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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.*

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

*God is the source of our nourishment. Our Lord's invitation to "take and eat ... take and drink" is a repeated one. In the Holy Eucharist, in the Word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.*

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**HOLY COMMUNION**  
*EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP*

**\*GATHERING**

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

PRELUDE

**\*WELCOME AND ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

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. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God, **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

**\*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.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

**WORD**

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*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 66:10-14

*Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**

Galatians 6:7-16

*In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke...  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.*

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

SERMON

\*CREED

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ, living together in trust and hope we confess 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 to the dead.**

**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 INTERCESSION

Confident in God's compassionate rule and enduring love, let us lift up the needs of the church, the world, and all of creation.

Draw near to your family of faith, filling us with your unifying Spirit, that our labors of witness and mission will yield a fruitful harvest. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heal all that has been wasted or depleted in your creation, and inspire in us the commitment to preserve and protect it. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant wisdom to those who govern, strength to those who work for justice, and mercy to all weighed down by conflict and violence. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort those struggling with grief and despair, nurture those who are lonely or isolated, and sustain all who are hurting in body or spirit, especially... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Enliven our community as we work and pray, break bread and serve. Send us forth with boldness to carry your good news to our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Additional prayers may be offered in speech and silence.*

Guide us on the path that leads to you, until we join your saints in everlasting light, rejoicing that our names are written in heaven, remembering especially... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, hear the cries of your people, and answer us according to your steadfast love; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen**

## \*PEACE

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

## MEAL

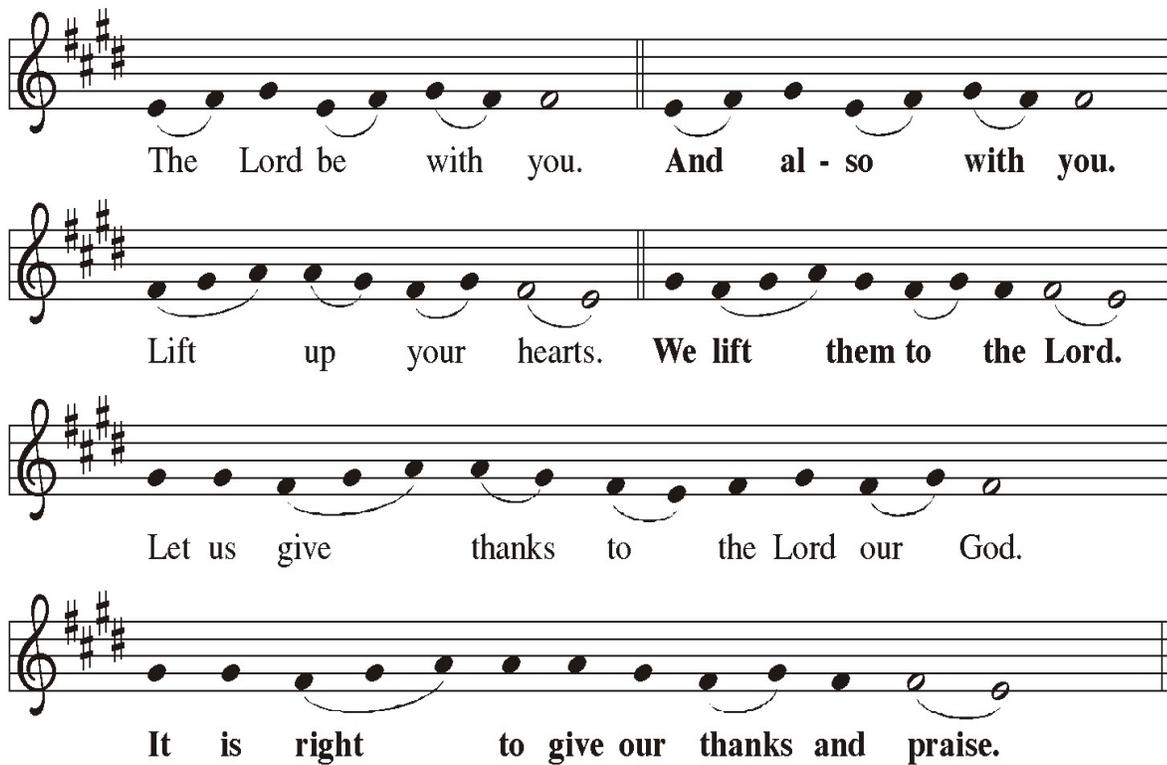
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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

### \*DIALOGUE



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

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

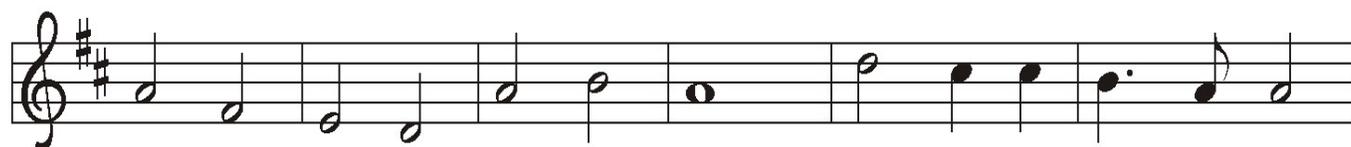
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### \*PREFACE

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:

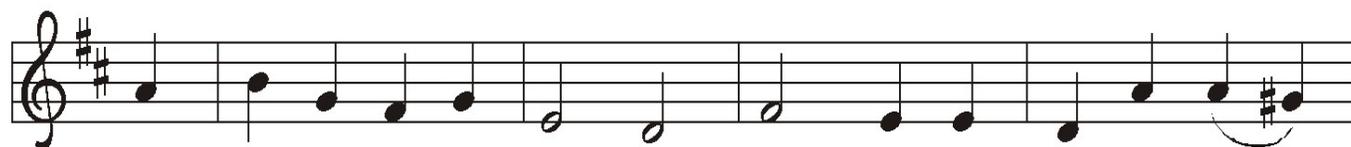
## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



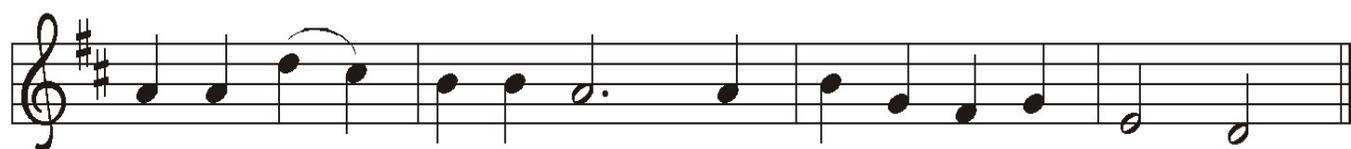
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n 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.

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE 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**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

When we eat this bread we share the body of Christ. When we drink this cup we share the blood of Christ.

**Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread, as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.**

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**\*BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

**SENDING**

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

The blessing of the living God,  
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
surround and sustain you,  
keep you from harm,  
and fill you with courage. **Amen**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

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## \*DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

*Lašský Tanec*

Janáček

## SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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PREACHING AND PRESIDING MINISTER

Dennis Lauritsen, pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

Charles Matthies

MUSIC MINISTER

David Richards

SERVICE LEADER

John Broussard

LECTOR

George Valek

GREETERS

Larry Crachy and Karen Kubik

LIVE STREAM

Fred Kuzel

USHER

Fred Kuzel

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTANS

Fred Kuzel and John and Janet Broussard



## PRAYER LIST

*Members of the Congregation:* Anne Gavac, Helen Gaydusek, Elaine Haase, Anita Horak, Luddy Kovalsky, Betty Mocek, Beverly Podzamsky, George Pagurko, Mary Sasuta and Mary Sordel

*Friends and Relatives of the Congregation:* Kelly Alvey, Wally Bisping, Ellen Bailey, Dan and Mary Costello, Eric Dennison, Denise Fricano, Bill Holmes, Marjorie Hudnall, Ron Kelly, Nicole Kisiel, Rev. James Kuemmerle, Daryle Lauritsen, Lenyce Lawrenson, Delores Linden, Darlene Loughlin, Celia Martinez, Michele Mason, Donald Neal, Patricia Pfeiffer, Pat Pileggi, Dolores Pollitz, Alice Puglise, Gail Purcell, John Racek, Bill Redis, Sue Renville, Sandy Rossella, Elaine Sorich, Peter Spilotro, Harvey Swenson, Gertrude Tarbox, Janie Tarbox, Tom Thoreson, Mark Van Scharrel and Taz Zajac.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the Lord's Table today are given in loving memory of dear father, grandfather, and great-grandfather **+Henry Sordel, Jr.+** of Riverside on the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his passing on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006 by remembering children Lynn Sordel and Kay Sordel and their families.

## UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

*Thomas, Apostle*

*Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>*

Though frequently remembered as "doubting Thomas," this apostle also demonstrated a willingness to suffer and die with Jesus (John 11:16), and finally claimed the risen Christ as "my Lord and my God!" By tradition, he later worked as a missionary in India. Long commemorated on December 21<sup>st</sup>, Thomas's celebration is moved to July 3<sup>rd</sup> in agreement with ecumenical calendars.

*Jan Hus, martyr, died 1415*

*Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>*

Hus was a Bohemian (present-day Czech Republic) priest who spoke against abuses in the church, and was seen by Martin Luther as his predecessor in the reforming movement. He was found guilty of heresy by a council of the church, and burned at the stake.

## OPEN AIR WORSHIP 2022

**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**

*Welcoming Our Sponsored Missionaries in Japan*

*and Graduate Recognition Sunday*

*Potluck reception follows. Please consider bringing food to share.*

**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

*A Day of Remembrance: Patriot Day*

*and Grandparents Day*

**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*Commemoration of St. Francis, October 4<sup>th</sup>*

*with Blessing of Animals*



# GOD'S GRACIOUSNESS

To a world hungry for God's presence and grace, God sends laborers—laborers to proclaim, heal, teach, and care, to work for justice and wholeness among all people. The labors are many and various, but the same Lord enacts them all.

In today's gospel reading, the disciples are charged with a weighty task. Their visit to each new town is a prelude to the arrival of the Lord; not only must they exercise lordly authority over sickness and demons, but their very words can shape the salvation of the town. What terrible responsibility enters the disciples' message-giving when Jesus states, "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me!" (Luke 10:16). Meanwhile, they are sent vulnerable and with little equipment, "like lambs amidst wolves," commanded to rely not on their own resources but on the power of God and on others' hospitality.

Just as the laborers are called to depend on others, to admit that they are helpless on their own, so too we depend on the gracious hospitality of God. Baptism celebrates the story of helpless humanity and God's strong grace, which binds Christians together as family. Holy Communion celebrates Christ's very presence in response to our ongoing need. Words of prayer and blessing fill worship services with the reminder that God's Spirit is active in our lives to do what we cannot.

To his disciples, Jesus teaches, "Do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven" (v. 10). Rejoice today, not in your power or God's power through you; rejoice in God's power *for* you. Rejoice that you are helpless beside the power of your saving God, whose graciousness knows no bounds.

## **Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2022:</i>	\$2,527.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$.00
<i>Shortage:</i>	\$.00