

Full Service Bulletin



HOLY COMMUNION SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

*During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, peruse the bulletin, find the scripture readings in the pew Bible, and focus your thoughts on the Lord. You may pray: **Almighty God, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Prepare us to receive His body and blood, that abiding in Him, and He in us, we may be filled with the power of His endless life. Amen.***

CHILDREN

We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.

INTRODUCTION

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering, yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

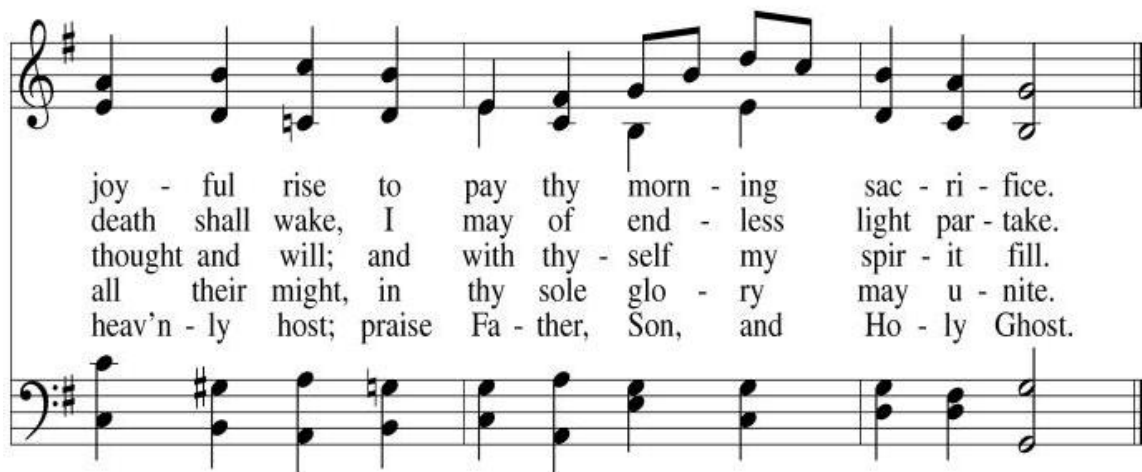
“Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun” (LBW # 269)



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and
3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -
4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.
all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711 Music: MORNING HYMN, François H. Barthélémon, 1741–1808

INVOCATION *(= All may make the sign of the cross.)*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, to Whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: AMEN.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God Who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.)

P: Most merciful God, **C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. 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 to 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.

C: GREETING *(Please rise.)*

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.

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

*With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)*

HYMN OF PRAISE *"Will You Come and Follow Me?"
(ELW # 798 - favorite - John Bell)*

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't know
 your name? Will you care for cruel and kind
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners free
 your name? Will you quell the fear in - side
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low you

1-4 and nev - er be the same?
 5 and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be grown
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer prayer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I mean
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and sound
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow

1-4 in you and you in me?"
 5 in you and you in me.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray together:

C: O God, we thank You for

Your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by His example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow Your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

AMEN

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 26:1-8

(congregation reads indented)

Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have led a blameless life;

I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

Test me, O LORD, and try me,

examine my heart and my mind;

for Your love is ever before me,

and I walk continually in Your truth.

I do not sit with deceitful men,

nor do I consort with hypocrites;

I abhor the assembly of evildoers

and refuse to sit with the wicked.

I wash my hands in innocence,

and go about Your altar, O LORD,

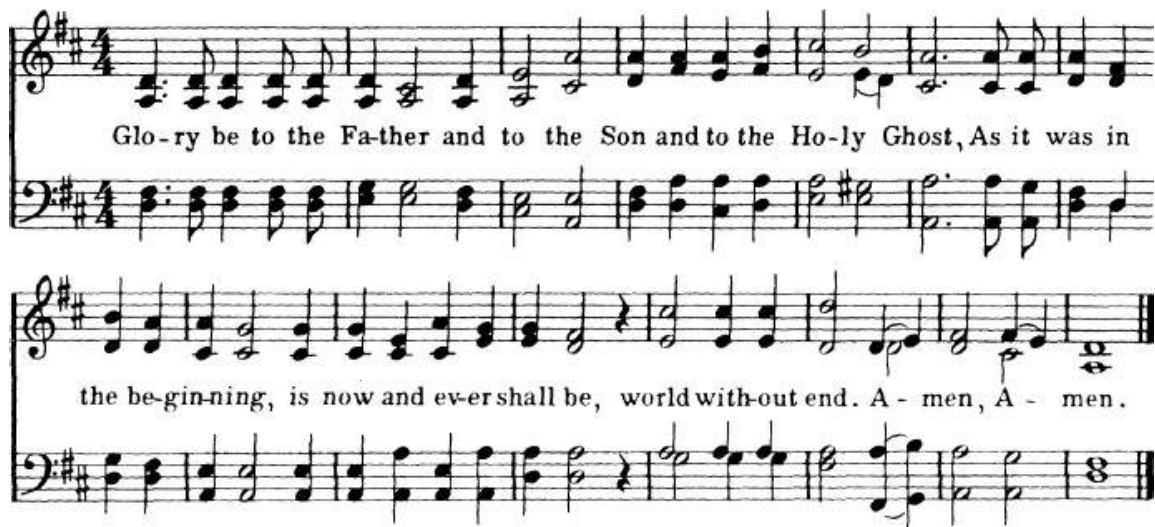
proclaiming aloud Your praise

and telling of all Your wonderful deeds.

I love the house where You live, O LORD,

the place where Your glory dwells.

GLORIA PATRI *(Music: Henry W. Greatorex)*



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost, As it was in
the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

FIRST READINGJeremiah 15:15-21.....Pew Bible p. 1198

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READINGRomans 12:9-21.....Pg. 1764

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

“Alleluia, Lord, to Whom Shall We Go” (ELW p151)

The image shows a musical score for a Gospel Acclamation. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system has a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?". The second system has a 6/4 time signature and the same key signature. The lyrics are: "You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia." The music is written in a simple, accessible style with clear lyrics.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELMatthew 16:21-28.....Pg. 1524

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON *(Please sit.)* The Rev. Rodney Lilley

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
(Romans 15:13)*

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)*

“The Way” (Text: Brenton Prigge, Tune: HANOVER, ELW # 842)

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| <p>1. Now this is the way
to follow the Lord:
let's give life away
and all we have stored,
keep nothing of self
and surrender it all;
why trade our salvation
for this little world?</p> | <p>2. O Lord, we will go
we will pay the price
for others to know
your love-sacrifice.
This share in your suff'ring
can never compare
to all you are offering.
Our cross we will bear.</p> |
|---|---|

3. Let us live at peace,
and share the delight
of those who rejoice;
and where there is night,
we will mourn together,
and share joyful hope:
Christ binds us forever
and love is the rope.
4. What wise sage can delve
this mystery profound?
When we lose ourselves
for others we're found!
Surrender our lives
and we no longer die!
We'll follow in Christ's love
and lift the cross high!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

OFFERING

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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 in 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 Your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all Your people in the body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

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. AMEN.

COMMUNION *(Please be seated)*

P: Come to the table and taste of God's goodness and mercy. *All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the offering plate. We have returned to kneeling for communion by "tables." People who want to minimize contact and maintain greater physical distance can take a pre-filled glass and stand a foot back from the altar rail. For a gluten-free rice wafer (blue-green) say "Rice." Grape juice (white) is in pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.*

LAMB OF GOD (WOV p39)

☞ 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.

COMMUNION HYMNS (sung while others are receiving.)

1. "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" (Maj # 553 - favorite)

1 I am weak but Thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
2 Through this world of toil and snares, If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;
Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with Thee, Grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,

D.C. for Refrain

1 I'll be sat - is - fied as long As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.
2 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
3 Guide me gen - tly, safe - ly o'er To Thy king - dom shore to Thy shore.
Ref.: Dai - ly walk - ing close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

CANTICLE "Take My Life and Let It Be" (Maj # 380 - favorite)

- Text: Frances R. Havergal; Tune: Henri A. César Malan)

1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat-ed, Lord, to Thee; Take my hands and
 2 Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau-ti - ful for Thee; Take my voice and
 3 Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes-sag-es for Thee; Take my sil - ver
 4 Take my love, my God, I pour At Thy feet its treas-ure store; Take my-self and

1 let them move At the im-pulse of Thy love, At the im-pulse of Thy love.
 2 let me sing Al-ways, on - ly, for my King, Al-ways, on - ly, for my King.
 3 and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold, Not a mite would I with-hold.
 4 I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee, Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee. A-men.

(Please rise. Communion visitors comes forward during last verse.)

SENDING OF COMMUNION

L: Let us pray together: **C:** Almighty God, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Be with those we now send to share this gift with our sick and homebound members. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of His body and blood may abide in Him, and He in us, that we may be filled with the power of His endless life, now and forever. AMEN.

AFFIRMATION OF VOCATIONS *(Please sit.)*

P: Dear Christian friends: Baptized into the priesthood of Christ, we are called by the Holy Spirit to offer ourselves to the God of all creation in thanksgiving for what He has done and continues to do for us. It is our privilege to affirm those who are endeavoring to carry out their vocation as Christians in the world.

Those who are employed or looking for employment are invited to stand in place to receive the Lord's blessing as Christians in the workplace.

P: Having determined to live out your faith through your work, in the place of your employment, will you endeavor to pattern your life and service after our Lord Jesus?

R: Yes, with the help of God.

P: Will you, to the best of your ability, daily pray and seek the assistance of God's Spirit to help you to be faithful to serve in the market place according to God's will for you in Christ's name?

R: I will, and I ask the Holy Spirit to help me be faithful.

P: May you serve the Lamb well and bring glory to His name!

R: AMEN.

BLESSING *(Please rise.)*

P: God almighty, God most merciful, God ever present, bless us, keep us, and grant us peace. **C: AMEN.**

SENDING HYMN "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go"

(LBW # 505 - Text: Charles Wesley; Tune: Lowell Mason)



1 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my dai - ly
2 The task thy wis - dom has as - signed, oh, let me
3 Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes my
4 Give me to bear thine eas - y yoke, and ev - 'ry
5 For thee de - light - ful - ly em - ploy what - e'er thy



la - bor to pur - sue; thee, on - ly thee, re -
cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; in all my works thy
in - most sub - stance see, and la - bor on at
mo - ment watch and pray, and still to things e -
boun - teous grace has giv'n, and run my course with



solved to know in all I think or speak or do.
pres - ence find, and prove thy good and per - fect will.
thy com - mand, and of - fer all my works to thee.
ter - nal look, and has - ten to thy glo - rious day;
e - ven joy, and close - ly walk with thee to heav'n.

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments.

Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place.

You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETER: 8:30-Sally Stein/ 10:45-Sharon Branigan

SOUND: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

LIVE STREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker

PROJECTOR: 8:30-Karen Brown / 10:45-**VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

SONG LEADER: 8:30-Bella Zyskowski

LITURGIST: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-Lyn Stryker

LECTOR: 8:30-Penny Miller / 10:45-Lyn Stryker

GUEST PREACHER: The Rev. Rodney Lilley

USHER: 8:30-Jan Stryker / 10:45-Sharon Branigan

COMMUNION: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-Lyn Strkyer

COMMUNION VISITORS: Sharon Branigan, Pastor David

ALTAR GUILD: Darlene Treisner, Diane Hahn

COUNTERS: Jan Stryker, Karen Brown

GRASSCUTTERS: Rich Stein, Jonathan Miller

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM

(Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts)

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