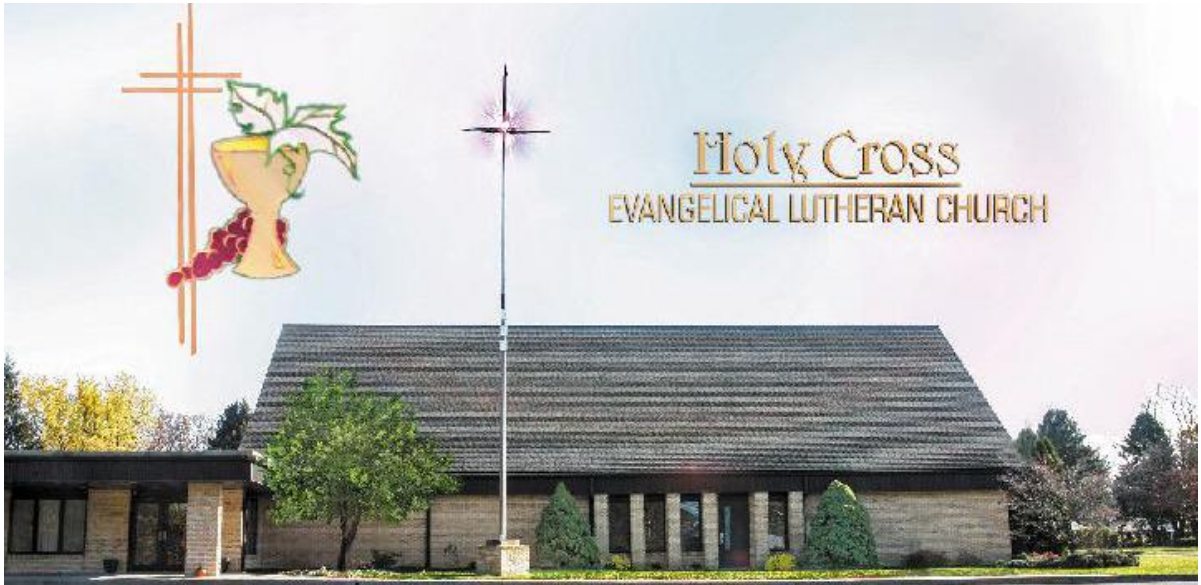


Full Service Bulletin



HOLY COMMUNION SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST BLESSING OF VOCATIONS

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION *During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship, read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray: **Direct and control us, O Lord, always and everywhere with heavenly light; that we may both discern with clear vision and share effectively the Mystery which You have willed us to partake: Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.***

WELCOME CHILDREN! *We are glad you are here, no matter what your age. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.*

LISTENING DEVICES *for those who are hearing impaired, see the Sound Board operator if you'd like an amplification device.*

INTRODUCTION *Life in community is a precious thing, but it easily breaks down if rumors and idle talk are given free rein. In today's Gospel, Jesus prescribes a way for dealing with conflict in community life, a procedure reflected in many congregations' constitutions. The intent of church discipline is to restore people to community life. May all who come to hear and to taste the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament today also find communities that seek to understand one another in truth and in love.*

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: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the Source of life, the Word of salvation, the Spirit of mercy. **C: AMEN.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess our sins to God, Who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: God of compassion, **C: We confess that we have neglected Your commandments and have sinned against You in our thoughts, in our words and in our deeds. Forgive our sins, Merciful God, those known and unknown, things done and left undone. Make our hearts burn with love for You and those in need, so that our lives may witness to Your never-failing love. AMEN.**

P: Brothers and sisters, buried with ✠ Christ by baptism into His death, your sins are forgiven. The death Christ died, He died to sin, once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God. So you also, by the power of the Holy Spirit, are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. **C: AMEN.**

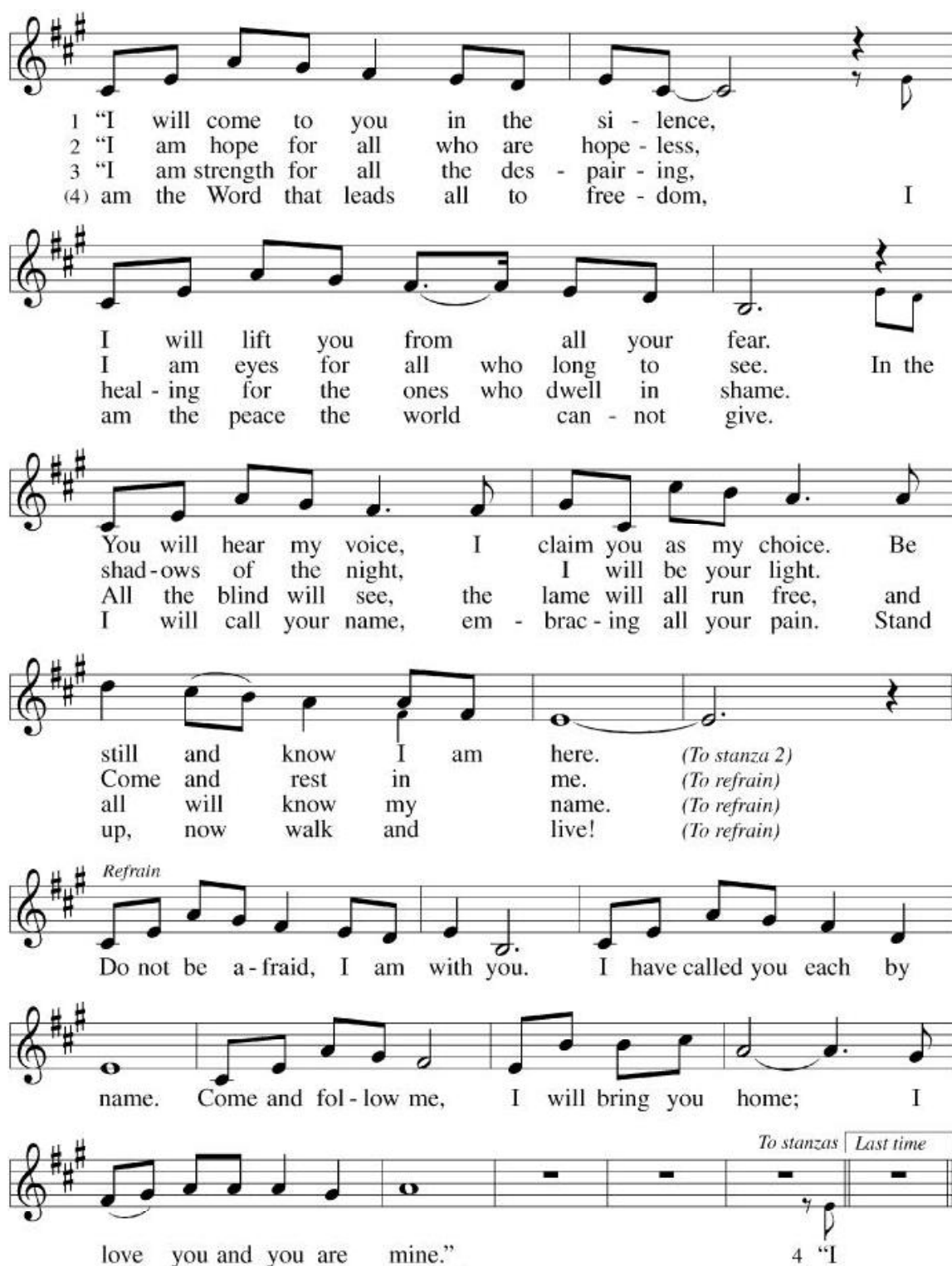
GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad. May the God who created the world and fills it with life be with you all.

C: And also with you!

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

HYMN OF PRAISE “You Are Mine” (ELW # 581 - David Haas)



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
3 "I am strength for all the des - pair - ing,
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I

I will lift you from all your fear.
I am eyes for all who long to see. In the
heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
am the peace the world can - not give.

You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand

still and know I am here. (To stanza 2)
Come and rest in me. (To refrain)
all will know my name. (To refrain)
up, now walk and live! (To refrain)

Refrain
Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by
name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I
love you and you are mine." 3 4 "I

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray together: C: O Lord God, enliven and preserve Your church with Your perpetual mercy. Without Your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

RESPONSIVE READING...Psalm 149 (congregation: *indented*)

Praise the LORD. Sing to the LORD a new song,

His praise in the assembly of the saints.

Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;

let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

Let them praise His name with dancing

and make music to Him with tambourine and harp.

For the LORD takes delight in His people;

He crowns the humble with salvation.

Let the saints rejoice in this honor

and sing for joy on their beds.

May the praise of God be in their mouths

and a double-edged sword in their hands,

to inflict vengeance on the nations

and punishment on the peoples,

to bind their kings with fetters,

their nobles with shackles of iron,

to carry out the sentence written against them.

This is the glory of all His saints. Praise the LORD.

GLORIA PATRI (Music: Henry W. Greatorrex)

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

(Please sit.)

FIRST LESSON.....Exodus 12:1-14.....Pew Bible p. 104

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

SECOND LESSON.....Romans 13:1-10.....p. 1764

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

COLLECT FOR CHILDREN *(When children are present.)*

P: We will dismiss for Children's Church after the Gospel reading.

Let us pray the Collect for Children together: **C: Lord, we lift up to You the children of our church, asking for Your protection, guidance, and blessings over their lives.**

May they grow in faith, wisdom, and love, finding their identity in You and walking in the purpose You have for them. Surround them with Your grace, strengthen their families, and raise them to be lights in this world for Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!" verse 1 (ELW # 430)

1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
Refrain
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -
joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849-1936

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELMatthew 18:1-20.....p. 1526

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

(Young children may go to Children's Church.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ₅verse 3 ↑

(Please be seated. See space for sermon notes in Announcements insert.)

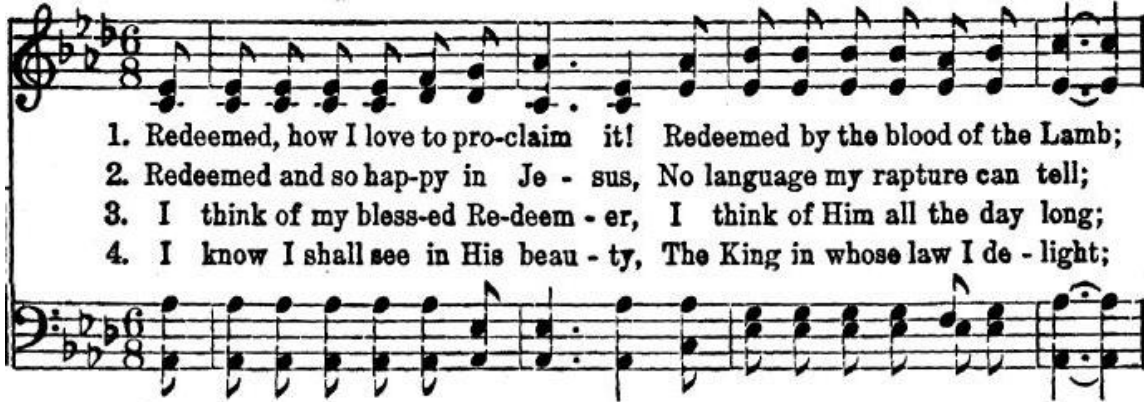
SERMON "The Exodus - Part III: the Passover"

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

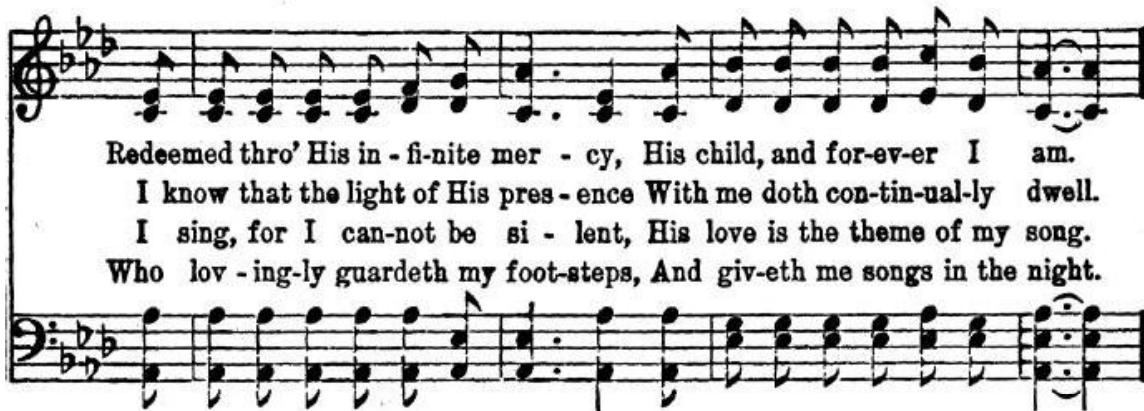
HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)* "Redeemed" (Maj # 663)

FANNY J. CROSBY.

WM. J. KIRKPATRICK.



1. Redeemed, how I love to pro-claim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
2. Redeemed and so hap-py in Je - sus, No language my rapture can tell;
3. I think of my bless-ed Re-deem - er, I think of Him all the day long;
4. I know I shall see in His beau - ty, The King in whose law I de - light;



Redeemed thro' His in - fi-nite mer - cy, His child, and for-ev-er I am.
I know that the light of His pres - ence With me doth con-tin-ual-ly dwell.
I sing, for I can-not be si - lent, His love is the theme of my song.
Who lov - ing-ly guardeth my foot-steps, And giv-eth me songs in the night.

CHORUS.



Re - deemed, re - deemed, Re-deemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed, redeemed,



Re - deemed, re - deemed, His child, and for - ev - er, I am.
Redeemed, redeemed,

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 as you are able.)*

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

OFFERING *We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are very much needed. Please place your offering and your Communication Card in the Offering Plate at the back of the center aisle. Thank You!*

WE RECEIVE THE COVENANT MEAL

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: “Alleluia” (Michael W₇ Smith) →

Al - le - lu - ia. Ho - ly, ho - ly
are You, Lord God Al - might y. Wor thy is the Lamb, wor thy is the Lamb.
You are ho - ly, ho - ly are You, Lord God Al - might - y.
Wor thy is the Lamb, wor thy is the Lamb. A - men.

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.

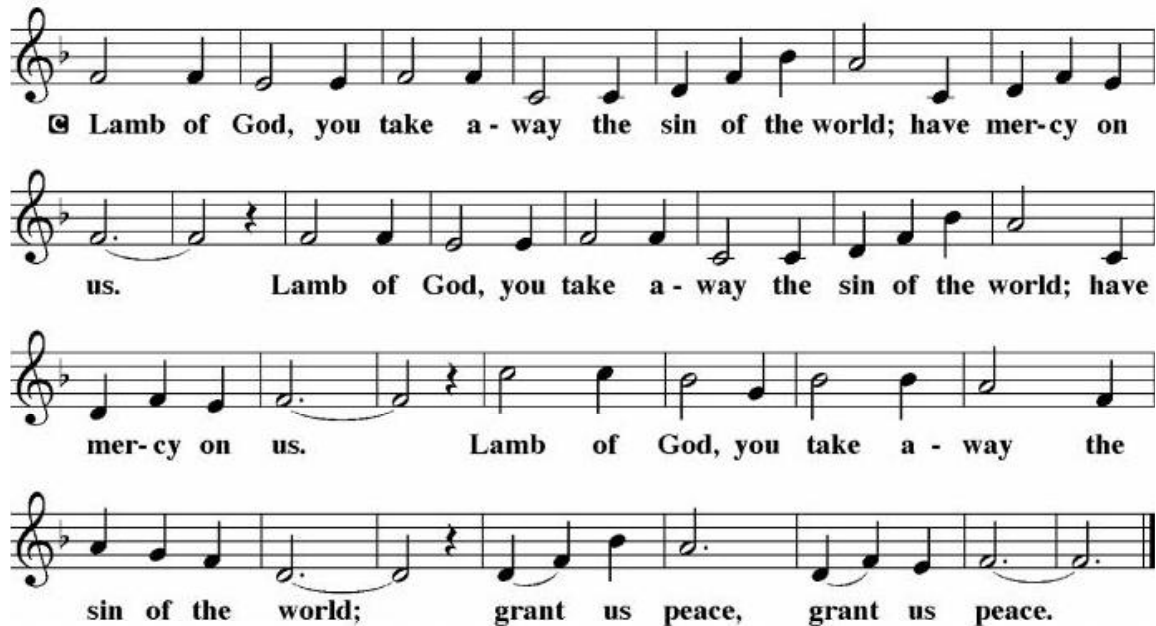
THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung) (please be seated after "Amen")*

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.

(The congregation may bow in reverence and wonder at the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *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. For a gluten-free rice wafer say "Rice." Grape juice is in the 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

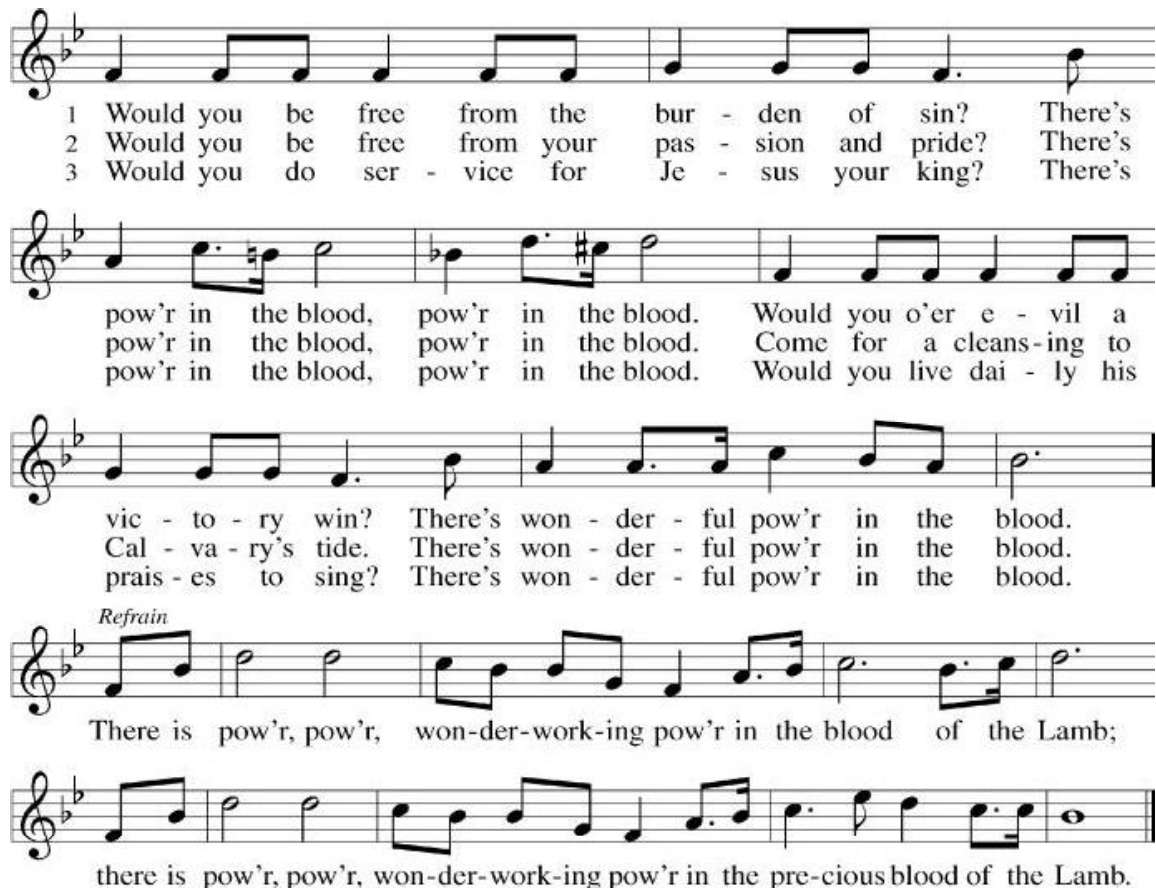
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

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 until all have received.)*

1. "There's Power in the Blood" (Maj # 251 - favorite - Lewis E. Jones)



1 Would you be free from the bur - den of sin? There's
2 Would you be free from your pas - sion and pride? There's
3 Would you do ser - vice for Je - sus your king? There's

pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood. Would you o'er e - vil a
pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood. Come for a cleans-ing to
pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood. Would you live dai - ly his

vic - to - ry win? There's won - der - ful pow'r in the blood.
Cal - va - ry's tide. There's won - der - ful pow'r in the blood.
prais - es to sing? There's won - der - ful pow'r in the blood.

Refrain
There is pow'r, pow'r, won-der-work-ing pow'r in the blood of the Lamb;
there is pow'r, pow'r, won-der-work-ing pow'r in the pre-cious blood of the Lamb.

2. "Lord, Be Glorified" (ELW # 744 - favorite - Bob Kilpatrick)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Lord, Be Glorified" in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff has four vocal parts (1, 2, 3, 4) with lyrics: "1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied; 2 In my song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied; 3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied; 4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "in my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day. in my song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day. in your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day. in your world, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day."

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Please rise.)*

L: Let us pray together:

C: O God, our provider, You nourish us with holy food and drink, and You open our hearts to the needs of others. Refresh us with Your Spirit, that our words and deeds may proclaim Your creative and life-giving Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

P: God gives rest to all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens.
Almighty and merciful God, the Father, the  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you, this day and forevermore.

C: AMEN.

SENDING HYMN

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (ELW # 759 - favorite)



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887 Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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 TODAY

GREETER: 8:30-Diane Hahn | 11:00-Eileen Dunn
SOUND: 8:30-Rich Stein | 11:00-Karen Brown
LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Jonah Kincaid
SONG LEADER: Nancy Cook
LITURGIST/COMMUNION: 8:30-Patty Werley | 11:00-Lyn Stryker
LECTOR: 8:30-Penny Miller | 11:00-Lyn Stryker
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler
USHER: 8:30-Jan Stryker | 11:00-Irene Graham
ALTAR GUILD: Alyce Stein, Patty Werley
GRASS CUTTERS (9/1-5): Lyn Stryker, Jonah Kincaid, Bob Kincaid
COUNTERS: Jan Stryker & Karen Brown
SEXTON: **Volunteers needed**
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM
(Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts)

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