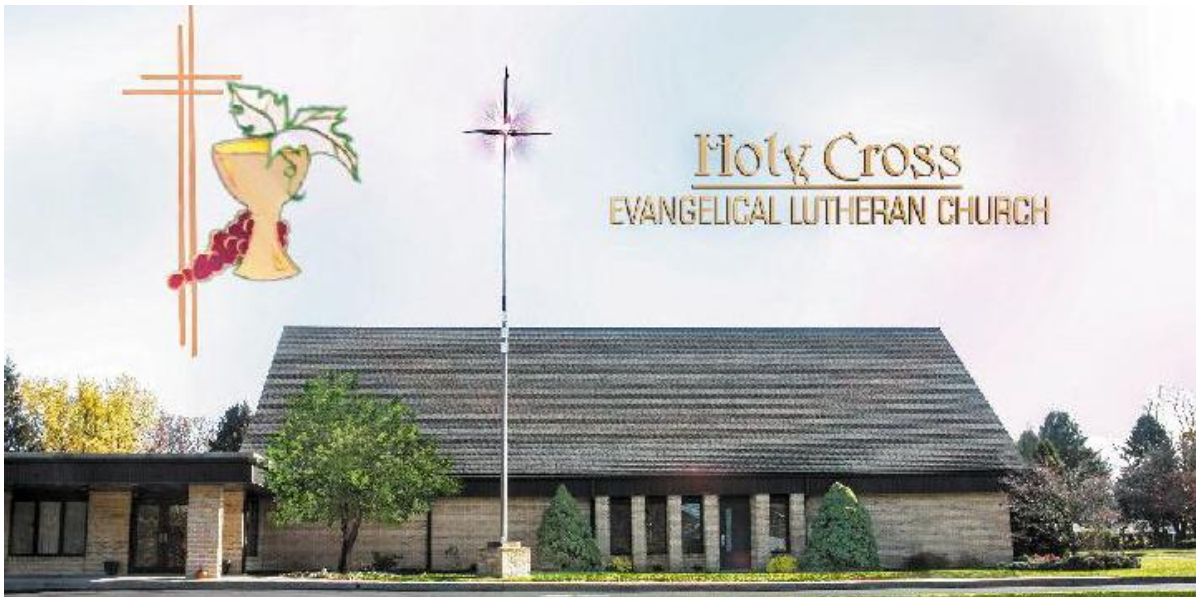


Full Service Bulletin



HOLY COMMUNION JUNE 16, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST FATHER'S DAY

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: **Direct and control us, O Lord, always and everywhere with heavenly light; that we may both discern with clear vision and share with worthy effect the Mystery which You have willed us to partake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

CHILDREN

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

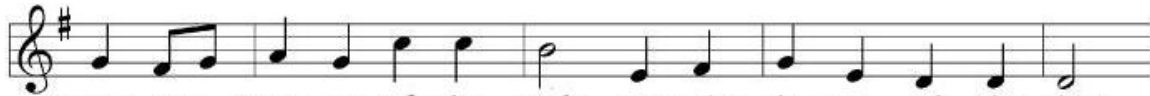
INTRODUCTION

The smallest of seeds grows into a plant large enough to shelter birds and provide abundant shade. God can accomplish great things with meager resources and humble beginnings. Communities of faith begin with a few, then grow to sheltering homes for many. Claimed in baptism, shaped by the Scriptures, and nourished with the holy meal, the people of God extend the branches of Christ's tree of life to all in need.

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)* “For the Beauty of the Earth”

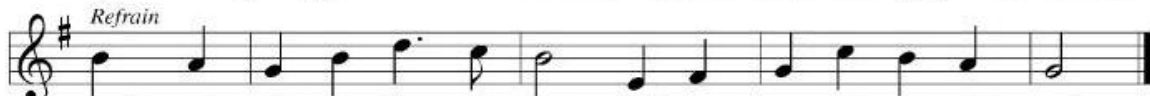
(Maj # 76 - favorite - Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint; Tune: Conrad Kocher)



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour Of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child;
4 For Thy Church that ev - er - more Lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,
5 For Thy - self, best gift di - vine, To our race so free - ly given;



For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies:
Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light:
Friends on earth and friends a - bove; For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
Of - fering up on ev - ery shore Her pure sac - ri - fice of love:
For that great, great love of Thine, Peace on earth and joy in heaven:



Refrain
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

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

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God.

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

P: God, our maker and redeemer, **C: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We come for refuge to Your infinite mercy. You have given Your only Son to die for us; have mercy on us, and for His sake, forgive us all our sin. By Your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of You and Your will, and true obedience to Your word, that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

P: Almighty God has had mercy on us, and God’s only Son has been given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sin. Believing in Jesus’ name, you have received power to become the children of God; you have received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: God of hosts most gracious, God the Son Who saves us, God the Spirit placed upon us, 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 "How Great Thou Art"


(ELW # 856 - favorite)



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Text: Carl Boberg, 1859–1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899–1989 Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray together:

C: **O God, You are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into Yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear Your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, whom with you and the Holy Spirit we worship and praise, one God, now and forever.**

AMEN.

(Please sit.)

RESPONSIVE READING....Ps. 92:1-15 *(congregation: indented)*

It is good to praise the LORD

and make music to Your name, O Most High,
to proclaim Your love in the morning
and Your faithfulness at night,
to the music of the ten-stringed lyre
and the melody of the harp.

For You make me glad by Your deeds, O LORD;

I sing for joy at the works of Your hands.
How great are Your works, O LORD,
how profound Your thoughts!

The senseless man does not know,

fools do not understand,
that though the wicked spring up like grass
and all evildoers flourish,
they will be forever destroyed.

But You, O LORD, are exalted forever.

For surely Your enemies, O LORD,
surely Your enemies will perish;

all evildoers will be scattered.
You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox;
fine oils have been poured upon me.

My eyes have seen the defeat of my adversaries;

my ears have heard the rout of my wicked foes.
The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,
they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;

planted in the house of the LORD,
they will flourish in the courts of our God.

They will still bear fruit in old age,

they will stay fresh and green,
proclaiming, "The LORD is upright;

He is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in Him."

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 READINGEzekiel 17:22-24.....Pew Bible p. 1308

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING....2 Corinthians 5:6-17.....p. 1798

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Please rise.*)

"We Know That Christ Is Raised" verse 1 (ELW # 449)

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows
Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold, and our de -
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood. The u - ni -
spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. Hal - le - lu - jah!
verse re - stored and whole will sing: Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932, alt. Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924 Text © John B. Geyer

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4TH Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELMark 4:26-34.....p. 1558

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *verse 4*

(Young children may go to Children's Church)

SERMON (Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)
"Believing in the God of the Harvest"

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.)

"For the Fruit of All Creation" (ELW # 679 verses 1,3)

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green. 1903–2000 Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh Text © 1970 Hope Publishing Co. All rights reserved.

SMALL CATECHISM READING

P: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther's Small Catechism, *Part III. The Lord's Prayer*:

P: To Whom do we address the petitions of the Lord's Prayer?

C: "Our Father who art in heaven." (Matthew 6:9)

P: What does this mean?

C: God would thereby tenderly urge us to believe that He is our true Father, and that we are His true children, so that we may ask Him confidently with all assurance, as dear children ask their dear father.

P: What is The First Petition?

C: "Hallowed be Thy name." (Matthew 6:9)

P: What does this mean?

C: God's name is indeed holy in itself; but we pray in this petition that it may become holy among us also.

(Fathers may be seated. All others stand to sing in honor of all fathers.)

FATHER'S DAY HYMN "Happy the Home" (Maj # 570)

Henry Ware, Jr. Bryan Jeffery Leech, alt.

John B. Dykes

1 Hap-py the home when God is there And love fills ev - ery - one,
2 Hap-py the home where God's strong love Is start-ing to ap - pear,
3 Hap-py the home where prayer is heard And praise is ev - ery-where,
4 Lord, let us in our homes a - gree This bless-ed peace to gain;

1 When with u - nit - ed work and prayer The Mas-ter's will is done.
2 Where all the chil-dren hear His fame And par-ents hold Him dear.
3 Where par-ents love the sa - cred Word And its true wis - dom share.
4 U - nite our hearts in love to Thee, And love to all will reign. A - men.

(Baby Bottles are brought forward during the hymn.)

BLESSING OF BABY BOTTLES

BLESSING OF FATHERS

P: God of all creation, pour out Your blessing on all fathers and those who provide fatherly care. You have made them in Your image and given them children to love and care for in Your name. Bless them with a heart like Your heart: discerning and thoughtful, bold and decisive, compassionate and loving. As they model for their children the life that is lived by faith and not by sight, grant them courage under pressure and confidence in Your power. When troubles threaten to overwhelm them, grant them Your calm. When doubts give rise to anxiety, shore up their trust in Your promises. When joy fills their days, grant them a keen gratitude for Your abundant supply of grace. Season them with a lively sense of humor, Lord, for it will make life richer for us all. In all circumstances preserve them as Your own.

We ask this in Jesus' name. **C: 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 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)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Please rise.)*

P: The LORD be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the LORD.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

(WOV p 22)

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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.

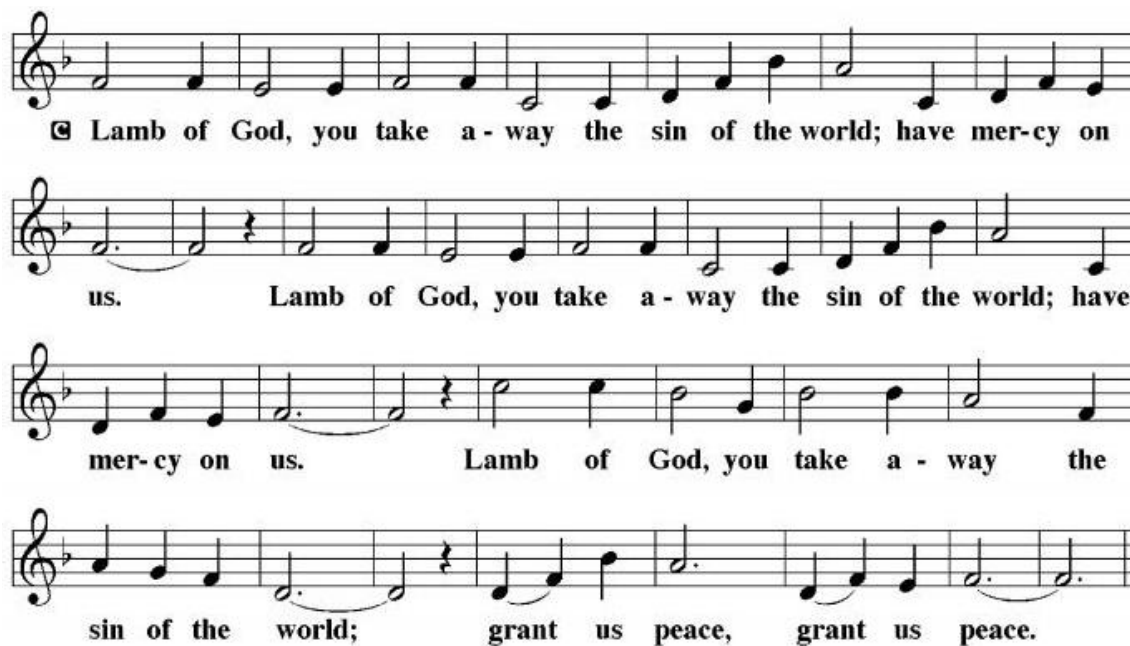
THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

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: Jesus said, "I am the true vine. Abide in Me as I abide in you." *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. "I Come, O Savior, to Your Table"

(LBW # 213 - Text: Friedrich C. Heyder; Tune: ICH STERBE TAGLICH)

1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, for weak and wea - ry
 2 Your bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior; your blood, which once for
 3 With you, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; you live in me and
 4 My heart has now be - come your dwell - ing, O bless - ed, ho - ly

is my soul; you, Bread of life, a - lone are a - ble to
 me was shed: these are my life and strength for - ev - er, by
 I in you. No sor - row fills my soul; de - light - ed it
 Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, your prais - es tell - ing, shall

Refrain

sat - is - fy and make me whole.
 them my hun - gry soul is fed, Lord, may your
 finds its deep - est joy in you.
 live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

bod - y and your blood be for my soul the high - est good!

2. “My Life Flows On in Endless Song” (ELW # 763 - Robert Lowry)

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion,
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com - forts die? The Lord my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing!

I catch the sweet, though far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath - er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing - ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling - ing.
 Since Christ is Lord of heav - en and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

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

BLESSING *(Please rise.)*

P: Know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: AMEN.**

SENDING HYMN “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” (LBW # 221)

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess - ing, the
2 With praise and thanks-giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing, the
peo - ple of our God from his dwell - ing take leave.
tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.
The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed the
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em -
fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and race.
The seed of his teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now
reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.
His grace did in - vite us, his love shall u - nite us to
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing give
work for God's king - dom and an - swer his call.
hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt. Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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

JUNE 16, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SERVANTS OF THE LORD TODAY

GREETERS: 8:30-Sally Stein / 10:45-Irene Graham
SOUND: 8:30-Josh Miller / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer
LIVESTREAM: 8:30-*Volunteer Needed*
SONG LEADER: Nancy Cook
LITURGIST: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski / 10:45-Marianne Sands
LECTOR: 8:30-Alyce Stein / 10:45-Marianne Sands
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler
USHERS: 8:30-Karen Brown/ 10:45-Irene Graham
COMMUNION: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski / 10:45-Marianne Sands
ALTAR GUILD: Alyce Stein & Patty Stein
COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Jan Stryker
GRASS (6/10-15): Rich Stein, Jonathan Miller
HOSPITALITY: Holy Cross Social Ministry
PHONETREE: Pastor David
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Mike Zyskowski
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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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