



Do you think  
that I have come  
to bring peace to  
the earth?

LUKE 12:51



The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Saturday August 13, 2022 ~ 5:00 pm  
Sunday, August 14, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

*The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great “cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”*

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Faith of Our Fathers”

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
2 Faith of our moth - ers, dar - ing faith, your work for Christ is  
3 Faith of our sis - ters, broth - ers too, who still must bear op -  
4 Faith born of God, oh, call us yet, bind us with all who

fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
love re - vealed, spread - ing God's word from pole to pole,  
pres - sion's might, rais - ing on high, in pris - ons dark,  
fol - low you, shar - ing the strug - gle of your cross

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*Refrain*

when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word. Faith of our fa - thers,  
mak - ing love known and free - dom real. Faith of our moth - ers,  
the cross of Christ still burn - ing bright. Faith for to - day, O  
un - til the world is made a - new. Faith born of God, O

ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.  
ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.  
liv - ing faith, we will be true to you till death.  
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Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, st. 1, alt; Joseph R. Alfred, b. 1947, sts. 2-4  
Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818-1888; James G. Walton, 1821-1905, refrain  
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## 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.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we  
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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III Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.  
 ☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.  
 I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 II 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, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,  
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>23</sup>Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 82

<sup>1</sup>God stands to charge the divine council assembled,  
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

<sup>2</sup>**“How long will you judge unjustly,  
and show favor to the wicked?**

<sup>3</sup>Save the weak and the orphan;  
defend the humble and needy;

<sup>4</sup>**rescue the weak and the poor;  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

<sup>6</sup>**Now I say to you, ‘You are gods,  
and all of you children of the Most High;**

<sup>7</sup>nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,  
and fall like any prince.’ ”

<sup>8</sup>**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,  
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29—12:2

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days.

<sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.

<sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

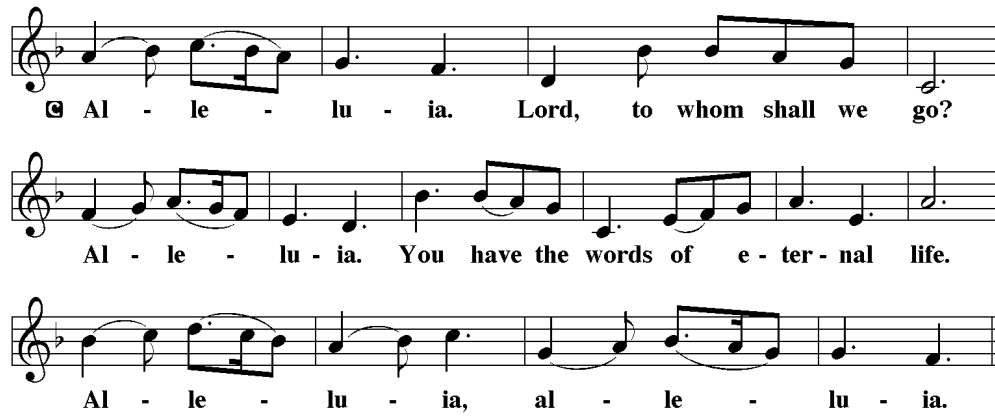
<sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

## GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup>“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

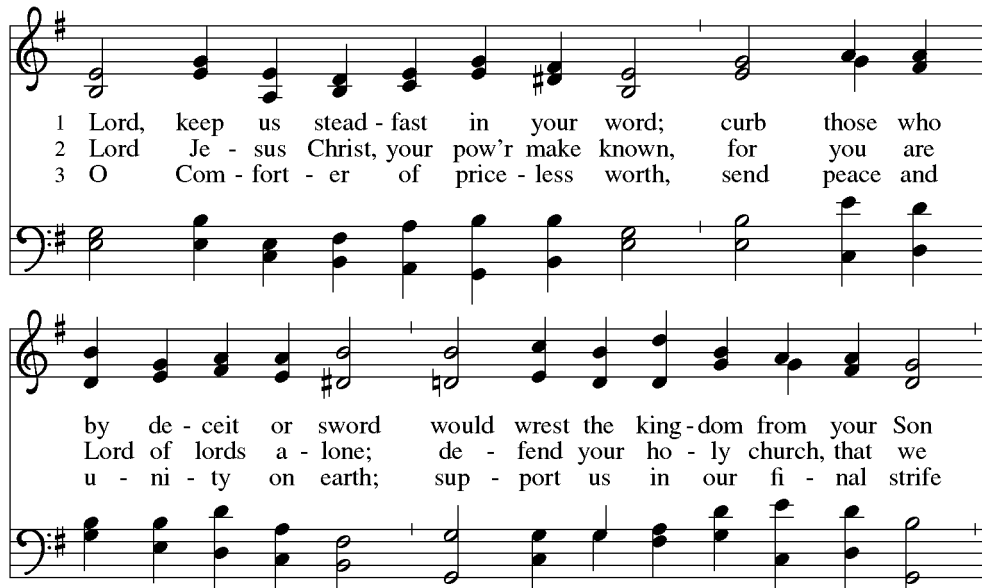
<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

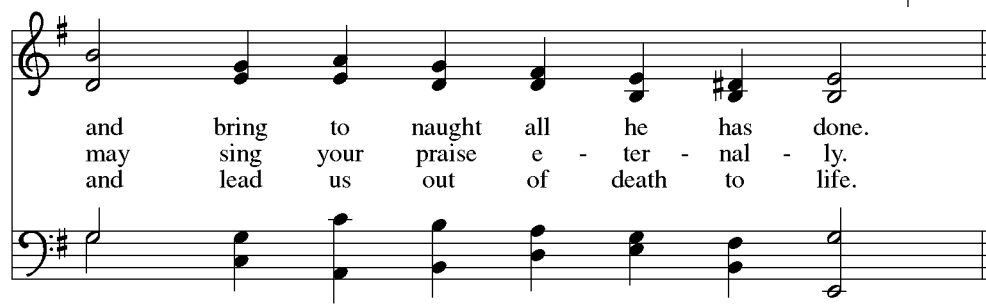
### HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word”



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

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Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

## 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.**

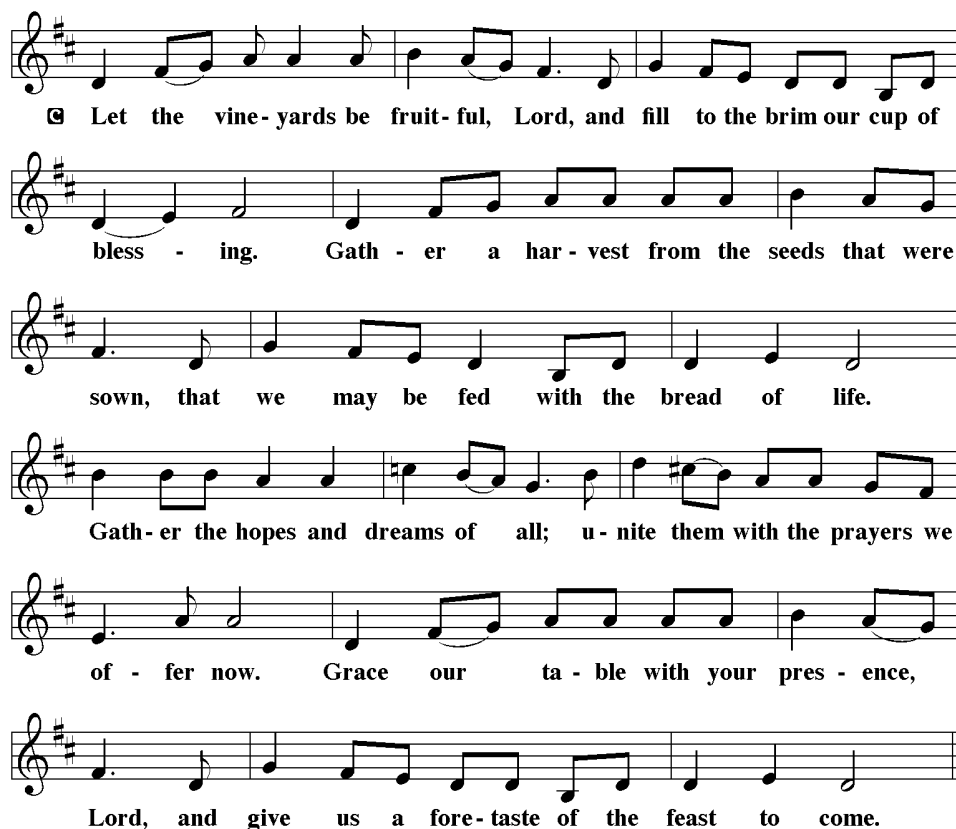
## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

### OFFERING

*We give thanks to God for the gifts that God provides, and for the gifts that you share with the church. Offerings to the church may be placed in the box on the table near the entrance to worship or be sent through the mail, through automatic withdraw, or through the Tithe.ly app on our website.*

### OFFERING SONG



## OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

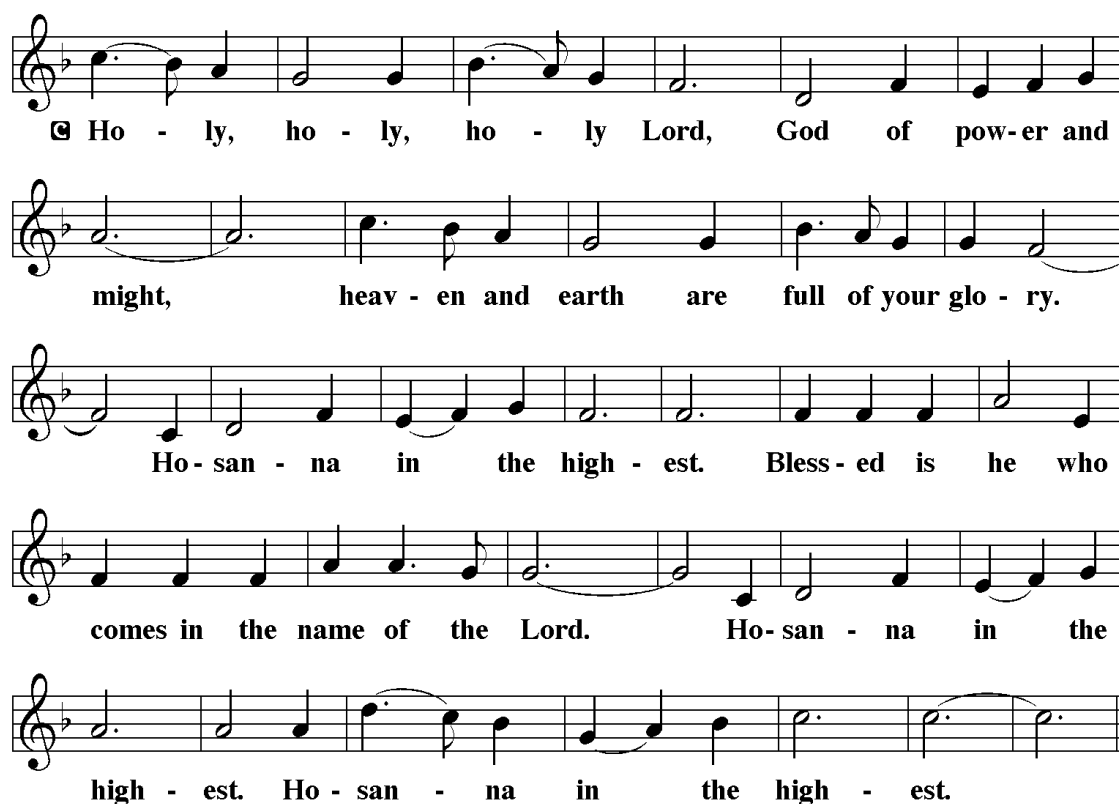
Lift up your hearts.

**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, 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:



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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father 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.**



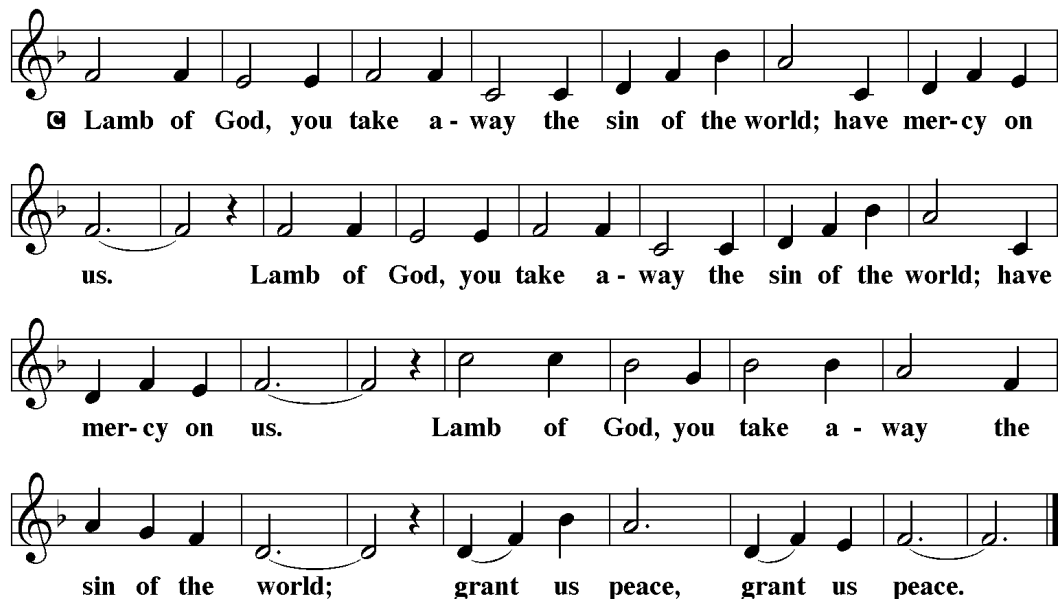
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

## 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. Please follow the directions of the pastors to receive communion. Both wine and grape juice are available for communion. The grape juice is the darker color in the middle of the tray. Those who do not wish to receive communion and children who are not yet receiving communion will receive a blessing. 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.*

## COMMUNION SONG

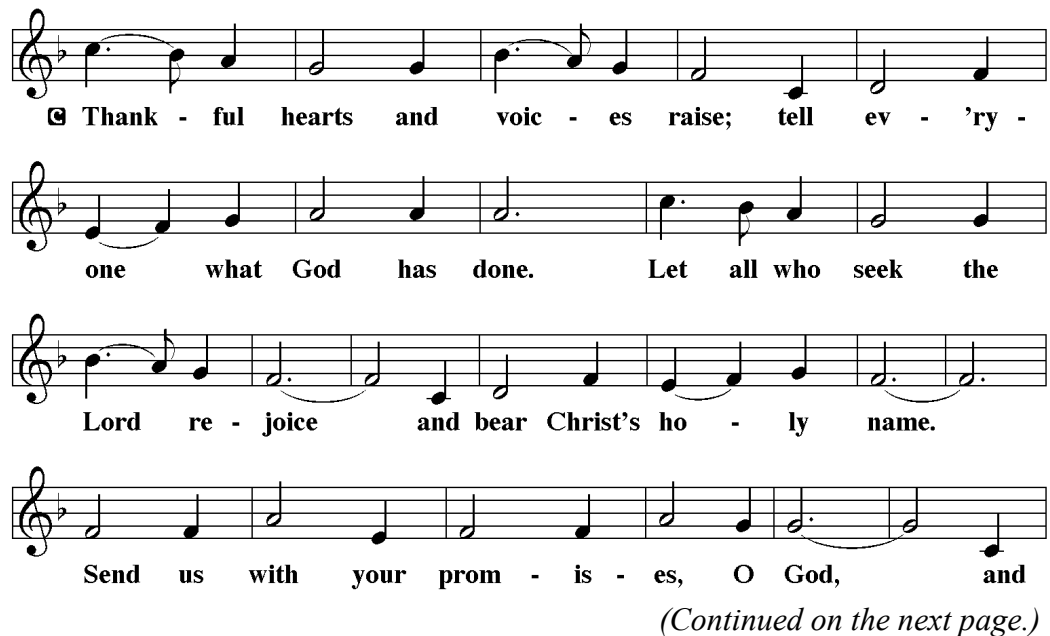


☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

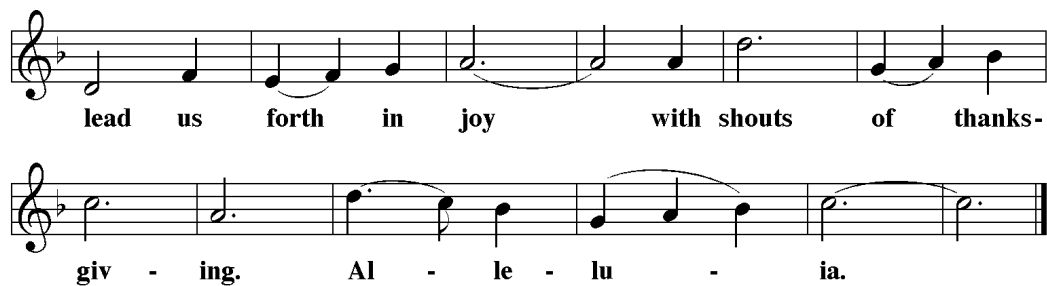
## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

## SONG AFTER COMMUNION



☐ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
one what God has done. 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  
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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**Amen.**

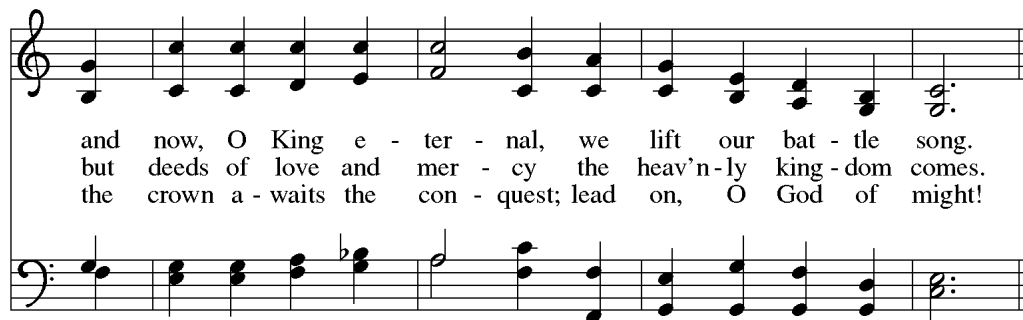
## SENDING SONG "Lead On, O King Eternal"

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;  
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.  
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
 for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;  
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,  
 Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;

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Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862–1917  
Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.  
**Thanks be to God.**



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

Ron McFate	Madison Russo	Patty Mixdorf
H.O. Nelson	Mary Flenker	Melissa Alden
Sheila Baustian	Mary Ann Anderson	Sue Vogel
Sally Puls	Janet Bowman	Andrew Arp
Duane Miller	Florence Whisler	Norman Harms
Kory Winter	Roger Lewis	Kim Pierce
Tim Winter	Ed Stoltz	Mary
Jensen Spencer	Judy Knoer	Kelly
Ann Kuehl	Jan Kluever	Vaughn
Carol Judge	Michael Schafer	Chey
Carolyn Scheibe	Bob Morehead	Ty



**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given by the La Plante Family in celebration of Abby's 15<sup>th</sup> baptism birthday.

*If you are interested in providing altar flowers, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. You may also sign up using the link on our web site, [www.faithlutheranelldridge.com](http://www.faithlutheranelldridge.com)*



## Confirmation Kick Off

### A New Year for Confirmation

It is time to begin our Confirmation Conversations again, so it is time to have a **mandatory student/parent meeting and pizza party**. All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and their parents and siblings are invited to a pizza party and Confirmation kick-off meeting on **Wednesday, August 31, at 5:45 pm**. At this meeting we will go over expectations and opportunities for the year as well as the calendar of events. There will be a formal letter coming in the mail with more information, so for now, please just save the date and time for the meeting.

Please let us know how many from your family will be coming so that we can be sure to have enough food for everyone using the link on our website ([www.faithlutheranelldridge.org](http://www.faithlutheranelldridge.org)), or call the office at 285-4501 by **Friday, August 26**.

*P.S. Our first week of the regular class schedule will be the following **Wednesday, September 7**, beginning with a meal at 5:00 pm and our Confirmation Conversations from 5:30-6:45 pm.*



## High School Youth Group Kick-Off

It is hard to believe that we are heading back into the school year, but as we do, we also head into a new year of Youth Group. In order to get the year kicked off, we invite all high school youth and their parents to join us for a conversation about plans for the year, including how often we would like to meet, the kinds of activities we would like to do, the 2023 mission trip, and possible local mission activities. We will meet on **Wednesday, August 31, at 7pm**. A

**dessert will be provided!**

Please sign up online using the link on our website ([www.faithlutheranelldridge.org](http://www.faithlutheranelldridge.org)), or call the office at 285-4501 by **Friday, August 26**. We encourage you to invite friends. More information will be coming in a letter soon. See you there!



## Blessing of the keys

## High School Faith Milestone

### Blessing of the Keys

As our children begin high school, there are many milestones that they will begin to come across. One of those milestones is learning to drive, from getting the permit to driver's ed to getting a license. We would like to help these youth and parents to mark that milestone in worship with a "Blessing of the Keys". On **Sunday, August 21**, during the 9:00 am worship service, we will invite any High School students who are new drivers to come forward with their parents as we pray over them and provide them with a small token to mark this time in their lives. We will also be providing each family with a sample "contract" which can help families to have conversation around proper use of the car. We hope that all of our new drivers and their families will be present for this milestone as we begin this new school year.



## Blessing of Backpacks, Teachers, & School Workers

On the weekend of **August 20 and 21**, we invite all children and youth who are starting back to school to bring their backpacks to worship at 5:00 pm on **Saturday** or 9:00 am on **Sunday**. During the Children's message, we will do a blessing of backpacks to pray God's blessing on the backpacks and on the children who will wear them this year. We will then offer a blessing over the teachers, administrators, bus drivers, janitors, kitchen staff and others as they prepare to head back to school. We hope that you will join us for this celebration of the new year!



Following the request at the annual meeting of the congregation, **the first second financial report is available at the welcome center**. If you have questions, contact our Treasurer, Deanna Nielsen (home 285-6194 or email [deannasielsen@gmail.com](mailto:deannasielsen@gmail.com)).

## THIS WEEK AT FAITH



Saturday, August 13	5 pm	Worship
Sunday, August 14	9 am	Worship
	10 am	Fellowship Hour & Anniversary Brunch
Monday, August 15	<i>Office Closed</i>	
Tuesday, August 16	10:00 am	Feed Our Children
	5:30 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday, August 17		
Thursday, August 18	10:00 am	Feed Our Children
	6:30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Friday, August 19	9:30 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, August 20	5 pm	Worship with Blessing of Backpacks
Sunday, August 21	9 am	Worship with Blessing of Keys and Backpacks
	10 am	Fellowship Hour



### 50<sup>th</sup> + ANNIVERSARY BRUNCH

This **Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**, after the 9:00 am church service, the Fellowship Team will be honoring those who have (or would have) celebrated 50+ years of marriage with a delicious Brunch.

If you have questions regarding the Brunch, please call Melody Sawvell, Fellowship Chair at 563-940-3309. Looking forward to celebrating with you!



## **Confirmation & Youth Group Kick Off** **Wednesday, August 31, 2022** *See inside for more details!*



### August 6 & 7

5pm:	38
9am:	44
Online:	<u>42</u>
Total:	124