



**Christ  
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CHURCH

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**Time after Pentecost  
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## **We Welcome You to Christ Lutheran Church! We are a community of people sharing God's love through Christ and growing together in faith.**

We celebrate all the ways we are made in the image of God, seeking to see God in everyone. We honor and respect each person's age, ethnicity, family composition, gender identity, gender expression, life history, mental well-being, physical ability, relationship status, sexual orientation, skin color, and socioeconomic standing. Together, we strive to love and serve our neighbor and all creation, including working toward racial and social justice. We would love to walk with you on this creative adventure\* of faith, grace, and love.

*\* The first sermon ever preached at Christ Lutheran was titled "A Call to Creative Adventure."*

### **ABOUT WORSHIP**

We gather to worship weekly to hear and remember our shared hope: the life, death, and resurrection of Christ makes all things new, even us.

You will find everything that happens in worship printed in this bulletin, with hymns found in the red hymnals ("ELW") in the seats in front on you.

If you have a prayer request, note it on a yellow card from the seatback holder and pass it to an usher; the other side is for any information you would like about Christ Lutheran. Please feel welcome to remain seated as necessary during the service.

### **CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN CHURCH!**

God's people come in all shapes and sizes – it is a gift to the whole community when the smallest of us are present! Sitting with parents and learning to treasure times of worship is the foundation for helping build a growing faith in a child's life. There's some noise and movement that we expect from little ones - feel free to make use of the **activity bags, doodle pads, bookshelf in the overflow area and cry room at the back of the sanctuary** as needed. Whatever sacrifice of energy and effort you make to include your children in worship is multiplied as the good news of God's love takes root in their lives!

### **WHEN NURSERY CARE IS NEEDED DURING WORSHIP**

A fully equipped and staffed Nursery is available for both infants and toddlers during all services. The Nursery is located west of our gathering area in **Room 110**.

### **RESTROOMS**

Men's and women's restrooms off the Gathering Area and Church Hall have changing tables, as does the all-gender restroom near the nursery. A second all-gender restroom is through the Vestry off the East hallway, past the Welcome Center.

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

**Holy Communion** is the family meal of God's people, to which we come at Jesus' invitation. The body and blood of Christ, in the bread and wine, are his real presence with us and offer the gift of forgiveness because of his death and resurrection. Drawn together and strengthened by this meal, we are given a taste of the fullness of God's coming kingdom, and are equipped to be the hands and feet of God's love in the world. All baptized Christians are always welcome at the Lord's table.

Our services are on video, and occasional photographs are taken for our website and e-mail news. If you have concerns, please speak to a church staff member.

*Hearing assistance devices are available to those who need help with listening to the service and are located at the entrance to the sanctuary, or please see an Usher for assistance.*

**A Reminder: Please turn off all cell phones during worship services.**

*Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.*

## **GATHERING**

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

### **PRELUDE**

*Prelude & Fugue in C Major*  
(from *Eight Short Preludes & Fugues*)

J.S. Bach

### **WELCOME**

*If you are joining us for the first time, welcome! We'd love to meet you, or if there's anything you'd like to know about the ministry of Christ Lutheran Church, please consider [filling out a Connection Card online](#) (you can point your phone at the graphic to the right) or using a yellow Connection Card in the pew holders.*



***Prayer requests** can be posted to the livechat or use a yellow Prayer Request (on the backside of the Connection Card) and give them to an usher.*

*If you are worshipping with us via livestream, consider **preparing your space for Communion**: light a candle (if appropriate and safe), and have a plate with bread/cracker/tortilla and a cup for wine or grape juice (or an empty cup as a sign Jesus is sufficient in one or both elements).*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

## **GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

*Children: This is the day that the Lord has made.*

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

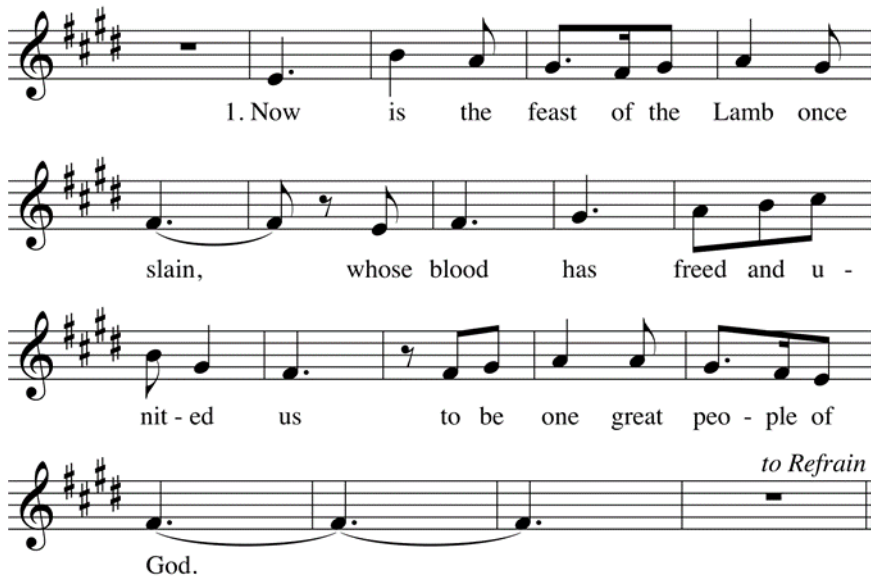
## Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/8 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are aligned with the notes below each staff.

### Verse 1



1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
God.

*to Refrain*

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for Verse 1. It consists of four staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff begins with a whole rest followed by a dotted quarter note, then an eighth note, a quarter note, and a half note. The lyrics '1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once' are written below. The second staff continues with a dotted quarter note, an eighth note, a quarter note, and a half note. The lyrics 'slain, whose blood has freed and u -' are written below. The third staff continues with a dotted quarter note, an eighth note, a quarter note, and a half note. The lyrics 'nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of' are written below. The fourth staff begins with a dotted quarter note, an eighth note, and a quarter note, followed by a whole rest. The lyrics 'God.' are written below. The text '*to Refrain*' is written at the end of the staff.

### Verse 2

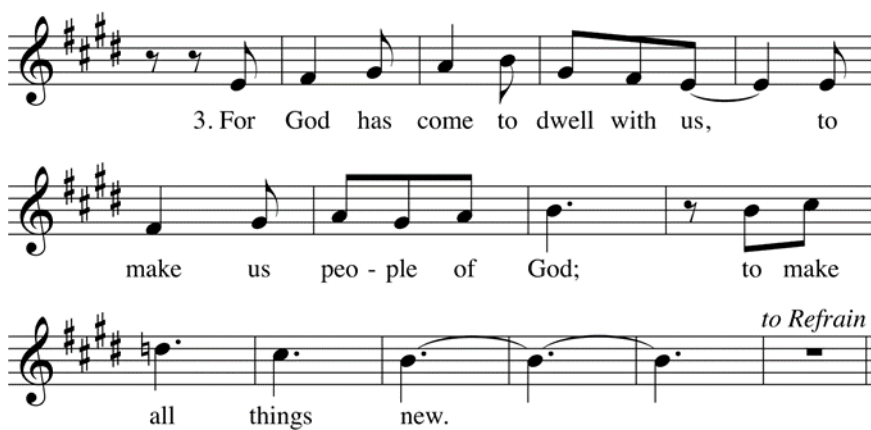


2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and  
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ  
for ev - er.

*to Refrain*

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for Verse 2. It consists of three staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff begins with a whole rest followed by a dotted quarter note, then an eighth note, a quarter note, and a half note. The lyrics '2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and' are written below. The second staff continues with a dotted quarter note, an eighth note, a quarter note, and a half note. The lyrics 'might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ' are written below. The third staff begins with a dotted quarter note, an eighth note, and a quarter note, followed by a whole rest. The lyrics 'for ev - er.' are written below. The text '*to Refrain*' is written at the end of the staff.

### Verse 3



3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
make us peo - ple of God; to make  
all things new.

*to Refrain*

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for Verse 3. It consists of three staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff begins with a dotted quarter note, an eighth note, a quarter note, and a half note. The lyrics '3. For God has come to dwell with us, to' are written below. The second staff continues with a dotted quarter note, an eighth note, a quarter note, and a half note. The lyrics 'make us peo - ple of God; to make' are written below. The third staff begins with a dotted quarter note, an eighth note, and a quarter note, followed by a whole rest. The lyrics 'all things new.' are written below. The text '*to Refrain*' is written at the end of the staff.



Give me a man, that we may fight together.”<sup>11</sup> When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

<sup>32</sup>David said to Saul, “Let no one’s heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.”<sup>33</sup>Saul said to David, “You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.”<sup>34</sup>But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock,<sup>35</sup>I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it.<sup>36</sup>Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.”<sup>37</sup>David said, “The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.” So Saul said to David, “Go, and may the LORD be with you!”

<sup>38</sup>Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail.<sup>39</sup>David strapped Saul’s sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, “I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.” So David removed them.<sup>40</sup>Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd’s bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

<sup>41</sup>The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him.<sup>42</sup>When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance.<sup>43</sup>The Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.<sup>44</sup>The Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.”<sup>45</sup>But David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.<sup>46</sup>This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel,<sup>47</sup>and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD’s and he will give you into our hand.”

<sup>48</sup>When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine.<sup>49</sup>David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*

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

*Optional Repeat*

## HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

*Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.*

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.”

<sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*The assembly is seated. Time for reflection follows the sermon.*



1 How mar - vel - ous God's great - ness, how glo - ri - ous God's might!  
 2 Each ti - ny flow'r-et whis - pers the great life - giv - er's name;  
 3 The o - cean's vast a - byss - es in one grand psalm re - cord  
 4 The star - ry hosts are sing - ing through all the light - strewn sky



To this the world bears wit - ness in won - ders day and night:  
 the might - y moun - tain mass - es his maj - es - ty pro - claim;  
 the deep mys - ter - ious coun - sels and mer - cies of the Lord;  
 of God's ma - jes - tic tem - ple and pal - ace courts on high;



in form of flow'r and snow - flake, in morn's re - splen - dent birth,  
 the val - leys deep are hymn - ing God's shel - ter for his own;  
 the ic - y waves of win - ter are thun - d'ring on the strand;  
 when in these out - er cham - bers such glo - ry gilds the night,



in af - ter - glow at eve - ning, in sky and sea and earth.  
 the snow - capped peaks are point - ing to God's al - might - y throne.  
 and grief's chill stream is guid - ed by God's all - gra - cious hand.  
 oh, what tran - scen - dent bright - ness is God's e - ter - nal light!

Text: Valdimar Briem, 1848–1930; tr. Charles V. Pilcher, 1879–1961, alt.  
 Music: DEN BLOMSTERID NU KOMMER, *Koralpsalmboken*, Stockholm, 1697  
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*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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.*

## **PRAYERS**

*Our prayers draw on the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle and the Church's calendar of Commemorations—further information is found each week at the end of the bulletin.*

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

*A brief silence.*

Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

You spoke creation into order from the chaos of the swirling deep. May your name be praised by rivers and seas, wetlands and waterfalls. Secure clean water for all people and protect water sources from contamination or exploitation. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Amid whirlwinds of division, violence, and conflict, remind us again that you are as steadfast as the foundations of the earth. Rejuvenate peacemakers, advocates, and community organizers when they feel weary in their work. Bless the lands, people, and churches of Kenya and Tanzania; tend to the vulnerable and grant tolerance and understanding between religious communities. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling. Grant consolation and peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In times of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Enfold all travelers with your protection. Bless the comings and goings of this assembly as we travel for leisure or for work. Let all journeys be met with hospitality on the way, and let community members return to us with celebration. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation for all the redeemed of the Lord. Joined together with John the Baptist, Philip Melanchthon, Cyril, Irenaeus, Peter, Paul, and all the great cloud of witnesses, we give thanks for your steadfast love and your wonderful works. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*We invite those worshiping by livestream to share a sign of peace in the chat, and for those in person we turn to offer them our greeting of peace before sharing a sign of peace with one another: **Peace be with you!***

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

### OFFERING

*This congregation serves our neighbors, community, and the world through the participation and support of its members and guests. Because offerings are never just about us, this month we are sharing a portion of your gifts with **Food Bank of Northwest Indiana** [foodbanknwi.org](http://foodbanknwi.org) and **Project Neighbors** [projectneighbors.org](http://projectneighbors.org) or [facebook.com/ProjectNeighbors](https://www.facebook.com/ProjectNeighbors).*



*If you wish to give electronically, use the QR code or browse to our secure on-line portal at [clvalpo.org/give](http://clvalpo.org/give) or use [our CLC app](http://ourCLCapp) (download at [clvalpo.org/app](http://clvalpo.org/app)).*

### OFFERTORY

*Fugue in C Major*

Pachelbel

### OFFERING SONG

*The assembly stands as the gifts are brought forward.*

#### Refrain

*Congregation:*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath - ered in - to one in you.

#### Verses

1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst  
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when  
*to Refrain*  
may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.  
Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.  
Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



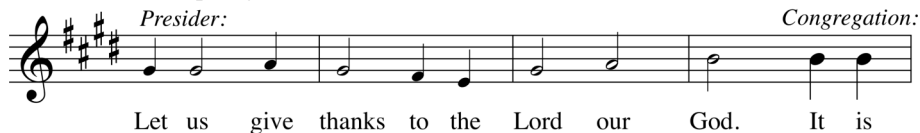
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

It is our duty and delight ...and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

*(An ancient practice invites us to make the sign of the cross in honor of Jesus at the words "Blessed is the One.")*

*Congregation:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!



Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## TABLE PRAYER

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Children: The Spirit makes us one. We pray as Jesus taught us:*

**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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

**Thanks be to God!**

## DISTRIBUTION

*The assembly is seated. The pastor invites those worshipping via **livestream** to commune:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

**Amen (receive the bread)**

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen (receive the cup)**

**In-person distribution:** When indicated by the ushers, come up the right-hand ramp to approach the altar rail. When finished you may leave individually without being dismissed. WINE is lighter-colored and GRAPE JUICE is dark; wine is received either by Common Cup or from individual cups in the trays. USED GLASSES are placed in the basket located near the ramp. GLUTEN-FREE BREAD IS AVAILABLE, please indicate to the server that you require this.



## LAMB OF GOD



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS: ELW # 767 *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;  
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;  
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,

di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.  
 for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.  
 I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,

With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
 Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
 then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!

so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.  
 for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.  
 So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

Text: Julie von Hausmann, 1825–1901; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
 Music: SO NIMM DENN MEINE HÄNDE, Friedrich Silcher, 1789–1860  
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# ELW #485 *I Am the Bread of Life*

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my  
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the  
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . . .  
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . . I be - lieve that . . . .

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -  
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . . and if you  
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . . and . . .  
 I . . . . am the life . . . . If you be -  
 you . . . . are the Christ, . . . . the . . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 eat . . . . of this bread, and you shall . . live for -  
 drink . . . . of his blood, and drink . . . . of his  
 lieve . . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . though you  
 Son . . . . of . . . God, who . . . . have . . . .

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
 ev - er, . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."  
 die, . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 come in - to . . . . the . . . . world. . . .

Refrain  
 All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day."

*When all have returned to their places, the assembly stands.*

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

## THANKS BE TO YOU

*Congregation:*

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your  
love, re - mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of  
life with us. 3. Praise to you, O  
God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for  
ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some lines split across two staves. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

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

## **INVITATIONS**

*Brief invitations are shared, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.*

## **BLESSING**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW #756 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -  
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we  
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we  
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we  
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.  
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

*Children join the pastors to send us in mission*

**DISMISSAL**

*Children:* Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Trumpet Tune in D Major*

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## Worship Leaders

|                              | <u>8:00 a.m.</u>                                   | <u>10:30 a.m.</u>   |
|------------------------------|--|---|
| Acolyte                      | Matilda Basich                                     | Danelle Rivera  |
| Lector                       | Karl Reichardt                                     | Sheila Burnside   |
| Prayer Assistant             | Jorunn Scheiderich                                 | Grace Safrin  |
| Communion Assistants         | Chris Schmidgall<br>Erin Schmidgall                | Sara Long   |
| Ushers                       | Tim Sutherland<br>Don MacMillan                    |   |
| Sound/Light                  | Zach Wehner  | Jeff Peiffer  |
| Video/Livestream             | -----  | Ben Crill   |
| Pastors                      | Rev. Timothy Knauff, Jr.<br>Rev. Erica Gibson-Even |   |
| Director of Music Ministries | Brian Bartusch                                     |   |
| Communion Baker              | Lois Felten  |   |
| Communion Table              | Barb Clements<br>Terry Albrecht<br>Helen Arvidson  | Diana Ahlbrand<br>Marilyn McGawn<br>Marla Niksch<br>Lori Schwartz |





## **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

This week we pray for the churches and people of **Kenya, Tanzania**.

We are **thankful** for:

- the abundant wildlife, natural resources and people indigenous to these countries and that they are protected, not exploited
- the literacy rate in Kenya, the highest in Africa, and for the schools that churches and their partners support and sustain in both countries
- the faithful witness of the churches in their communities, and in building positive relationships with those of other faiths
- persons and organizations who meet the needs of the hundreds of thousands of migrants and refugees from other African countries

We **pray** for:

- greater tolerance between Christians and Muslims as they work together to improve the lives of all people
- youth, that they not succumb to radicalization but are prepared to sustain their lives and communities
- all victims of violence, especially sexual or gender-based violence, and all who are marginalized or excluded from communities
- those who are most vulnerable to climate change and drought, that they may have clean water to drink and for their crops and animals to flourish
- economic growth and trade that benefits all the people

### ***Stewardship Snippet***

*We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.” – 2 Corinthians 6:11-13*

The give-and-take of relationships rarely stays continually in perfect 50/50 balance, but rather shifts constantly. Sometimes we give more, and sometimes we need more from others. But in healthy, holy relationships, it balances out in the long run.

## COMMEMORATIONS

Week of June 23, 2024

### June 24

#### **John the Baptist**

John said, “[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease.” And so his birth is celebrated half a year before Jesus’, just as the daylight in the northern hemisphere begins to wane. Jesus honored John as being the greatest prophet.

### June 25

#### **Philipp Melancthon, renewer of the church, died 1560**

Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melancthon is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melancthon was a brilliant scholar, known as “the teacher of Germany.”

### June 25

#### **Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530**

On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to the Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession was written by Philipp Melancthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time.

### June 27

#### **Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, died 444**

Cyril defended the orthodox teachings about the person of Christ. After a conflict involving all of the major Christian leaders of the time, it was decided that Cyril’s interpretation, that Christ’s person included both divine and human natures, was correct.

### June 28

#### **Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202**

This important early church leader tried very hard to hold to the faith handed down by the apostles. An opponent of the movement known as gnosticism, Irenaeus was one of the first to speak of the church as catholic, or linked together.

### June 29

#### **Peter and Paul, Apostles**

These two strong-willed apostles are the pillars of the church in the first generation after Christ. Peter was one of the Twelve, one who both offered a glorious confession of faith and later denied knowing Jesus. Paul once led the persecution of Christians, then was converted and helped bring the faith to non-Jewish people.

## Why Are You Afraid?

We often find ourselves swamped by the storms of life, wind and waves beating into our boat. Perhaps it's a literal storm like the disciples experienced in today's gospel reading. Natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, and even brutal blizzards have the power to upend our lives. So, too, do health crises, financial struggles, lost jobs, divorce or other relationship difficulties, the death of loved ones, and so many other situations.

Like the disciples, we may become overwhelmed by the storms and angry with God, who appears to be sleeping on the job. "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" is a common prayer in such moments. In response to that prayer, the disciples witnessed a miracle. Jesus stood up, rebuked the storm, and suddenly, all was calm.

But how often have you cried out to the Creator only to find that your personal storm rages on? The tests come back with bad news, the bank account remains overdrawn, the relationship ends, death still seems to have the last word. In these moments, it's easy to doubt: Why hasn't God stopped *my* storm? This side of heaven, we likely will never know why God stills some storms and not others. Yet, just as the disciples had Jesus with them in their boat, so do you. They were safe with their Teacher and the same is true for you.

The storms may beat against your boat with unimaginable force. But in your baptism, Jesus "climbed into your boat" and promised to be with you forever. You may be holding on for dear life. But truly Jesus is also holding onto *you*. Though your boat is rocking all over the stormy sea, he is with you, and you are safe. Do not be afraid.

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