



"The Peacable Kingdom" - Edward Hicks



FAMILY OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Children by grace,
Extending Christ's embrace"

Francis of Assisi

October 4th, 2026

19th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

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

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Gather

Prelude

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

arr. Hal Hopson

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 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor-row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

- 5 And you, most gentle sister death,
 waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Kyrie

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

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

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

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

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:

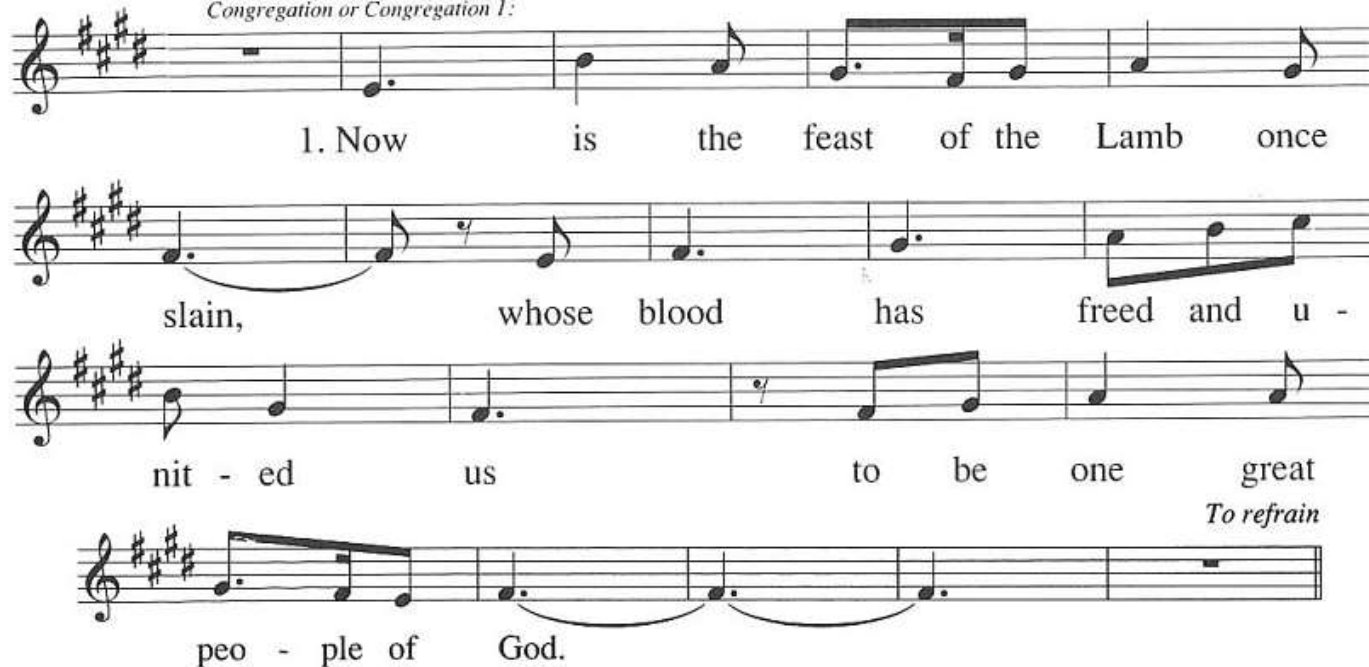
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,

all of cre - a - tion sings for joy



Verse 1:

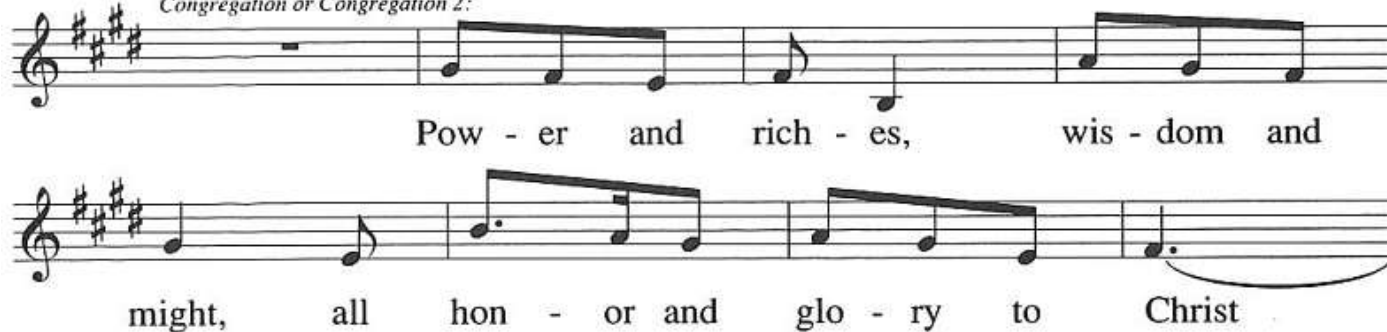
Congregation or Congregation 1:



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: Creator God:

C: We thank you for the beauty of your creation. The animals and plants feed and sustain us, and show forth your goodness in the variety of your creation. Grant us wisdom and insight to take care of the home you made for us, tending it as a garden so that all living things might flourish. We pray this in your Holy Name, who with the Son and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory forever. Amen.

Young Persons Message

Pastor Paul Burow

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-9

1 A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. 3 His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear,

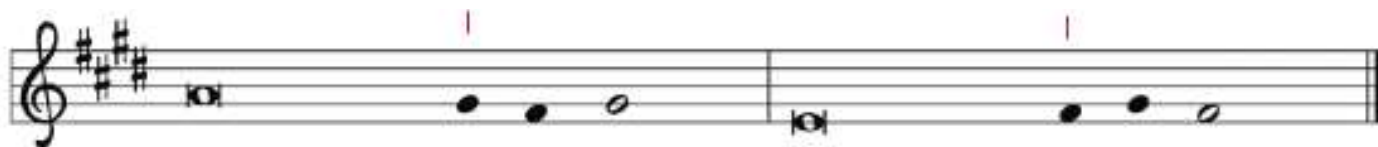
4 but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

6The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. 7The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. 9 They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148 (read responsively)



P: ¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord | from the heavens;

C: Praise God | in the heights.

P: ²Praise the Lord, | all you angels;

C: Sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.

P: ³Praise the Lord, | sun and moon;

C: Sing praise, all you | shining stars.

P: ⁴Praise the Lord, heav- | en of heavens,

C: And you waters a- | bove the heavens.

P: ⁵Let them praise the name | of the Lord,

C: Who commanded, and they | were created,

P: ⁶who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,

C: Giving them a law that shall not | pass away.

P: ⁷Praise the Lord | from the earth,

C: You sea monsters | and all deeps;

P: ⁸fire and hail, | snow and fog,

C: Tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;

P: ⁹mountains | and all hills,

C: Fruit trees | and all cedars;

P: ¹⁰wild beasts | and all cattle,

C: Creeping things and | flying birds;

P: ¹¹sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,

C: Princes and all rulers | of the world;

P: ¹²young | men and maidens,

C: Old and | young together.

P: ¹³Let them praise the name | of the Lord,

C: Whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.

P: ¹⁴The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all | faithful servants,

C: The children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. | Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

4b If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard 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 one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. 13Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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 21st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

33 "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. 34When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. 35But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. 37Then 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 get his inheritance.' 39So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40Now when 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 lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

42 Jesus 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 amazing in our eyes'?"

43 "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. 44The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

45When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. 46They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Paul Burow

Duet

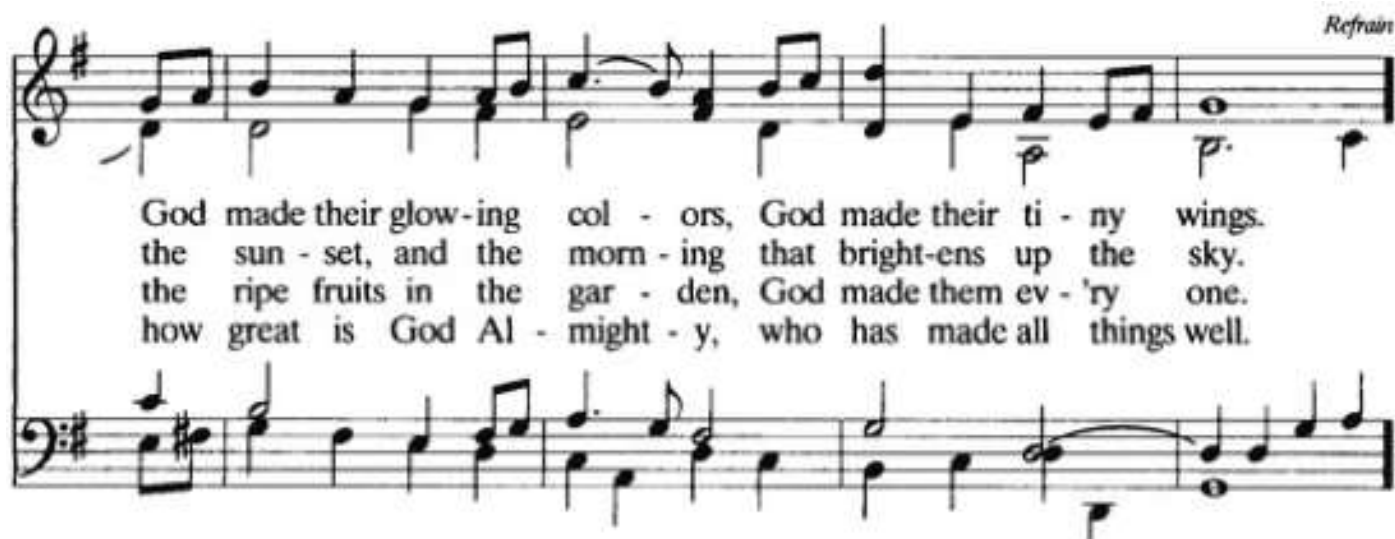
"Peace in the Kingdom"

Michael Marion

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tains, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



*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

Offering

"Sheep May Safely Graze"

J. S. Bach

Refrain

Congregation:

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.

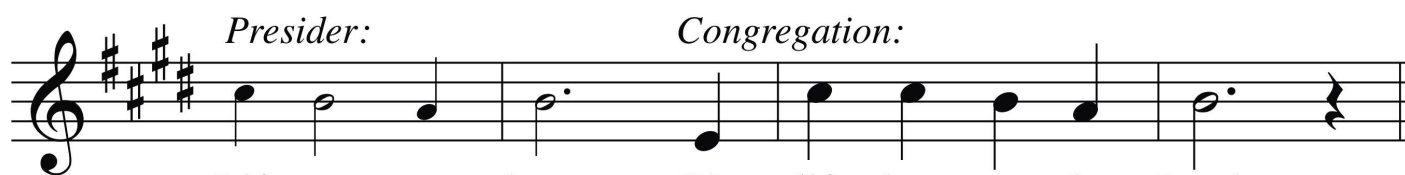
P: Let us pray. Merciful God,

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



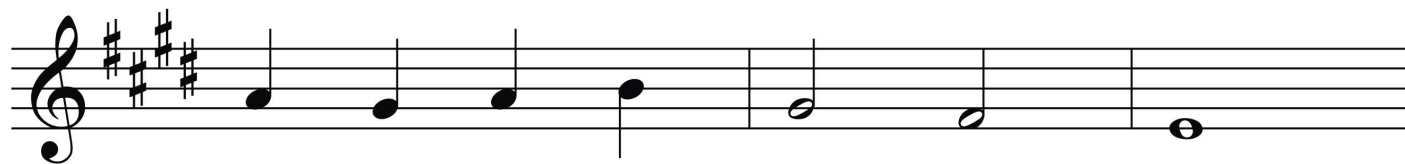
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.



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

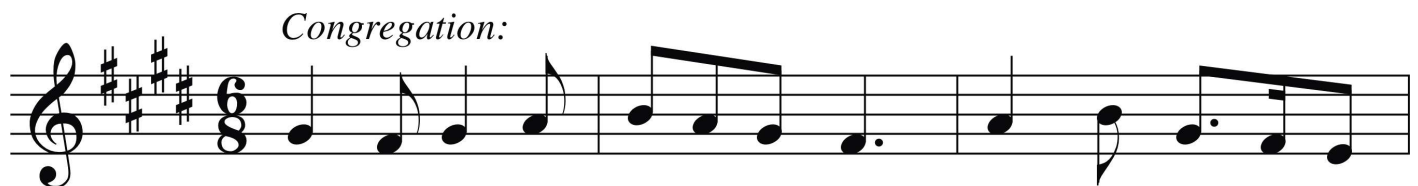


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

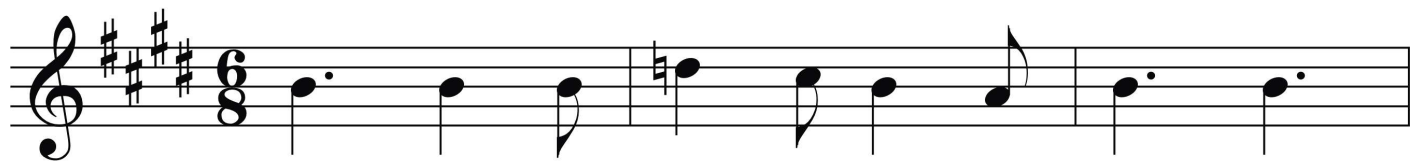
P: It is our duty and delight....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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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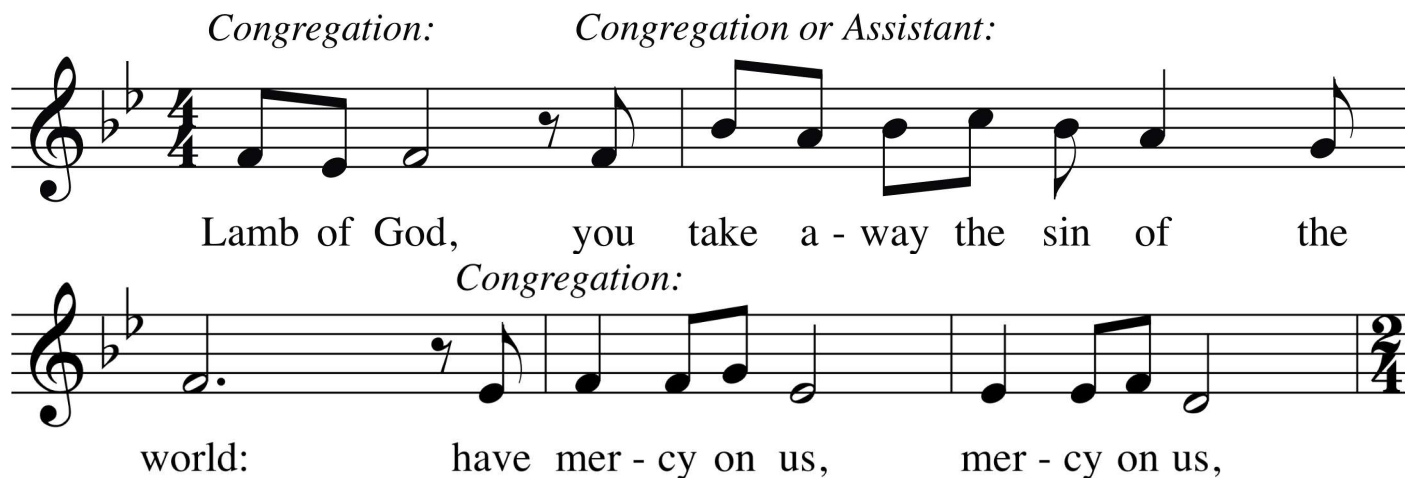
***Words of Institution**

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.

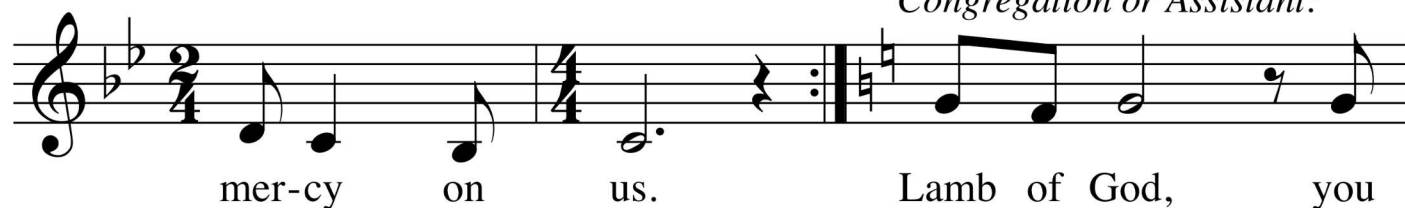
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

***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

"This is My Father's World"

ELW 824

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

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This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of
 rus - tling grass I
 Lord is king, let

skies and seas; his
 hear him pass; he
 heav - en ring; God

hand the won - ders wrought.
 speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
 reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901
 Music: Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930, adapt.

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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 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

*Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"In Thee is Gladness"

arr Michael Burkhardt

Today's Worship Participants

Lector: Andrew Peterson
Nicole Lang, flute
Jill and Paul Burow, voices

Chancel flowers

Chuck and Sandy Lenthe

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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.

Announcements

Galatians/Philippians Bible Study: The Apostle Paul planted many churches during his missionary journeys, and through the years helped to encourage and guide them through his letters. These churches had different issues and had different characters. Join us as we study the Books of Galatians and Philippians. The church at Galatia was one of those difficult churches that the Apostle dealt with in firm and even strident tones—in other words they were kind of a pain to work with. But the church at Philippi was one of Paul's easiest to deal with and he rejoiced in their ministry. In ten weeks, beginning this Tuesday, September 15 th we'll study these Biblical books and learn Paul's teachings and practical issues in dealing with these early Christians. Morning study goes from 9:30 – 11 am and the evening class from 7-8 pm. Please join us—no cost—just please bring your Bibles. See you then!

St Francis Day: Today at 1 pm, bring your animals to the church for a blessing!

October 11th is the day we are celebrating **Pastor Paul's 25th anniversary at Family of God!** There will be a cookout after the service that morning. We have a sign-up sheet on the narthex kiosk for those who want to bring side dishes and those who want to help with set-up and clean-up.

Ruth Circle meets on Thursday, October 8 at 9:30 am. Our purpose is to provide fellowship, a Bible study and service to the congregation and the community. All women of the congregation are invited to join us. If a ride is needed, please contact the church office by Wednesday morning October 7. Hope to see you then!

Outdoor Clean-up: There will be another clean up on Saturday, October 10, at 9:00am until noon weather permitting. There will be a focus on cleaning windows and seeding the front lawn.



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