

THE LITURGY OF WORD & SACRAMENT

The Holy Trinity/First Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

SUNDAY, June 15, 2025 10:00AM

REGULAR PRINT = PRESIDING MINISTER OR ASSISTING MINISTER

BOLD PRINT = CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES

✠ = AT VARIOUS POINTS THROUGHOUT THE SERVICE, THE SIGN OF THE CROSS MAY BE
MADE BY ALL IN REMEMBRANCE OF THEIR BAPTISM

*The red EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP service book and hymnal is used for the
liturgy.*

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choral/Bell Prelude

“Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom”

ACS 1064

music: W. Moore, Columbian Harmony, 1825

words: Adam M. L. Tice, 1979-

1. Earth is full of wit and wisdom, sounding God's delighted laugh,
From the tiny roly-poly, to the treetop tall giraffe.

All creation sings in wonder; even rocks and trees rejoice
As they join the ringing chorus: echoes of our Maker's voice.

2. Earth is full of wit and wisdom, woven into harmony.

Ev'ry creature has a purpose, ev'ry flow'r and bumblebee.

Spider, human, redwood, gecko, monkey, chicken, mouse and snake

Live within a single fabric: cloth that only God could make.

3. Earth is full of wit and wisdom: penguin, platypus, and snail,

Cactus, sea slug, oak and algae, from the microbe to the whale.

In this great and strange creation, with a breath God gives us birth;

Born of soil to live as stewards, called to love and serve the earth.

(We Stand)

*Words to be spoken or sung by the assembly are indicated in **bold type**.*

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.

When we don't know how or what to pray, the Spirit knows. When all we can muster are sighs and groans, the Spirit knows those also. When we feel that we aren't even worthy to approach God, the Spirit goes before us and with us and God welcomes us with arms open.

Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Let us confess our sins together, saying,

God of amazing love and unexpected grace, open our eyes that we may see You especially in those times when we feel abandoned by You; forgive us that we so easily allow circumstance to blind us to Your Presence.

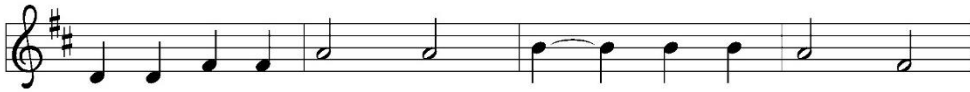
Touch our lives that we may know You especially in those times when we feel unable to cope; forgive us that we too frequently mistrust Your power.

Fill our hearts that we may become like You especially when Your message needs to be heard; Forgive us that we forget who we are: children of God with Your Spirit in us.

Those who are in Christ are a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God with whom we have been reconciled through Christ. (2 Cor. 5:17-18)

Thanks be to God!

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

II Corinthians 13: 13

And also with you.

LITANY OF WELCOME

God has shown us what is good, and what then is required of us?
**To act justly; to love mercy;
and to walk humbly with our God.**

Micah 6: 8

Jesus says, "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me,
and anyone who welcomes me
welcomes the One who sent me."

Matthew 10: 40

The Spirit says, "Come."

**Let each one who hears the Spirit say, "Come,"
for all are welcome here.**

Revelation 22: 17

In this service, let us draw near to our Reconciling Redeemer,
who knows our hearts and is able to mend our souls,
to strengthen and sustain us,
to reconcile our broken relationships and heal our wounds.

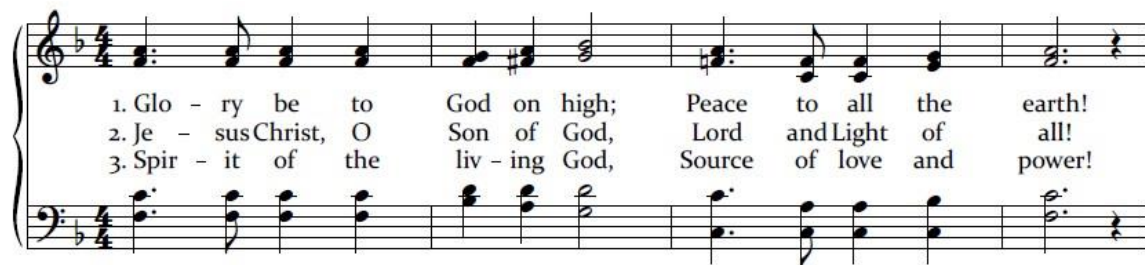
Let us worship God now

**With words that proclaim God's inclusive love,
With works that bring forth God's powerful justice,
And with worship that rejoices in God's wondrous presence,
Now and always,
Amen!**

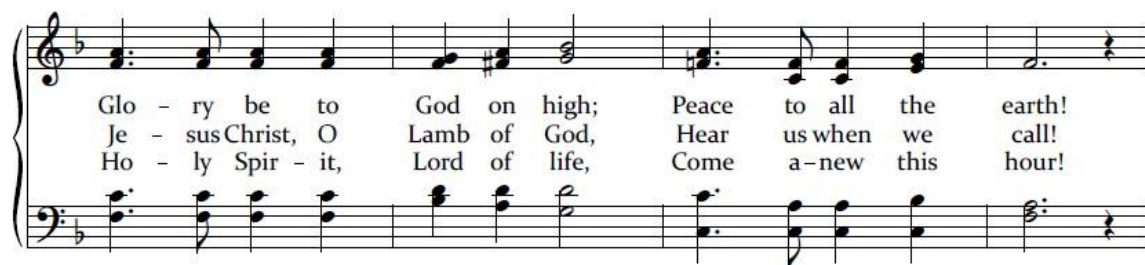
HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory Be to God on High

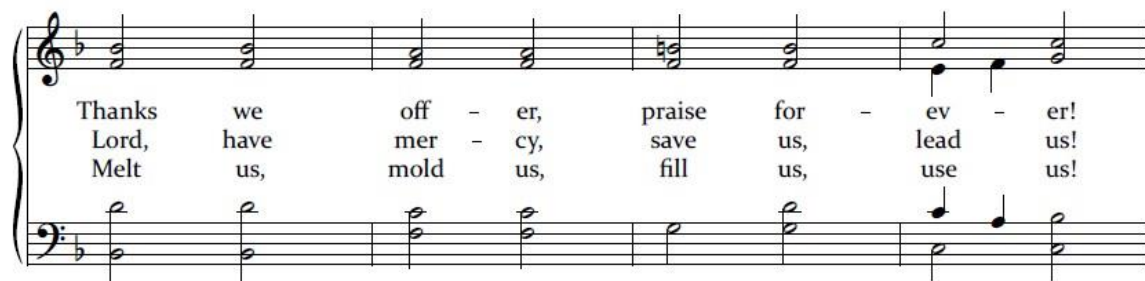
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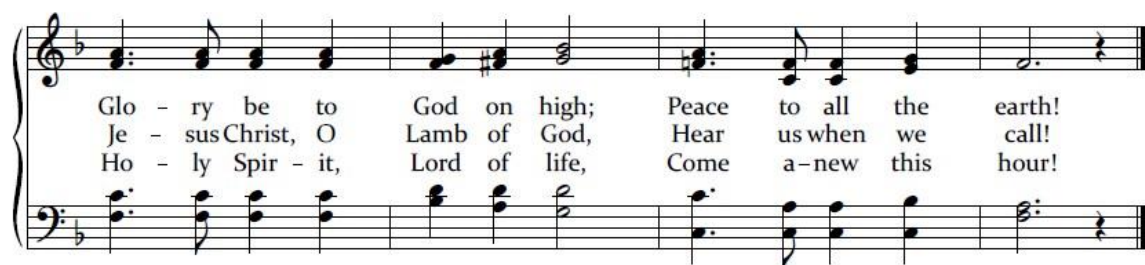
1. Glo - ry be to God on high; Peace to all the earth!
2. Je - sus Christ, O Son of God, Lord and Light of all!
3. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Source of love and power!



Glo - ry be to God on high; Peace to all the earth!
Je - sus Christ, O Lamb of God, Hear us when we call!
Ho - ly Spir - it, Lord of life, Come a - new this hour!



Thanks we off - er, praise for - ev - er!
Lord, have mer - cy, save us, lead us!
Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us!



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The PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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

FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

A reading from Proverbs.

- ¹ Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
² On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
³ beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
⁴ “To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.
- ²² The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
²³ Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸ when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 8

Read responsively

¹ O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
² **Out of the mouths of babes and infants**
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
⁴ **what are humans that you are mindful of them,**
mortals that you care for them?
⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.
⁶ **You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;**
you have put all things under their feet,
⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
⁸ **the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,**
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
⁹ O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5

A reading from Romans.

¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Steven

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

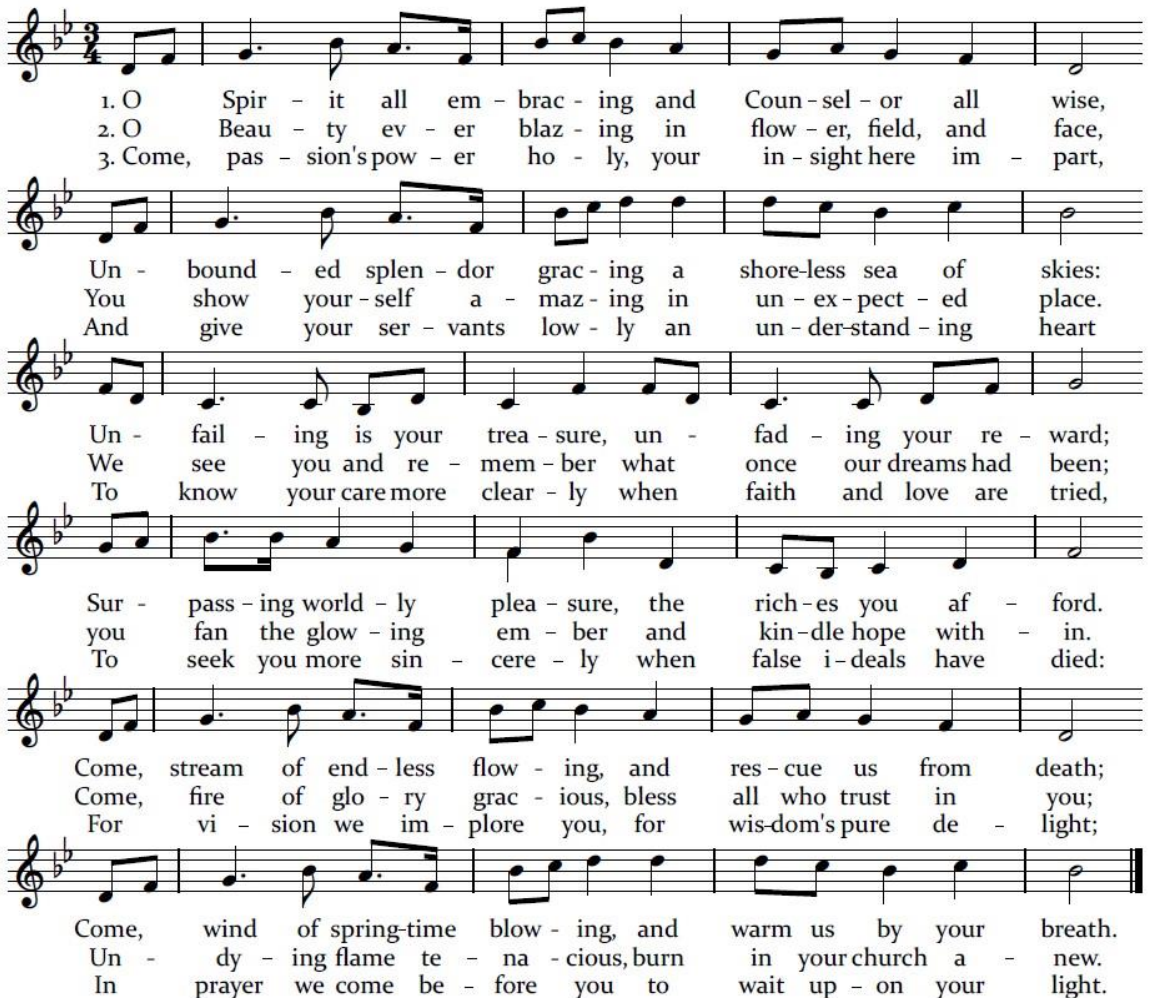
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O Spirit, All Embracing

Delores Dufner, OSB, 1939-

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Gustav Holst, 1874-1934



1. O Spir - it all em - brac - ing and Coun - sel - or all wise,
2. O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,
3. Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,

Un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore-less sea of skies:
You show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.
And give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart

Un - fail - ing is your trea - sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;
To know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,

Sur - pass - ing world - ly plea - sure, the rich - es you af - ford.
you fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.
To seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:

Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
Come, fire of glo - ry grac - ious, bless all who trust in you;
For vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;

Come, wind of spring-time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
Un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.
In prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

Apostle's Creed With Luther's Explanation

THE FIRST ARTICLE

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still preserves them; that He richly and daily provides me with food and clothing, home and family, property and goods, and all that I need to support this body and life; that He protects me from all danger, guards and keeps me from all evil; and all this purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; for all which I am in duty bound to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

THE SECOND ARTICLE

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ is true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary; and that He is my Lord, Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood, and with His innocent suffering and death; in order that I might be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness; even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

THE THIRD ARTICLE

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith; just as He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives me and all believers all our sins; and at the last day He will raise up me and all the dead, and will grant me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

The service then continues with the prayers of intercession.

Prayers of the Church and Response

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system of music has the following lyrics: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call, an-swer me." The second system of music has the following lyrics: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come, and lis-ten to me." The chords are indicated above the treble staff: Em, Em/D, Am/C, D, G/B, C, Am, B for the first system, and Em, Em/D, Am/C, D, Em/G, Am7, B, Em for the second system.

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

Open our eyes, O God, open our hearts. Open our ears, O God, open our minds. Help us to behold one another as you behold us. Help us to be more firmly rooted in the practices of the gospel—so that, when we pray, the way we live will make real the dream of your beloved community within and among us. With the help of your mercy and grace, lead us to think, believe, and change. May your gospel's transforming power by the working of the Holy Spirit be present in us, in our churches, in our nation and all the nations of the earth. God of grace,

O Lord, hear my prayer...

Sovereign God, you delight in the whole human race. On this week of Juneteenth, bring an end to racial oppression and heal the wounds of racial trauma. Grant us your wisdom, so that all people, especially those in authority, work for the life and freedom of others. Compassionate God, your mindful care for us is everlasting. Give peace to all who are troubled, endurance to all who suffer, deliverance to all who are afflicted, and healing to all who are sick. Living God, your glory appears in our shared life. On this Father's Day, give to all fathers and father figures gentle hearts and strong spirits, heal the wounds in our families, and comfort those for whom this day brings pain. Eternal God, your hope does not disappoint. We give you thanks for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection (especially the Emanuel Nine, martyrs). Hold us in our grief, and bring us at last to fullness of life in you. God of grace,

O Lord, hear my prayer...

Command your angels concerning all who are sick, especially those we remember silently in our hearts and with voice upon our lips (pause) *Harold Jefferies; Amy Preslar* (daughter of Gloria Preslar); *Maria Gallego* (mother of Pastor Steven); *Tiffanie Reeves; Marcus Mann* (father of Marc Mann); *Joe Black* (father of Lynn Black); *Bill Black* (brother of Lynn Black); *Sharon Baldwin; Tracy Hamiter; Connie Pool; Emmy Reeves; Bobbie Prosser; Sarah Trani; Jeff Harrell; James Deckle; Candy Pennington*, (friend of Peg Thompson). God of grace,

O Lord, hear my prayer...

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

The assembly remains standing for sharing the Peace.

PEACE

ELW pg. 106

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you!

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say,
"Peace be with you," or similar words.*

The assembly is seated.

The OFFERING & OFFERTORY

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Offertory Anthem

"Farther Along"

Choir

1. *Tempted and tried we're oft made to wonder, Why it should be thus all the day long;
While there are others living about us, Never molested though in the wrong.*

*Refrain: Farther along we'll know all about it, Farther along we'll understand why;
Cheer up, don't worry, live in the sunshine, We'll understand it all by and by.*

2. *When death has come and taken our loved ones, It leaves our home so lonely and drear;
Then do we wonder why others prosper, Living so wicked year after year.*

[Refrain]

3. *Faithful till death said our loving Master, A few more days to labor and wait;
Toils of the road will then seem as nothing, As we sweep through the beautiful gate.*

[Refrain]

4. *When we see Jesus coming in glory, When He comes from His home in the sky;
Then we shall meet Him in that bright mansion, We'll understand it all by and by.*

[Refrain]

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Anonymous

Louis Bourgeois, 1551

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the staff. The melody consists of quarter and half notes, with some measures containing a fermata. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow In heav'n a - bove and earth be - low! One God, three Per - sons we a - dore, To whom be praise for - ev - er - more! A - men." The score ends with a double bar line.

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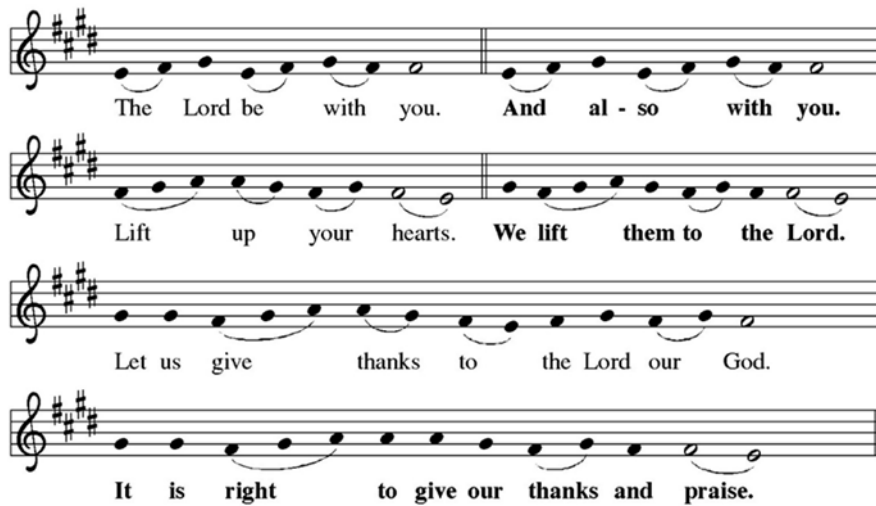
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

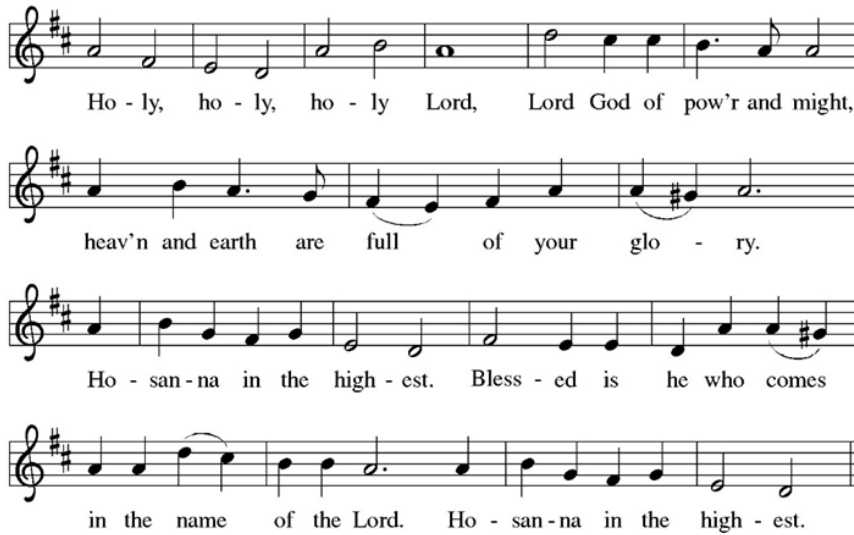
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE and SANCTUS

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:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life. You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your 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.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

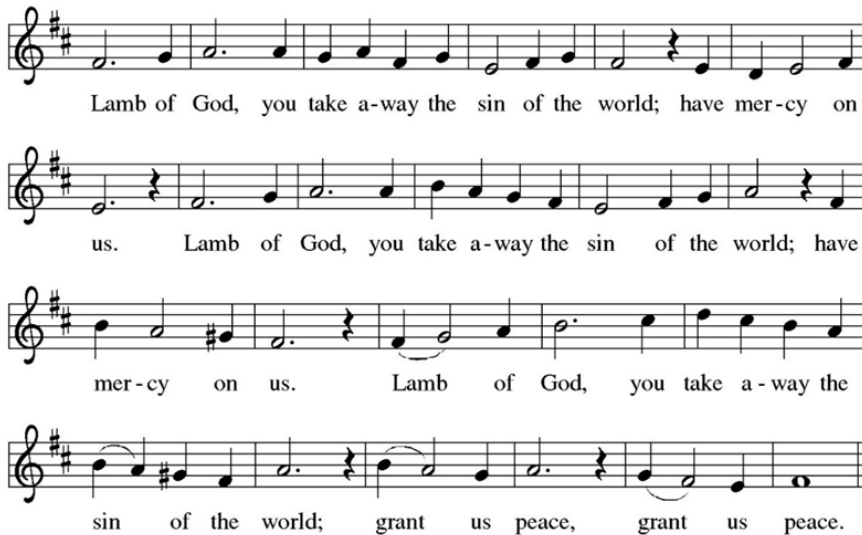
O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

**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.**

LAMB OF GOD



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.

THE COMMUNION OF THE BELOVED

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR WORSHIP IS THIS SHARED MEAL

ALL ARE WELCOME to join us as members of God's family in Christ, as we share in this powerful gift of God's love and grace for the whole human family. We gather around the altar, kneeling or standing, wherever there is a place. The presiding minister offers wheaten wafers but can provide a gluten free wafer by request.

The assisting minister offers individual cups of wine (red) or grape juice (white) for you to choose. The church also affirms our Lord's full presence in, with, and under each element alone. If you prefer to commune in your pew with a prepackaged communion set, please alert an usher.

COMMUNION SONG

Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

When Peace Like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)

Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way;
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come,
3. He lives -- oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought;
4. And Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,

when sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll;
let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
that Christ hath re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate
is nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more.
the trum - pet shall sound and the Lord shall de - scend:

it is well, it is well with my soul.
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.
e - ven so, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well, with my soul,
It is well, with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

COMMUNION HYMN

Jesus, Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name;

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name.

The assembly stands and the presiding minister says a table blessing.

THE TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.. **Amen.**

COMMISSION and BENEDICTION

Go now, and live before God in openness and integrity.

Set your minds on the ways of God,

not clinging to your own life,

but taking up your cross and following Jesus.

And may God give you a share in the eternal covenant;

May Christ Jesus be proud of you when he comes in glory;

And may the Holy Spirit make you grow strong in faith

and lead you in the ways of righteousness.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Christian Sympathy

To Samecia “Sam” Sanders at the death of her father, Sammie Edward Sanders on Tuesday, June 3. A service was held Friday, June 13 in Dalzell, SC.

Happy Father’s Day

Join us in the fellowship after worship for a pulled pork, mac and cheese, green bean lunch.

Wednesday Fellowship Night

Thanks to the 14 people who came for the Murder Mystery game night. We solved the mystery and enjoyed the fellowship. Future events planned are:

- **June 18** - Wednesday - Lutheranism 101, come with your questions at 6pm. Bring your own dinner.
- **June 25** – Wednesday – Prayer and Service - Bring your own food eat together at 6pm. Service starts at 6:30pm.
- **July 2 Game night** (bring a game if you wish) and bring a snack.
- **August 6 Tentative:** bowling night
- **September 3 Tentative:** wine and craft night

Juneteenth Observance

Reformation Lutheran Church will be closed in observance of Juneteenth - June 19.

New Member Sunday June 29

We have designed June 29 as new member and invitation Sunday. If you are interested in joining Reformation on this Sunday and being part of the on going ministry we share, speak with Pastor Steven. Every one is invited. This is a good Sunday for members to offer special invitations to friends and neighbors to join them at Reformation.

100th Anniversary

The first planning session for our anniversary celebration will be June 16 at 7 p.m. at the church. (If you want to join by zoom, contact Pastor Stephen.) Anyone is welcome to join in this planning event and help with the yearlong celebration to be planned. Come bring ideas and get involved. The plan is to kick off a year of celebration on Reformation Sunday 2025 which is 100 years since the first gathering of those interested in a Lutheran Church in this area. The gatherings continued and resulted in the formation of Reformation Lutheran Church as an officially organized congregation on January 3, 1926.

Coffee Hour

If you can help out with coffee hour, check with Alicia Javis. You can help by providing foods and/or by helping her set up and clean up. This is an important part of our hospitality and kindness ministry. Kindness is contagious.

Nursery update

Pastor Steven is looking for volunteers who would be willing to meet with him and share their thoughts on what kind of things you would like to see in our nursery. Please reach out to Pastor Steven or myself if you have thoughts and would be interested in being part of this conversation.

In conjunction with this, we will also be soliciting donations and gifts to support this ministry. We anticipate needing toys and craft supplies (crayons, colored pencils, children's scissors, etc.) as well as furniture (changing station, dresser, crib). Stay tuned for more information on what you can give.

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Announcements to share

To include information from your committee or task group, submit brief messages (2-4 sentences) to the church office by Monday at Noon –
officeofreform@gmail.com.

REFORMATION LUTHERAN IS AN INCLUSIVE, LGBTQIA+ AFFIRMING church



that believes Christ calls us to serve others with joy. Safe Space Dinners, a ministry for homeless LGBTQIA+ youth, including people of color. The ministry is simple. On the second and fourth Thursday of each month, these youth (14-23 years old) are offered a safe space and time to gather for a time to rest and recharge, a home-cooked meal, a haircut, and a backpack of items they will find helpful in their day-to-day life. There are always a number of games to play, including video games. Sometimes we have entertainment from the community. There is no preaching, no conversion therapy attempts; only support and comfort. This is a ministry of giving – nothing more.

OPPORTUNITIES of WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

In Person Sunday Worship Livestream - 10:00 am-11:00 am www.reformationcae.org

Coffee Hour is held after the worship service in the Reformation Fellowship Hall.