



Lord,

**IF MY BROTHER
OR SISTER
SINS AGAINST
ME, HOW
OFTEN SHOULD
I FORGIVE?**



MATTHEW 18:21, NRSVUE



FAMILY OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Children by grace,
Extending Christ's embrace"

September 13th, 2026
16th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am

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

Prelude "Partata on Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Matthew Cori

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!

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

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

to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1:

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great
peo - ple of God.

To refrain

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ

Continued on the next page

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: O Lord God,

C: merciful judge, you are the fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Young Persons Message
Blessing of the Backpacks

Pastor Erin Koster

Word

First Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

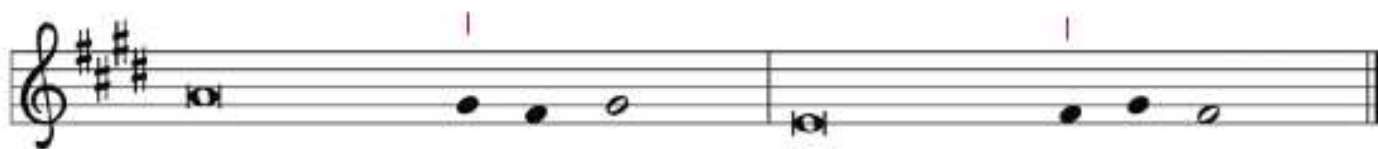
15 Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" 16 So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 17 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers also wept, fell down

before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." 19But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? 20Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. 21So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 10:1-9, 15-18 (read responsively)



P: ¹Why do you stand so far | off, O Lord,

C: And hide yourself in | time of trouble?

P: ²The wicked arrogantly perse- | cute the poor,

C: But they are trapped in the schemes they | have devised.

P: ³The wicked boast of their | heart's desire;

C: The covetous curse and re- | vile the Lord.

P: ⁴The wicked are so proud that they care | not for God;

C: They deny God with | every plot.

P: ⁵Their paths continually | twist and turn.

C: Your lofty judgments are beyond them. They sneer | at their enemies.

P: ⁶They say in their heart, "I shall | not be shaken;

C: No harm shall happen | to me ever."

P: ⁷Their mouth is full of cursing, deceit, | and oppression;

C: Under their tongue are mis- | chief and wrong.

P: ⁸They lurk in ambush in public squares, and in secret places they mur- | der the innocent;

C: They spy | out the helpless.

P: ⁹They lie in wait, like a lion in cover; they lie in wait to seize up- | on the lowly;

C: They seize the lowly and drag them away | in their net.

P: ¹⁵Break the power of the wick- | ed and evil;

C: Search out their wickedness until | you find none.

P: ¹⁶O Lord, you rule forev- | er and ever;

C: The nations have vanished | from your land.

P: ¹⁷You have heard the desire of | the afflicted;

C: You strengthen their heart and you listen | with your ear,

P: ¹⁸to give justice to the orphan | and oppressed,

C: So that mere mortals may strike ter- | ror no more.

1 Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. 2 Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. 3 Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. 4 Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

5 Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. 6 Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

7 For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 8 If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

10 Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. 11 For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." 12 So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

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 18th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

21Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" 22Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

23"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, 25and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. 26So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' 27And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 28But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' 29Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' 30But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 31When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' 34And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Erin Koster



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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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

Offering

"With a Voice of Singing"

Martin Shaw

Lyrics:

Chancel Choir

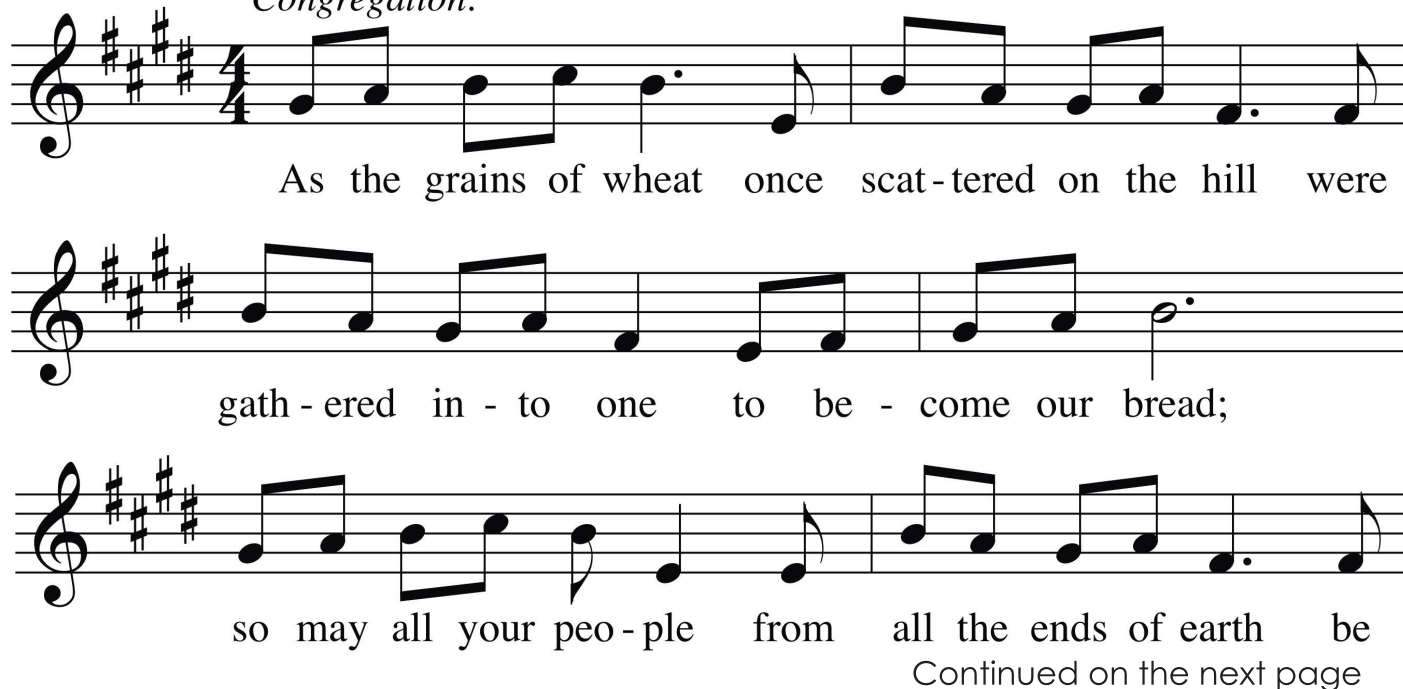
With a voice of singing declare ye this
and let it be heard, Alleluia!
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people,
Alleluia!

O be joyful in God all ye lands.
O sing praises to the honor of his name,
Make his praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing declare ye this
And let it be heard, Alleluia!

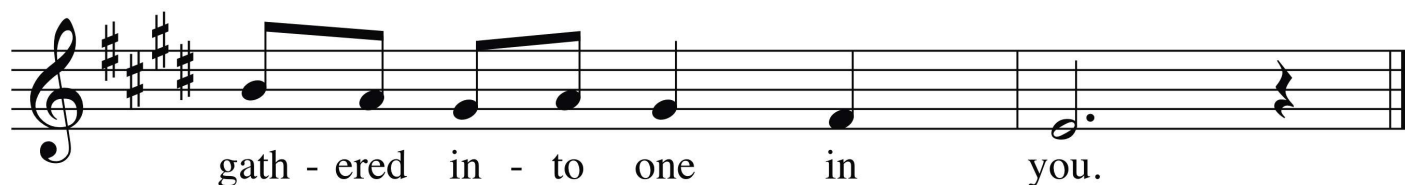
Refrain

Congregation:

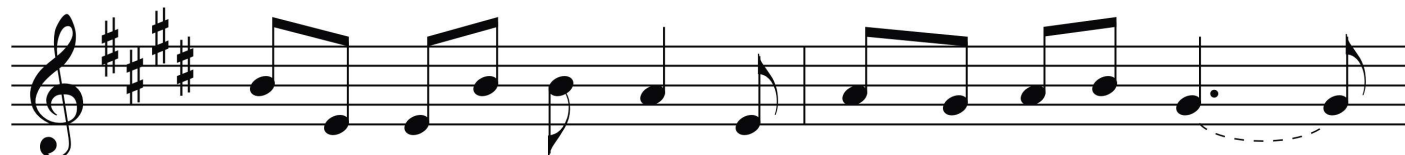


As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in-to one to be-come our bread;
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be

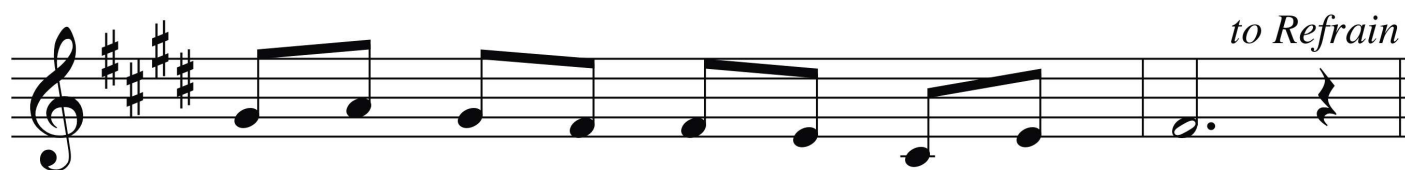
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Verses



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



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.

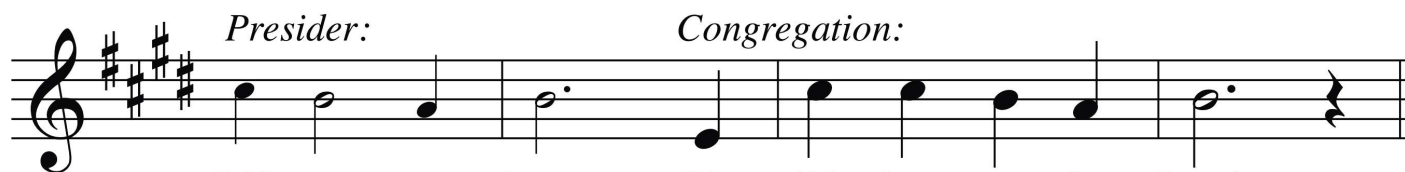
*Great Thanksgiving



Presider:

Congregation:

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



Presider:

Congregation:

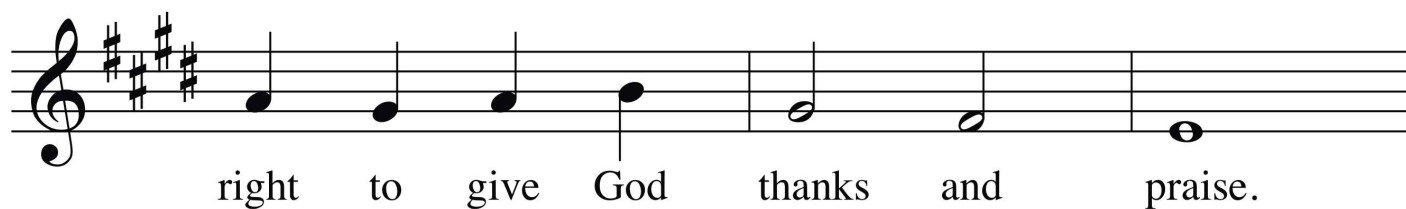
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Presider:

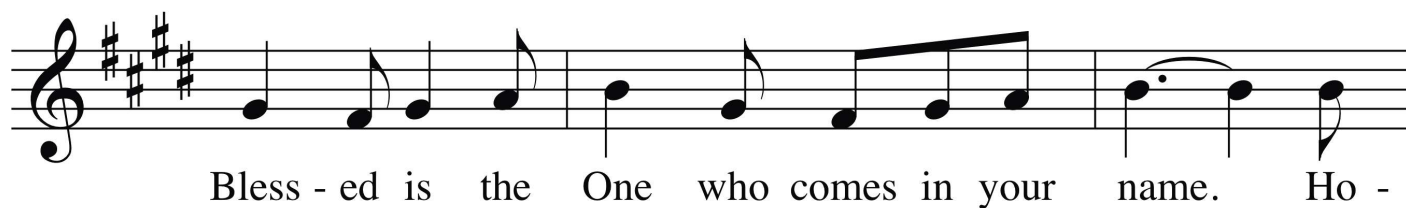
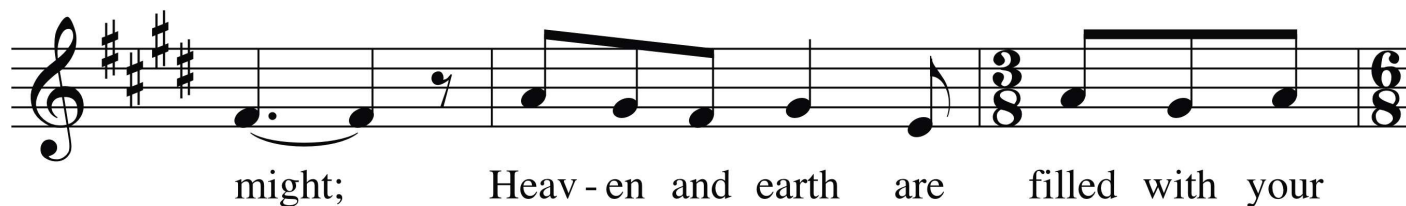
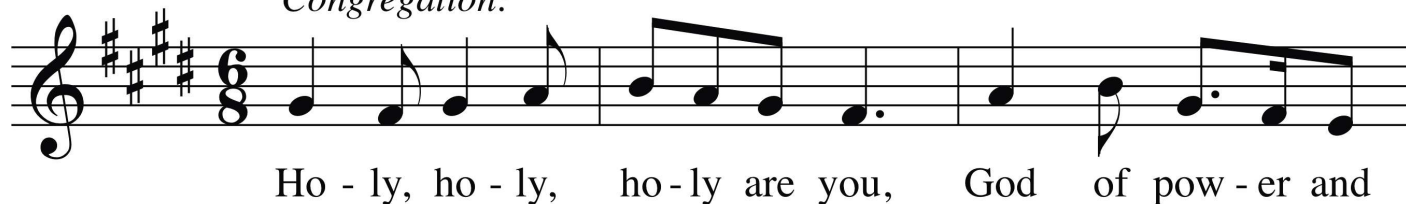
Congregation:

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



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

Congregation:



*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: *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

Congregation:



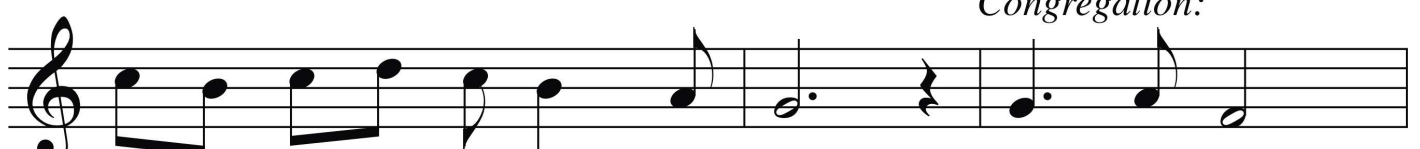
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,

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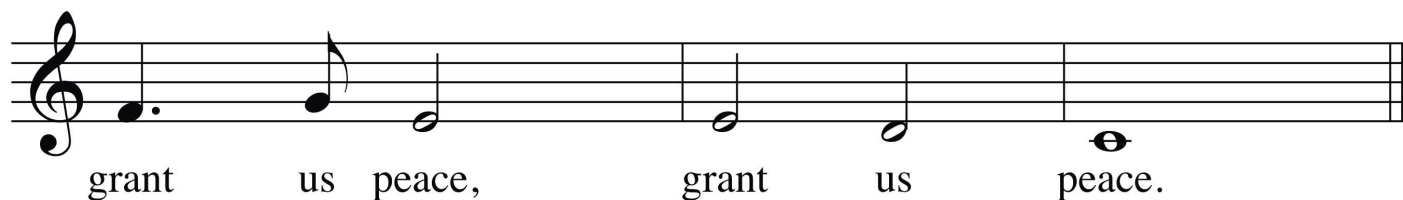


mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



Communion Distribution

Communion Music

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

ELW 479

1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,
 To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay
 not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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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.



*Sending Hymn

"To Be Your Presence"

ELW 546

1 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion here, to show com-
 2 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion bold, to feed the
 3 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion blest, to speak for
 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your

pas-sion's face and lis-t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer-cy
 poor and shel-ter home-less cold, to be your hands of jus-tice,
 all the bro-ken and op-pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
 peo-ple is our call and choice, and in this mis-sion we, the

ev-er near,
 right up-hold,
 love ex-pressed,
 church, re-joice,

al-le-lu-ia!

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*Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Son Of God Eternal Savior"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Today's Worship Participants

Lector: Paul Geske
Chancel Choir

Chancel flowers

Chuck and Sandy Lenthe

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Claudia Peterson & Madison Benton, Nursery Staff

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

Grief classes and Bible study: Join us today for our death grief and dying class. This class meets at 11AM on Sundays after worship. We are embarking on a Bible study called "The Grief Lectionary: A Spiritual Approach to Accessing and Processing Your Grief" by Rev. Collette Broady Grund. Interspersed with the study will be three classes on end of life decision-making.

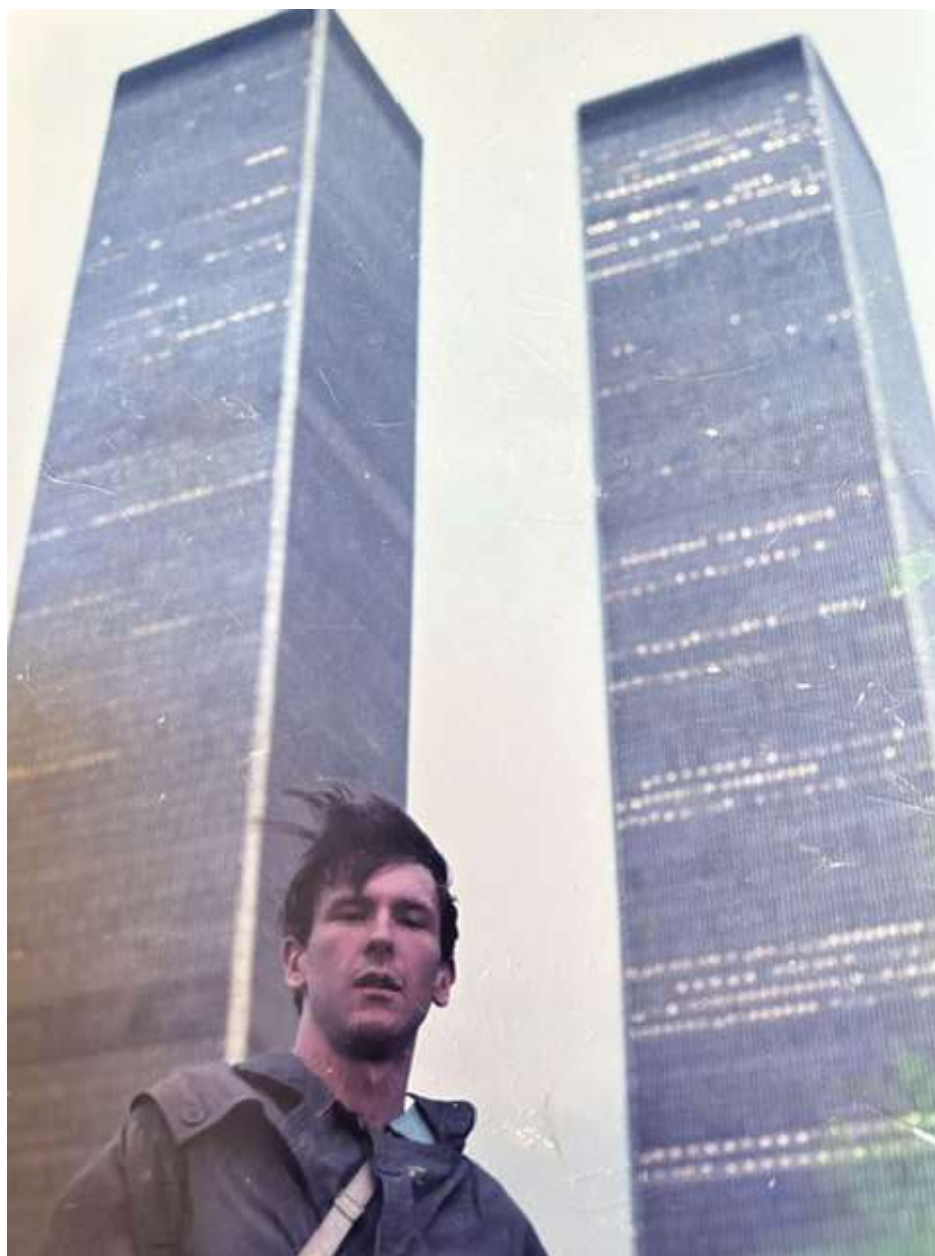
Memorial Garden Engraved Paver Ordering: New orders are being taken for engraved pavers for the FOG memorial garden through Sunday September 13th. The cost is \$60. The pavers will be dedicated on Sunday November 1st, All Saints' Day. All other information is on the order forms in the narthex.

Blood Drive: Just a reminder that the semi-annual Blood drive will take place on Monday, September 28th from 1pm-7pm

Reconciling in Christ Committee will be meeting this morning at 11 am to talk about our next steps in the program

Church wide fall cleanup scheduled: Saturday, September 19, 9:00 to noon. Plan on cleaning all windows inside and out, weather permitting, sanctuary (especially chancel floor and pews), and the nursery. The carpets will be cleaned Friday, September 25th, thanks to the generosity of the garage sale committee. The outside cleanup, including seeding and fertilizing the front lawn, Saturday, October 2. We have special events planned for October and a sparkling clean and inviting church will be a great welcoming. Bring a bucket and rubber gloves, all other supplies will be available. Y'all come and thanks for your help.

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!



Pastor Paul's Seminary classmate, David Strommen

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The First meeting for Kingdom Quest will be **Sunday September 27th at 11 am** in the youth room. Contact Andrew Peterson (drew13pete@yahoo.com) for more information.