

SAINT MARTIN LUTHERAN CHURCH



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost and World Communion Sunday October 4, 2026 at 10:30 am

Welcome to the worship of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The Day: Today we celebrate World Communion Sunday, remembering that our Lutheran expression is also part of the one Christian church, with one faith, and one baptism. Communion is a gift and a treasure. However, as the parable of the tenants reminds us in today's gospel, it is not a treasure that can be stolen.

PRELUDE

*Please silence devices during this quiet time of preparing our hearts for worship.
Stand*

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

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

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The assembly follows the ministers into the church. The Procession begins.

GATHERING HYMN

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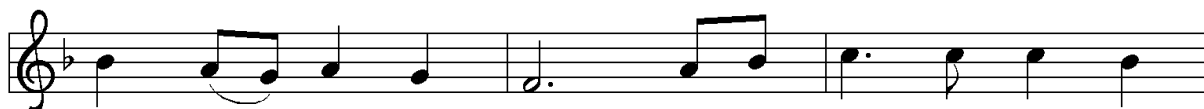
ALL ARE WELCOME



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Beatty

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "rotten grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

L A reading from the book of Isaiah, the 5th chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I

will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 80:7-15



7 Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

**8 You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and | planted it.**

9 You cleared the | ground for it;
it took root and | filled the land.

**10 The mountains were covered | by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.**

11 You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea
and its branches | to the river.

**12 Why have you broken | down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?**

13 The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.

**14 Turn now, O | God of hosts,
look | down from heaven;**

15 behold and | tend this vine;
preserve what your right | hand has planted.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the | Holy Spirit: as it
was in the beginning, is now, and will be forev- | er. Amen.**

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

L A reading from the book of Philippians, the 3rd chapter, beginning at the 4th verse.

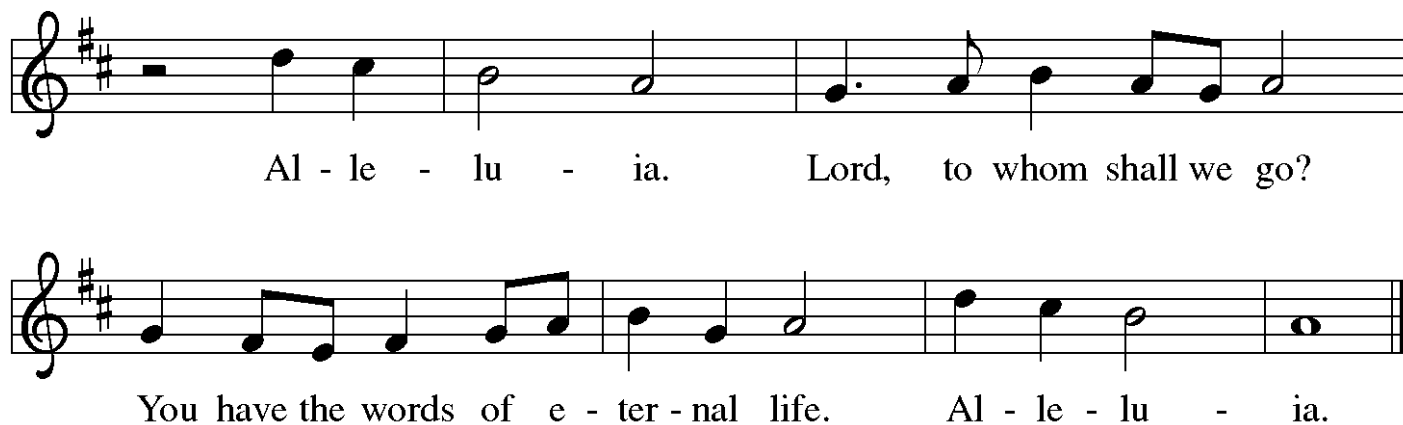
⁴If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter, beginning at the 33rd verse.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³³“Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’”? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away

from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

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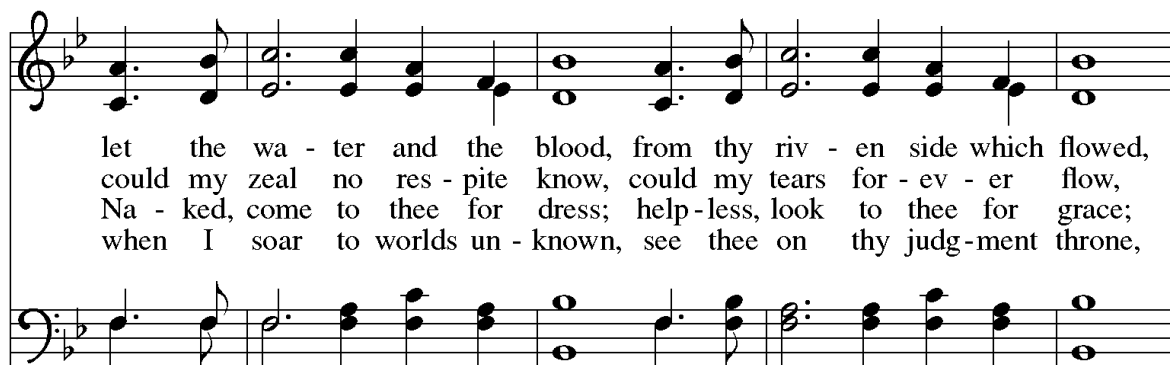
SERMON

Pastor Beatty

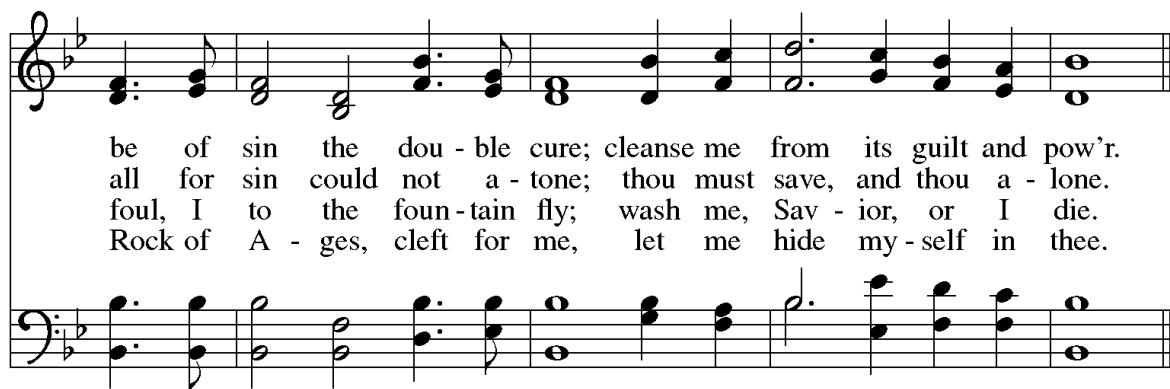
“You Can’t Take It, But You Can Receive It”

HYMN OF THE DAY**ELW #623****ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME**


1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 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.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
 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;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 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.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

P With one voice let us confess our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

INTERCESSIONS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

***P/A** Lord in your Mercy, **G** hear our prayer.*

A O God, You sing the song of your love over the vineyard of your church. Lift her united voice through the Spirit-filled communion of your one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, that she in turn would freely praise your lavish grace and proclaim your salvation to a world in need. Lord, in your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

A Holy Lord, rescue us from all enemies of your Church, and bless your church with bishops, pastors, deacons, and church workers who faithfully preach your word and administer your sacraments. Bless our own Pastor Mark in his call to the service of your people at Saint Martin's. Inspire men and women to go into church vocations, and bless those preparing for church work. Lord, in your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

A Everlasting Father, guide husbands and wives in their life together. Help parents to be faithful examples for their children, and grant that orphans may know the joy of a home to call their own. Lord, in your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

A Shine Your light upon us, O Lord, that we may do what is good and right, and live as faithful citizens in our nation. Bless Donald, our president; Brian, our governor; and all those elected and appointed to make, administer, and judge our laws. Lord, in your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

A Author of divine providence we pray for an end to war in Ukraine, the Middle East, Iran, and everywhere that violence rules. We remember all those who suffer from calamity and destruction from the forces of sin that destroy your creation, and grant agents of relief to all who suffer. Lord, in your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

A Lord of hosts, your Son, Jesus, came to deliver his people from all evil. Take away the fear of all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those we name in our bulletin and those we name before you now. *(After silence, count to 10.)* As they await the fullness of their salvation and healing, fix their eyes upon the crucified Savior and grant to all your saving help. Lord, in your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

A Heavenly Father, prepare our hearts to receive the Lord's body and blood in this Holy Supper. Strengthen us in faith and renew us in love by this Holy Communion. Lord, in your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

- A** Bring us at last with all the saints to dwell in your everlasting presence. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom, which has no end. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.

PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you R Peace be with you

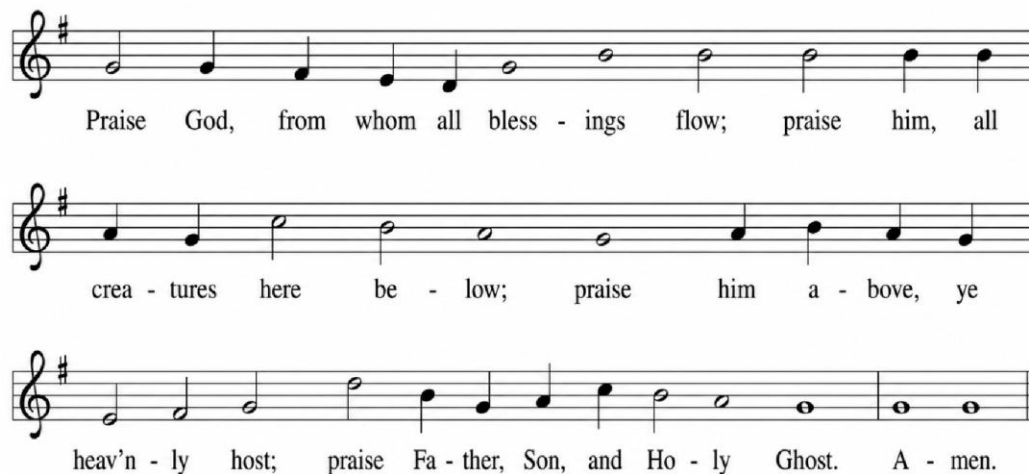
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OFFERING

The ushers collect our gifts of tithes and offerings. The ministers make ready the bread and wine.

Stand as gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all
creatures here below; praise him above, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

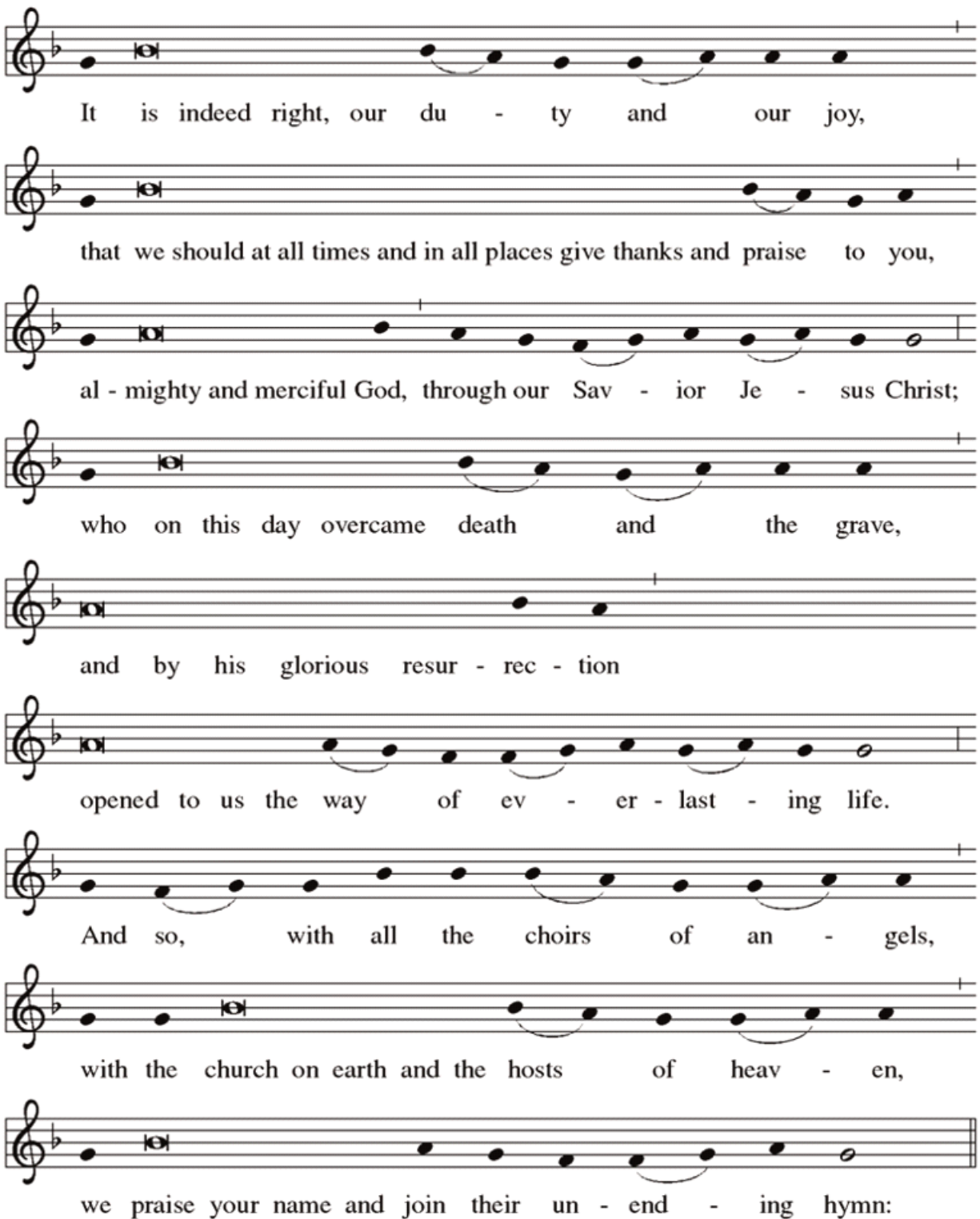
- A** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases connected by slurs. The lyrics are written below the notes, with a red square icon containing a white letter (P or C) marking the beginning of each phrase.

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.
P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resur - rec - tion
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

SANCTUS



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us together to pray:
- C** **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.**

Sit

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI



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

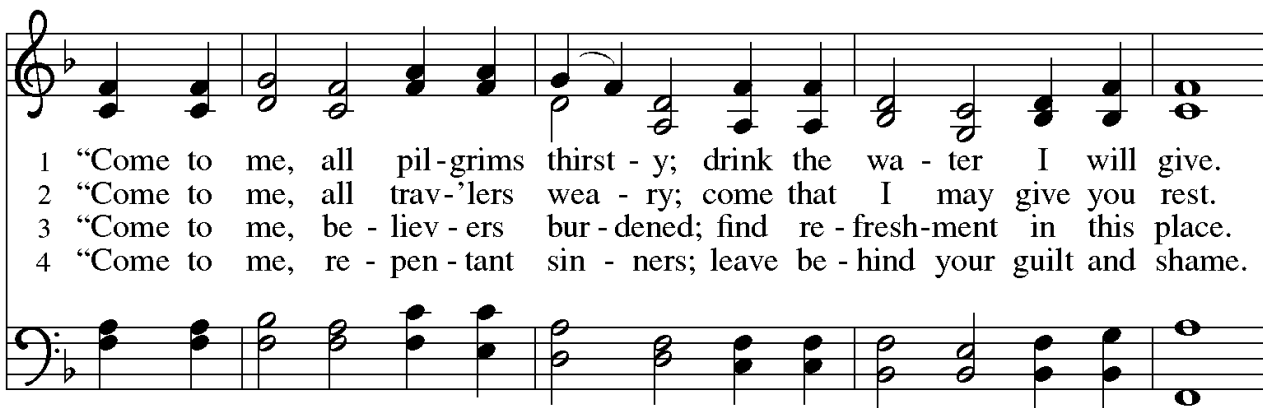
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

COME TO ME, ALL PILGRIMS THIRSTY

ELW #777

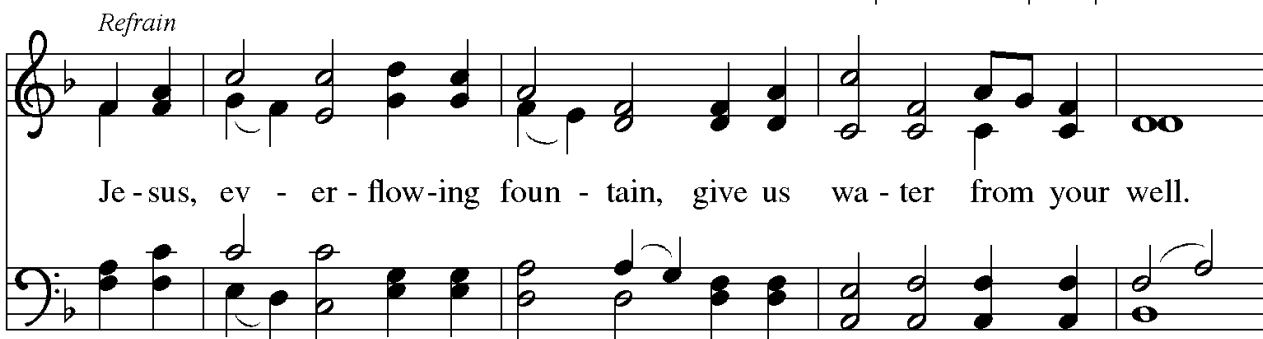


1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst-y; drink the wa-ter I will give.
 2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea-ry; come that I may give you rest.
 3 "Come to me, be-liev-ers bur-dened; find re-fresh-ment in this place.
 4 "Come to me, re-pen-tant sin-ners; leave be-hind your guilt and shame.

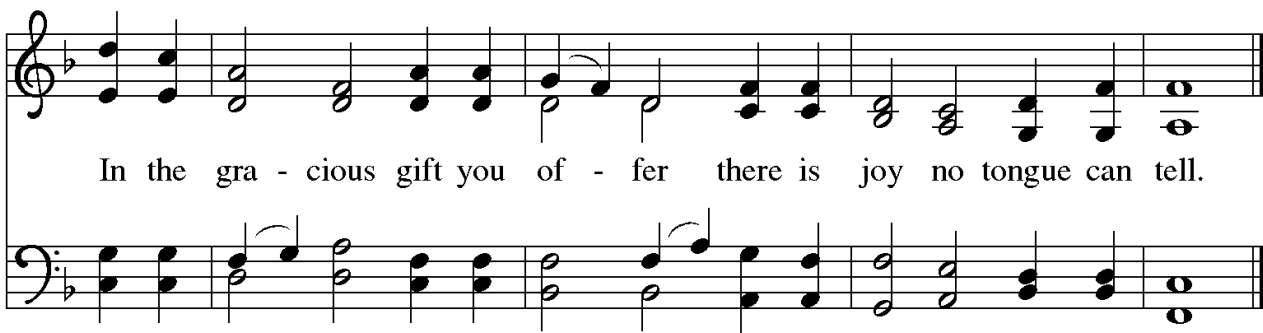


If you knew what gift I of-fer, you would come to me and live."
 Drink the cup of life I of-fer; at this ta-ble be my guest."
 Come, re-ceive the gift I of-fer, turn to me and seek my face."
 Come and know di-vine com-pas-sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain



Je-sus, ev-er-flow-ing foun-tain, give us wa-ter from your well.

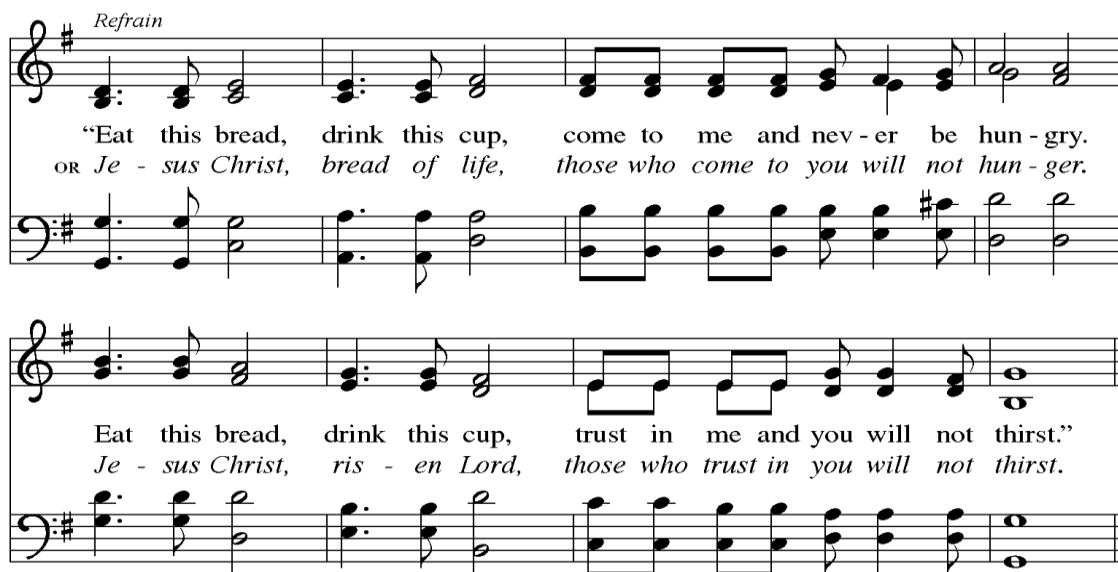


In the gra-cious gift you of-fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;
 I would be your trusted friend.
 Come and seek the gift I offer,
 come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*

6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
 lonely ways no longer roam.
 Come and take the gift I offer,
 let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

Refrain



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
 OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
 Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

*Stand***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen ✝ you and keep you in God’s grace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

A Let us pray: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION


P The Lord bless you and keep you.

C A - men

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace;
 In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

ELW #543

GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

DISMISSAL

A Love The Lord!

C Live The Mission!

Together!

POSTLUDE