

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Installation of Pastor Bruce Thorsen  
Saturday, June 14, 2025, 11:00 a.m.**



*“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.”*

*Matthew 5:14*



# Installation Worship Service

**Prelude:**

***“Sonata No. 11”***

**W. A. Mozart**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Holy God, you are an endless fountain of mercy,  
flooding us with grace upon grace.

In these waters, we are made new.

In these waters, you adopt us into your family.

In these waters, we become beloved community.

**C: We belong to God’s beloved community.**

P: Loving Christ, your forgiveness is wider than the sea.

In these waters, we have a new beginning.

In these waters, we die and rise with you.

In these waters, we become your Easter people.

**C: We belong to God’s beloved community.**

P: Spirit of life and truth, you move us into the future.

In these waters, our hearts are stirred.

In these waters, our hope is refreshed.

In these waters, our mission is renewed.

**C: We belong to God’s beloved community.**

P: Siblings in Christ, we belong to the beloved community:

forgiven, unbound, drenched with grace,

set free for a future full of hope, not fear.

**C: We belong to God’s beloved community. Alleluia! Amen.**

## Gathering Song:

## "God is Here"

ELW #526



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

## 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.**

1\*



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* May be sung in canon.

## Prayer of the Day

Ever-living God, strengthen and sustain pastors especially Pastor Bruce, that with patience and understanding he may love and care for your people. Grant that together they may follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

## Choir Anthem:

***“Total Praise”***

**Smallwood/Raney**

## First Reading:

**Genesis 9:8-13**

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

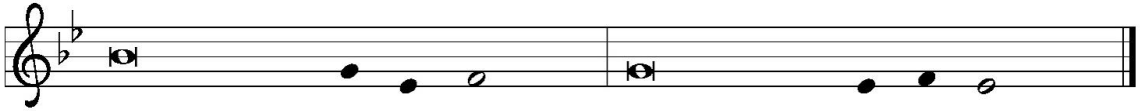
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**



## Psalm 8 Congregation Refrain



## Psalm Tone 7



**High Voices:** 1 O | Lord our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

2 you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and avenger. **Refrain**

**Low Voices:** 3 When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

4 what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,  
human beings that you should | care for them? **Refrain**

**All:** 5 Yet you have made them little less | than divine;  
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

6 You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;  
you have put all things un- | der their feet:

7 all | flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts | of the field,

8 the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.

9 O | Lord our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth! **Refrain**

## Second Reading:

## Romans 8:31-39

<sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation:

## *“He Is Exalted”*

**VERSE**

He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high, I will praise Him.

He is ex - alt - ed, for - ev - er ex - alt - ed, and I will praise His name!

**CHORUS**

He is the Lord, for - ev - er His truth shall reign. Heav - en and earth re -

joice in His ho - ly name. He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high!

## Gospel:

## Matthew 5:13-16

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

<sup>13</sup>“Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You’ve lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.

<sup>14-16</sup>“Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven. The Message

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

## Sermon:

## The Reverend Asher O’Callaghan

# Hymn of the Day:

## "We Are a Rainbow"

David Kai

1. We're the light of all the world,  
coat of hope to the ma - ny co -  
face still storms be - lieve  
of life,

we are a cit - y on a hill, We're a can - dle in on a stand  
lors, sewn from ma - ny dif - frent threads, co - v'ring all in warmth, in wel -  
in to - mor - row's bet - ter day, We are peace in a world  
we will ne - ver be a - lone, For our God will be with

pro - claim - ing light, We will not hide our lamp  
come and in grace, God said "Let there be light",  
that's torn a - part, We are in joy hand, there that will last  
us on the way, side by side,

be - neath a bush - el an - y more, We will shine a ray of hope  
cre - a - ted e - v'ry va - ried shade, In the rain - bow each of us  
in all the strug - gles that we face love that blooms and grows  
we won't be fright - ened\* a - ny more, As the mourn - ing night of tears

that's burn - ing bright. Chorus: We are a rain - bow,  
can find a place. heart. day.  
breaks in - to day.

sign of co - ve - nant and peace For the flood of tears will

fin - 'ly cease to be, Come shine your rain - bow,

splash your hues a - cross the sky, Paint the world in co - lours



proud and bold and free.

1, 2, 3.

2. We're a  
3. We are  
4. When we

slower

Paint the world in co-lors proud and bold and

free.

## Affirmation of Faith -

## *“We Belong to God”*

## Garnaas-Holmes

We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come. We follow Christ, who comes to us from God, and reveals God to us. He heals people and transforms lives, and calls us to join in his ministry. He was crucified, died, and was raised again by God, and reigns over all Creation; and he bids us to die and rise with him in the service of the healing of the world. We are moved by the Holy Spirit, together with the communion of saints, as members of the Body of Christ, God's holy universal church. We are confident in the forgiveness of sin, the power of resurrection and the reality of eternal life. In all things it is our desire to follow Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory. Amen.

## Presentation

Having been authorized by the church to install Reverend Bruce J. Thorsen, our co-worker in the gospel, as Pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

Randy Olson, Council President and member of Call Committee

After prayerful deliberation, we, of Trinity Lutheran Church, Stevens Point, have called Rev. Bruce J. Thorsen to serve as a minister of word and sacrament in the position of Pastor.

I present Rev. Bruce J. Thorsen and this letter certifying the call.

## Address and Questions

*A reading from John:* Jesus said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” (*John 20:21-23*)

*A reading from Matthew:* Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (*Matthew 28:18-20*)

*A reading from First Timothy:* Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. (*1 Timothy 4:12-16*)

Pastor Bruce, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church?

Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Trusting in God’s care, will you love, serve, and pray for God’s people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God’s love may be known in all that you do?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

**Amen.**

*The assembly stands.*

People of God,  
will you receive Pastor Bruce as a messenger of Jesus Christ  
sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?  
Will you regard Pastor Bruce as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?  
**We will, and we ask God to help us.**  
Will you pray for Pastor Bruce?  
Will you help and honor Pastor Bruce in carrying out this ministry?  
In all things, will you strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?  
**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

*The presiding minister addresses the minister of word and sacrament.*

Pastor Bruce, the office of Pastor is now committed to you  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**Blessing**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.  
**Amen.**

Baptismal Font - Kathy Martinsen, Chair of Call Committee  
You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

Pulpit – Anne Hoffmann, Member of the Call Committee  
You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

Altar – Melissa Fehring – member of the Call Committee  
You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's Supper.

People of God, I present to you Pastor Bruce your Pastor.  
Let us welcome Pastor Bruce in the name of Christ.

**Prayers of Intercession:** God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**Peace:** The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## Offertory:

## "Fairest Lord Jesus" Crusader's Hymn

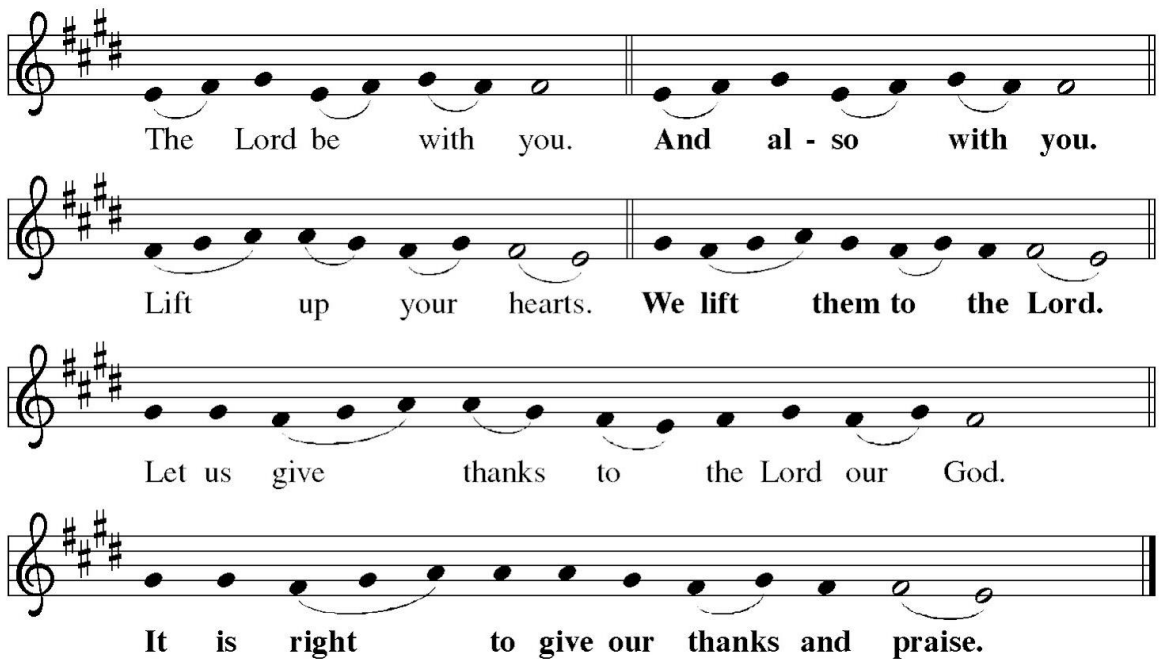
Arr. by Dan R. Edwards.

(Today's offering will benefit the Monroe House. This is a new non-profit organization dedicated to alleviating housing insecurity in Stevens Point.)

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## Great Thanksgiving



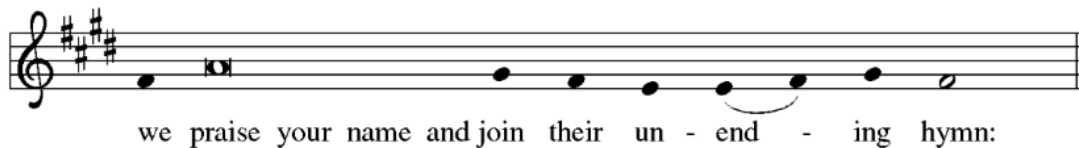
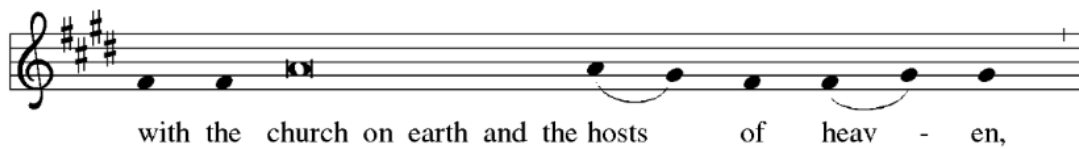
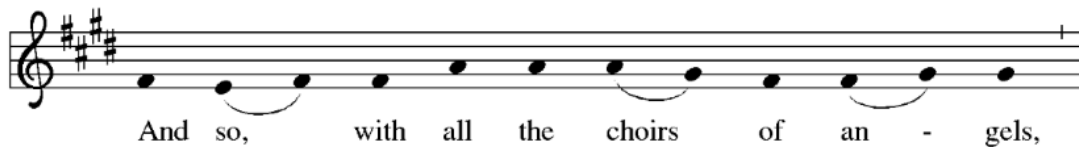
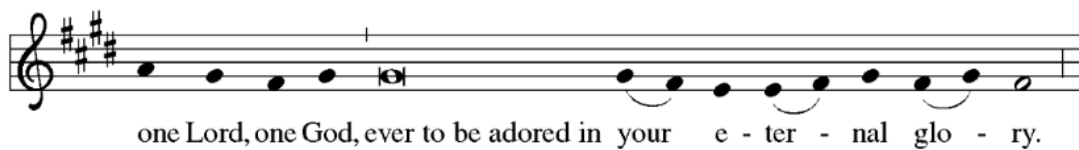
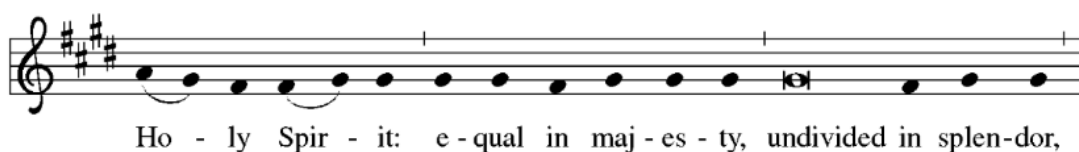
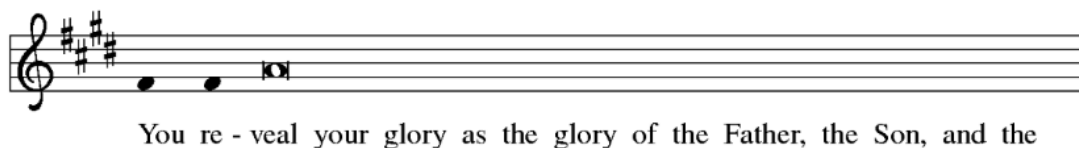
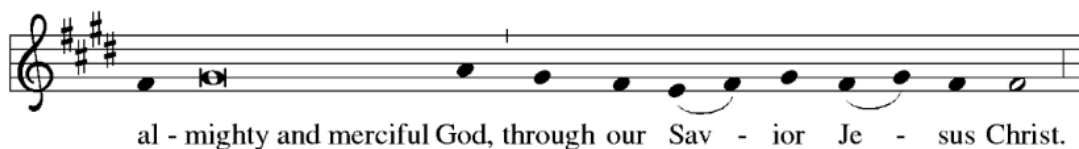
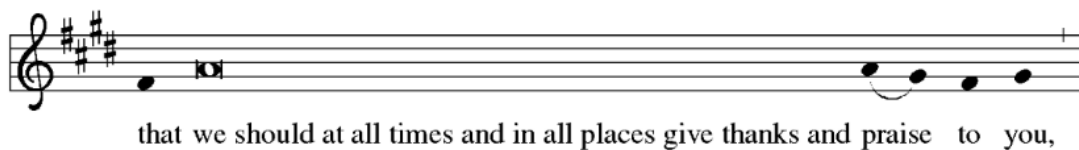
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.





## Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, 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.

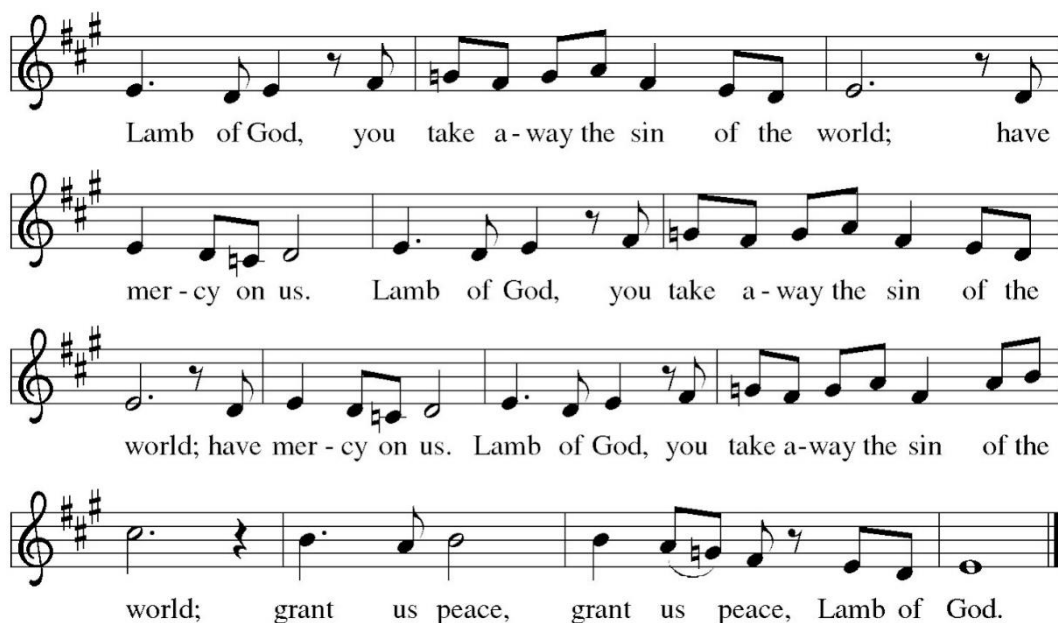
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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** The kingdom of God is set before you and all are welcome. Eat,  
drink, and rejoice.

## Communion Song



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, Lamb of God.

## Communion Hymns:

*"In the Singing"*

ELW #466



1 In the sing-ing, in the si-lence, in the hands ex-pect-ant, o-pen,  
2 In the ques-tion, in the an-swer, in the mo-ment of ac-cept-ance,  
in the bless-ing, in the break-ing, in your pres-ence at this ta-ble,  
in the heart's cry, in the heal-ing, in the cir-cle of your peo-ple,  
*Refrain*  
Je-sus Christ, Je-sus Christ, be the wine of grace;  
Je-sus Christ, Je-sus Christ, be the bread of peace.



## ***“Eat This Bread” ELW #472***

(congregation on refrain)

*Refrain*

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”  
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

### **Communion Blessing**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray. Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus’  
name. Amen.

#### **Blessing:**

***“Dona Nobis Pacem”***

arr. By Harry Robert Wilson

**Sending Song:*****"This Little Light of Mine"*****ELW #677**

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

**Postlude:*****"All The People Say Amen"*****Dan Locklair**

## **Participants**

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**All are invited to a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level - an elevator is available.**

**Thank you to the Call Committee for their ministry.**

**Thank you to all who have worked to put this service and luncheon together.**