Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church



Christ the King
November 22, 2026
9:30 am

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Welcome to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

We are proud to be a combined congregation between St. Paul, Sandhill Lutheran Church and Zion Lutheran Church, Hummelstown. Since 1752/1753 respectively, our communities of faith have worshipped and served the Lord here in Hummelstown. On April 27, 2025, the two congregations completed the merger process to become one Lutheran congregation under the name Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. We look to the future, guided by the Holy Spirit, striving to follow Christ in faithful ministry and to see Christ in each other. And yet we carry within our very Lutheran DNA the presence of both congregations. Zion's Lutheran worship is anchored in God's action toward us in Jesus Christ. We celebrate the sacraments, rejoice in God's forgiving grace in Christ, express the truth of the scriptures, and go in peace to serve the Lord. We invite you to become a part of Zion's family.

Worship Helps:

- Offering may be placed in the plate at the rear of the sanctuary, or the offering will be collected during the worship service.
- Communion distribution If you wish to remain in your pew for communion, a pastor will come to your seat to provide communion if that is most preferable for you. We also offer pre-packaged wine containers which can be found on the table at the rear of the worship space. Otherwise, we commune as a community by continuous flow. An usher will direct you forward when it is your turn. Once you reach the altar rail you will find gluten-free wafers and prefilled cups of grape juice in silver trays on the blue bell tables in front of the front pews. Otherwise, pick up an empty communion cup from the gold trays, proceed to the pastor who will give you bread, which you consume, and then continue to the pouring chalice associated with the side of the worship space which you are seated. Once you consume the wine you are invited to kneel at the rail for a moment if you wish. Please dispose of your cup in the container provided on the small table on the outside of the front pew and return to your seat.
- Engage with Us cards may be requested from an usher. Completed cards are to be given to an usher when leaving the worship space.
- Children's bags are available. Please pick one up from the back table.
- Wi-Fi Network: Zion-Guest Password:7175662589

Today's altar flowers are given to the **Glory of God** and in honor of **Martha & Andrew Rudi's** wedding anniversary by Bob & Bonnie Rudi.

Today's basket of flowers is given to the **Glory of God** and in memory of **Howard Keyes** by Maxine Elvey & Carol Keyes.

ELW Setting 3

GATHERING

WELCOME

(The prelude music helps draw us into an attitude of prayer and praise.)

PRELUDE *"We Plow the Fields and Scatter"* Arr. Karrin Ford
Piano duet with Boyd Cedel-Rapisarda

Please stand as you are able.

(Through confession and forgiveness, we examine ourselves and publicly confess our sins. Such a confession at the beginning of the service provides a climate of acceptance. In spite of our sins, we are accepted by God, and in turn accept one another. (1 John 1:8-10 and Romans 7:14-8:4)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: We confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

P: People of God, receive the riches of God's grace.
✢ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. You are blessed. You are loved.

C: Amen.

(Gathering Song -- We are a singing church. We follow the advice of the apostle Paul to teach and admonish one another with psalms, hymns, aud spiritual songs. (Colossians 3: 16)

GATHERING HYMN *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* ELW 855



(Greeting -- The pastor says a greeting to the congregation in the name of the Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.)

GREETING

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

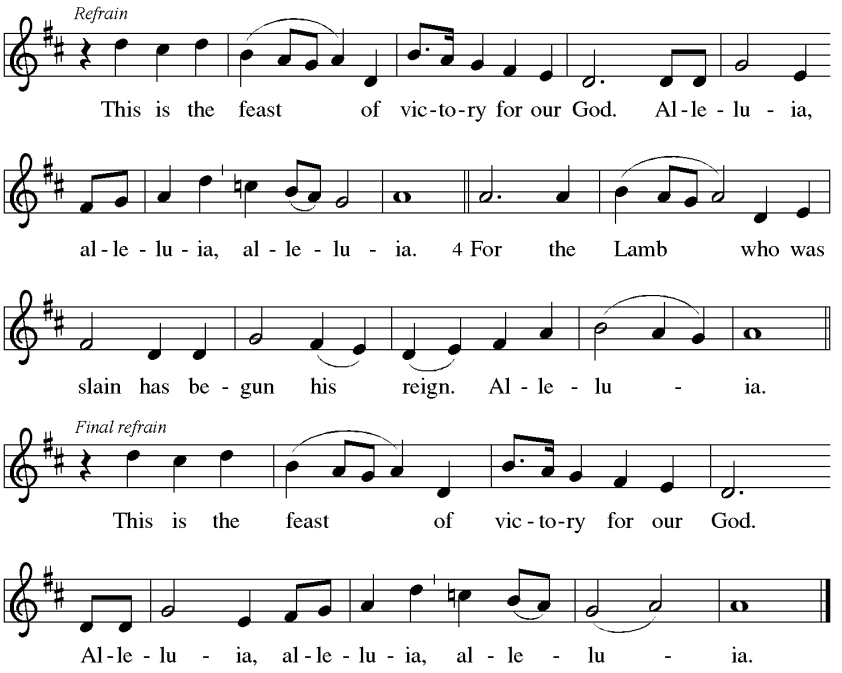
C: And also with you.

(The Kyrie is a Greek word meaning "O Lord." It is a cry to the Lord for help and strength. In ancient times, the crowds would shout "Lord have mercy" as the king entered a town. The church has taken over this prayer to greet its King, Jesus Christ. We call on our Lord in time of need. (Matthew9:27; 15:22; 20:30-31; Luke 17:13)



(The Canticle or Hymn of Praise usually uses the hymn "This is the Feast" because we celebrate Holy Communion, the feast of victory, every Sunday. The hymn "Glory to God in the Highest" or any other appropriate hymn may also be sung. These hymns express joy because God is our victorious savior.)


Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,
glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



(The Prayer of the Day begins with the salutation from the pastor: "The Lord be with you," and the congregation responds: "And also with you." This may be sung or spoken. (Ruth 2:4; Luke 1:28, 2 Thessalonians 3:16). The prayer expresses the main thoughts of the day. We follow the traditional Revised Common Lectionary three-year cycle of texts and the prayers reflect the rich treasury of the heritage of the church.)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

Please be seated.

(The First Reading or Lesson -- The first reading is from the Old Testament (The Hebrew Bible), except during the Easter season when it is from the Book of Acts. All the readings usually relate to a central theme that is expressed in the Gospel text. (1 Timothy 4:13)

FIRST READING - Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As
shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my
sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of
clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the
countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel,
by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good
pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down
in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself
will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. 16 I will
seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will
strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.
20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and
the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak
animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and
they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 I will set up over
them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be
their shepherd. 24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince
among them; I the LORD have spoken.

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

(Psalms are the ancient songs of the faithful. They are filled with emotion, lament, praise, hope and love of the Lord. Psalms may be sung or spoken.)

PSALMODY – Psalm 95:1-7a

L: We will read the following responsively by verse:

L: 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

C: 2 Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

L: 3 For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

C: 4 In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.

L: [5] The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

C: [6] Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

L: [7a] For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

(The Second Reading or Lesson is usually taken from the Epistles or letters of the New Testament.)

SECOND READING – Ephesians 1:15-23
In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

[15] I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18] so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20] God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22] And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

(The Gospel Acclamation is a verse from Holy Scripture sung in preparation of the reading of the Gospel. The verse may change with the season.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *"Alleluia"* ELW S142a



(The Gospel Reading is a selection from the accounts of the life of Jesus recorded by the four evangelists: St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, and St. John. Because Christ is with us in the Gospel reading, we stand to honor his presence. We also sing or say short verses before and after reading. On festival days the minister may read the Gospel while standing among the people, flanked by candles and led to the people by the crucifer.)

GOSPEL – Matthew 25:31-46
Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart

from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Through the Sermon the pastor proclaims God's Word and applies that word to modern life and problems. The Pastor stresses both what God asks of us (the Law) and what God does for us through Jesus Christ (the Good News of the Gospel)

SERMON (Children ages 2-10 may attend children's church)

(The Hymn of the Day follows the theme of the readings and reinforces the message of the sermon. We stand for the singing of the Hymn.)

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY *"For the Fruit of All Creation"* ELW 679



(The Creed -- After hearing the Word of God read and proclaimed, the worshipers respond with a confession of faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed (the Nicene Creed is used on major festivals and the seasons of Easter and Christmas). (I Corinthians 15:1 and following, 1 Peter 3: 18 and following)

NICENE CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

(The Prayer of Intercession is a series of short prayers for the whole church, the nations, those in need, the parish, special concerns, thanksgivings, remembrances of the dead and the hope of resurrection. It follows the directive of the Apostle Paul to young Timothy: "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone, for all in authority, that we may live in peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (I Timothy 2: 1-2)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each petition:

A: God, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Concluding petition:

A: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C: Amen.

(The Passing of the Peace is a transition between the Service of the Word and the Service of the Meal. It is a time to share Christ's peace with your neighbor. The Peace functions as a seal of our prayers and a sign that we are serious about reconciliation. The gift of God's peace is more than a sociable handshake; it is a commitment to the reality of God with us.)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meal begins with silence.

THE SERVICE OF THE MEAL

(Meal -- By the mercy of God, the assembly turns to eat and drink the very promise they have been hearing in the scriptures, the very physical presence of Christ. The table is set.)

(The Offering is taken to share the gifts of God's people as a response to God's abundant blessings. The offering supports more than the local Church. It is used benevolently for needs of the world.)

OFFERING ANTHEM *"Celebration"* Fred Gramman
Bells' Angels

(The Offertory and Offering Prayer -- As the offerings are brought to the Lord's table, the worshipers sing an expression of gratitude for all God's blessings, dedicate themselves to God and request God's continuing blessings. The prayer then articulates the doctrines of creation, redemption, and vocation.)

Please stand as you are able.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS *"Praise and Thanksgiving"* (Verse 1 Only) ELW 689



MEAL

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

(The Proper Preface is a formal introduction to the Holy Meal sung or spoken by the pastor. The preface is the beginning of the Thanksgiving at the table. It is a proclamation that includes references to the season of the church year and the themes of the day.)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be 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.

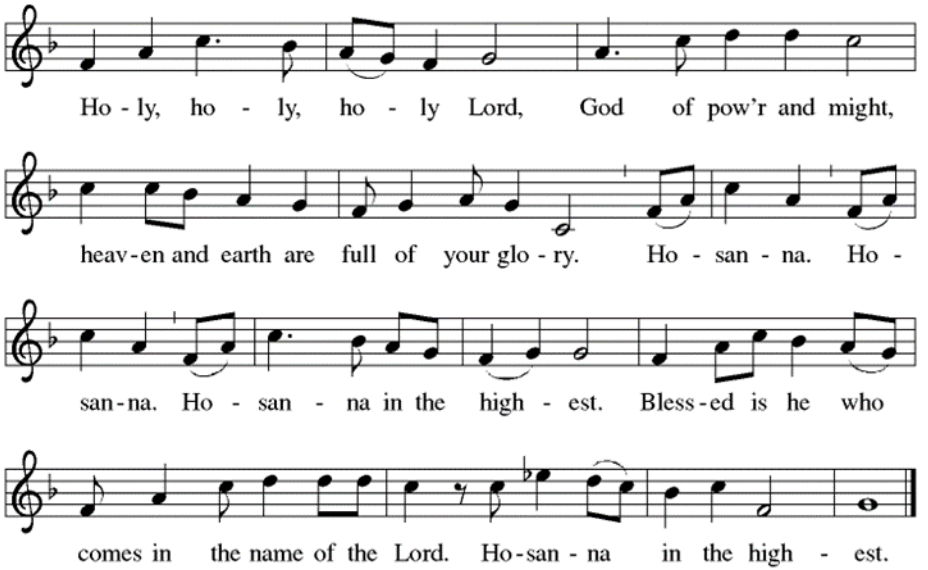
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Holy, Holy, Holy (the Sanctus) -- Sanctus is Latin for Holy and the old formal title of this song. The song contains words of Isaiah 6:3 and the crowd's response to Jesus on Palm Sunday. (Matthew 21:9, Mark 11:9

SANCTUS *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* ELW S144b



(Thanksgiving at the table is a formal prayer giving thanks for what God has done, is doing and will do for humankind. It includes the words of institution (Jesus' words spoken at the last supper). With these words the meal is ready. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: We praise and thank you, O God, for in your infinite goodness you have created us to receive and rejoice in your love and mercy.

In the fullness of time and according to your purposes you sent your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, born of Mary.

He came to proclaim the Kingdom; He healed the sick and numbered Himself among sinners; He poured Himself out in death, giving His life as our ransom and our righteousness.

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. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Holy Father, as we remember our Lord's life and passion, His resurrection and ascension, we give you our thanks and bless your holy name.

Because your Son has made us His fellow-servants, a holy priesthood, a people set apart, we pray: Send now His life-giving Spirit upon this Bread of Life and this Cup of Blessing, that we and all who partake of Christ's very body and blood may find our unity in Him and our lives defined by His cross, as we await His final coming as Lord of Love.

C: Through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

(The Lord's Prayer -- We pray to God as Jesus taught us to pray, calling on God as Father because we are coming to the great family meal of salvation and forgiveness. (Luke 11:2-4)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: 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

P: As the main grains of wheat were once scattered upon the hills, then became one in this Bread of Life,

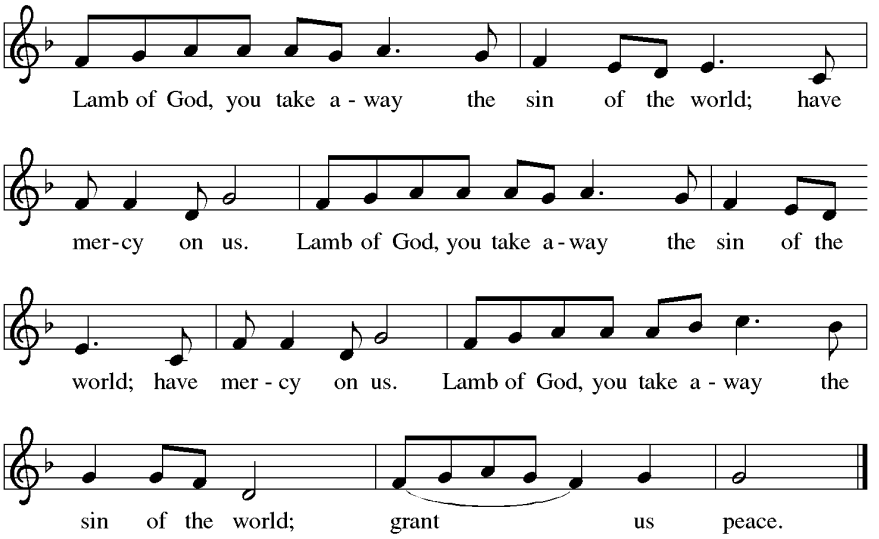
C: Gather your church from every time and place into your eternal reign of love.

(The Communion -- Instructions for communion are found in our bulletin. All are welcome at the table. While the meal is distributed, hymns are sung.)

Please be seated.

(Lamb of God -- As Christ comes to us in the Holy Supper, we recognize him as the Lamb of God sacrificed for us to free us from the bondage of Sin and Death. (John I :29; Isaiah 53 :7)

AGNUS DEI *"Lamb of God"* ELW S146



WORDS OF INVITATION

We partake of Holy Communion as a community. Together we will partake in the wafer and the wine by continuous flow. Please follow the ushers' directions. There is grape juice available…and gluten free wafers for those who require at the front of the nave. We ask that you dispose of your cup in the container provided at the front of the nave.

This is the Lord's Table. He is the host. He welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. We believe as Lutherans that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. All are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table. Come and eat and live!

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC *"For the Fruit of All Creation"* Arr. Allen Pote
Piano duet with Boyd Cedel-Rapisarda

"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" Jody Lindh
Chancel Choir


1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,
who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,
who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;
with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Please stand as you are able.

(Post Communion Blessing – The pastor gives a reminder of the blessing received in the sacrament, God's grace and love.)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

(Post Communion Canticle is another thank you to the Lord as an expression of faith and hope and love.

(Prayer after Communion, also called the Sending Prayer, is a final expression of thanks and hope.)

SENDING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING

(The Blessing is God's promise that Christ will go with us as we leave the church and return to the world to serve God.)

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace…

In the name of the ✝Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* ELW 879



DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens "* Arr. Allen Pote

Piano duet with Boyd Cedel-Rapisarda

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

Lector- Pat Graybill **Lay Assistant**- Chris Ehmann
Lead Usher- Barb Kennedy **Ushers-** Brian Good
Cheryl Laudermilch

PRAYER LIST- Please sign up & pick up a copy in the Narthex.