

Holy Communion

with the

Installation of the Presiding Bishop

of the

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Central Lutheran Church
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Saturday, October 4, 2025

Two o'clock p.m.

GATHERING

In dir ist Freude, BWV 615 J. S. Bach

God Is Seen Alice Parker

Majesty and Glory Thomas Fettke

Canzon Cornetto Samuel Scheidt, arr. Verne Reynolds

Jesus Loves Me! arr. Jennaya Robison

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

2 Jesus loves me! he who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. *Refrain*

Refrain Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

3 Jesus loves me! he will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high. *Refrain—All*

Pouring of Libations

The pouring of libations may be offered by pouring fresh water into a living plant of appropriate size. After each pouring the gathered people say 'Ashe' (Ahshay) or Amen.

Come, All You People / Uyaimose Evangelical Lutheran Worship #819

This Far by Faith #138

Procession of the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.
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 come now and wor - ship the Lord.

Salaam aleikum Ghanaian traditional
Procession of Ecumenical, Inter-Religious, and Global Guests

You Are Holy Keith Hampton
Procession of the Conference of Bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Gathering Song

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!

Evangelical Lutheran Worship #875

This Far by Faith #278

The assembly stands to sing.



Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!



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Land Acknowledgment

Welcome of the Presiding Bishop-Elect

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

People of God,
I greet you in the name of Christ.
Grace and peace be with you.
And also with you.

Dear friends, we have come together from many places
to mark a new season of ministry in the life of this church
as we install our next presiding bishop.

Let us enter this celebration confident that,
through the Holy Spirit, Christ is present with us now,
as we pray that this servant may fulfill God's purpose in his life
and in his ministry among the whole people of God.

Let us go to welcome our presiding bishop-elect.

The assembly joins in singing the gathering song.



Gathering Song

In Christ Called to Baptize

Evangelical Lutheran Worship #575



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.



Representatives of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod introduce the presiding bishop-elect.

Dear friends in Christ, we bring before you the Reverend Yehiel Curry,
who has served among us faithfully
as our bishop, chief pastor, and brother in Christ.
With steadfast leadership through anxious and uncertain times,
Yehiel has shepherded grace among the people
of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod.
Grounded in mission, he gave us the charge to “Go, therefore,”
and invited us to smile, embracing the joy of God’s calling
and trusting that our labor in the Lord is not in vain.
With gratitude for his ministry with us, we send him forth to serve
as the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The presiding minister leads the assembly in welcoming the presiding bishop-elect.

Yehiel, bishop in the church of God,
we have looked forward to your coming with great joy.
In the name of Christ, we greet you.
In the name of Christ, we greet you.

*With all my heart, I thank you for your welcome.
I hope to serve among you in Christ’s name and in the joy of the Spirit.
May the peace of God be upon this house and upon this assembly.*

Yehiel, in your baptism you were clothed with Christ,
and you are now called by God through the voice of the church
to enter upon the ministry of presiding bishop.
**We remember with joy our common calling
through baptism to serve Christ,
and we celebrate God’s call to you, our brother.**

*My siblings in Christ, as we begin this new season of ministry,
may our celebration recall us to the unity
that is given in baptism and nurtured at the Lord’s table.
May we rejoice in the many gifts enriching the life of our church
and be strengthened to proclaim the good news of Christ in the world.
Amen.*



Thanksgiving for Baptism

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring,
you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.
Your waters are below us, around us, above us:
our life is born in you.
You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters:
Noah and the animals survive the flood,
Hagar discovers your well.
The Israelites escape through the sea,
and they drink from your gushing rock.
Naaman washes his leprosy away,
and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

At this font, holy God, we pray:
Praise to you for the water of baptism
and for your Word that saves us in this water.
Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation.
Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears.
Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.



Canticle of Praise

Glory to God

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Setting Six

This Far by Faith Setting Two

The assembly is sprinkled with water as a reminder of the gift of baptism.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther,
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain

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to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the
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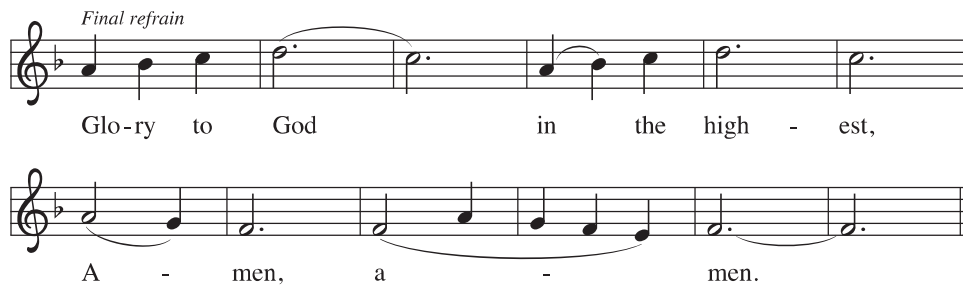


2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:
 have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right
 hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace
 to God's peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.





Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.

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 Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.



WORD

First Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

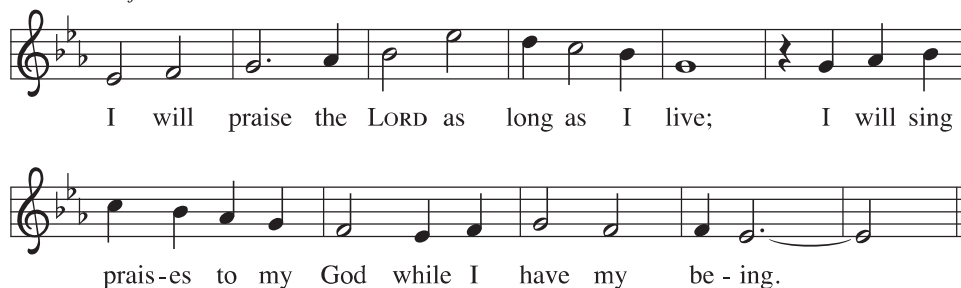
Then the word of the LORD came to ʿElijah,¹ saying, “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



Psalm 146

*Cantor, then all:**Refrain*

Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. *Refrain—All*

Put not your trust in rulers,
 in mortals in whom there is no help.
 When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
 and in that day their thoughts perish. *Refrain—All*

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
 whose hope is in the LORD their God;
 who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
 who keeps promises forever;
 who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
 and food to those who hunger.
 The LORD sets the captive free.
 The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
 the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
 the LORD loves the righteous.
 The LORD cares for the stranger;
 the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,
 but frustrates the way of the wicked.
 The LORD shall reign forever,
 your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
 Hallelujah! *Refrain—All*



Second Reading

Romans 10:13-17

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” But not all have obeyed the good news, for Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

Word of God, word of life.

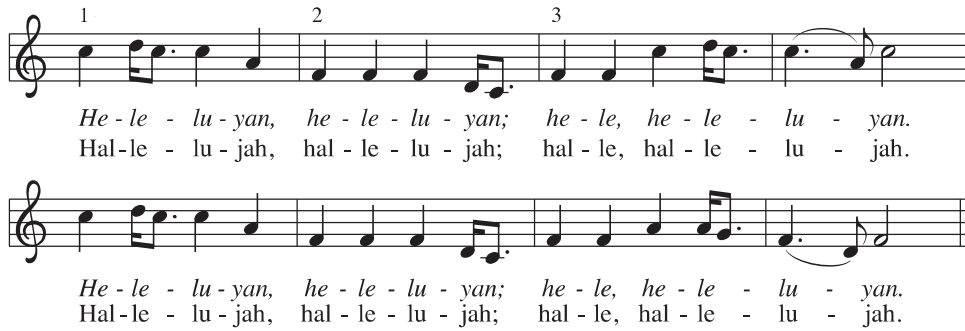
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Hallelujah / Heleluyan

Evangelical Lutheran Worship #171

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



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He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel

Luke 4:16-30

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When ʹJesusʹ came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:



“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
 because he has anointed me
 to bring good news to the poor.
 He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
 and recovery of sight to the blind,
 to set free those who are oppressed,
 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

The assembly repeats the gospel acclamation.

Sermon

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

After the time of silence, the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.



Hymn of the Day

Take My Life, That I May Be

Evangelical Lutheran Worship #583

Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad

Libro de Liturgia y Cántico #570

The musical leaders sing the first refrain and first stanza. All sing the remaining refrains and stanzas.



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na - da más;
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;



to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón y tu tro - no en él ten - drás.
take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.



1	Que	mi	vi -	da en	-	te	-	ra es	-	té
2	Que	mis	pies	tan	só -	lo en	pos			
3	Que	mis	la -	bios	al	ha -	blar			
4	Que	mi	tiem -	po	to -	do es	-	té		
1	Take	my	hands	and	let	them	move			
2	Take	my	sil -	ver	and	my	gold,			
3	Take	my	voice	and	let	me	sing			
4	Take	my	will	and	make	it	thine;			



con -	sa -	gra -	da a	ti,	Se -	ñor;
de lo	san -	to	pue -	dan	ir,	
ha -	blen	só -	lo	de	tu a -	mor;
con -	sa -	gra -	do a	tu	lo -	or;
at the	im -	pulse	of	thy	love;	
not a	mite	would	I	with -	hold;	
al -	ways,	on -	ly	for	my	King;
it shall	be	no	lon -	ger	mine;	





que_a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
 y que_a ti, Se - ñor, mi voz, se com -
 que mis bie - nes de - di - car yo los
 que mi men - te_y su po - der sean u -
 take my feet and let them be swift and
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
 take my lips and let them be filled with
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



Refrain/Estrillo

pul - so de tu_a - mor.
 plaz - ca_en ben - de - cir.
 quie - ra_a ti, Se - ñor.
 sa - dos en tu_ho - nor.
 beau - ti - ful for thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 mes - sag - es from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne.



Nicene Creed

In recognition of the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, today we use an ecumenical version of the Nicene Creed without the filioque clause ("and the Son") in reference to the Holy Spirit.

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Presentation

The secretary of the church presents the presiding bishop-elect.

I present Yehiel Curry, who has been elected and called by the church, for installation into the office of presiding bishop.

The assembly is seated.

Address and Questions

The presiding bishop-elect is addressed with words of scripture.

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 the Acts of the Apostles: Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. *(Acts 20:28)*

A reading from Second Timothy: 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. *(2 Timothy 2:15)*

And again: Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. *(2 Timothy 1:13-14)*



The presiding minister questions the presiding bishop-elect.

To you is being given the care of the bishops, pastors, and deacons; the synods, congregations, and other communities of this church. I ask you in the presence of God and of this assembly: Will you assume the office of presiding bishop?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be faithful in your office? Will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you carry out this ministry in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church, and in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

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

I will, and I ask God to help me.

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

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you guide, encourage, and support the ministers and the congregations of this church in their ministries? Will you be an advocate for the ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and will you support this church's work with global and ecumenical partners?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

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

Amen.

The assembly stands.



The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, representatives of this church, will you receive Yehiel as a servant of God and a shepherd in the church of Jesus Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for him, help and honor him for his work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

The presiding bishop-elect kneels.



Hymns

During the hymns, leaders from various church bodies lay hands on the presiding bishop-elect, a sign of the church's unity. As the Bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, Bishop Curry was installed as a bishop in historic succession in 2019. In this installation, the laying on of hands embodies the whole church's prayer for the Holy Spirit to guide and sustain this new season of ministry.

The hymns are sung in alternation at the direction of the musical leaders.

Spirit of the Living God

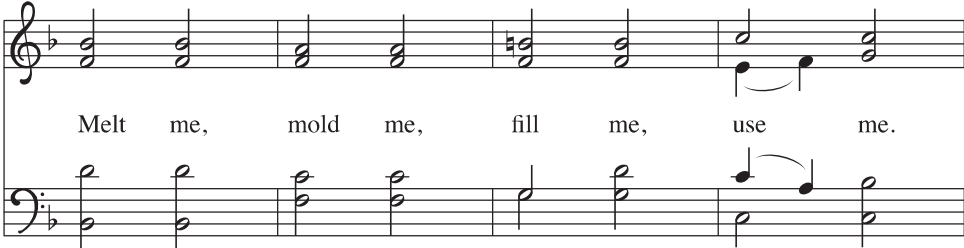
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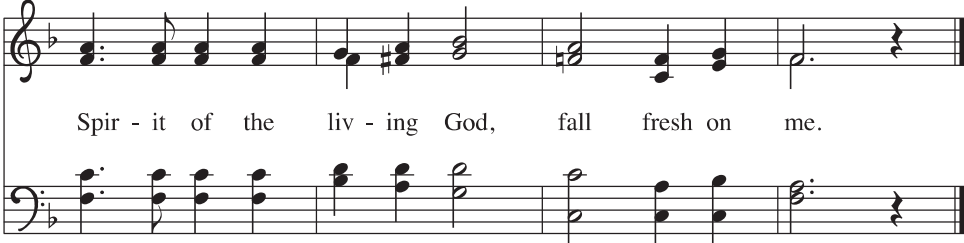
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me,



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.



Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

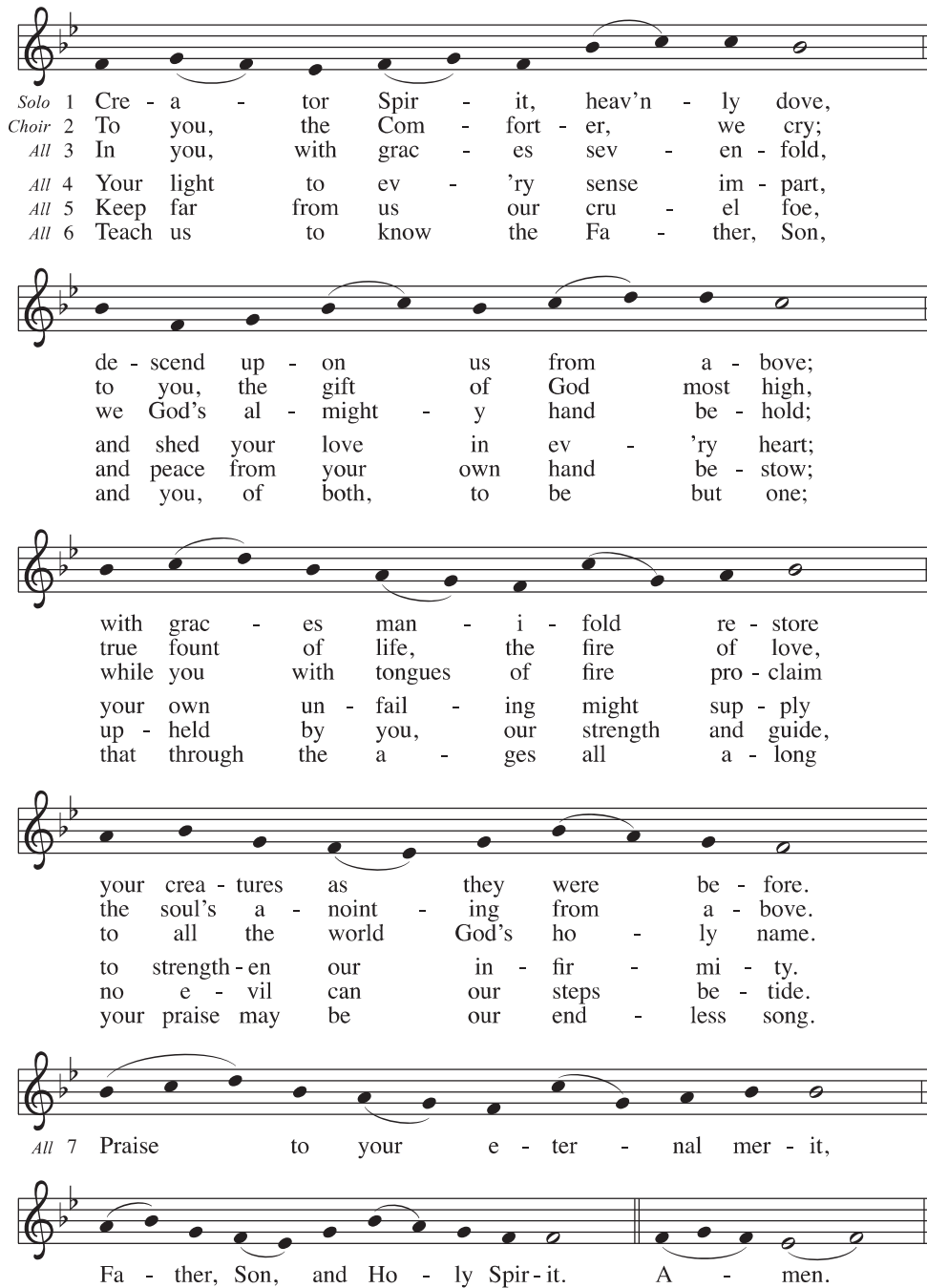


Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.



Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Evangelical Lutheran Worship #577



Solo 1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove,
 Choir 2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry;
 All 3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold,
 All 4 Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part,
 All 5 Keep far from us our cru - el foe,
 All 6 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son,
 de - scend up - on us from a - bove;
 to you, the gift of God most high,
 we God's al - might - y hand be - hold;
 and shed your love in ev - 'ry heart;
 and peace from your own hand be - stow;
 and you, of both, to be but one;
 with grac - es man - i - fold re - store
 true fount of life, the fire of love,
 while you with tongues of fire pro - claim
 your own un - fail - ing might sup - ply
 up - held by you, our strength and guide,
 that through the a - ges all a - long
 your crea - tures as they were be - fore.
 the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
 to all the world God's ho - ly name.
 to strength - en our in - fir - mi - ty.
 no e - vil can our steps be - tide.
 your praise may be our end - less song.
 All 7 Praise to your e - ter - nal mer - it,
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men.

Following the hymns there is a time of silent prayer.



Thanksgiving

The presiding minister leads the assembly in giving thanks.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we give you thanks that by your Holy Spirit you sustain the church.
By the power of the Holy Spirit
you call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify the whole church.
Strengthen and sustain your bishop Yehiel,
that with patience and understanding
he may follow Jesus Christ in this new ministry
as presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
Pour out your grace,
that he may love and care for your people and teach the faith;
grant that together they may follow Jesus,
offering to you their gifts and talents;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The presiding minister continues.

The office of presiding bishop is now committed to you
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.



Blessing

Addressing the newly installed presiding bishop, the presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

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.
Amen.

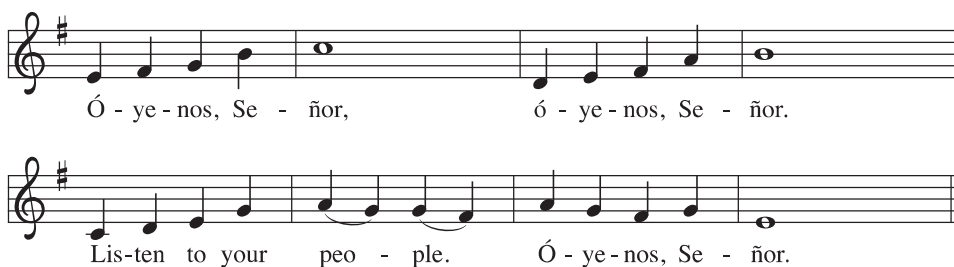
Prayers of Intercession

Trusting the good news of God revealed in Jesus Christ, let us pray for the needs of the world.

*The prayers reflect the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world—
for the church;
for the creation;
for the nations of the world;
for the needs of the world;
for people in need;
for the saints who have gone before us.*

Each portion of the prayers concludes with these words spoken in various languages.
Receive our prayer, Gracious God, as we sing.

All Creation Sings #1074



The prayers conclude:

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



The presiding minister addresses the newly installed presiding bishop.
Remember to rekindle the gift of God that is within you.
For God did not give us a spirit of timidity
but a spirit of power and love and self-control.
Amen.

Giving of a Cross

Receive this cross and wear it
as a sign of your calling to serve Christ and his people,
and as an emblem of the office to which you have been elected.

The newly installed presiding bishop stands and the presiding minister presents him to the people. The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

The musicians offer an acclamation in song.

Perfect Praise

Brenda Joyce Moore

Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

La paz de Cristo
sea siempre con ustedes.
Y también contigo.

The peace of Christ
be with you always.
And also with you.

After sharing Christ's peace, the assembly is seated.



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The musicians make an offering of music.

Praise the Lord

Florence Price

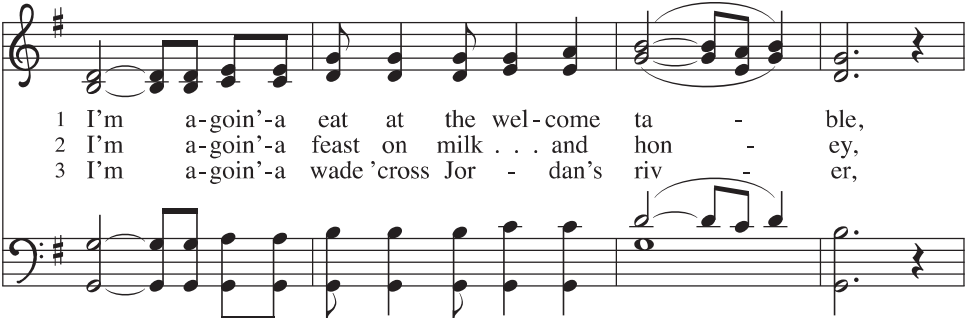


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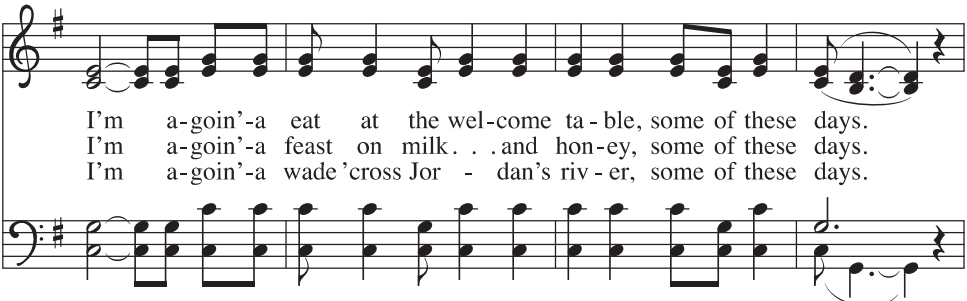
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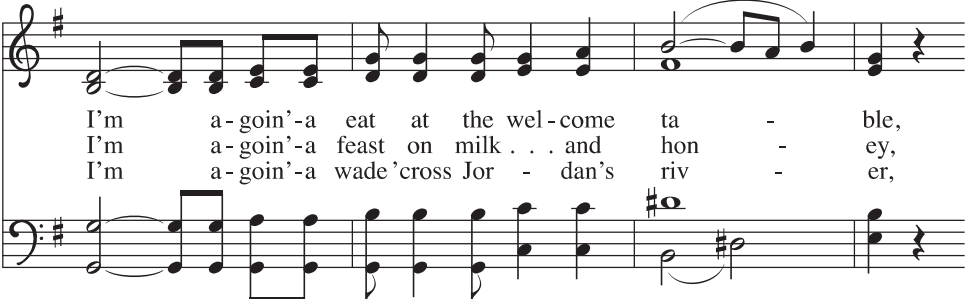
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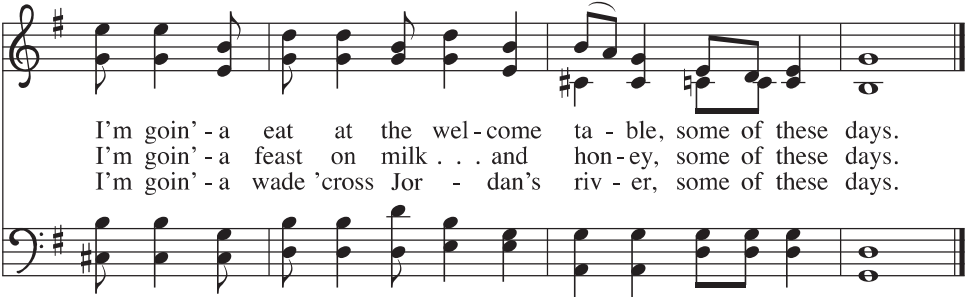
1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,
 2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
 3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.
 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble,
 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm goin' - a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.
 I'm goin' - a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.
 I'm goin' - a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.



Offering Prayer

Holy God, gracious and merciful,
you bring forth food from the earth
and nourish your whole creation.
Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way,
that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

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 the great shepherd of your flock, our Savior Jesus Christ;
who after his resurrection sent forth the apostles
to preach the gospel and teach all nations,
and promised to be with them, even to the end of the age.
And so, with the glorious company of the apostles,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,

cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth.
 You rescued your covenant people,
 led them on all their journeys,
 and taught them by the prophets.
 You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
 so that everyone who believes in him
 may not perish but may have eternal life.

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.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
 we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal,
 and make us one in this community of faith
 and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God,
 Author of life,
 Word made flesh,
 Power of the Most High,
 now and forever.
Amen.



**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.**

Communion

After the bread is broken and all are invited to communion, the assembly is seated.

At the direction of an usher, please move to a communion station.

All bread is gluten-free. An option of white grape juice is available at each station.

As you approach a communion station, receive and consume the bread.

You may drink red wine from the common chalice,

receive a pre-filled cup with white grape juice,

or receive an empty cup to be filled with wine at the pouring chalice.

Be assured that Christ is fully present by receiving only the bread or the wine/grape juice.

Those who are unable to come to a communion station may alert an usher

and the sacrament will be brought to them.

The small cups used today will be professionally recycled.

Assembly songs and selections by the musicians are offered as time allows.



Lamb of God
Cordero de Dios

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Setting Seven
Libro de Liturgia y Cántico #240

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no-so-tros, ten pie-dad de no-so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up-on us, have . . mer-cy up-on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

ten pie-dad de no-so-tros, ten pie-dad de no-so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up-on us, have . . mer-cy up-on us.

Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

da-nos tu paz, da-nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

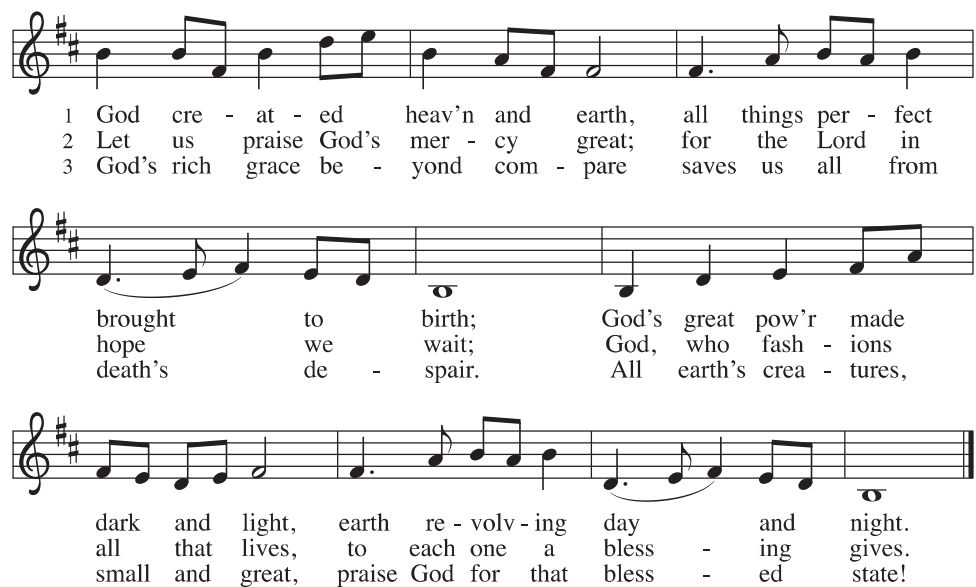


When We Love

Elaine Hagenberg

God Created Heaven and Earth

Evangelical Lutheran Worship #738



1 God cre - at - ed heav'n and earth, all things per - fect
 2 Let us praise God's mer - cy great; for the Lord in
 3 God's rich grace be - yond com - pare saves us all from

brought to birth; God's great pow'r made
 hope we wait; God, who fash - ions
 death's de - spair. All earth's crea - tures,

dark and light, earth re - volv - ing day and night.
 all that lives, to each one a bless - ing gives.
 small and great, praise God for that bless - ed state!

Way Maker

Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

The assembly is invited to join in singing the chorus.

(You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
 Light in the darkness, my God that is who you are.



Taste and See

Evangelical Lutheran Worship #493

This Far by Faith #126

Refrain—All

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,

taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

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|---|--|
| <p>1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord;
for God has been so good to me. Refrain—All</p> | <p>3 Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
in God we need put all our trust. Refrain—All</p> |
| <p>2 Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me;
from all my troubles I was set free. Refrain—All</p> | |

What a Fellowship

arr. Robert Carwithen

Prayer after Communion

O God, our life, our strength, our food,
we give you thanks for sustaining us
with the body and blood of your Son.
By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world,
that more and more we will give you praise
and serve your earth and its many peoples,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.



SENDING

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

Go to the World

All Creation Sings #991



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day,
 for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Chorale Fantasia on Komm, Heiliger Geist*, BWV 651 J. S. Bach

Please remain at your place until the procession has passed.

Everyone is invited to a reception in the Great Room and outside, weather permitting.





The Rev. Yehiel Curry is the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Elected at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix, Arizona, on July 30, 2025, Presiding Bishop Curry began this role on October 1, 2025.

Previously, he served as bishop of the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod, where he led a synod staff and 160 congregations by providing pastoral care, preaching, teaching, administering sacraments, and overseeing ordinations and installations. He was elected synod bishop in 2019 and reelected in spring 2025. During that time, he chaired the ELCA Conference of Bishops, fostering ecumenical relationships and theological engagement across the Lutheran communion.

Prior to his role as bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, Presiding Bishop Curry served as the mission developer (2007–2012) and pastor (2013–2019) of Shekinah Chapel Lutheran Church in Riverdale, Illinois. He earned a Bachelor of Arts from Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois, and a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. He and his wife, LaShonda, are the proud parents of three daughters.



About Pouring of Libations

Libation is a practice primarily used to accompany a call to worship or gathering prayer. The gesture of libation involves the pouring of a liquid such as water or a fermented drink into the earth or a container of soil. The leader pours from a pitcher or glass during a brief silence that follows each petition or response.

The Bible makes use of the image of pouring or libation in a number of places. These references help to supply meaning to the Christian use of this symbolic act. St. Paul says to the Philippians, "But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you" (Phil. 2:17) and again in the letter to Timothy, "I am already being poured out as a libation. . . . I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Tim. 4:6-7). Thus, the image of libation is a metaphor for the dedication of one's self in service for God's sake. The image of pouring is also used as an image for the outpouring of the gifts of the Spirit (Acts 2:33, 10:45).

Communities of faith might consider the use of the libation gesture as a symbolic action of thanksgiving for the creation of humankind from the dust of this earthly home, and thanksgiving for those who have gone before, the mothers and fathers in faith whose mortal remains rest in the earth until the day of resurrection. The gesture may also be a sign of dedication to be poured out for the sake of the world in the same way Christ "poured out himself to death" (Isa. 53:12), even as the church is empowered by the Holy Spirit who has been "poured out on us richly" (Titus 3:6).

From This Far by Faith (Augsburg Fortress, 1999), p. 12.

About the Nicene Creed

2025 marks the 1700th anniversary of the first ecumenical council of Nicaea. This commemoration is an opportunity to reflect on the importance of this church's ecumenical self-understanding and vocation. Recent developments in Lutheran-Orthodox relations present the possibility of continuing the journey toward reconciliation between Eastern and Western Christianity after nearly a millennium of church division over the addition of the filioque clause ("and the Son") to the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed. The Joint International Commission on Theological Dialogue between the Lutheran World Federation and the Orthodox Church's 2024 Common Statement on the Filioque is an important ecumenical breakthrough, concluding that the filioque is no longer church-dividing and inviting further dialogue and renewed theological reflection on the Trinity and the role of the Holy Spirit.

The 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly voted to receive the Common Statement on the Filioque. In faithful response to this invitation, today we will profess the Nicene Creed without the filioque clause.

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Saturday, October 4, 2025

Two o'clock p.m.

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We rejoice to also have present with us several Lutheran World Federation companion synod bishops and partners as well as local and national ecumenical guests.



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