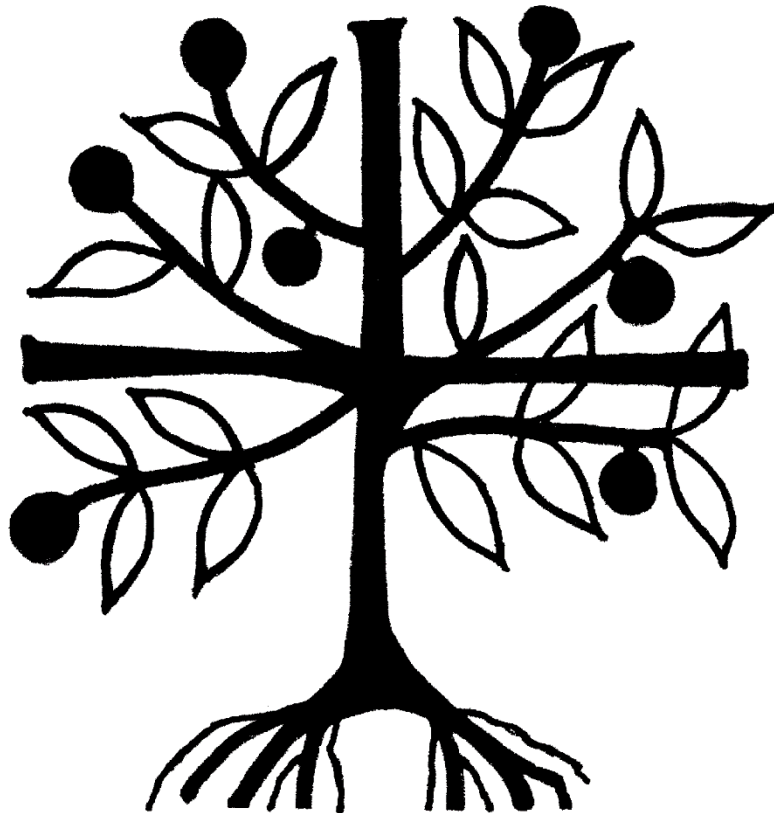


**CHRIST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
ZIONSVILLE



6th Sunday after Epiphany
Setting 8

February 16, 2025

All members and guests, please fill out the Welcome Form found at the end of your row and pass it on to your neighbor. The pastoral and spiritual care of the members of Christ Church is very important to us. In order to care for all of you, we need to know who is present and who is not. So, please take a moment to sign the pad. The Welcome Forms will be picked up by the ushers at the end of the service.

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Looking for a Church Home?

Mr. Rogers once asked, "Won't you be my neighbor?" Jesus asked, "Who is your neighbor?" At Christ Lutheran Church (CLC) - Zionsville, our answer to Jesus' question is EVERYONE, and to Mr. Rogers - YES.

God calls us to meet people wherever they are in their journey of faith – and that includes YOU!

At Christ Lutheran Church you are welcomed, just as you are:

- Single, committed, married, divorced, lost your partner, still looking or not.
- Every race, nationality, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation
- Ready to join a group or prefer to sit back
- Regardless of knowing a little or a lot about Jesus
- Whether you have left the Church and are returning
- Whether you find yourself on this list or not

We are calling YOU neighbor! Join us!

Children in Worship

Children hold a special place in our congregation! We warmly invite children of all ages to join us in worship. We embrace their natural tendencies to giggle, poke, squirm, and swing their legs - it's all part of being a child and a precious gift to our community.

Our nursery is available from **10:30 to 11:30**, staffed by dedicated caregivers who will lovingly care for infants and toddlers. This allows parents to fully engage in worship, knowing their little ones are in safe hands. The nursery provides age-appropriate toys and a comforting environment, ensuring your child's needs are met while you worship with the congregation.

We respect and support each family's unique circumstances and preferences. Whether your child joins the main worship service or utilizes our nursery, we are here to accommodate and make everyone feel welcome and comfortable.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us delight in the law of the Lord.

Our joy is found in the love of God and neighbor.

Come, let us be nourished by the Living Water.

Together, we will worship the One who enables us to thrive.

~ written by Amy Loving, and posted on *The Worship Closet* website. <http://worshipcloset.com/>

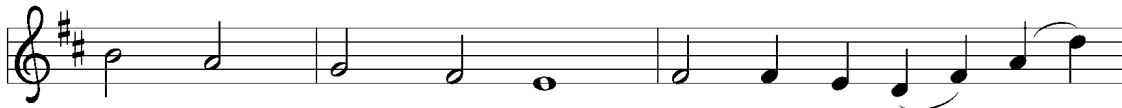
GATHERING SONG

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW 434



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

CONFESSIONS & FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
 our creator,
 our protector,
 our wellspring of life.

C Amen.

P Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,
C you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.
Show us your lovingkindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.
Amen.

P God proclaims these words of assurance:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine."
In † Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.
C Amen.

Please be seated.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.

C And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



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

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

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



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



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



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 17:5-10

L A reading from Jeremiah.

⁵Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.

⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹ The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰ | the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

LITANY

Happy are They

(inspired by Matthew 5:1-12 and other passages)

L Happy are all they that wait for the LORD. (Isaiah 30:18)

C Happy are all they that put their trust in him. (Psalm 2:12)

L Happy are they who know that they are poor;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs. (Matt. 5:3)

C Happy are they whose delight is in the law of the Lord. (Ps. 1:1-2)

L Happy are they of a gentle spirit; (Ps. 37:11)

C They shall have the earth for their inheritance. (Matthew 5:5)

L Happy are they who do hunger and thirst to see the right prevail;

C For they shall be satisfied. (Matthew 5:6)

L Happy are the merciful;

C For they shall obtain mercy. (Matthew 5:7)

L Happy are the pure in heart;

C For they shall see God. (Psalm 24:4, Matthew 5:8)

L Happy are the peacemakers;

C For they shall be called the children of God. (Matthew 5:9)

L Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us,
that we should be called the children of God.

C And such we are. (1 John 3:1)

L Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who only does wondrous things;

C And blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever:

Let all the earth be filled with his glory. (Ps. 72:19-20)

Amen and Amen.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

L A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL Luke 6:17-26

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷ [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

P The gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Cheryl Kussow

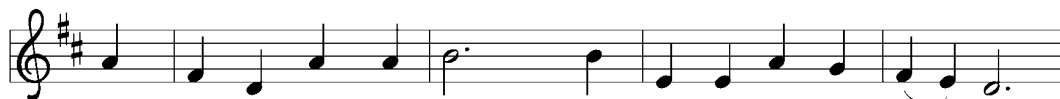
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Pastor Wes

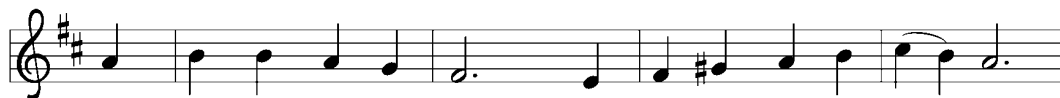
HYMN OF THE DAY

God, My Faithful God

ELW 806



1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;
4 When dan-gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—
guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

P: We gather today under the grace of God to welcome and embrace those who have decided to join us on our journey of faith. Together, we celebrate their courage and commitment to walk with us in the way of Christ, sharing in our joys and challenges as a community.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

P: Today, we are blessed to receive the McFarlane and Mealey families who have been moved by the Spirit to join our family of faith. Dear friends, your presence here today is a step of faith, and a joy to our hearts. Do you promise to uphold the teachings of our faith, to bear witness to God's grace, and to endeavor to practice your faith in daily life through service to others and participation in this church community.

AFFIRMATION BY NEW MEMBERS

New Members: I will and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: Will you, the disciples of Christ Lutheran Church embrace these new members as part of your own body in Christ? Will you offer them your love and support, teaching and learning with them, sharing the bond of fellowship in the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ?

C: We will, with God's help. We commit to be your family in Christ, to support you with our love, prayers, and encouragement as we all grow in faith together.

PRAYER OF WELCOME AND BLESSING

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, we thank you for knitting this community together through your Holy Spirit. Bless our new brothers and sisters who today are woven into the fabric of our church. Gift them with your grace and equip us all for the work of your ministry. Keep us close in fellowship, strong in faith, and generous in love. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

APOSTLES' CREED

P Gathered together by the power of the Holy Spirit we confess our common faith:

**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.**

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use. ** meaning - all of God's Church.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the Spirit of Christ illuminating our path, let us courageously offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A moment of silence.

Blessed is your church, O God, continually transformed by your Spirit. Infuse us with the courage to declare to all the fulfillment of your promises through the death and resurrection of Christ through word and deed. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Blessed is your creation, which endures the consequences of our careless stewardship. Grant us the courage to contribute to its restoration. Strengthen those in forestry and related fields to champion and safeguard the overlooked realms of our natural world. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Blessed are the nations of the world. We pray for all leaders—presidents, prime ministers, and local officials. May they find unwavering strength in the face of adversity and joy in pursuing the path of your righteousness. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Blessed are those in need. Provide all who suffer from illness access to compassionate and skilled medical professionals. Be especially near to those who feel isolated or distanced from your presence and envelop them in your abundant grace and love. This day we pray especially for **Ray, Diane, Tina, Marja, Dave, Bill, Marilyn, Brenda, John, Pat, Mimi, Charlotte, Paige, Michael, Kat, Dorothy, Theresa, Janice, Patrick, LCFS**, and for all those we now name in our hearts or in Your presence. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Blessed is Christ Lutheran Church, *Your* congregation. Like a tree nourished beside flowing waters sustain our faith during dry seasons, and help us trust in your unwavering support. Today, we especially welcome the Mealey and McFarlane families into our community. May they find a home among us, enriched by mutual love and fellowship. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Blessed are the saints who have entered your eternal peace. Their journeys through times of sorrow and joy, hardship and victory, continue to inspire and guide us. May their faithful witness strengthen our own journey with you. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

We place these prayers in your hands, O God, trusting in the steadfast promise of your presence among us.

C Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ is with you always.

C And also with you.

RECEIVING OUR OFFERINGS

God calls us to be generous stewards for the sake of our ministry near and far. You can support our ministry by placing an offering in the offering plate, mailing it to the church, giving online through our website, or the QR code. If you would like more details on direct deposit, please contact our office administrator for more information at office@clczionsville.org.



OFFERING

OFFERTORY

When the Poor Ones
~ Sanctuary Choir ~

Cherwien

Please rise as you are able.

OFFERTORY SONG

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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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.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:

our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.

C Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P The Lord is with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

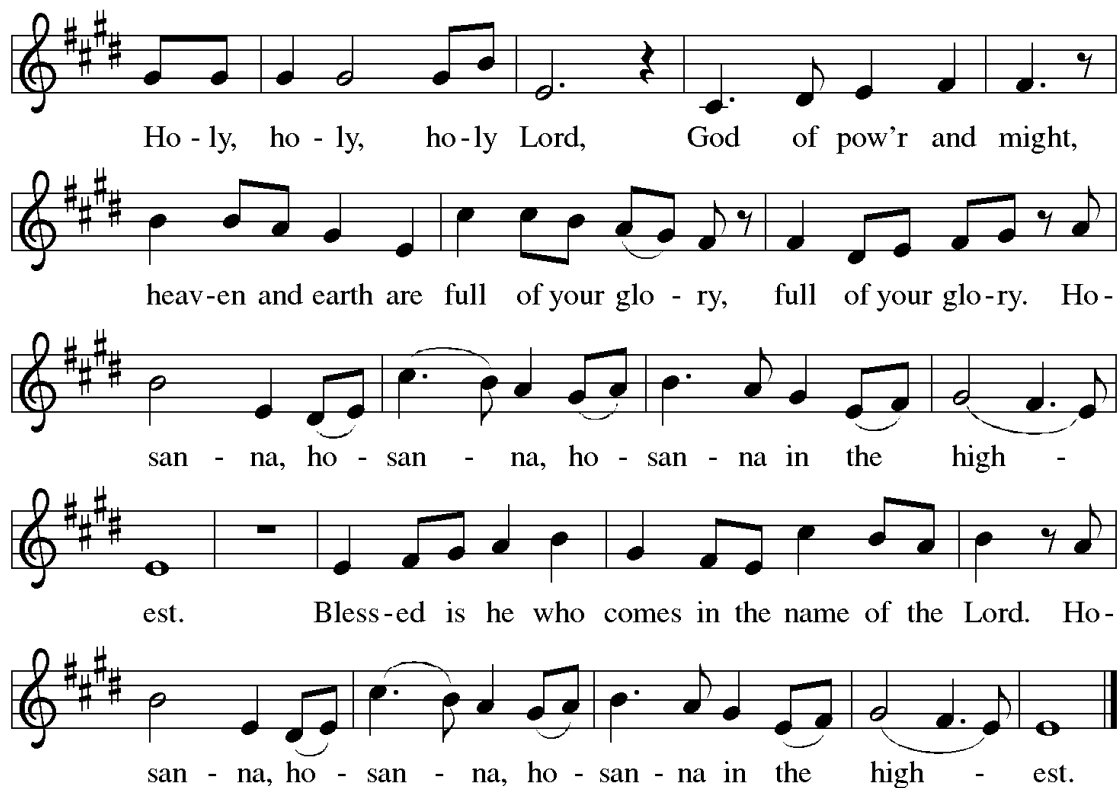
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 singing:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

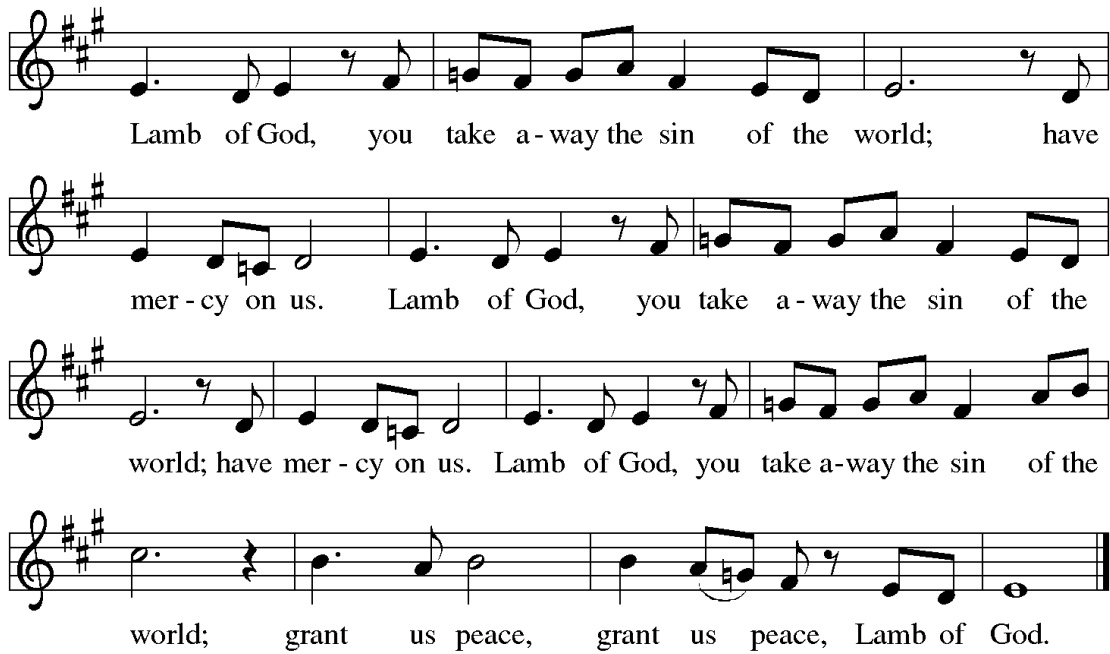
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

COMMUNION

*All are welcome to participate in the Lord's Meal. If it's been years, or just a week, the bread and wine/juice and Jesus' presence in, with, and around them are for all. If you have questions about taking your first communion don't hesitate to speak with Pastor Wes. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. When you come forward you will receive a wafer from Pastor Wes and you will hear the words **the body of Christ, given for you**. Once you eat the wafer you are invited to take either wine or juice from the communion assistant and you will hear the words, **the blood of Christ, shed for you**. Once you've communed there is a small receptacle where the used communion cup can be placed.*

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.
Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,
C Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

P The Spirit of the triune God
✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.
C Amen.

SENDING SONG**We Know That Christ is Raised****ELW 449**

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live in hope.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE**Christ is Made the Sure Foundation****arr. Hobby**



SERVING US AT WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Lector:	Barbara Burkhardt
Communion Assistant:	Connie Steinhart
Greeter:	John Burkhardt
Usher:	Tony Firmani
Nursery:	Amy Holtz
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