

A young woman with dark hair is lying down in a field of tall, green grass. She is looking up towards the sky with a peaceful expression. She is wearing a red and orange striped shirt. The background is a soft-focus view of the grass and sky.

The
sabbath was
made for
humankind

MARK 2:27



Second Sunday after Pentecost

Saturday, June 1, 2024 ~ 5:00 pm

Sunday, June 2, 2024 ~ 9:00 am

Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should observe this freedom with a day of rest. No one should work seven days a week; even slaves and foreigners should be able to rest. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to restoration: the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
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.

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.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG "Come, Thou Almighty King"

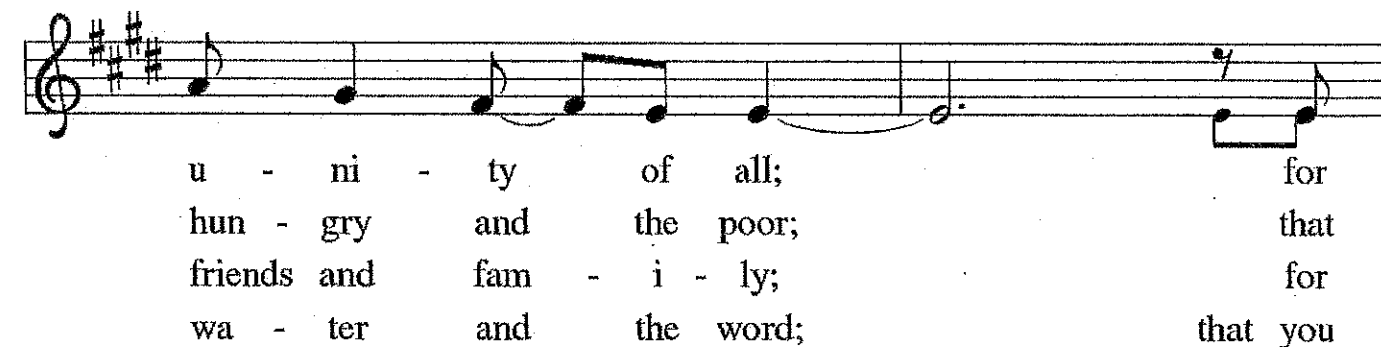
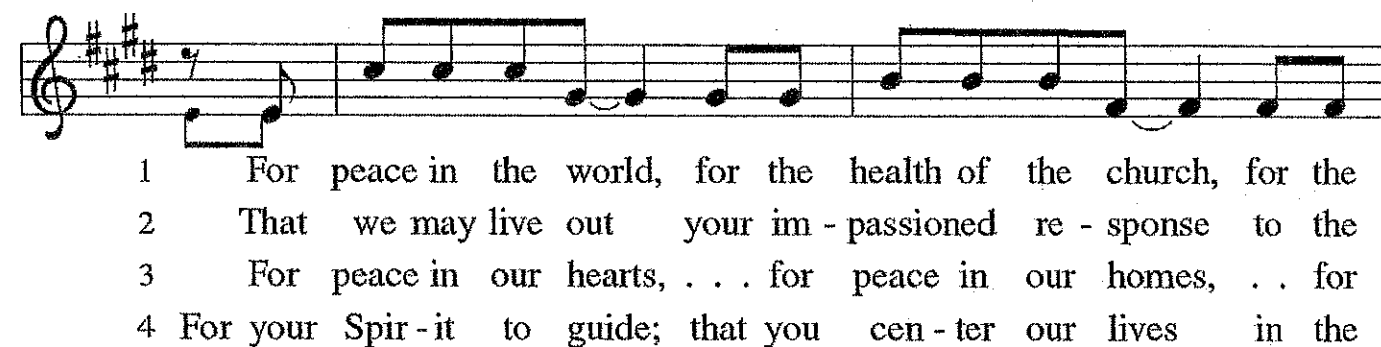
ELW #408

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.

KYRIE





this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

A reading from Deuteronomy.

¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you.
¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 81:1-10

¹Sing with joy to God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

²**Raise a song and sound the timbrel,
the merry harp, and the lyre.**

³Blow the ram's horn at the new moon,
and at the full moon, the day of our feast;

⁴**for this is a statute for Israel,
a law of the God of Jacob.**

⁵God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the land of Egypt,
where I heard a voice I did not know:

⁶**"I eased your shoulder from the burden;
your hands were set free from the gravedigger's basket.**

⁷You called on me in trouble, and I delivered you;
I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of
Meribah.

⁸**Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you:
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

⁹There shall be no strange god among you;
you shall not worship a foreign god.

¹⁰**I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

A reading from Second Corinthians.

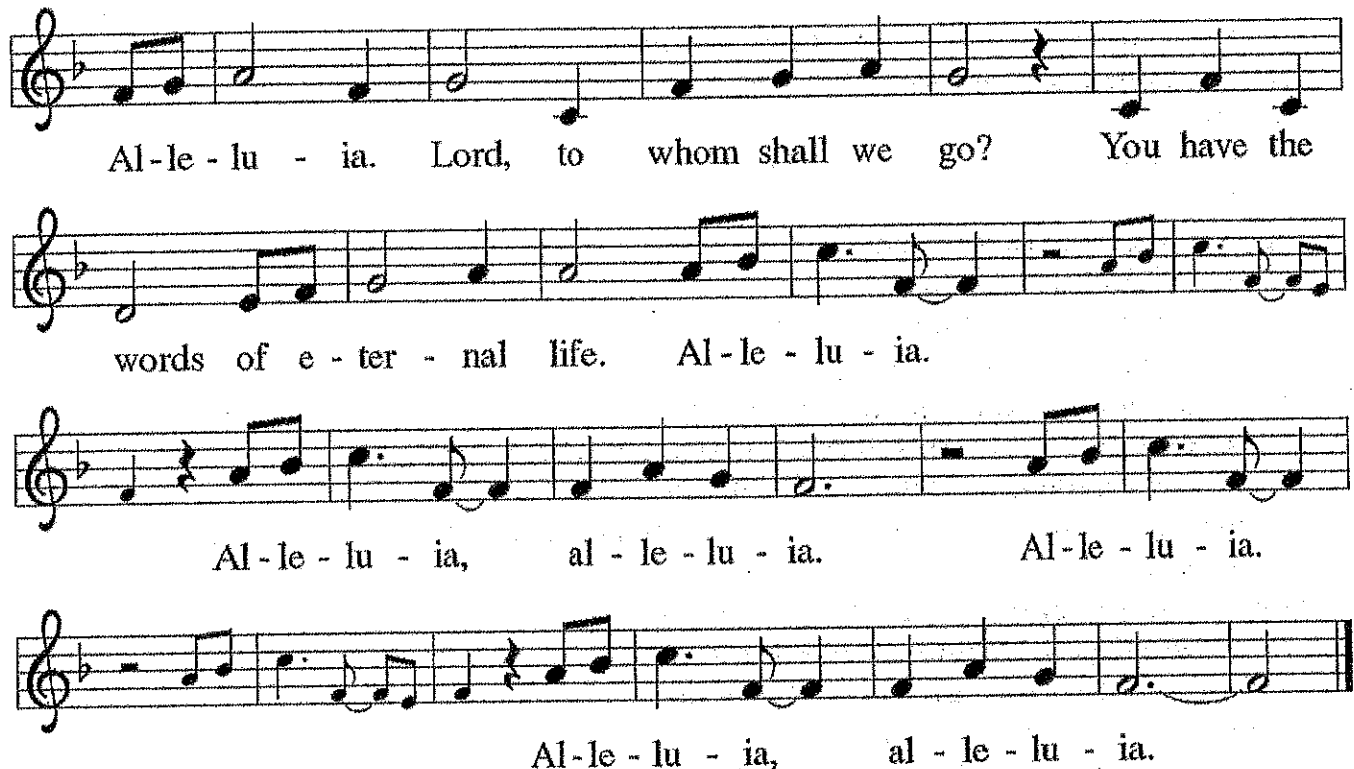
⁵We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as
your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of
darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory
of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this
extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in
every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not
forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of
Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we
live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus
may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

The word of the Lord.

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.

GOSPEL: Mark 2:23—3:6

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." ²⁷Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

^{3:1}Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your

hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Here I Am, Lord"*

ELW #574

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG



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 to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948
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OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

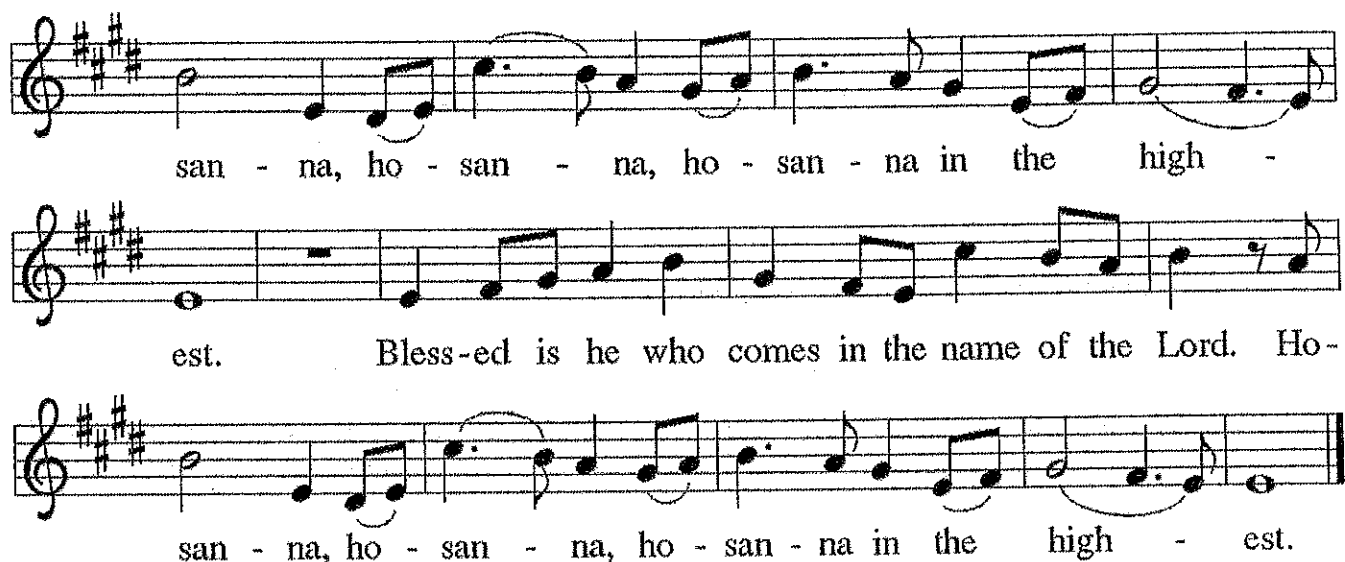
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

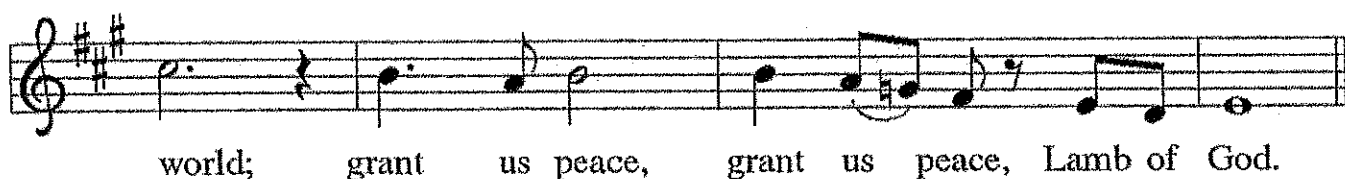
LORD'S PRAYER

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

COMMUNION SONG



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



THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we invite all present to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine are welcome at the Lord's table. Those who do not wish to receive communion and children who are not yet receiving communion may come forward for a blessing.

***Saturday**, the ushers will direct you to come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread from the pastors. Both wine and grape juice are available for communion. The grape juice is the darker color in the middle of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available in the small gold dish on the paten. Those who are worshipping with us online are invited to have bread and wine or juice available for worship, and we will commune you at the end of communion.*

***Sunday**, communion will be distributed at the rail. Please come forward by the center aisle and go to the right side of the rail. Receive the wafer and the wine (lighter color in the outer rings) or grape juice (darker color in the inner rings) and pause a moment before returning to your seat by the side aisle. Communion will be continuous, so as a space opens up, please fill that space. Gluten-free wafers are available in the small gold dish on the paten.*

There are baskets at the end of the front pews where you can deposit your cups as you return to your seat.

COMMUNION HYMN "There Is A Balm in Gilead"*
"As the Grains of Wheat"

ELW #614
ELW #465

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

SONG AFTER COMMUNION





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



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



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

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING SONG “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

ELW #389

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



The favorite hymns we are using in worship this weekend are our Hymn of the Day, *Here I Am Lord*, and our first communion hymn, *There is a Balm in Gilead*. The person who chose *Here I Am Lord* said that it makes them feel closer to God, and the person who chose *There is a Balm in Gilead* said that, while it is not their absolute favorite, they do like this hymn and have not heard it in years so they would like to sing it.

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What's the Point?

Here's what the point of this gospel reading is *not*: it's not about grain, and it's not about bread, and it's not about Pharisees, and it's not about David, the temple, or the priests; it's not about the synagogue, a withered hand, or lawfulness, and it's not even, finally, about the sabbath—as important as all these details are to the story.

The point of this gospel is to set eyes on and crack open hearts to what is most holy. Jesus would, over and over again, insist in word and deed that compassion and mercy trump tradition and supersede ritual when it comes to the sacred. As scandalous as that may look in action, and as unsettling as it felt to cautious stewards of the religious order, it is precisely what Jesus meant when he argued that “the sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath.” Elsewhere, he similarly challenged the religious elite, “For the sake of your tradition, you make void the word of God” (Matthew 15:6), and preached audaciously in his Sermon on the Mount that he had not come to abolish the law but to fulfill it (Matthew 5:17).

Elie Wiesel, a Jewish survivor of the Nazi Holocaust who became a writer, activist, and teacher, taught that “if even the most authoritative teaching, the most sacred text, leads to dehumanization, to humiliation, to harm, then we must reject it.” So, too, did Jesus reject the misuse of the law, demonstrating instead how God intended it as gift, as grace. He exposed the broken-open heart of God's love for humanity in all the places where people react to mercy with hostility. Not only grieved but angry at the hardness of heart of those around him, at their silence and resistance to doing mercy and choosing compassion, in a mere four words—“Stretch out your hand”—Jesus defied tradition and chose the holy, the sacred—making his point. That's gospel.

Listen, God Is Calling

Neno lake Mungu

Refrain
Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

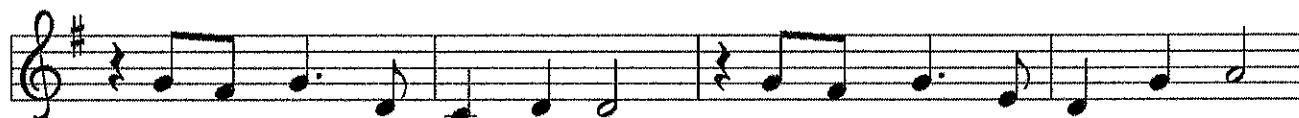
Here I Am, Lord



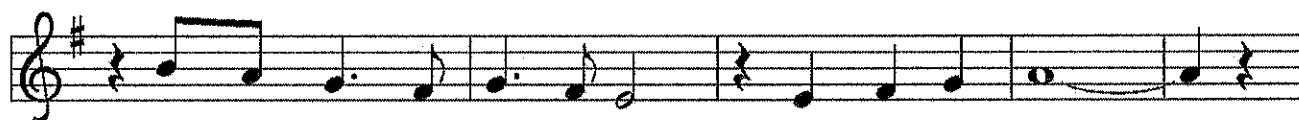
1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



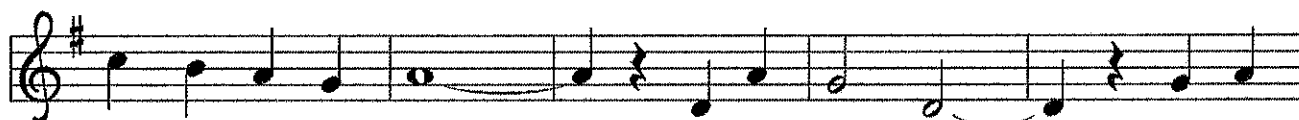
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

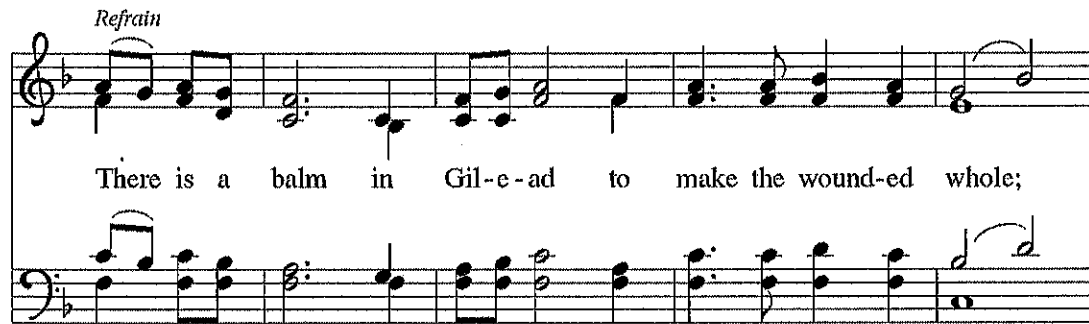
Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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There Is a Balm in Gilead

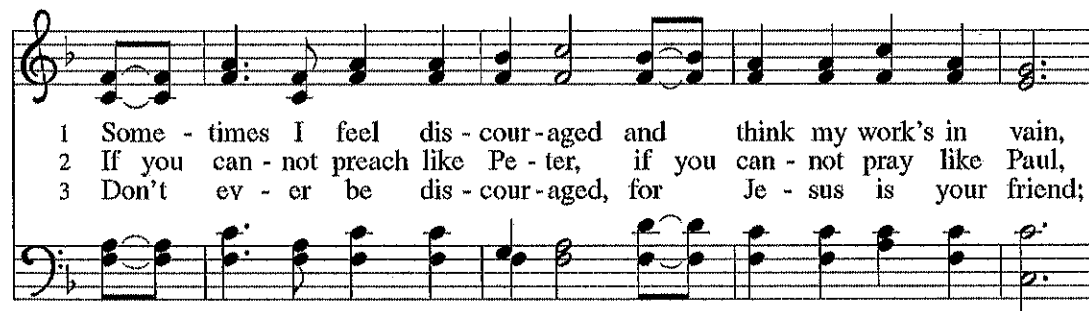
Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

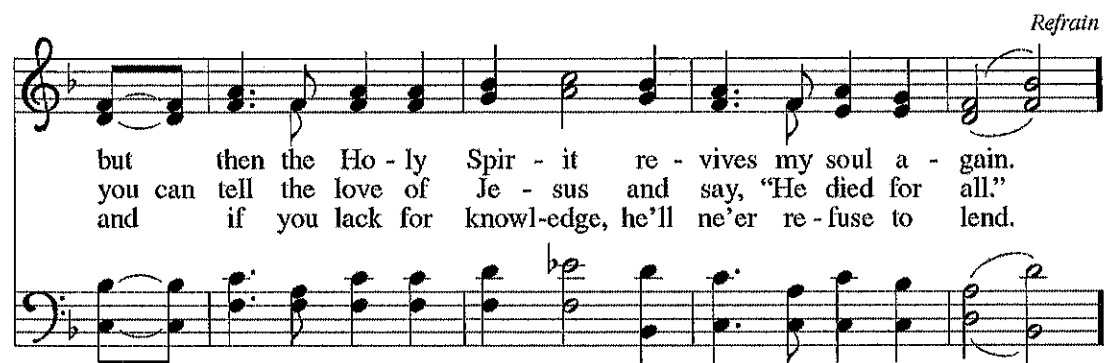


there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
 and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,

2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

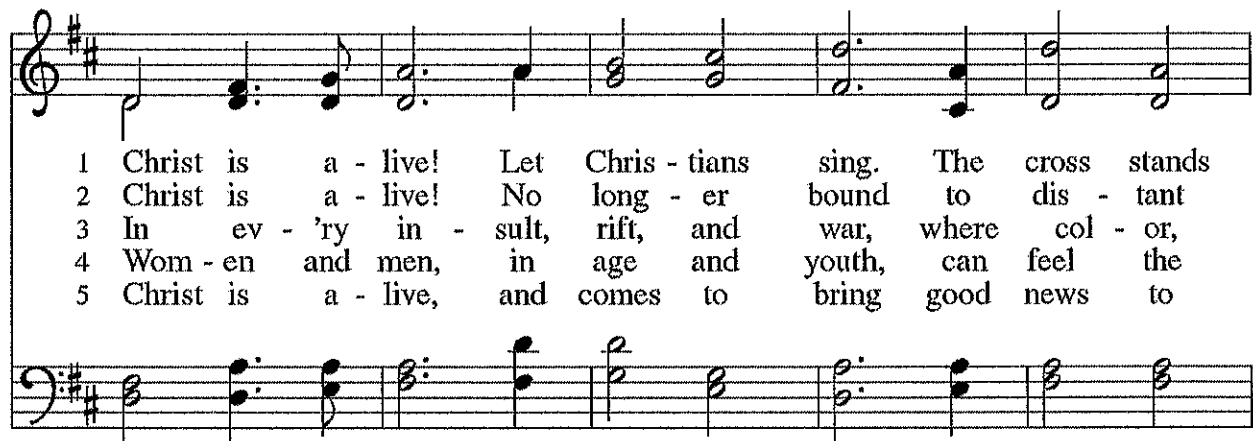
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Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

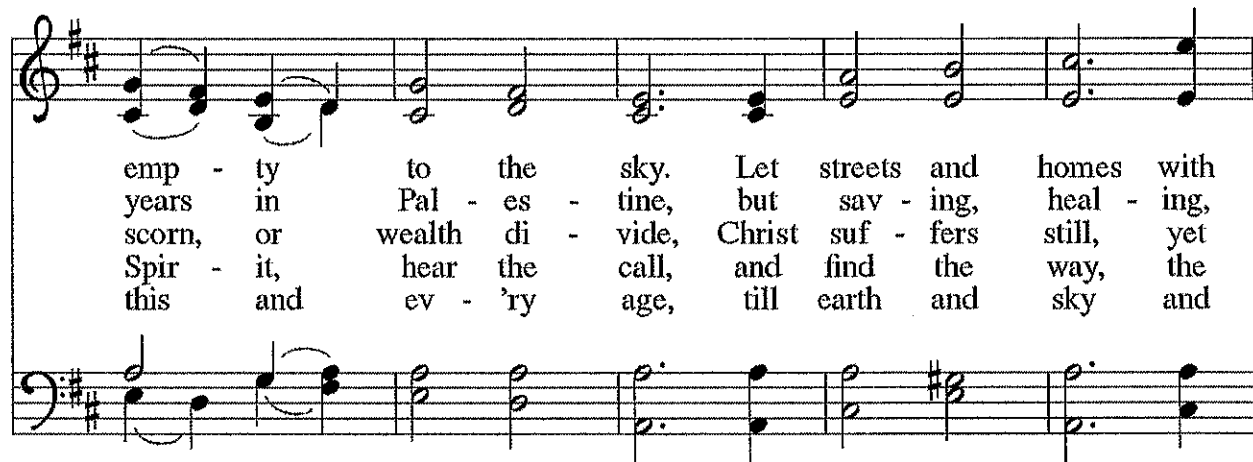
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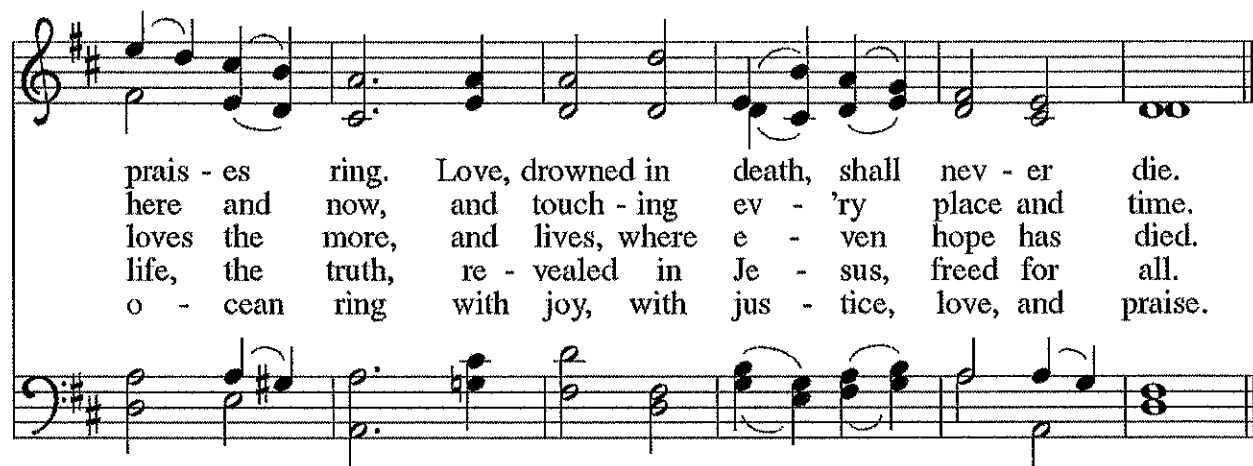
Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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GRACE - GIFTED FAITH - LIFTED
CALLED TO SHARE, SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST.

The Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 1 & 2, 2024

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Today we gather to celebrate God's love and grace as revealed to us through Jesus Christ. For those that might be interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities of the congregation there are some printed materials available for you to take. The materials are located on the counter just inside the east entrance of this building. You can also find more information through the church website at faithlutheranelldridge.com.

CHILDREN are always welcome in worship. Special children's bulletins are available for their use.

VISITOR? CHANGE OF ADDRESS? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES? HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? Please feel free to complete the information card located in front of you next to the hymnals and pass the card to the outer aisle during announcements and an usher will pick them up during the call to worship.



The flowers on the altar are given in memory of Jake Fenn with love from Mom, Dad, Nate and Lukas.

If you are interested in providing altar flowers, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, or by using the link on our web site, www.faithlutheranelldridge.com



Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these people and all who are in need in our prayers.

Ron McFate	Ed Stoltz	Kelly
Ann Kuehl	Andrew Arp	Shawn
Kathy Stoltz	Kim Pierce	Tim
Steve Mixdorf	Pam Lueder	Joyce
Henry Storjohann	Barb Conklen	Roger
Dan Anderson	Blake Hamann	James
Maisie Knutsen	Ed Precht	Matthew
Jim Schneider	Marilyn	

SAVE THE DATE!!!

June 2nd 10:30

Join us for our Annual Parking Lot Picnic "Potluck Style Brunch"

Fellowship Team will provide Meat, Drinks and Table service!
Come Enjoy some Great Food, Fun Games and Fellowship!!



With People of Praise, Jubilation, and Resounding Joy taking a well-deserved break for the summer, there are many opportunities upcoming to provide special music. If you are interested in sharing your time and talent in a musical way during June, July, or August, at either the Saturday evening or Sunday morning worship service, we'd love to hear you! Contact our Music Director, Sue Becker, at susan.becker1995@gmail.com, or (563) 386-2896 to schedule a time. Thank you in advance for enriching our worship!

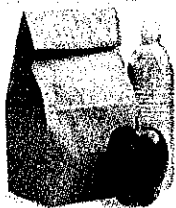


Summer Worship Outside

Worship with us at the Outdoor Chapel this summer. Every other Sunday morning, we will alternate our 9:00am worship between the outdoor chapel and the inside Sanctuary. If the weather does not cooperate, we will move worship to the sanctuary. Please bring a lawn chair and join us outside this summer on June 9, June 23, July 7, July 21, August 4, August 18, and September 1 (weather permitting).



May 25th & 26th: 5:00 pm: 38, 9:00 am: 67, Online: 46, Total: 151.



North Scott Community Feed Our Children Ministry

Feed Our Children Ministry provides a free lunch opportunity to our children in the North Scott community during the summer break. Our goal is to provide a free, nutritious lunch to children in our community through this twice a week ministry, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 11-August 15. Distribution will take place from 11:30-12:30 outside Faith Lutheran Church in Eldridge, Eldridge United Methodist Church in Eldridge, American Legion in Dixon, John Glenn Elementary School and/or the fire station in Donahue, and in Park View at Manor Drive and Lincoln, Park View Lutheran Church, Neil Armstrong Elementary, and the Double Diamonds parking lot.

We need your help! We anticipate serving between 300-400 lunches a week! Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve simple sack lunches. Preparations begin at 10:00 am in the kitchen at Faith Lutheran Church at 500 W. LeClaire Rd, Eldridge. Lunches will be ready by 11:15. We also need volunteers to pick up, deliver and distribute the lunches to communities around North Scott, from 11:15-12:30. If you can give a morning or two, please sign up here or at Faith Lutheran Church. Thank you and God Bless!

Interested in donating food and supplies? <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4DACAC23A7F85-48998049-donation>

Want to volunteer to help? <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4DACAC23A7F85-48998052-volunteer>

Find event locations and times by following our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/North-Scott-Community-Feed-Our-Children-Ministry-630517670478320/>



Pastor Carrie and Pastor Heather are available for Pastoral Care, but we need your help to know when and where that is needed. Please contact us at the church office **Tuesday thru Friday, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at (563) 285-4501. For after-hour emergencies**, please contact **Pastor Carrie at (641) 275-1326 or Pastor Heather at (563) 639-9606.**

Saturday, June 1	5:00 pm	Worship In Sanctuary & Online
Sunday, June 2	9:00 am	Worship In Sanctuary
	10:30 am	Parking Lot Picnic
Monday, June 3	<i>Office Closed</i>	
	6:00 pm	Lions Club Mtg
Tuesday, June 4	5:30 pm	Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	VFW
Wednesday, June 5	10:00 am	Grand Haven
Thursday, June 6	6:30 pm	Team Night
	7:30 pm	Executive Mtg
Friday, June 7	9:30 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, June 8	5:00 pm	Worship In Sanctuary & Online
Sunday, June 9	9:00 am	Worship In Sanctuary
	10:15 am	Fellowship



Faith Lutheran Church VBS invites children of all ages to camp with us at Camp Firelight!

As the Campers experience Bible stories through music, drama and storytelling, games, arts and crafts, science, and even snacks, they learn ways to connect with and trust God. And best of all, they understand they can connect with God

at VBS, church, home, and every area of their lives. Camp Firelight invites children on an exciting journey where they learn to trust God no matter what situation life brings, know God is always with them, and feel confident in sharing the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ.

The fun begins Sunday, June 16th, and continues through Thursday, June 20th, from 6-8 p.m. at the church, 500 W. LeClaire Rd., Eldridge.

To be a part of all the excitement at Camp Firelight, please register at the church website, www.faithlutheraneldrIDGE.com.

To help, please contact Theresa White, (563)370-3767.