



Carry the cross and follow me

LUKE 14:27



The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Saturday September 3, 2022 ~ 5:00 pm
Sunday, September 4, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

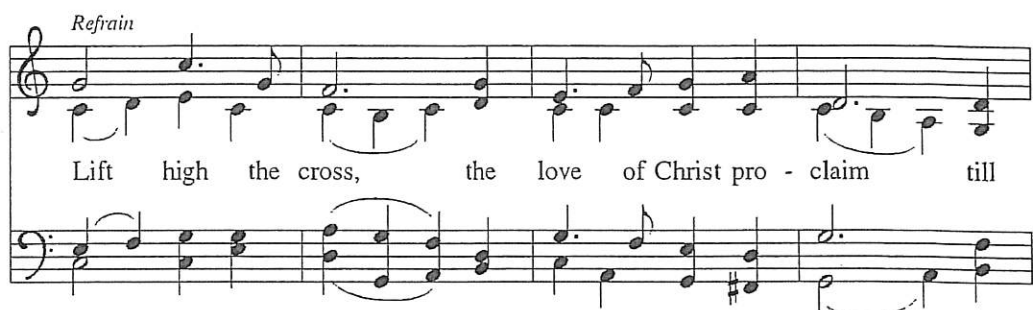
Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

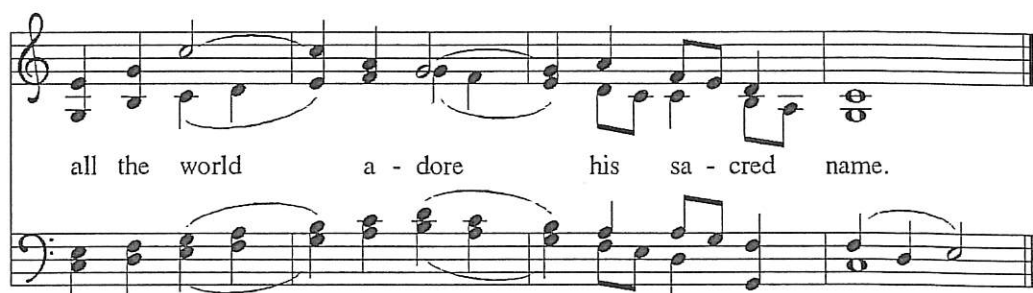
GATHERING HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

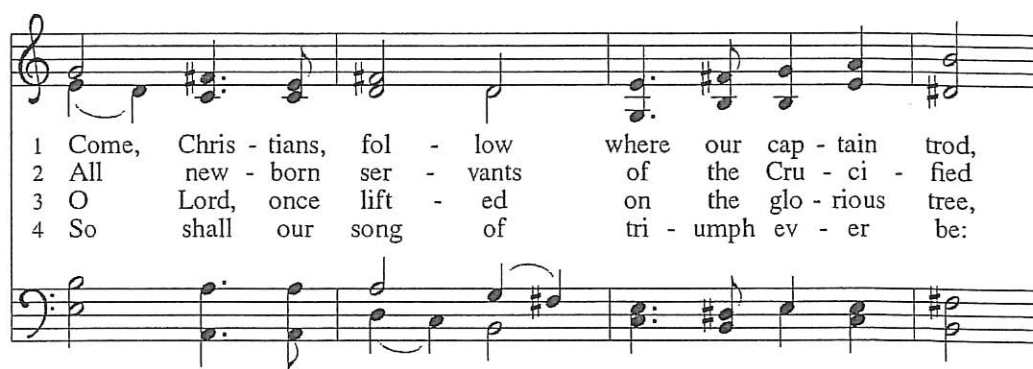
Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

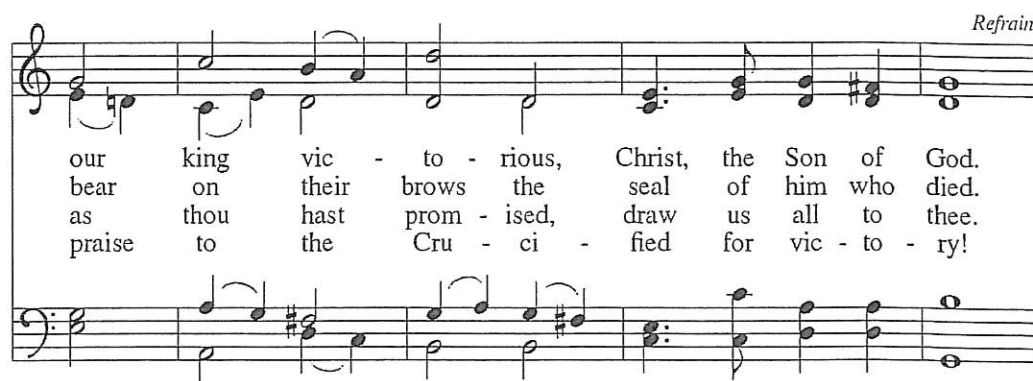


all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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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.



① 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;



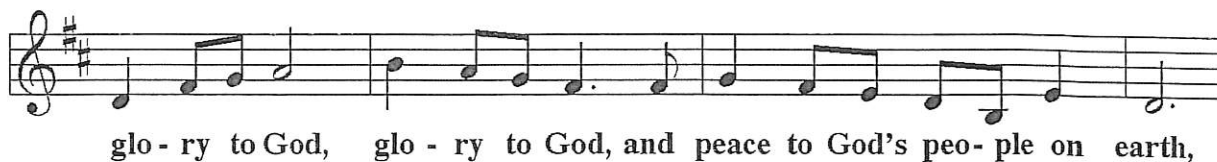
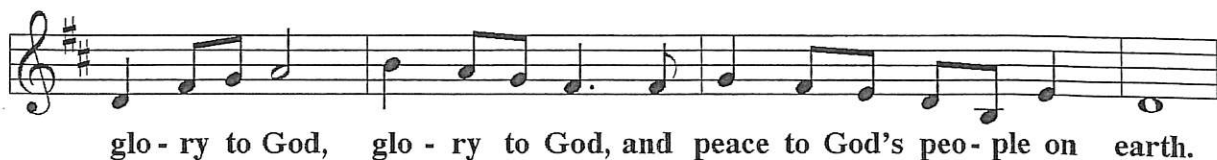
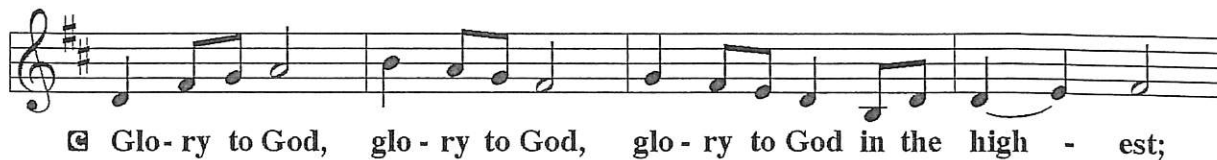
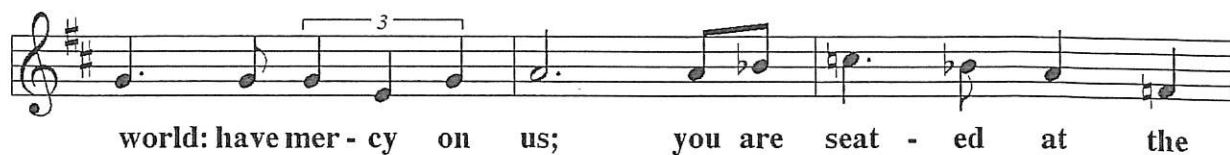
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



② Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

A reading from Deuteronomy.

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with
leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21

A reading from Philemon.

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

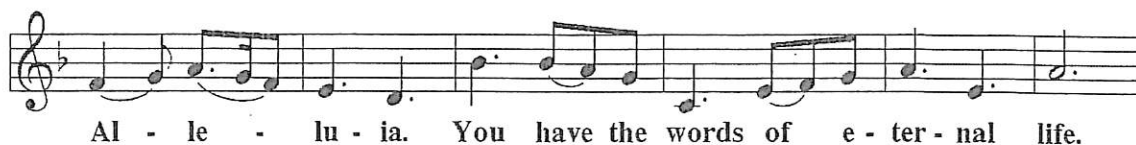
⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



(Continued on the next page.)



GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them,
²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children,
 brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does
 not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you,
 intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see
 whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation
 and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This
 fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage
 war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with
 ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he
 cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the
 terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not
 give up all your possessions.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

1 Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an-non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

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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.

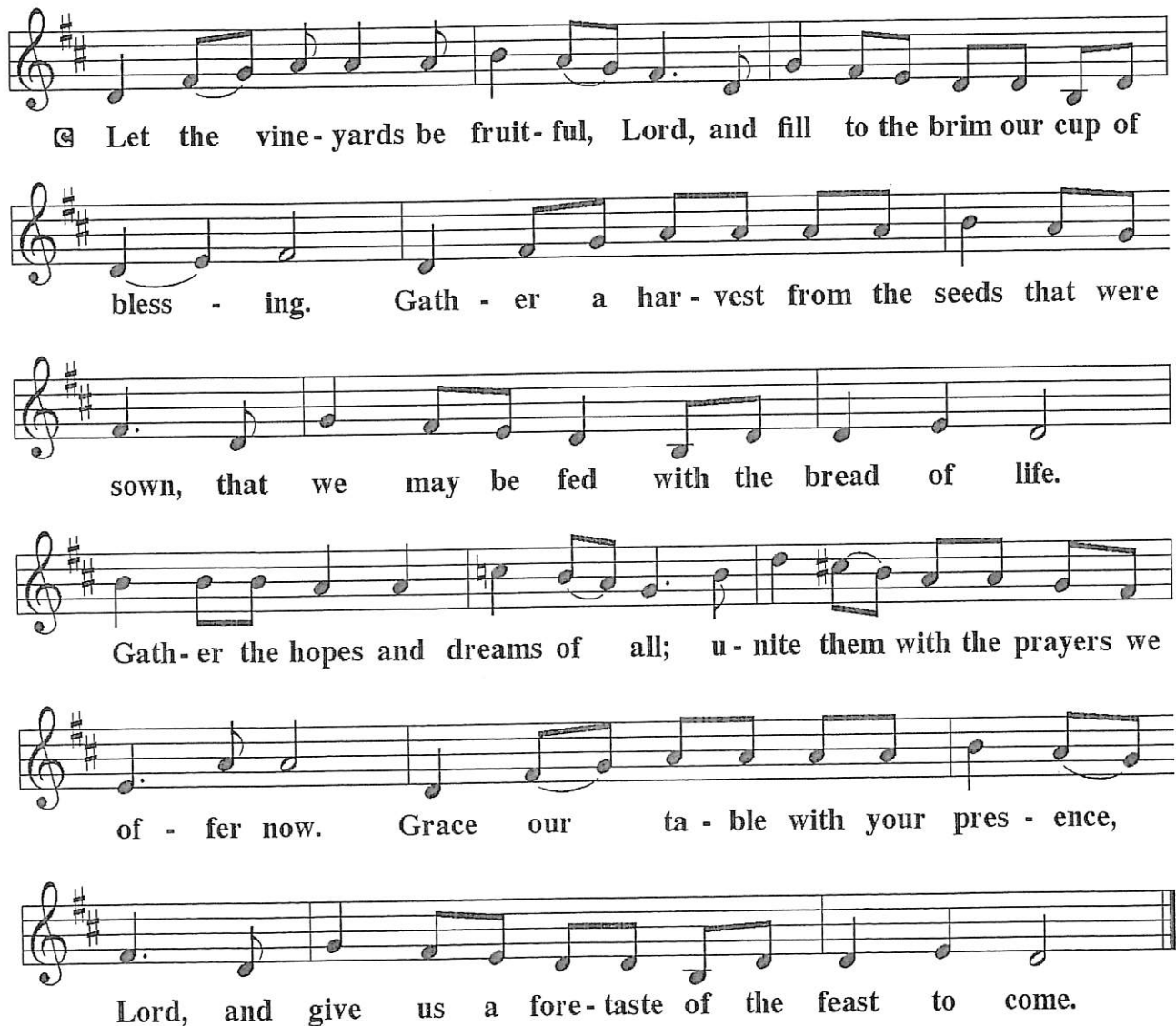
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

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, 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

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

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 worshiping 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.

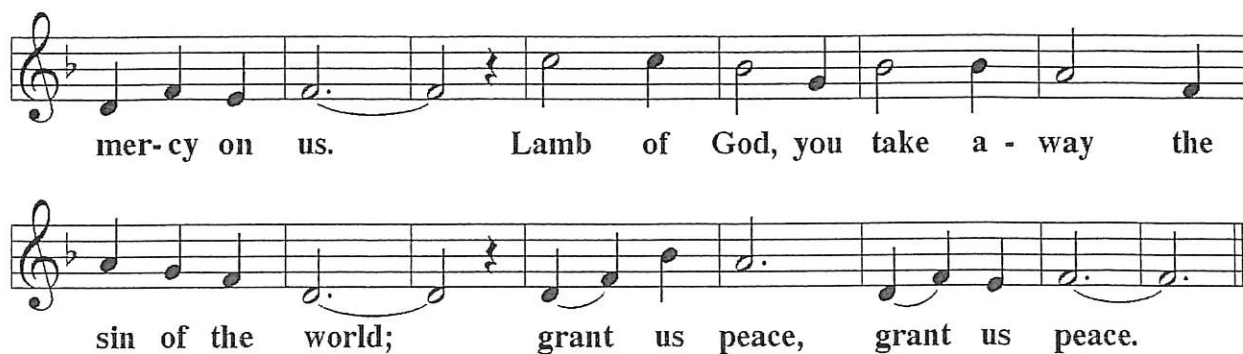
COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



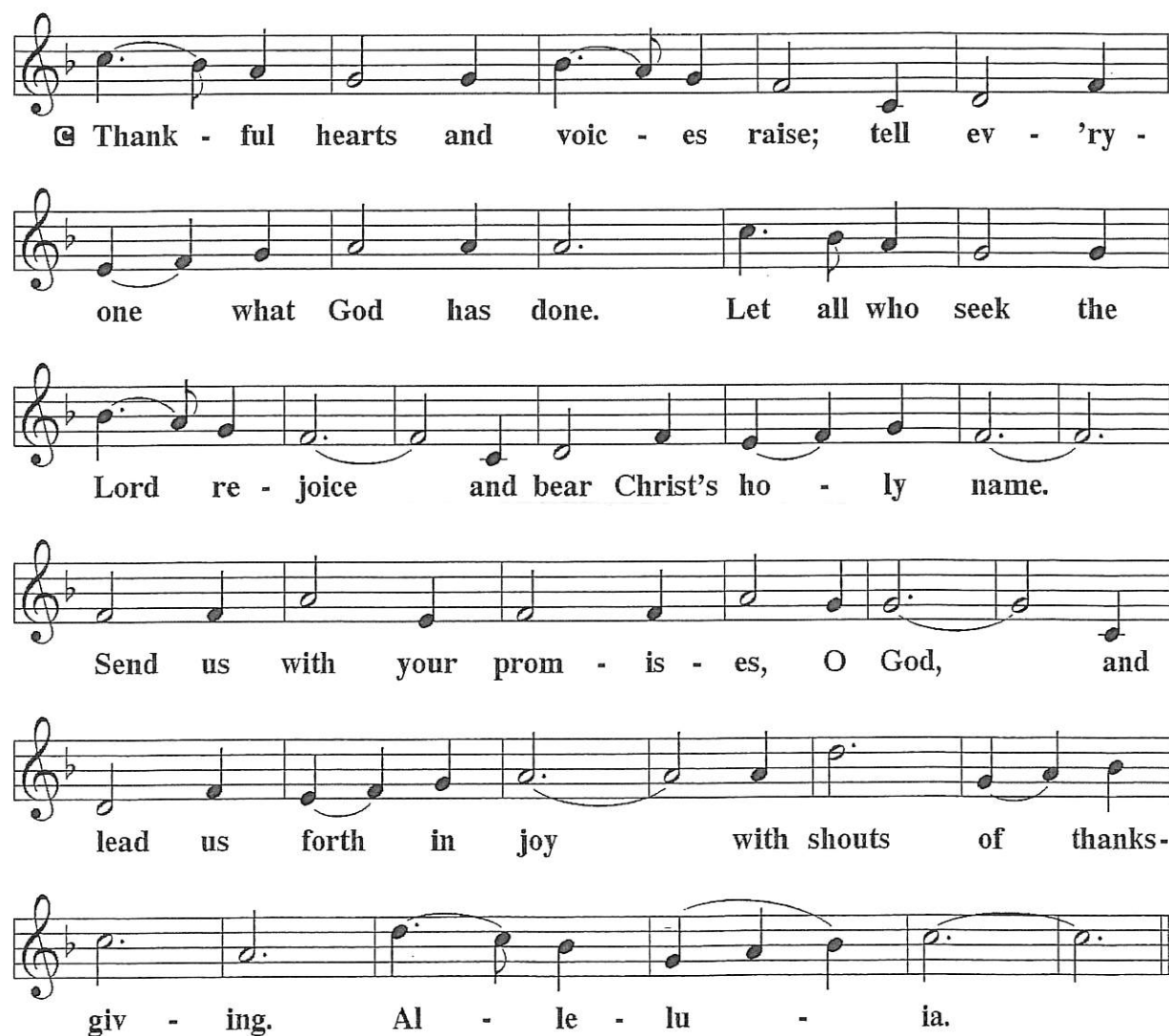
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus”

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead

through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,

On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be

full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.

Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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DISMISSAL

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

The Fine Print of Discipleship

A lot can go wrong in our lives. If you ever have any doubts, just read the fine print in a contract, where every worst-case scenario is spelled out. Sometimes we appreciate having those challenges hidden away. When we are jumping into something new, it may be easier to take the leap if we don't dwell too much on what can go wrong.

But that's not the approach Jesus takes when describing the commitment of discipleship. Instead, he uses big, bold terms to emphasize the struggles and conflicts ahead. Discipleship with him will mean taking up a cross. It will mean confronting our most deeply held commitments—our possessions, relationships, and identities. In fact, the cross at the center of discipleship will be so burdensome that it will seem impossible to shoulder.

Jesus' words might scare us off if we miss the other half of the agreement. He doesn't ask us to carry our cross alone. He will be with us as a partner who has already taken the journey from death to resurrected life. In discipleship, Christ leads us and brings the power of God to meet our challenges. Yes, Christ will call us to share the pain of his cross. He will call us to die to old habits, stuck ways of thinking, and broken relationships. But he will also share with us the victory of his cross and the power to rise to new life.

At baptism, we were marked with the cross of Christ forever. That cross marks all of the deaths we will face, but it also marks the beginning of an eternal life with God. Every time we gather in Christian worship, we participate once more in Christ's journey from death to life. Around the table, we gather as Christ's disciples, sharing the overwhelming burden of his cross but also its even more abundant victory. Here, our crosses are transformed by the community in which they are held and by Christ, who leads our way.

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

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 September 3 & 4, 2022

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.



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

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



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by the Carol Marten in memory of loved ones.

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.faithlutheraneldridge.com



OFFERING COUNTERS

OFFERING COUNTER TRAINING

We are looking for a few good people to help with counting the offering after each worship service. No experience necessary!

A refresher/training session for all counters will be Sunday, September 25, 2022 at 10:15 AM. Grab a cookie and coffee after worship and join us to learn about this important job. Also there will be a sign-up sheet for the rest of 2022. Pick the dates that work for you!

If you are unable to attend this training, but would still like to be a counter, we will be happy to arrange for training on another day. Please call Rhonda Webber (319)230-1228 to serve, or with any questions about the Counter responsibilities and training, You may sign up for the scheduled training session at church, or by calling the office.

Thank you for serving!



Sunday School Rally Day is Sunday, September 11! Spark All Kids!

Get ready for Sunday School this fall at Faith! We are planning on gathering together in person for a fun-filled year of learning more about the story of God's amazing love through Jesus. Each Sunday all children age 3 through 6th grade will be invited to join together in one classroom for our Bible-based Sunday school. The curriculum is called Spark All Kids and covers the big stories of the Bible. A typical Spark All Kids lesson follows a four-part sequence: Gather, Open the Bible, Activate Faith, and Experience the Salvation story arc.

We are looking forward to growing together in faith at Faith Lutheran Church. **Rally Day begins at 10:15am on September 11th with a free pancake breakfast for the whole congregation! Come join us!**

Make Music a Part of Your Life



Holy scripture is described as "The Word of God". In the same fashion, sacred music has been called "The Voice of God". Our music ministry is an avenue through which participants can bless the Lord, their church, and each other by offering their musical gifts during our weekly worship services. You are warmly invited to be a part of the music and worship ministry here at Faith. People of Praise choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7, at 6:15 p.m., in the sanctuary. All singers, high school age and up, are welcome to come join us. Our chime choir, Resounding Joy!, will also begin their rehearsals on that same evening at 7:15 p.m., also in the sanctuary. We welcome all those who are high school age and up, and who are able to read music, to be a part of this group. Come join the fun and fellowship as we make music together! If you have questions, feel free to contact our Music Director, Sue Becker, 386-2896, or susan.becker1995@gmail.com.

SOLES4 SOULS

Turning shoes and clothing into opportunity

Faith is collecting new and gently worn shoes for the Eldridge Lion's Club for the Soles4Souls program. You may donate all styles, types and sizes of shoes, as long as they are gently worn. They even take mismatched singles! The donation collection will run through September 5th. More information about this program can be found at soles4souls.org, or in the recent North Scott Press article.

CHURCHES UNITED MEAL - Service Opportunity Churches United is a partnership of Quad City area churches that help to feed the hungry. Our church is scheduled to serve September 20th, 5:45 pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Davenport. The Service in the World committee has planned the menu and welcomes help from the congregation. There will be a signup posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex with spots for donating food items, food preparation and serving the meal.



August 27 & 28

5pm:	33
9am:	62
Online:	<u>60</u>
Total:	155

THIS WEEK AT FAITH



Saturday, September 3	5 pm	Worship
Sunday, September 4	9 am	Worship
	10 am	Fellowship Hour
Monday, September 5	<i>Office Closed</i>	
Tuesday, September 6	5:30 pm	Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	VFW
Wednesday, September 7	5:00 pm	Confirmation Meal
	5:45 pm	Confirmation Conversations
	6:15 pm	People of Praise
	7 pm	High School Youth
	7:15 pm	Resounding Joy!
Thursday, September 8	6:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, September 9	9:30 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, September 10	5 pm	Worship
Sunday, September 11	9 am	Worship
	10:15 am	Congregational Breakfast & Rally Day!



Bishop Amy Current, Southeastern Iowa Synod, to Visit September 17 and 18

On Saturday, September 17, and Sunday, September 18, Bishop Amy Current will be with us for worship. She will be preaching and bringing greetings from the larger Southeastern Iowa Synod. We will also have opportunities after each of the services for conversation with Bishop Current. She will share with us some of the ministries of the Southeastern Iowa Synod, and she will give us the opportunity to ask her questions that we might have. We hope you will join us on this weekend to help us welcome Bishop Current to Faith Lutheran Church.