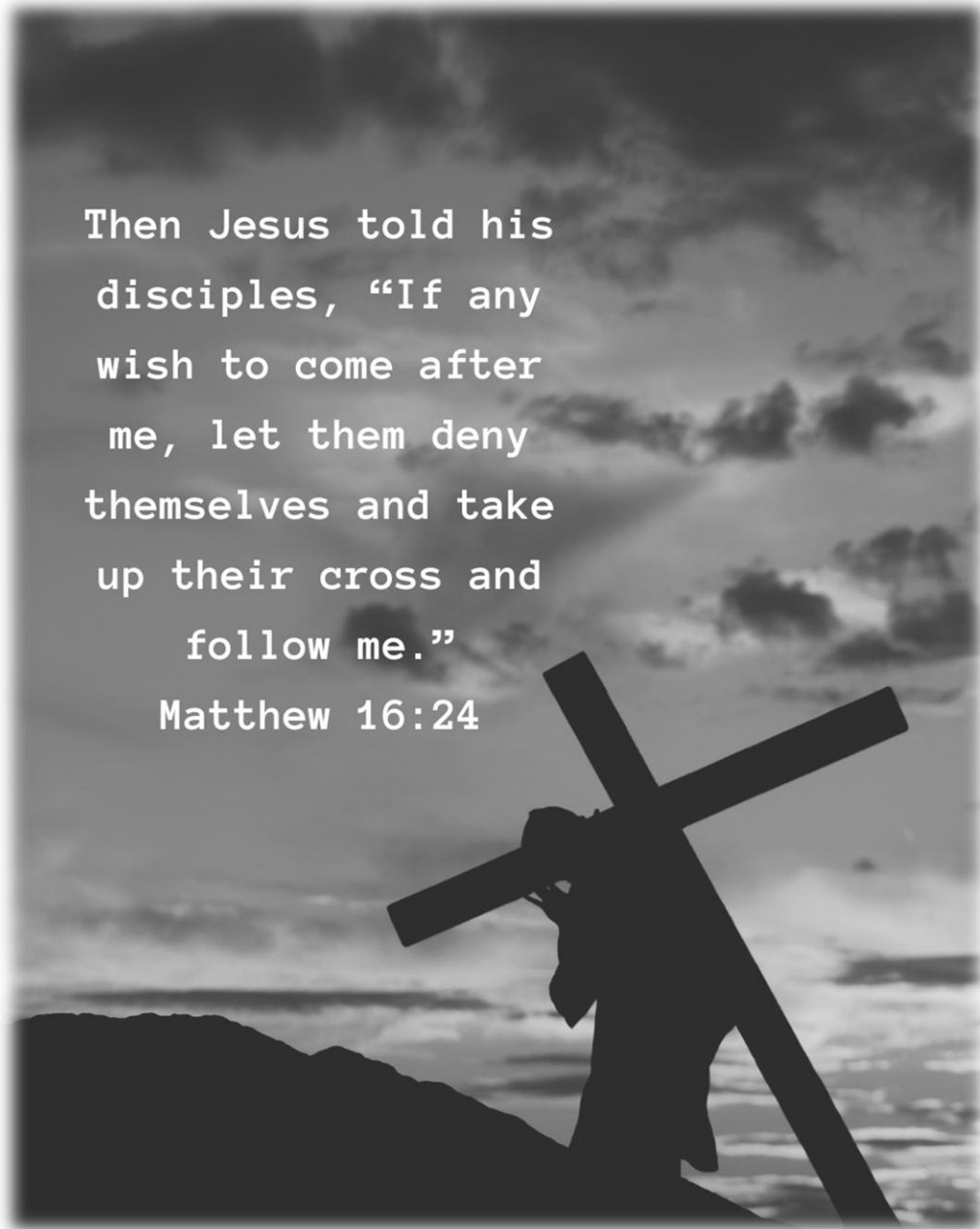


Sunday, August 30, 2026
The 14th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 AM

Then Jesus told his
disciples, "If any
wish to come after
me, let them deny
themselves and take
up their cross and
follow me."
Matthew 16:24



Welcome to Worship!
As we prepare for worship, please silence your mobile devices.
We invite you to a time of silence and focus.



WELCOME TO WORSHIP: It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, in-person and from wherever you may be viewing. We give thanks for whatever brought you, and pray that you may experience the love of God surrounding you and upholding you as we gather together to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are available to use in the Sanctuary for worship. They are located in the Sound Booth; ask the Sound Booth operator if you would like to use one.

WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED in the Faith and Family Center (located near the entrance doors to the large parking lot). Anyone is welcome to worship in that space.

HOLY COMMUNION: All are welcome at the Lord's table. Holy Communion is God's Word made visible in bread and wine. At communion distribution, the BREAD is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cups. Gluten free options are available, as well.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP! Like Jesus who welcomed children to his ministry, Saint Andrew's welcomes children to our worship services. Re-usable activity bags (for readers and non-readers) with books, stickers, crayons, paper, and a snack are available from the usher/hospitality team; please return the bags following worship.

- "Younger Disciples Tips" are in the bulletin with ideas to engage children in worship.
- "A Time for Younger Disciples" during worship invites all God's children to listen to a message.

Health Practices in place to help reduce the spread of viruses and illness:

- Mask wearing is optional. Anyone who wishes to mask is welcome to do so.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

For other activities, events, meetings check our website: <https://SALC.church>

VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IN PROGRESS

Saint Andrews livestreams and records its worship services to YouTube.

Video and Audio recording is currently in progress. It is possible that video footage and/or audio conversations of worshippers in the Saint Andrew's Sanctuary may appear on the YouTube livestream/recording.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Jupiter" from *The Planets*
Aishwarya Kota, violin and Elaine Koga, piano

Holst arr. Dockery

WELCOME

Pastor Lara

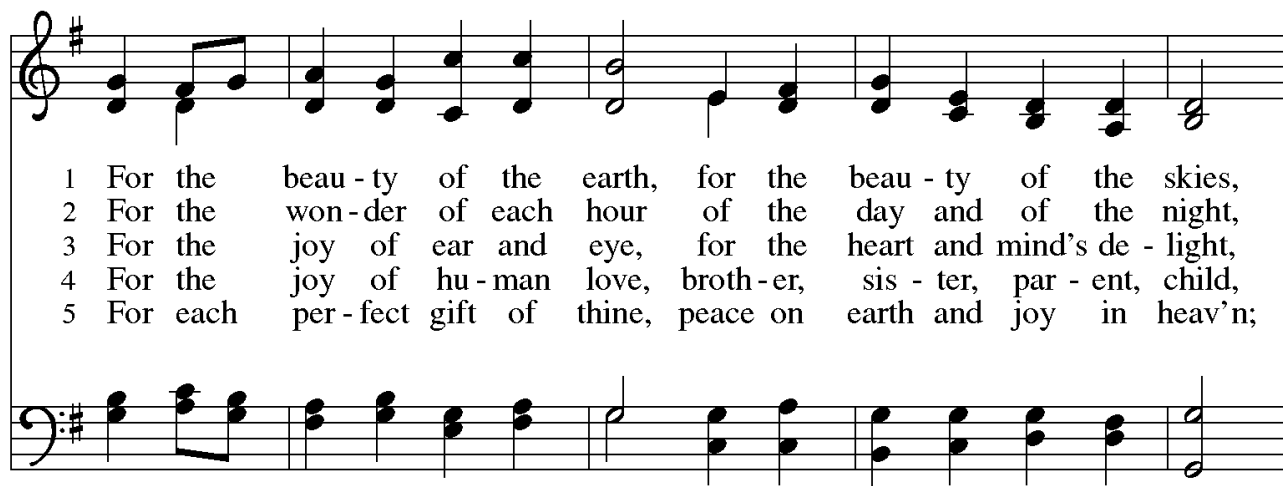
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Congregation will say/respond with bold text.

Please stand as you are able.

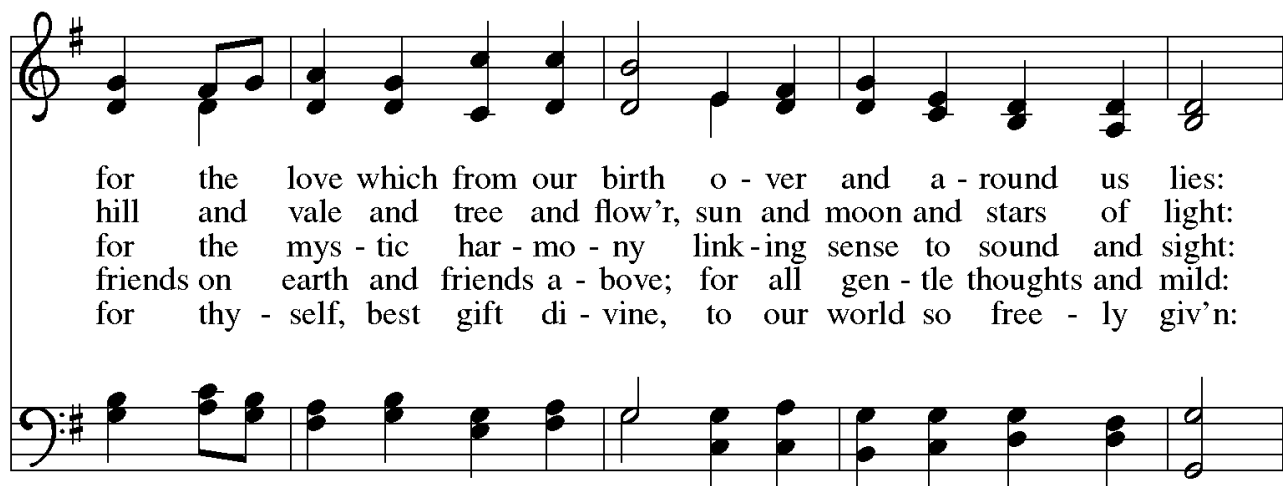


HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

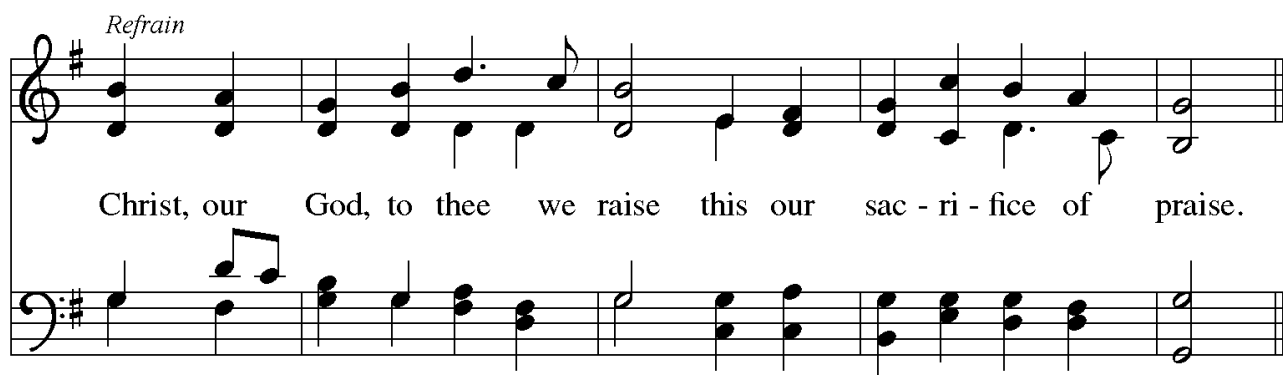


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
Forgive us, and in your mercy,
call us back to you.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Beloveds, you belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of † Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Amen.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



I 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.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



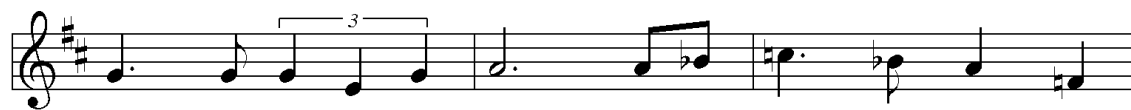
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



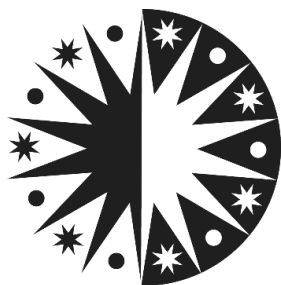
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God,
we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Please be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Pastor Lara

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.
Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
 like waters that fail.
 Therefore thus says the Lord:
 If you turn back, I will take you back,
 and you shall stand before me.
 If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,
 you shall serve as my mouth.
 It is they who will turn to you,
 not you who will turn to them.
 And I will make you to this people
 a fortified wall of bronze;
 they will fight against you,
 but they shall not prevail over you,
 for I am with you
 to save you and deliver you,
 says the Lord.
 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
 and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Humanity is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Humanity coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Lara Forbes

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Trusting in God's baptismal promises, we affirm our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of 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.**

** here, "catholic" means the wholeness of the church in all times and places.*

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Prayers/Offering: Invite children to write down who they want to pray for this week and one way they can serve their family/community.

THE PRAYERS

After each petition, the leader will say, "Lord, in your mercy".

*Your response is, **hear our prayer.***

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We share God's peace to reconcile with one another so that we are at peace with each other before receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING Our ushers will be passing offering plates. We welcome your gifts to support the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church. There are envelopes in the pews, or you can give online using the QR code.

Pastor Lara



OFFERTORY MUSIC

"Vocalise"

Rachmaninoff

Aishwarya Kota, violin and Elaine Koga, piano

Please stand as you are able

OFFERTORY VERSE

The musical notation is written on six staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below each staff, aligned with the corresponding notes.

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.



MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

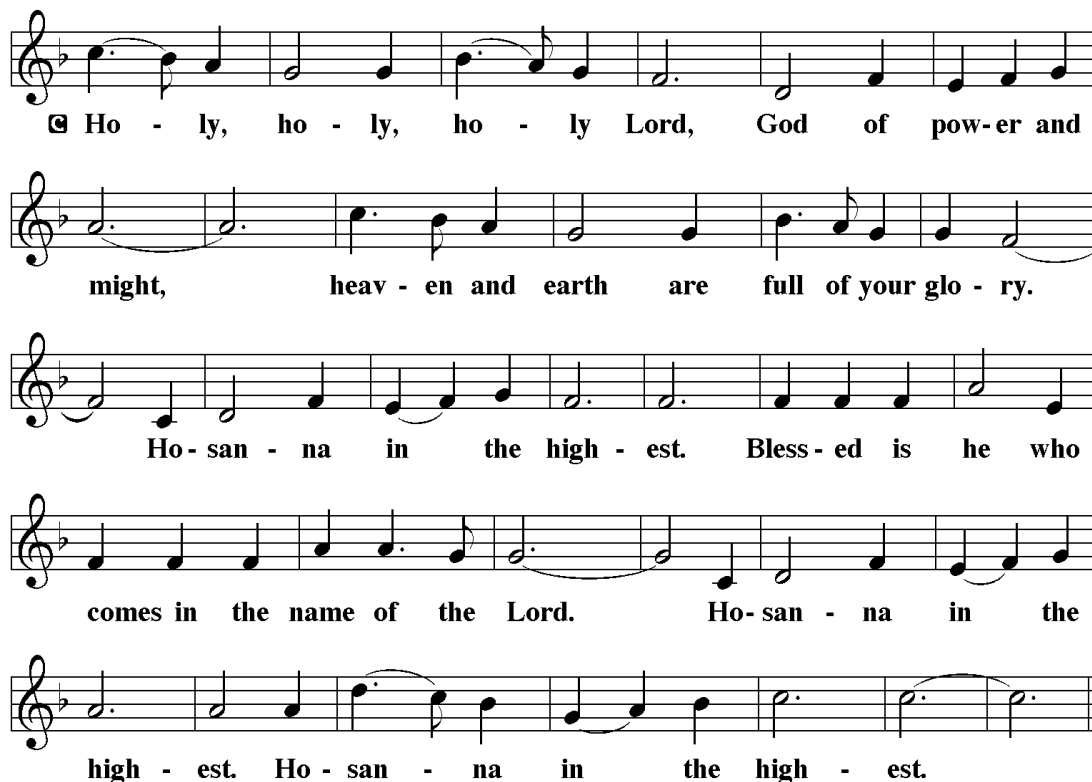
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who *on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

** We say "on this day" because we celebrate Easter every Sunday.*

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed and broke it and shared it with his friends, saying, "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his friends, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Come to the table of God, where the fences are torn down and the harvest is shared.
The feast is ready and all are welcome!

Please be seated.

*We wait silently as the participants who are worshipping online are communed.
All are invited and welcome at the Lord's table.*

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion is received around the altar rail. You are invited to kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. Please follow the directions of the ushers and use the hand sanitizer provided.

Bread is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cup. Please ask if you would like a gluten-free option.

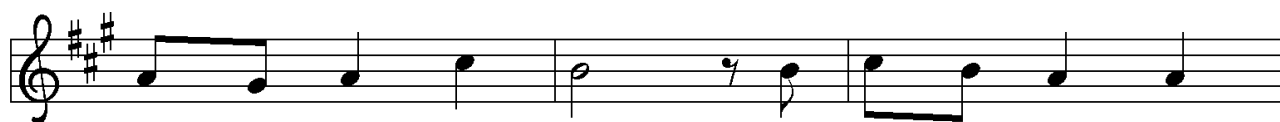
If you wish to be communed in your seat, please let one of the ushers/hospitality team know.

COMMUNION HYMN

We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near, and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together. Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your
love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as
you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit
nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

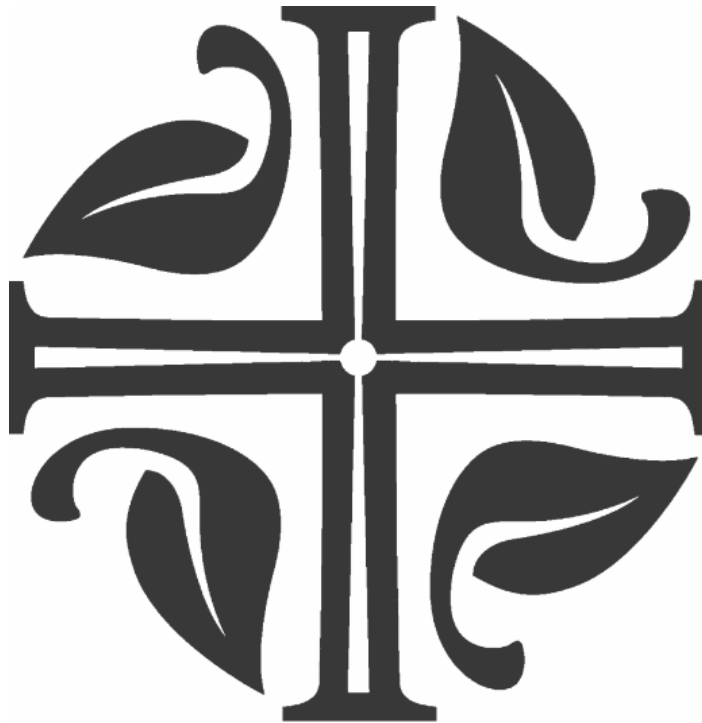
Younger Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing

BLESSING

May the love of God abound in you.

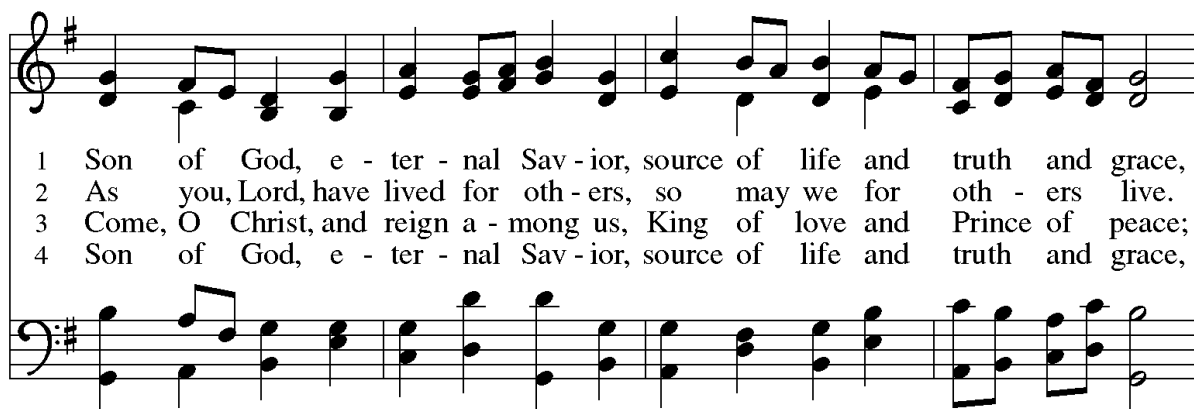
May the grace of our savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts.

May the life of the Holy Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

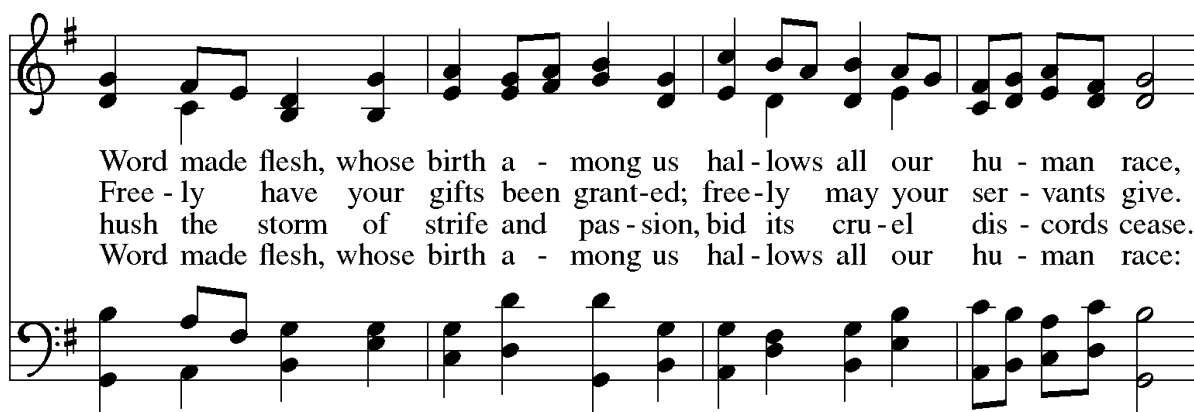


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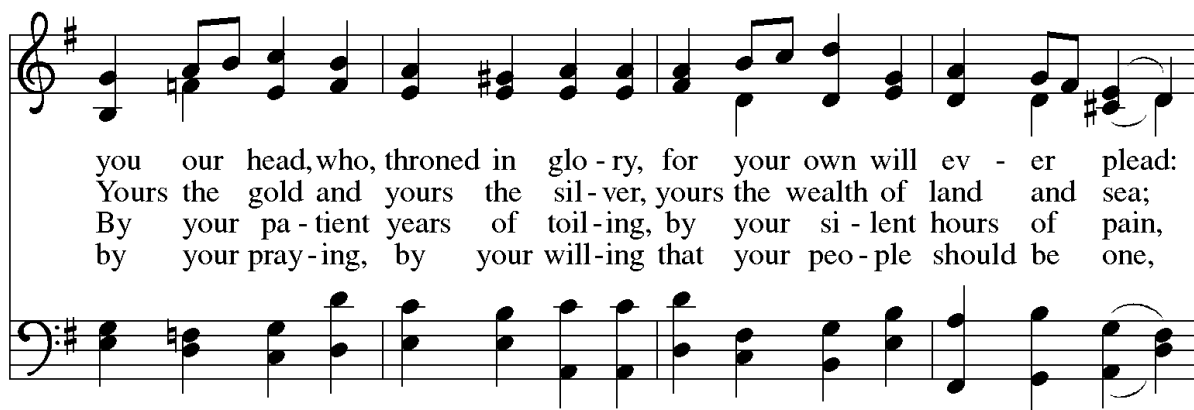
Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

SENDING

All children and youth are invited to come forward to participate in the sending.

Go in peace. Praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Promised Land"
Elaine Koga, Piano

arr. Martin



Thank you to all who are assisting with worship today:

Pastor Lara Forbes, *Preaching and Presiding*
Will Simpson, *Director of Music*
Vanessa Rykaczewski, *Bell Choir Director*
Elaine Koga, *Accompanist*
Dana Nasby, *Assisting Minister*
Mary Davis, *Lector*
Melanie Grad, *Acolyte*
John Nelson and Art Gurtel, *Ushers*
Hillary Nordwell, Melanie, and Johannes Grad, *Altar Guild*
Susan Hegedus, *Livestream video*
Peter Cornwell, *Audio*
Carol Schneider and Ed Corker, *Greeters*
Jay Baxter, *Coffee Host*

Worship Texts for September 6 – 5:00 PM Worship
Ezekiel 33:7-11 and Matthew 18:15-20

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Our FINAL Summer Evening Worship!!

**Sunday, September 6th
5:00 PM**

Remember – there is NO 10:00 AM worship that day!

Soak up the 'end of summer' vibe ~ sleep in, go to brunch, tend to the garden, shop, watch a game....

THEN – gather at 5:00 PM for worship!!

September dates to remember:

September 6:	5:00 PM Summer Evening Worship
September 7:	Office is closed (Labor Day)
September 12:	God's Work, Our Hands Day of Service Church Council Retreat
September 13:	9:00 AM "Faith & Civic Life" Adult Education program 10:00 AM Worship Church Council Meeting
September 17:	Choir Rehearsals begin
September 24:	Blood Drive
September 26:	All church work day
September 27:	Mission Team Adult Education Hour Taco Brunch

Our next blood drive is **Thursday, September 24th** back in the Fellowship Hall!!

Please use the QR Code and get your slot!! There are 41 time slots available ... as of today, 5 are filled.

Share with friends and neighbors – every drop matters.



Saturday, September 12, 2026

This event is part of the ELCA's "God's work. Our hands" annual day of service. This is a volunteer opportunity to collect food to help Hopelink fight hunger in our community.

We are putting together teams of volunteers to be at the **Crossroads QFC** **from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm** to collect nonperishable food items from shoppers. All food collected will go to the Hopelink Food Bank in Bellevue. The job consists of handing out a "shopping list" flyer and thanking people for their donations.

Shifts are 1 ½ hours long*, and 4 volunteers are needed per shift. All ages can participate, and it is a wonderful family activity! Sign up for shifts [HERE](#) or email Dick Szabo at dick.szabo@comcast.net. Together we can turn just a few hours of time into tons of food for hungry local families. For more information, contact Debbie Szabo at debbieszabo@comcast.net (206) 972-2675 or Dick Szabo (206) 390-7621.

Calendar

Sunday, August 30

10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Coffee and Conversation

Monday, August 31

10:00 AM Health and Wholeness Meeting
1:00 PM Staff

Tuesday, September 1

Porchlight moves out today

8:00 AM Tuesday Morning Men

Wednesday, September 2

Thursday, September 3

2:00 PM Timber Ridge Worship

Friday, September 4

Saturday, September 5

Sunday, September 6

5:00 PM Worship

Monday, September 7

Office is Closed / Labor Day

7:00 PM Executive Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 8

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men, Online
9:30 AM Dorcas Circle
10:00 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 9

2:00 PM Care Team Meeting, Online
7:00 PM Adult Education Meeting, Online

Thursday, September 10

Friday, September 11

Saturday, September 12

8:00 AM Council Retreat

Sunday, September 13

9:00 AM Adult Education, Faith & Civic Life
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Coffee Hour

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