

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH



Give Me That Old Time Religion!
Rally Day - September 7, 2025

Weekly Update

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LUTHERAN CHURCH



Sunday, September 7, 2025

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/changes, email the office: admin@holycrossherndon.org
Names will be removed after one month unless advised otherwise.

OUR CONGREGATION

Gene Bain | Juliana Roe Beck | John Breene
Bonnie Burton | Terry & Linda Butler | Joy Caveney | Joel Flegal
Roy Geiger | Otto & Gloria Jacobson | Reed Morgan
Mike Muller | Desirae Peral | Craig Reichow
Jeremy Shoop | Tuula Toney | Cherie Weatherhead

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Riley Morgan | Thomas Newcomb | Collin Reichow

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION

Robert Appel (friend of Dick Krapf)
Randy and Shirley Beamer (friends of Pam Darby)
Constance Bilby (cousin of Desirae Peral)
Debbie Bowman (niece of Betty Skelton)
Joy Brown (friend of Kate Flegal)
Symphony Calvillo & her two boys (friend of Kate Flegal)
Jane Campbell (friend of Cheryl Smith)
Don and Liz Gober (friends of Craig Reichow)
Jason Greenwalt (friend of Cheryl Smith)
Matt Kim (friend of John & Tammy Breene)
Georgia Kirby and Cain Mason (friends of Cherie Weatherhead)
Phyllis Krapf (wife of Dick Krapf)
Don Kress (friend of Helen and Gary Wolfe)
Sharon Massen (friend of Craig Reichow)
Lisa Nolf (friend of Jared Lem)
Jim Pollock (godfather of Andrew Barden)
Anne Marie Berardi Rabinowitz (friend of Tonya Elliott)
Axel Peral Sanchez (brother-in-law of Desirae Peral)
John Smith (brother-in-law of Cheryl Smith)
Diane Stanley (friend of Cheryl Smith)
Kevin Stenger (friend of Pam Darby)
Steven Swancutt (brother of Lynn Russo)
Grace Tsai (friend of Jared Lem)
Michelle White (friend and coworker of Kate Flegal)
Bernadette Stevenson Williams (friend of the Roe family)

THOSE IN MOURNING

Family & friends of Robert Bohm (friend of Sam Carter)
Family & friends of Carolyn McTague (sister of Marcia Kratzke)

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Supply Pastor:	Rev. Pam Mitcham
Director of Music and Liturgy:	Jeremy Shoop
Sound Technician:	Bob Thompson
Video Technician:	Sylvia Moran

Serving September 7th: Rally Day

Assisting Minister:	Kathy Makowski
Reader:	Helen Wolfe
Acolyte:	Gary Wolfe
Greeter:	Jared Lem

Serving September 14th: Holy Cross Day

Assisting Minister:	Rob Coffman
Reader:	Richard Smullen
Acolyte:	TBD
Greeter:	Jared Lem

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: SEP 7 – SEP 14

SU 7	10:00 am	Worship – Rally Day
	11:00 am	Rally Day Cook-Out
	1:00 pm	Bldg. Use: Christian Missionary ~ FH
M 8	6:30 pm	Theology on Tap
TU 9	6:30 pm	Bldg. Use: Boy Scouts Troop 12
W 10	7:00 am	Property Lawn Day
	11:30 am	Lunch for the Soul ~ FH
	6:30 pm	Game Night ~ FH
	7:30 pm	ExCom Meeting ~ Zoom
TH 11	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
	8:00 pm	Bell Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
SA 13	8:00 am	Bldg. Use: Herndon's Women AA ~ Rm 204
	11:00 am	Bldg. Use: Called2Be 7 th Day Adventist
SU 14	9:00 am	Kingdom Kids & Angels ~ Choir Stall
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School ~ FH
	10:00 am	Worship – Holy Cross Day
	11:00 am	Fellowship & Coffee
	1:00 pm	Bldg. Use: Christian Missionary ~ FH

PROPERTY LAWN DAYS

Join us for any or all of the below outdoor work dates to help keep our property beautiful. Everyone is welcome!

Wednesdays

7:00 – 9:00 am

September 10

September 24

Saturdays

8:30 – 10:30 am

September 6

September 20

DON'T FORGET YOUR CEREAL!



2nd Annual Cereal Collection Challenge!

As part of our Rally Day celebration, Holy Cross is collecting boxes of cereal to support the food pantry at LINK. Cereal is one of the most requested items by students in need. Please bring in boxes of cereal anytime between now and Rally Day (September 7).

The Challenge: After worship on Rally Day, we will set up a domino chain that runs from the altar to the fellowship hall. Let's see if we can make a chain as long as last year!

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LINK

We're Changing our Food Donation Procedures

Starting on Rally Day (September 7), new green cloth bags will be available for Holy Cross food donations. We are borrowing a successful process from other Herndon area congregations. Here's what you need to do and it's EASY!



- 1) Pick up a bag from the basket in the narthex.
- 2) Shop for food and other items to fill the bag. Attached to each bag is a grocery list.
- 3) Bring the filled bag to church on the 1st & 3rd Sundays, bringing it to the altar during the offertory.
- 4) Pick up a new bag and repeat!

Volunteers are needed to deliver the bags to Link pantry after the service. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/zije2ype>

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Thank you to all who have dedicated beautiful Sanctuary flowers each week. They are an incredible reminder of God's faithfulness.

There are still plenty of slots available to dedicate flowers in the coming weeks. Up to two vases can be dedicated each Sunday. Scan the QR code and sign up to celebrate a life event or remember a loved one.



GAME NIGHT



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HCLC GAME NIGHT!
Wed.
Sept. 10
6:30 PM

Bring your favorite game and a snack to share, or just come and have fun!

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RALLY DAY – TODAY!



Rally Day - September 7

Old-Time Religion

Join us for Rally Day as we kick off the program year with good old-fashioned "Old-Time Religion" worship and fellowship!

Worship: 10:00 AM
Cookout: 11:00 AM

Come sing beloved camp-meeting revival songs, hear favorite Bible stories, and enjoy fellowship and games at our cookout. The congregation is invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.

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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 in a COVID safe manner 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.

Give Me That Old Time Religion!

Rally Day – September 7, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM



WE GATHER



PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Jesus says: “Come to me, all who are weary, and I will give you rest.”

Assembly: Glory, hallelujah!

Pastor: When the roll is called up yonder –

Assembly: I’ll be there!

Pastor: When the saints go marching in –

Assembly: I want to be in that number!

Pastor: When we’ve been there ten thousand years –

Assembly: Amazing grace, how sweet the sound!

Pastor: When the chains of sin will fall away –

Assembly: Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

Pastor: When God’s truth is marching on–

Assembly: Glory, glory, halleluiah!

Pastor: When I’m bound for glory –

Assembly: Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me!

Pastor: When I go down to the river to pray—
Assembly: Good Lord, show me the way!

Pastor: When I'm leaning on the everlasting arms —
Assembly: What a fellowship, what a joy divine!

Pastor: Children of God, your names are written in the
 Book of Life.
Assembly: Thanks be to God!

GATHERING SONGS

See Insert

GREETING

Pastor: Siblings in Christ, the joy of the Lord is our
 strength, the light of Christ shines on our way, and
 the Spirit gathers us together in love! The grace,
 love, and communion of the Triune God be with
 you all.
Assembly: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Gracious God, you have given us that old time
 religion, and it is indeed good. When we are
 weary, hold us fast, when we are burdened, lift us
 up. Fill us with your Spirit, that with joy we may
 walk in your light and with hope we may look to
 the day when the saints go marching into your
 eternal kingdom. And all God's people said:
Assembly: Amen!

Please sit.





WE HEAR GOD'S WORD



*No matter how far
we've strayed, God's
grace is greater. Just
as the rainbow
stretches across the
sky, God's love gathers
all people in, offering a
fresh start and new
life. Our "Old Time
Religion" service
proclaims that same
promise today: the
storm is past,
forgiveness is real, and
the way forward is
marked by God's
faithful love.*

*God set the rainbow in
the sky as a sign of his
everlasting promise
never to forget his
people. Even when
storms pass through,
God's mercy and love
remain. The song "Do
Lord" echoes that
promise — we can
always call on God to
remember us. Just as
the rainbow shines as a*

FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-17

Reader: A reading from the book of Genesis.

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹² God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷ God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

LISTENING WITH CHILDREN'S EARS

*Do Lord, O, Do Lord, O do remember me,
Do Lord, O, Do Lord, O do remember me,
Do Lord, O, Do Lord, O do remember me,
Look away beyond the blue.*

*I've got a home in glory land that out-shines the sun.
I've got a home in glory land that out-shines the sun.
I've got a home in glory land that out-shines the sun.
Look away beyond the blue.*

reminder, the song becomes our prayer of trust that God holds us close.

*Do Lord, O, Do Lord, O do remember me,
Do Lord, O, Do Lord, O do remember me,
Do Lord, O, Do Lord, O do remember me,
Look away beyond the blue.*

*I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too.
I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too.
I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too.
Look away beyond the blue.*

*Do Lord, O, Do Lord, O do remember me,
Do Lord, O, Do Lord, O do remember me,
Do Lord, O, Do Lord, O do remember me,
Look away beyond the blue.*

COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Pastor: Teachers gathered here, will you trust in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and honor the gospel with a faithful life?

Teachers: *I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

Pastor: People of God, will you lift these teachers with your prayers and encouragement?

Assembly: **We will.**

Pastor: Let us pray. We thank you for our Sunday School teachers. We are glad they share your stories with us. We ask you to give them joy, patience, and love. Help us listen, learn, and grow in Jesus together. Bless our teachers today and always.

Assembly: **Amen.**

The vision of John in Revelation gives us a picture of God's promised future: a new heaven and a new earth, where God dwells with God's people and wipes away every tear. Flowing through that vision is

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6, 22:1-2, 17

Reader: A reading from the book of Revelation.

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

*the river of the water
of life, bright as
crystal, nourishing the
tree whose leaves are
for the healing of the
nations. The invitation
is wide and generous.*

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;
⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

^{22:1} Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”
And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”
And let everyone who is thirsty come.
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

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

ANTHEM

Shall We Gather at the River
Joyful Ringers

arr. Linda R. Lamb

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Stanza 1)

Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

*In song and scripture,
we are reminded that
God’s covenant is sure,
our hope is secure, and
we will indeed be
gathered at the river —
where mercy, healing,
and joy overflow.*



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

Assembly: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³ So he told them this parable:

¹¹ Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.’ So he divided his assets between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to his senses he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against

heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’²² But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.’²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate,²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

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

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.



HYMN OF THE DAY

(ELW #779)

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

APOSTLES' CREED

Assisting Minister: With the whole church let us profess our faith,
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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assisting Minister: Gathered at the river of life and trusting in God's
 promises, let us pray for the church, the world,
 and all in need.

*We pray for the greater
 church.*

Assisting Minister: God of living water, you call us down to the river
 to pray. Refresh your church with your Spirit, that
 we may walk in the light of Christ and share your
 love with joy. Lord, in your mercy.

Assembly: Hear our prayer.

We pray for creation.

Assisting Minister: God of creation, you set the rainbow in the clouds
 as a sign of your everlasting covenant. Heal the
 earth where storms have destroyed, renew the land
 where drought has withered, and bless all who
 care for rivers, forests, and fields. Lord, in your
 mercy.

Assembly: Hear our prayer.

We pray for justice.

We remember the saints.

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

Assisting Minister: God of nations, you promise a home in glory that outshines the sun. Guide the leaders of every land, that they may work for justice, peace, and the good of all people. Lord, in your mercy.

Assembly: **Hear our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: God of promise, you prepare a place where the saints go marching in. We give thanks for all who have gone before us in faith, and we look with hope to the day when we shall gather with them at your river of life. Lord, in your mercy.

Assembly: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Assembly: **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Assembly: **And also with you.**

Please sit.

OFFERING

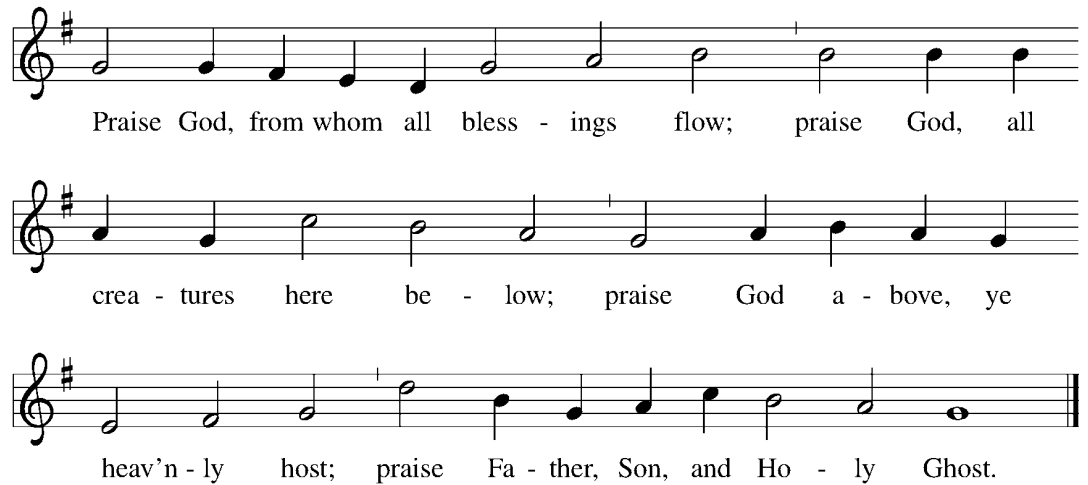
MUSICAL OFFERING

We Shall Rise
Sanctuary Choir

by Stan Pethel

Please stand as you are able.



OFFERTORY**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**


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; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good, and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Assembly: **Amen.**

**WE COME TO GOD'S TABLE****GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts,

Assembly: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray with confidence the prayer Jesus taught us.

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Please sit.

DISTRIBUTION

*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. 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.*



DISTRIBUTION MUSIC*See insert**Please stand as you are able.***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

Pastor: May 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. Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

Assembly: 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

(ELW #774)

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.



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BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the light of Christ guide your steps, the love of God hold you fast, and the Spirit's power give you joy and peace. Go in the blessing of the Triune God, today and always.

Assembly: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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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