

# Abiding Presence Lutheran Church and Preschool



## Lectionary 22

**Sunday 9:30am, August 30, 2026**

**Abiding Presence Church and Preschool**

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**Welcome to Worship!**  
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**INTRODUCTION**

*The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.*

**PRELUDE**

***"In Babilone"***

Michael Lindsey

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**GATHERING** – The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

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*Please stand as you are able*

**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,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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

Jesus says, "Come to me,  
all you who are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest."  
In the name of God,  
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Rest in God's love.  
Amen.

### GATHERING HYMN 655 *"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.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contradansen*, 1710

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



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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together:

**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.**

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**WORD** – God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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*Please sit*

**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."*

**A Reading from Jeremiah**

<sup>15</sup> 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.  
<sup>16</sup> 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.  
<sup>17</sup> 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.  
<sup>18</sup> 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.  
<sup>19</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord:  
If you turn back, I will take you back,

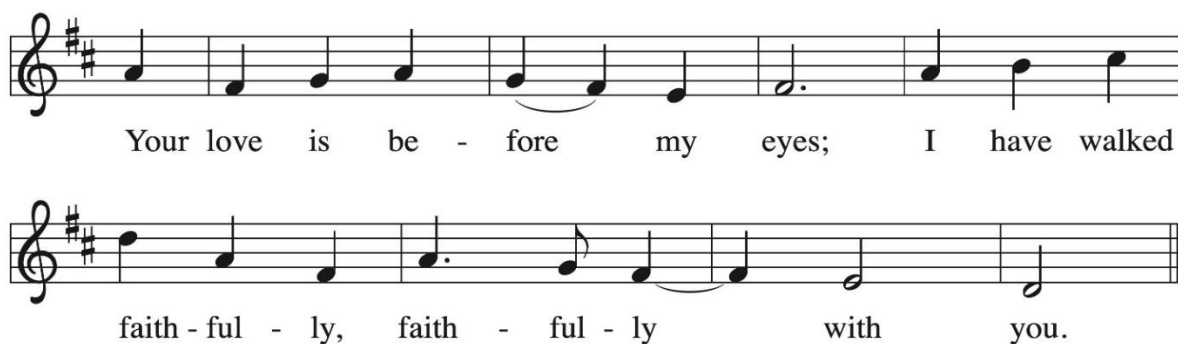
and you shall stand before me.  
 If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,  
 you shall serve as my mouth.  
 It is they who will turn to you,  
 not you who will turn to them.  
<sup>20</sup> And I will make you to this people  
 a fortified wall of bronze;  
 they will fight against you,  
 but they shall not prevail over you,  
 for I am with you  
 to save you and deliver you,  
 says the Lord.  
<sup>21</sup> I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked  
 and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

**Lector/. Word of God. Word of Life. Congregation/. Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm: Psalm 26:1-8**

***(Cantor sings verses. All sing response.)***

### ***Response***



Psalm 26:3

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- <sup>1</sup> Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- <sup>2</sup> Test me, O Lord, and try me;  
examine my heart and my mind.
- <sup>3</sup> For your steadfast love is before my eyes;  
I have walked faithfully with you.
- <sup>4</sup> I have not sat with the worthless,  
nor do I consort with the deceitful. **R**
- <sup>5</sup> I have hated the company of evildoers;  
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- <sup>6</sup> I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,  
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- <sup>7</sup> singing aloud a song of thanksgiving  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- <sup>8</sup> Lord, I love the house in which you dwell  
and the place where your glory abides. **R**

## **Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21**

*Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.*

## **A Reading from Romans**

- <sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup> love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.
- <sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be

wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup> Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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*Please stand as you are able*

## **GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL**

***(Cantor sings proper verse. All sing Alleluia before and after verse.)***



*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

## **Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28**

*After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew  
**Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup> 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.”

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> 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?

<sup>27</sup> “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup> Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

## GOSPEL RECESSIONAL



*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

*Please sit*

## SERMON

*Please stand as you are able*

## HYMN 798

## "Will You Come and Follow Me"



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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## 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 (Response: "receive our prayer.")

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation, responding, "receive our prayer."

*A brief silence.*

For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit, especially those on our prayer list, and those we name before you, aloud or in our hearts *pause for names*. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **SHARING OF PEACE**

*Please sit*

### **ANTHEM**

***Because of Thy Great Bounty***  
***Text by Grace Noll Crowell***  
***Sung by Lisa Pecchio***

Leon A. Hoffmeister

**OFFERING**

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*Please stand as you are able*

**OFFERING HYMN 465      “As the Grains of Wheat”**

***Refrain***

***As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;***

***so may all your people from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you.***

***As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence of your love. Refrain***

***Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come  
when all creation shares this feast with you. Refrain***

**OFFERING PRAYER**

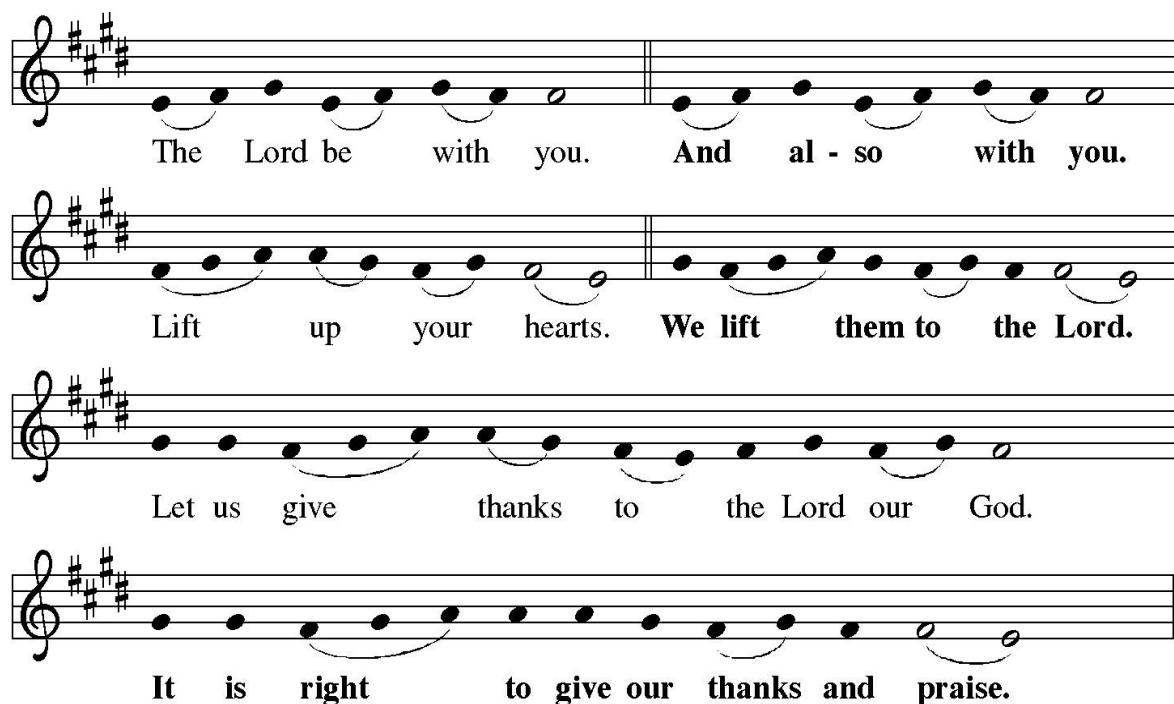
Let us pray: Loving God,

**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.**

# GREAT THANKSGIVING



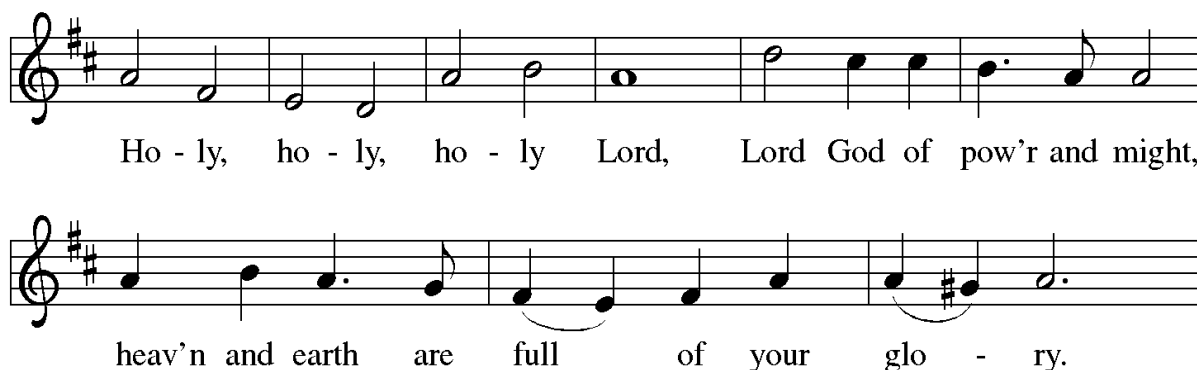
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

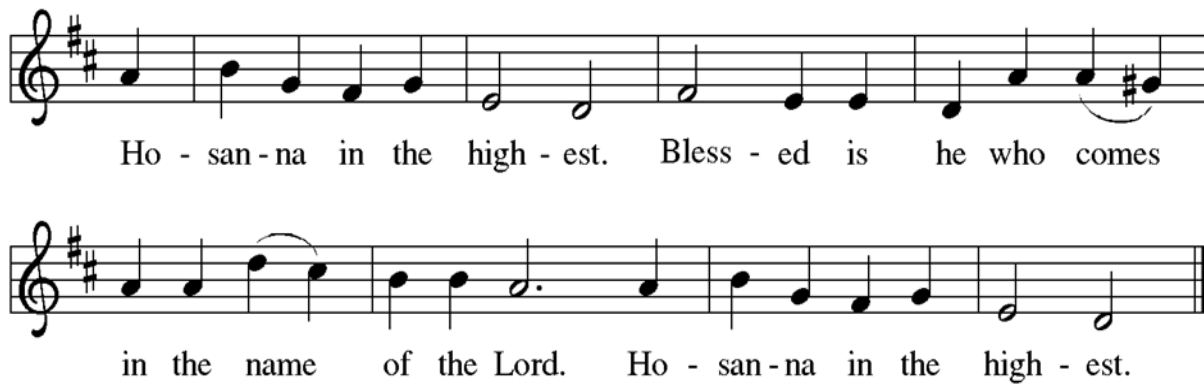
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: 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:



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

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



## THANKSGIVING AT TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.  
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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** 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

Heaven has come near.  
Come, share in the feast!  
**Thanks be to God.**

## 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.

Please sit

## THE DISTRIBUTION

*All who believe that along with the bread and wine we receive the true Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ are invited to the Lord's table to receive the Sacrament. The Sacrament will be distributed in one or two continuous lines at the main aisle. The bread is received in the hand and the communicant then proceeds to a gold chalice for intinction or to a crystal chalice to drink from the common cup, or if so desired, the communicant may receive only the bread. Please let your Communion Minister know if you wish to receive a gluten free wafer. Please follow the guidance of the ushers.*

## COMMUNION HYMN 659 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.  
walk the mile and bear the load.  
speak the peace you long to hear.  
till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
let you be my ser - vant, too.

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*Please stand as you are able*

## BLESSING

### POST COMMUNION HYMN 207 *“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”*



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let  
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.  
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

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## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: 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.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you his peace, In the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN 710      “Let Streams of Living Justice”**

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;  
give free-dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.  
The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,  
the mourn-ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home-land bright-ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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## DISMISSAL

Gathered by Christ, Growing in Faith, Sent to serve.

**All are welcome!**

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*“Prelude and Fugue”*

Johann Pachelbel

**IN OUR PRAYERS FOR COMFORT AND HEALING ARE:** Alie, Rakel Anderson, Annette, Jean B., J. Bauer, Cael Begley, Margaret Belt, Rich Bender, Betsey Berry, Anthony Bonello, Betty Bose, Keith Bose II, Keith Bose III, Brenda, Bobby Burns, Annabelle Carini, John Carini, Fran Casola, Claire, Anthony Ceriello, Christel Clausen, Nancy Couture, Mitch Crowley, Jackie DeVille, Avery Doino, Mary Donnelly, Jeff Eisner, Elaine, Wayne Ericksen, Felix, Melinda Geis, Ella Giana, Sal Giannotta, Frank Gonzalez, Kristen Bruce-Gonzalez, Gregory, Thomas H., Ed and June Heidelberger, Jennifer Hoffman, Josephine Hoffman, Jennifer Howard, Dylan Israelian, Joanne, Joe, Cliff Johnson, Jean Johnson, Brian Kennedy, Lia Krautmanis, Erik Krisch, Kristen, Melissa L., Terry Lago, Lauren, Douglas Lozel, Marissa Luethi, Gene Maccarone, Laurie Mandel, Mark, Mason, Mel, Melissa, Stancy Mentnech, Herb Menzel, Doris Meyer, Debra Michels, Carol Minton, Katy Monte, Terry Moore, Jennifer Morrell, Debra Morsello, The Murphy Family, Steven N., Matthew Naehar, Kim Nallan, Lindi Nubel, Jane O'Brien, Lucille Ochal, Pamela, Rose P., Patrick, Paul, Richard Pecchio, Dorothy Philcox, Keith Philcox, Nicholas Pohlmann, Jessica Pucci, Ron Pucci, Joseph, Lanie Raskin, Joan and Matt Reilly, Grace Revere, Lynn R., Margaret Rizzo, Doris Roche, Charlotte Roessle, Jim Rogin, Nancy Rosen, Paul Rosen, Ruth, Jordan S., Sal, Claire Salem, Susan Salerno, The Seale Family, Joan Sepp, Jeff Smith, Jeffrey Starke, Stephen, Austin Stone, The Strumza Family, Suzanne Stoklosa, Annette Swanson, Gavin Tarsio, Todd, Peter T., Anna T., Julie Tiberie, Michael Wagner, Peter Weichner, Bill Witte, Kathy Zieran, Erwin Zimmermann.

**FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:** Courtney Burke, Paul Cassuti, John Delano, Jonathan Dixon, Walton Delano Gouldin, Eric Hank, Jr., Michael Hewson, Alycia A. Howard, Claire James, Justin MacDonald, Katie Mayer, Daniel Murray, Richard Mutari, Jay Rosenwald, Jake Sass, Kaitlin Stark, Bryce Michael Wheeler, Rachel Williams.



**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in loving memory of our daughter Jenn. You are always with us as we behold Gods wondrous creation. You live in every beautiful moment! With everlasting love, Mom and Dad

**THE BREAD AND WINE are offered** to our angel, we are forever the luckiest to have had you as Mom, to have you watching over us for the rest of our lives. Until we can be together again, we miss you more than words can describe and will continue to make you proud. We love you forever and always, Katie and Haley

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** burns this week with warmest love and joy for the gift of our beloved sister. You live strong in our hearts every day. Until we meet again, precious Jenn, eternal love, Laura and Karen

**THE CANDLES OF GRACE** are lighted in memory of our Aunt Jenn. We miss you so much. Our best times have you in it and the memories are with us forever! We love you so much! Tyler and Viviana

**Daily Bible Readings for Year A (August 30 – September 6)**  
**From *EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP***

The foundational premise of this set of daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings.

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| Sun 8/30  | <i>Lectionary 22</i><br>Jeremiah 15:15-21<br>Psalm 26:1-8<br>Romans 12:9-21<br>Matthew 16:21-28  |
| Mon 8/31  | Psalm 17<br>2 Samuel 11:2-26<br>Revelation 3:1-6                                                 |
| Tues 9/1  | Psalm 17<br>2 Samuel 11:27b—12:15<br>Revelation 3:7-13                                           |
| Wed 9/2   | Psalm 17<br>Jeremiah 17:5-18<br>Matthew 12:22-32                                                 |
| Thurs 9/3 | Psalm 119:33-40<br>Ezekiel 24:1-14<br>2 Corinthians 12:11-21                                     |
| Fri 9/4   | Psalm 119:33-40<br>Ezekiel 24:15-27<br>Romans 10:15b-21                                          |
| Sat 9/5   | Psalm 119:33-40<br>Ezekiel 33:1-6<br>Matthew 23:29-36                                            |
| Sun 9/6   | <i>Lectionary 23</i><br>Ezekiel 33:7-11<br>Psalm 119:33-40<br>Romans 13:8-14<br>Matthew 18:15-20 |

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**Sunday school N3 – Grade 5      9:30am In person      September - May**

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