

ATTITUDE

OF

GRATITUDE

LUKE 17:11-19

First Lutheran Church

September 6, 2026

Pentecost 14

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BEATUS VIR

Keith Kolander

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

The assembly stands.

INTRODUCTION

AM: Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community.
Jesus' words in today's gospel
are often used in situations having to do with church discipline.
The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways,
and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law.
We gather in the name of Christ,
assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

GATHERING

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PM: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

PM: Let us confess our sin to God.

The assembly kneels.

PM: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

PM: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

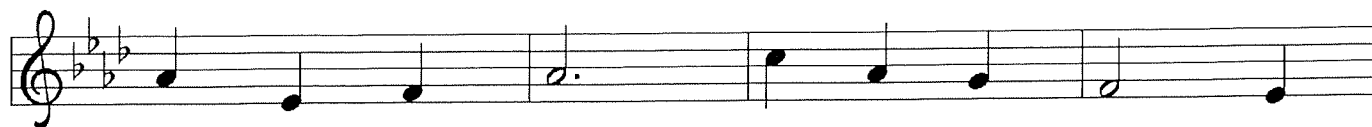
C: Amen.

The assembly stands.

GATHERING SONG

EARTH AND ALL STARS

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1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



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Hail, wind, and rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp, lute, and lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone and beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!
Ath - lete and band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!
Daugh - ter and son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!



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Refrain



God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

GREETING

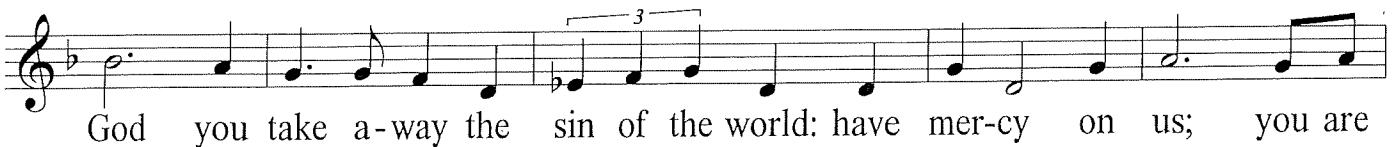
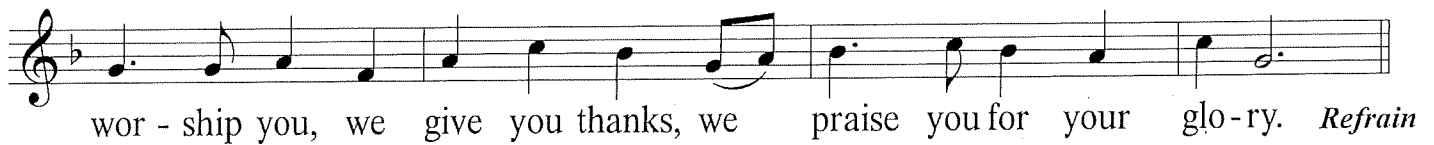
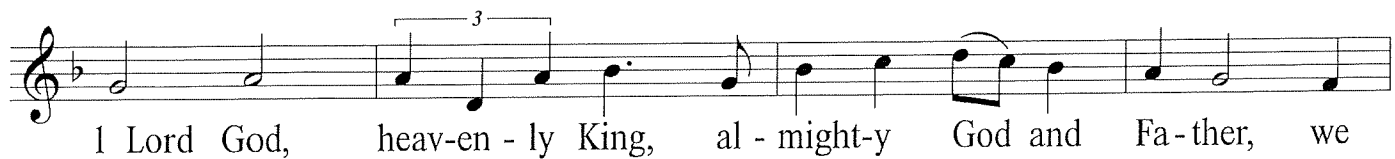
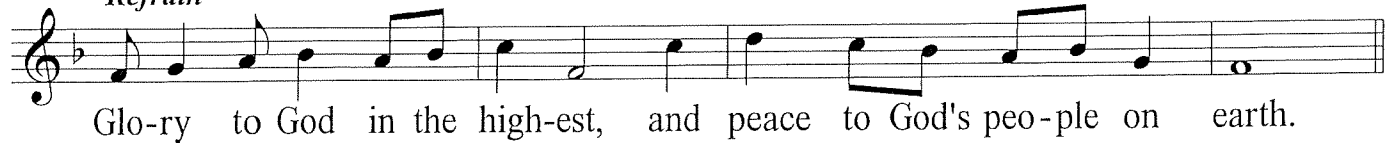
PM: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirt be with you all.

C: And also with you.

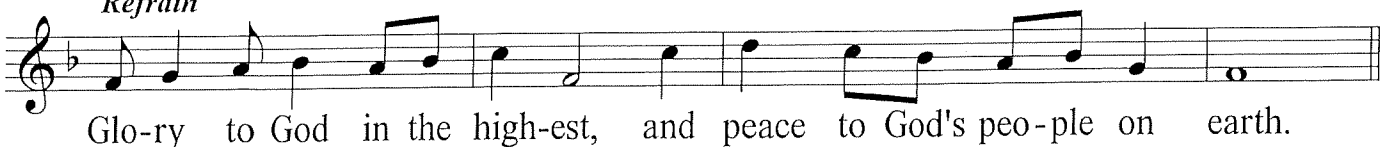
HYMN OF PRAISE

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Refrain



Refrain



3 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. *Refrain*
Refrain
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PM: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy.
 Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything
 that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation,
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

WORD

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

FIRST READING

EZEKIEL 33:7-11

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

R: A reading from Ezekiel, the thirty-third chapter.

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn

from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

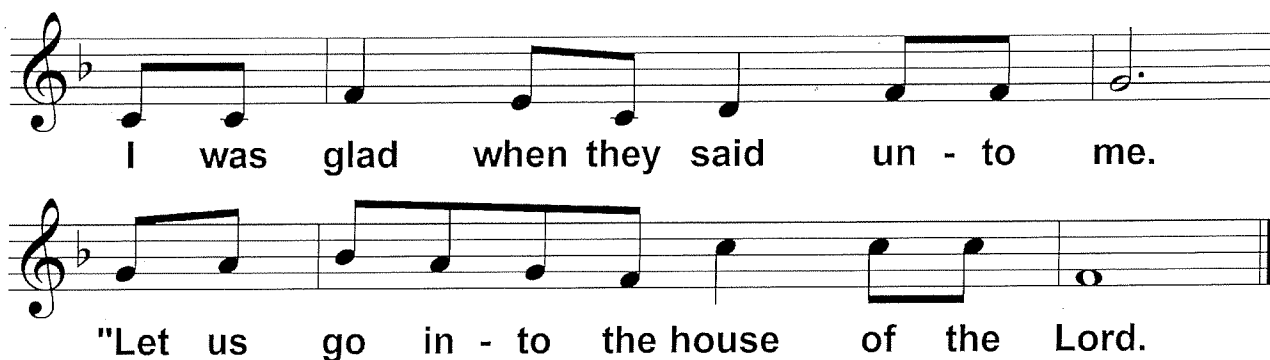
¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

PSALM 122:1-9



The Cantor will sing the verses:

¹ I was glad when they | said unto me, "Let us go into the house | of the Lord."

² Now our | feet are standing within your gates, | O Jerusalem.

³ Jerusalem is built | as a city that is at unity | with itself;

⁴ to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the Lord. **Refrain**

⁵ For there are the | thrones of judgment, the thrones of the | house of David.

⁶ Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem: "May they pros- | per who love you. **Refrain**

⁷ Peace be with- | in your walls and quietness with- | in your towers.

⁸ For the sake of my kindred | and companions, I pray for | your prosperity.

⁹ Because of the house of the | Lord our God, I will seek to | do you good." **Refrain**

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

R: A reading from Romans, the thirteenth chapter.

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

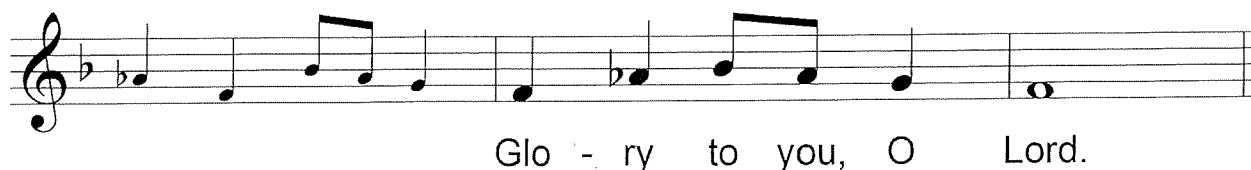
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Cantor sings the verse: In Christ God was reconciling the world ¹ to himself,*
entrusting the message of reconcilia- ¹ tion to us.
(2 Cor. 5:19)

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

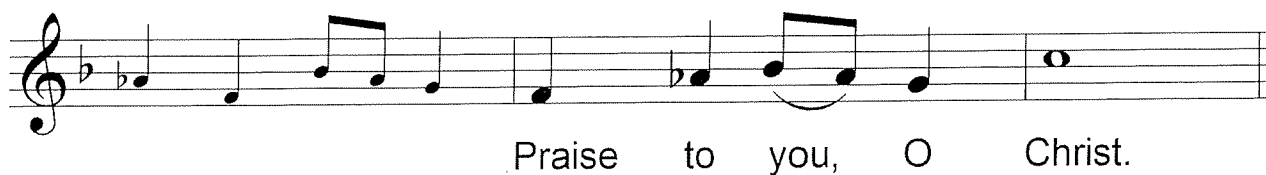
PM: The holy gospel according to Matthew.



[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector.

¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

PM: The gospel of the Lord.



The assembly is seated.

SERMON

PASTOR CHRISTIAN DITTMAR

The assembly stands.



ALL 1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all
 Women 2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,
 Cantor 3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less
 MEN 4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
 ALL 5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I
 Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -
 act and thought - less word. Make me to see the wrong I
 strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim
 Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I



see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.
 sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
 do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.
 be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.
 be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

NICENE CREED

PM: In trust and hope we profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The assembly kneels.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PM: Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers,
confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

AM: Proclaiming God, empower your church throughout the world
to announce the words you give us.
Open us to receive your word in unexpected ways.

Each petition concludes:

PM: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

PM: Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask,
and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

PEACE

PM: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION

UNION SEMINARY

Charles Callahan

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PM: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PM: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

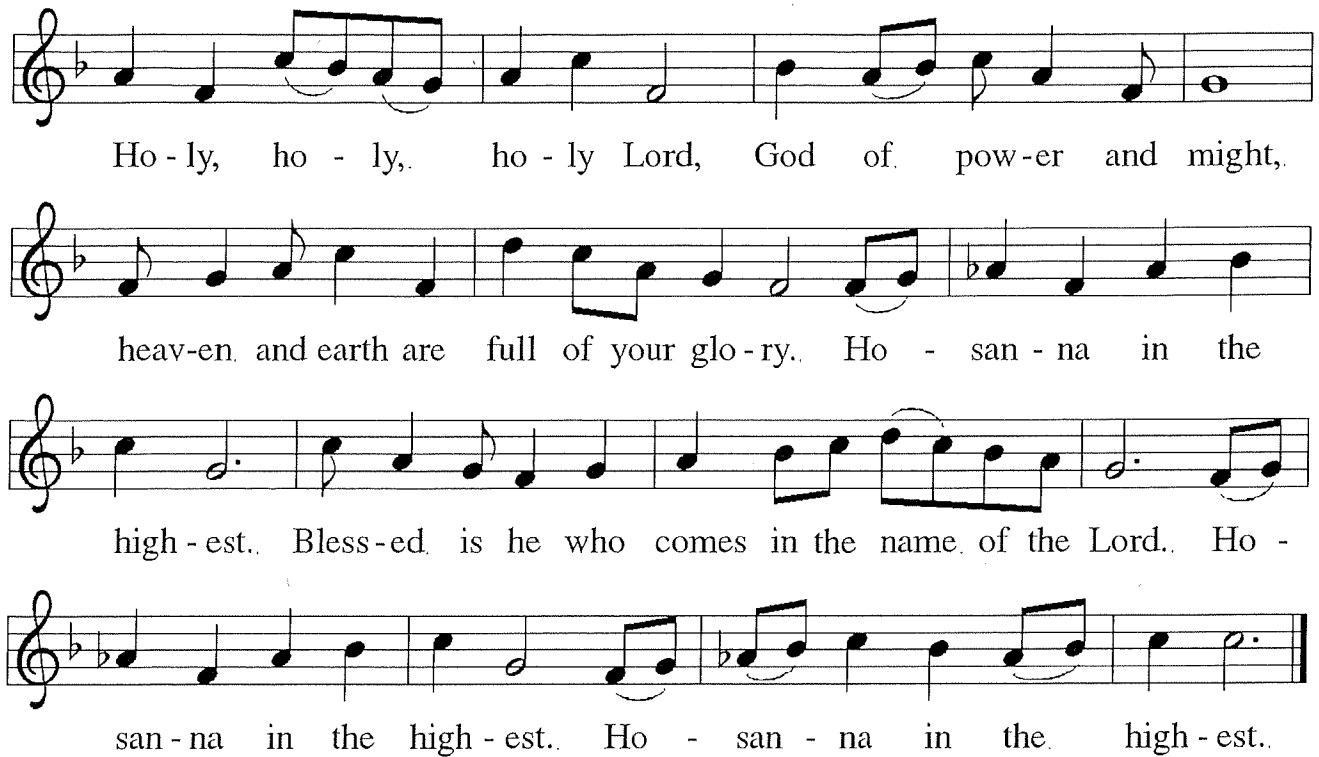
PM: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

PM: 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-er and might,
heav-en 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.. Ho - san - na in the high - est..

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

PM: 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.

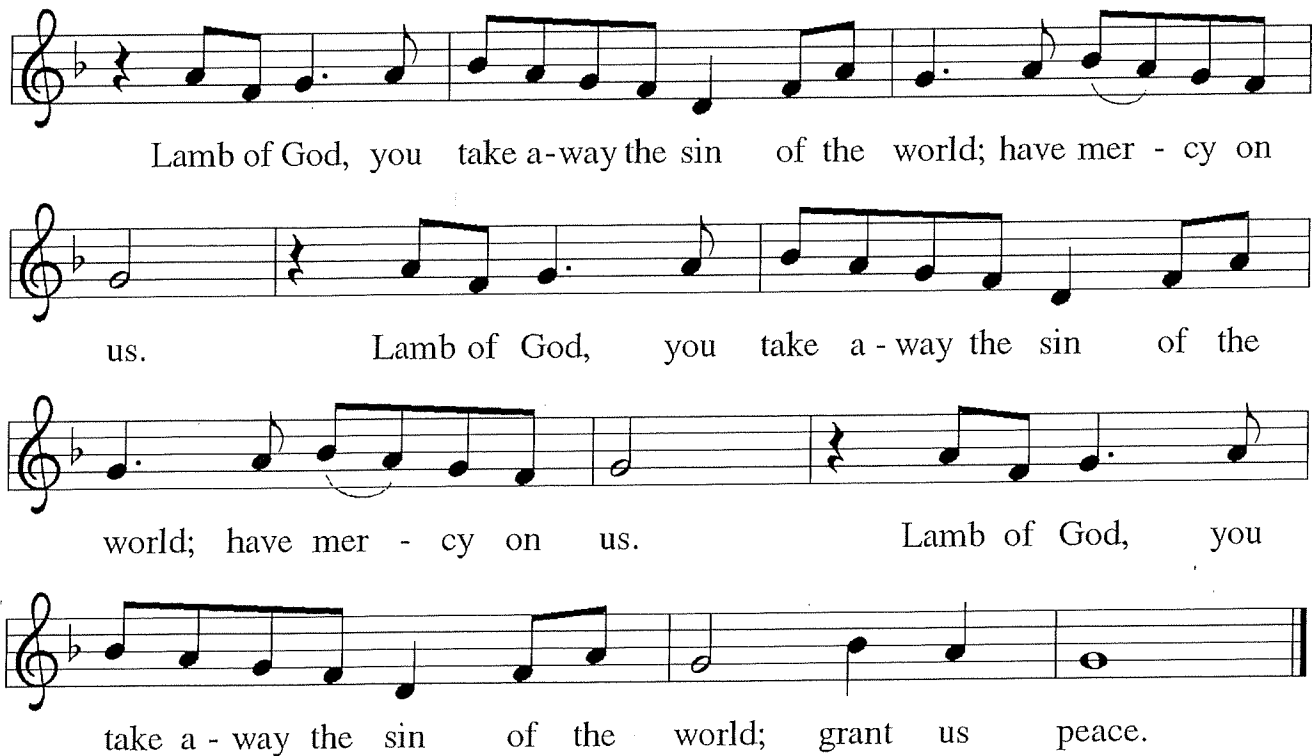
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

PM: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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.

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.

The assembly is seated.

Communion is distributed in two manners

† You may commune in your pews.

Individual communion kits are available at the Narthex doors.

*The presiding minister will share a blessing,
all communing in-place will commune together.*

† You may come to the Table, to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

A basket is available for disposal of your individual communion cups.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PM: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

COMMUNION SONG

DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT'S TETHER

ELW # 470



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

The assembly stands.

TABLE BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM: Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the community.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

PM: We pray together:

C: Oh, God, your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.

**We are grateful for your goodness and we ask now for confidence
to go forward into the future.**

**Bless our community of faith, bless the changes that are before us,
bless our pastoral leaders who will shepherd us
through this time of transition.**

We thank you for the wisdom you show us.

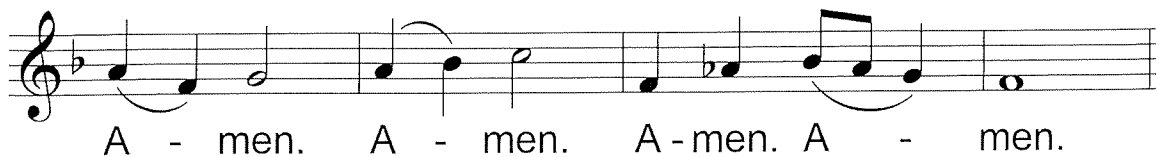
Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry and our future.

**Receive our prayer, O God, through Jesus Christ,
our strength and salvation.**

Amen.

BLESSING

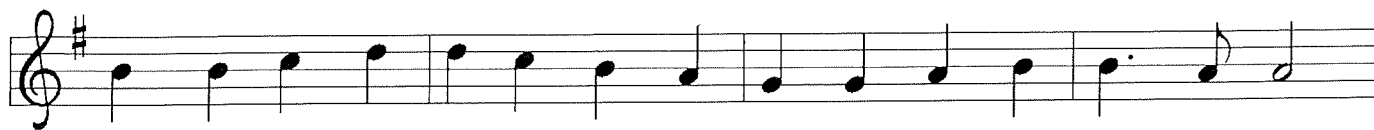
PM: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.



SENDING SONG

JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

ELW # 836



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

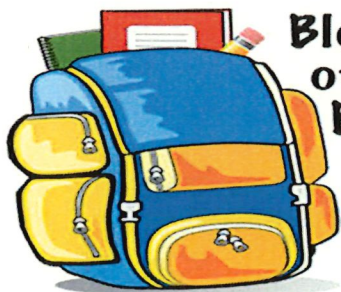
AM: Go out in joy.
PM: Be led forth in peace.
C: Thanks be to God.

ALASTAIR JOHNSTON
Fête

Events in Review

<u>Sunday</u>	Sept 6
10:00 AM	Pentecost 14
<u>Monday</u>	Sept 7
	Labor Day
10:00AM	? Bible Study at Willows
<u>Tuesday</u>	Sept 8
<u>Wednesday</u>	Sept 9
9:00 AM	Peace Quilt
6:00 PM	Property Committee
<u>Thursday</u>	Sept 10
<u>Friday</u>	Sept 11
<u>Saturday</u>	Sept 12

Bells of Praise : Practice resumes
Monday September 14th
at 5:15 PM



Blessing of the Backpacks

September 13th

Thank you to everyone who donated to the school supply collection. We were able to collect enough supplies to send 50 kits.



If you have a prayer request for today, please raise your hand during announcements and a host will give you a green card to fill out.

Next Week

<u>Sunday</u>	Sept 13
10:00 AM	Pentecost 15
	Sunday School Returns
11:00 AM	Ice Cream Social
<u>Monday</u>	Sept 14
10:00 AM	Bible Study at Willows
5:15 PM	Bells of Praise Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	Sept 15
<u>Wednesday</u>	Sept 16
5:30	Council Meeting
<u>Thursday</u>	Sept 17
9:00 AM	Life Line Screening
<u>Friday</u>	Sept 18
<u>Saturday</u>	Sept 19



Mark your calendar

On Sunday September 13th there will be an Ice Cream Social after celebrate and welcome the beginning of fall and the restart of our Sunday School and

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Our Mission Statement

"God is among us!"

**"We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel,
forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need."**