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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.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 11th, 2022 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

A Day of Remembrance and Hope

The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

HOLY COMMUNION *EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP*

*GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

*WELCOME AND A LITANY OF PENANCE AND THANKSGIVING

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

Most Holy and Almighty God, who created the earth and all that is in it, and gave dominion over it to our first parents in the days of their innocence:

Look with compassion upon the whole human family,

When we fail to treat each other with the dignity that your children merit.

Free us from all arrogance and hatred,

That our hearts and hands may be made clean in your sight.

Break down the walls we build to separate and divide us,

For without your help we perish in our isolation and division.

Forgive us our faults and sins, our hasty judgments and our rash presumption,

For you alone are judge, and know the secret faults of every person.

Unite us in the bonds of love,

That we may truly be your children.

Comfort us in the loss of those we love and cherish,

For you seek and find the lost, and preserve them in your care.

Enlighten us in our confusion and distress,

That we may do your will in peace and harmony.

Even in the midst of our anguish and our pain, in our memory of loss and destruction, we turn to you, O Lord our God, and give you thanks, for your continued mercies and the gift of hope.

We thank you for inspired hearts and helping hands,
For all who work to recover and rebuild.

We thank you for the skill and care of those who heal the wounded, and comfort those who mourn,

Give them strength and courage in their task.

We thank you for the leaders of our city, our nation, and our world,

Give them the wisdom and patience to chose your path.

We thank you for all who seek the truth, who love justice and mercy, and who walk in your ways,

Give them the humbleness of spirit to love and serve you always.

We thank you for the knowledge of your continued presence with us.

For you will not leave us comfortless.

You are the God who works wonders,

In you only is our trust.

O God, you are the source of wisdom, justice, love and peace: Give us in our present need the light of your wisdom, the courage of your justice, the patience of your love and the assurance of your peace. **Amen**



Refrain

**Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
Bind us together in Love**

**There is only one God,
There is only one King
There is only one Body,
That is why we sing. *Refrain***

**Fit for the glory of God,
Purchased by His precious Son
Born with the right to be free
For Jesus the victory has won. *Refrain***

**We are the family of God
We are the promise divine
We are God's chosen desire
We are the glorious new wine. *Refrain***

Composed by Bob Gillman, 1974. © 1977, Thankyou Music.

*GREETING

The grace that is Christ's gift to us, 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, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Exodus 32:7-14

While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.

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

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

ELW 174

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:1-10

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.

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

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

SERMON

God of Grace and God of Glory



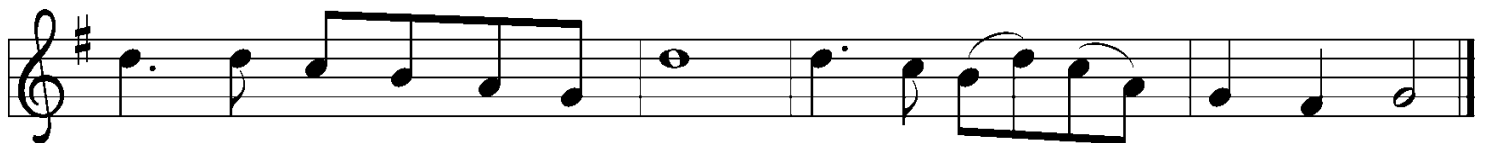
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

*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

With all our heart and all our mind, we pray to you, O Lord. **Make us instruments of your peace.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord: **Where there is hatred, let us sow love.**

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, that we may grow ever more deeply in your spirit of justice and peace, we pray to you, O Lord: **Where there is injury, let us sow pardon.**

For all who believe in you, Lord Jesus Christ, and all whose faith is known to you alone, that they and we may be delivered from the darkness of fanaticism that arises from poverty and oppression, and from the pride that arises from wealth and comfort, and brought into your light, so that divisions that foster violence may cease, we pray to you, O Lord: **Where there is discord, let us sow union.**

For those who have lost their faith in you Lord God, for those who continue to mourn those who died in the World Trade Center, the airliners, and the Pentagon, may your Church give comfort and hope in this time of remembrance, we pray to you, O Lord: **Where there is doubt, let us sow faith.**

For all those whose spirit has been broken and whose lives have been disrupted by the violence of that day and its aftermath, we offer our prayers along with the persecuted, the lonely, and the sick who have bid our prayers today, that they may be relieved and protected, especially we pray for... We pray to you, O Lord: **Where there is despair, let us sow hope.**

For the mission and ministry of the Church, that we may listen to the Gospel of reconciliation and proclaim it in word and action for the building of your reign here on earth, we pray to you, O Lord: **Where there is darkness, let us sow light.**

For all who died in the terror of September 2001 and for those others whom we remember today..., for those who believed in your resurrection and those who knew not your promise of eternal life, in trust that they have been found by you and are at rest in your holy habitation, we pray to you, O Lord: **Where there is sadness, let us sow joy.**

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved as to love.

Take heart, in Christ we have been reconciled to God.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we reborn to eternal life. Amen

*PEACE

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

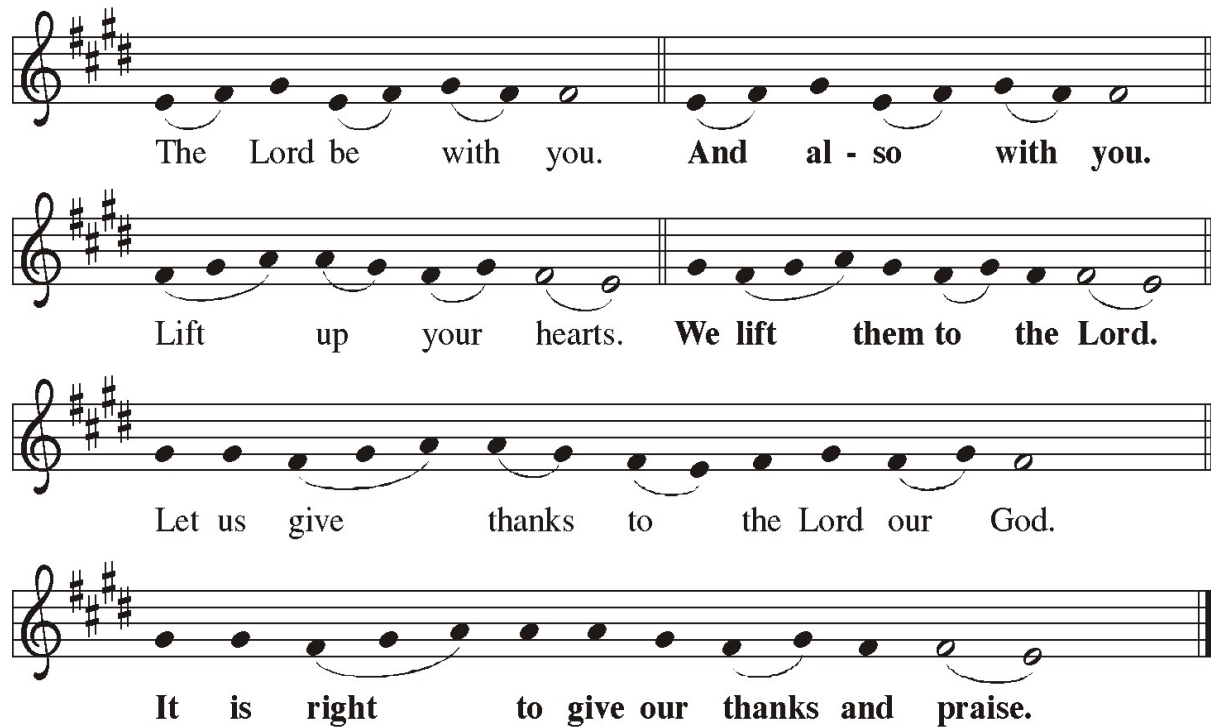
MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen**

*DIALOGUE



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

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

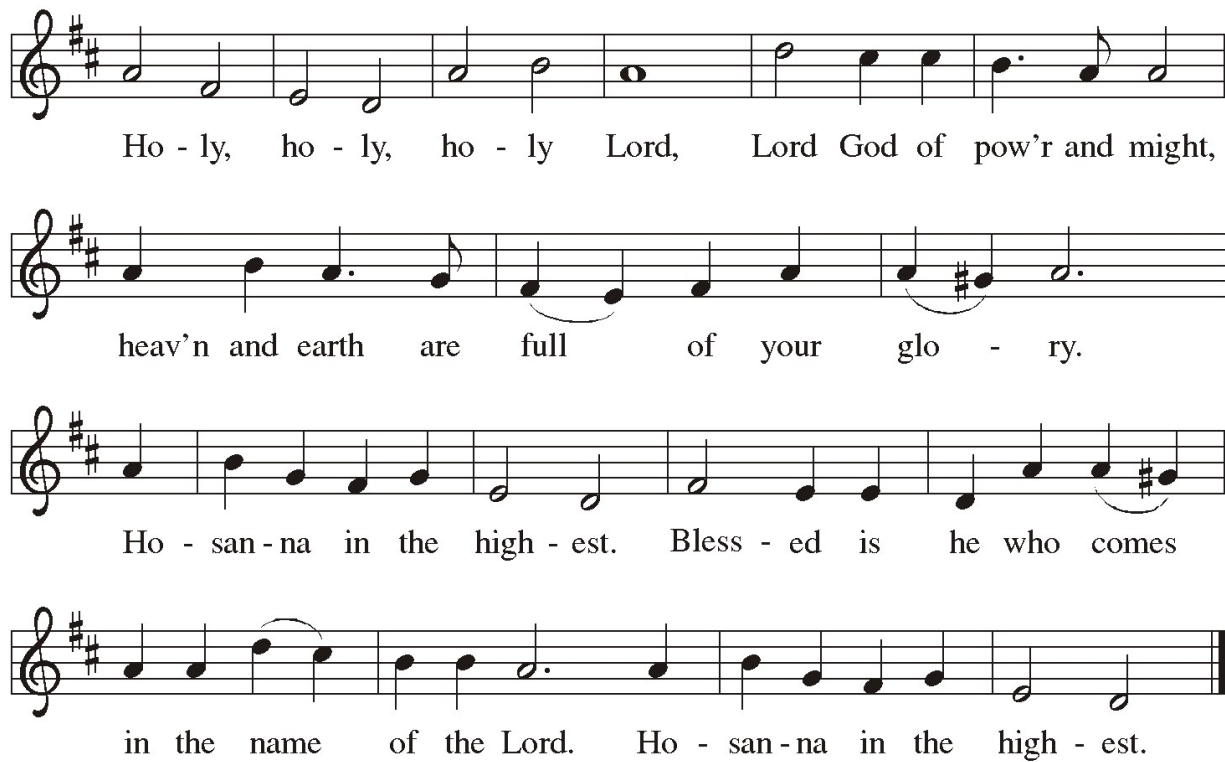
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... 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**

Our Lord Jesus invites us to a place of honor at this banquet. Welcome to the
wedding feast which has no end.

DISTRIBUTION

***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. We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

SENDING

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

***BENEDICTION**

God Almighty send you light and truth
to keep you all the days of your life.
The hand of God protect you;
the holy angels accompany you;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and forever.
Amen

***SENDING HYMN**

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

ELW 888

- 1 O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain:
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.**

- 2 O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life:
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and ev'ry gain divine.**

**3 O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears:
America! America!
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.**

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859-1929

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE



*Blue spruce tree on the
grounds of Sts. Peter and Paul,
planted in late summer, 2001.*

SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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Carrie Watkiss

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George Valek

USHER

Rafael Martinez

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Edward and Joanne Sefara

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Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering September 4th, 2022	
<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2021:</i>	\$2,500.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$.00
<i>Shortage:</i>	\$.00

SEASONAL OPEN AIR WORSHIP IN THE CHURCH GARDENS

**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 2nd**

*Commemoration of St. Francis, October 4th
with Blessing of Animals*



UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, died 407

Tuesday, September 13th

John was a priest in Antioch and an outstanding preacher. His eloquence earned him the nickname "Chrysostom" ("golden mouth"). Appointed bishop of Constantinople, seat of the empire, he criticized corruption in the court. As a result, he was exiled by the empress.

Holy Cross Day

Wednesday, September 14th

Helena, mother of Constantine, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and found what may be the actual site of Jesus' crucifixion. Her son built two churches there, and the dedication of one of them gave rise to this celebration of our Lord's victory on the cross.

Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, died around 258

Friday, September 16th

Cyprian served as a bishop during a time of great persecution of Christians. He insisted on receiving back those who had left the faith under duress. He also provided medical care during a severe epidemic.

Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, died 1179

Saturday, September 17th

A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised and reproved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.



RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

Saturday, October 15th, 2022

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

(Rummage half-price between 1 and 2 p.m.)

**Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church
31st Street and Desplaines Avenue in Riverside**

**Home Baked Goods and Homemade Salsa,
Rummage Tables, Used Toys and Books,
Jewelry, Raffle, and Holiday Decorations**

**Lunch will be available for purchase
including potato pancakes.**

*Contributions of homemade bakery items would be greatly appreciated.
Please drop off your baked goods on Friday, October 14th
between 1 and 3 p.m.*