

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
September 25, 2022 | 10:30 AM



**Everyone is welcome.** As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

**Guests are welcome.** We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. So that we may be in contact with you, we invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. Our programs are open to all and you are invited to participate. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

**Children are welcome.** We encourage them to attend worship with their parents—even their noise and restlessness are surely a delight to God. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers and a professionally staffed nursery is available from 7:45 AM to 11:45 AM. Follow the signs or ask any member for directions.

**To assist you during worship:** Large print worship bulletins are available from the ushers. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher and the pastors will be happy to commune you at your pew.

**Offerings:** St. John's is a tithing church. We dedicate a percentage of our offerings to the mission of the wider church through the NJ Synod of the ELCA and to many other mission partners. We are able to support these ministries because of your offerings and tithes.

**Assisted Listening:** To access assisted listening, Connect to the StJohnsALS WiFi network. Download the free WaveCast app to your phone. Tap ST\_JOHNS\_ALS to connect. Please use your own headphones to listen. Individual wired devices coming soon!



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We're delighted you're worshiping with us. As part of our ongoing outreach, your voice and your image may be videographed and photographed and used by St. John's for ministry purposes. For any questions or concerns, contact the church office.

## Prayer Before Worship

Loving God, giver of all good gifts, you have created us for life together, and in Christ you have revealed to us that the true riches of faith are good works, generosity, and a desire to serve. Strengthen us this day to pursue all righteousness, godliness, and love with perseverance and gentleness, that we may take hold of the life that is really life, and dwell with you eternally. Amen.

*From Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year C, Vol. 2*

## Gathering

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

**ELW** *Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Red Book*

**ACS** *All Creation Sings: Purple Book*

**PRELUDE** Prelude & Fugue in G Major, BWV 541

J.S. Bach

## WELCOME

*Please stand.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN ELW 524 What Is This Place



1 What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the  
2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in  
3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,  
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders  
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,



win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives  
sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem-ber and speak  
we are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive

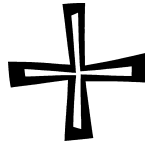


when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.  
a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem-ing word.  
what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

Text: Huub Oosterhuis, b. 1933; tr. David Smith, b. 1933

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

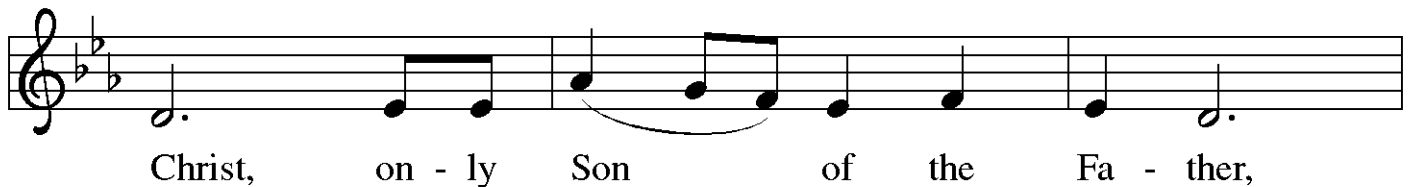
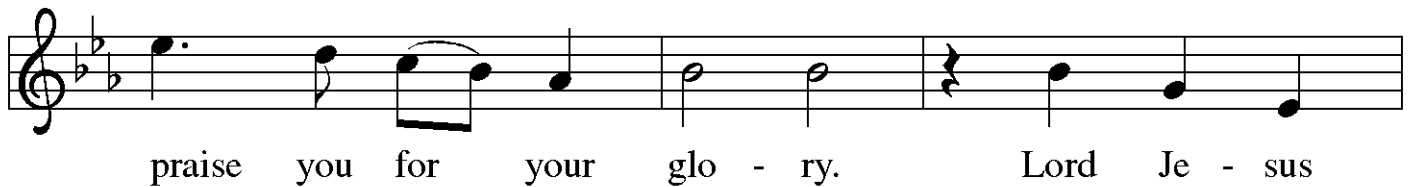
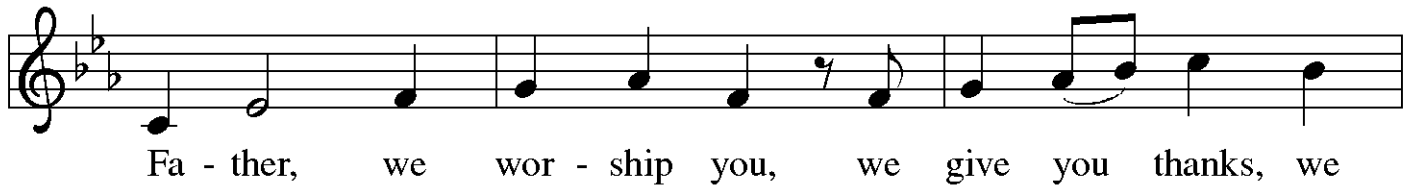
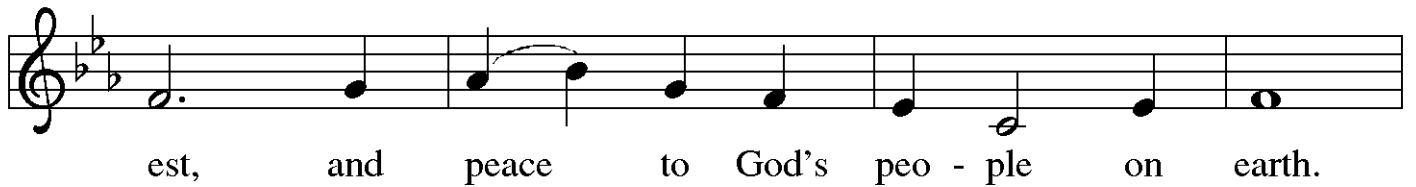
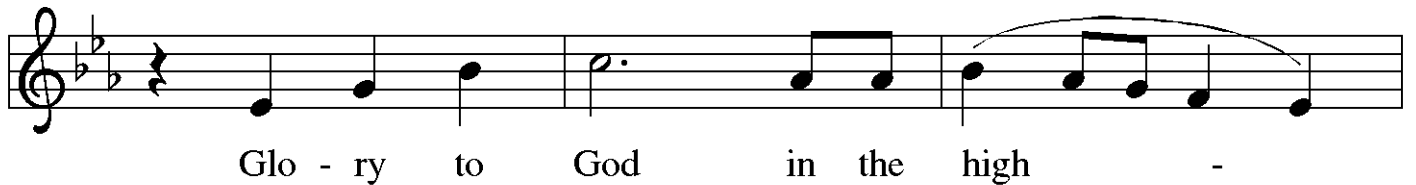
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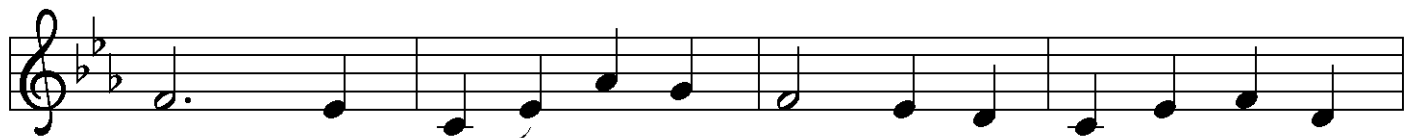


## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE





world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



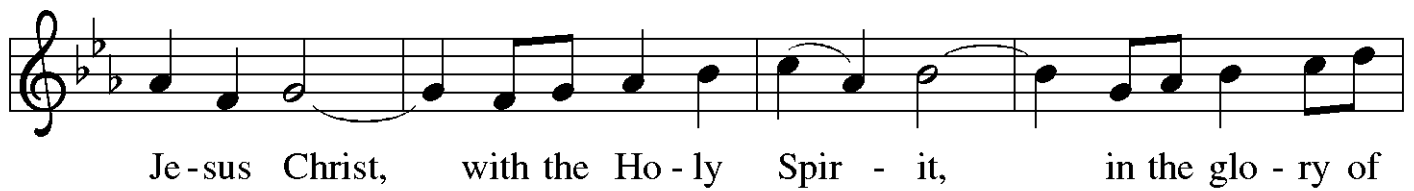
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



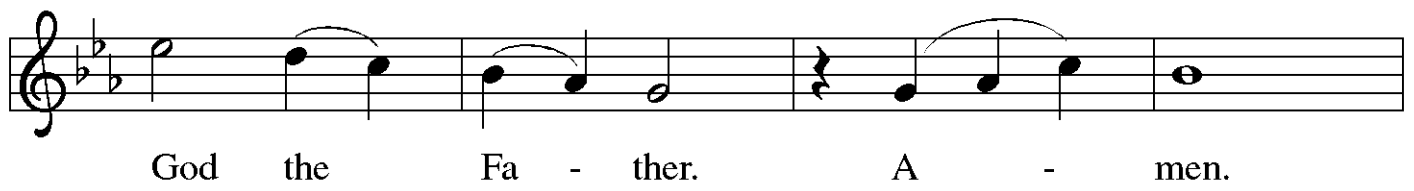
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -



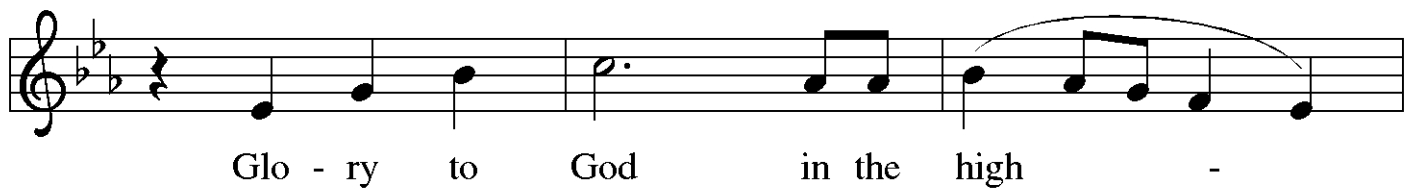
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.



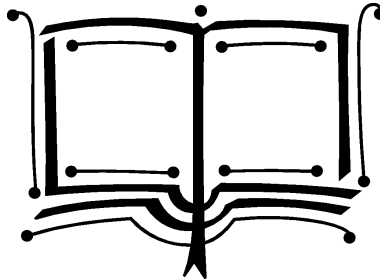
Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



### Word

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

*Please be seated.*

**FIRST READING** Amos 6:1a, 4–7

<sup>1a</sup>Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, <sup>4</sup>Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; <sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; <sup>6</sup>who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! <sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

*The reader concludes:* The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 146

*Refrain sung first by choir; all other times by all. Boldface verses sung by all.*



The LORD gives jus-tice, the LORD gives jus-tice to those who are op - pressed.

<sup>1</sup>Hal-<sup>1</sup> lelujah!

Praise the LORD, <sup>1</sup> O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long <sup>1</sup> as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I <sup>1</sup> have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your <sup>1</sup> trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there <sup>1</sup> is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they re- <sup>1</sup> turn to earth,**

**and in that day <sup>1</sup> their thoughts perish. R**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob <sup>1</sup> for their help,

whose hope is in the <sup>1</sup> LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that <sup>1</sup> is in them;**

**who keeps promis- <sup>1</sup> es forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed,

and food to <sup>1</sup> those who hunger.

The LORD sets the <sup>1</sup> captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;**

**the LORD lifts up those who <sup>1</sup> are bowed down;**

**the LORD <sup>1</sup> loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares <sup>1</sup> for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,

but frustrates the way <sup>1</sup> of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall <sup>1</sup> reign forever,**

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! R**



**SECOND READING** 1 Timothy 6:6–19

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

<sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

*The reader concludes:* The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*All sing the acclamation; Choir sings the proper verse.*

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

V. You know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he <sup>1</sup> became poor,\* so that by his poverty you might <sup>1</sup> become rich. (2 Cor. 8:9)

## GOSPEL Luke 16:19–31

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup>He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## SERMON

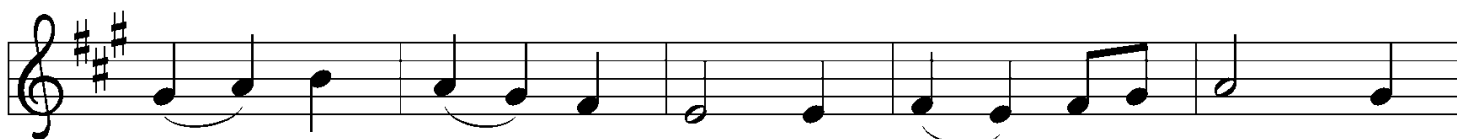
The Rev. Blake A. Scalet

*Please stand.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 729 The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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## **APOSTLES CREED**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**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**

God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*Response at the conclusion of the prayer: Amen.*

## **PEACE**

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

*Please be seated.*

## **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MISSION**

### **GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*We present monetary, food, and other offerings for God's mission through this congregation. Both visitors and members alike may use the pew envelope to make a contribution. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, you may visit [www.stjohnssummit.org](http://www.stjohnssummit.org) or scan this code.*



### **OFFERING MUSIC** Poor Man Lazarus

Spiritual, arr. Jester Hairston

Poor man Lazarus, sick and disabled,  
He had to eat crumbs from the rich man's table

Rich man Divies, he lived so well.

And when he died, he went straight to hell.

I love to shout, I love to sing.

I love to praise my heavenly King.

*I'm tormented in the flame! I'm tormented in the flame! Dip your finger in the water;  
come and cool my tongue, 'cause I'm tormented in the flame!*

Paraphrase of Luke 16:19-31

*Please stand.*

**OFFERING HYMN** ELW 695 As Saints of Old

*Verse 3*



3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day



to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.



O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,



teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

Text: Frank von Christierson, 1900–1996, alt.

Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune

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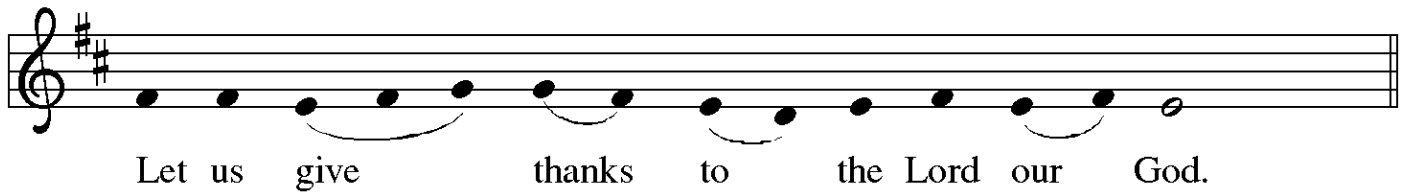
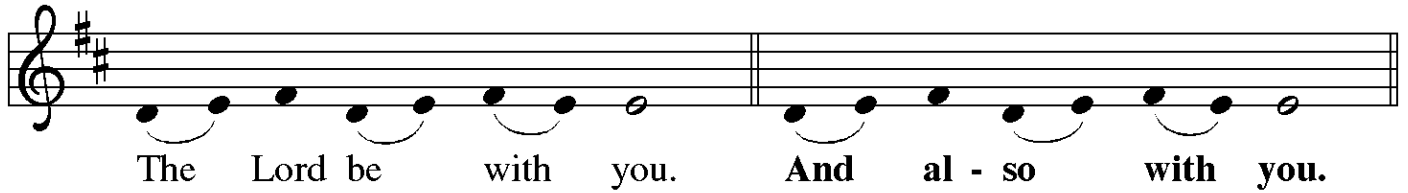
**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

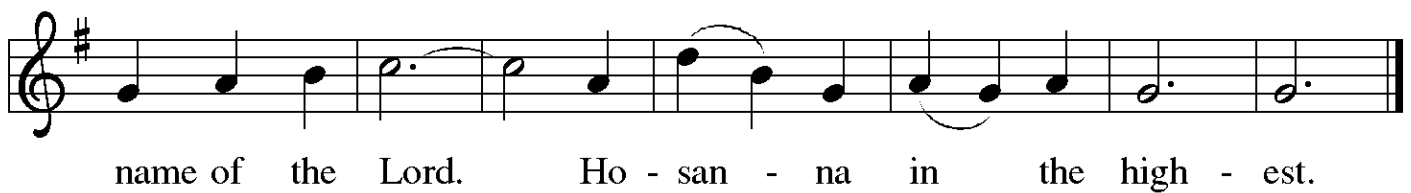
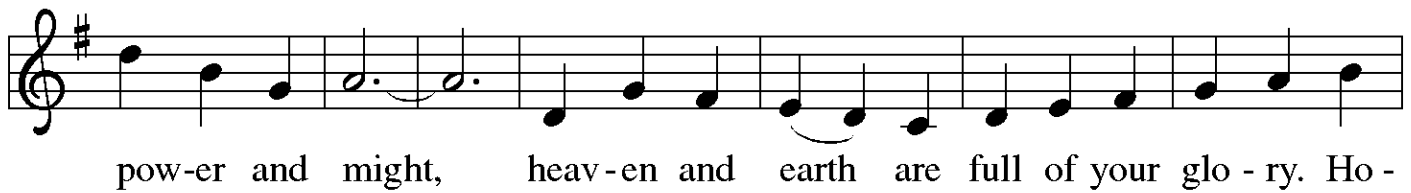
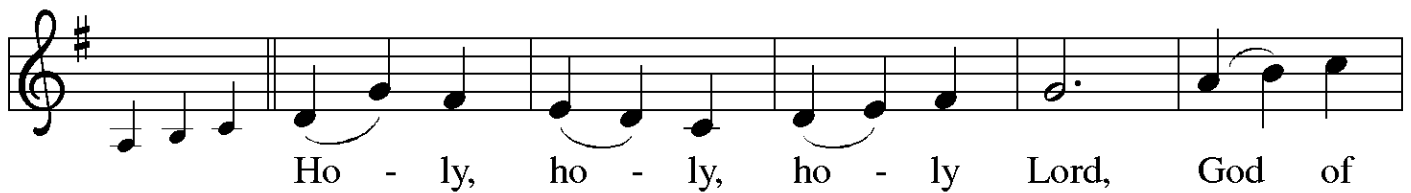
## Meal

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

### GREAT THANKSGIVING



### PROPER PREFACE



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

*If you wish to receive communion, please approach the pastor one at a time.*

*The pastor will place a wafer in your open hands. Please indicate if you need a gluten free wafer.*

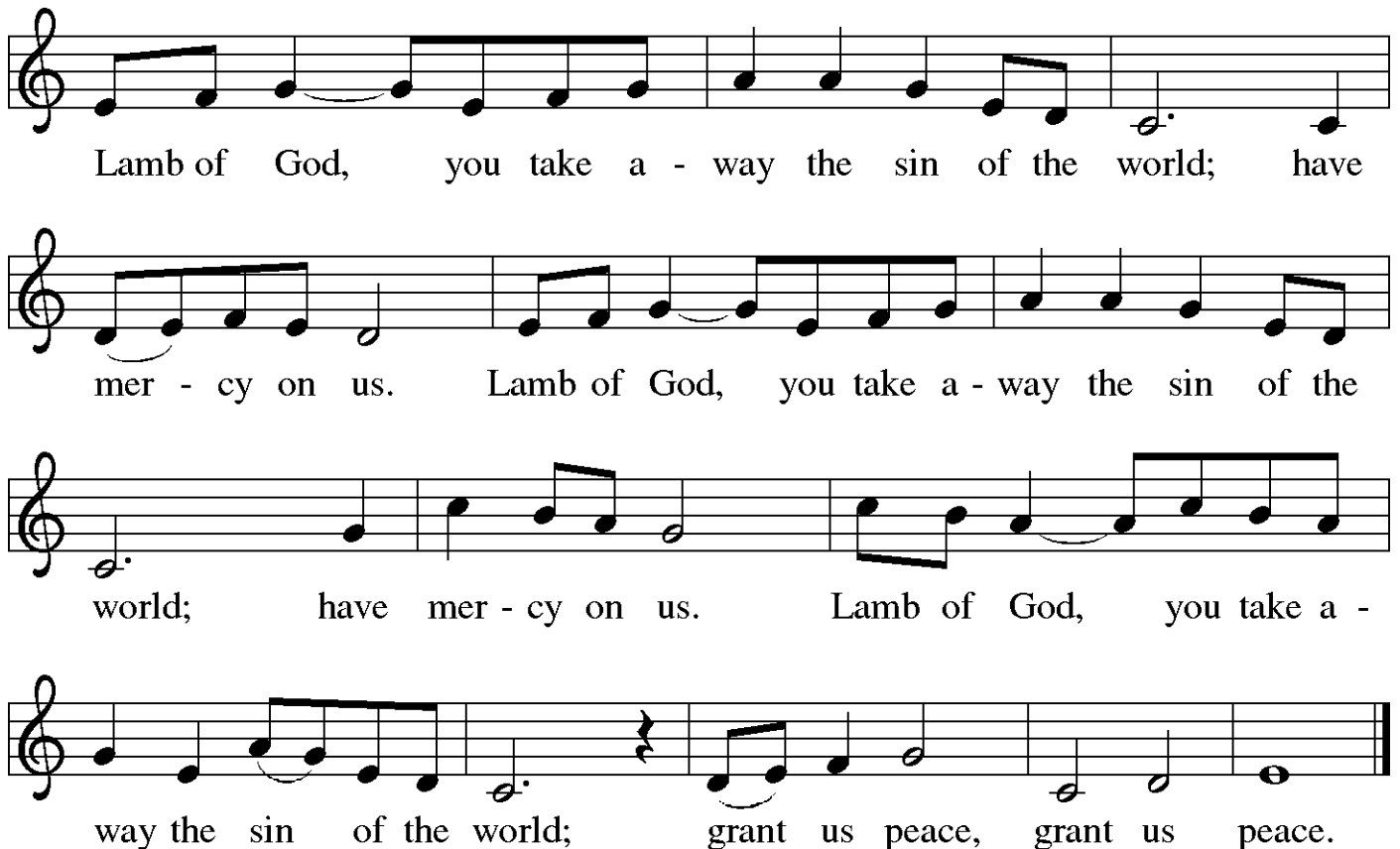
*The vicar serves the wine from the chalice—either by intinction or drinking from the common cup.*

*The assisting minister serves the wine / grape juice in pre-filled individual cups.*

*All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table.*

*If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.*

### 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 HYMN ELW 725 When the Poor Ones



1 *Cuan-do el po-bre na-da tie-ne y aún re-par-te,*  
 1 When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv-ing;  
 2 When com-pas-sion gives the suf-f'ring con-so-la-tion;  
 3 When our spir-its, like a chal-ice, brim with glad-ness;  
 4 When the good-ness poured from heav-en fills our dwell-ings;



*cuan-do al-guien pa-sa sed ya-gua nos da,*  
 when the thirst-y pass the cup, wa-ter to share;  
 when ex-pect-ing brings to birth hope that was lost;  
 when our voic-es, full and clear, sing out the truth;  
 when the na-tions work to change war in-to peace;



*cuan-do el dé-bil a su her-ma-no for-ta-le-ce:*  
 when the wound-ed of-fer oth-ers strength and heal-ing:  
 when we choose love, not the ha-tred all a-round us:  
 when our long-ings, free from en-vy, seek the hum-ble:  
 when the strang-er is ac-cept-ed as our neigh-bor:

*Refrain / Estribillo*



*Va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar;*  
 We see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way;



*va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar.*  
 we see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way.

Text: José Antonio Olivar, b. 1939; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951

Music: EL CAMINO, Miguel Manzano, b. 1934

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# COMMUNION HYMN ACS 1062 Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.  
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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*Please stand.*

## BLESSING

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

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Sending

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

### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN ELW 705 God of Grace and God of Glory



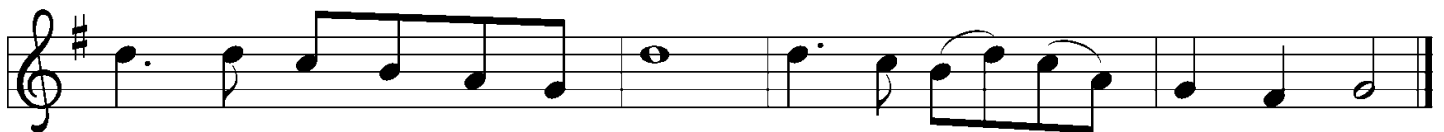
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Improvisation on *Cwm Rhondda*

Christopher Harlow-Jennings

**September 25, 2022**

**Today's altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor and memory of Jim Gahan by the Gahan family.

**Hurricane Fiona LDR:** Please give to Lutheran Disaster Relief to aid those impacted by this devastating storm. Checks can be made out to St. John's, "Hurricane Fiona" in the memo line. Your gifts will support survivors of Hurricane Fiona and will be used in full to assist them until the response is complete.

**Children's Choir TODAY, 9:30-10:00 AM**, in the Choir Room. Open to all children ages 5 and up. September 25, October 2, & 9; and we will sing on October 16 at the 10:30 AM service. Have fun, learn basic vocal technique and musical fundamentals, and sing in worship!

**Children's Faith Formation TODAY at 10:00 AM** in the Youth Lounge.

**Lutherringers TODAY 11:45 AM** in the loft, and is open to middle school through adults.

**RIC Forum:** The SJSM Committee will be hosting a forum **TODAY at 9:00 AM** as part of the RIC process, addressing definitions, terminology, and some key historical events. Come learn about this ever-evolving topic and bring your questions!

**Shirley Paulson is turning 100!** Please send a birthday card for this momentous occasion to: 93 Colfax Road, Springfield, NJ 07081. All are invited to an open house at her home, **TODAY from 12:00 - 3:00 PM**. A group will head over around **1:00 PM** to visit and sing for Shirley.

**Family Promise, TODAY–October 1:** Meals or gift cards (groceries or Uber/Lyft) are needed. Sign up to volunteer at [familypromise.org/what-we-do/fp-union-county](http://familypromise.org/what-we-do/fp-union-county), scroll to the bottom of the page to Volunteer Opportunities. Amy Jones, volunteer coordinator, will email you details. Digital gift cards can be emailed to [ajones@familypromise.org](mailto:ajones@familypromise.org). Physical cards can be mailed to Family Promise Union County, Attn: Amy Jones, 402 Union Ave., Elizabeth, NJ 07208. Questions may be directed to [Marifel Calis](#).

**Congregational Retreat—September 30–October 1**, at Cross Roads. We are looking forward to seeing everyone for activities, faith formation, building connections with other church members, and to connect with nature. Speak to Pastor Scalet or Jane Bowman with questions.

**Back to the Basics in the ELCA Class:** Pastor Blake will be offering an adult education class, **Tuesdays at 7:00 PM** for six weeks, beginning September 27. Join us for a lively discussion.

**Bethlehem NOLA Visit:** Pastor Ben Groth will be visiting with us **October 15–16**.

**Worship Assistants Needed!** Fall brings the return of two services and the Worship Committee needs YOU to serve as Ushers, Greeters, Readers, Assisting Ministers or to be on Altar Guild. All these jobs are essential to worship. Please reach out to Bev Kaczmariski.

