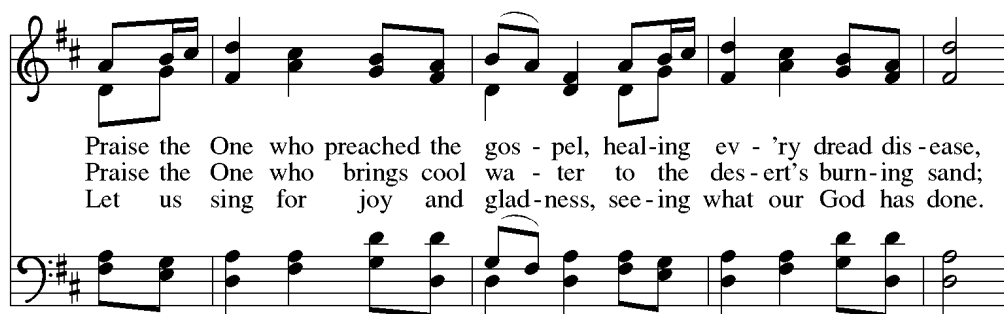
Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



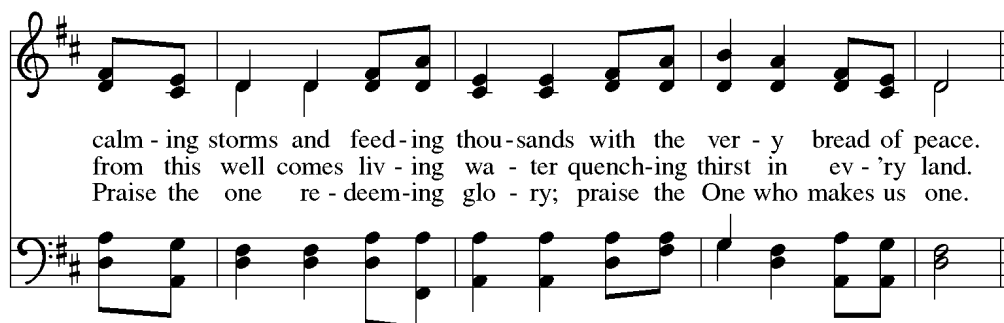
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

Assembly: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

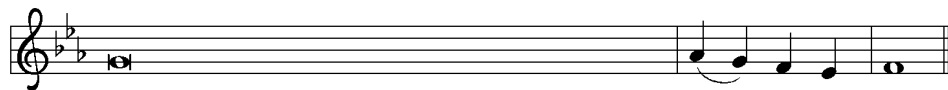
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



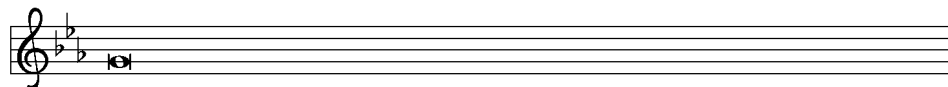
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



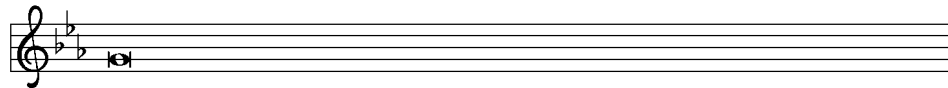
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

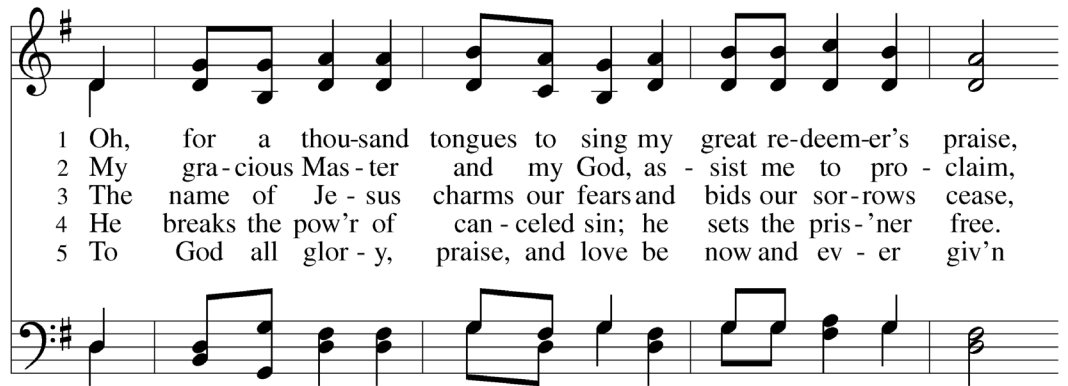


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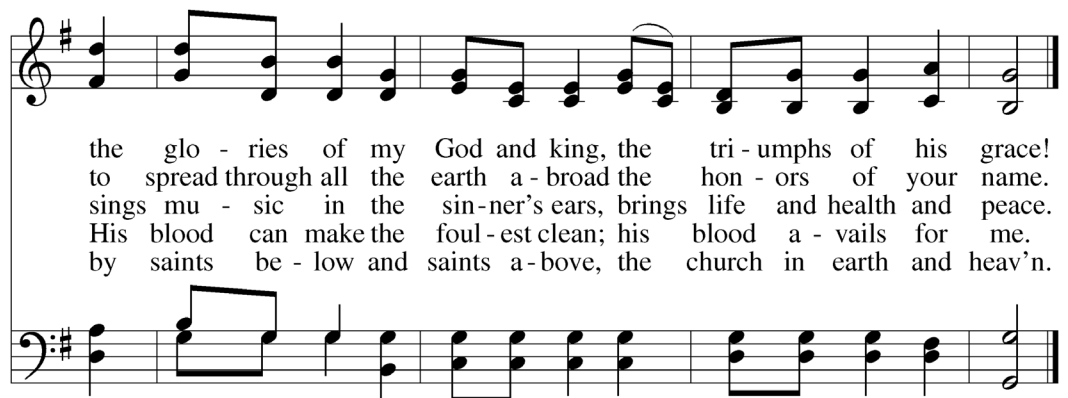
HYMN OF PRAISE

Stanzas 1 & 2

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great re-deem-er's praise,
 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can-celed sin; he sets the pris-'ner free.
 5 To God all glor-y, praise, and love be now and ev-er giv'n



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
 sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
 His blood can make the foul-est clean; his blood a-vails for me.
 by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

The prayer of the day is inspired by one in the 2002 Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (p. 168). Isaiah's imagery of a cosmic feast supports our prayer that God feed the body and spirit of all the starving world.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor:

Let us pray. Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Assembly:

Amen.

Please sit.



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD



Already heard at this year's Easter Vigil as a picture of the resurrection, this Sunday the sixth-century poem in Second Isaiah presents the metaphor of food as background to the narrative of the feeding of the five thousand. The Old Testament includes both many poems with the metaphor of food and many narratives of God's miraculous feedings.

SEEDS OF FAITH

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

Reader: A reading from the prophet Isaiah:

- ¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts;
 come to the waters;
 and you who have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
 Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
- ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
 and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
 Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
- ³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
 I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
- ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
- ⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
 because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.
 Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Centuries of Christian teaching that only Christians can be saved stand in contrast to Paul's confidence that God's promises to the Jews continue. Paul assumes that both Jews and Gentiles are being fed by God on the mountain.

Christians have seen the stories of the feeding of the multitude as pictures of both the proclamation of the word, by which God's people thrive, and holy communion, in which the blessing of Jesus creates continuous food for his people. The miracle takes place each Sunday.

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans:

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(ELW Setting 1)



GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

Pastor: The Gospel according to Matthew the 14th chapter.

Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the

crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.”¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.”¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
Assembly: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

More Than Enough

Please stand as you are able.



HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,

who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;

we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak-ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,

con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
 stir-ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985

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APOSTLE'S CREED

Pastor: With the church catholic, we are bold to confess our faith by the words of the Apostles' Creed.

Assembly: 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.

INTERCESSION OF THE CHURCH

Assisting Minister: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

We pray for the greater church.

For your church in every place, that it satisfies those who hunger for your word. Bless the ministry of readers, translators, Bible study leaders, and writers, that God's word is broken open and shared with all. Merciful God,

Assembly: receive our prayer.

We pray for creation.

Assisting Minister: For your wondrous creation and all the bounty it provides, that your creatures are fed and nourished. Bless the work of farmers, farmworkers, those who fish, and all whose labor brings your abundance to our tables. Merciful God,

Assembly: receive our prayer.

We pray for justice.

Assisting Minister: For your children in every nation, that they learn to love justice and live in harmony. As this week we remember the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, keep us mindful of the horrors of war; draw our hearts instead toward your reign of love, hope, and peace. Merciful God,
Assembly: receive our prayer.

We pray for those in need.

Assisting Minister: For all who cry out with great sorrow and unceasing anguish, that they are comforted. Feed all who struggle with food insecurity; have mercy on all who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit, including those we name before you now (*the assembly offers names*). Merciful God,
Assembly: receive our prayer.

We pray for our congregation.

Assisting Minister: For this congregation, that it bears faithful witness to the abundance and joy of life in you. Bless all your faithful people gathered here, that they may become blessings for this community. Merciful God,
Assembly: receive our prayer.

We remember the saints.

Assisting Minister: With thanksgiving for the faithful who now rest in your mercy, that their witness continues to inspire the church. By their example, may we trust your promises in life and in death. Merciful God,
Assembly: receive our prayer.

Assisting Minister: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Assembly: Amen.

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.
Assembly: And also with you.

Please sit.

The sharing of The Peace is an ancient ritual that puts us right with our neighbors before we offer our gifts to God.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Assisting Minister: We have been commanded to love our neighbor. we are called to love God with all that we are and all that we have. Through our love of God and neighbor we are rich in so many ways. We invite you to share your financial riches with this community and all those whose lives are touched through its ministries. Let us give generously.

OFFERING

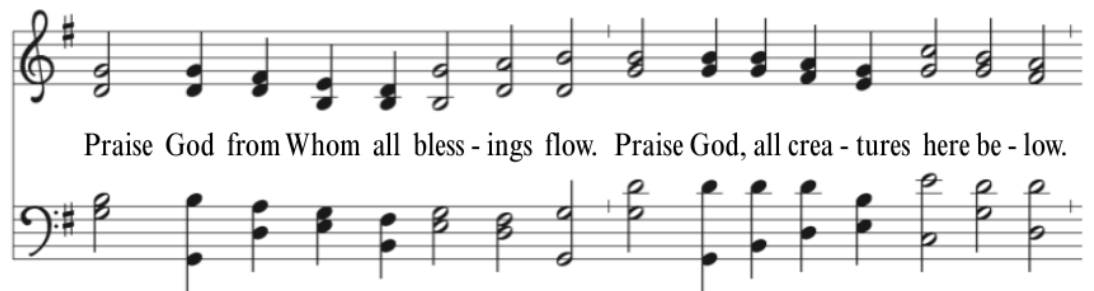
MUSICAL OFFERING

Jesus Loves Me

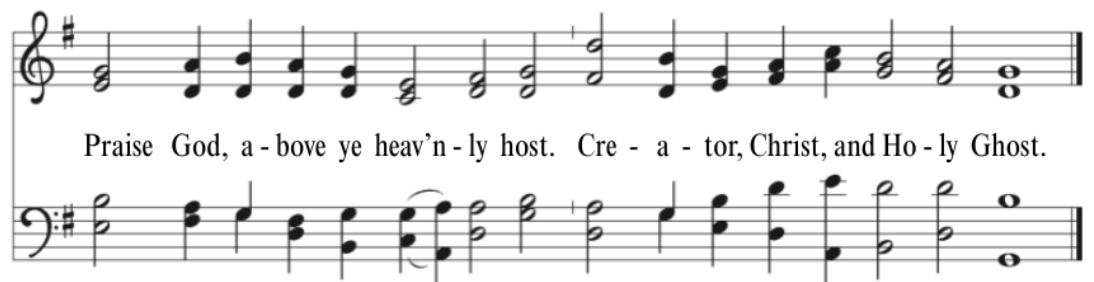
arr. Teresa Wilhemi

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY



Praise God from Whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low.



Praise God, a - bove ye heav'n - ly host. Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray together. Loving God,
Assembly: we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
 Help us take heart in you and share freely of
 your love, so that all creation can taste your
 abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus,
 through the Spirit abiding with us now and
 forever. Amen.



WE COME TO GOD'S TABLE



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them to the Lord.

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

Assembly: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: 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

(ELW Setting 1)

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. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of
your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only
Son, so that everyone who believes in him may
not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish
all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from
this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he
comes.

**Assembly: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will
come again.**

Pastor: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious
resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his
coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God
Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we
ask you mercifully to accept our praise and
thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit
to bless us, your servants, and these your own
gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who
share in the body and blood of Christ may be
filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and,
receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to
live as your holy people and be given our
inheritance with all your saints.

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, forever and ever.

Assembly: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as our Savior taught:

Assembly: **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.**

THE FRACTURE (BREAKING OF THE BREAD)

Pastor: The Lamb of God is broken and distributed; broken but never divided; forever eaten, and yet never consumed, but sanctifying those who partake.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; You who have been here often and you who have not been here long; You who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is God's will that those who want God should meet here at Christ's table.

Citizens of the commonwealth of heaven: Taste and know that God is good to all.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

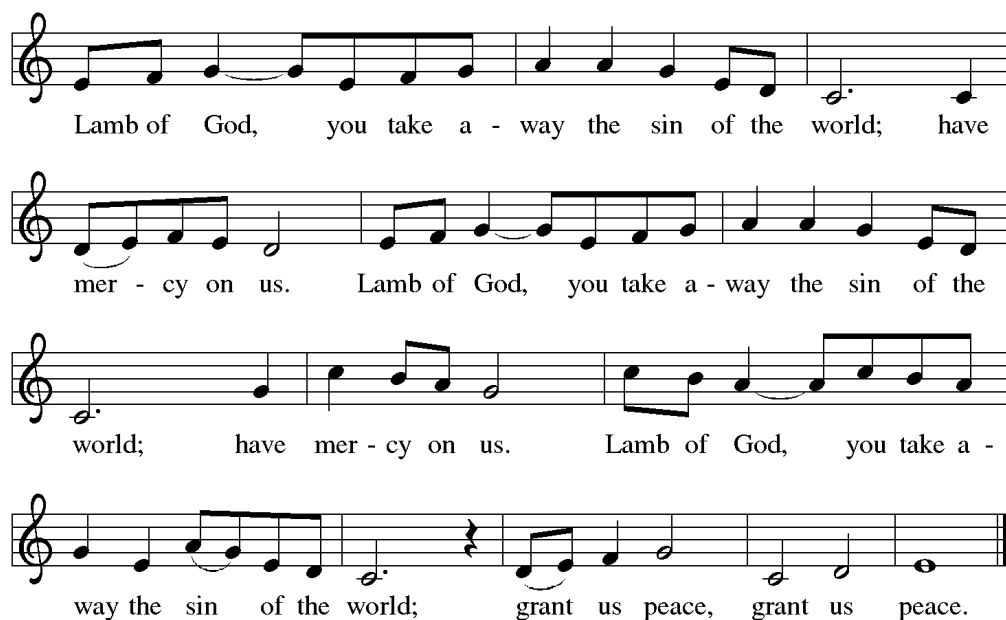
Please sit.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*This is Christ's table of welcome. Jesus invites **all** who are hungry and thirsty for unconditional love and acceptance to come to God's banquet. The ushers will direct you forward at the appropriate time. Communion will be by station. The pastor will be in the center with the bread. All the bread we use here is gluten free and vegan. On either side will be someone with a tray of red wine and white grape juice. Empty cups can be placed in the basket on either side of the aisle. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, cross your arms on your chest.*

AGNUS DEI

(ELW Setting 1)



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Gift of Finest Wheat



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997
 Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996
 Text and music © 1977 Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887

Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Please stand as you are able.

EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING

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

Assembly: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray together. Compassionate God,
**Assembly: through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts
are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared
with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and
forever. Amen.**

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Pastor: 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.

Assembly: Amen.



WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE



SENDING HYMN

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Martin Luther retained the word “Mass” in his liturgical reforms to preserve the historic continuity of Christian worship. For Luther, the term was familiar and deeply meaningful, but he redefined its use to emphasize the true presence of Christ in the liturgy of Holy Communion, not as a repeated sacrifice, but as the real, tangible gift of Christ’s body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Additionally, “Mass” has come to signify not only Christ’s true presence in Holy Communion but also God’s abiding presence with God’s people in worship through the Means of Grace (the Word and sacraments).

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Author of Life, the Word of salvation, the Breath of new birth, + one God, bless you and equip you for living and serving, today and every day.

Assembly: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: The mass is ended, now our service begins.
Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Vivaldi Trumpet Tunee

arr. S. Drumond Wolff

As part of our continuous efforts to make worship more inclusive and sensory friendly, we ask that you refrain from applauding during worship and after the postlude.

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THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS

**Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221
Saturday, August 8, 2026**

Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.

FROM THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES

Eternal Goodness, I shall contemplate myself in you.
By this light I shall come to know that you, eternal Trinity,
are table and food and waiter for us.
You, eternal Father, are the table that offers us as food,
the Lamb, your only-begotten Son.
He is the most exquisite of foods for us,
both in his teaching, which nourishes us in your will,
and in the sacrament that we receive in Holy Communion,
which feeds and strengthens us while we are pilgrim travelers in this life.
And the Holy Spirit is indeed a waiter for us,
who serves us this teaching by enlightening our mind's eye with it
and inspiring us to follow it,
and who serves us charity for our neighbors
and the salvation of the whole world for the Father's honor.
— Catherine of Siena



[Catherine of Siena, The Prayers of Catherine of Siena, ed. Suzanne Noffke OP (NY: Paulist, 1983), 101-102.]

A simple Coptic icon depicts today's gospel reading. As was traditional in Christian art, Jesus' outer robe is red, to signify that for us he is royalty. In accord with Matthew's accounts of the miraculous feeding, women and children are part of the picture.

There is a hearing-assistance system (induction loop) in the Sanctuary for those with hearing impairments. Please ask an usher for instructions.

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