

INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost • September 22nd, 2024 ✠

Worship Notes: • Our Lector for today is Stefanie Seebauer • Our Crucifer for today is Jimmy McFarland • We are in setting 3 of the ELW •

PRELUDE

Vivace, from Trio Sonata in C minor

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP SKIT

Linda Blazek and Cal Johnson

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as able and face the back of the church.

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for forgiveness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

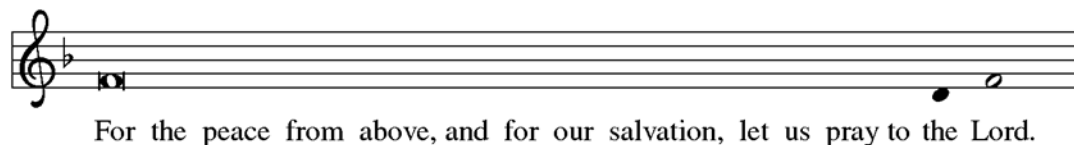
GATHERING HYMN: ELW 389

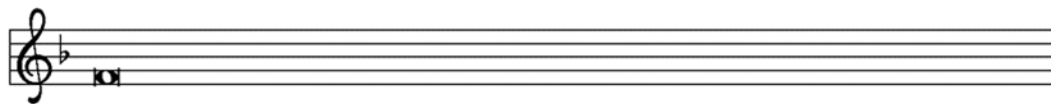
Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing
TRURO

GREETING

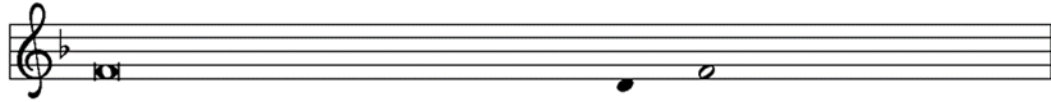
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE: ELW p.138





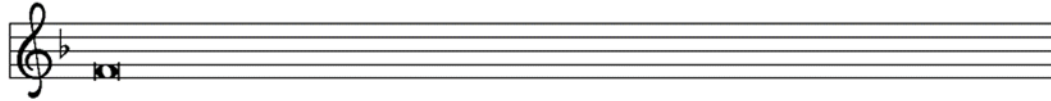
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



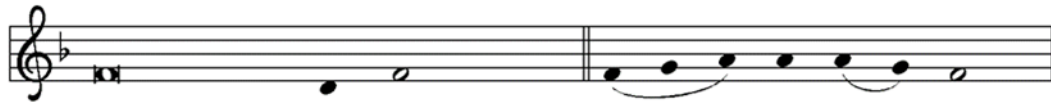
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



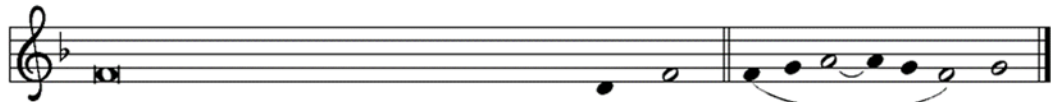
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: ELW P.139

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, 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 God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" ²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 54

Read responsively

¹Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

²Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

⁴Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me;

in your faithfulness, destroy them.

**6I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

**7For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.**

SECOND READING: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

13Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. 14But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. 15Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. 16For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. 17But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. 18And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. 19Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? 20You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. 21You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. 22Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 23Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: p.142

Please stand as able.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

Before the Reading: The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

30[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;**31**for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” **32**But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. **33**Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” **34**But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. **35**He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” **36**Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, **37**“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

After the Reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 781

Please stand as able.
Children of the Heavenly Father
SANDELL

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 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

Each petition concludes "*Hear us, O God.*" We respond: "**Your mercy is great.**"

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

The offering plate will be passed throughout the Congregation for those not using online

ANTHEM

"Come, Ye Blessed"

John Prindle Scott

Based on Matthew 25:34-36:

³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

Please stand as able.

OFFERTORY HYMN: ELW 690 (Verses 1 & 2)

We Raise our Hands to You, O Lord
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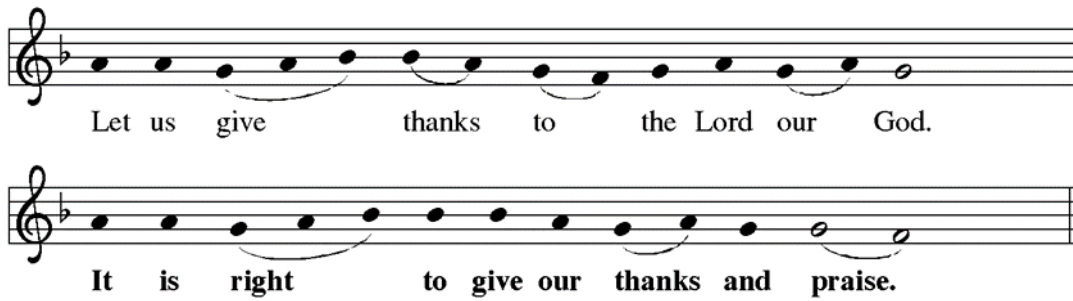
OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING: p.144

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

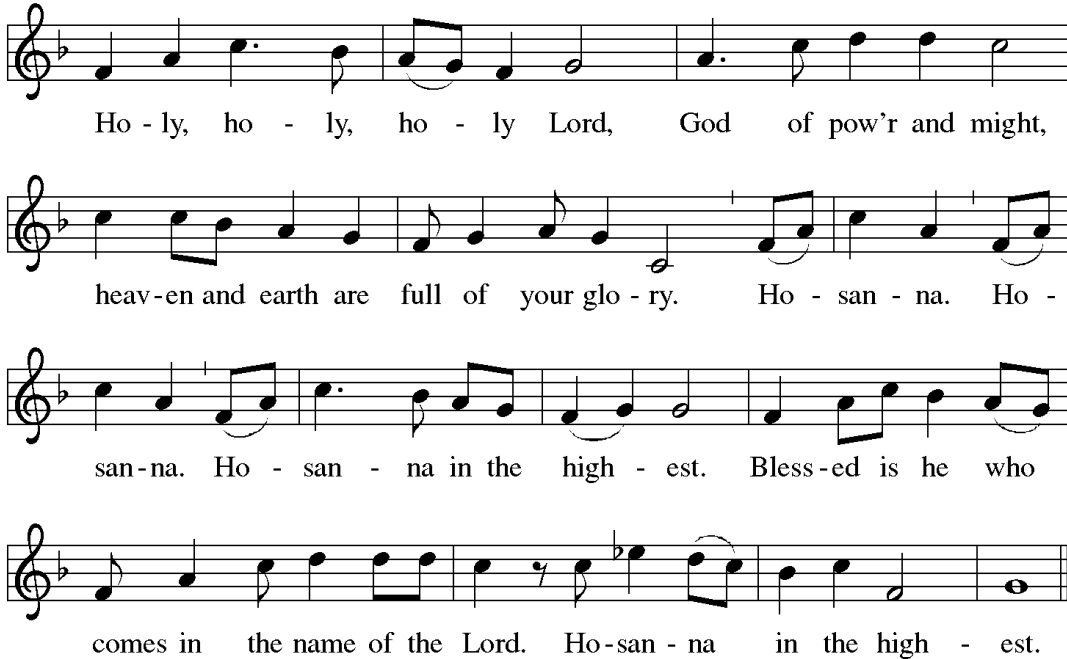
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: p.144



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for Jesus, your Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

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 love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

COMMUNION- *We invite you to join with us in the sacrament of Holy Communion, as Jesus invites us all to the table. Please take an empty communion glass from the trays at the front of the church. The innermost ring of glasses are pre-filled with grape juice for those who prefer juice to wine. There are discard trays by the side aisles. Please follow the directions of the Ushers.*

LAMB OF GOD: p.146

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.

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 595

Jesus Loves Me!
JESUS LOVES ME

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 712

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
BEACH SPRING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand able.

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord God bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: ELW 815

I Want to Walk as A Child of The Light
HOUSTON

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Allegro, from Trio Sonata in C minor

J.S. Bach

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee time.

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