



### **GATHERING**

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

### **OPENING MUSIC**

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!" setting, Jacob B. Weber (Augsburg Fortress)

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice, **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.**

**Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

**Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

## "Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

ELW 314 (One License)

*Please be seated.*

# WELCOME

## 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

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**WORD**

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

**FIRST READING:**

**Isaiah 49:1-7**, *Pew Bible, Old Testament, pg. 679*

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:**

## Psalm 40:1-11

*The Psalms are found in the ELW, in the front section, beginning on page 339. We will read them responsively together.*

## SECOND READING:

**1 Corinthians 1:1-9**, *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 165*

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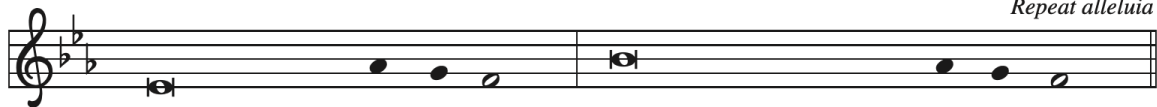
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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

*Repeat alleluia*



Lord, to whom shall we go?      You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**John 1:29-42**, Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 92

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Children are invited to come forward during the message.*

## SERMON

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult"**

ELW 696 (Public Domain)

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

ELW pg. 127

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home. *A brief silence.*

Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creating God, sustain the web of life on this planet. Protect wild places, endangered species, and vulnerable habitats. Come to the aid of those affected by natural disasters. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness, especially those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts \_\_\_\_\_. Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this community. Kindle in us a desire to help one another. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude Linda Sporleder and all the faithful departed who now rest in you. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

*After praying for the whole world, we receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. We invite you to share a sign of God's peace with one another.*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## OFFERING

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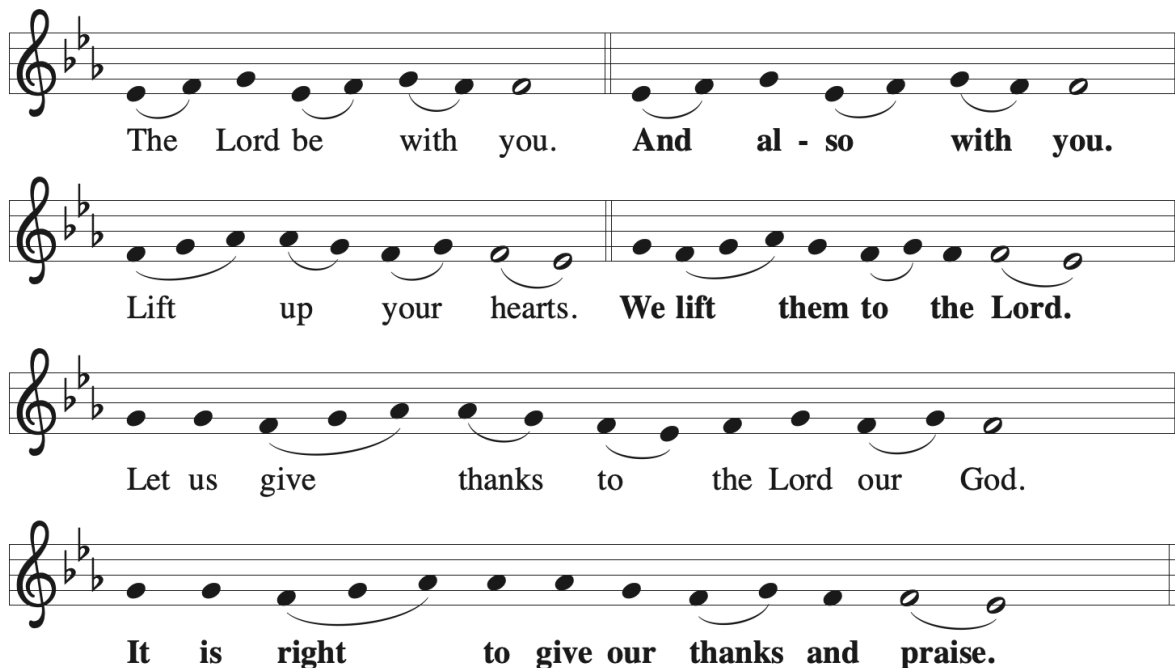
## OFFERING ANTHEM

"Eternal Light"

Aaron David Miller (Augsburg Fortress)

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



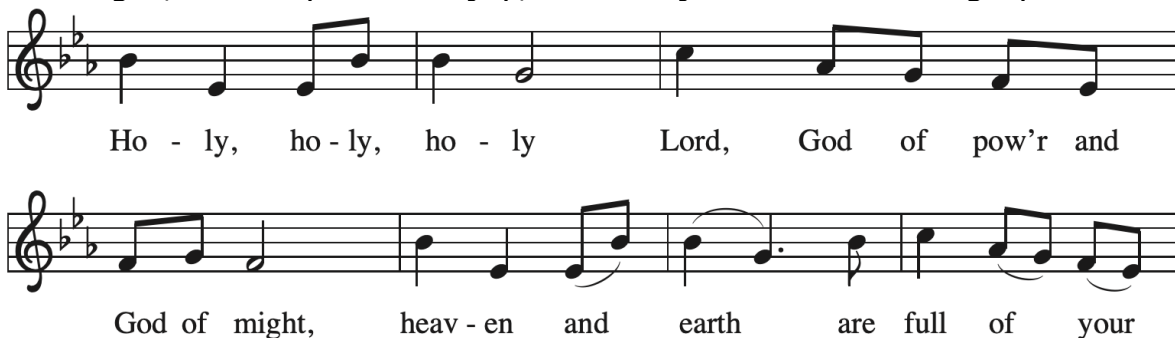
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, . . . and join their unending hymn:



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

God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 134, left column

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's table.*

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

*Please be seated. The congregation will then commune, beginning with the front pews, you are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine or juice. Extend your hands to receive a wafer from the pastor or communion assistant. Then please pick up one cup from the trays (red wine or white grape juice), and then place the empty cup in a tray on the front pew before returning to your seat. Gluten free elements are available upon request. If you would like the communion elements to be brought to you, please notify an usher.*

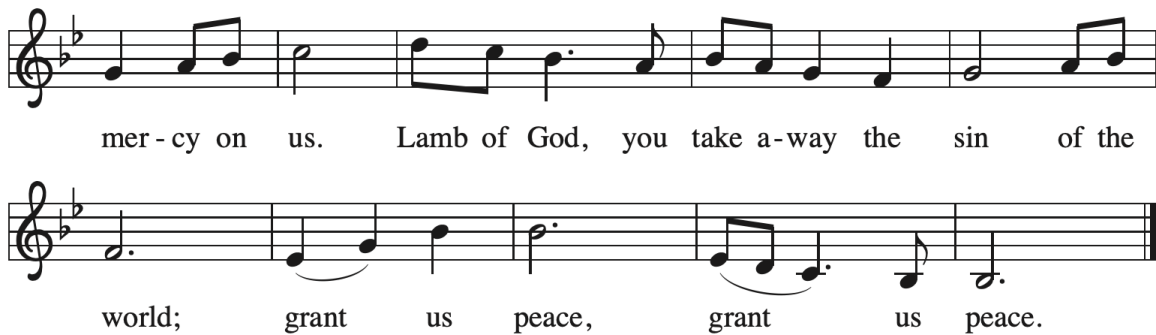
## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### "Lamb of God"

ACS (Augsburg Fortress)

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



## "Lamb of God"

ELW 336 (CCLI)

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Radiant God, **we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

### **SENDING**

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

### **BLESSING**

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN**

"How Marvelous God's Greatness"

ELW 830 (Public Domain)

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. **Thanks be to God.**

### **CLOSING MUSIC**

"How Marvelous God's Greatness"

setting, Edwin T. Childs (Augsburg Fortress)



### **Worship Team**

A/V Team: Mark Miller

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Robin Gibbs, Mike Phillips

Greeters: Michelle Anderson, Mike Phillips

Reader: Caryl Dierksen

Ushers: Carrie Jarnecke, Kevin Jarnecke, Beth Miller

Children's Sermon: Andy Bellavia

Altar Guild: Mike Freeman, Jen Freeman, Cindy Meyer, Janette Hess

Musicians: Jan Burns, Chancel Choir, Carrie Filetti

Guest Preacher: Pastor Arlyn Tolzmann

Lead Pastor: Pastor Amanda Bergstrom

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Thank you for sharing time to hear God's word and pray together. A video recording of worship will be posted to Grace's website later in the day. You are welcome to join Grace Lutheran Church's Facebook group for news & ministry opportunities. Peace be with you as you go forth to share God's grace.



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12pm & 7pm services

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