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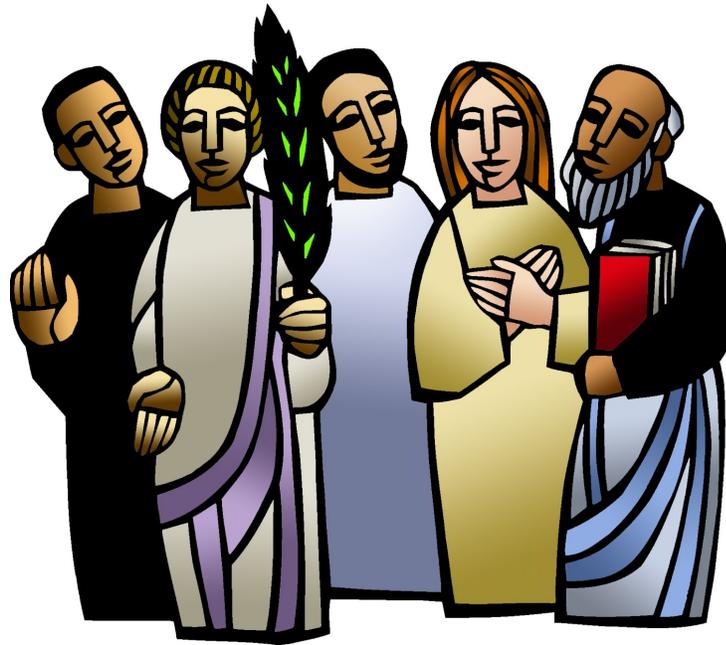
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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025

10:30 am

Welcome to worship!

Masks are welcome. If you are joining us from your car,
please tune your radio to 98.7 FM or join us for the
livestream via Facebook or our website,
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Holy Communion

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If you are a visitor with us, thank you for being here. We invite you to sign our attendance book and the guest book in the Narthex. **Children are welcome** in worship. *Children's bulletins* are available from the ushers. Also, Children's Activity Bags, located in the back of the sanctuary on the right side to use during the service.

We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday and extend the invitation to all who are baptized to receive Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sin.

◆ *indicates the congregation stands as able*

Prayer cards are available in the pews. If you have a prayer concern or a thanks that you would like included in the Prayers of the People, fill out the card and ushers will collect them from end of pews after Prayer of the Day.

Gathering

10:25 am Pre-Service Music for meditation and quiet gathering

BELL TOLL

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision" - arr. Joel Raney

For the TEXT, see ELW 793.

◆ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

AM God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the aid of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that,
attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins,
receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

AM Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

AM Gracious God,
C 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.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and
ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I
therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in
the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

◆ GATHERING HYMN "Take My Life, that I May Be" ELW 583
Verses 2 & 4

Refrain/Estrillo

To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,

da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

To stanzas *Last time*

y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.

1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;

con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;

que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

Refrain/Estrillo

pul - so de tu a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, adapted; Spanish text, Vincent Mendoza, 1875-1955
Music: Toms su vol. UNSTAG, William Drexler Pharris, b. 1956
Music © 1999 Augsburg Fortress.

◆ GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

◆ KYRIE

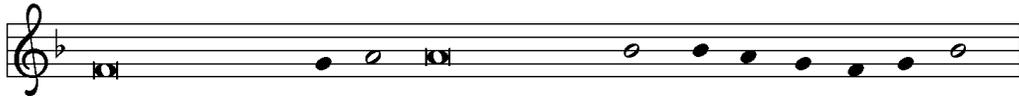
ELW Setting 6



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



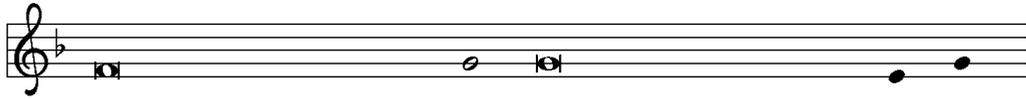
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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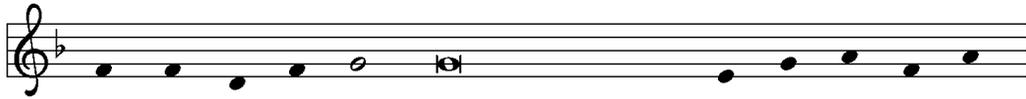
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



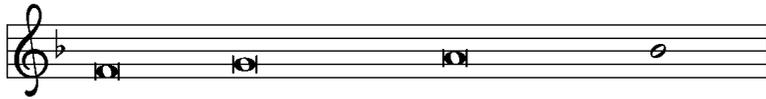
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

◆ HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW Setting 6



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



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



1 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



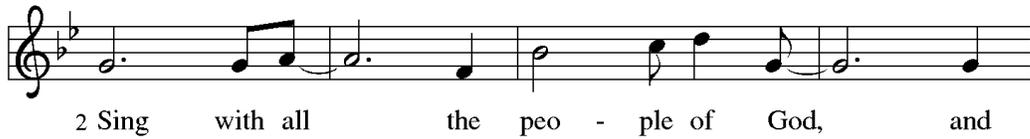
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



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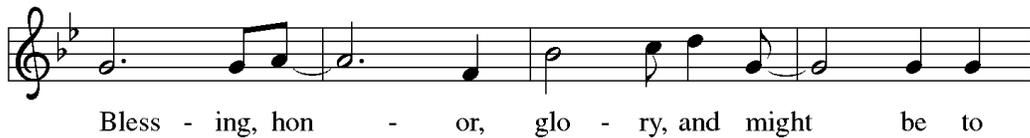
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



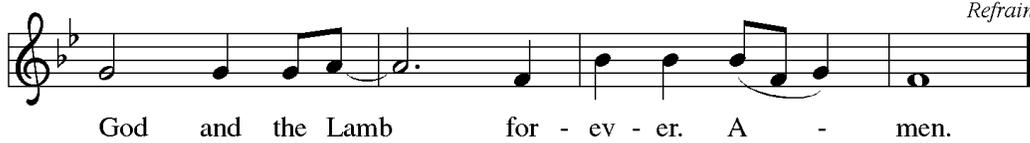
2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



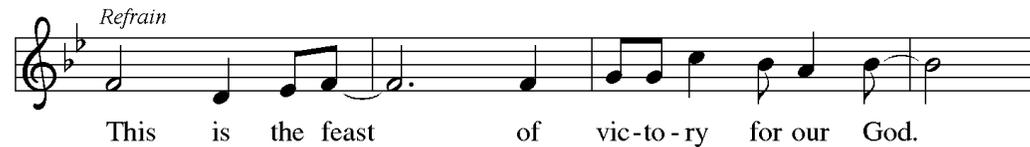
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



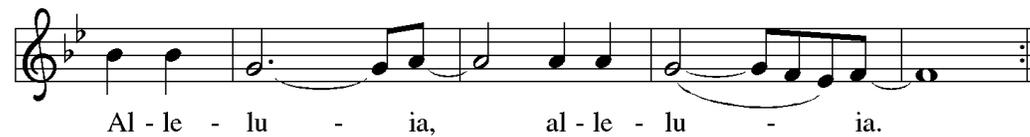
Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



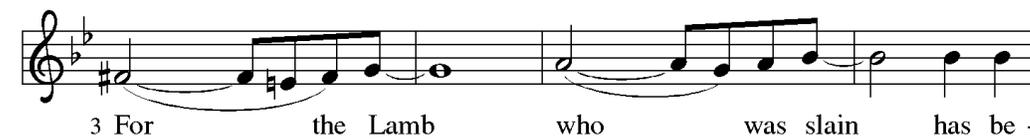
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*



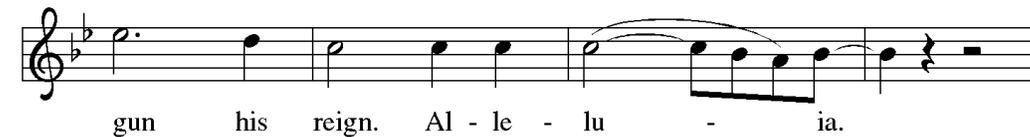
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

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

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

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

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



◆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM Let us pray.

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

(Please pass prayer cards to the aisle.)

Word

FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

⁵ saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain,

and the Sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
and practice deceit with false balances,

⁶ buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals

and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

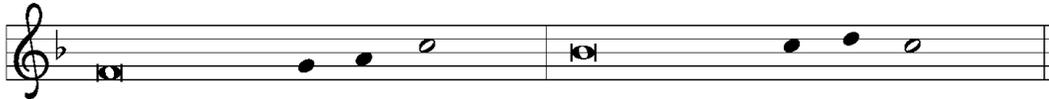
C Thanks be to God.



PSALM

Psalm 113

The Lord lifts up the poor from the ashes. (Ps. 113:7)



- ¹ Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants [|] of the LORD;
praise the name [|] of the LORD.
- ² **Let the name of the [|] LORD be blessed,**
from this time forth for- [|] evermore.
- ³ From the rising of the sun to its [|] going down
let the name of the [|] LORD be praised.
- ⁴ **The LORD is high a- [|] bove all nations;**
God's glory a- [|] bove the heavens.
- ⁵ Who is like the [|] LORD our God,
who sits en- [|] throned on high,
- ⁶ **but stoops [|] to behold**
the heavens [|] and the earth?
- ⁷ The LORD takes up the weak out [|] of the dust
and lifts up the poor [|] from the ashes,
- ⁸ **enthroning them [|] with the rulers,**
with the rulers [|] of the people.
- ⁹ The LORD makes the woman of a [|] childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. [|] Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Paul instructs the church to pray for all people, from the most powerful to the most lowly. All people, no matter their station, are in need of God's intervening grace.

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,

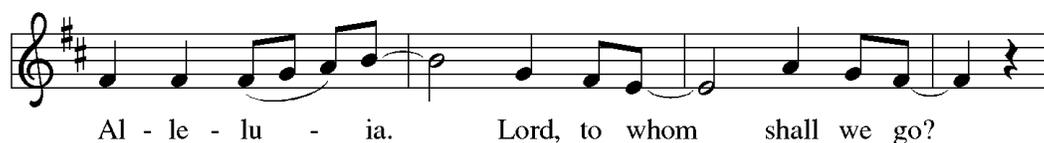
⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

◆ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 6



◆ HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor John Guthridge

BLESSING OF THE SCHOOL KITS

SERMON

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◆HYMN OF THE DAY "O God of Love, O King of Peace" **ELW 749**

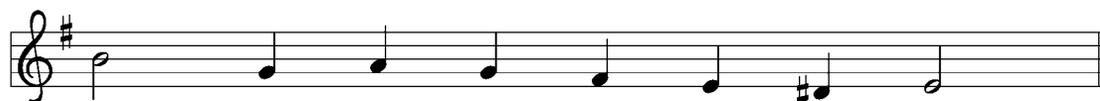
All Verses



1 O God of love, O King of peace, make wars through -
2 Re - mem - ber, Lord, your works of old, the won - ders
3 Whom shall we trust but you, O Lord? Where rest but
4 Where saints and an - gels dwell a - bove all hearts are



out the world to cease; our greed and sin - ful wrath re - strain.
that our el - ders told; re - mem - ber not our sins' deep stain.
on your faith - ful word? None ev - er called on you in vain.
knit in ho - ly love; oh, bind us in that heav'n - ly chain.



Give peace, O God, give peace a - gain.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

◆ APOSTLES' CREED

AM Let us confess our faith using the words of 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.

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.



◆ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AM God of grace, **C** receive our prayer.

Meal

◆ THE PEACE IS SHARED

AM The peace of the Lord be with you all. **C And also with you.**

*The peace is shared with one another with the words,
"The peace of the Lord," or similar words.*

OFFERTORY "Albumleaf" - Robert Schumann
Congregation remains seated while offering is collected.

◆ OFFERTORY HYMN "As the Grains of Wheat" **ELW 465**

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen
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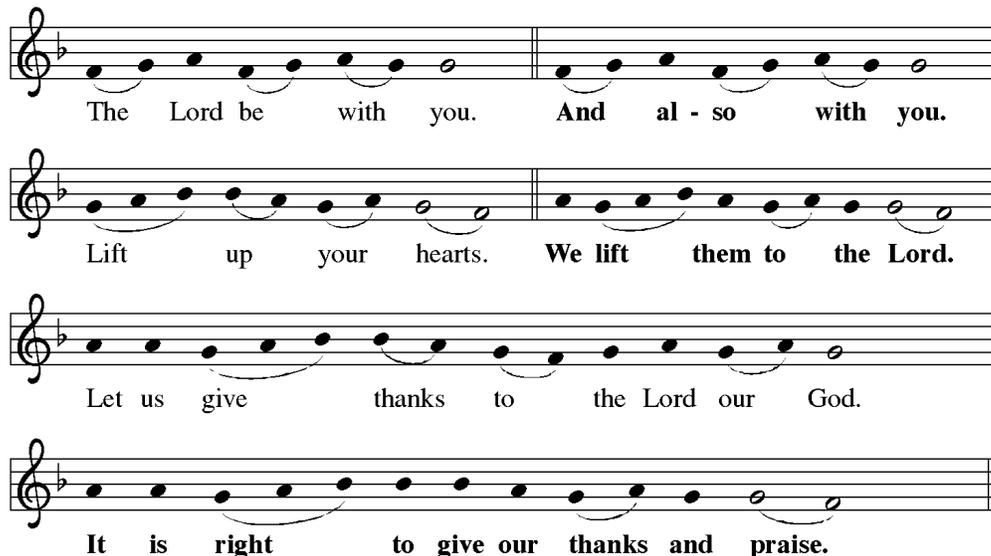


◆ **THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

C **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

◆ **THE 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.

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P "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy

.... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:...."

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, 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.

P In the night in which he was betrayed

Do this for the remembrance of me.

◆ LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:

- ~ **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.**

COMMUNION *All who are baptized in the common faith of Jesus Christ crucified are welcome to receive communion. We believe that the body and blood of our Lord is truly present in the sharing of bread and wine. Children are welcome to commune at the discretion of their parents. Those who do not receive the bread and wine are welcome to receive a blessing. White grape juice is also available.*

If you desire to commune at the altar rail: Holy Communion at the altar is served in groups. To prevent crowding, please wait in your place until directed by the Ushers. Be sure to bring your cup with you. At the altar rail, you'll be served a small piece of bread and have wine or grape juice poured into your cup. After you have communed, wait for the pastor to dismiss you back to your place.

If coming forward is difficult: Please let an usher know that you would like to receive communion at your seat. After those coming to the altar have been served, Pastor will bring communion to you at your seat.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"Lamb of God"

ELW Setting 6

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.

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- "Be Thou My Vision" - **ELW 793**
 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" - **ELW 751** REPEAT as led by the organ.
 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" - **ELW 742**
 "I Received the Living God" - **ELW 477**
 "We Come to the Hungry Feast" - **ELW 479**
 "Come to the Table" - **ELW 481**



POST COMMUNION BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
 and keep you in his grace, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ BENEDICTION

- P** The peace of God,
 Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
 keep your hearts and your minds
 in Christ Jesus.
- C** **Amen.**

◆SENDING HYMN "May the God of Hope Go with Us" ACS 984



¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz!
 May the God of hope go with us ev - 'ry day,



Al mun - do en cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad.
 to a world in need with news of joy and peace.



Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da - nos tu luz,
 May the God of jus - tice speed us on our way,



luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.
 bring - ing light and hope to ev - 'ry land and race.



O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos
 Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our



de tu a - mor. Lu - che - mos por la paz,
 joy with all; work - ing for a world that's new,



fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.
 faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.

Text: Alvin Schutmaat, 1921–1988, alt.
 Music: ARGENTINA, Argentine folk melody

◆ SENDING

AM Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Symphony in B Flat" - Nicolas LeBegue



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	Serving Sunday September 21	Serving Next Sunday September 28
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Altar Guild	Kay Zielenski Terri Olsen	Terri Olsen Kay Zielenski
Fellowship Hosts	RuthAnne Pocock Inger & Scott Conner	Kris Merritt Parish Life Committee
Flowers		
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Scripture Readings for next Sunday, September 28th, are:

Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31

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