

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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————— WORSHIP, LOVE, AND SERVE — *God, neighbor, and creation* —————



**Sunday, October 12, 2025**  
*18th Sunday after Pentecost*

*It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.*

# WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Handbell Choir & Flute

*Our Handbell Choir, joined by flutist Heather Doyle, offers Now Thank We All Our God (arr. Anna Laura Page) on a Sunday of healing and gratitude, it gathers us to say “thank you” with our whole heart.*

## THE GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

(\*) Please rise as you are able.

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C Amen.

P Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Merciful and loving God,

C **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found.**

C Amen.

P Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✙ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C Amen.

### \*GATHERING SONG

*Ten Thousand Reasons (Bless the Lord, O My Soul)*

**ACS 1097**

*Refrain*



Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;



wor-ship his ho-ly name. Sing like nev-er be-fore.



O my soul; I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.



1 The sun comes up, it's a  
2 You're rich in love, and you're  
3 And on that day when my



new day dawn-ing; it's time to sing your  
slow to an - ger. Your name is great, and your  
strength is fail - ing, the end draws near and my



song a - gain. What-ev-er may pass, and what-  
heart is kind. For all your good-ness, I will  
time has come; still, my soul will sing your



-ev - er lies be-fore me, let me be  
keep on sing - ing— ten thou-sand  
praise un - end - ing— ten thou-sand

*Refrain*



sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.  
 rea - sons for my heart to find.  
 years and then for - ev - er - more!

**\*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.

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

*Refrain*



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



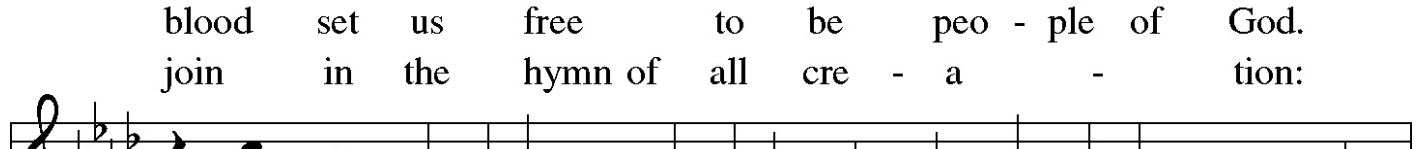
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1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

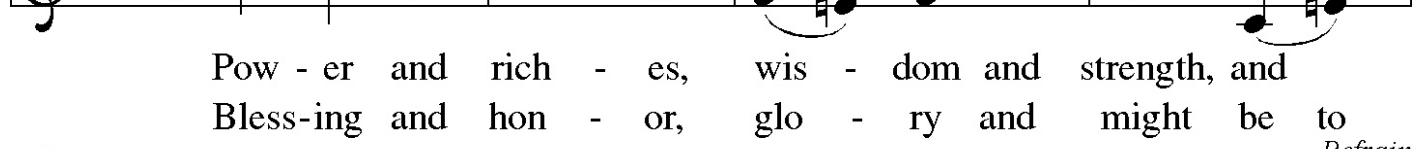


blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

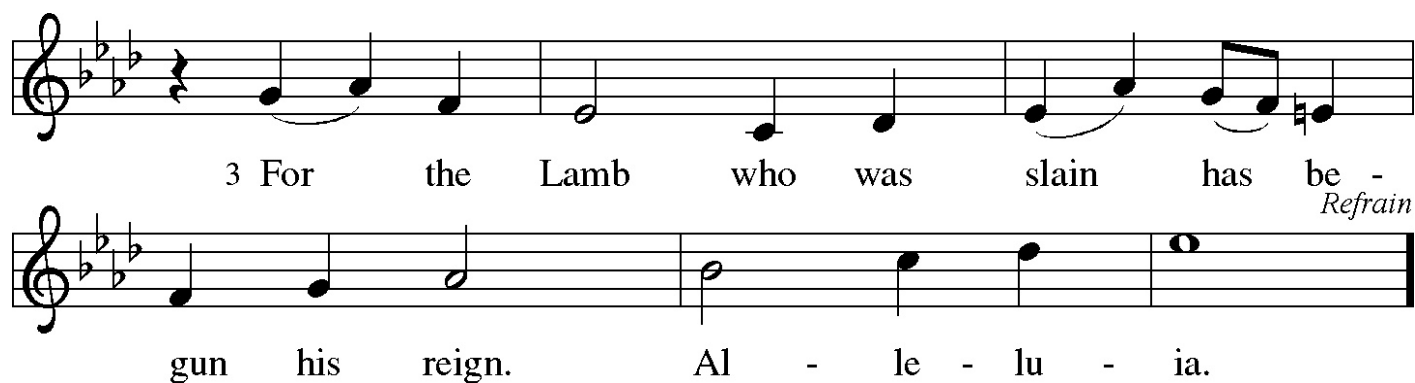


Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
 Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

*Refrain*



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

Please be seated.

## THE WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### FIRST READING: 2 KINGS 5:1-3, 7-15c

*Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.*

<sup>1</sup> Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. <sup>2</sup> Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

<sup>7</sup> When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure

a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.”

<sup>8</sup> But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.” <sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. <sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.” <sup>11</sup> But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup> But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” <sup>14</sup> So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

<sup>15a, b, c</sup> Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.”

L Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: PSALM 111**

| I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart. (*Ps. 111:1*)

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup> **Great are your works, O LORD,  
pondered by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup> Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,

and your righteousness endures forever.

**4 You cause your wonders to be remembered;  
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

**5** You give food to those who fear you,  
remembering forever your covenant.

**6 You have shown your people the power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

**7** The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all of your precepts are sure.

**8 They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.**

**9** You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant  
forever;  
holy and awesome is your name.

**10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's  
praise endures forever.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 2:8-15**

*Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.*

**8** Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, **9** for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

**10** Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

**11** The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

**12** if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

**13** if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup> Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. <sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

(\*) Please rise as you are able.

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**\*GOSPEL: LUKE 17:11-19**

**P** The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

*Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.*

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he

was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" <sup>18</sup> Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

## YOUTH MESSAGE

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### SERMON

*Pastor Mike Seifried*

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(\*) Please rise as you are able.

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**ELW 886**



- 1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
- 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
- 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and
- 4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new
- 5 Look un - to him, your Sav - ior own, O
- 6 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be



great Re-deem-er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
-sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
bid our sor-row's cease, sings mu - sic in the  
life and dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful, bro - ken  
fall - en hu - man race! Look and be saved through  
now and ev - er giv'n, by saints be - low and



God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
faith a - lone, be jus - ti - fied by grace!  
saints a - bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

### **\*APOSTLES' 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**

A Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to

share the word of God for the sake of the world.

God of Grace, **receive our prayer.**

Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies.

God of Grace, **receive our prayer.**

Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another.

God of Grace, **receive our prayer.**

Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing (*especially*).

God of Grace, **receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving.

God of Grace, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith (*especially*). Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ.

God of Grace, **receive our prayer.**

**C Amen**

**\*PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## **THE MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERING**

*I Have Decided*

Handbell Choir

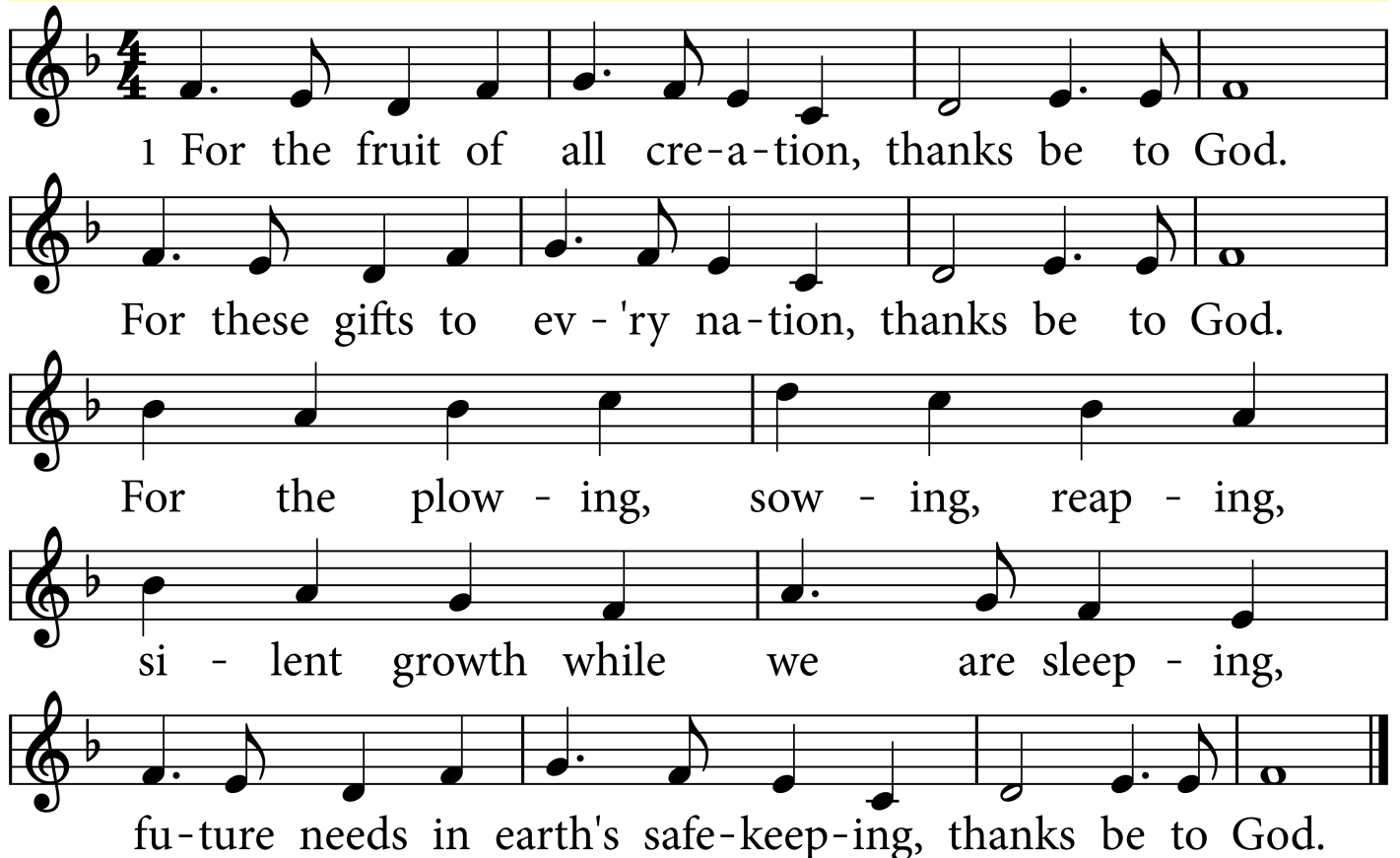
I Have Decided (arr. Dennis Robert) is a gentle testimony of discipleship—returning to Jesus in grateful trust and offering our lives along with our gifts.

(\*) Please rise as you are able.

## \*OFFERING SONG

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

**ELW 679** (v. 1)



1 For the fruit of all cre-a-tion, thanks be to God.  
For these gifts to ev - 'ry na-tion, thanks be to God.  
For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing,  
si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
fu-ture needs in earth's safe-keep-ing, thanks be to God.

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

A Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

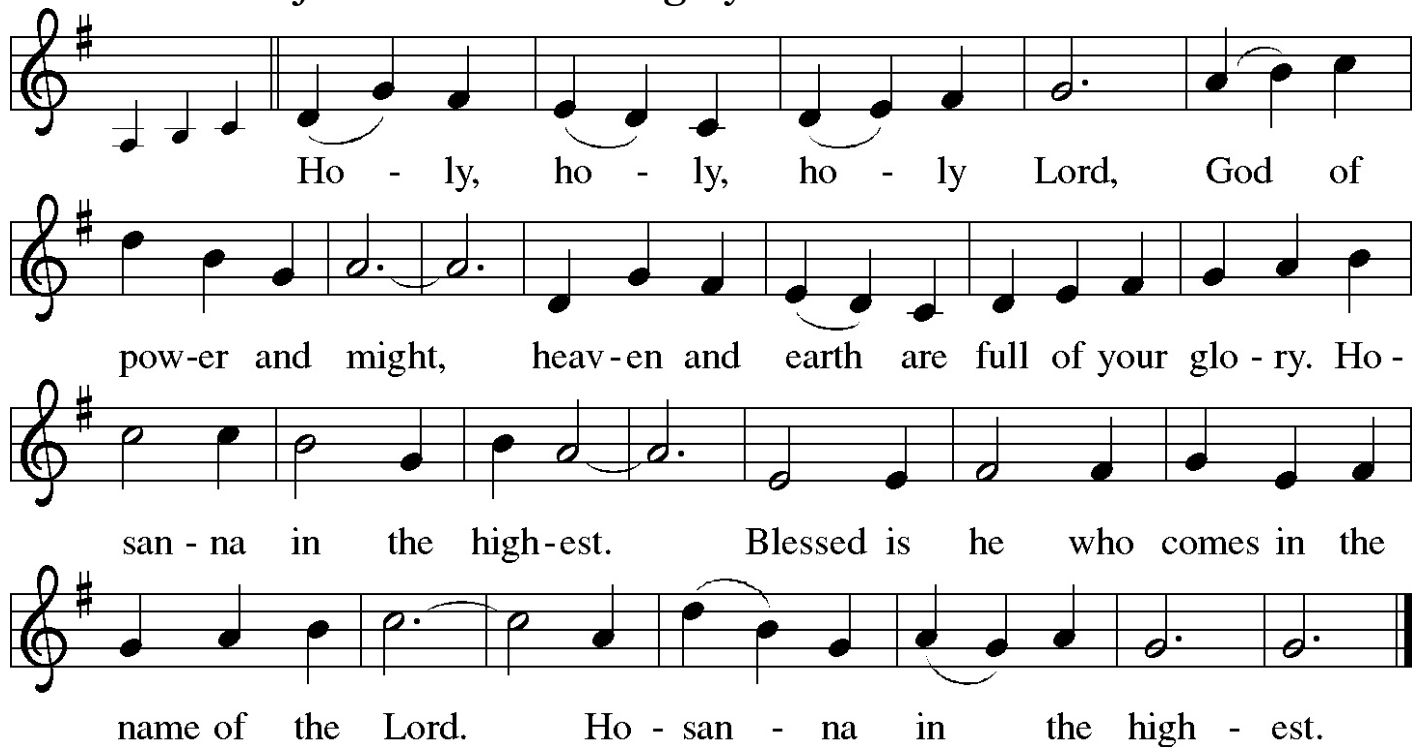
**C We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**\*PREFACE**

**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:



**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**P** Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

**C We praise you, O God.**

**P** Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**C We bless you, O God.**

**P** We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life;

near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**C We thank you, O God.**

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**C Amen.**

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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** Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please be seated.*

**COMMUNION**

*All are welcome at God's table and invited to receive the Sacrament of Communion, the body and blood of Christ. To receive communion, please come to the altar, picking up a small plastic cup on the way. In addition to bread and wine, grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available. Those who do not wish to receive communion may come forward for a blessing. Those who are not able to come forward may have communion brought to them by the pastor and assisting minister.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*Each person may respond: Amen.*

*Lamb of God*

**ELW p.112**

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 SONGS**

*Around You, O Lord Jesus*

**ELW 468**



- 1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
- 2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
- 3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.  
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.  
we will be true and nev - er—in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my  
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your  
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"  
bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.  
dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

## *Let Us Break Bread Together*

**ELW 471**



- 1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
- 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
- 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



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let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



(\*) Please rise as you are able.

## \*BLESSING

P The body and blood of Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

## THE SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## \*BLESSING

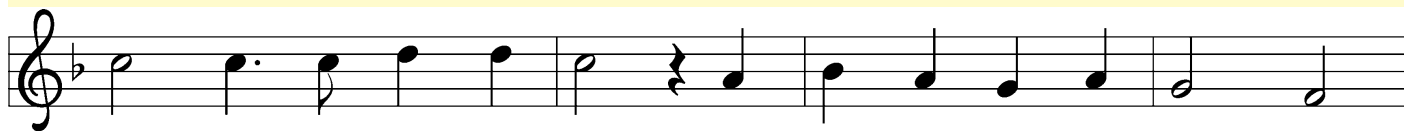
P The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✚ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

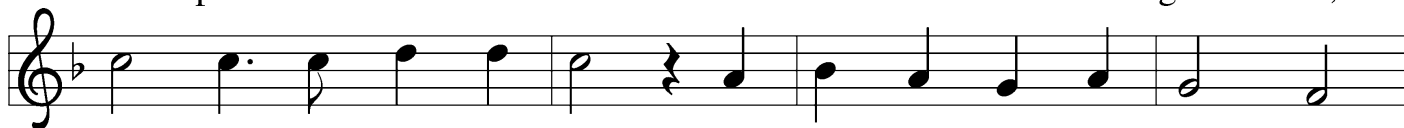
## SENDING SONG

*Now Thank We All Our God*

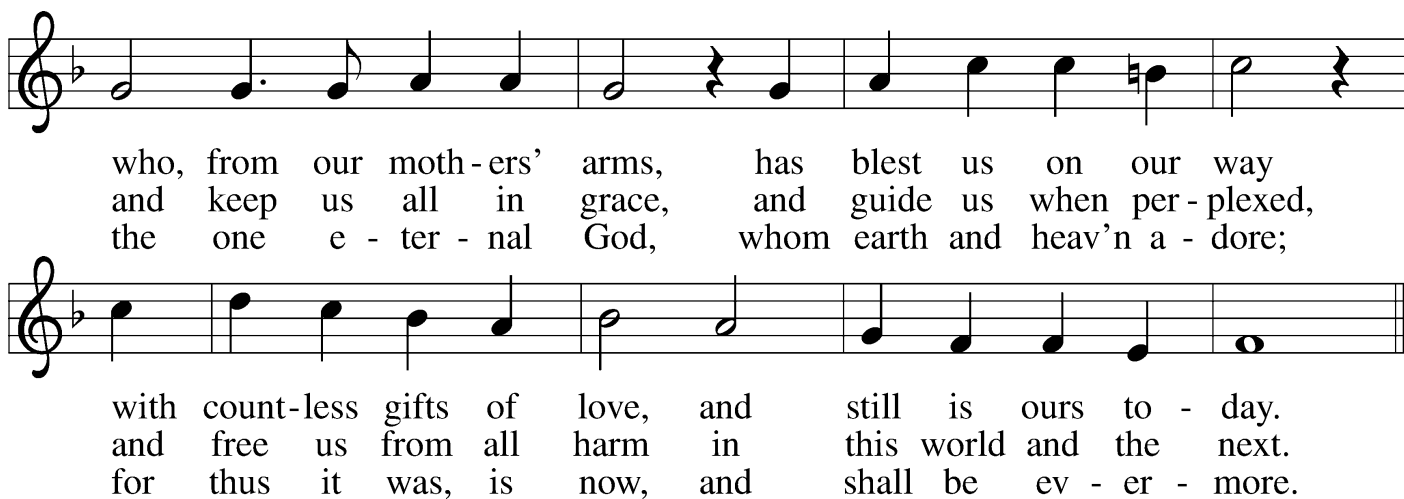
**ELW 839**



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,  
 2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
 the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;  
with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

## \*DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

### *Jesus Lifted Me*

*The song Jesus Lifted Me, by Brooke Ligertwood and CAIN, sends us out rejoicing: "Glory, hallelujah, Jesus lifted me."*

## 📖 Sermon Study 📖

LUKE 17:11–19

Because LUKE 17:11–19 is a lesson for Thanksgiving, it is also the appointed reading for a Day of Thanksgiving. Moreover, Martin Luther was so inspired by the tenth leper that he once declared this leper, who returned to give thanks, was a true example of worship.

This reading begins as Jesus continues his journey to the cross in Jerusalem. At this point, Jesus is between two geographic areas—Samaria and Galilee. This is a place for a significant event to happen. Here is what we learn:

- First, there is healing, as Jesus heals ten people.
- Second, one of those healed turns back to Jesus to praise God. The other nine do what has been instructed—they go to present themselves to a priest. Only one sees Jesus as the source of God's

healing power.

- Third, the one who returns to Jesus prostrates before the Lord, thanking him. (The Greek word for “thanksgiving” is also used for “thanksgiving” at the Last Supper.) Jesus tells the individual, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

This is not just a story about healing, but also about seeing. Because the tenth leper has seen God at work in Jesus, he also changes direction and becomes whole through Jesus.

As Luther declares, this individual becomes an example of faith and worship for all of us.