

# MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

9 am Worship



January 12, 2025  
Mauldin, South Carolina

# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP SETTING TEN

*Worshippers are invited to recite the **boldface** responses provided for both the spoken and sung liturgical texts.*

## PRELUDE

*We stand and face the Processional Cross*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God, and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

*Wash, O God, Sons and Daughters*

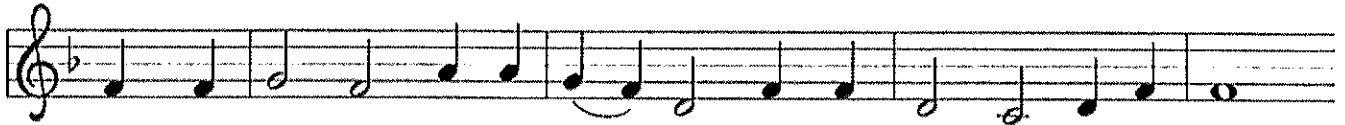
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## THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

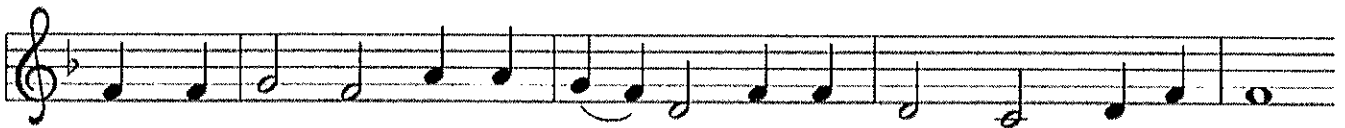
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

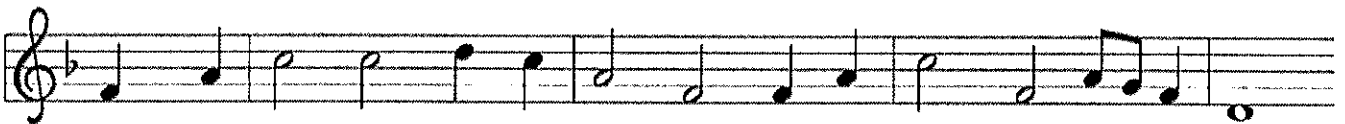
## Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



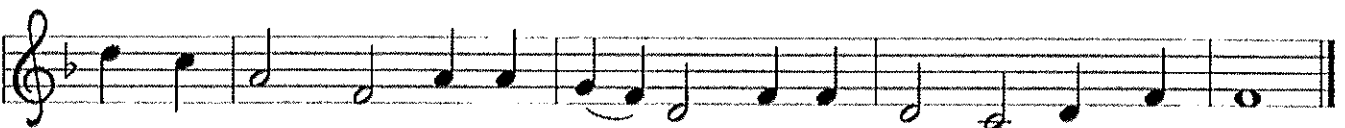
- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.  
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.  
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



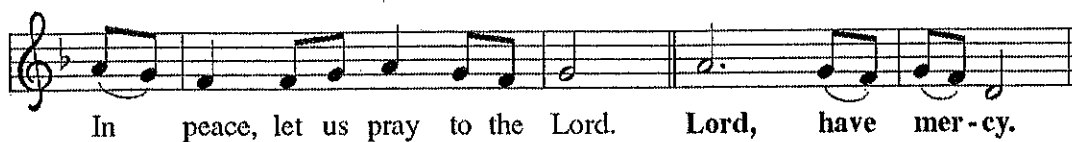
Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.  
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,  
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



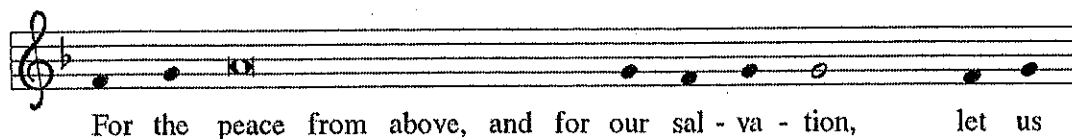
Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.  
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.  
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

# THE KYRIE

The congregation sings the *boldface* responses.



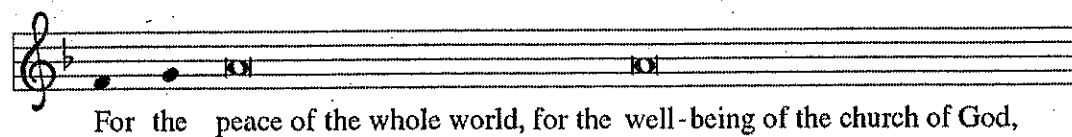
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



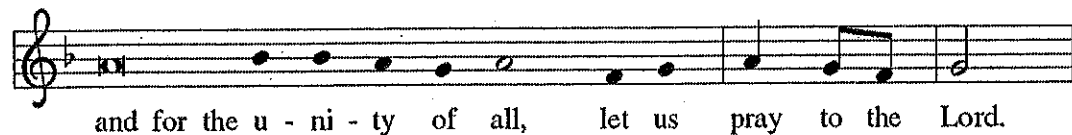
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



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



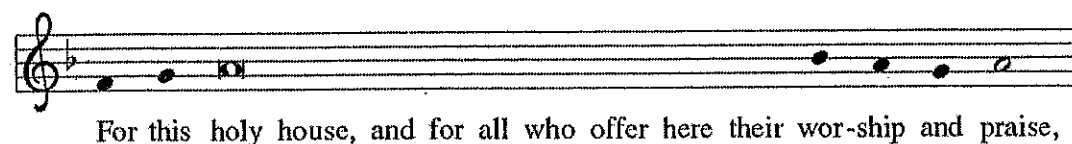
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

Sung in unison.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

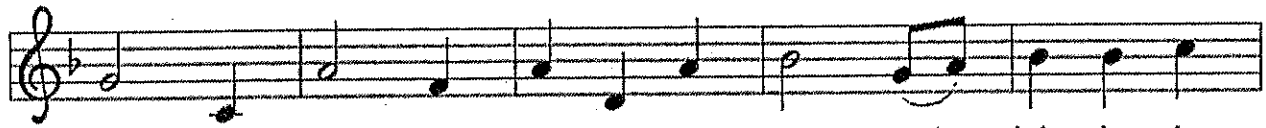
*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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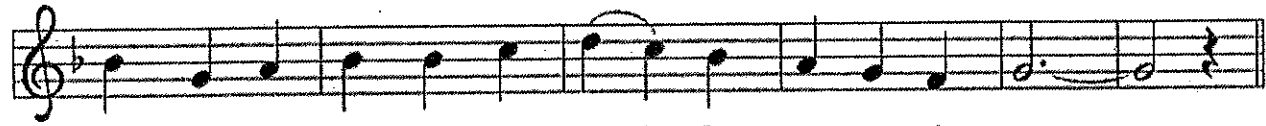
## THE HYMN OF PRAISE (Continued)



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and

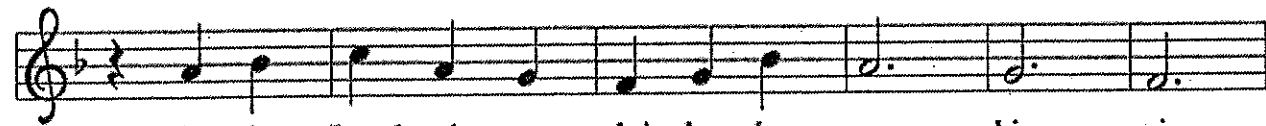


might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ,

our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with your and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

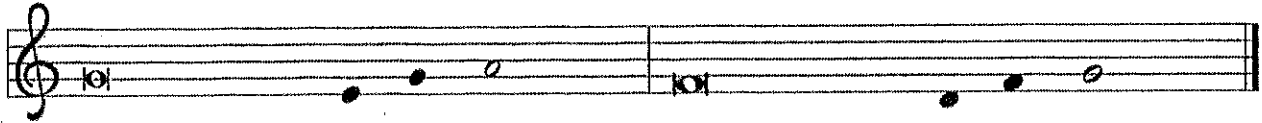
*We sit.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 43:1-7

- <sup>1</sup> But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.
- <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.
- <sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
- <sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.
- <sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;
- <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
- <sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

## PSALM: 29



<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the <sup>1</sup> LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo-<sup>1</sup> ry and strength.

<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory <sup>1</sup> due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beau-<sup>1</sup> ty of holiness.

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of <sup>1</sup> glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the <sup>1</sup> mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is a pow-<sup>1</sup> erful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a <sup>1</sup> voice of splendor.

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the <sup>1</sup> cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the ce-<sup>1</sup> dars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup> the LORD makes Lebanon skip <sup>1</sup> like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a <sup>1</sup> young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup> The voice <sup>1</sup> of the LORD  
bursts forth in <sup>1</sup> lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup> The voice of the LORD <sup>1</sup> shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilder-<sup>1</sup> ness of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the <sup>1</sup> forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are <sup>1</sup> crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup> The LORD sits enthroned a-<sup>1</sup> bove the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king for-<sup>1</sup> evermore.

<sup>11</sup> O LORD, give strength <sup>1</sup> to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the bless-<sup>1</sup> ings of peace.

### THE SECOND LESSON: ACTS 8:14-17

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup> The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup> (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.



## CHILDREN'S TIME

We stand for the proclamation of the Gospel and the singing of the **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the third chapter,  
Glory to you, O Lord.

### LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit for the **SERMON**

We stand.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

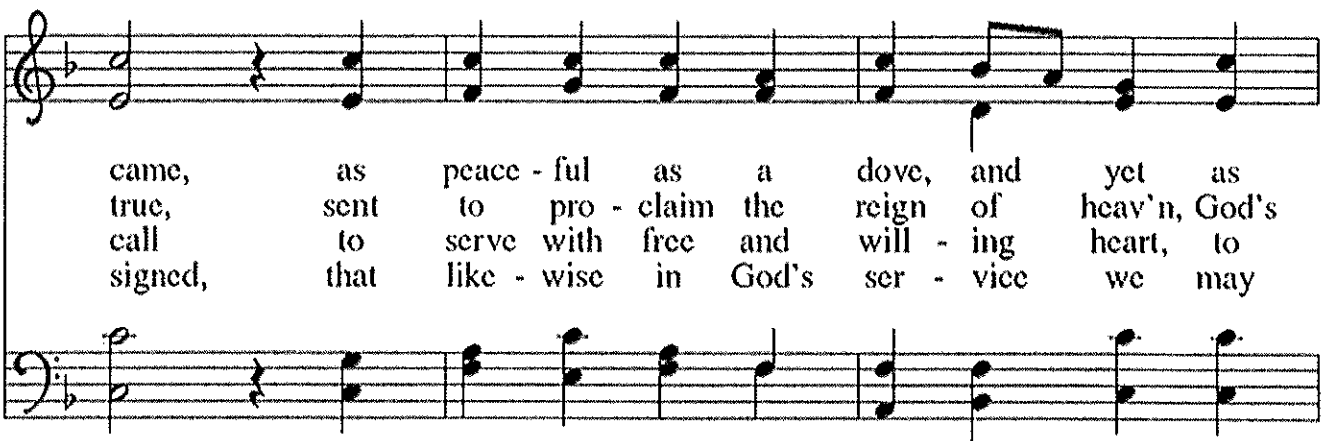
*Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

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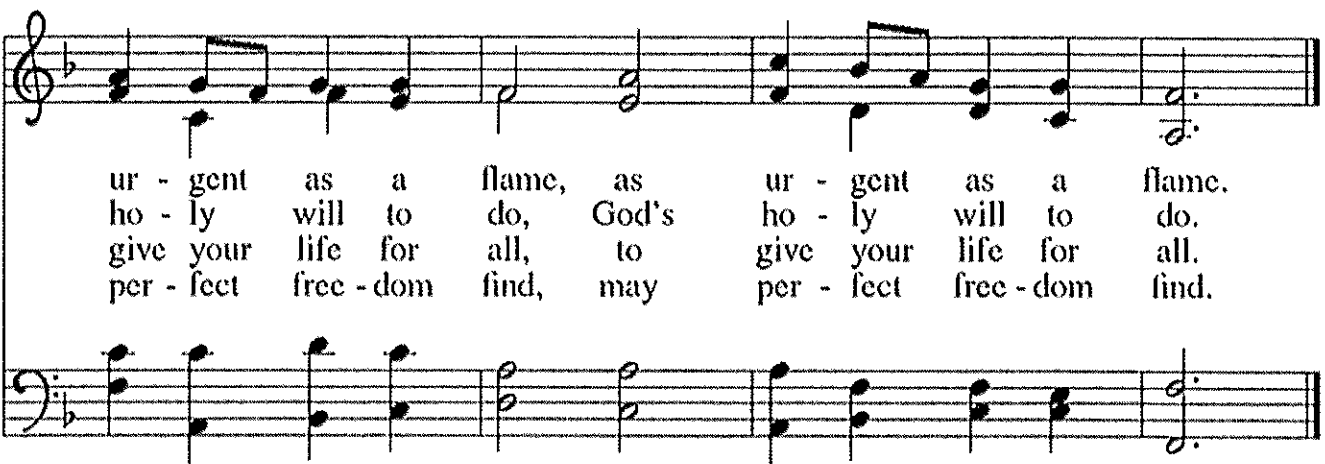
# Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Spoken in unison.*

We join together in confessing our faith.

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 catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The minister concludes each petition with: *Lord, in your mercy.*

We respond: **Hear our prayer.**

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

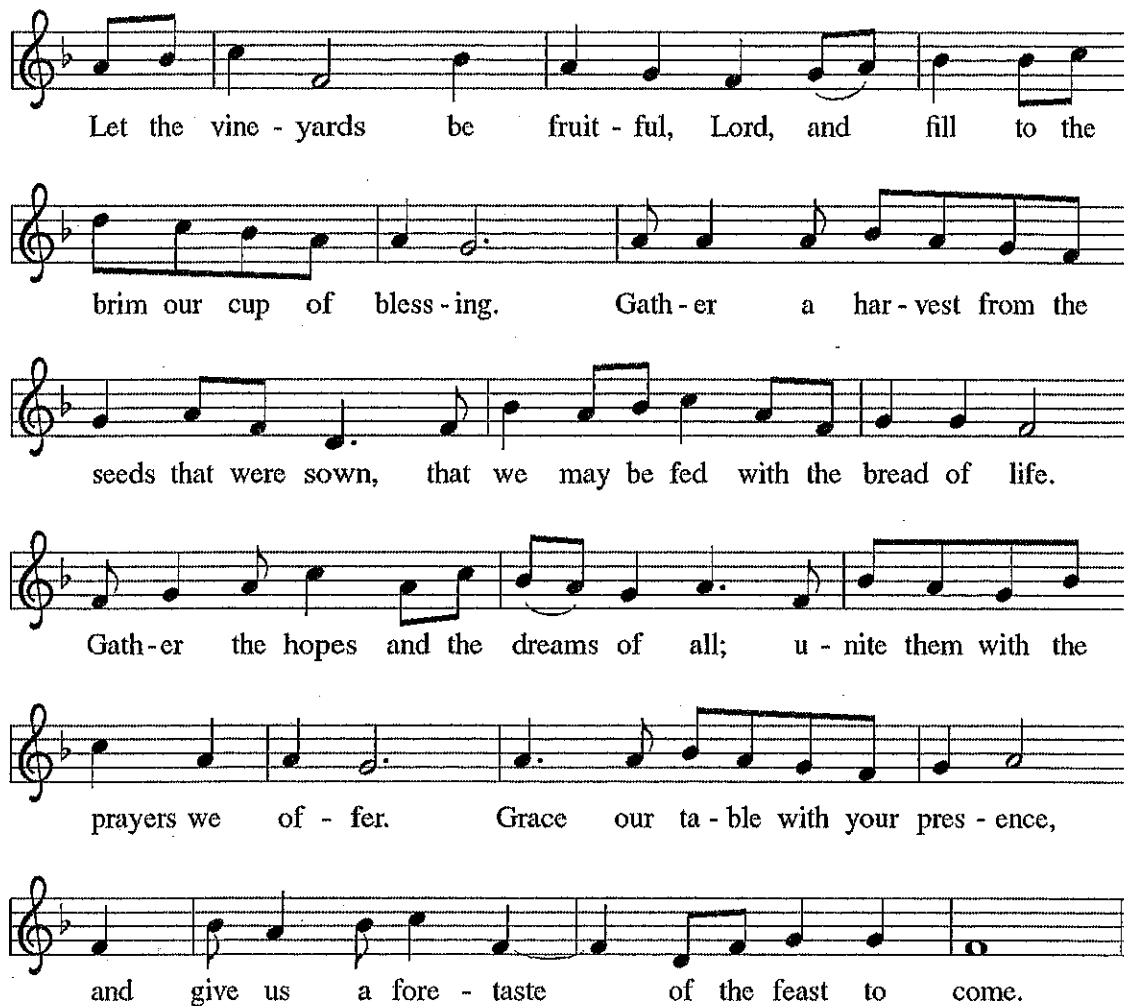
*Following the Peace, we sit for the OFFERING.*

## ANTHEM

*“Born, Reborn”*

We stand for the **OFFERTORY VERSE** and sing in unison.

## 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 the 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.

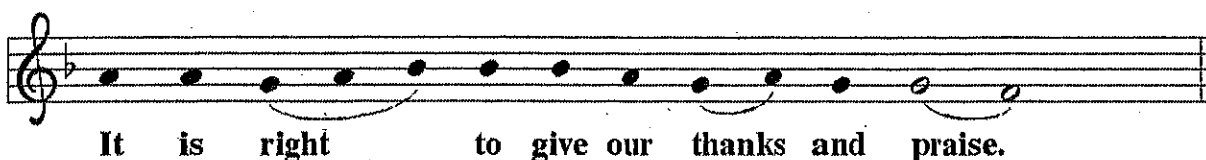
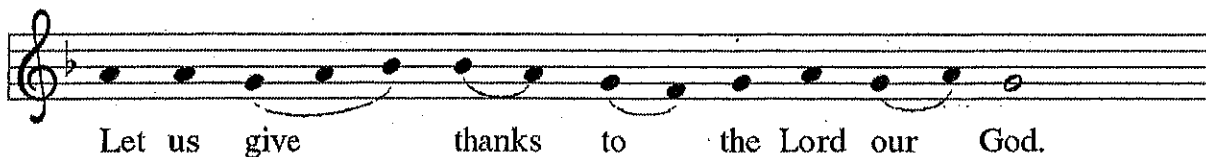
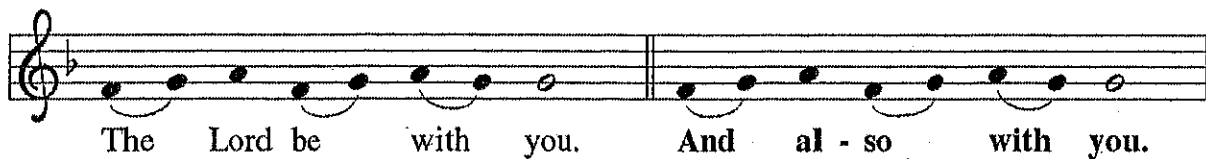
### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with your gratitude and generosity, now and always.

Amen

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right and salutary that we should offer at all times and in all places...  
We join their unending hymn:

## THE SANCTUS

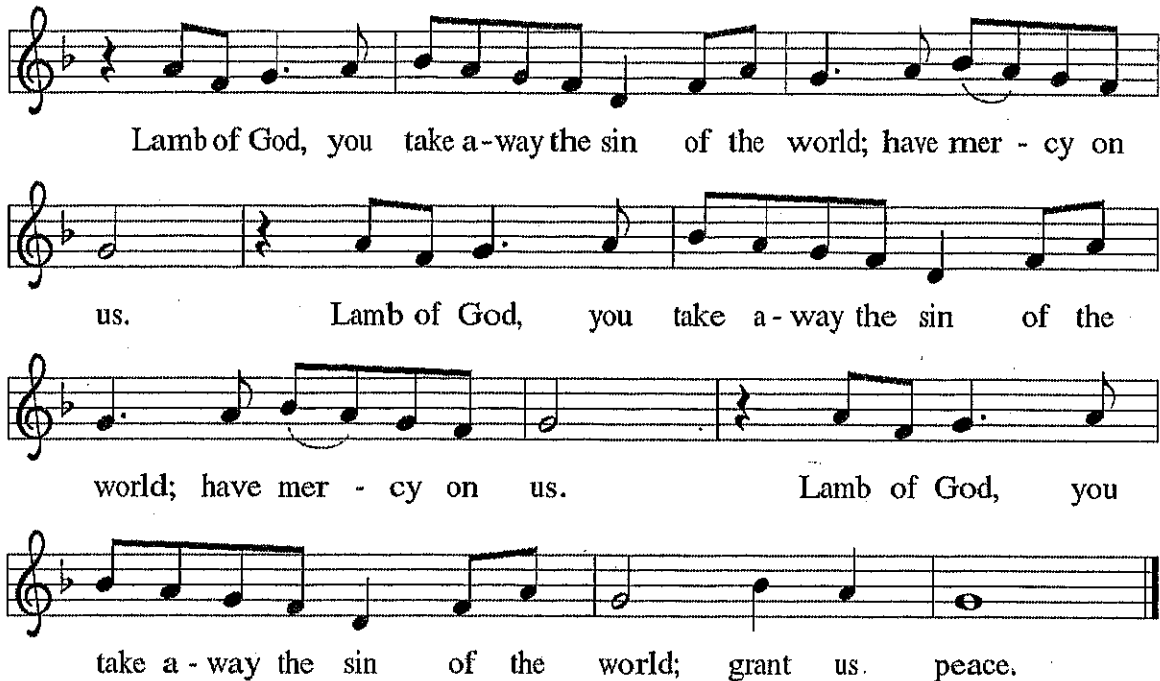


# THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*We sit. We commune at the altar rail this morning.*

## LAMB OF GOD



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.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Shall We Gather at the River*

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*O Living Breath of God*

ELW 407

*Wade in the Water*

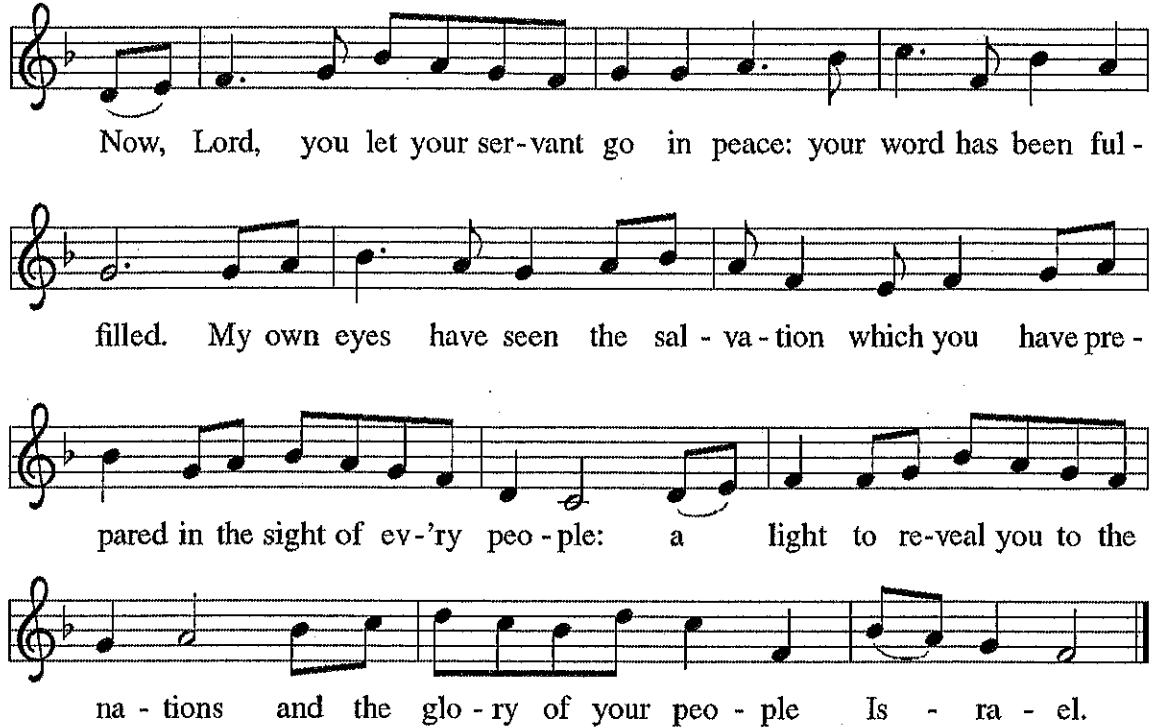
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*We stand after the distribution of communion.*

*We receive communion by intinction.  
If you desire gluten-free bread or  
grape juice, please let us know.*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND CANTICLE

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.  
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.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray.

Amen.

## BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*Baptized and Set Free*

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.  
Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

## SERVING MESSIAH

Greeters:	Brenda and Peter Hennessey
Worship Assistant:	Tom Hirt
Audio Visual:	Jack Reece
Crucifer:	Marley Reece
Acolyte:	Anne Force
Lector:	Pam Reece
Communion Assistant:	Bobbi Burns
Ushers:	Bill Demuth, Kathi DeVoe, Peter Hennessey, David Pullen, Dylan Shelffo, and Jeff Shelffo



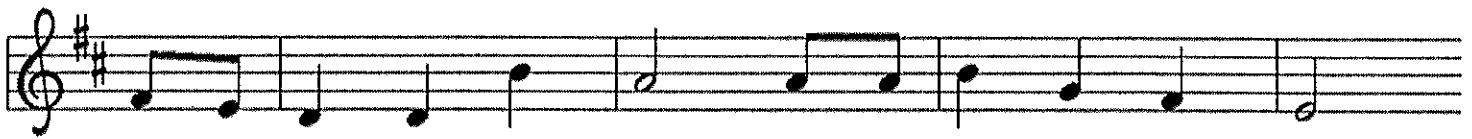
# Baptized and Set Free



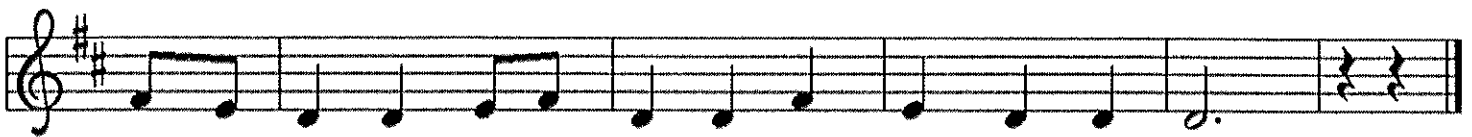
1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!