

Postlude

Praying Together

... for those who are homebound, ill, hospitalized or recuperating:

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Last Week

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**Lutheran Church of the Covenant
Maple Heights, OH**

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Lutheran Church of the Covenant welcomes you to worship!
Here are a few notes to make you feel more at home as we praise the
God of new life together!

Bulletins are available to be picked up at the back of the sanctuary.

We encourage you to participate throughout worship by speaking
the **bold** print and singing along with the hymns!

Portions marked with * are when we invite you to stand as you are
able to do so. There will not be a separate time for an offering, so a
basket is placed in the back for those who wish to support our local
ministry as well as the wider church.

A children’s table is located at the back of the sanctuary, where you’ll
find some books and activities to help children feel more at home in
worship.

Our Worship Leaders & Staff

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***Sending Hymn: Go, My Children With My Blessing ELW # 543**



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.



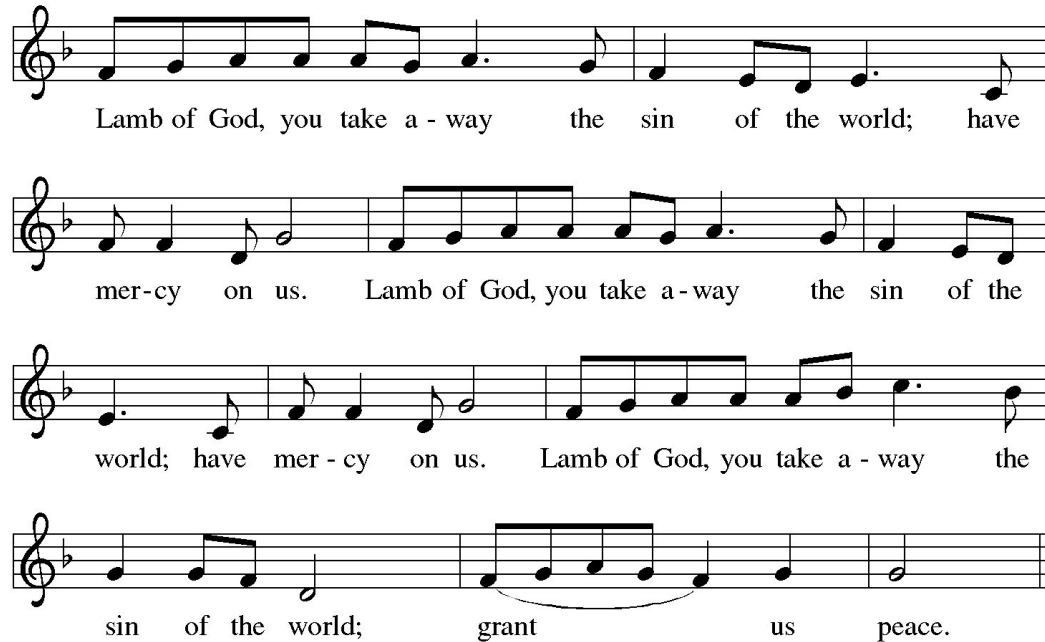
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***Dismissal**
Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**

*Communion Hymn



*Post Communion Prayer

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

*Blessing

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. October 12th, 2025

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God, **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✝ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

***Gathering Song: Oh Sing to the Lord ELW # 822**



1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.

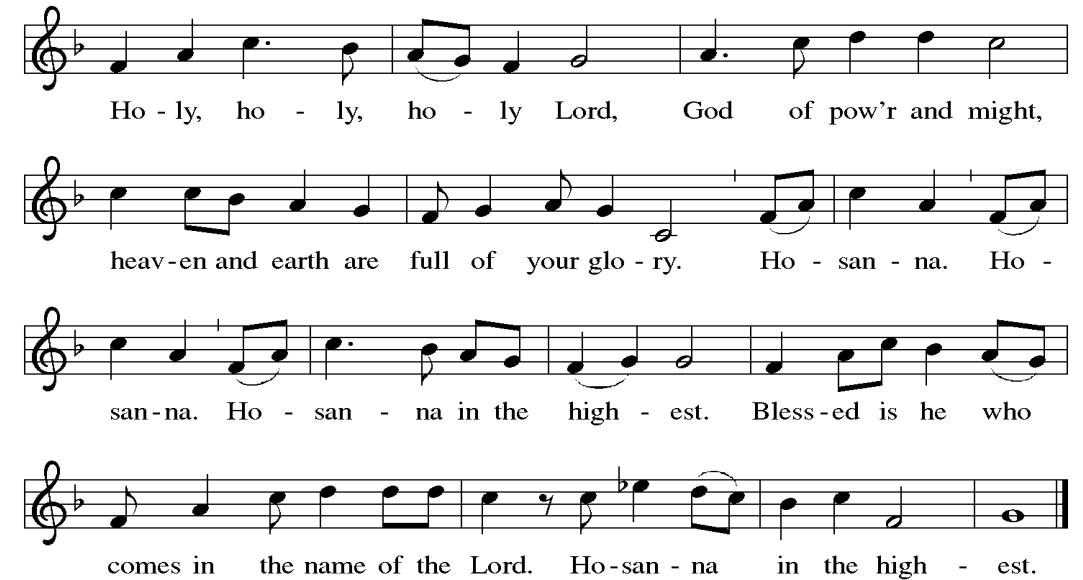
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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

***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.**

***Invitation to Communion**

*Offertory Prayer

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.

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,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection,
opened to us the way of everlasting life.
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:

*Santus (next page)

*Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

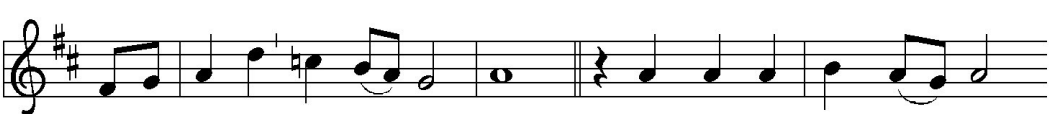
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

*Hymn of Praise This is the Feast

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



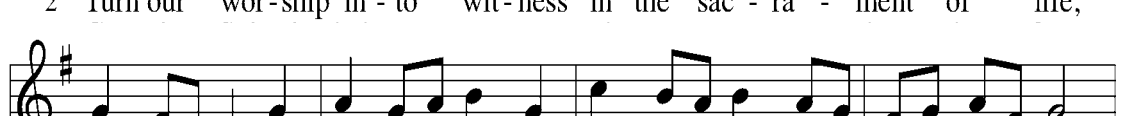
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Offering of Gifts and Tithes

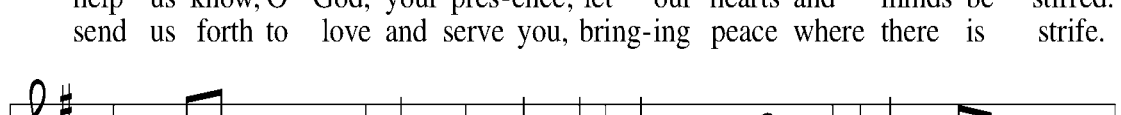
*Offertory Hymn



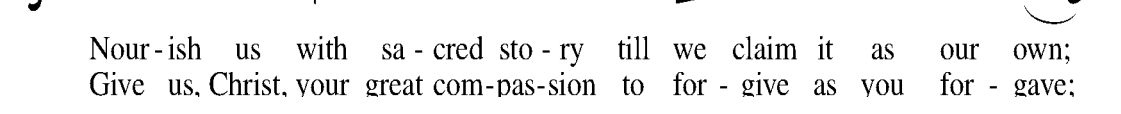
1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.

Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Moment

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your

Apostles Creed

**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

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world. God of grace, **re-ceive our prayer.**

maritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW # 886



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race! Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!	6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.
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flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.” ¹¹ But Naaman be-came angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do some-thing difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a, b, c} Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 111

¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with ¹ my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the ¹ congregation.
² **Great are your ¹ works, O LORD,**
pondered by all who de- ¹ light in them.
³ Majesty and splendor ¹ mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- ¹ dures forever.
⁴ **You cause your wonders to ¹ be remembered;**
you are gracious and full ¹ of compassion.
⁵ You give food to ¹ those who fear you,

remembering forev-¹er your covenant.
⁶ **You have shown your people the power¹ of your works
in giving them the lands¹ of the nations.**
⁷ The works of your hands are faithful-¹ness and justice;
all of your pre-¹cepts are sure.
⁸ **They stand fast forev-¹er and ever,
because they are done in¹ truth and equity.**
⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove-¹
nant forever;
holy and awesome¹ is your name.
¹⁰ **The fear of the LORD is the begin-¹ning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en-¹
-dures forever.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-25

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of Da-
vid—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point
of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰
Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they
may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glo-
ry. ¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they
are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins

those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as
one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed,
rightly explaining the word of truth.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you O Lord.**

¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region be-
tween Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a
skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they calle¹d
out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them,
he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they
went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that
he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He
prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Sa-