

## **Gethsemane Lutheran Church**

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Interim Pastor Rev. Elizabeth Durant

## **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Blessing of our Students September 26, 2021**

“Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God  
as a little child will never enter it” - Luke 18:17

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## **GATHERING**

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### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Welcome to worship! For the safety of our community, we ask that you sign in and wear a mask. Our worship service is broadcast live on Zoom and Facebook. Only the presenters in our worship will be recorded. Today we gather outside to bless our children as they enter a new school year.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
whose teaching is life,  
whose presence is sure,  
and whose love is endless.

God promises to forgive us if we admit our mistakes and ask to make things right. **Amen.**

**Dear God:**

**I made mistakes this week. There were times I hurt others. And there were times I held back from doing good. Please forgive me and help me to follow you.**

**Amen.**

Beloved, all of us make mistakes and need to try again. By the gift of grace in ☩ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG, *This is the Day*

This is the day, this is the day.  
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
That the Lord has made.

## 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.**

## KYRIE

**Assistant: In peace, in peace, REFRAIN**

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have  
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

The musical notation is written on two staves. The top staff is for the Assistant and the bottom staff is for the Congregation. Both staves are in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The Assistant's part consists of a single melodic line. The Congregation's part consists of a single melodic line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

A For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,  
for the unity of all . . . (Refrain)

A For your people here who have come to give you praise,  
for the strength to live your Word . . . (Refrain)

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O  
God. A - men.

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# HYMN of PRAISE

## Refrain

*Congregation:*

The musical score for the Refrain 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 eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing beamed eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The final measure of the fifth staff ends with a double bar line.

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!

## Verse 1

*Congregation or Congregation 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*

## Verse 2

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

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

*to Refrain*

**Verse 3**      *Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to

make us peo - ple of God; to make

all things new. to Refrain

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray,

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us all as beloved children. Help us to hear when you call, and follow where you lead, through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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## **WORD**

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### **FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-20**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ and he said, ‘Here

I am!’ and ran to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ But he said, ‘I did not call; lie down again.’ So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, ‘Samuel!’ Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ But he said, ‘I did not call, my son; lie down again.’ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, ‘Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” ’ So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ And Samuel said, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’ Then the Lord said to Samuel, ‘See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.’

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, ‘Samuel, my son.’ He said, ‘Here I am.’ Eli said, ‘What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.’ So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, ‘It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.’

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

Word of God, word of life.  
Thanks be to God.

### *This Little Light of Mine*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system includes three numbered verses. The second and third systems include three verses. The fourth system includes three verses. The score ends with a double bar line.

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.



## SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

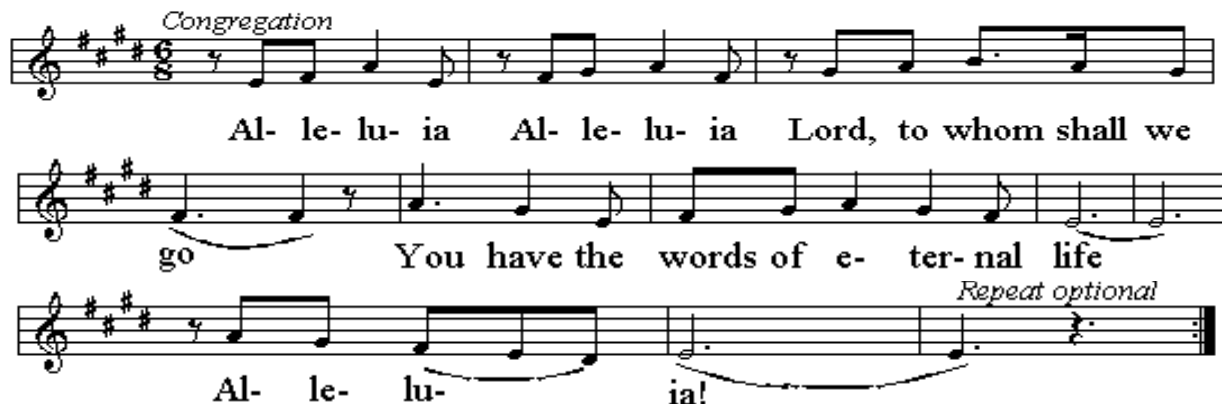
For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA VERSE



The musical score for the Alleluia Verse is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff is labeled 'Congregation' and contains the melody for 'Al- le- lu- ia Al- le- lu- ia Lord, to whom shall we'. The second staff continues the melody with 'go You have the words of e- ter- nal life'. The third staff concludes with 'Al- le- lu- ia!' and is marked 'Repeat optional'.

*Congregation*

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! *Repeat optional*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL – Mark 9:30-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest.

Jesus sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **BLESSING OF STUDENTS**

The children are invited to come forward as called by Jasmine to receive a special gift in blessing for this school year.

Let us pray together,

**Holy God, we ask that you bless these students and their families as they embark on the journey of this new school year. Watch over, keep and protect the lives of these children in this pandemic time. Nurture them in body, mind and spirit, that they may learn, grow and thrive in you! Grant wisdom and endurance to the adults who lead them, at home and at school. Give all the knowledge and determination to learn, and keep our communities healthy and whole. This we pray, trusting in your grace, through Jesus Christ our Savior, the One who Welcomed Children In Your Name. Amen.**

## **BLESSING BY THE PASTOR**

The Lord bless you and keep you safe.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

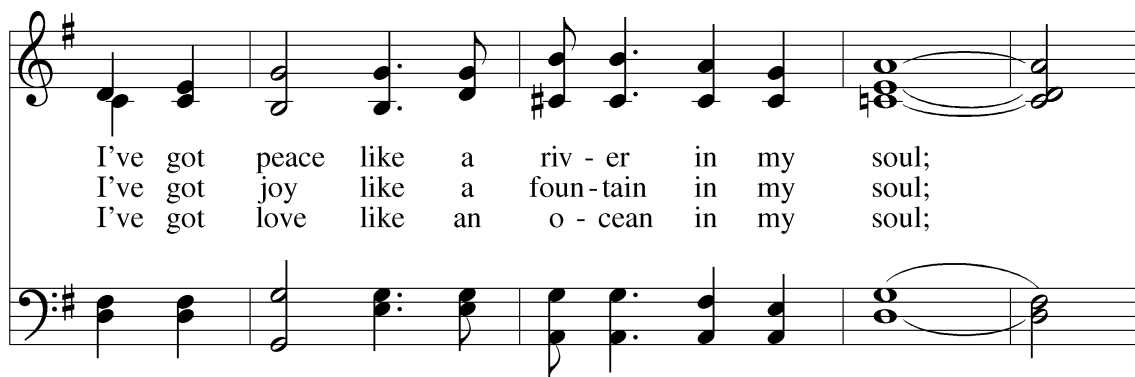
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY: *I've Got Peace Like a River* (TFF 258)



1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,  
2 I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain,  
3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,



I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul;  
I've got joy like a foun-tain in my soul;  
I've got love like an o - cean in my soul;



I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,  
I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain,  
I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,



I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul.  
I've got joy like a foun-tain in my soul.  
I've got love like an o - cean in my soul.

## **CREED**

Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God, we pray for our families. Families of all shapes, sizes, and sounds. And we give thanks for Your perfect knowing in creating the loving space of families forged by even the most unconventional ways.

Holy Spirit, thank you for people who guide us. We pray they may find love in hard places, and patience for hard hearts. Please help us to support our leaders, and please help our leaders ask for help when they need it.

Creator, please grant wisdom to those who lead us. Soften their hearts, and advise them so they may advise us in loving ways.

God, please protect those who are sick, in pain, hurting. From sickness, injury, broken hearts, broken relationships, betrayals, and mental health hardship. Please wrap Your loving arms a little tighter around all of those who are ailing and comfort them.

Holy Lord, we pray all of these things. Finally, we pray for ourselves. We pray for strength, for clarity, for forgiveness and for more compassion for others.

Dearest God, hear our prayers.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

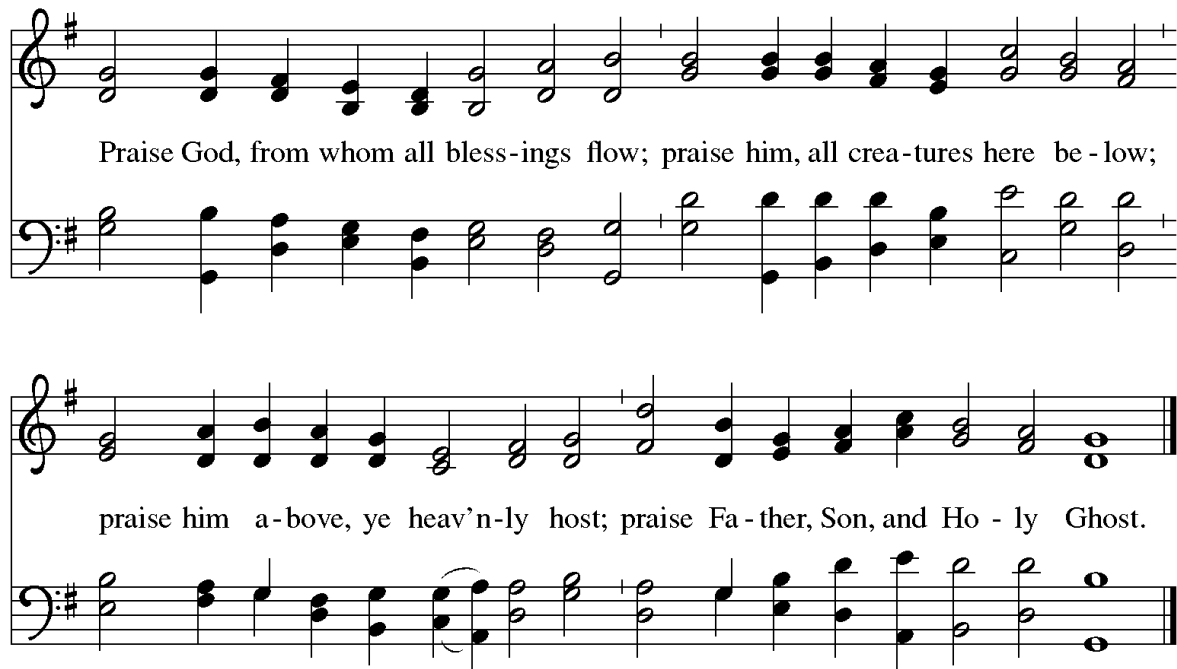
The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Please remain seated for a moment of silent reflection. We have heard the story of God calling us by name, and a reminder that the light of God shines within us. How do you notice the light of God within you? How is God calling you in service to God and others?*

## **THE OFFERING**

*Thank you for your generous gifts to sustain the mission and ministry of Gethsemane Lutheran Church. You may give online at [www.glcportland.org/give](http://www.glcportland.org/give) or with Venmo.*

## OFFERTORY



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711  
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

## THE OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

**everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*All are welcome to celebrate communion! We use no-contact communion cups in person. If you are joining us via livestream, you may commune from home. Any bread and wine, water or juice may be used. Please follow along with Pastor Elizabeth in holding up your bread and cup.*

*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.

*The Proper Preface is sung or said*

P It is our duty and delight . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY

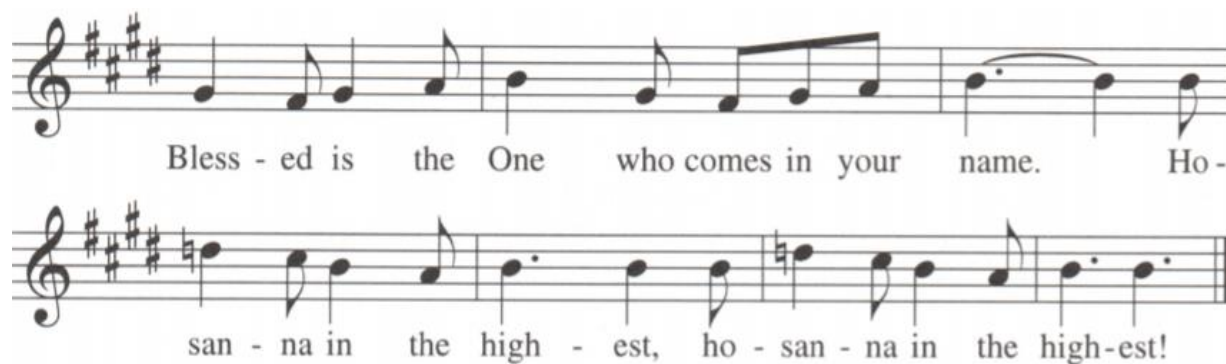
*Congregation:*

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!

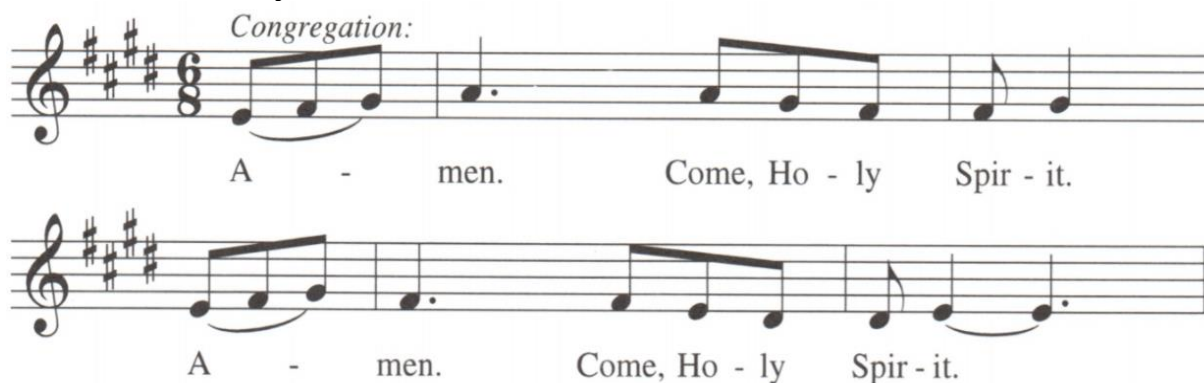




Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:



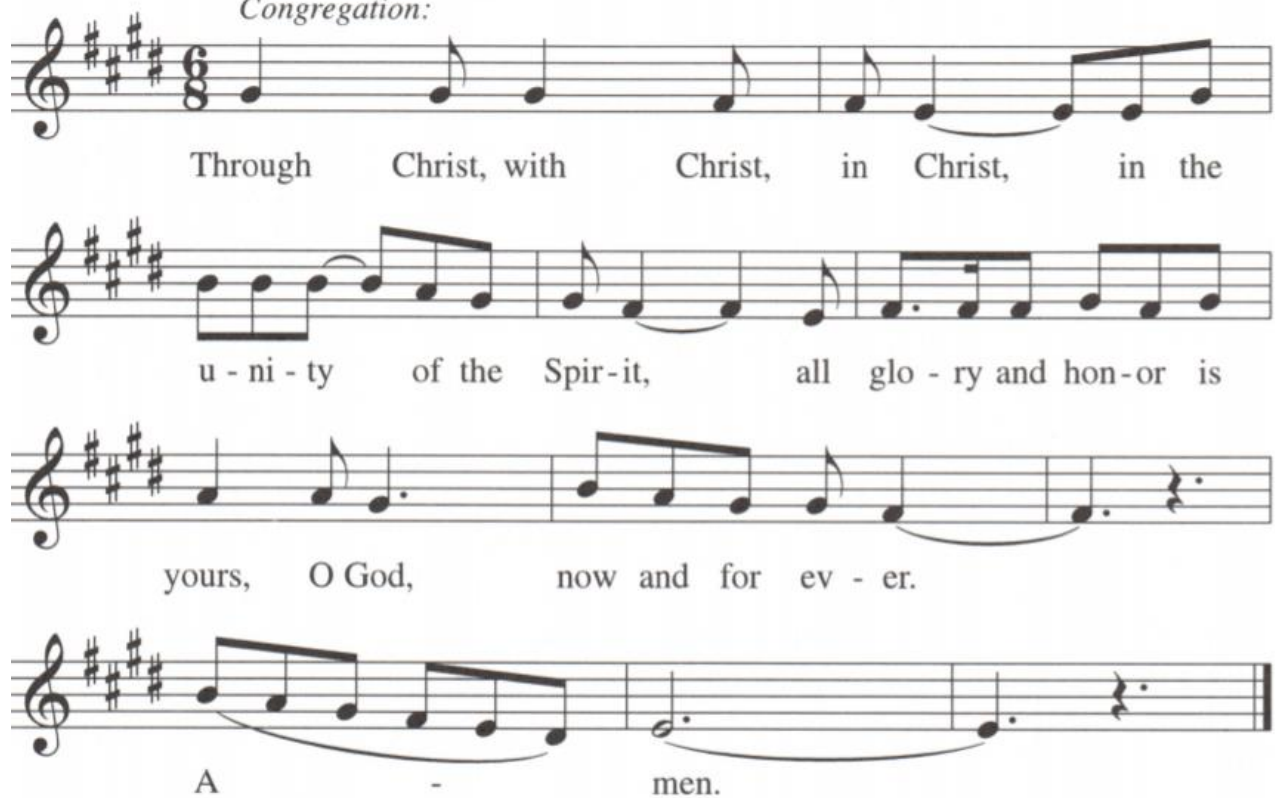
Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.



This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

## THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST

*Congregation:*



Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the  
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is  
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.  
A - men.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written on a single line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff ends with a double bar line. The third staff ends with a double bar line. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

**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.**

# LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:*      *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God,      you take a - way the sin of the  
                                  \* you break the chains of ha - tred and  
                                  you are the way of jus - tice and  
                                  you are the way of mer - cy and

*Congregation:*



world:  
 fear:                      have mer - cy on us,                      mer - cy on us,  
 peace:  
 love:



mer - cy on us.                      Lamb of God,                      you

*Congregation:*



take a - way the sins of the world:                      grant us peace,



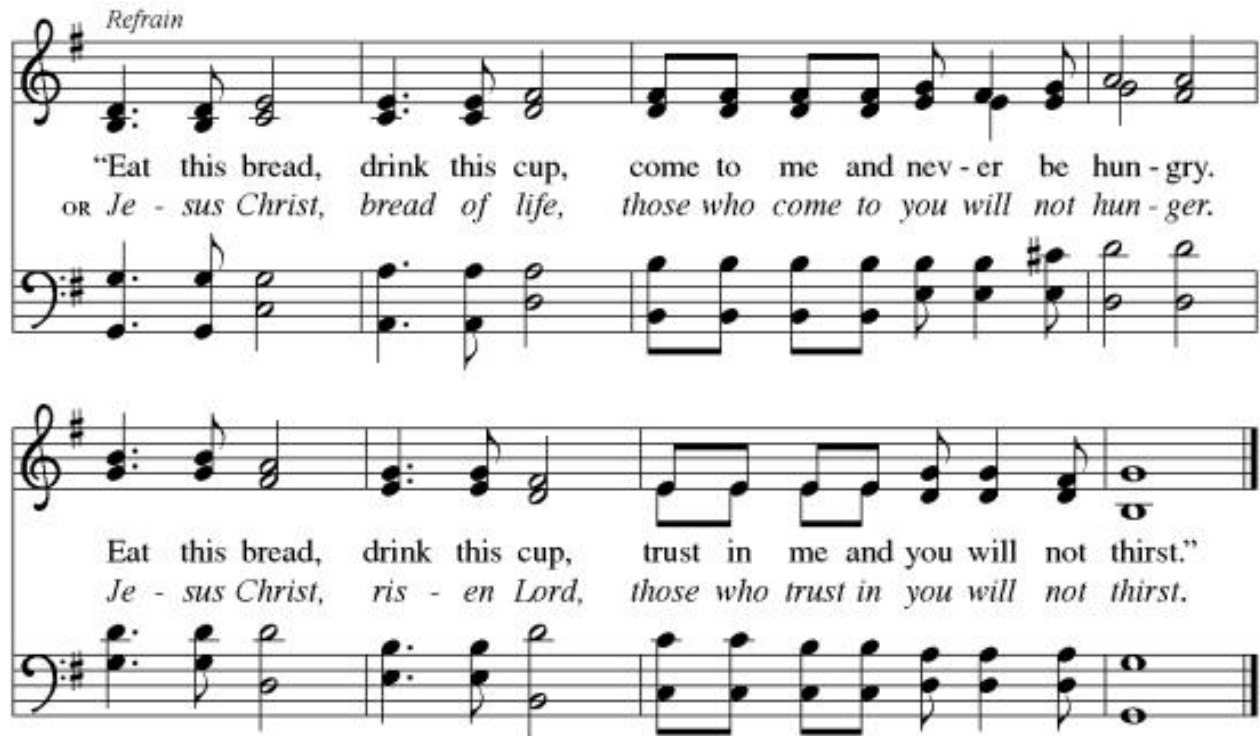
grant us peace,                      grant us peace.

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*You are invited to partake of communion as led by Pr. Elizabeth.*

## COMMUNION HYMN, *Eat this Bread*, ELW #472

*Refrain*



The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the staves.

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”  
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

## 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

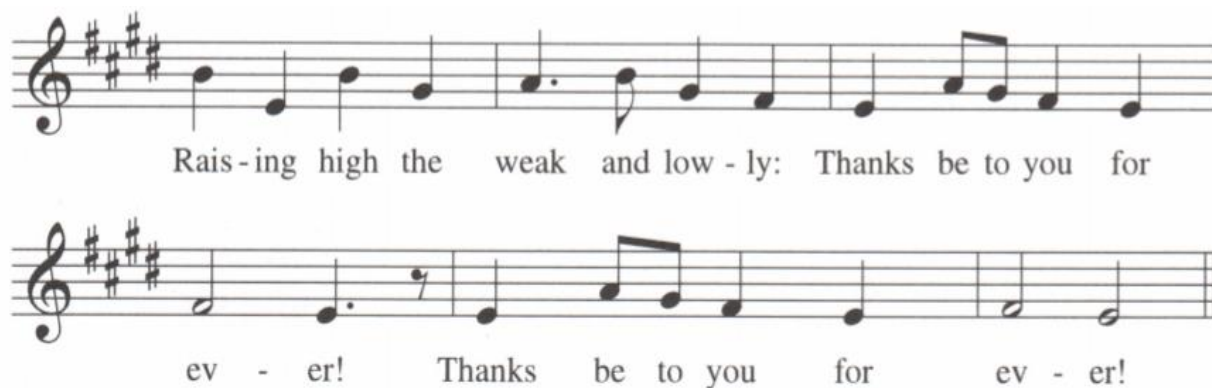
weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

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!



## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray,

Holy God, thank you for feeding us with your body. Help us to trust that you care for us. Give us courage to share our faith with others. Grant us grace to serve you, today and all the days of our lives.

**Amen.**

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## SENDING

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## THE BLESSING

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The Holy Trinity, ✚ one God, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG



1 La paz del Se - ñor, la paz del Se - ñor, la  
 1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the  
 2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the  
 3 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the



paz del Re - su - ci - ta - do: la paz del Se -  
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the  
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the  
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the



ñor a ti ya mí, a to - dos al - can - za -  
 Lord is for you and for me, and al - so for all of God's  
 Lord is a - mong us right now, so o - pen your - selves to re -  
 Lord kept with - in can - not live, so o - pen your - selves now to



rá; la paz del Se - ñor a ti ya  
 chil - dren. The peace of the Lord is for you and for  
 ceive it. The peace of the Lord is a - mong us right  
 share it. The peace of the Lord kept with - in can - not



mí, a to - dos al - can - za - rá.  
 me, and al - so for all of God's chil - dren.  
 now, so o - pen your - selves to re - ceive it.  
 live, so o - pen your - selves now to share it.

2 La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor,  
 la paz del Resucitado:  
 se hace presente ahora y aquí  
 apréstate a recibirla;  
 se hace presente ahora y aquí  
 apréstate a recibirla.

3 La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor,  
 la paz del Resucitado:  
 no puede vivir encerrada en sí,  
 apréstate a compartirla;  
 no puede vivir encerrada en sí,  
 apréstate a compartirla.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

Text: African American spiritual

Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935

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Text: traditional

Music: PEACE LIKE A RIVER, African American spiritual

Text: Anders Ruuth; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923

Music: LA PAZ DEL SEÑOR, Anders Ruuth

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Blessing of Backpacks, October 10:** With your help, the Quilters have assembled **60** school backpacks to be sent off for Lutheran World Relief!
- **It's time to pre-order poinsettias to grace our Sanctuary for the Christmas Season.** Order envelopes are available on the poster outside the sanctuary doors in the narthex and in the church office. If you have questions or wish to order from home, contact Gloria Kelsay to receive an order form either by email or regular mail. The



price is \$8.00 each. Fill out the information on the envelope and be sure to indicate on the form if it is being given in **honor or memory** of someone. Put your cash or check in the envelope and either place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office. **Orders are due no later than Sunday, October 24.**

- **GLC Hymn Survey 2021:** What music makes your heart sing? What hymns encourage and renew your faith? Please visit this form link to tell us your favorite hymn(s), and Pr. Elizabeth will work to include them in our worship services: <https://forms.gle/nfnqR71h78pmBCPn6>  
If you can't remember the name, here are some links to look up hymns online:
  - <https://hymnary.org/hymnal/ELW2006> (ELW)
  - <https://hymnary.org/hymnal/WOV> (WOV)
  - <https://hymnary.org/hymnal/TFFB1999> (TFF)
  - <https://hymnary.org/hymnal/LBoW1978> (LBW)
- Youth Firefighter Collection items needed: Prayers, bar soap, cotton boot socks, toothbrushes, pillows/sleeping bags, protein bars/high-calorie snacks, monetary donations.
- **Worship with us on Zoom:**  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81476436505> To join by phone, call (253) 215 8782 and enter Meeting ID: 814 7643 6505.
- **Or find our livestream on Facebook:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/gethsemaneporland>.

## HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

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- **Please sign in when you arrive.** This is helpful both for church attendance records and contact tracing. There is a sign-in sheet in the Narthex.
- We follow Multnomah County health guidelines and synod recommendations regarding the wearing of face masks. We update these guidelines as official recommendations change based on risk conditions, community spread and hospital caseloads. **As of August 10<sup>th</sup>, face masks are required for all visitors, members and building users, regardless of vaccination status.** A limited supply of disposable masks are available in the narthex.
- Please care for one another and be mindful of each other's space – **be sure to ask before hugging, touching, or shaking hands with one another.**
- We are continuing to use no-contact communion cups. Gluten-free wafers with wine or grape juice are available.
- Don't forget to drop off your offering! There is a plate and offering envelopes at the back of the sanctuary.
- Let's have grace and respect one another. Welcome home!



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