



*(Anna Lewis's Greater Swiss Mountain Dog littermates Rosie (RIP) and Hugo)*

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Blessing of the Animals

**October 3, 2021**

*God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. (Gen. 1:31a)*

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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. Please see an usher if you have any questions.*

### **BLESSING FOR OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor, we pray, on these your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they grow in wisdom and grace, and

help them to trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

God our comforter:

**It is so easy for us to lose sight of you. Trapped by fear, we close our hearts to your presence. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. 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 HYMN, *This is My Father's World*, ELW #824

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the  
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.  
Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

## GREETING

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

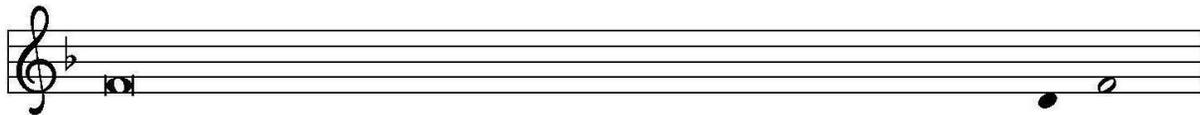
**And also with you.**

# KYRIE

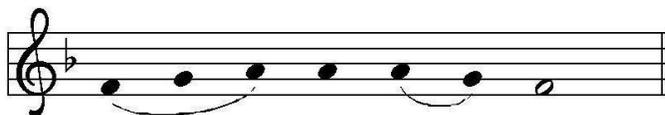
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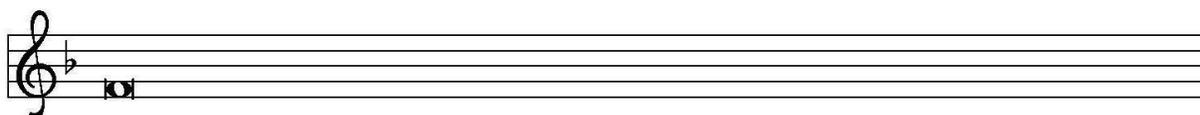
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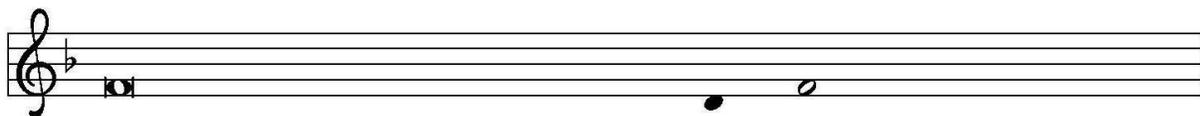
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



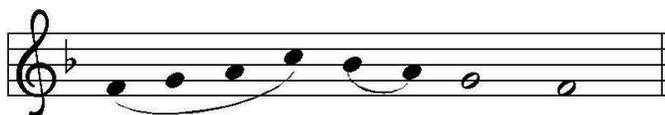
Lord, have mer - cy.



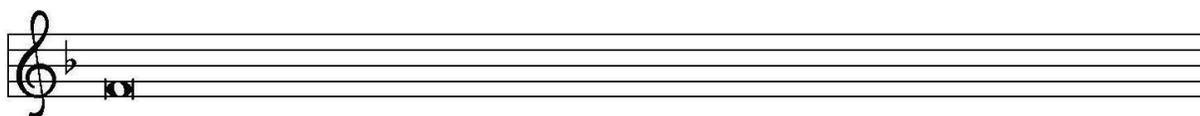
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



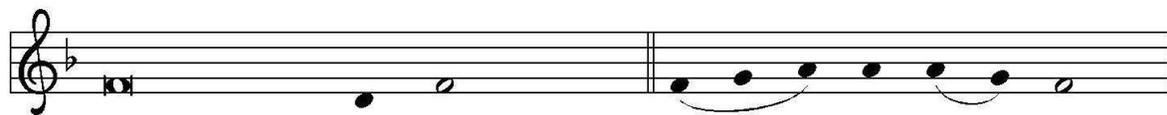
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



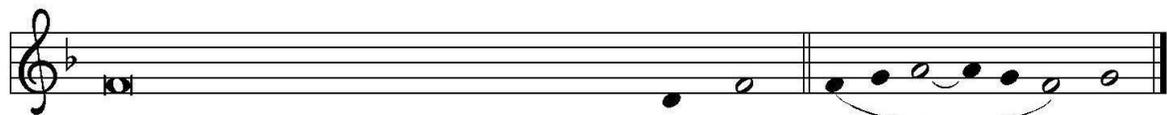
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together in the words written by St. Francis,

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

## **BLESSING OF ALL CREATURES**

*This morning we celebrate by blessing all the creatures in our lives – from loyal companion pets at home to birds and wildlife in the forest. We remember those beloved pets that passed away or left us this year, with grief and gratitude. We recommit ourselves to care for all of creation.*

For all your creatures that breath and move and have life,  
**We thank you, O Lord.**

That we may love and honor the works of your hand,  
**We thank you, O Lord.**

That each pet may be treasured with care,  
**We thank you, O Lord.**

Let us pray,

**O God, you have made us and all living things. You are even more wonderful than the things you have made. We thank you for creating us and giving us life. As you take care of us, we ask that you help us to take care of all those creatures in our care. By doing this, we know that we share in your own love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

As God has blessed you with these pets, so may they be blessed by your love and care. And the blessing of Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

## **TIME WITH CHILDREN**

*Welcome families! We are taking a pause on Sunday School during this time of high COVID case rates. Please join us outdoors for our first-ever pumpkin patch (with a*

hayride, games and more!) beginning on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Contact Jasmine at [youth@glcportland.org](mailto:youth@glcportland.org) to learn more.

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING: Genesis 1:23-28, 31a

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### REFRAIN

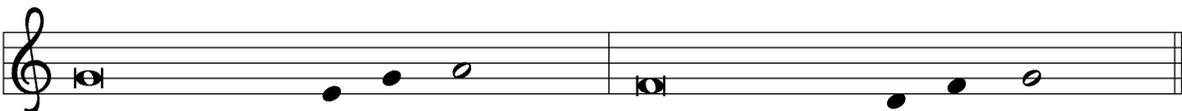


Psalm 104:3

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## PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

How manifold are your | works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.  
Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,  
living things both | small and great.

There go the ships | to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

All of them | look to you  
to give them their food | in due season.



Send forth your Spir - it and re - new the face of the earth.

You give it to them; they | gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

When you hide your face, | they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;  
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord en- | dure forever;  
O Lord, rejoice in | all your works.



Send forth your Spir - it and re - new the face of the earth.

You look at the earth | and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.  
I will sing to the Lord as long | as I live;  
I will praise my God while I | have my being.

May these words of | mine please God.

I will rejoice | in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, | O my soul.

Hal- | lelujah!



Send forth your Spir - it and re - new the face of the earth.

## SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

*A reading from Timothy.*

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all--this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 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.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 6:25-33

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing?”

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

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

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY, *Touch the Earth Lightly*, ELW #739**



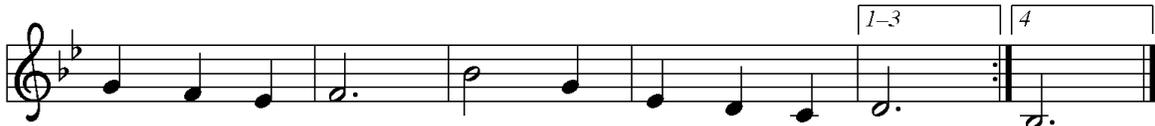
1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,  
 2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,  
 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,  
 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,



nour - ish the life of the world in our care:  
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,  
 wa - ter that bless - es, and air that is sweet,  
 God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,



gift of great won - der, ours to sur - rend - er,  
 we who would fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter—  
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,  
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,



trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.  
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!  
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.  
 us - ing us gent - ly, and mak - ing us one.

## **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**

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Almighty God, we pray for unity and goodwill among all people. Watch over and protect refugee families. Be with the people of Germany in the wake of a national election. Guide leaders across the planet to work with one another for the common good. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Living God, we pray for all of creation, for each animal that crawls, hops, runs, flies, swims, or sings. Help us to care for all that you have made. Remind us again of our interconnectedness with the expansive, creative web of life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Generous God, we pray for those who are hungry, isolated, grieving, hurting or alone. Help us to care for our neighbors. Bring healing of body, mind and spirit to all those we remember now, in heart and with voice.... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous God, we pray for this family of faith. Hold us accountable to your standard of right relationship with you and one another. As we experience your grace and forgiveness, so may we also make peace with others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we pray in gratitude for the faithful witness of all the saints, especially St. Francis. Bless those who now rest in your eternal home. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please remain in your seats for a moment of quiet reflection.*

### **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, *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*, ELW #182



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. 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.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

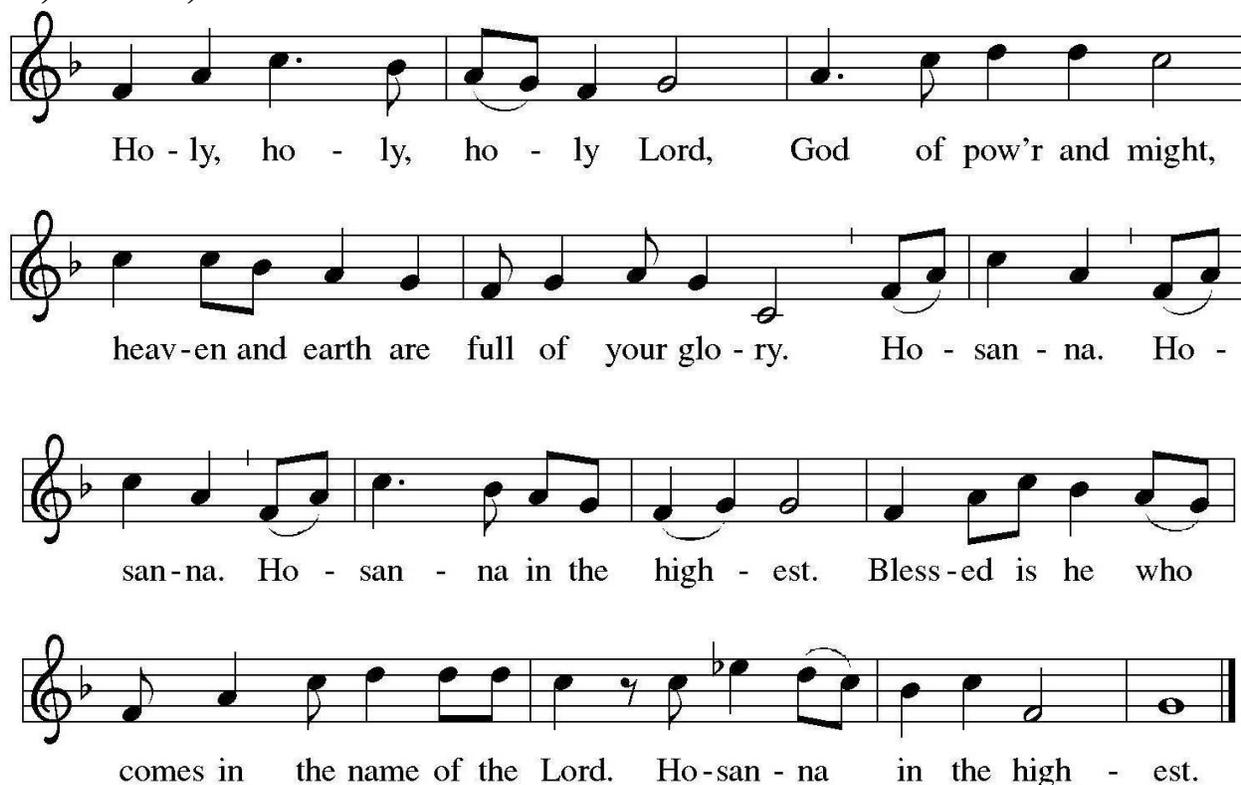
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

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:

## 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. 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 in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*All are welcome to celebrate communion as part of our worship this morning! If you are joining us via livestream, any bread and wine, water or juice may be used. Please hold up the bread and the cup as Pastor Elizabeth says these words:*

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. With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures,

with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God,

blessed and holy Trinity,

now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us 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,**

**for ever and ever.**

## LAMB OF GOD

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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*If you did not pick up a communion cup as you entered, please see an usher. Please dispose of your cup as you exit the sanctuary today.*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

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

## COMMUNION SONG: *God of the Sparrow*, ELW #740 (verses 1-3)



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the swirl - ing  
2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the trum - pet  
3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the emp - ty  
4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the prod - i -



stars How does the crea - ture say Awe  
blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe  
grave How does the crea - ture say Grace  
gal How does the crea - ture say Care



How does the crea - ture say Praise  
How does the crea - ture cry Save  
How does the crea - ture say Thanks  
How does the crea - ture say Life

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you nurture us with the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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## SENDING

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## BLESSING

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing hope to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ☩ one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG, *All Creatures of Our God and King*, LBW #527 (verses 1-4)**

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice with  
 2 O rush-ing wind and breez-es soft, O clouds that ride the  
 3 O flow-ing wa-ters, pure and clear, Make mu-sic for your  
 4 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day Un-folds rich bless-ings

us and sing: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 winds a - loft: Oh, . . . praise him! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Lord to hear. Oh, . . . praise him! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 on our way, Oh, . . . praise him! Al - le - lu - ia!

O burn-ing sun with gold-en beam And sil-ver moon  
 O ris-ing morn, in praise re-joice, O lights of eve-  
 O fire so mas-ter-ful and bright, Pro-vid-ing us  
 The fruits and flow'rs that ver-dant grow, Let them his praise

*Refrain*

with soft-er gleam:  
 ning, find a voice. Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!  
 with warmth and light,  
 a - bun-dant show.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!' are written below the treble staff. The music concludes with a double bar line.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Please leave the sanctuary quietly so that those who wish may remain to listen without interruption. Thank you!*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- The Pumpkin Patch will be here in two weeks! Tell your neighbors and friends to stop by for autumn fun starting October 15!
- Christmas Flowers envelopes are now available in the Narthex and the office.
- **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/TFBF1999> (TFF)
  - <https://hymnary.org/hymnal/LBoW1978> LBW)
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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Blessing of the Animals