



"And if anyone
gives even a cup
of cold water to
one of these
little ones
because he is my
disciple, I tell
you the truth, he
will certainly not
lose his reward."
Matthew 10:42

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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Setting Four

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children.
This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

Jays & Concerns

Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C. Amen

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P. Merciful God,

C. we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen

P. Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

ELW 676

The Greeting

P. From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

C. And also with you.

This is the Feast



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



1 Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

Prayer of the Day

A. Let us pray

C. O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word, and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Happy are the people who know the ¹ festal shout!

They walk, O LORD, in the light ¹ of your presence.

They rejoice daily ¹ in your name;

they are jubilant ¹ in your righteousness.

For you are the glory ¹ of their strength,

and by your favor our might ¹ is exalted.

Truly, our shield belongs ¹ to the LORD;

our king to the Holy ¹ One of Israel.

Second Reading

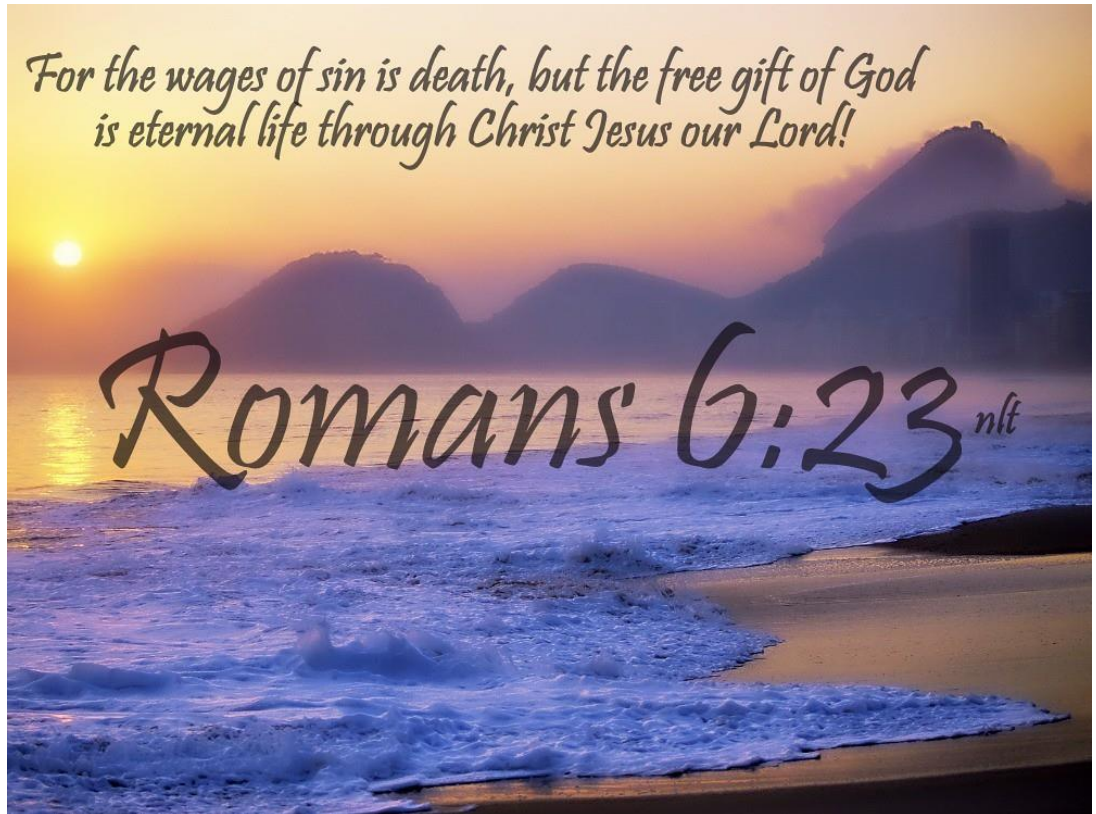
Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your

members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death.

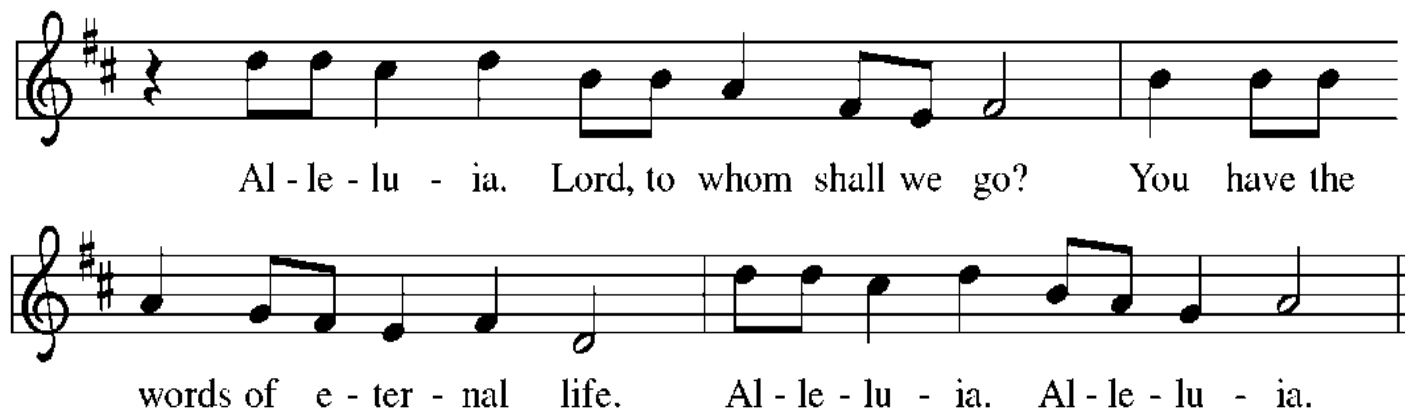


But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



P. The holy gospel according to Matthew, chapter ten.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 10:40-42

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you O Christ.



Sermon

John Petry, Interim Pastor

Hymn of the Day

All Are Welcome

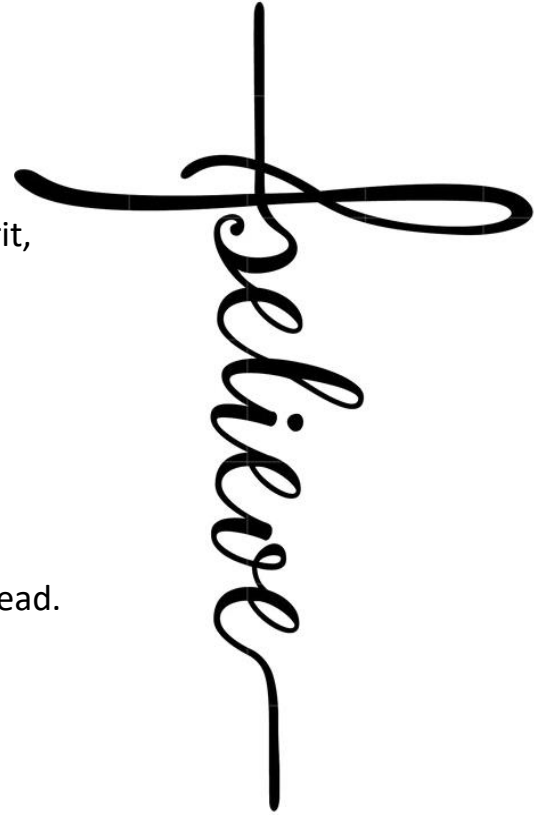
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The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

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

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. For wisdom to heed the voices of prophets in our midst who cast a vision of God's promised future. For courage to welcome people whom society rejects. For resolve to serve all in need. God, in your mercy,

C. hear our prayer.

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

C. Amen.

The Peace

P. Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled. May His peace be with you always.

C. And also with you.

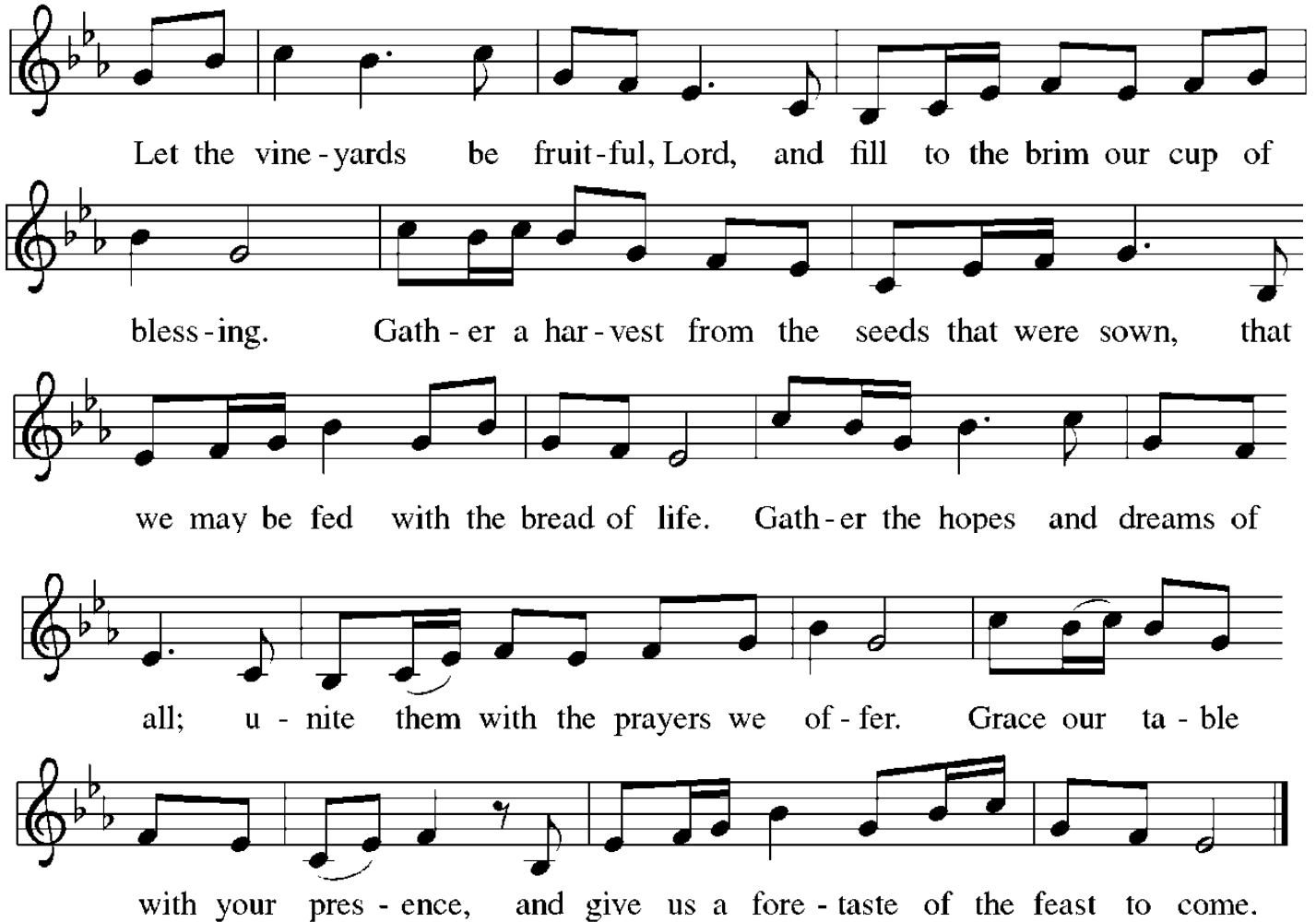
The Offering

Anthem

The New Commonwealth

R. Vaughn Williams

Let the vineyards...

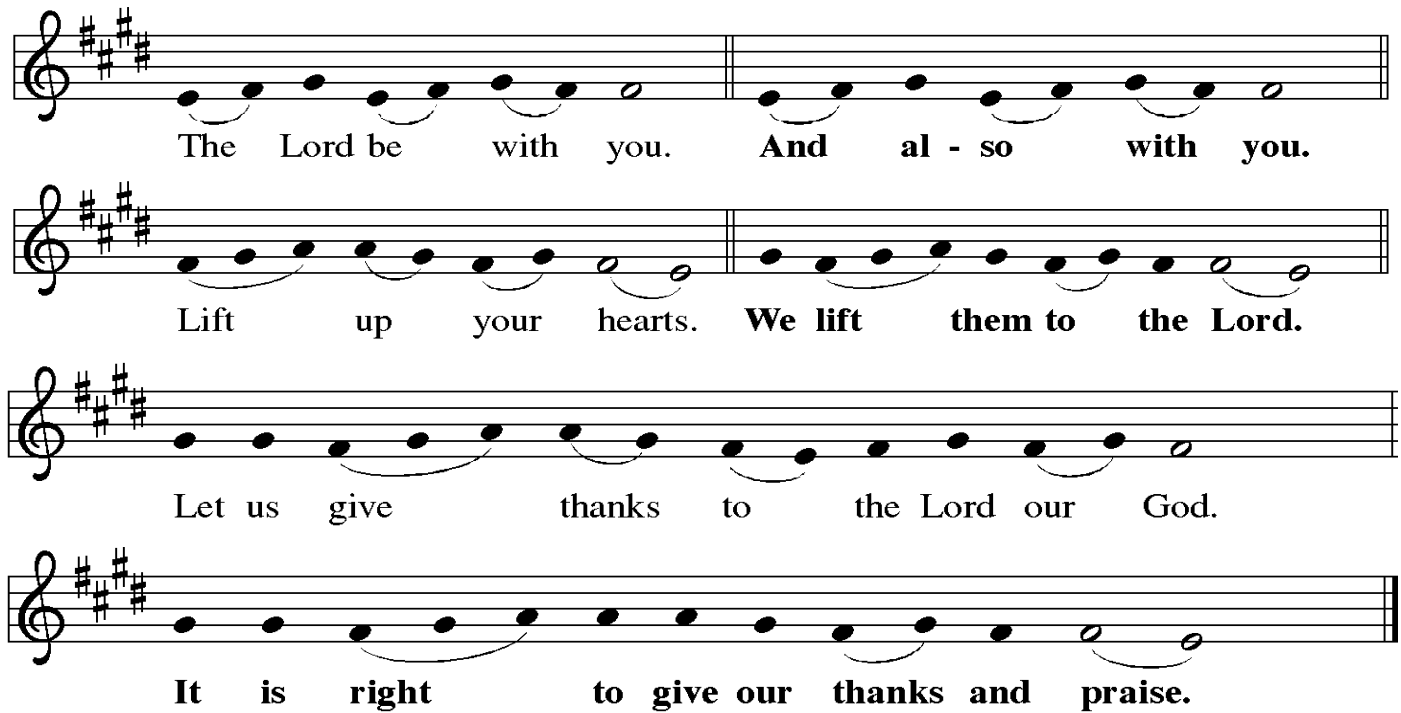


Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

- A. 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.
- C. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



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

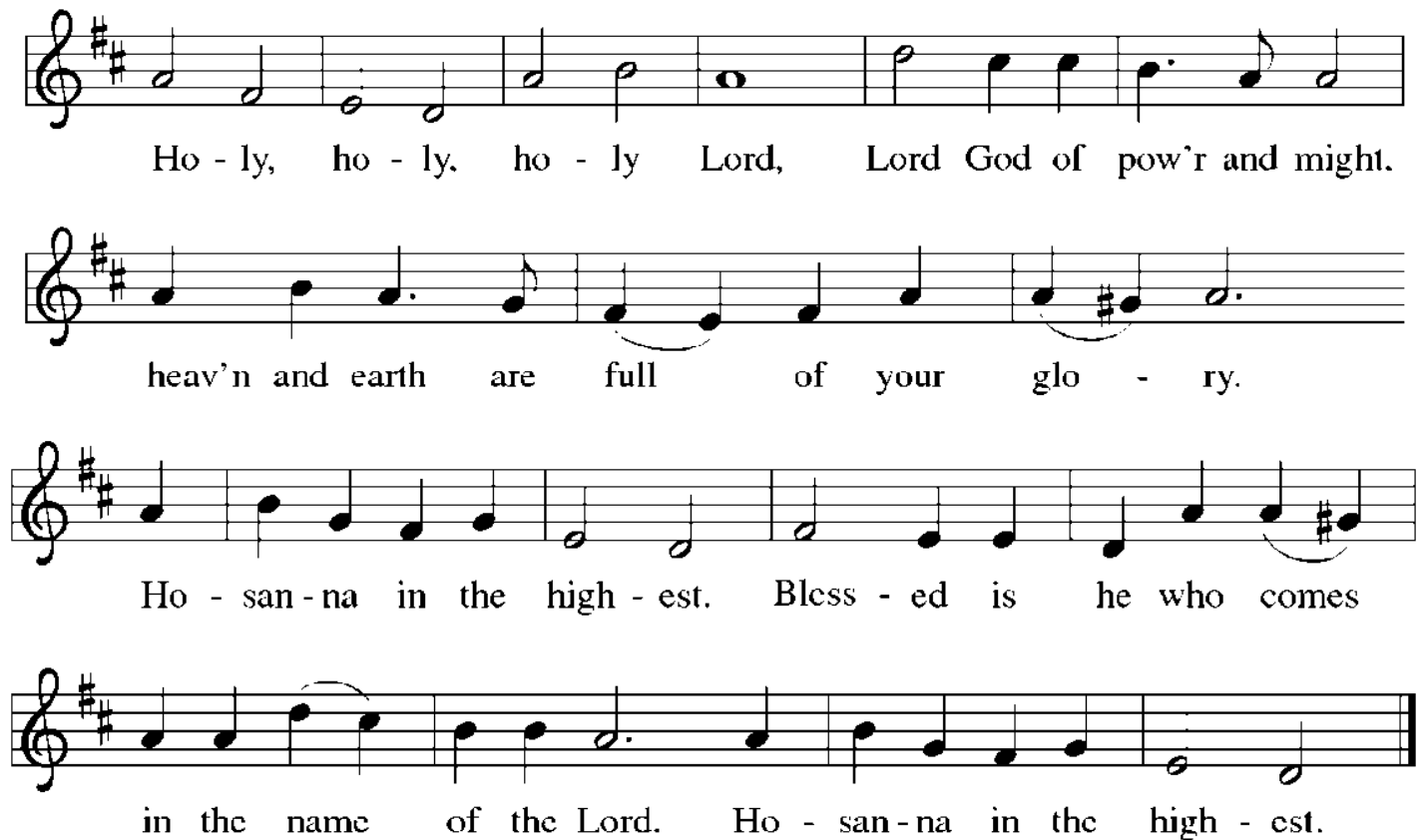
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P. It is indeed.....

The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might.

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

Invitation to Communion

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

C. Amen.

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, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

<i>As We Gather at Your Table</i>	ELW 522
<i>We Are an Offering</i>	ELW 692
<i>Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult</i>	ELW 696

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

C. Amen



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Post Communion Prayer

A. 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.

C. Amen.

Blessing

P. 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.

C. Amen.

Sending Hymn

O Day of Peace

Dismissal

A. Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Servers for Sunday, July 2nd

Assisting Minister	Alecia Harrison
Reader	Sylvia Lambert
Altar Guild	Sylvia Lambert
Greeters/Counters	Terry Barnes / Neil Brennecke



Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway.
Please consider spending time giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday.

*Your Parish Committee requests contributions for Fellowship:
cookies, chips, cake or appetizers.*



Candles for the month of July are given
to the Glory of God
by Matt & Larissa Himmeger.



Flowers this week are provided by Tess Andrews in honor of her mother’s Birthday.

Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheet is on the board in the hallway.

Come celebrate America's Birthday tomorrow, July 3rd. There will be a Picnic Dinner at 6 pm shared with our friends from Able to Serve! Hot Dogs will be provided, but please bring a side dish or dessert to share and join in the fun!

As is tradition, we will be parking cars in our field again this year as a fundraiser. We need people – Men AND Women – to help direct the cars and efficiently place them.

Social concerns will again be handing out promotional items to the children.



**Please arrive before 4:30 pm
to avoid any issues with road closures!!!**