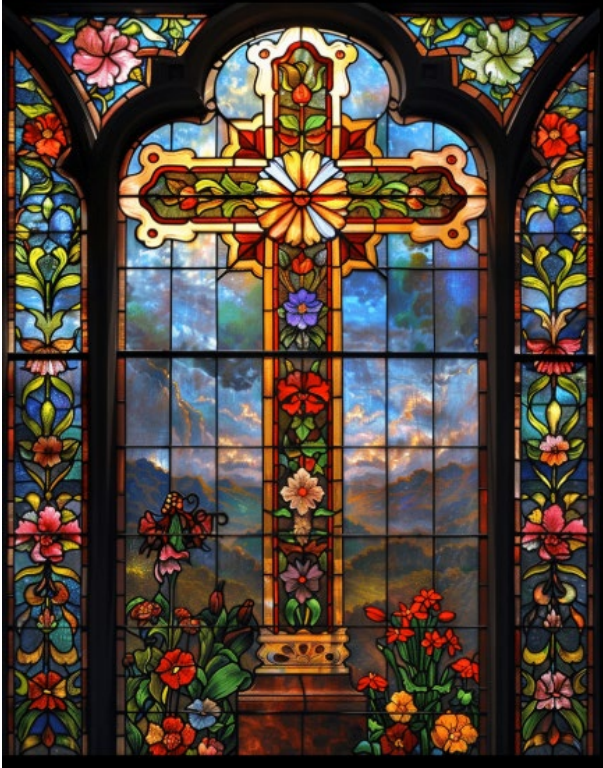


# Messiah Lutheran Church

GATHER, EMPOWER, SERVE



✠ Holy Communion ✠

Installation of The Rev. Gerald Kliner, STS

Saturday, May 30, 2026

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

**Rondo..... Sondra K. Tucker**

*Bell Choir*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**B:** In the name of the Father, † and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**B:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near to God with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, to grant us the forgiveness of all our sins, and through the grace of the Holy Spirit, true repentance and amendment of our sinful lives.

*Kneel*

*Silence is kept for meditation...*

**B:** Almighty God, merciful Father:

**C:** **I have sinned against you in thought, in word, and in deed;**

**By what I have done and what I have left undone.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart, mind, and strength.**

**I have not loved my neighbor as myself.**

**For the sake of your beloved Son,**

**who suffered upon the cross for me,**

**Have mercy upon me and forgive me all my sins!**

**B:** Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. As a Called and Ordained minister of the Church of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.



Stand

The congregation turns to face the processional cross.

**GATHERING HYMN**

**Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty**



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;  
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;  
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
 let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thic - ken, may thy word still o'er me shine  
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
 as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.  
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.



Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**B:** 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.

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *All Gory Be to God on High*

1 All glo - ry be to God on high and thanks to him for -  
 2 O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and  
 3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's  
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -



ev - er! What - ev - er Sa - tan's host may try, God  
 hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we  
 au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and  
 la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -



foils their dark en - deav - or. He bends his ear to  
 give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,  
 source of all true plea - sure: O Lamb of God, O  
 sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and



ev - 'ry call, and of - fers peace, good - will to all, and  
 and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your  
 Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and  
 bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our



calms the trou - bled spir - it.  
 lord - ship is our bless - ing.  
 on us all have mer - cy.  
 lives are in your keep - ing. A - men

Text: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–c. 1550; tr. Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930  
 Music: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH, arr. Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–c.1550

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**B:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**B:** Let us pray,

Almighty God, through your son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your Word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

*Sit*

**WORD****FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

*At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.*

**[A]:** A Reading from Genesis:

<sup>1</sup> When God began to create the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup> And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup> So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup> And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup> And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night and the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." <sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every

winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created humans in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” <sup>29</sup> God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4a</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

**A**: The word of the Lord.

**C**: Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 8***The cantor sings the refrain; the congregation repeats it.*

How ma - jes - tic is your name in all the earth!

*Sung responsively between the cantor and congregation.*

- <sup>1</sup> O | LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—
- <sup>2</sup> **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children;  
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger.**
- <sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,
- <sup>4</sup> **what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,  
human beings that you should | care for them? R**
- <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little less | than divine;  
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.
- <sup>6</sup> **You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;  
you have put all things un- | der their feet:**
- <sup>7</sup> all | flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts | of the field,
- <sup>8</sup> **the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**
- <sup>9</sup> O | LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth! **R**

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11—13***Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.***[A]:** A Reading from Second Corinthians:

Paul writes: <sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

**A**: The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Cantor:** Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; God’s glory fills the whole earth.

**C**: **Repeat the Alleluias**

**GOSPEL: John 3:16-18**

*After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**B** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

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

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

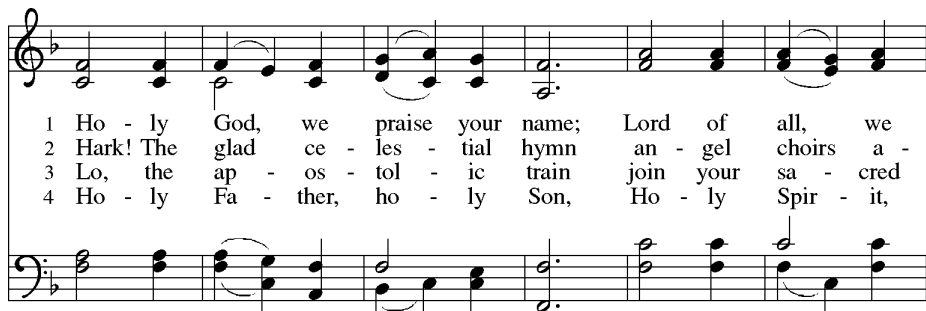
**B**: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C**: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

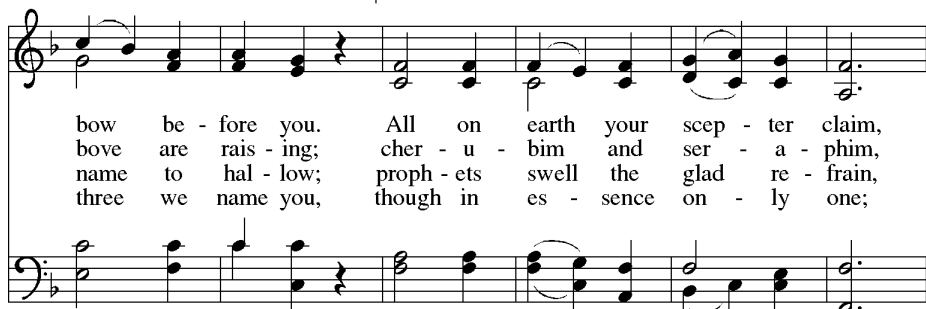
*Sit*

**SERMON**..... **Bishop Craig Miller**

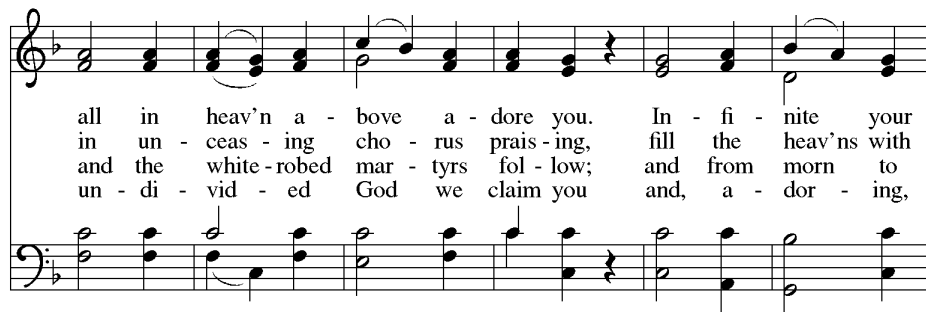
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**HYMN OF THE DAY**     **Holy God, We Praise Your Name**


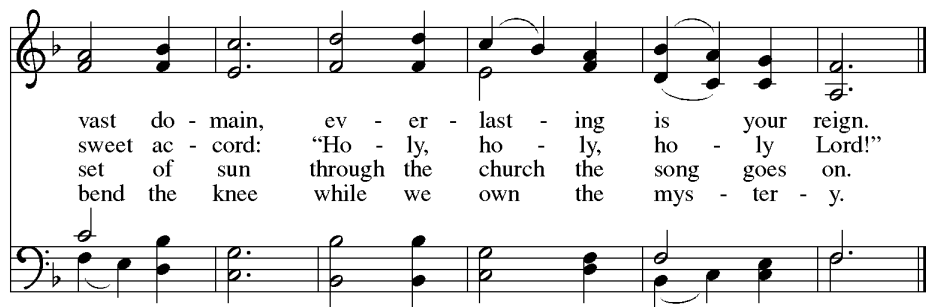
1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
 and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.  
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900

Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

**NICENE CREED**

**C** 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;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped  
and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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

**INSTALLATION**

**B:** Having been authorized by the church to install **Gerald Kliner**, our co-worker in the gospel, as **Senior Pastor**, I now ask for certification of this call.

**Mrs. Schultz:** After prayerful deliberation, we, of Messiah Lutheran Church, have called Pastor Gerald Kliner to serve as a minister of word and sacrament in the position of Senior Pastor. I present him and this letter certifying the call.

*The Dean addresses the pastor with words of Scripture.*

**D:** *A reading from John:* Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (*John 20:21-23*)

*A reading from Matthew:* Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (*Matthew 28:18-20*)

*A reading from First Timothy:* Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. (*1 Timothy 4:12-16*)

*The bishop questions the Pastor as to his readiness to accept the call of the congregation.*

**B:** Gerald, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

**R** I will, and I ask God to help me.

**B:** Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church? Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

**R:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

**B:** Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace?

**R:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

**B:** Trusting in God's care, will you love, serve, and pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

**R:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

**B:** Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

**R:** I will, and I ask God to help me.

**B:** Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

**C:** Amen.

*Stand. The bishop addresses the congregation.*

**B:** And you, people of God, will you receive this messenger of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve God's people with the Gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard him as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

**C:** We will, and we ask God to help us.

**B:** Will you pray for him?

Will you help and honor him in carrying out this ministry?

In all things, will you strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

**C:** We will, and we ask God to help us.

*The bishop addresses the Pastor.*

**B:** The office of Senior Pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

*The bishop pronounces a blessing.*

**B:** The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

**C:** Amen.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*A brief silence is held after the introduction.*

**B:** Let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their need.

*After each petition:*

**B:** Lord in your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer!**

*The prayers conclude:*

**B:** All these things, most merciful God, we commend into your hands, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** **Amen**

*The congregation may be seated.*

*The pastor stands. The bishop escorts the pastor to the font, where a representative of the congregation says:*

You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

*They proceed to the pulpit. A representative of the congregation says:*

You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

*They proceed to the altar. A representative of the congregation says:*

You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's Supper.

*The bishop officially welcomes the pastor.*

**B:** People of God, I present to you Gerald Kliner, as your Pastor. Let us welcome him in the name of Christ.

*The congregation may offer acclamation with applause.*

**PEACE**

**B:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

*The pastor and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.  
Peace be with you. R: Peace be with you*

*Sit*

***MEAL***

**OFFERING**

*The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

***The offering for this afternoon will go to  
The Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund  
Checks may be made out to Messiah Lutheran Church.***

**Anthem**

***The Church Is an Ark..... Pepper Choplin***

*Stand*

**OFFERTORY**

*As the gifts are presented, the Offertory is sung*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
 fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all: u -  
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**A:** Let us pray... Blessed are you,

**C:** O Lord, our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness, you have blessed us with these gifts. With them, we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 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 our thanks and praise.

### **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**P**: Heavenly Father, you are holy indeed and all creation rightly gives you thanks and praise.

All life, all holiness comes from you, through your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, by the working the Holy Spirit.

From age to age you gather a people unto yourself, so that, from the rising of the sun to its setting, a perfect offering may be made to the glory of your holy name.

And so, Father, we bring you these gifts:

We ask you to make them Holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may

become the Body and Blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate this Eucharist.

For, in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying:

TAKE AND EAT.

THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

After supper He took the cup. Again, he gave Thanks and Praise to you and gave it them to drink saying:

DRINK OF THIS, ALL OF YOU:

THIS CUP IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW AND EVERLASTING COVENANT.

IT WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN.

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

The mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

And so, Father Most Holy, calling to mind the death your Son endured for our salvation, his glorious Resurrection and his ascension into heaven, and ready to greet him when he comes again, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice of praise—

Look with favor on your Church, and see the Victim whose death has reconciled us to yourself.

Grant that we, who are nourished by our Lord's body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ Jesus.

May he make us an everlasting gift to you and enable us to share in the inheritance of your Saints: the Patriarchs and Prophets, the Holy Apostles and Martyrs, and all your Saints in Light, whose witness encourages us in our Faith.

Strengthen in faith and love your pilgrim Church on earth; together with our Bishops, Pastors, Deacons and the entire people your son has won for you.

Hear now the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you. In mercy and love, unite all your children wherever they may be. Welcome into your Kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in your friendship.

There in your Kingdom, freed from the corruption of sin and death, we shall proclaim your glory with every creature, through Christ our Lord, through whom you give us everything that is good.

Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**P**: Let us pray with confidence in the words that our Lord Jesus Christ has given us...

**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**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*The Pastor lifts the Bread and Chalice and says:*

**P**: Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

**C**: **Thanks be to God!**

**P**: Come now and eat of the Bread of Life and drink of the Cup of Salvation!  
Taste and see, the Lord is good!

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, grant us peace.

Sit

**COMMUNION**

All baptized believers are invited to this holy meal. Those not communing are invited for a blessing. Please follow the instructions of the ushers to gather at the altar table. As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

**The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.**

*The communicant may say: Amen*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*O Living Bread from Heaven*



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!  
 2 My Lord, you here have led me with - in your ho - liest place,  
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.  
 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.  
 and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;  
 And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.  
 my course on earth is length - ened, to serve with ho - ly fear.



Oh, won - drous food of bless - ing, oh, cup that heals our woes!  
 for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,  
 My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,  
 And when you call my spir - it to leave this world be - low,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, with prais - es o - ver - flows!  
 the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.  
 and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.  
 I en - ter, through your mer - it, where joys un - min - gled flow.



Stand

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C:** Amen

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A:** Let us pray,

Father in Heaven, you have fed us with the Bread of Life, your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Sustain us by the work of the Holy Spirit, through this Holy Meal, that we may abide in Christ, and he in us, to the glory of your Holy Name, and keep us in Faith until the day when we see him in his Glory.

**C:** Amen

*SENDING*

**BLESSING**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. And may almighty God—the Father, † The Son, and The Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

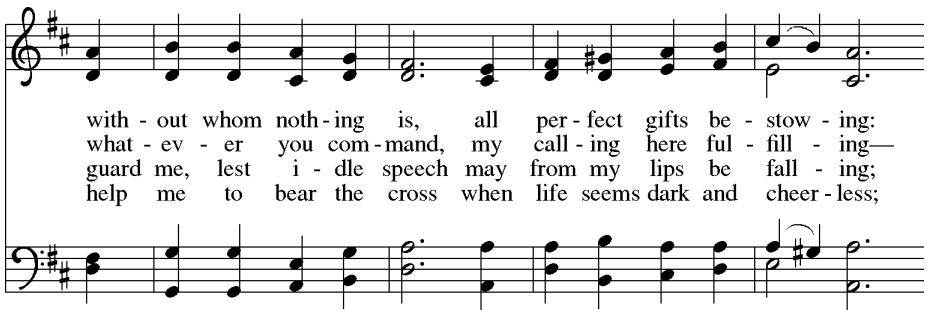
**C:** Amen

**SENDING HYMN**

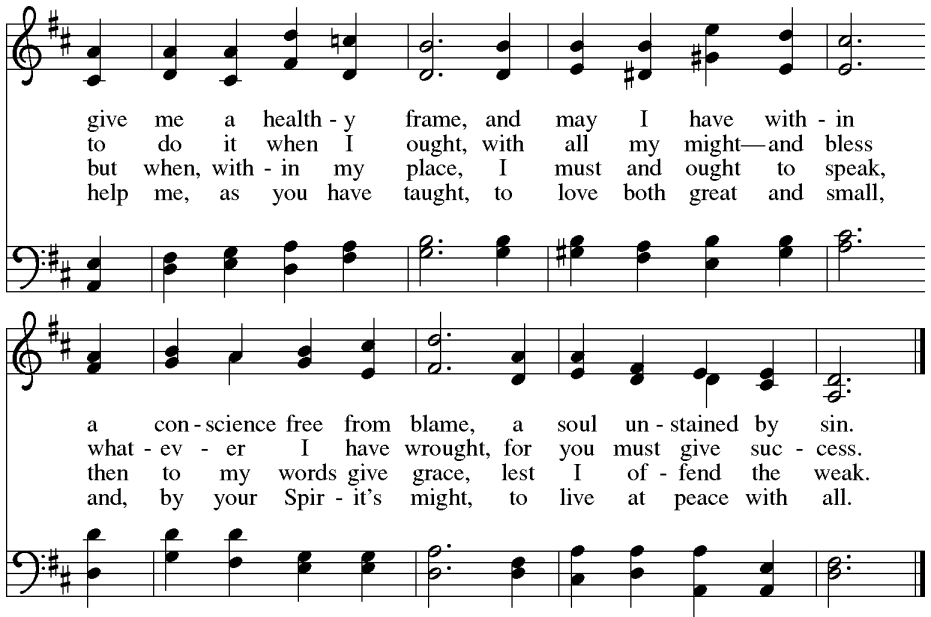
*O God, My Faithful God*



1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,  
 2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing  
 3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;  
 4 When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing;  
 what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—  
 guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;  
 help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in  
 to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless  
 but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,  
 help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,

a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.  
 what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.  
 then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.  
 and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

## DISMISSAL

**A**: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**C**: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE



**SERVICE ASSISTANTS**

**Ushers:** Al Cole, Rhonda Koch, Ron Yeagle, David Strickler

**Lay Assistant:** Janet Stroble; **Acolyte/Crucifer:** Dylan Sherman

**Torchbearers:** Doriann Morris, Weston Sherman

**Bannerbearer:** Alyx Taylor; **Altar Guild:** Susan Bryan



**INVITATION TO ALL**

**Immediately following the service, everyone is invited for a catered meal to be served in Shaheen Hall, located on the lower level of our Christian Education Building.**

*Please join us.*

**For those individuals who are unable to use the stairs, please note that we have an elevator at the Bald Eagle Alley entrance.**

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