



St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

Church • School • Preschool

The Ninth Sunday After the Coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

Thursday & Saturday at 6:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 AM

THE SERVICE: SETTING ONE (p154)

Opening Hymn

The Tree of Life (#574)

Text: Stephen Starke b. 1955 © 1993 Concordia Publishing House

Tune: Bruce Becker b. 1952 © 1995

1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry good in E - den's
2 The still - ness of that sa - cred grove was bro - ken
3 What mer - cy God showed to our race, a plan of
4 Now from that tree of Je - sus' shame flows life e -

ho - ly or - chard stood, and of its fruit so pure and
as the ser - pent strove with tempt - ing voice Eve to be -
res - cue by his grace, in send - ing One from wom - an's
ter - nal in his name; for all who trust and will be -

sweet God let the man and wom - an eat. Yet in this
guile and Ad - am too by sin de - file. O day of
seed, the One to fill our great - est need - for on a
lieve, sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this

gar - den al - so grew an - oth - er tree, of
sad - ness when the breath of fear and dark - ness,
tree up - lift - ed high his on - ly Son for the
fruit so pure and sweet the Lord in - vites the

which they knew; its love - ly limbs with fruit a -
doubt and death, its aw - ful poi - son first dis -
sin would die, would drink the cup of scorn and
world to eat, to find with - in this cross of

dorned a - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.
played with - in the world so new - ly made.
dread to crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!
wood the tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

HOLY BAPTISM

remain seated

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when He said, “all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. and surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners Christ died for us. He took away our sins by giving His life on the cross. In Baptism, He clothes us with a robe of His righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall a baptism means for our daily lives:

Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drawn by daily sorrow and repentance, let all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. it also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and I've sinned against You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve Your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with His innocent suffering and death. Trusting in Him I pray: God have mercy on me, a Sinner.



God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat satan's power. his promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. your sins are forgiven. you are closed with Christ. you are at peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

The gospel according to St. Mark:

People were bringing little children to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And He took the children in His arms, placed His hands on them and blessed them.

Finnegan Lee Ehlert, you were baptized in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit on August 4, 2021.

You are redeemed by Christ the crucified.

Almighty God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May He strengthened you with His grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Let us pray:

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that You have received Blaine as Your own child and made him a member of Christ's body, the Church. Now we pray, grant to him and to all Your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all Your Saints, we may inherit eternal life through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation sings



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation sings



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation sings



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation sings



Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Congregation sings



GLORY BE TO GOD *Gloria in Excelsis*



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



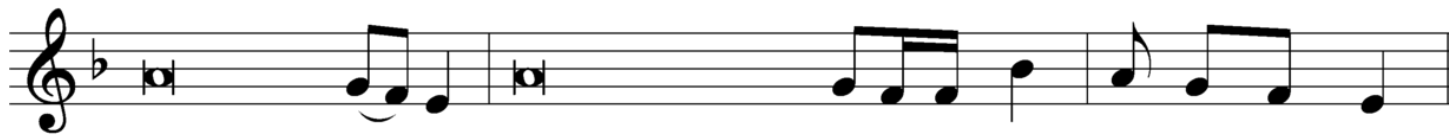
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



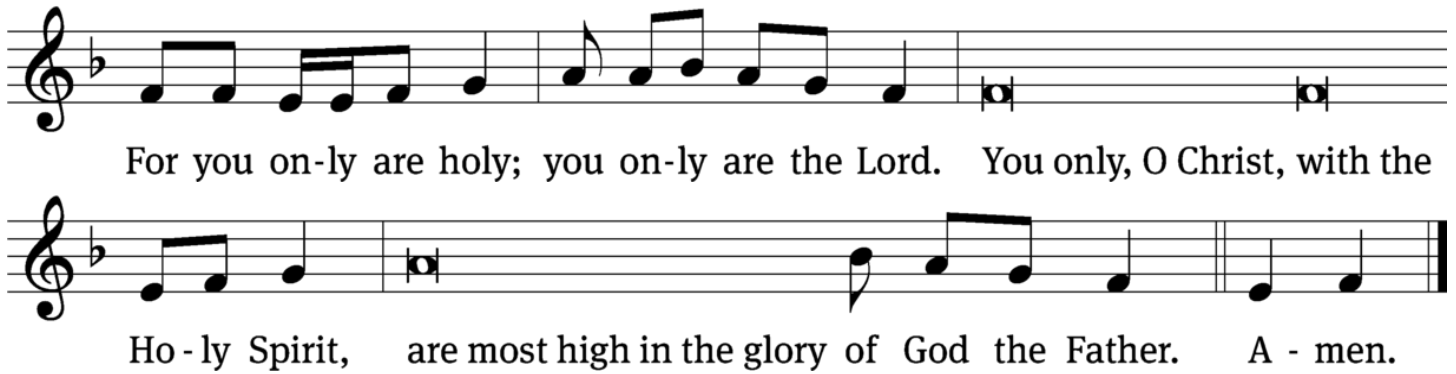
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, you Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

please be seated

FIRST READING

Genesis 3:1-15

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’ ” ⁴ “You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ When the

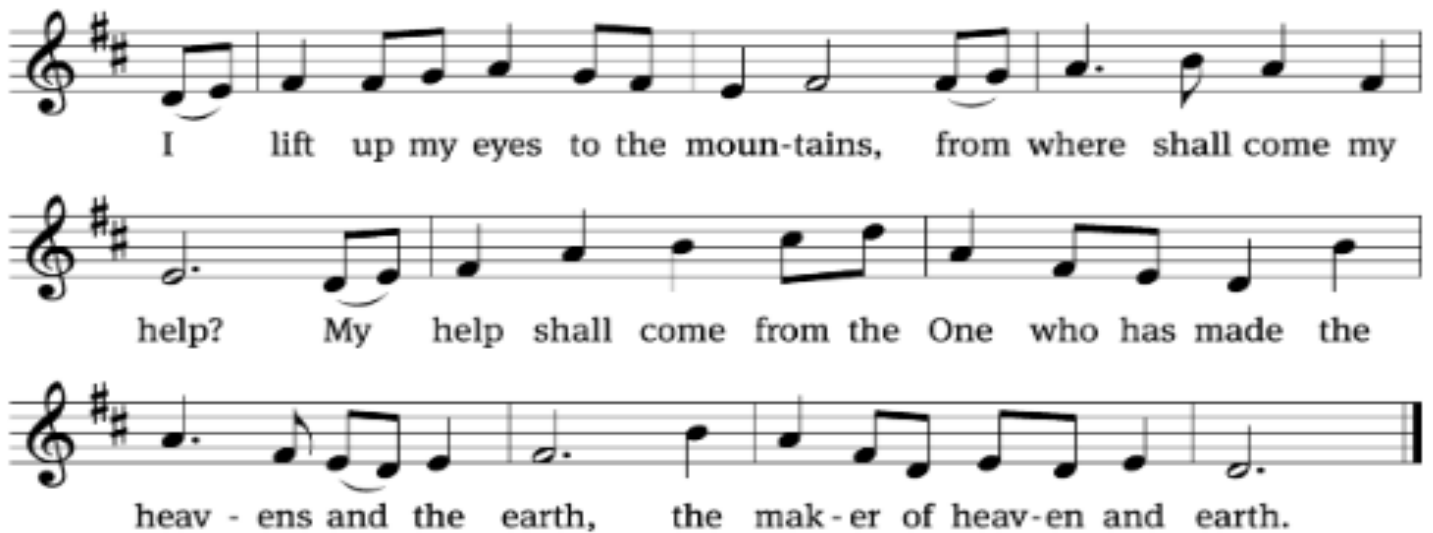
woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. ⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” ¹¹ And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” ¹² The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” ¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

PSALM OF THE DAY:

Psalm 121

Refrain



I lift up my eyes to the / mountains –
where does my help / come from?
My help comes / from the Lord,
the Maker of / heaven and earth.
He will not let your / foot slip –
He who watches over you will not / slumber;
Indeed, He who watches over / Israel
will neither / slumber nor sleep. *Refrain*

The Lord watches / over you
The Lord is your shade / at your right hand.
The Lord will keep you / from all harm –
He will watch / over your life.
The Lord will watch over your coming and / going
Both now and for – / evermore.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
And to the Holy / Spirit,
As it was in the be – / ginning,
Is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 22:1-5, 12-14

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever. ... ¹² “Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. ¹⁴ “Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

please stand



Refrain



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

Tone



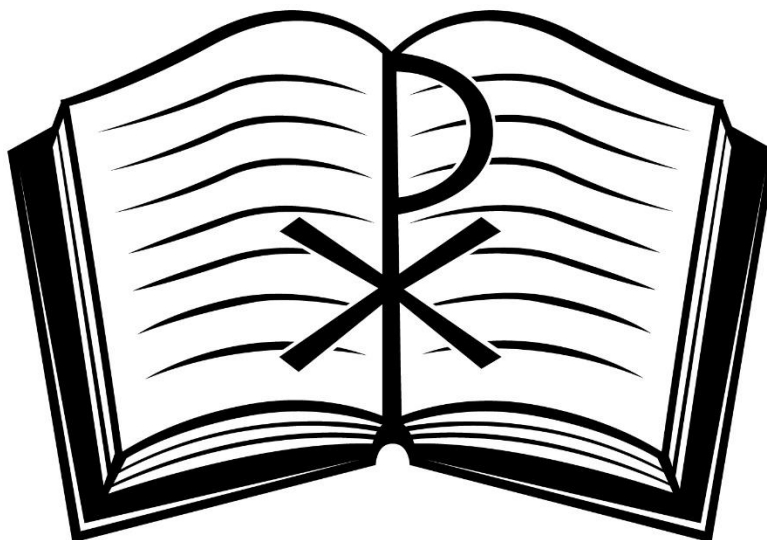
Your words are my joy and my heart's de - light.

Refrain

³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.” ³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.” ³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. ³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³ Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

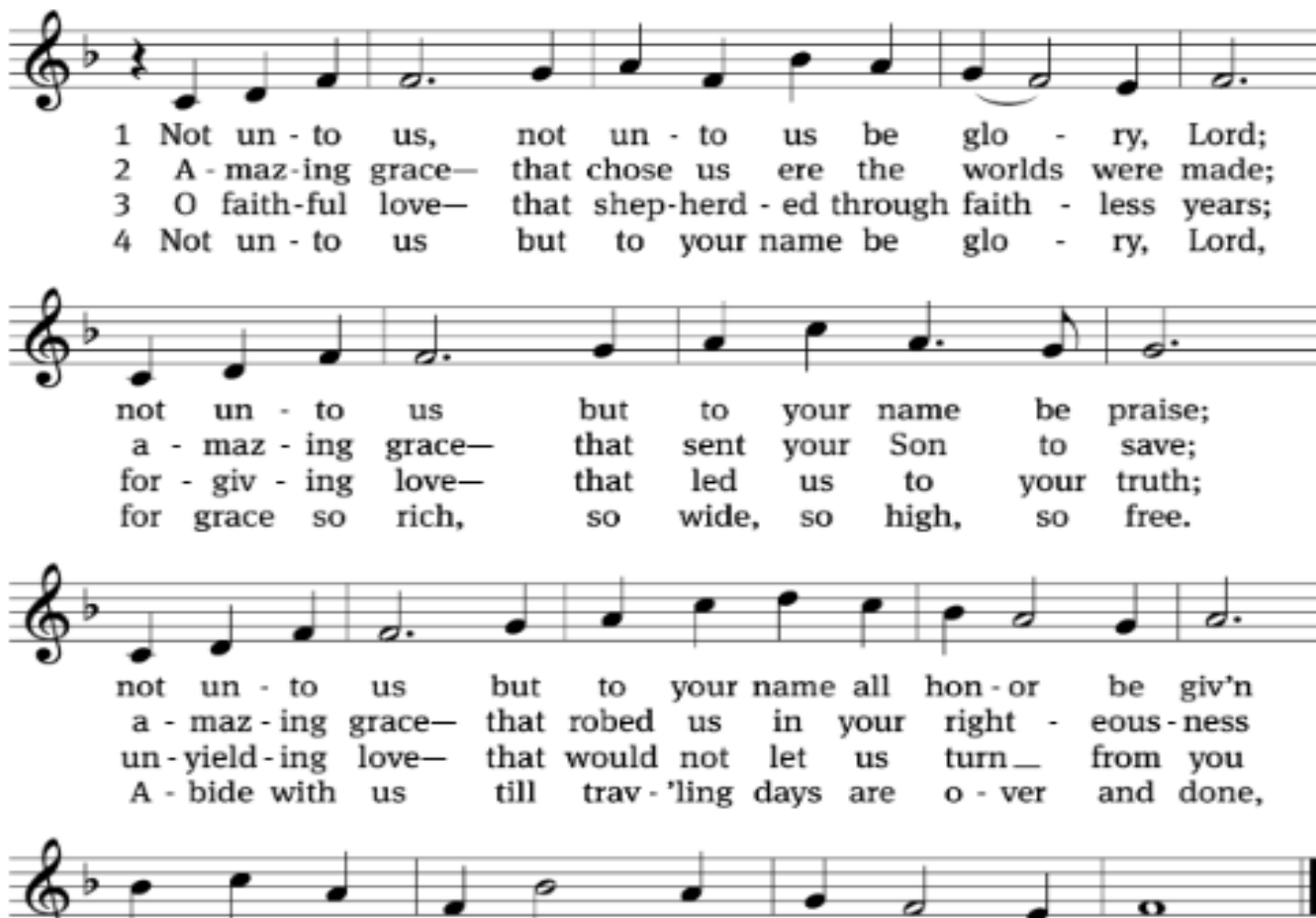
Praise be to you, O Christ!



HYMN OF THE DAY

Not unto Us (#582)

Text and tune: Kurt Eggert, 1923-1993
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1 Not un - to us, not un - to us be glo - ry, Lord;
2 A - maz - ing grace— that chose us ere the worlds were made;
3 O faith - ful love— that shep - herd - ed through faith - less years;
4 Not un - to us but to your name be glo - ry, Lord,

not un - to us but to your name be praise;
a - maz - ing grace— that sent your Son to save;
for - giv - ing love— that led us to your truth;
for grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.

not un - to us but to your name all hon - or be giv'n
a - maz - ing grace— that robed us in your right - eous - ness
un - yield - ing love— that would not let us turn— from you
A - bide with us till trav - 'ling days are o - ver and done,

for match - less mer - cy, for - give - ness, and grace.
and taught our lips to sing glo - ry and praise.
but sent us forth to speak par - don and peace.
and pil - grim feet lead us home, Lord, to you.

SERMON

NICENE CREED

Council of Nicaea (A.D. 325)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was

incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING TO THE LORD

The offering, collected in the baskets in the back of the church is brought forward and presented at the altar of God while the **congregation stands and sings our offering hymn**. Should you still wish to give, anything you place in the baskets on your way out will also be collected. *On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made* (1 Cor. 16:2).

OFFERING HYMN

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (#839:2-3)

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2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;

could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;

all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

Congregation sings



Lift up your hearts.

Congregation sings



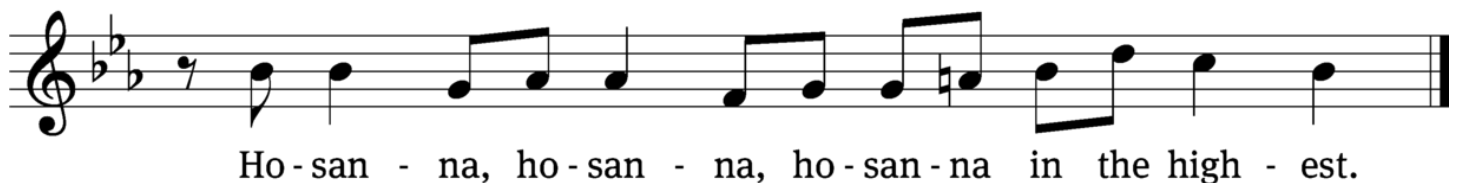
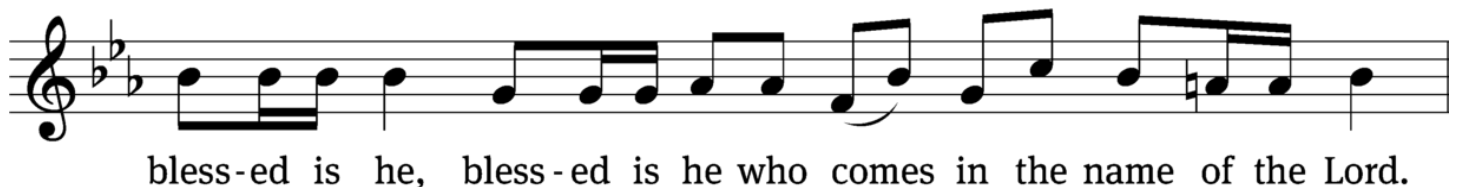
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

Congregation sings



It is truly good and right ... we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sanctus)



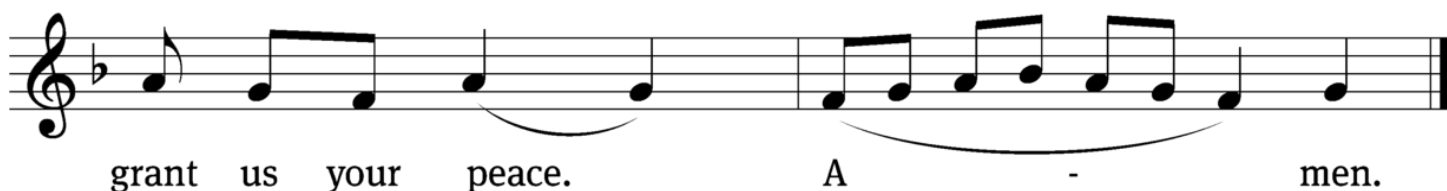
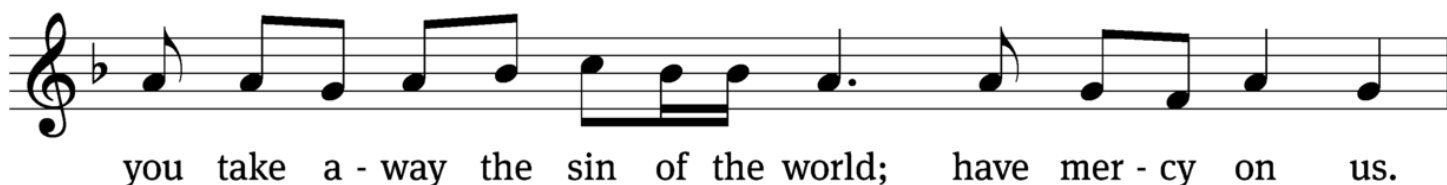
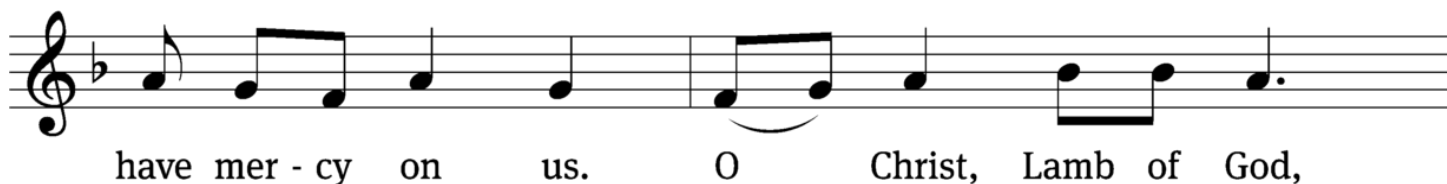
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ ... The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei)



please be seated

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

During the distribution we will sing the following hymn(s).

Jesus Comes Today with Healing (CW#668)

Text: Heinrich Puchta, 1808-1858 tr. David Rogner © 2003



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, knock - ing at my
2 Christ him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, yet in bread and
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, gives him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
wine a - bid - ing in this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
Sav - ior ho - ly, blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
me this hour — in this or - di - nar - y sign.



He him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, and I hear his
gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, and the cup, the
ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, who to bit - ter
On my tongue his pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept his



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
pre - cious to - ken of his sa - cred cov - e - nant.
death was giv - en, hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
grace, be - liev - ing that I taste his love di - vine.

- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
whose own feast of love I savor,
bidden by his gracious call.
Wedding garments he provides me,
with a robe of white he hides me,
fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation,
comfort in my tribulation,
balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
cleanses me from sin and error,
makes my wounded spirit whole.

What Is This Bread? (#665)

Text and Tune: Fred & Jean Baue © 1991



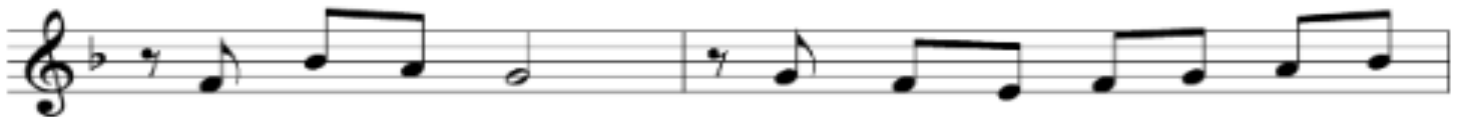
1 What is this bread?
2 What is this wine?
3 So who am I,
4 Yet is God here?
5 Is this for me?

Christ's bod - y
The blood of
that I should
Oh, yes! By
I am for -



ris - en from the dead:
Je - sus shed for mine;
live and he should die
Word and prom - ise clear,
giv - en and set free!

this bread we break,
the cup of grace
un - der the rod?
in mouth and soul
I do be - lieve



this life we take,
brings his em - brace
My God, my God,
he makes us whole—
that I re - ceive

was crushed to pay for our re -
of life and love un - til I
why have you not for - sak - en
Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
his ver - y bod - y and his



lease. O taste and see—
sing! O taste and see—
me? O taste and see—
meal. O taste and see—
blood. O taste and see—

the Lord is peace.
the Lord is King.
the Lord is free.
the Lord is real.
the Lord is good.

Please stand!

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: His mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, but you have refreshed us with saving gift. We pray that through it You will strengthen our faith in You and increase our love for one another. we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN

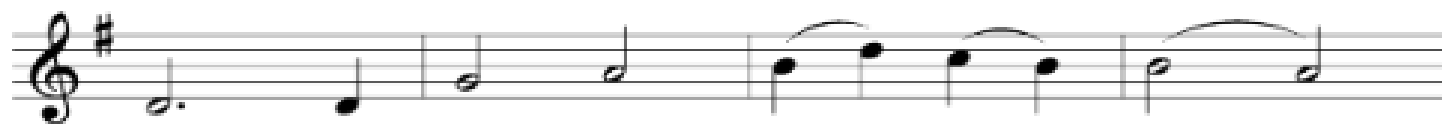
Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending (#487)

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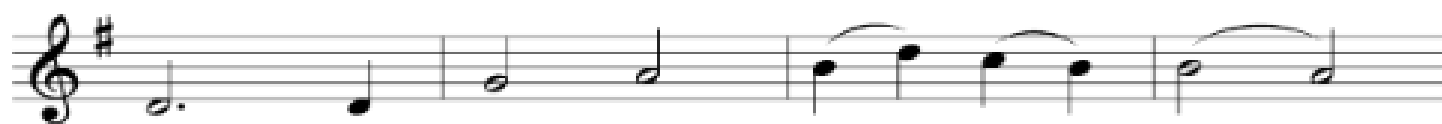
1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee



once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
those who set at naught and sold him,
cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



swell the tri - umph of his train:
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ re - veals his end - less reign.
wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
rap - ture, gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!