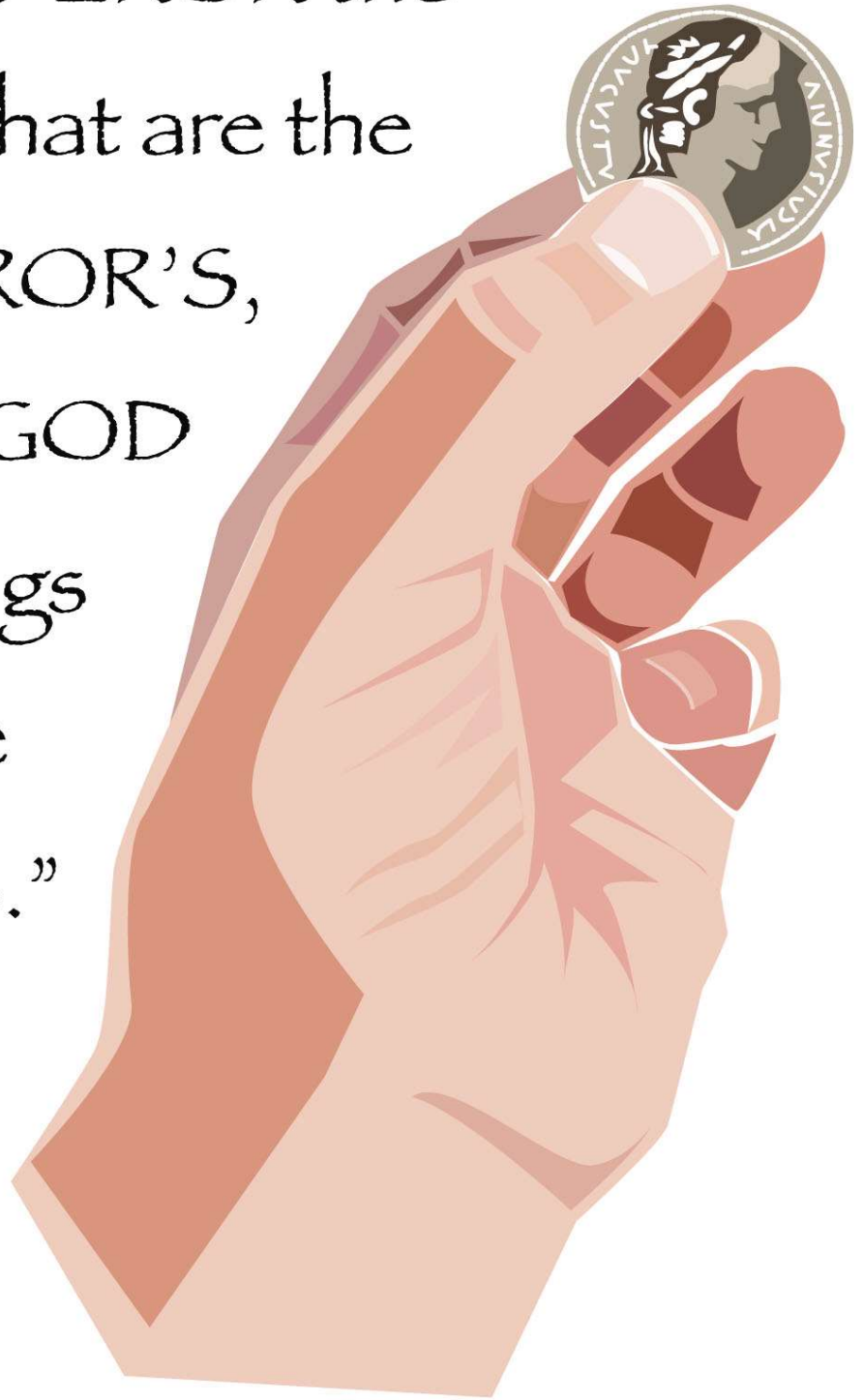


“Give therefore to
the EMPEROR the
things that are the
EMPEROR’S,
and to GOD
the things
that are
GOD’S.”



Matthew 22:21, NRSV



FAMILY OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Children by grace,
Extending Christ's embrace"

October 18th, 2026
21st Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am

Today we worship with the liturgy
"Now the Feast and Celebration" from the GIA Hymnal
Suppliment

Text and Music: Marty Haugen; © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

Gather

Prelude "Take My Life and Let It be Consecrated" arr. Albin C. Whitworth

Welcome

*Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: have mercy on us.

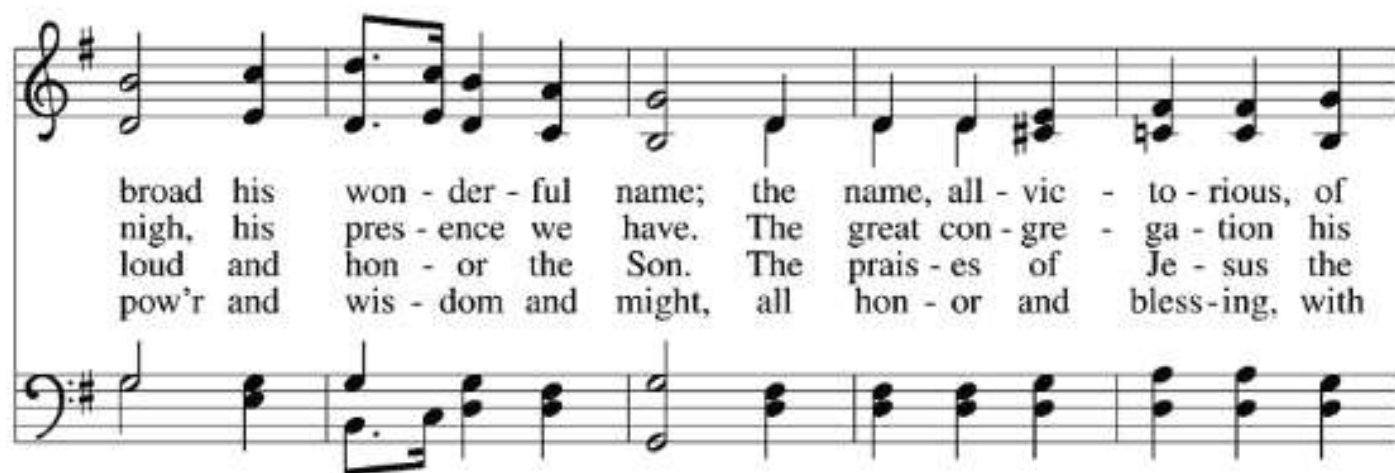
All: We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion, forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our light and our truth. Amen.

P: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

C: Thanks be to God!



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
 2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
 4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
 nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
 loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
 pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
 tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
 an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

Kyrie

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all

C: And also with you.

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

to Verses

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... (Refrain)

P: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:

God. A - men.

* Hymn of Praise

Refrain

Congregation:

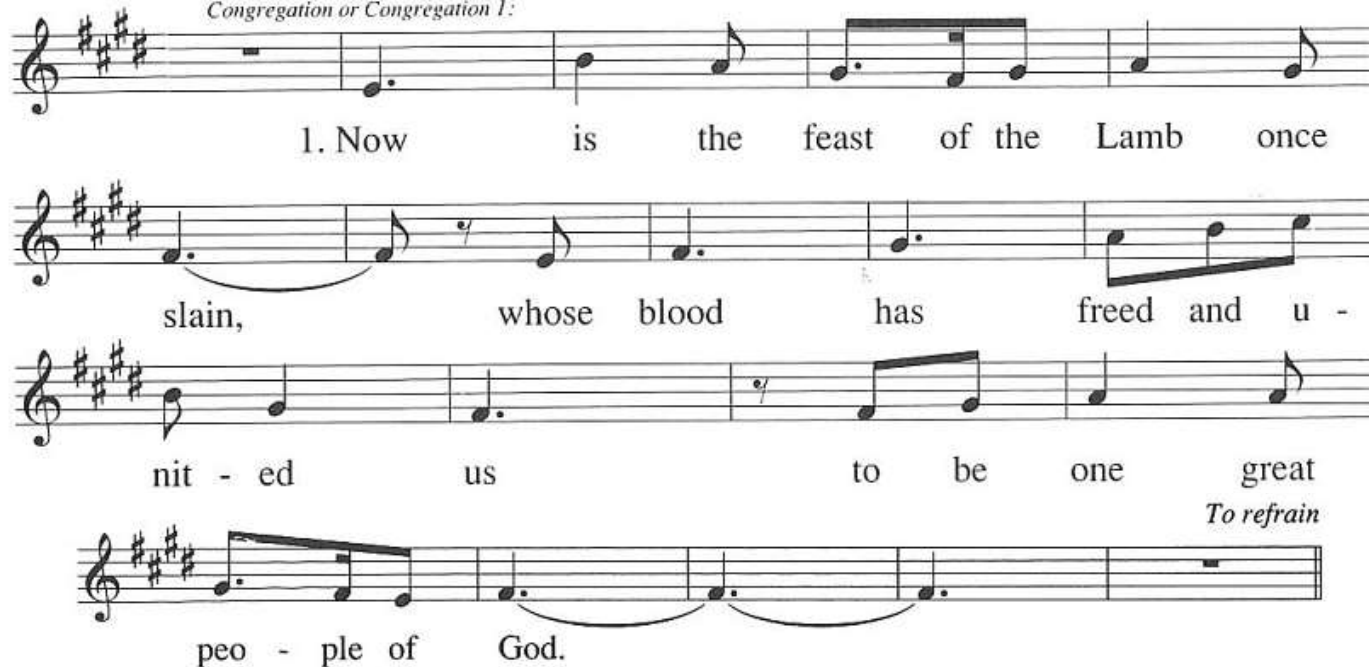
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,

all of cre - a - tion sings for joy



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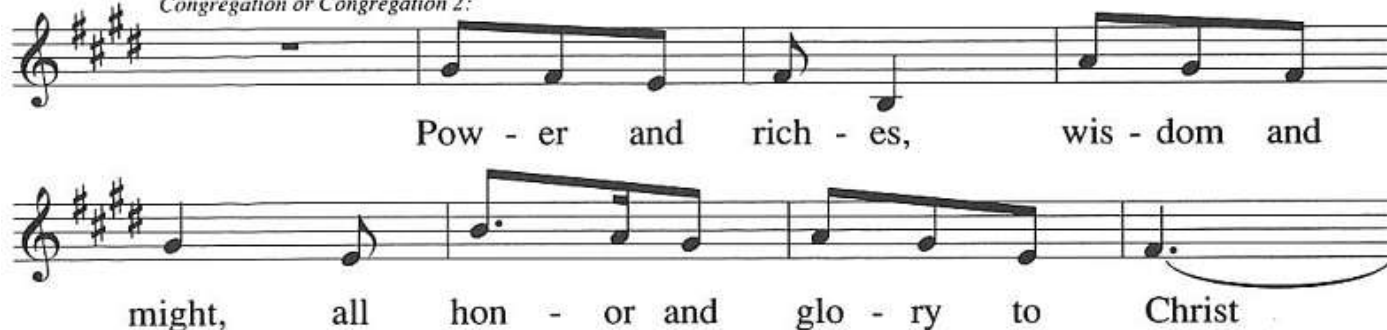
Congregation or Congregation 1:



To refrain

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:



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To refrain

for ev - er.

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us,

to make us peo - ple of God; to make

To refrain

all things new.

*Prayer of the Day

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

P: Sovereign God,

C: raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Young Persons Message

Pastor Erin Koster

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

1 Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: ² I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron; ³ I will give you the

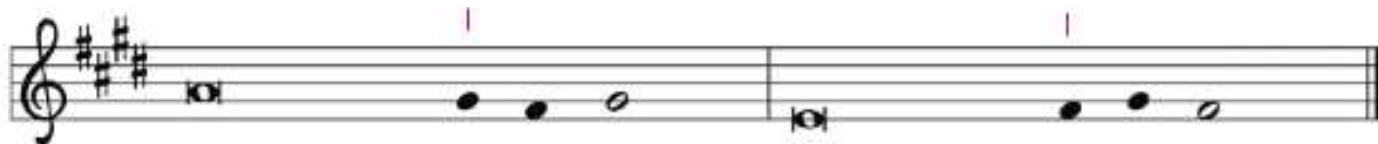
treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me. ⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷ I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm **57** (read responsively)



P: ¹Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful, for I have taken ref- | uge in you;

C: In the shadow of your wings will I take refuge until this time of trouble | has gone by.

P: ²I will call upon the | Most High God,

C: The God who is with me | to the end.

P: ³O God, you will send from heaven and save me, rebuking those who tram- | ple upon me,

C: You will send forth your love | and your faithfulness.

P: ⁴I lie in the midst of lions that de- | vour the people;

C: Their teeth are spears and arrows, their tongue | a sharp sword.

P: ⁵Exalt yourself above the heav- | ens, O God,

C: And your glory over | all the earth.

P: ⁶They have laid a net for my feet, and I | am bowed low;

C: They have dug a pit before me, but have fallen into | it themselves.

P: ⁷My heart is steadfast, O God, my | heart is steadfast;

C: I will sing | and make melody.

P: ⁸Wake up, my spirit; awake, | lute and harp;

C: I myself will wak- | en the dawn.

P: ⁹I will give thanks to you among the peo- | ples, O Lord;

C: I will sing praise to you a- | mong the nations.

P: ¹⁰For your steadfast love is greater | than the heavens,

C: And your faithfulness reaches | to the clouds.

P: ¹¹Exalt yourself above the heav- | ens, O God,

C: And your glory over | all the earth.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:

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

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

*Gospel Announcement

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 22nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

15Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Erin Koster

*Hymn of the Day

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

WOV 686

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt
Music: L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantata Laudæ*, 1850

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*Apostles' Creed

C: 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 People

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

*Peace

P: Peace be with you.

C: And also with you.

Holy Communion

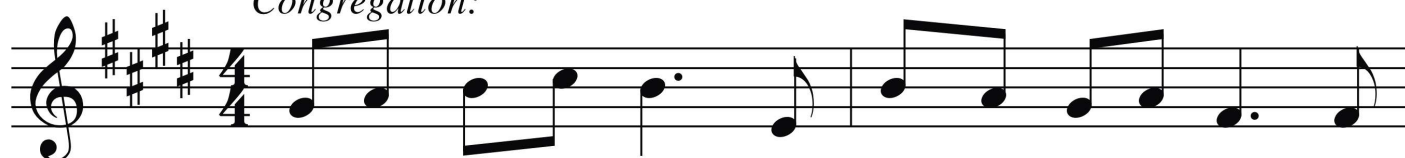
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"Gather in Us"

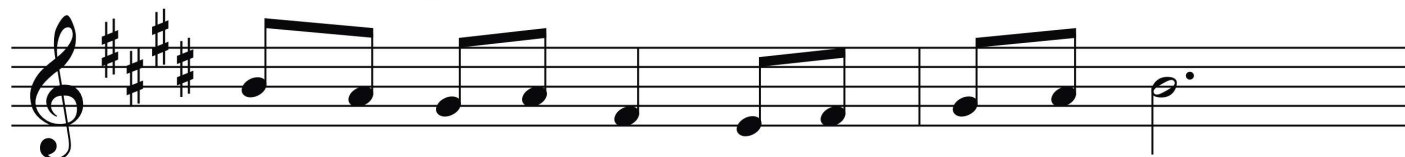
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Refrain

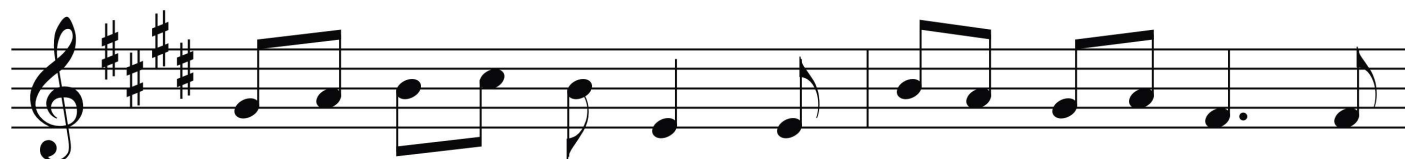
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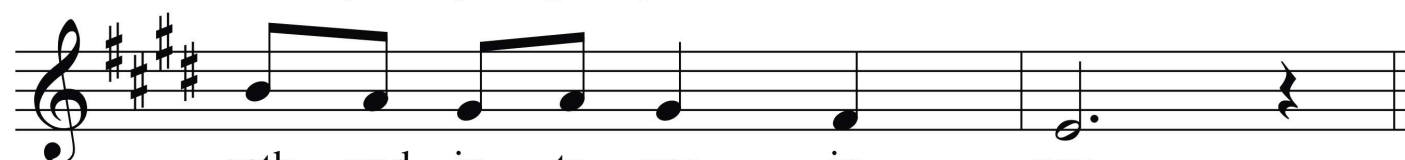
As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be



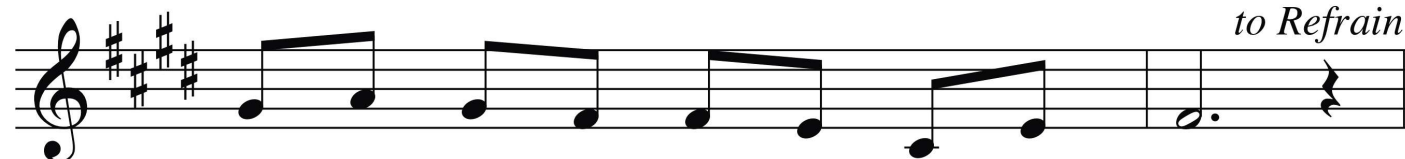
gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst

2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



to Refrain

may we share the pres-ence of your love.

all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

P: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is our duty and delight....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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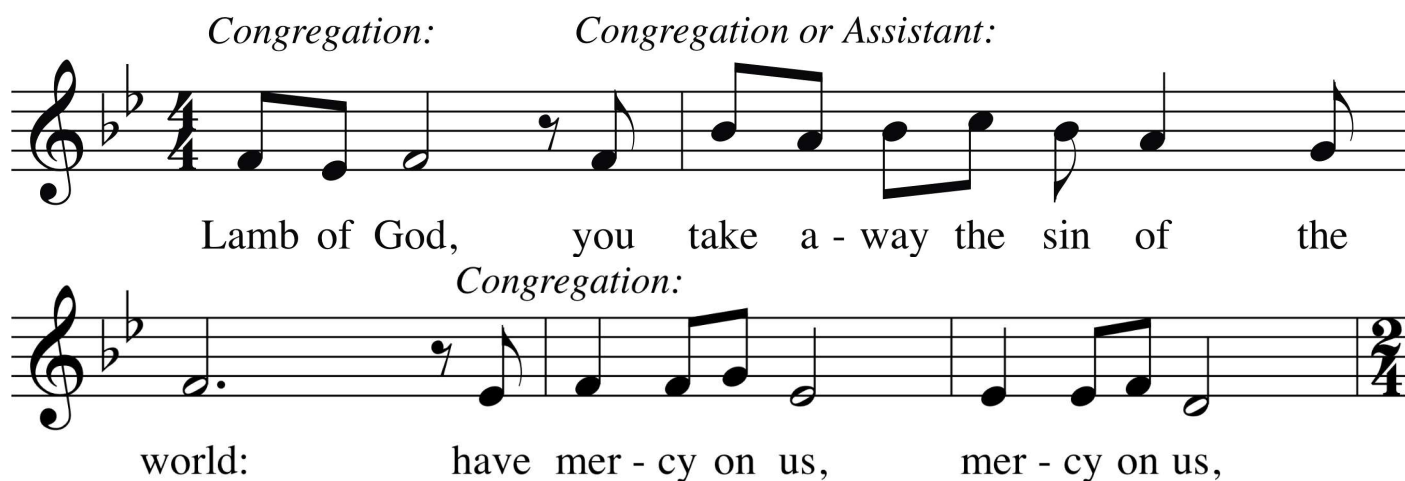
***Words of Institution**

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.

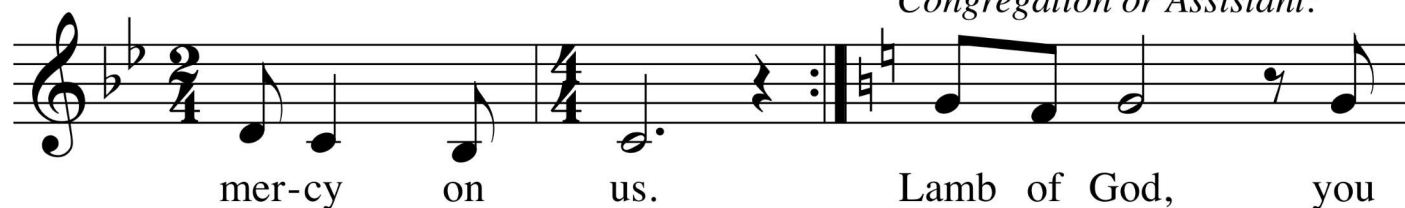
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

***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.



Congregation or Assistant:



Congregation:



Communion Distribution

Communion Music

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

ELW 471

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: African American spiritual

BREAK BREAD TOGETHER
10 10 and refrain

Prayer

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending

Ministry Opportunities

*Blessing

P: May God bless us and keep us.

May God's face shine on us and be gracious.

May God look on us with favor and ☩ give us peace.

Congregation:

A - men.

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.

Text: János J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.

Music: Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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*Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Concerto in A Minor" (first movement)

Vivaldi/Bach

Today's Worship Participants

Lector: LaDonna Blackorbay

Chancel flowers

Rick and Rhonda Withers

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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Quincy Meyers

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR*

Connie Young

Sue Arens after back surgery

Alan Aleckson for health concerns

*Those on the prayer list will be named for 4 weeks in the bulletin. If you wish to have someone named longer, please notify us and we will extend them on the prayer list for another four weeks. We appreciate updates on all those for whom we pray. Thank you for your prayers.

In the month of October, **Social Ministry** is collecting items to benefit students at Osseo Senior High and Park Center High School. Items that they need most are listed below.

Please note all clothing must be new items.

- gender neutral items with all sizes and colors (sweatshirts, t-shirts, sweatpants)
- gift cards (gas, groceries, clothing stores (Walmart or Target),
- reusable water bottles (so kiddos can fill vs. handing out water bottles)
- good quality backpacks,
- natural hair products-For curly textured hair,
- snacks (granola bars, snack size packs of cheez it/goldfish, no chips please)
- toothpaste
- toothbrushes
- feminine hygiene (pads)
- highlighters
- bottled water
- black leggings (all sizes)
- women's underwear – all sizes
- black yoga pants – all sizes
- men's shorts – all sizes
- socks – all sizes

If you prefer to donate money and have us do the shopping for you, please make note on your envelope and/or check that you want funds to go towards items for Park Center and Osseo Senior High Schools.

If you have any questions about items/sizes, please see Kathy Behrens or Terri Anderson-Webb.

Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of these requests.

The Social Ministry Committee

Announcements

Trunk or Treat is on October 21st 6:00-7:30 pm. If you are hosting a trunk, please be there no later than 5:45 pm to make sure the parking lot is safe for the children.

FOLLOW UP SESSIONS on ESTATE PLANNING: Some who attended the educational sessions with Rebecca Bell have indicated an interest in following up with her, but prefer a location closer to home. Rebecca has graciously agreed to host several private, 30-minute sessions here at Family of God, date to be determined. You will receive personalized recommendations (eg, wills vs trusts) with pricing info, and establish an attorney/client relationship with a retainer due that day. You will also receive an organizer to complete prior to the appointment. For more information or to sign up, please see Pr Erin or Sue Arens. Information on Advance Directives will also be available for those who missed that session.

Next Sunday is Reformation Sunday, wear red to celebrate

Confirmation Students will be going on a field trip next Sunday to Living Word Christian Center

Dear Family of God Congregation: Thank you so much for the 25th anniversary celebration. It has been a privilege to serve you and I am most grateful. – Pastor Paul



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