



**Holy Trinity**  
**June 4, 2023**  
**9:30 am**

**Gethsemane Lutheran Church**

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Worship Leader: Dick Bemrose, Synod Authorized Lay Minister (SALM)

Accompanist: Brooke Benfield

Cantor: Gloria Kelsay

Setting: ELW setting 3

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**GATHERING**

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**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Our worship service is being livestreamed to the Gethsemane Lutheran YouTube channel. The offering plate will be passed, but it is available on the table next to the Baptism Font if you prefer to place your offering there and not handle the plate. All people, all ages, are welcome to the Holy Communion table to share in this meal of our risen Lord.*

**\* = Please stand as you are able.**

## **\*GETHSEMANE VISION & MISSION**

**We are forgiven and called by God to proclaim the Good News of Christ. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our mission is to serve both the physical and spiritual needs of all people in our changing society. We welcome all races, abilities, genders, and sexual orientations.**

## **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of our neighbors.  
Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We have hurt our community.**  
**We have squandered your blessings.**  
**We have hoarded your bounty.**  
**In the name of Jesus,**  
**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Righteous God,  
**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We have failed to be honest.**  
**We have lacked the courage to speak.**  
**We have spoken falsely.**  
**In the name of Jesus,**  
**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.  
God offers boundless grace when we fail.  
Claim the gift of God's mercy:  
you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN: *Holy, Holy, Holy*, ELW 413**

**\*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.**

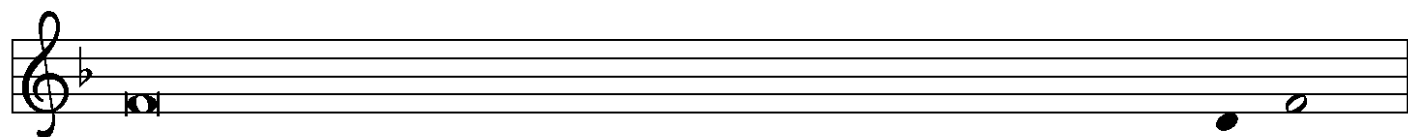
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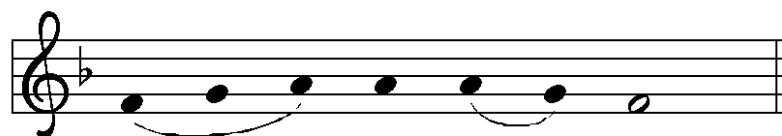


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

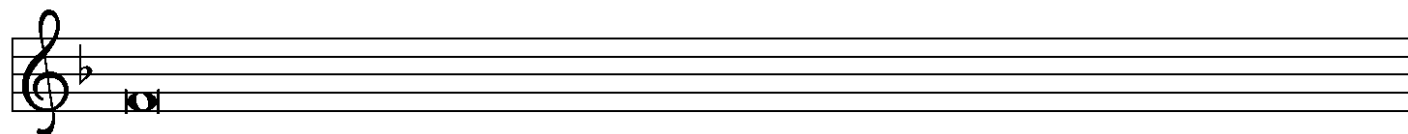
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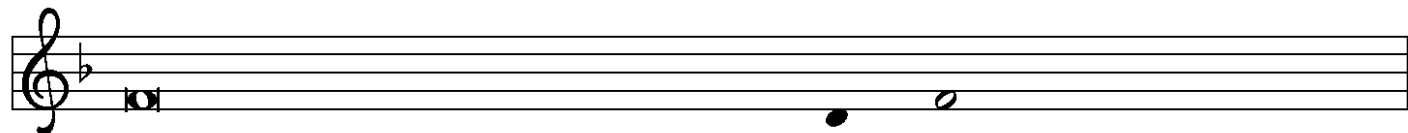
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



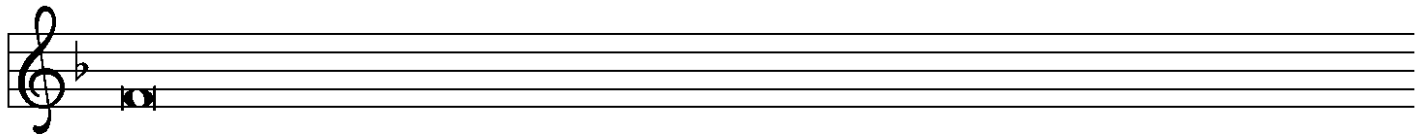
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



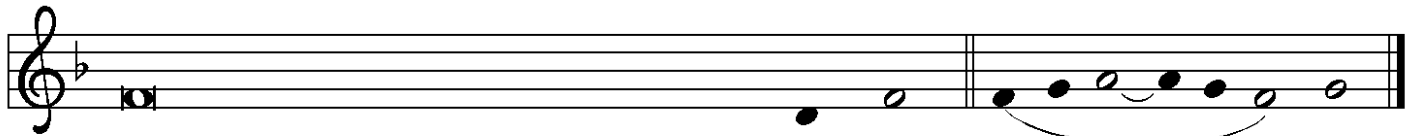
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



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



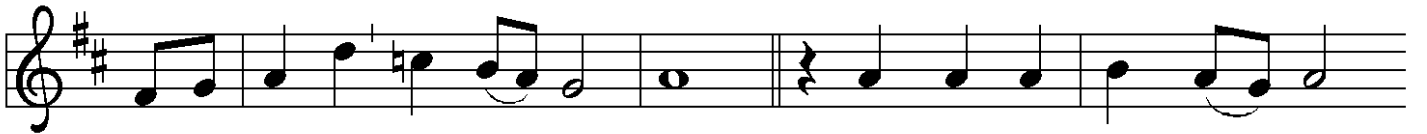
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*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



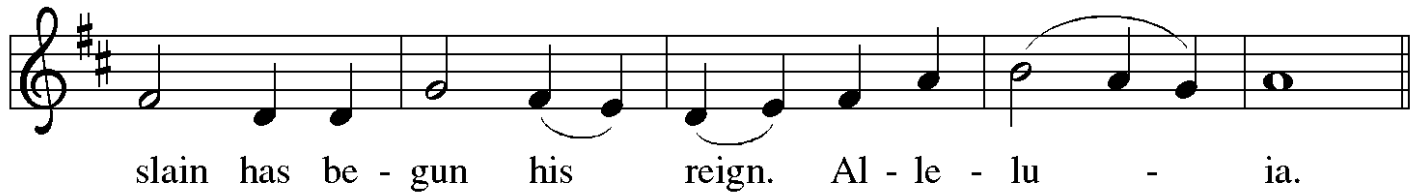
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

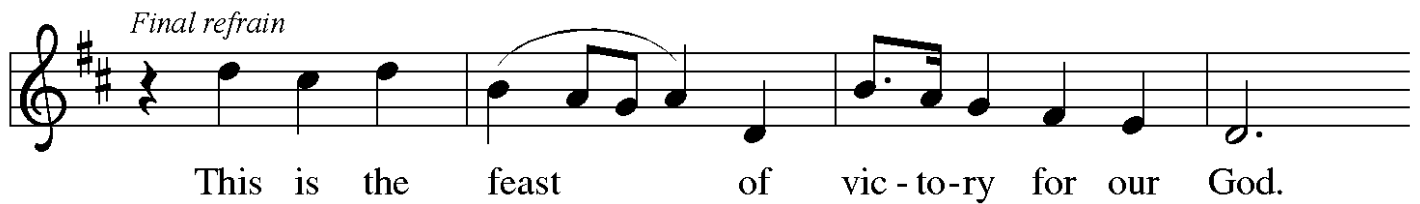


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,





slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

*Welcome families! We're so glad you are here!*

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God

swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>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.

<sup>26</sup>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.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>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.” <sup>29</sup>God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4a</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM: Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup>O Lord our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;**

**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup>O Lord our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

A reading from Corinthians.

[Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. <sup>14</sup>to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>15</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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 28:16-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

\*HYMN OF THE DAY: *God, Whose Almighty Word*, ELW 673

## **\*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**

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

Holy three, holy one, you call the church to make disciples of all nations.  
Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel and  
direct all the baptized into lives of humble service. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy three, holy one, you spoke creation into being and called it good. Protect lands  
and waters threatened by human misuse and sustain living creatures of every kind:  
wild animals, birds, fish, and every creeping thing. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy three, holy one, you have given humankind authority over the earth. Raise up  
leaders who listen earnestly, speak honestly, and govern thoughtfully. Heal

divisions between nations, that we might agree with one another and live in peace.  
God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy three, holy one, you promise to be with us always, to the end of the age.  
Surround those most in need of your healing presence: any who are lonely, all who  
are grieving, and those who are sick. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy three, holy one, you set the earth on its axis, and we experience the seasons.  
Strengthen those enduring challenges this summer: those who suffer in the heat,  
parents overwhelmed by childcare responsibilities, and children experiencing food  
insecurity outside of school. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy three, holy one, you give rest when our work is done. We give thanks for all  
the saints who now rest in you, confident in the promise of resurrection life in the  
age to come. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

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

*Share a sign of peace that is comfortable for you and the people around you.*

## **OFFERING**

*Please be seated for a quiet moment of reflection.*

*Thank you for your generous gifts to sustain the mission and ministry of  
Gethsemane Lutheran Church. The offering plates will be passed at this time; you  
also 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 - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.

Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior 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.

You reveal your glory

as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,  
ever to be adored in your eternal glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

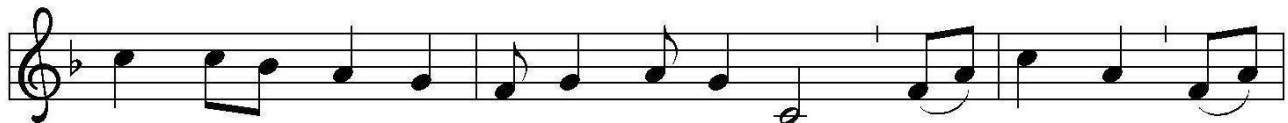
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

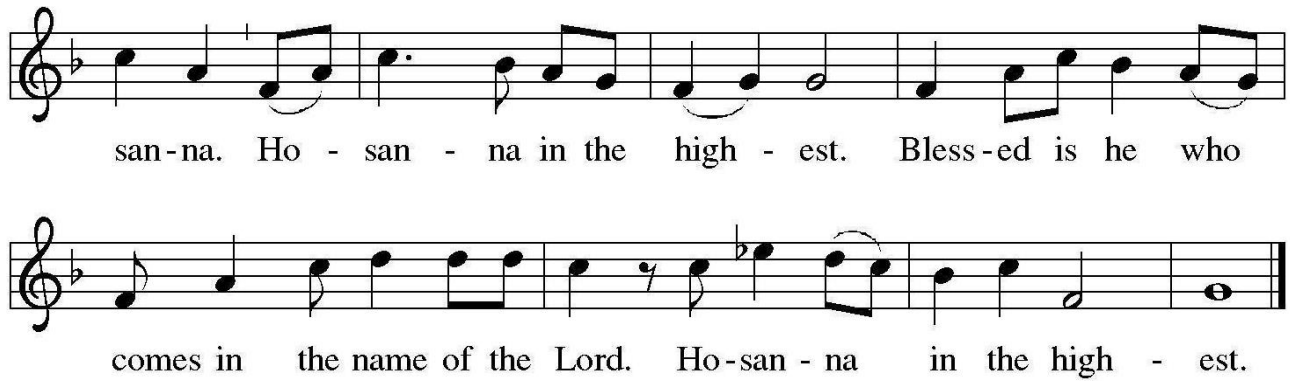
## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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 SALM Dick Bemrose reminds us of the Words of Institution used by the pastor when the elements of Holy Communion are consecrated:*

O God triune, how majestic  
is your name in all the earth.  
The earth is full of your glory.  
**The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.  
In Christ you bring life from death;  
we remember his cross,  
we laud his resurrection.  
Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.  
Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.

Today we gather around his table to eat and drink the meal he serves us  
and that has been blessed for us with 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.

O God triune, you create the worlds,  
you uphold the living,  
you embrace the dead.  
Send forth your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth.  
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal,  
the body and blood of Christ.  
Give us a future that trusts in you  
and cares for your earth.  
Empowered by your promises,  
we rise from our deaths  
to praise you again:  
The earth is full of your glory.  
**The earth is full of your glory.**

Amen, and amen.  
**Amen and 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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.



## 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.

## COMMUNION SONG: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*, ELW 864

### \*COMMUNION BLESSING

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

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received  
at your banquet table.

Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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## SENDING

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### **\*COMMUNITY COVENANT**

In recognition of God's greatest commandment, we will love God with all our heart, mind, and soul, and love our neighbor as ourselves. In that same spirit, we make this covenant:

- **We will welcome all people with our hearts, actions, and words.**
- **We will talk with each other, not at each other.**
- **We will listen to each other, not for fault but for understanding.**
- **We will express our concerns and issues directly with those involved, rather than with others.**
- **We will support our pastor and staff and honor their efforts among us.**
- **We will seek to discover what is best for our Church as a whole, not what may be best for us individually or as a small group.**
- **We will pray with each other and for each other.**

### **\*BLESSING**

The God who calls across the cosmos  
and speaks in the smallest seed  
✠ bless, keep, and sustain you  
now and to the end of the age.  
**Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG: *On Our Way Rejoicing*, ELW 537**

### **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the harvest.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- The “**Great Gethsemane Cleanup**” (a day of giving your time in service to our church) is coming on **Saturday, June 24, from 8-4**. We need **everyone’s** help to make this a success. Whatever amount of time you can share that day will be greatly appreciated. Lunch will be provided. For more information, see a Council member. **Mark your calendars now and save the date!**
- **Vacation Bible School is July 24-28:** If you’re interested in volunteering, please contact Jasmine via email ASAP, or let Anna know and she can connect you with Jasmine. We need your help!
- **Please sign up as worship assistants!**
- **We are livestreaming on YouTube! Join us for worship at <https://www.youtube.com/@gethsemanelutheranchurch8452>.** Hit the “Subscribe” button on the GLC YouTube page to keep up to date on our videos! If you have trouble finding it, please contact [sound@glcportland.org](mailto:sound@glcportland.org), a council member, or church staff for assistance.



- Join us for **Bible Study! Tuesdays at 10:00 am** on Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83076176257> Meeting ID: 830 7617 6257, and in person in the conference room.
- **Sunday School teachers are needed** for May, June and July! Jasmine won't be here, and it would be great if the kids didn't have to go without! Lesson plans and activity ideas are available to be shaped by you!
- **Church financials** are posted on our website at [glcportland.org/finances](http://glcportland.org/finances). If you don't know the password, please contact Anna in the office.
- The **Change For Good** jar is designated for our Open Hands fund for community assistance with utilities and small incidental expenses.

## Worship Assistants

Worship Assistants are always needed!

To sign up, go to <https://signup.com/go/bDYAHDh>.

Date	Cantor	Reader	Usher/s	Communion Assistant	Altar Guild
<b>June 4</b>	Gloria Kelsay	Mary Curtis	Laura Britzius	Amy Deetz	Amy Deetz
<b>June 11</b>	Gloria Kelsay	Dale Banke		Amy Deetz	Amy Deetz
<b>June 18</b>	Denise Johnson	Dale Banke	Stewart Dedlow	Sharon Magnuson	Sharon Magnuson
<b>June 25</b>			Nona Paxton	Gloria Kelsay	

Youth Sunday is moving to the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday beginning in July, since we don't have many kids available to serve.



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