

“for Herod  
was afraid of  
John, knowing  
that he was a  
righteous and  
holy man...”

Mark 6:20



8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

# Welcome

Pastor Wolfgang Herz-Lane

## Confession and Forgiveness

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

C. Amen.

P. Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P. God, our provider,

C. help us.

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P. Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C. Amen.

# Peace

## The Peace

**P.** May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C.** And also with you.

## Gathering Hymn

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

ELW 807

## 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.

## Kyrie



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.

## Now the Feast and Celebration

*Refrain*



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!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



*Refrain*



freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God,

2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



*Refrain*



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of



*Refrain*



God; to make all things new.

## Prayer of the Day

**A.** Let us pray . . . O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C. Amen.**

## First Reading

**Amos 7:7-15**

*Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.*



<sup>7</sup> This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; <sup>9</sup> the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

<sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup> For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’”

<sup>12</sup> And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup> but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

<sup>14</sup> Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup> and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

**L.** Word of God. Word of life.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

<sup>8</sup> I will listen to what the Lord God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**<sup>9</sup> Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**<sup>11</sup> Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup> The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

**<sup>13</sup> Righteousness shall go before the Lord  
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.**

**Second Reading**

**Ephesians 1:3-14**

*In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory..

**L. Word of God. Word of life.**

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

**P.** The holy gospel according to  
St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

**C.** Glory to you, O God.

*As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.*



<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him."<sup>15</sup> But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old."<sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup> For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup> And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup> for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup> But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup> And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup> She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup> Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup> The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup> Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup> brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

**Children's Sermon**



**Sermon**

"Death of a Trailblazer"

Pastor Wolfgang

**Hymn of the Day**

*Let Justice Flow Like Streams*

ELW 717



# The Apostles' Creed

L. With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C. 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 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**

## Installation of Gail Hrobuchak

P. After prayerful deliberation, we, of Lord of Life Lutheran Church, have appointed Gail Hrobuchak to serve in the position of Director of Music.

### Address and Questions

P. Our Lord Jesus, who came among us as a servant, calls us to faith and a life of loving service to our neighbor. You come among us as one invited to render a particular service, a gift from God to inspire us to love and good works.

Gail, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God?

**Response:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

**P.** Will you carry out this ministry in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church and in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

**Response:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

**P.** Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace and in prayer?

**Response:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

**P.** Trusting in God's care, will you seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the gospel of Jesus Christ with a godly life?

**Response:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

**P.** Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

**C. Amen.**

### *Congregation Stands*

**P.** People of God, will you receive Gail Hrobuchak into this ministry as one sent to serve in the church of Jesus Christ?

**C. We will, and we ask God to help us.**

**P.** Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

**C. We will, and we ask God to help us.**

**P.** Gail, I now declare you installed as Director of Music. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be a faithful servant of Christ.

**C. Amen.**

## Prayer

**P.** Let us pray.

O God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to worship: Strengthen and bless your servant Gail, who, through your gift of music, seeks to enliven our praises and proclaim your word with power. Through this ministry give us new awareness of your beauty and grace, and join our voices with all the choirs of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C. Amen.**

**P.** People of God, I present to you Gail Hrobuchak, your Director of Music. Let us welcome her in the name of Christ.



# INTERCESSION

## Prayers of Intercession

**A.** One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

You gather your people into the body of Christ. Where your church is wounded, heal it. Where it is right, strengthen it. Where it is divided, reunite it. In your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

**A.** From before the foundation of the world, you are God. Revive ecosystems destroyed by human greed. Curb our desire to put wealth ahead of the health of all who call this planet home. In your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

**A.** You establish equity and make justice. Within every nation, tribe, and land, cause laws to be written and customs to be observed that protect the most vulnerable. In your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

**A.** On the cross your beloved Son endured pain and death. Bring healing to those in need, hope to any in despair, and comfort to the dying. In your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

**A.** You send your Spirit into this community of faith. Empower our ministries that serve and build up local communities (*ministries may be named*). Nurture our partnerships with other community organizations (*organizations may be named*). In your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

### *Other Prayers*

**A.** All peoples praise you, O God. We give you thanks and praise for the lives of our loved ones who now rest in you (*especially*). In the fullness of time gather us with all your saints in light. In your mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

**P.** Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C. Amen.**

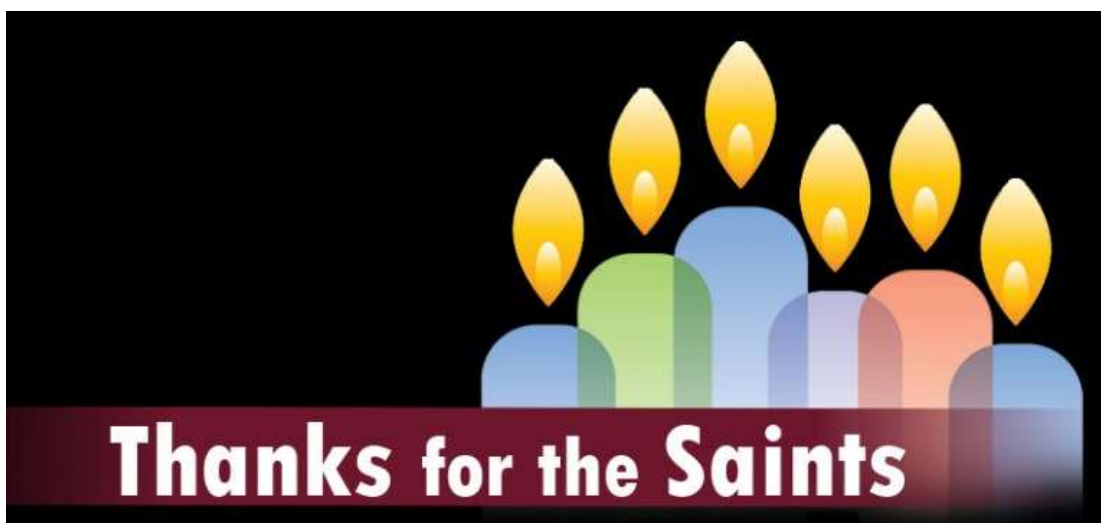
### **The Offering**

**Offertory**

*Give Thanks for Saints*

Gail Hrobuchak

~ Martin E. Leckebusch, C. Hubert H. Parry



Canticle

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

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Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## Offertory Prayer

- A.** Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.
- C. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

- P.** The Lord be with you.
- C. And also with you.**

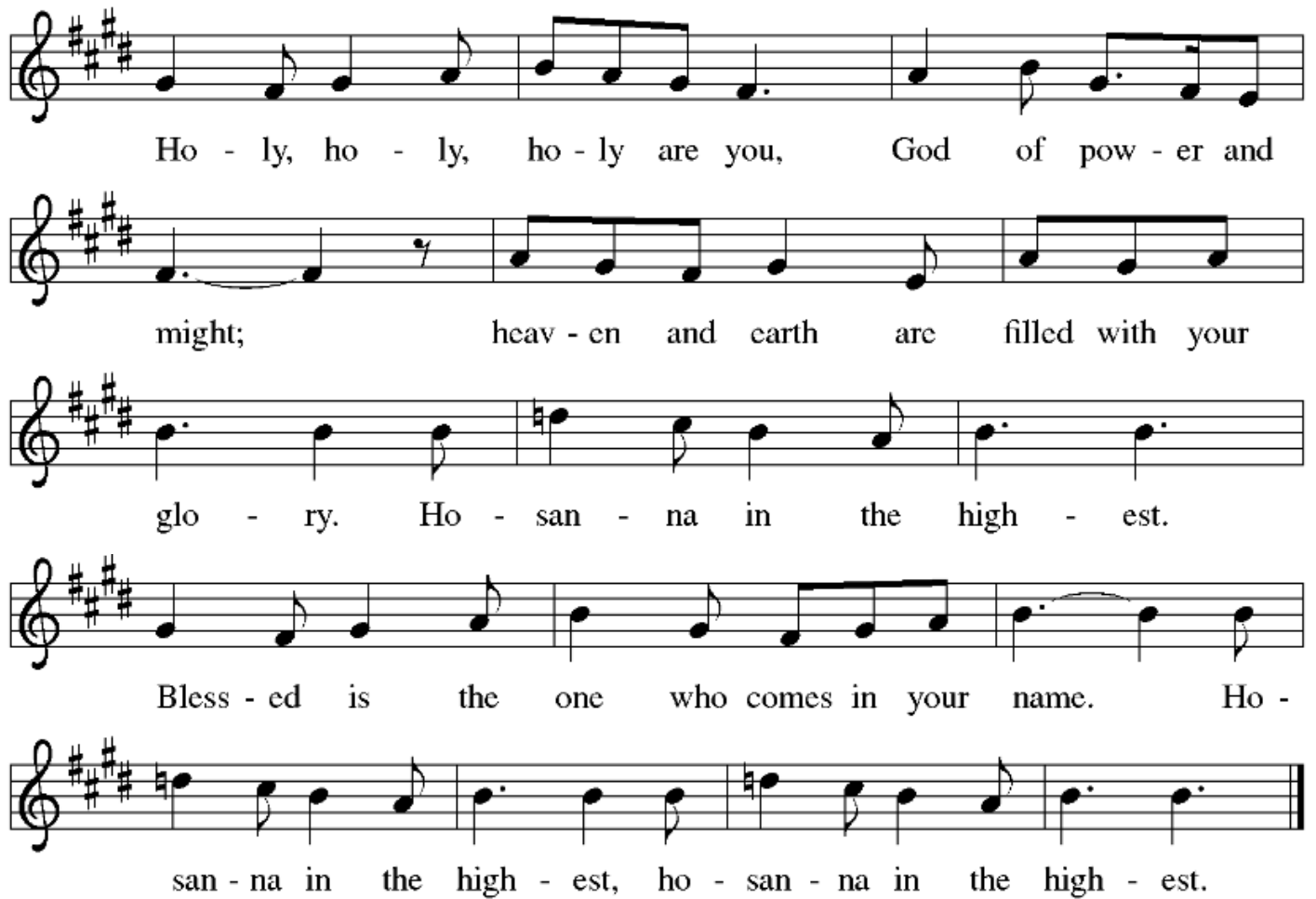
- P.** Lift up your hearts.
- C. We lift them to the Lord.**

- 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, 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:



## The Sanctus



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.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

**P.** 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.



# 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

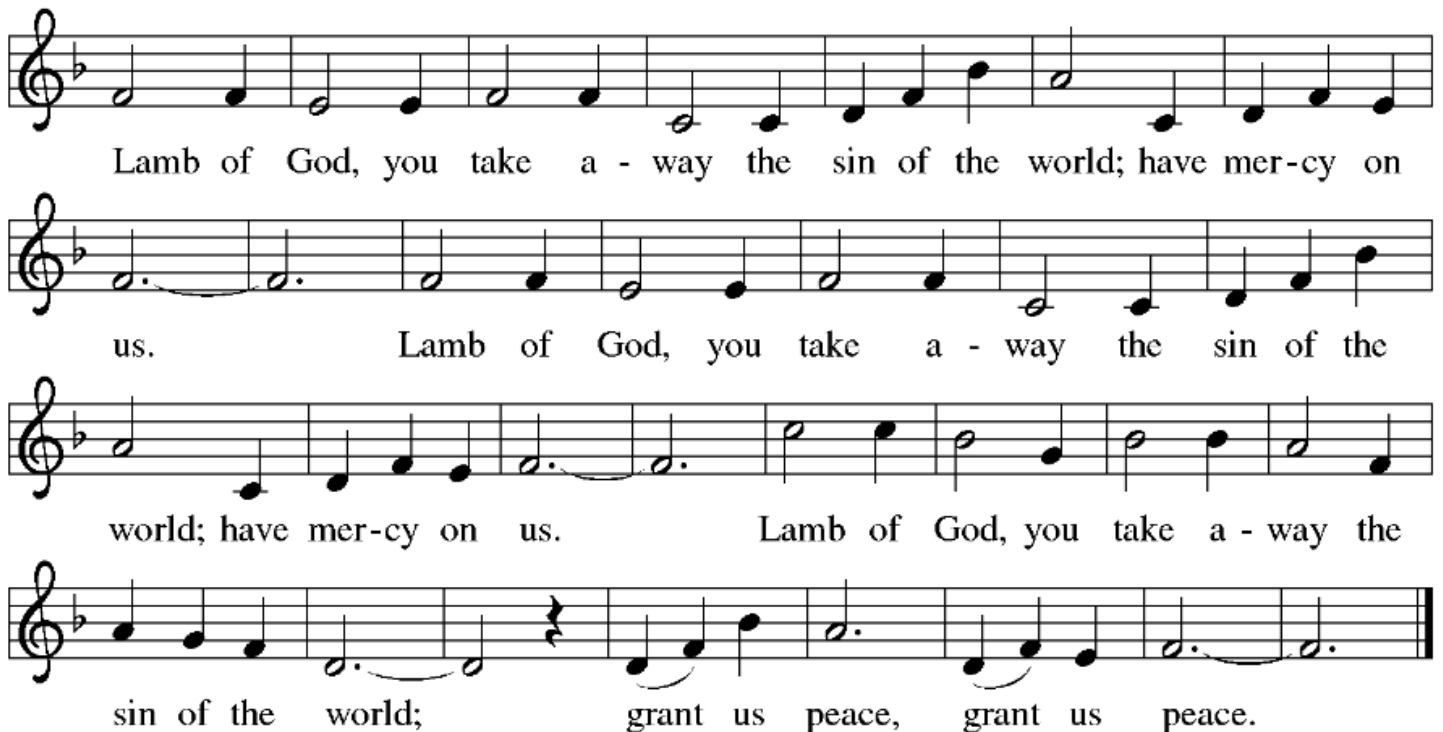
## Invitation to Communion

**P.** Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.

Come! All are welcome, no exceptions.

**C.** Alleluia!

## 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

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*  
*Children of the Heavenly Father*

ELW 697

ELW 781

## Post Communion Blessing

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

**C. Amen**

## Post Communion Prayer

**A.** Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**C. Amen**



## Benediction

**P.** The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.

**C. Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

*Lift High the Cross*

ELW 660

## Dismissal

**A.** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Let Streams of Living Justice*  
William Whitla/Gustav Holst

Gail Hrobuchak



**Good News for all techies:** Lord of Life now has public wifi throughout the building. Thanks to Mark Hartman, tech guru for Christ the King in Cary, who came and spent several hours installing six extensions so the wifi signal is strong in every room. The network name is "Lord of Life," the password ChosenOne. Make sure to check in on social media and let people know you are at Lord of Life Lutheran Church ... where all are welcome, no exceptions!

**Prayer requests now available on LOL website:** Our website now has a place to submit prayer requests. (Thank you, Bob DeVito, assistant webmaster!). Find the link in the pulldown menu on the top right of our site's front page. Names will stay on the prayer list for two consecutive Sundays unless otherwise requested. In public worship (which is live streamed) we will read first names only and not disclose any medical or personal information.

**The next group of new members** will be received on Sunday, July 21. If you are someone who is interested in joining our growing community of faith, or if you know of someone who is, please let Pastor Wolfgang know asap.

# Servers for Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

Assisting Minister/Reader..... Shannon Thomsen  
Reader ..... Sylvia Lambert  
Altar Guild ..... Grace Barnes  
Greeters / Counters ..... Tim Clark / Sylvia Lambert  
Acolyte ..... Antonio Smith



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.



**Flowers** this week are provided by Harry Albert in celebration of Harry & Sheryll's 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Candles** this month are given by Matt & Larissa Himmeger.



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 sheets are on the board in the hallway.