

Put Your Affairs in Order

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

WELCOME! Thank you for joining us for worship today. At Redeemer we believe that the gospel message, the good news that Jesus has won for us forgiveness and eternal life, is more than just words. It's the power God uses to create and strengthen faith in our hearts. Our worship focuses on the proclamation of this life-saving message as we respond with our prayers, praise, and thanksgiving. May you be richly blessed as we worship together!

VISITOR CARDS are located in the card rack on the pew in front of you. If you are a guest with us today, please take a moment to fill out a card and hand it to either an usher or pastor or place it in the offering plate or the box in the gathering area.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS can be found in your church bulletin box, in the literature rack on the rear wall of the sanctuary, or in the visitor card slots on the back of each pew.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers in the rear of the sanctuary. If you would like more information about Redeemer, please feel free to speak with one of our pastors or any one of the members after the service. You may also contact us anytime using the information below.

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LAST SUNDAYS OF THE CHURCH YEAR

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SERIES THEME: *THE BEGINNING OF THE END*

"The end is near!" For Christians, this is not a message of fear but of watchful hope. The Scriptures teach that the End Times began with Christ's first coming and that he will come again on judgment day. Now we live in the time in-between, when salvation has been won, but full glory is still to come. It's the beginning of the end. Jesus himself makes clear that no one knows the day or hour of his return. This uncertainty is not meant to trouble us, but to keep us spiritually awake. Each day becomes an opportunity to live in repentance and faith, turning from sin and trusting fully in Christ's finished work for us. It's the beginning of the end. It's time to…

October 4 .....Speak Truth to Power
October 11 .....Invite the Unworthy
October 18 .....Give to God What Is God's
October 25 | Reformation Day .....Stay Steadfast
November 8 .....Watch for the Final Events
November 15 .....Put Your Affairs in Order
November 22 .....Hope for the Best



TODAY'S FOCUS: *PUT YOUR AFFAIRS IN ORDER*

When you know that your death is approaching, you try to put your affairs in order for the sake of others. When you know that the second coming of Christ is approaching, what is the appropriate response? We are not to be sedentary. Jesus has not yet returned because there is still work to be done. And Jesus carries out his good work through us. So until he comes again and says, "Stop!" we will be busy with faithful service. It's the beginning of the end, and we use our gifts and talents for God's glory.

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, will be celebrated in our service today. Please see the notes on p. 15 as you prepare yourself to receive the Sacrament. If you have any questions regarding our Communion practice, please speak with one of the pastors.

THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN *O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made* | **751**

INVOCATION

Minister In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation **Amen.**
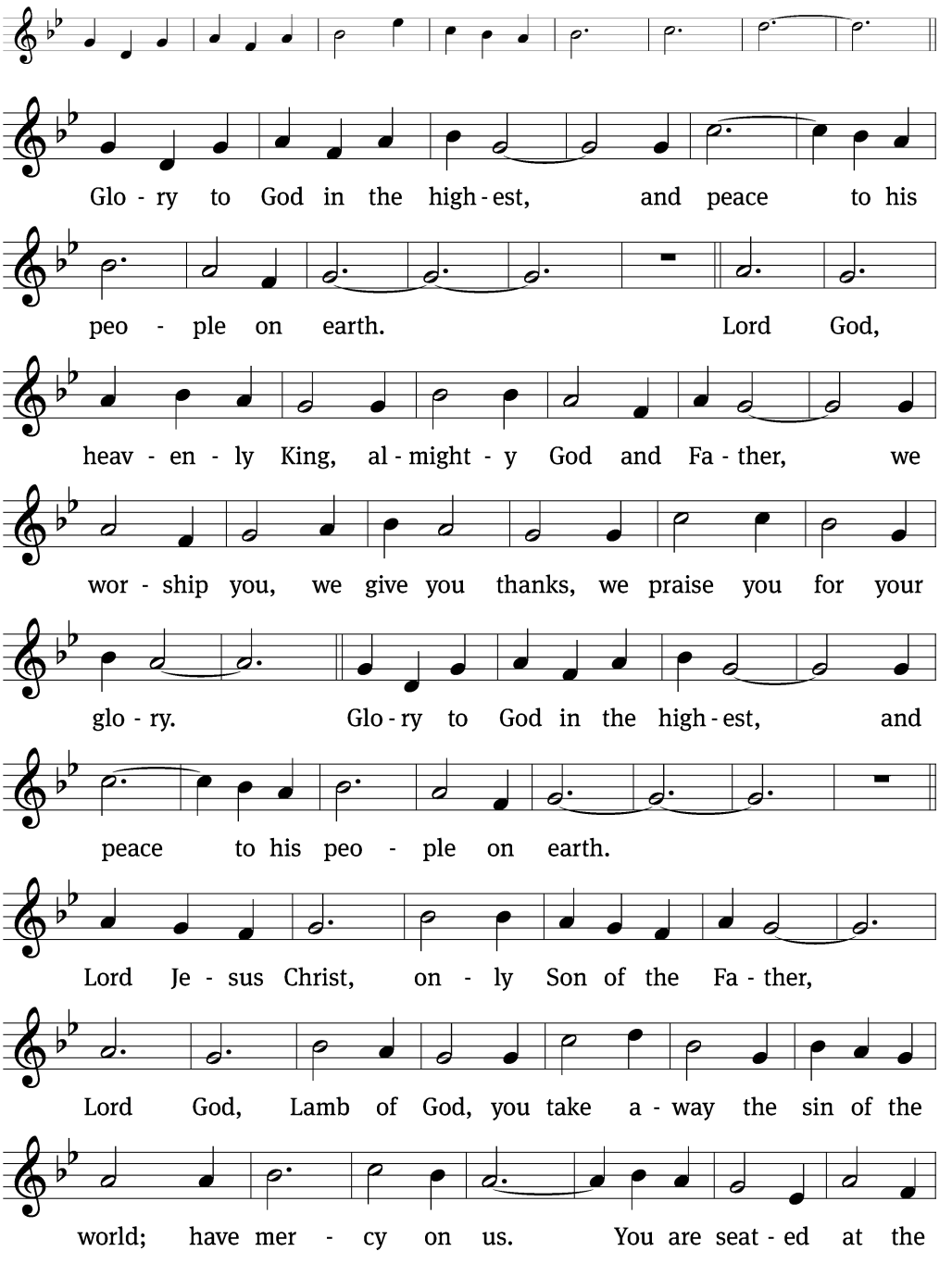
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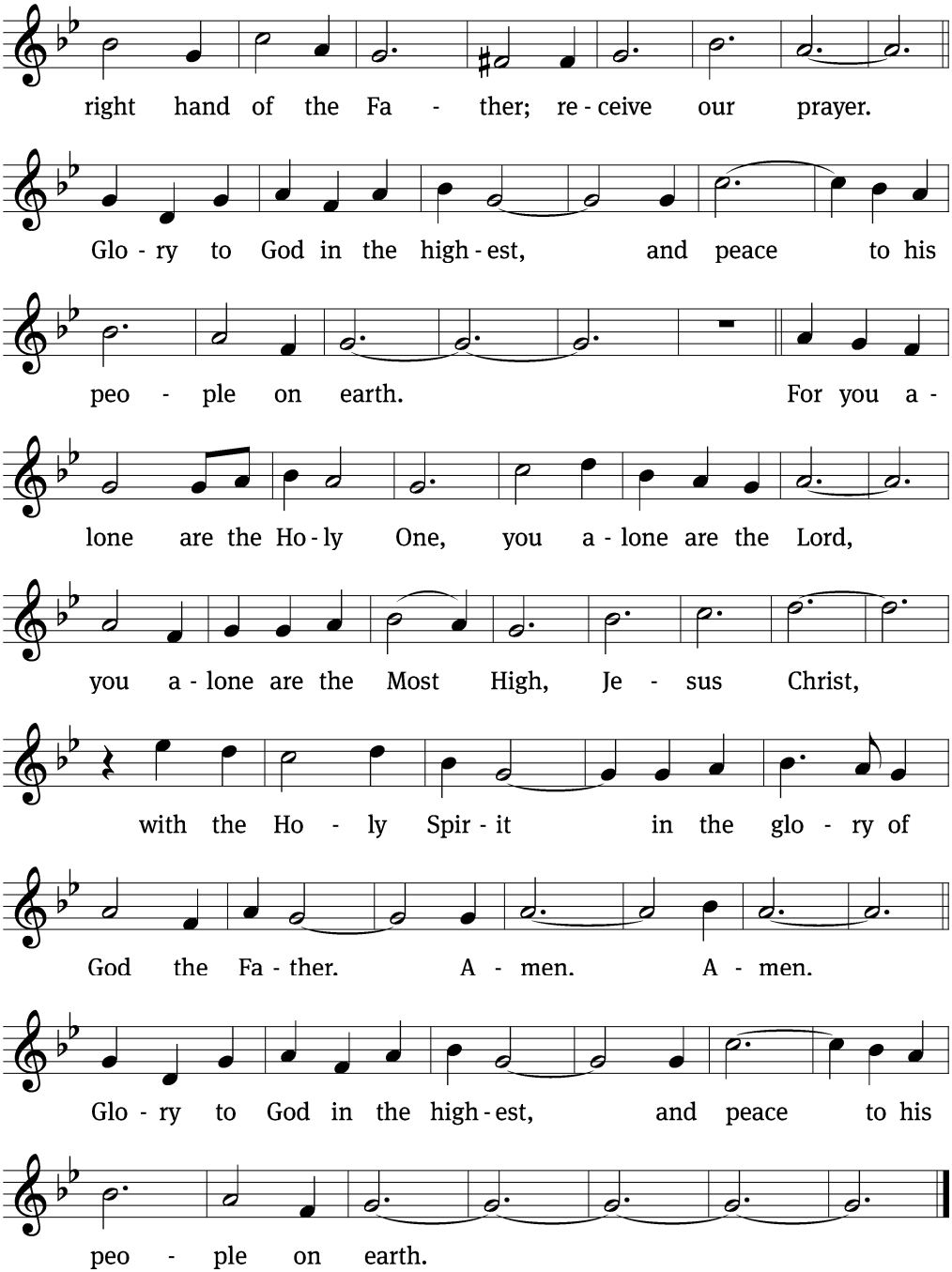
Brothers and sisters, our Savior Jesus Christ calls every one of us to faithfully serve him with our lives each day, as we eagerly await his return. And yet, we do not always use the gifts and abilities that he has given us to glorify him and serve others. Therefore, let us come before our heavenly Father and confess our sins, confident in the forgiveness that Jesus has won for us and for all people.

Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have 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, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.
Amen!

GLORY TO GOD


Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
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 in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.
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 in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. For you a -
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
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. A - men.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth.



THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious heavenly Father, as we await your Son's return in glory on the Last Day, you have called us to be busy with faithful service to you. Help us to use all the gifts and abilities that you have given to us to your glory and for the good of your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Isaiah 1:10-18*

Although Old Testament Israel responded to God's gifts with grudging service, God remained faithful to his promises.

10 Hear the word of the Lord,
you rulers of Sodom;
listen to the instruction of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!
11 "The multitude of your sacrifices—
what are they to me?" says the Lord.
"I have more than enough of burnt offerings,
of rams and the fat of fattened animals;
I have no pleasure
in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.
12 When you come to appear before me,
who has asked this of you,
this trampling of my courts?
13 Stop bringing meaningless offerings!
Your incense is detestable to me.
New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations—
I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.
14 Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals
I hate with all my being.
They have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.
15 When you spread out your hands in prayer,
I hide my eyes from you;
even when you offer many prayers,
I am not listening.
Your hands are full of blood!
16 Wash and make yourselves clean.
Take your evil deeds out of my sight;
stop doing wrong.
17 Learn to do right; seek justice.
Defend the oppressed.
Take up the cause of the fatherless;
plead the case of the widow.
18 "Come now, let us settle the matter,"
says the Lord.
"Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *Romans 12:1-8*

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies
as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do
not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your
mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—
his good, pleasing and perfect will.

With God's mercy in view, we use God's gifts faithfully in joyful response.

3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think
of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself
with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has
distributed to each of you. 4 For just as each of us has one body with
many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we,
though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have
different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then
prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then
teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give
generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

5TH - 6TH / 7TH - 8TH GRADE ANTHEM (8/10:30am service) *The Word of the Lord*
Dan McGowan

The Word of the Lord is a lamp for my feet.
The Word of the Lord is a light to my path.
The Word of the Lord is true,
showing me what to do.
A lamp for my feet, a light for my path
Is the Word of the Lord.

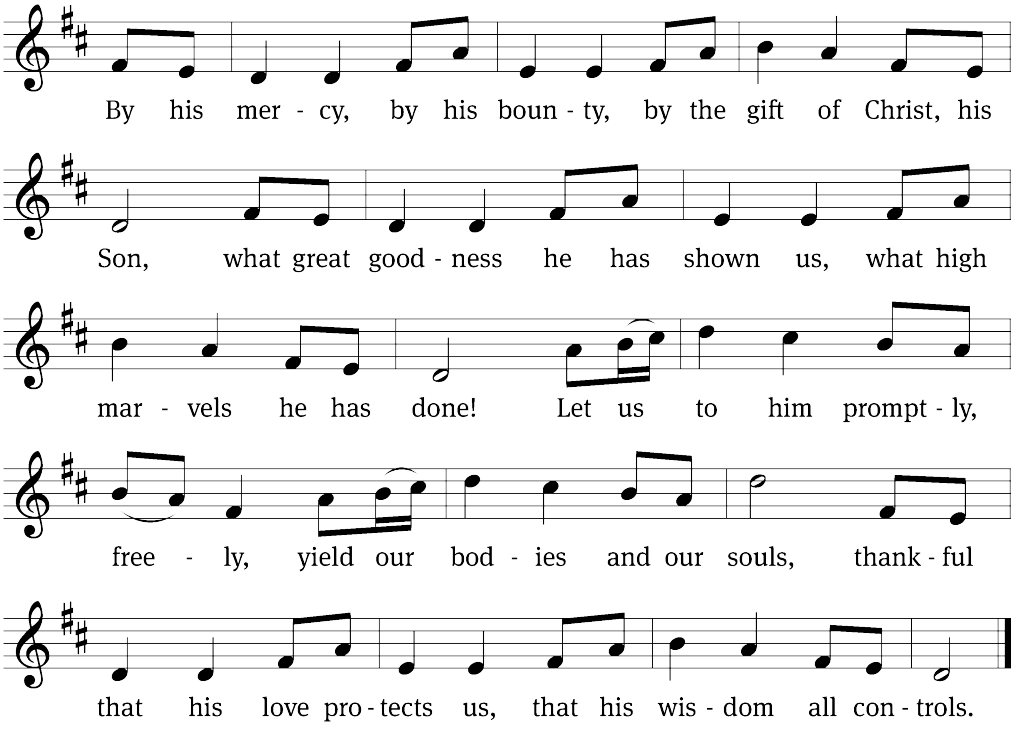
The Word of the Lord is the hope for the world.
The Word of the Lord is a priceless pearl.
The Word of the Lord is true,
Showing me what to do.
The hope of the world,
A priceless pearl
Is the Word of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord forever will be.
The Word of the Lord giving life to me.
The Word of the Lord is true,
showing me what to do.
Forever will be new life in me,
That's the Word of the Lord.

The hope of the world, a priceless pearl
Is the Word of the Lord.

A lamp for my feet, a light to my path
Is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (6:30pm service)





GOSPEL *Matthew 25:14-30*

14 "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his
wealth to them. 15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another
one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had
received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags
more. 17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. 18 But the man who had
received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

19 "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with
them. 20 The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he
said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

Through a parable, Jesus calls his followers to faithful service.

21 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You
have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of
many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

22 "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you
entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'

23 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a
few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's
happiness!'

24 "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that
you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have
not scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See,
here is what belongs to you.'

26 "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have
not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27 Well then, you should have put
my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it
back with interest.

28 " 'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29 For
whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not
have, even what they have will be taken from them. 30 And throw that worthless servant
outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH *Nicene Creed*

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 truly 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Take My Life and Let It Be* | **695**

SERMON **LIVING SACRIFICES**
Romans 12:1-8

THANK OFFERING

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OFFERTORY *Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

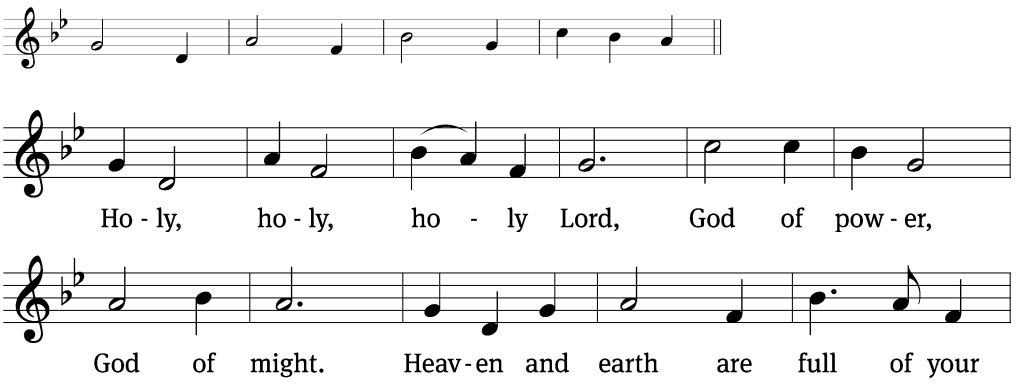
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

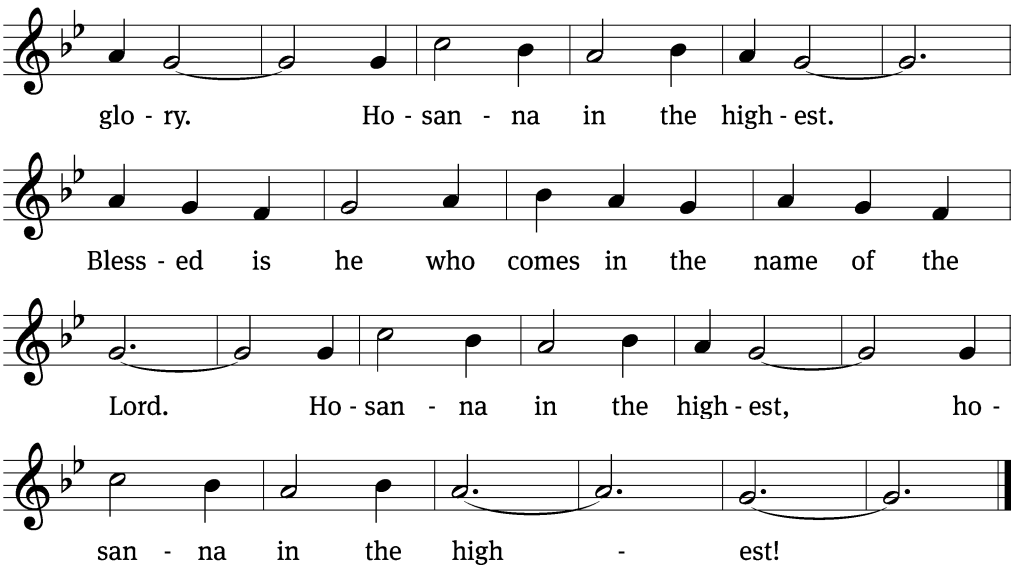
THE SACRAMENT

EXHORTATION

Our Lord Jesus has given us a Holy Supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper, we celebrate the gift of redemption, bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and proclaim our Savior's death until he returns. Let us celebrate and receive this Sacrament in Christ's name and according to his command.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





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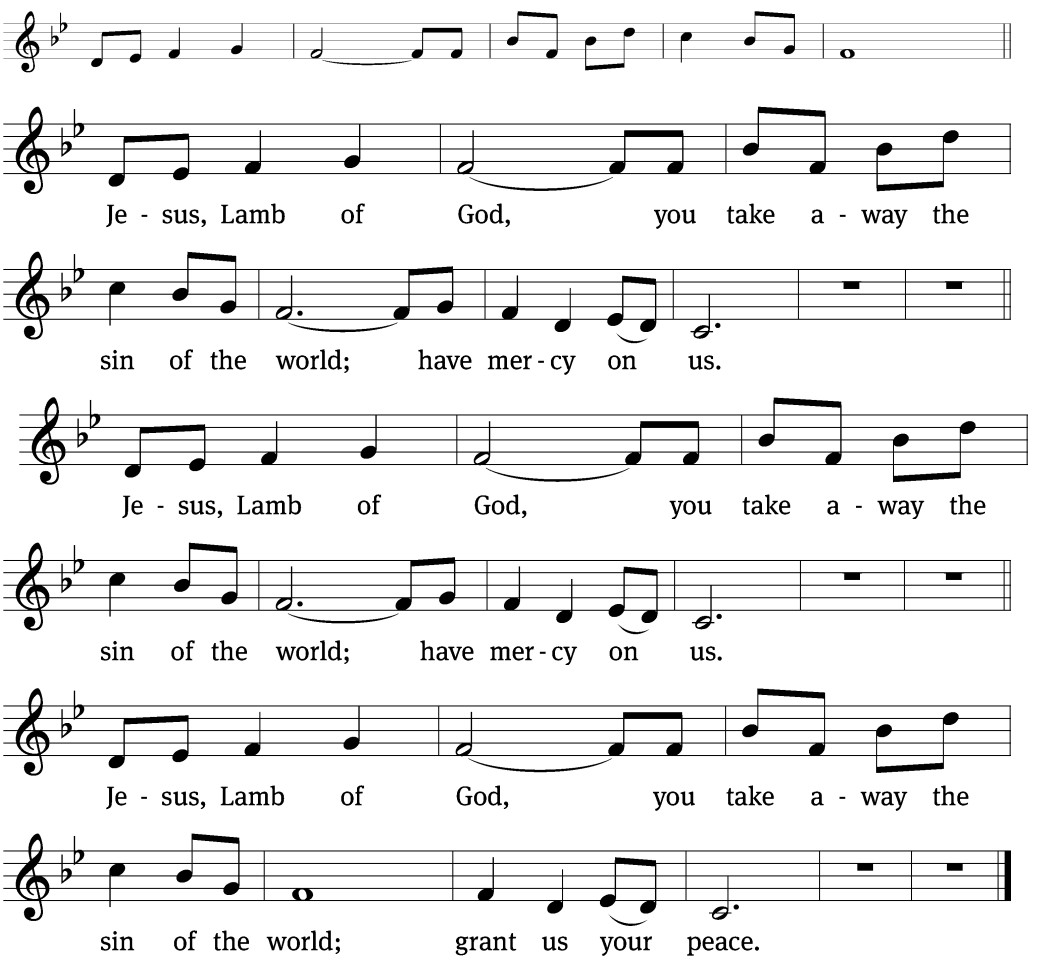
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my ✙ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my ✙ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.



LAMB OF GOD



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PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

In the Bible, God tells us that a person ought to examine himself or herself before receiving Holy Communion (1 Corinthians 11:28,29). Those who receive Communion today confess they hold the following convictions:

1) I repent of all my sins, holding nothing back from God (1 John 1:9).
2) I believe that Jesus took away my sins through his death on the cross (1 John 3:5).

3) I believe that in Communion I receive Jesus' true body and blood along with the bread and the wine (Matthew 26:26-27, 1 Corinthians 10:16).
4) I agree with all the teachings of this church family, as I have learned to know them through their instruction classes.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *Take and Eat* | **676**

O God, My Faithful God | **740**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *Christ the Vine* | **709**

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WE EXIST TO GLORIFY GOD AS WE GATHER, GROW, AND GO