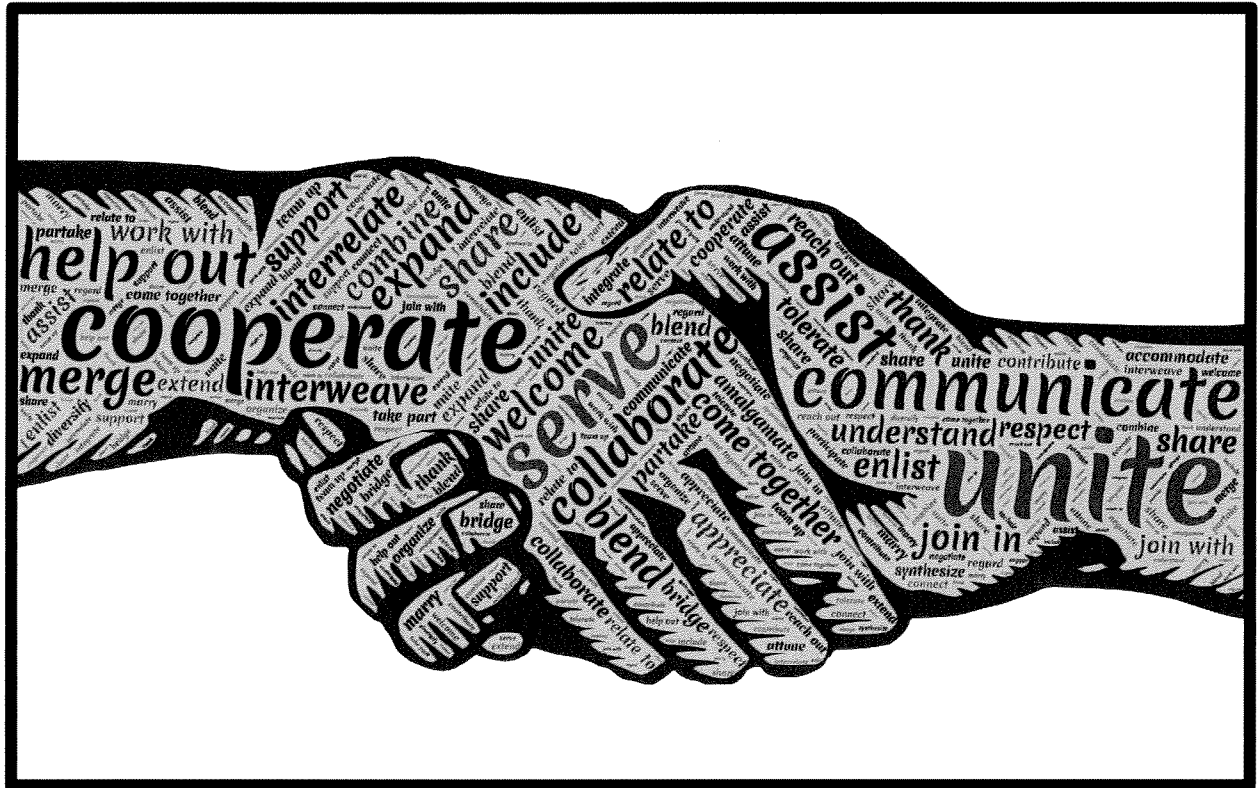


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PRELUDE — LASST UNS ERFRUEN

HAL H. HOPSON

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 — ALL CREATURES, WORSHIP GOD MOST HIGH

vv. 1, 4, & 6 ELW NO. 835

*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;



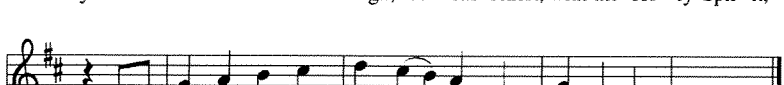
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



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, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.
Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may
delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

GENESIS 50:15-21

A Reading from Genesis.

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

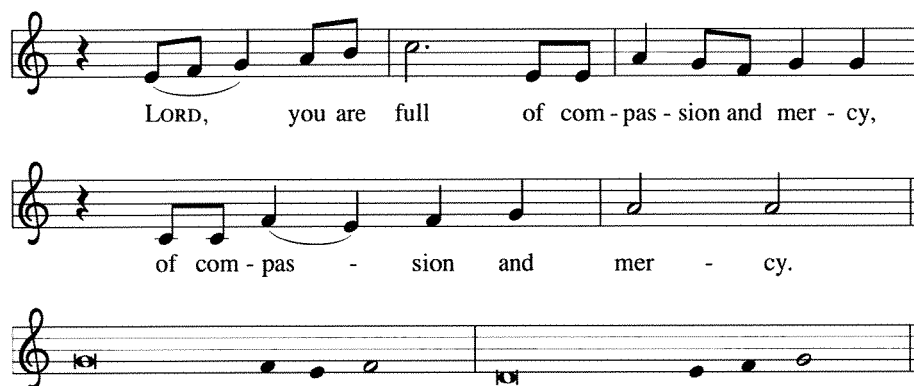
Silence for reflection follows the reading.

PSALM – SUNG RESPONSIVELY

PSALM 103:[1-7] 8-13

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

All join in repeating the Refrain where indicated.



[¹ Bless the Lord, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.

² **Bless the Lord, | O my soul,
and forget not | all God's benefits—**

³ who forgives | all your sins
and heals all | your diseases;

⁴who redeems your life | from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy; **R**

⁵who satisfies your desires | with good things
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

⁶**O Lord, you provide | vindication**
and justice for all who | are oppressed.

⁷You made known your | ways to Moses
and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.]

⁸**Lord, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,**
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love; R

⁹you will not al- | ways accuse us,
nor will you keep your an- | ger forever.

¹⁰**You have not dealt with us according | to our sins,**
nor repaid us according to | our iniquities.

¹¹For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for | those who fear you.

¹²**As far as the east is | from the west,**
so far have you removed our transgres- | sions from us.

¹³As a father has compassion | for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear | you, O Lord. **R**

SECOND READING

ROMANS 14:1-12

A reading from Romans.

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

Word of God, word of life.

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. We have an advocate, Jesus ¹ Christ the righteous;* your sins are forgiven on account ¹ of his name. *Alleluia.* (1 John 2:1, 12)

***GOSPEL READING**

MATTHEW 18:21-35

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But

he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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 — WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL

ELW NO. 359

*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 — DUETTO FROM THE TRIO SONATA IN F MAJOR ARCANGELO CORELLI

*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,

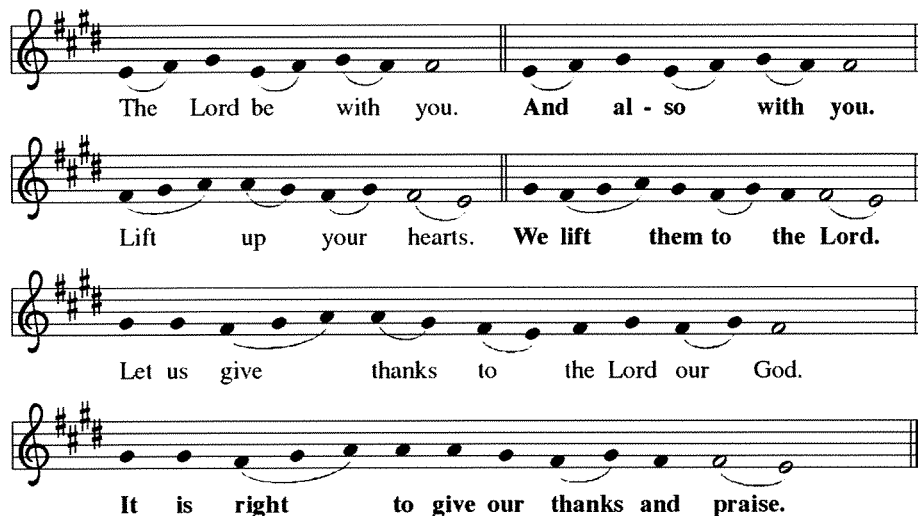
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you;
 make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in
 service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

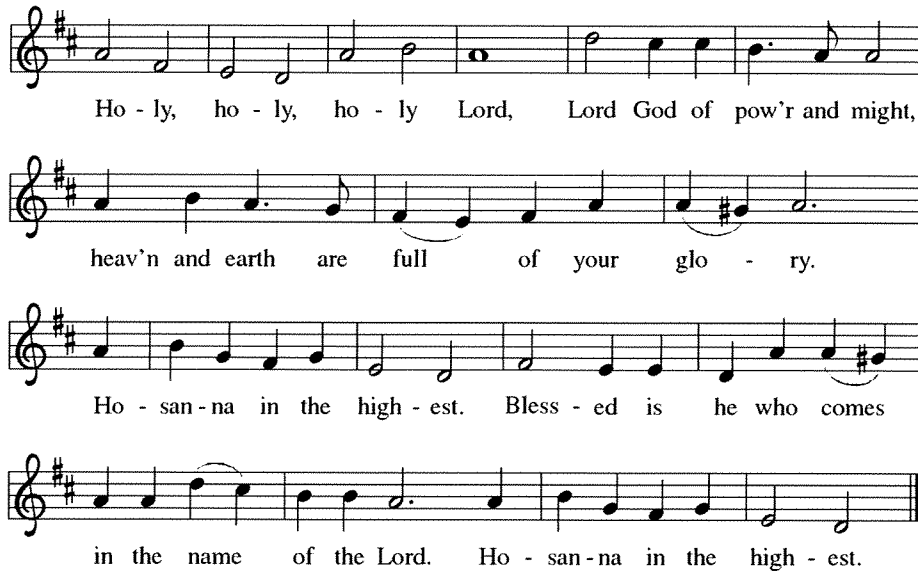
All who are baptized and believe with us that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are invited to communion. Ushers will assist with the communion. Please pick up an empty cup from the small table at the altar rail to receive the wine. Baskets will be placed on either side to dispose of your 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.

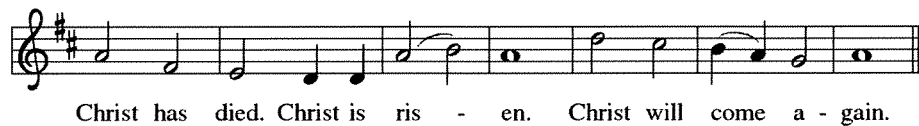
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

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.

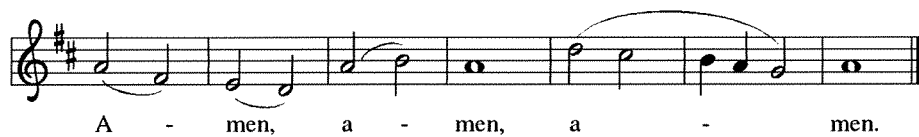
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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



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.



*THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW P. 154

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 — I COME WITH JOY

ELW No. 482

*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 — IN THEE IS GLADNESS

ELW NO. 867

*DISMISSAL

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

*POSTLUDE — RECESSIONAL OF JOY

HAL H. HOPSON

*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, 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.

SERVING YOU TODAY

The assisting minister for the service is **Greg Hull**. The reader for the service is **Cindy Bursley**. The technology minister is **Nate Sears**. All are sharing service on the altar guild.

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