

# The 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*Liturgical Setting: ELW 6*

November 9, 2025

10:30 am

Grace Lutheran Church  
Wenatchee, WA



## Welcome to Grace!

*The stained-glass windows in our church display a beautiful collection of glass pieces, each one unique and important. The same is true for all of God's children. As people of Grace Lutheran Church, our diversity makes us stronger and more resilient.*

*We strive to welcome all. We want to be a church where all are safe, all are welcome. Believers, non-believers, doubters, seekers, and questioners: You are welcome here. Old and young. Able or disabled. People of all sexual orientations and gender identities: You are welcome here. Rich and poor. Black, brown, and white: You are welcome here. Jeans and a t-shirt or a suit and tie. Addiction and mental health concerns: You are welcome here.*

*You are welcomed and valued here, because we are all pieces of stained glass, broken and beautiful in our own way.*

*As a church, we resolve to open our hearts, our minds, and our doors. We seek to reconcile ourselves to one another and to God, the master artist.*

**Holy Communion:** We celebrate the grace of God with Holy Communion each Sunday. All are welcome!

**If you are worshipping with children:** Children are welcome and encouraged to join us in worship! We have a few options, especially for our young worshipers. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers. Quiet toys are located just outside the back door of the sanctuary for young children and caregivers. Most Sundays we have nursery staff available to help watch the children in that space. You are also welcome to use the quiet area under the balcony, beside the stained-glass window.

**Our Mission Statement:** "To proclaim and celebrate the gospel of Jesus Christ through word and sacraments so that a community of believers is created, trained, nurtured, and sent into mission."

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

## +++ GATHERING +++

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

## WELCOME AND KIDS' TALK

### PRELUDE

*O Know That My Redeemer Liveth*  
Vocal Quartet

G. F. Händel, arr. F. M. Christiansen

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand the latter day upon the earth. And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh I shall see God, for now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruit of them that sleep.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,  
**you have shown us the ways of your heart,  
yet we stray from your paths.  
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression  
and do not embrace the freedom  
of your faithful promises.  
We ignore our neighbors.  
We exploit the earth.  
We reject your abundance,  
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.  
Repair our relationships,  
restore what we have broken,  
renew our hearts,  
and bring us to new life. Amen.**

Hear the good news:  
 God the Faithful One loves you,  
 † in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,  
 and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.  
**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

ELW #625, *Come, We That Love the Lord*  
*Harmonies may be found in ELW – the cranberry hymnal.*



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
 2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;  
 3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou-sand sa - cred sweets  
 4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with  
 but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the  
 be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the  
 we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.  
 heav'n-ly King may tell their joys a - broad, may tell their joys a - broad.  
 heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.  
 man-uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

### *Refrain*



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:



we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain  
 Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

## 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.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

## Glory to God

*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 - might-y God and Fa-ther,  
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*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.

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.

*Final refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est.  
A - men, a - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

+++ **WORD** +++

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27a**

*Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.*

A reading from Job.

- <sup>23</sup> “O that my words were written down!  
O that they were inscribed in a book!  
<sup>24</sup> O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock forever!  
<sup>25</sup> For I know that my vindicator lives  
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;  
<sup>26</sup> and after my skin has been destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,  
<sup>27a</sup> whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 17**

*All sing responsively, beginning with the cantor.*



- <sup>1</sup> Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed <sup>|</sup> to my cry;  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from <sup>|</sup> lying lips.
- <sup>2</sup> **Let my vindication come forth <sup>|</sup> from your presence;**  
**let your eyes be <sup>|</sup> fixed on justice.**
- <sup>3</sup> Examine my heart, visit <sup>|</sup> me by night,  
melt me down; you will find no impuri- <sup>|</sup> ty in me.
- <sup>4</sup> **I have not regarded what <sup>|</sup> others do;**  
**at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways <sup>|</sup> of the violent.**
- <sup>5</sup> My footsteps hold fast to your <sup>|</sup> well-worn path;  
and my feet <sup>|</sup> do not slip.
- <sup>6</sup> **I call upon you, O God, for you will <sup>|</sup> answer me;**  
**incline your ear to me and <sup>|</sup> hear my words.**

*... continued on p. 7 ...*

<sup>7</sup> Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who | rise against them.

<sup>8</sup> **Keep me as the apple | of your eye;**  
**hide me under the shadow | of your wings,**

<sup>9</sup> from the wicked | who assault me,  
from my deadly enemies | who surround me.

## **SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17**

*This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.*

A reading from 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians.

<sup>1</sup> As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup> He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

<sup>13</sup> But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

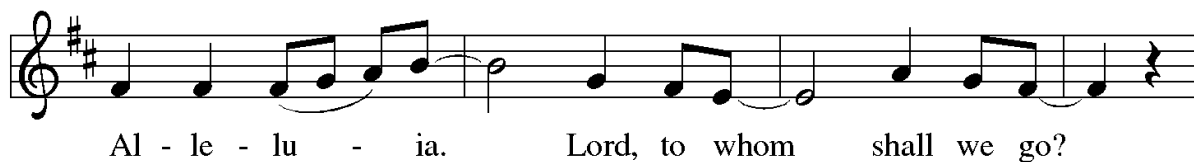
<sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



## GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

*Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup> Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] <sup>28</sup> and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; <sup>30</sup> then the second <sup>31</sup> and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup> Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup> Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

*Please stand as you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #619, *I Know That My Redeemer Lives!*

*Harmonies may be found in ELW – the cranberry hymnal.*

|                    |                                                        |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1-All              | I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort   |
| 2-Low voices (TB)  | He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e - |
| 3-All              | He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to       |
| 4-High voices (SA) | He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to       |

|                                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------|
| this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who |
| ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,       |
| guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort         |
| wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my            |

|                                                            |
|------------------------------------------------------------|
| once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!      |
| throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.     |
| me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.    |
| trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part. |

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5-Choir

He lives to bless me with his love;  
he lives to plead for me above;  
he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
he lives to help in time of need.

7-Organ (read text silently)

He lives and grants me daily breath;  
he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
he lives my mansion to prepare;  
he lives to bring me safely there.

6-All

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
he lives and loves me to the end;  
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

6-All

He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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## APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our Christian faith:

**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 INTERCESSION

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

***After each portion of the prayers:***

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **+ + + MEAL + + +**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Please be seated.*

## **OFFERING**

### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

*Since by Man Came Death*

G. F. Händel

Voices of Grace

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of healing and hope,

you bless those who are hungry,

promising to fill them with good things.

Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.

Nourish us with the abundance of your feast

and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,

now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

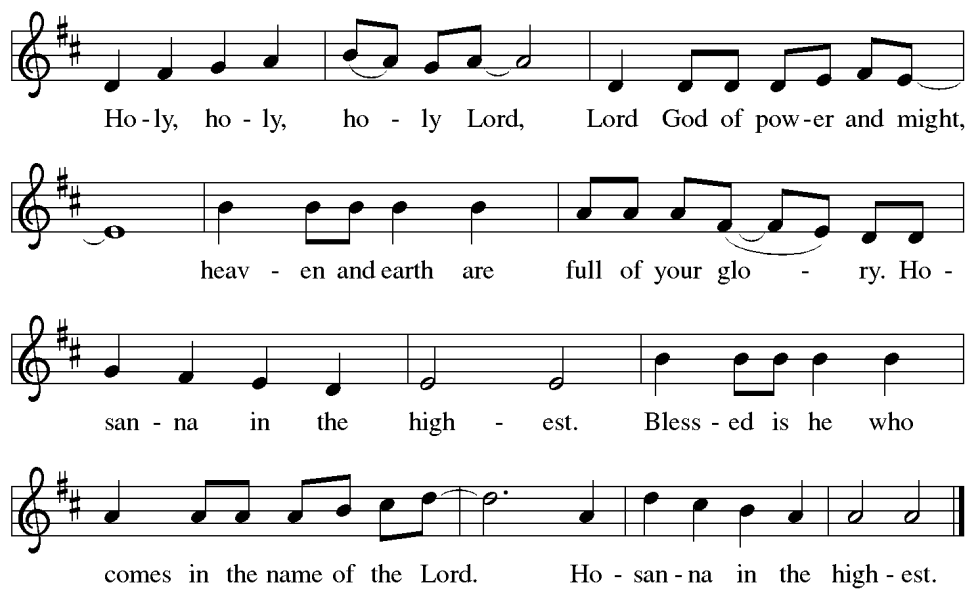
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en 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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed ... for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper ... for the remembrance of me.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

There is a place for you at the table of God.

Come, receive the food that does not perish,

a taste of life eternal.

*Please be seated.*

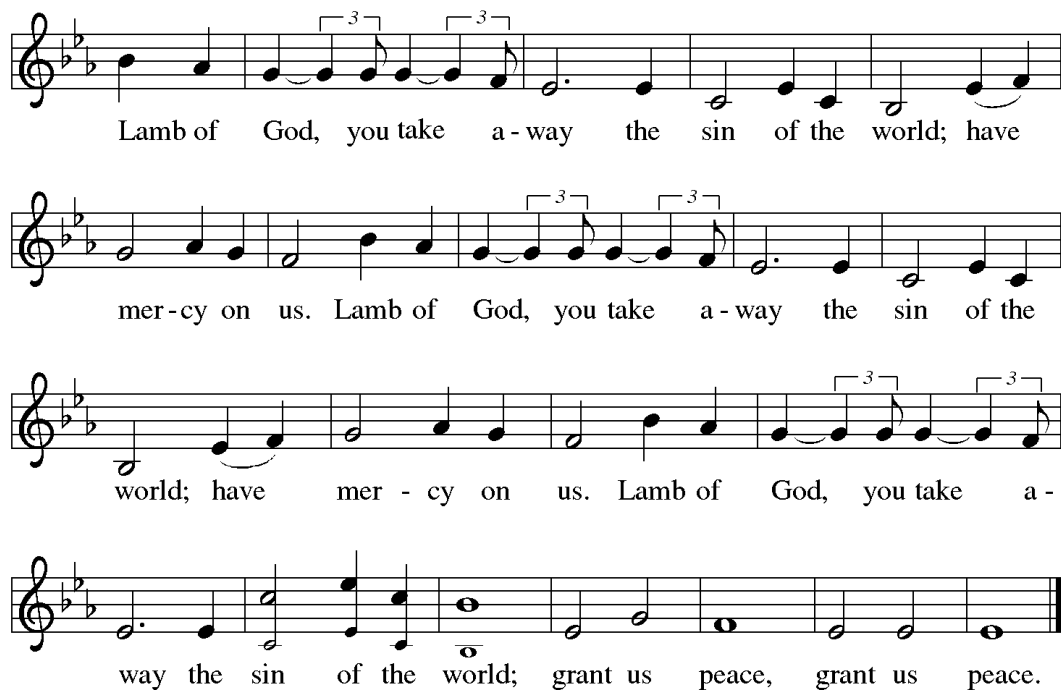
## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION SONG

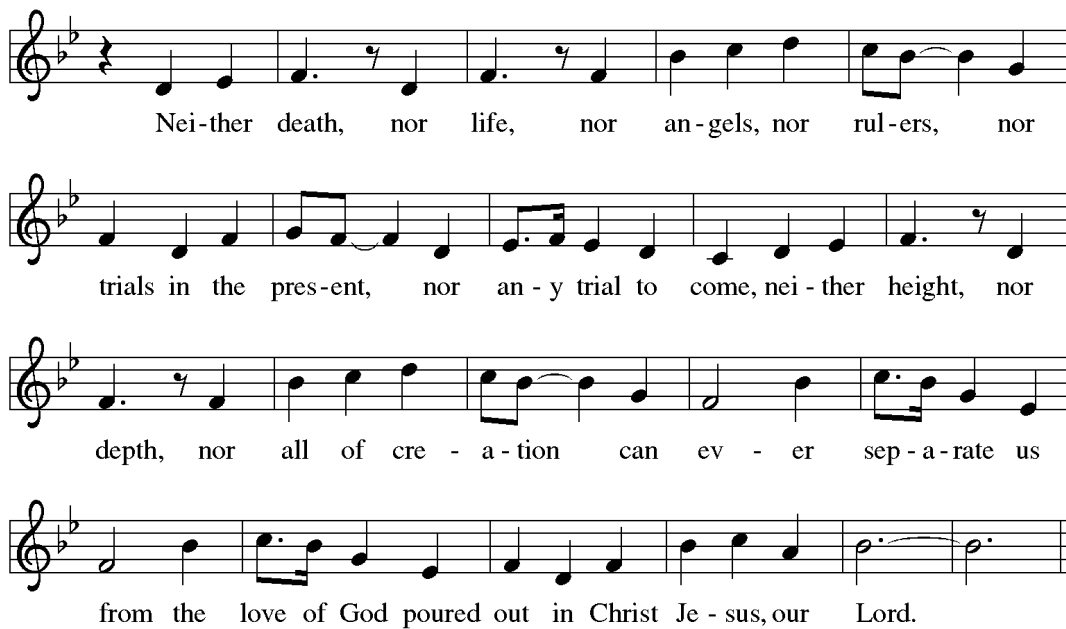


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION SONG

ELW #622, *Neither Death nor Life*

*All sing the refrain. Cantors sing verses (on p. 13).*



Nei-ther death, nor life, nor an-gels, nor rul-ers, nor  
trials in the pres-ent, nor an - y trial to come, nei - ther height, nor  
depth, nor all of cre - a - tion can ev - er sep - a - rate us  
from the love of God poured out in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

*... continued on p. 13 ...*

*Dwell in the one who raised Christ from the dead; though your body shall die, in Christ you shall rise through the Spirit who brings you to life. **Refrain***

*All who are led by the Spirit shall live as children of God, and heirs with Christ Jesus, God's adopted and chosen and loved. **Refrain***

*All of the suff'ring we now must endure is nothing to the glory so soon to be revealed when creation itself is set free. **Refrain***

*All of creation awaits the new birth, the fullness of redemption, through labor pains of love, and so we wait in patience and hope. **Refrain***

*Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship or distress, persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword? **Refrain***

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on Romans 8

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*Please stand as you are able.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,  
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven  
that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,  
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who  
hunger and thirst,  
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

**Amen.**

**+++ SENDING +++**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*Please be seated.*

## **MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **BLESSING**

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,  
God the Son save you,  
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you ✠  
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart  
now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

ELW #439, *Soon and Very Soon*  
*Harmonies may be found in ELW – the cranberry hymnal.*



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
3 No more dy - in' there,  
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*Soon and Very Soon*

Andraé Crouch, arr. Phillip Keveren

### **Serving in Today's Worship**

|                     |                                                                 |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Presiding Minister: | Rev. James Aalgaard                                             |
| Pastoral Intern:    | Laura Olsen                                                     |
| Assisting Minister: | Kate Gregg                                                      |
| Vocal Quartet:      | Carolyn Bentsen, Phil Gregg, Marlena La Paz,<br>Marshall Thomas |
| Lector:             | Riva Morgan                                                     |
| Cantor:             | Phil Gregg                                                      |

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