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* INDICATES TO PLEASE KNEEL OR STAND, AS YOU ARE ABLE

PRELUDE — PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN SETTING: ROBERT HOBBY

ENTRANCE RITE

*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 pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

*GATHERING SONG — AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE ELW NO. 522

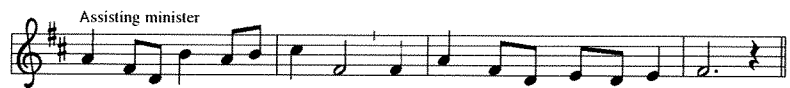
*GREETING

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.

*GLORIA

ELW p. 148

Assisting minister



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

All



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.



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



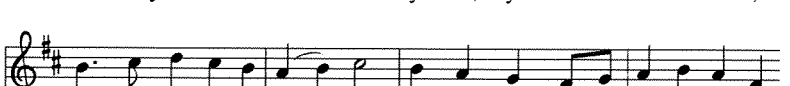
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



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. A-men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy.
Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is
harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

EZEKIEL 33:7-11

A Reading from Ezekiel.

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

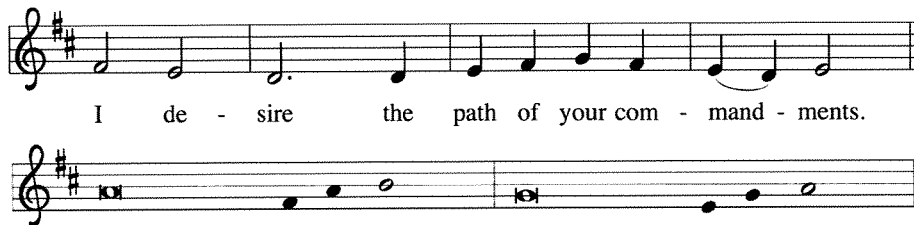
Silence for reflection follows the reading.

PSALM – SUNG RESPONSIVELY

PSALM 119:33-40

The Cantor introduces the refrain which is repeated by the Assembly.

All join in repeating the Refrain where indicated.



³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way [|] of your statutes,
and I shall keep it [|] to the end.

³⁴ **Give me understanding, and I shall [|] keep your teaching;**
I shall keep it with [|] all my heart.

³⁵ Lead me in the path of [|] your commandments,
for that is [|] my desire.

³⁶ **Incline my heart to [|] your decrees**
and not to [|] unjust gain. R

³⁷ Turn my eyes from be- [|] holding falsehood;
give me life [|] in your way.

- ³⁸ Fulfill your promise ¹ to your servant,
which is for ¹ those who fear you.
- ³⁹ Turn away the reproach ¹ that I dread,
because your judg- ¹ ments are good.
- ⁴⁰ Behold, I long for ¹ your commandments;
by your righteousness en- ¹ liven me. R

SECOND READING

ROMANS 13:8-14

A reading from Romans.

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection follows the reading.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The Cantor introduces the Gospel Acclamation which is repeated by the Assembly.
The verse is sung by the Cantor. All repeat the Acclamation following the verse.*



Alleluia. In Christ God was reconciling the world ¹ to himself,* entrusting the message of reconcilia- ¹ tion to us. *Alleluia.* (2 Cor. 5:19)

*GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 18:15-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

THE REV. TIM SCHOLL

Silence for reflection follows the sermon

*HYMN OF THE DAY — IN ALL OUR GRIEF

ELW NO. 615

*APOSTLES' CREED

ELW P. 105

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After “Hear us, O God,” congregation responds, “Your mercy is great.”

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING — ANDANTE

FLOR PEETERS

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread,
wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.*

*HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION



This is Hymn No. 188 from *Evangelica Lutheran Worship*

Text: Psalm 51:11-13

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen (1670-1739), adapted

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of creation,

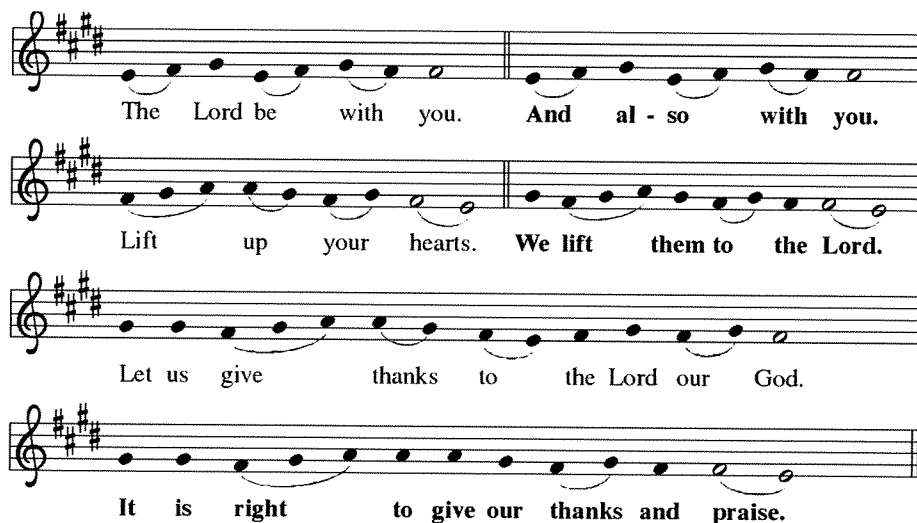
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you;
 make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in
 service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

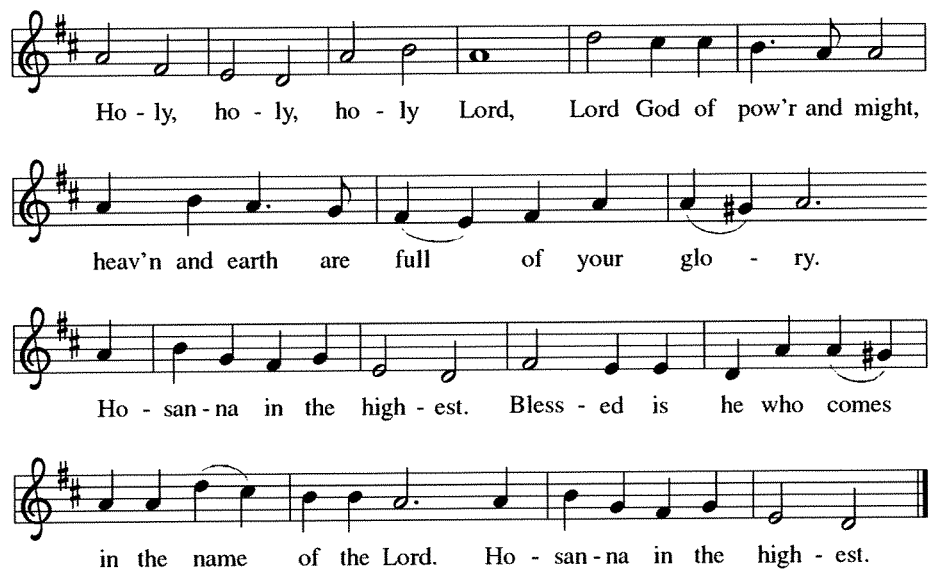
All who are baptized and believe with us that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are invited to communion. Ushers will assist with the communion. Please pick up an empty cup from the small table at the altar rail to receive the wine. Baskets will be placed on either side to dispose of your cup. Individual communion kits will be available from the ushers for those who prefer them. We serve low-gluten bread. If you are unable to come to the Communion rail, please inform an usher and the ministers will bring Communion to you in your pew.

*DIALOGUE



*PREFACE

*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The presiding minister continues, using one of the following or another appropriate form.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

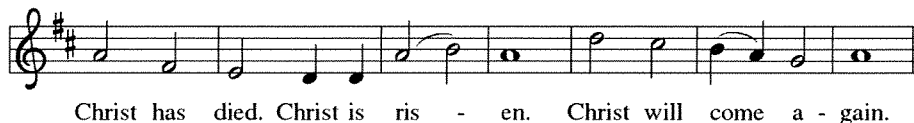
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

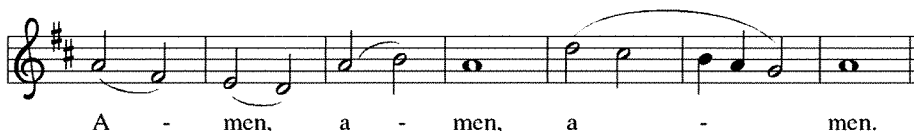
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
 his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
 and the promise of his coming again,
 we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
 not as we ought but as we are able;
 we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
 and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
 and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
 so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
 may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
 and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
 may be formed to live as your holy people
 and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



Amen, amen, amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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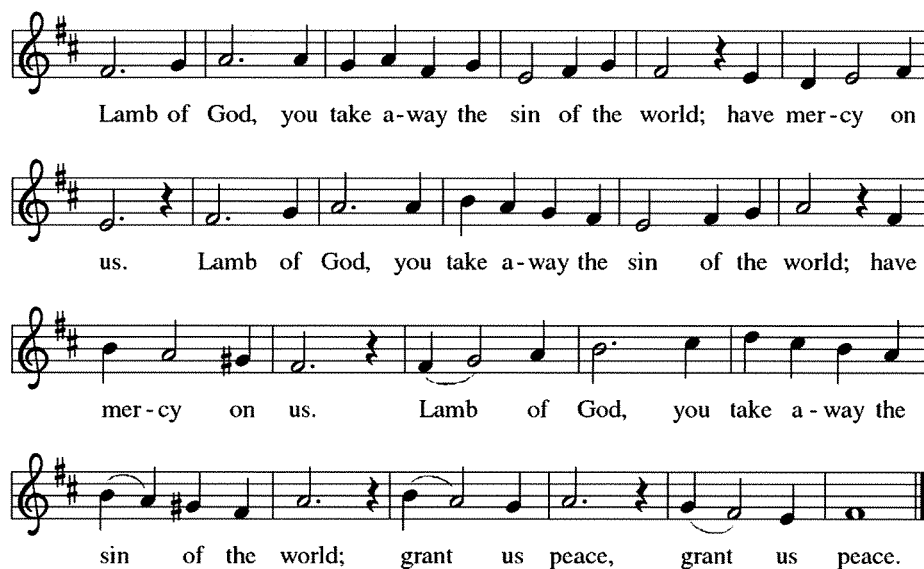
Presider

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
 Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
 you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
 with thanksgiving.

AGNUS DEI



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.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION — COME NOW, O PRINCE OF PEACE ELW NO 247

*TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Sustaining God,

with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your
Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your
liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

*BENEDICTION

The God of love

draw you into full accord and one mind,

in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope

grant you strength and joy in all circumstances

through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace
 ✝ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

*SENDING HYMN — THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE ELW NO. 551

*DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE — JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE ARR. GORDON YOUNG

*You are invited to remain for the postlude that concludes our worship.
 If you do not wish to stay, please be respectful of those who are listening.*

PRAYER LIST

Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill. We especially pray for: Katie, Janet, Lisa, Karl, Debbie, Laura, Paula, Alex, Jim, Kendra, Gene, Bryan, Dennis, Janet, Libby, JoAnn, Ron, Carl and all those whom we now name before you. Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

If you would like to have a family member or friends name added to the list, please be sure to get their permission before having their name(s) added. Names will be listed for a month and removed. You can then request to have them added again for continued prayers. Thank you.

Last Week's response				
	August 30	YTD		Attendance
Given —	963	74,168	10:30 in-person	52
Needed —	<u>3,154</u>	<u>110,390</u>	Abbewood Service (8/23)	12
Over/(Short)	(2,191)	(36,222)	Livestream Total Views Past 7 Days	63

HOSPITALITY HOUSE REQUESTS

For the month of September, Hospitality House is requesting canned fruit. The collection boxes are located under the coat rack by the elevator at the entrance. Thank you for your continued support of this mission.

FLOWERS AND CANDLE

The Altar Flowers are to the Glory to God.

The Sanctuary Candle to the Glory to God,
in celebration of the birthday of Scott Ries.

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL SEPTEMBER 6 TO SEPTEMBER 13

Sunday (06)	10:30 AM –	Worship Service
Monday (07)		Office Closed Labor Day
Tuesday (08)	6:00 PM –	TOPS
	6:30 PM –	Executive Committee Meeting
	7:00 PM –	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday (09)	10:30 PM –	Adult Bible Study
Sunday (13)	10:30 AM –	Worship Service

SERVING YOU TODAY

The assisting minister for the service is **Paulette Goytowski**. The reader for the service is **Helen Dupont**. The technology minister is **Nate Sears**. All are sharing service on the altar guild.

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