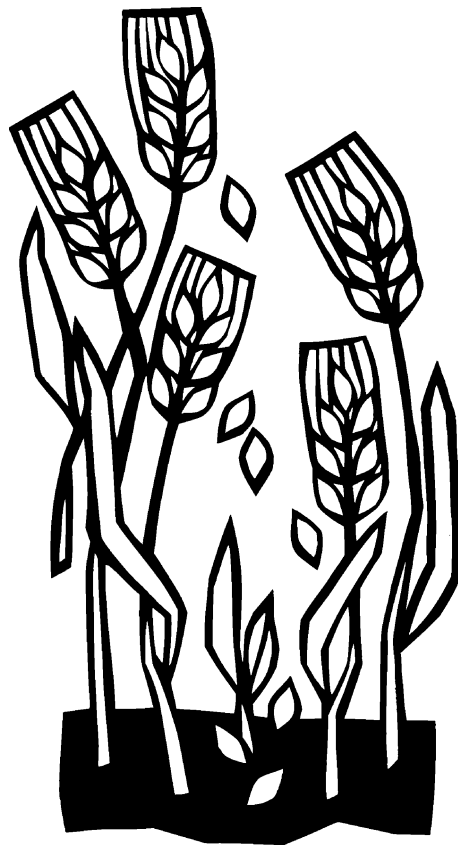


# **New Jerusalem Lutheran Church**



**Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 17, 2024  
Worship Service  
ELW Setting 2**

## *Announcements for March 17, 2024*

### **PRAYERS FOR OUR NJLC COMMUNITY**

*\*\*new names added this week (NJLC connection)*

Prayer Requests: \*\*Darlene Hove (Don Bloom); Matt Weis (Jen Muhlenberg); Nancy Orndorff (NJLC member); Cathy Ciesinski (Toni Chancellor-Adams); Dean Fox and Peggy Glascock (Judy Fox); Evelyn Bowman (NJLC member); Anna Adler (Leah Onderdonk)

**EASTER CANDY NEEDED:** NJLC will hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. In preparation for this event we need bags of individually wrapped candy. If you can donate a bag of candy please bring it to church on March 17th or March 24th. We will be filling our Easter eggs on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 10:00 am. If you can help us fill the eggs please meet in the church nursery at 10:00 am on 3/27/2024.

**“THE THEOLOGY OF THE CROSS” Adult Forum:** Pastor Carl will continue to lead an examination of atonement theory – what we really mean when we use words like “savior” and “redeemer.” It addresses the question, “Why did Jesus have to die?” The class will meet following worship on March 17 and March 24.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:** We are invited to join with Zion/Bethel Lutheran Churches for Good Friday service on March 29 at 5:30 p.m. The service will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church, 40723 Tankerville Road, Lovettsville, Virginia.

**EASTER FLOWERED CROSS:** The flowered cross symbolizes the Resurrection and new life and we will once again this Easter be including a flowered cross in our Easter festival celebration. Bring your fresh-cut flowers (stems no longer than 4-6”), to church at 9:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday, March 31. We will decorate the cross with the flowers and then process into the sanctuary for worship.

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY:** New members will be received Easter Sunday, March 31. If you are interested in membership, please contact Pastor Carl at [Pastor.njlc@gmail.com](mailto:Pastor.njlc@gmail.com) or 703-955-6714.

### **SEASON OF LENT**

Mar. 17 (Sun): First Communion Instruction, 11:00 a.m.

Mar. 17 (Sun): “The Theology of the Cross” Adult Forum, 11:00 a.m.

Mar. 24 (Sun): Palm Sunday, First Communion

Mar. 24 (Sun): "The Theology of the Cross" Adult Forum 11:00 a.m.

Mar. 29 (Fri): Good Friday service at Bethel Lutheran Church 7:30 p.m.

### **SCRIPTURE/PRAAYER READERS FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH:**

March 17 – Matt Jorgenson

March 24 (Palm/Passion Sunday) – AJ Jorgenson

March 31 (Easter Sunday) – Toni Chancellor-Adams

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**OUR MISSION:** *Responding to God's grace, we are a welcoming congregation growing in Christian faith through worship, learning, serving, and fellowship.*

**OUR VISION:** *NJLC is a compassionate community of disciples that values everyone & expresses faith by connecting with God, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, & all creation.*

## WELCOME TO NEW JERUSALEM

*A few items of note to help you in your time here today:*

**MASKS** — Masks are optional for worship and events at New Jerusalem, though we encourage mask wearing for anyone who chooses to do so.

**NEWCOMERS** — Visitors are always welcome and we invite you to sign our guestbook located in the entryway or fill out a pew card from the pew rack in front of you.

**COMMUNION** — Welcome to the table of Christ where we believe Christ is fully present to us in, with, and under these elements of bread and wine. You are invited to participate whether a member here or come to us from any other denominational tradition. Those not ready to receive Christ in body and blood, may still come forward to receive Christ in blessing. Follow the directions of the ushers who will dismiss each pew. As you come to the top of the center aisle, the pastor will place a wafer in your hands and invite you to step to the side to take an individual cup of wine (first tray) or grape juice (second). Please receive and then discard cups in the receptacle along the altar rail. If you cannot come forward, communion can be brought to you after all have communed at the front.

**CHILDREN** — We seek to be a family-friendly congregation who enjoys having children among us, including the littler ones. We have a Cherub's Corner in the fellowship hall downstairs with age-appropriate toys, books, etc. and the worship service can be heard over the speakers. Should you have the need/desire to utilize our staffed Sunday Morning Nursery, it is located in the end room of the education building.

**HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY** — Handicap accessible restrooms are located downstairs at the back of our Fellowship Hall or across in our Education Building. Someone is available to run the lift should you need to get up and down between levels.

We hope that in your time among us, you will encounter the love of God in Spirit!



As the season of Lent is a time of prayer and quiet reflection, there will be no flowers on the altar throughout the Lenten Season.

*To provide altar flowers for an upcoming Sunday, sign-up on the 2024 Flower Chart located in the church hallway or contact the church office.*

## Introduction

God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God’s love with all the world.

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## GATHERING

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### READER FOR TODAY

Matt Jorgenson

### PRELUDE

“Prelude and Fugue in E Minor”  
By J.S. Bach

Mark A. Fletcher

*We prepare our hearts and minds for worship during the prelude.*

### WELCOME

*Please stand as you are able.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,

**People: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**People: Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

“Lamb of God Your Only Son”  
*(see music on next page)*

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LENT

# Lamb of God

## Your Only Son

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1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a  
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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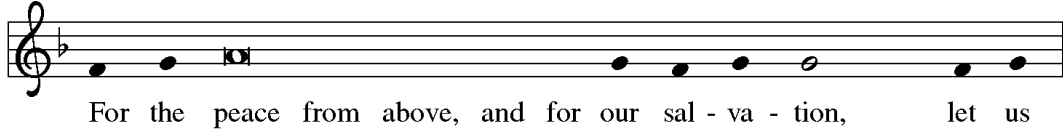
## GREETING

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.**

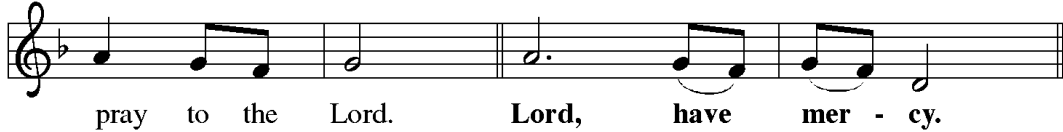
# Kyrie



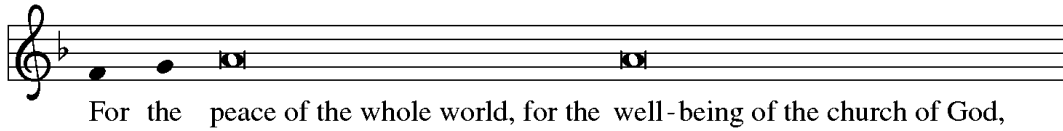
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



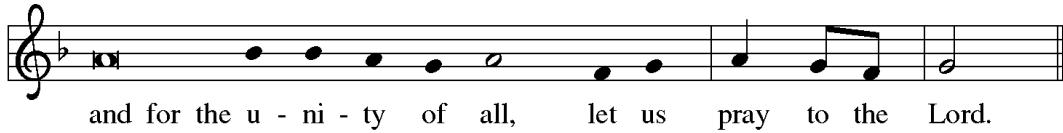
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



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



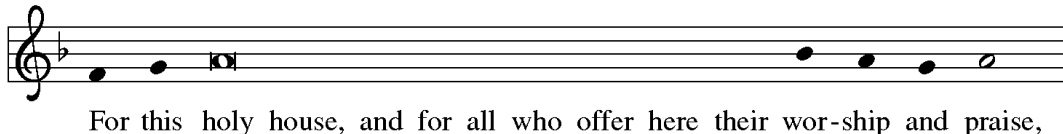
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**




For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray...

**People:** O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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## THE WORD

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### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Reader: The first reading for today is recorded in the book of Jeremiah...

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader: Word of God. Word of life.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:5-10

Reader: The second reading for today is recorded in the book of Hebrews ...

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” <sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a



high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader: Word of God. Word of life.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

## GOSPEL READING

John 12:20-33

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John, the twelfth chapter.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pastor: <sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. <sup>27</sup>"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd

standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”<sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.”<sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.<sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”<sup>33</sup> He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

**Pastor:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

**Children’s Message**

Pastor Phil Carl

**PRAYGROUND**

*Children are invited to The Prayground for Bible lessons, activities, crafts and prayers.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Phil Carl

Please stand as you are able.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Seed That in Earth is Dying”  
*(words on next page)*

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## Seed That in Earth Is Dying



1 Seed that in earth is dy - ing grows in - to ears of  
 2 We were bap - tized in Je - sus, in - to his death and  
 3 Seed that in earth is dy - ing ris - es to bear much



grain. Grapes that are crushed in the ves - sel  
 grave, to res - ur - rec - tion's prom - ise:  
 fruit. Christ, as we meet at your ta - ble,



turn in - to gold - en wine. God, through this mys - ter - y grant us  
 praise and e - ter - nal life. Heav - en's own prais - es be - gin here  
 give us the bread of life. Lord, we do thank and a - dore you!



faith in our deep - est dark - ness, life in our night and death.  
 where you your - self are near us, deep in our night and death.  
 Un - ceas - ing praise of the a - ges ris - es from night and death.

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Music: Harald Herresthal, b. 1944

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## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**People: 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 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

Reader: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need. God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Reader: God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Reader: God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Reader: God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Reader: God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill, especially Darlene Hove, Matt Weis, Nancy Orndorff, Cathy Ciesinski, Dean Fox and Peggy Glascock, Evelyn Bowman, and Anna Adler. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Reader: God of Grace, we return our gratitude that your spirit has led us to call a new pastor for our congregation. Guide us now as we prepare for a mutual ministry to our congregation and community. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Reader: God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us, especially Patrick, missionary to Ireland, whom we commemorate today. Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love. Hear us, O God.

**People: Your mercy is great.**

Reader: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**People: Amen.**

## GREETING & PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

*We invite you to turn and share a sign of peace with your neighbors.*

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## MEAL

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### OFFERTORY

“Come, Ye Disconsolate”  
By J. Bert Carlson

Mark A. Fletcher

### OFFERTORY RESPONSE

## Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

*Offering Song*



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. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

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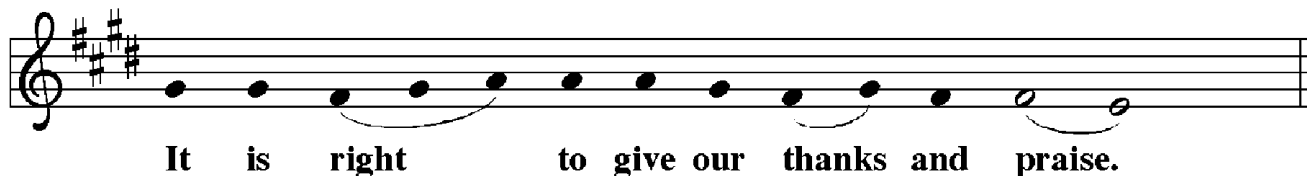
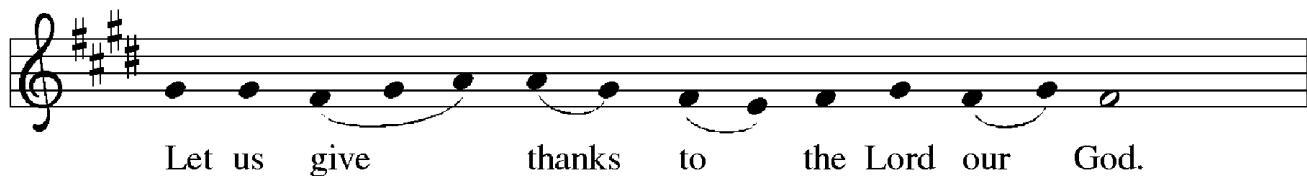
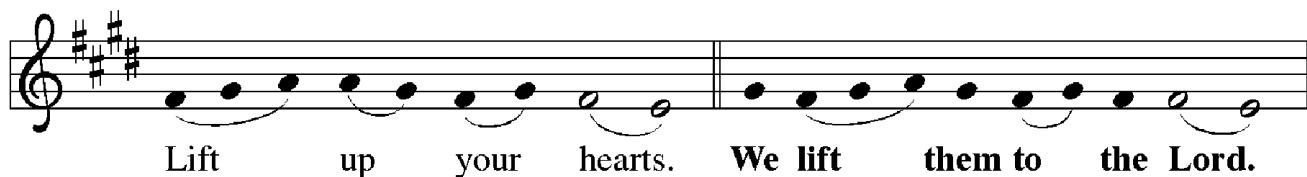
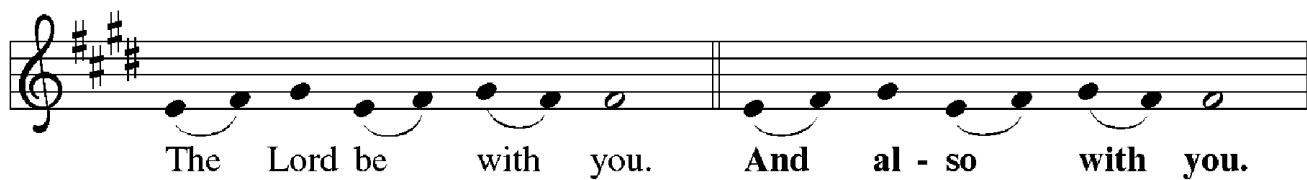
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## OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: Generous God,

People: **Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Pastor: 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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:

## HOLY, HOLY

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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**Pastor:** 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, that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished 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.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Pastor:** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**People:** **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.**

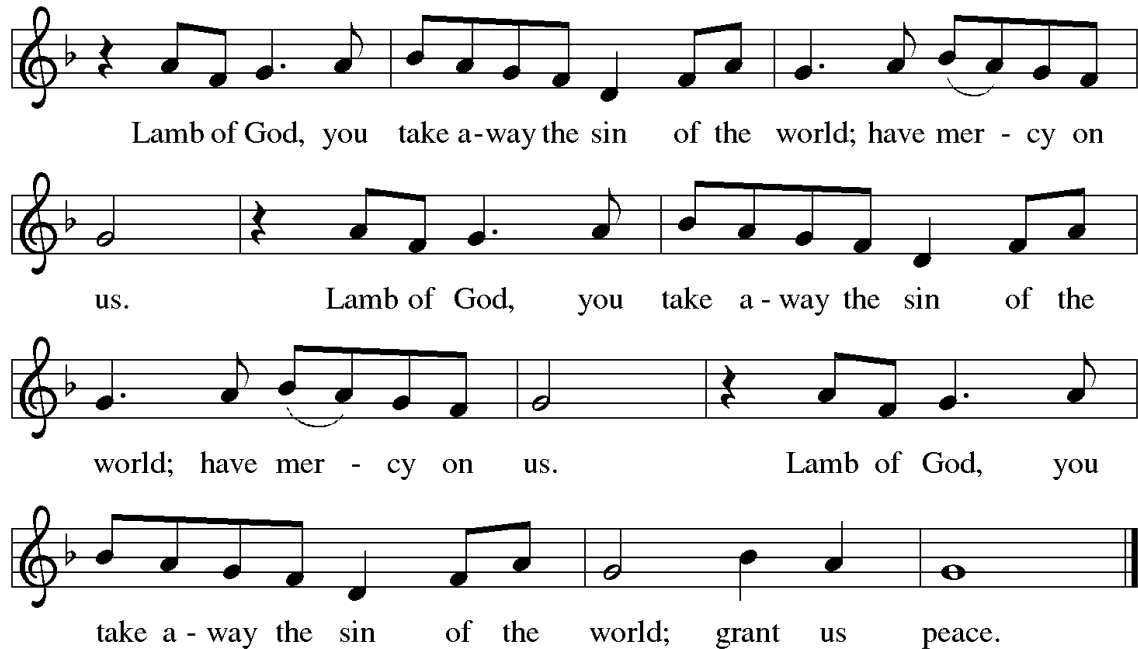
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**Pastor:** Come to the banquet, for now all is ready.

Please be seated.



## HOLY COMMUNION



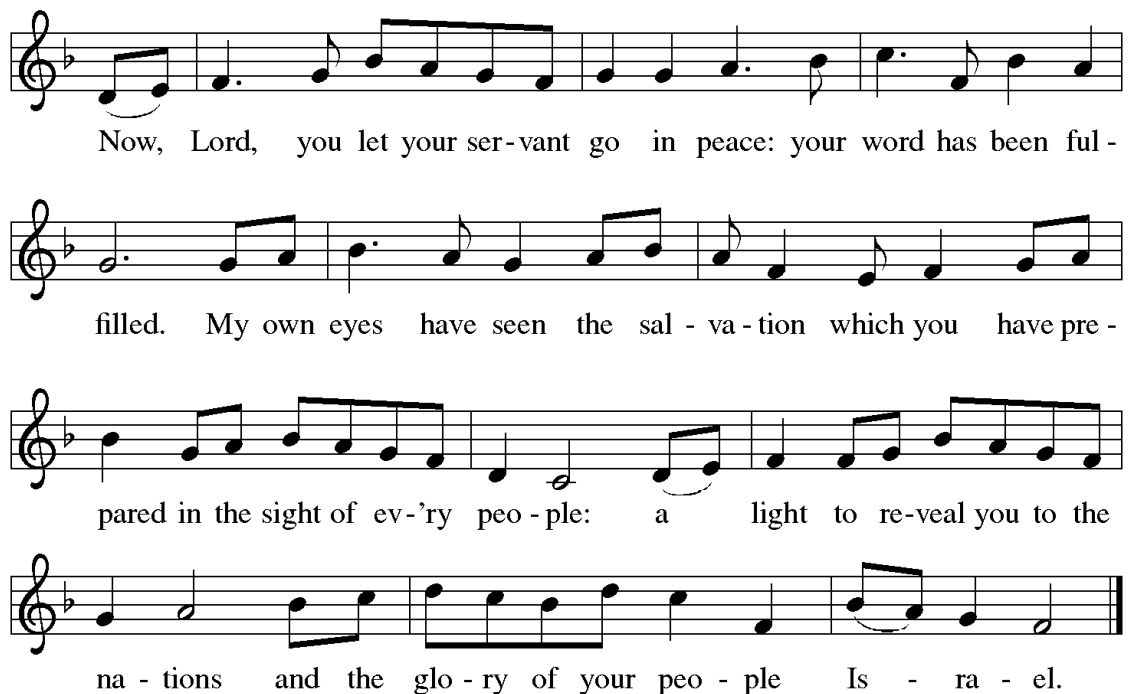
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please stand as you are able.

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

**Pastor:** The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood strengthen you unto life eternal.

**People:** Amen.



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful-  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-  
pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the  
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

People: **Amen.**

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## SENDING

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### BLESSING

Pastor: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”  
*(see music on next page)*

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### DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

“Postlude”  
By Brian Kelly

Mark A. Fletcher

*Following today’s Service, we invite you to find fellowship downstairs in the fellowship hall.*

*Renewed and strengthened by our worship together, go forth in peace to serve in the world.*

# Christ, the Life of All the Living

1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
 2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,  
 3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,

Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:  
 e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;  
 for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;

through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.  
 for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
 thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,

Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
 for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

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**PSALM OF THE DAY 51:1-12**

(not read during today's service)

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses. <sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me. <sup>4</sup>Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment. <sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb. <sup>6</sup>Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within. <sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow. <sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice. <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness. <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.