



PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Together, let us call on the name of the Lord: Father, + Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

↑ **GATHERING HYMN**

Faith of Our Fathers

#216

↓ **CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

P: My friends, true confession is not an easy or comfortable thing. Jesus has called us into his family, but we do not always bring honor to him. Let us speak truthfully to each other and to God.

C: Most faithful God, we admit to you and to each other that our deeds rarely match our good intentions, nor do our intentions measure up to our creeds.

We name you as our Father, yet we do not live like your gracious children.

We name you as Christ our Savior, but we do not consistently live like the redeemed.

We name you the ever-present Holy Spirit, but often we live as though you were at the other end of the universe.

C: Please continue to have mercy on us. Forgive us for our procrastination and rebellion.

Recall us to your truth, and let these creeds penetrate deep within our goals and motives, so that from the depths of our being we may be inspired to love and serve you.

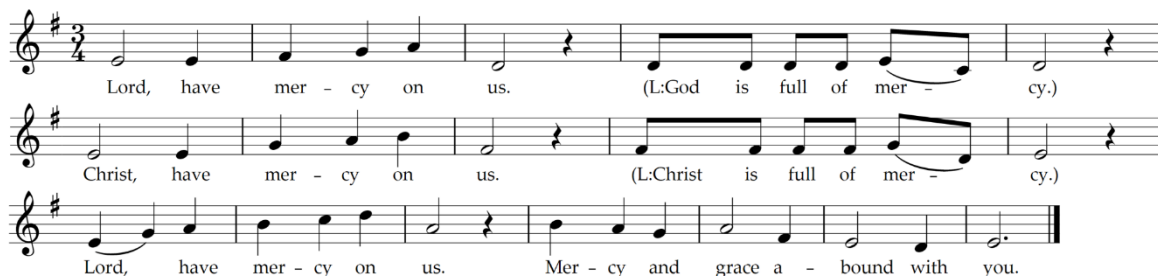
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P: God can be utterly trusted. Do not be afraid! If God through Christ says that your sins are forgiven, then they certainly are! The saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ is with you all.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God our Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (SONG OF GLORY) *Hymnal page 23-24*

Cantor: Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, good will to all.

1 Lord, we praise your name on high, wor-ship you and glo-ri-fy.
2 You have borne the sins of all. Mer-cy, Lord, and hear our call.
3 You, a-lone, the Ho-ly One, You, a-lone, God's on-ly Son,

To the Lamb of God we cry and join the an-gel's song.
Ev-ry-one, both great and small, come join the an-gel's song.
In your name we've just be-gun to join the an-gel's song.

Glo-ri-a! Let the mu-sic flow. Glo-ri-a! To the earth be-low.

Glo-ri-a! Feel our hearts a-glow with the joy-ful an-gel's song.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (together)

Dear God, thank you that your love did not wait for our preparation or invitation. Thank you for invading our world and our lives with your love and compassion. In your Word and in the Bread and the Cup, unmask our doubt and shame, and fill us with your Spirit. In Jesus' name. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING: **Song of Solomon 1:1-4, 8:6-7**

1 Solomon's Song of Songs.

She

² Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth—for your love is more delightful than wine.

³ Pleasing is the fragrance of your perfumes; your name is like perfume poured out.

No wonder the young women love you! ⁴ Take me away with you—let us hurry!

Let the king bring me into his chambers.

Friends

We rejoice and delight in you; we will praise your love more than wine.

She

How right they are to adore you!

⁶ Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave. It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame.

⁷ Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot sweep it away. If one were to give all the wealth of one's house for love, it would be utterly scorned.

R: The Word of the Lord C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

RESPONSIVE READING: **Psalm 103:13-22 (NIV)**

R: ¹³ As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

C: ¹⁴ **for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.**

R: ¹⁵ The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field;

C: ¹⁶ **the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.**

R: ¹⁷ But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—

C: ¹⁸ **with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.**

R: ¹⁹ The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

C: ²⁰ **Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.**

R: ²¹ Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

C: ²² **Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, my soul.**

R: The Word of the Lord C: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: **Romans 5:1-8 (NIV)**

5 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

R: The Word of the Lord C: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

↑HALLELUJAH



P: THE HOLY GOSPEL according to **Matthew Chapter 11**

C: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!**

³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴ “Where have you laid him?” he asked.

“Come and see, Lord,” they replied. ³⁵ Jesus wept.

³⁶ Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”

P: This is the GOSPEL of our Lord! C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

MESSAGE

“The Lighthouse of Love and the Reef of Isolation”

Pastor Ben Unseth

↑AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles’ Creed)

C: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

↓HYMN OF THE DAY

His Mercy Is More

Song Sheet

OFFERING and OFFERING RESPONSE

As ushers bring forward the offering, ↑ to sing

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heav’nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

↑PRAYERS

P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

↓WORDS OF INSTITUTION

EXHORTATION

God our Father, in his exuberant and abundant mercy and grace, has given his only Son, our Lord and Savior, to forgive our sins and to give us faith to trust in this, his very promise, that in his body and in his blood he redeems us and reconciles us with our Father. And when we ask: when is a person rightly prepared to receive this sacrament? We respond: one who has faith. Thus, we boast in Christ because we know that faith comes from hearing and hearing comes through the Word of Christ forgiving our sins. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

PREFACE

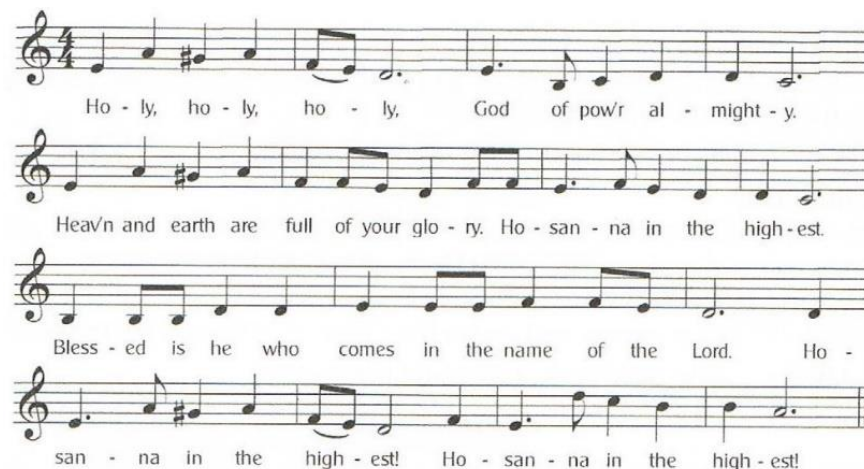
P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord holy Father, almighty everlasting God: Through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit as he had promised upon the chosen disciples, causing the whole earth to rejoice. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and singing....

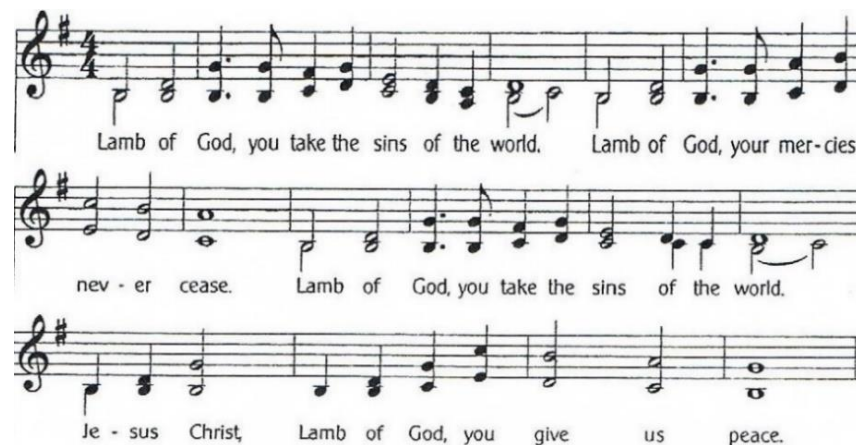
SANCTUS



↑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

AGNUS DEI



BLESSING (after distribution)

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

↑NUNC DIMITTIS (Now Dismiss Your Servants)

Lord, now let your servants depart in peace, according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people: A light to lighten the Gentiles

**and the glory of your people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

BENEDICTION

P: May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord lift his smiling face to you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace.

↓SENDING HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE