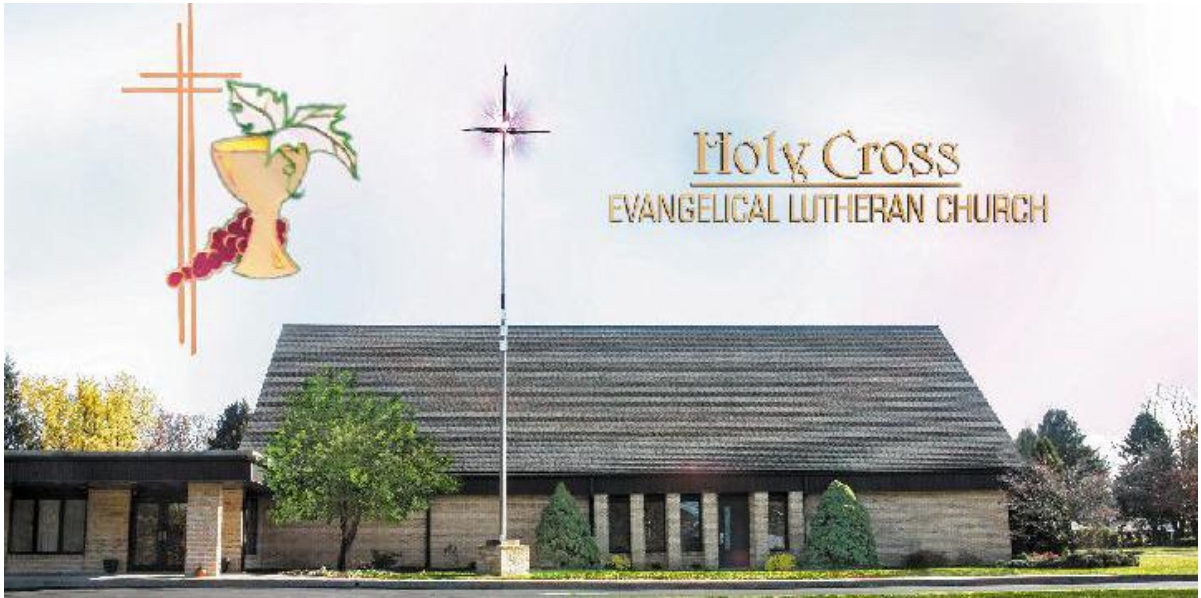


Full Service Bulletin



HOLY COMMUNION OCTOBER 18, 2026 TWENTY-FIRST 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, 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 with worthy effect the Mystery which You have willed us to partake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.***

CHILDREN *of all ages are welcome! The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.*

LISTENING DEVICES *for the hearing impaired are available at the sound board (in the back of the sanctuary).*

INTRODUCTION *When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, He tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. When we gather for worship we are giving God what is His, remembering that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in God's image, we offer our entire selves for the sake of the world.*

COMMEMORATION **St. Luke, the evangelist**, is the author of both *Luke* and *Acts*. Some of the most loved parables, including the good Samaritan and the prodigal son, are found only in this Gospel. Some of the church's most beautiful songs come from Luke: the *Benedictus* sung at morning prayer, the *Magnificat* sung at evening prayer, and the *Nunc dimittis* sung at the close of the day. These songs are powerful witnesses to the message of Jesus Christ. Paul calls Luke the "beloved physician," and some congregations use today, the day of St. Luke, to remember and pray for those in healing professions.

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!" (Maj # 47 - favorite)



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt. Music: NICAIA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

INVOCATION ($\mathbin{\text{⋈}}$ = *All may make the sign of the cross.*)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the $\mathbin{\text{⋈}}$ 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 $\mathbin{\text{⋈}}$ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

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.

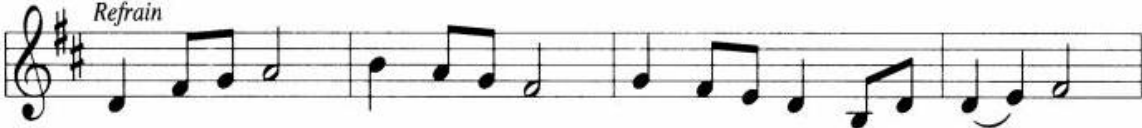
C: And also with you.

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 "Glory to God" (WOV p 29)

Refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

I Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. *Refrain*

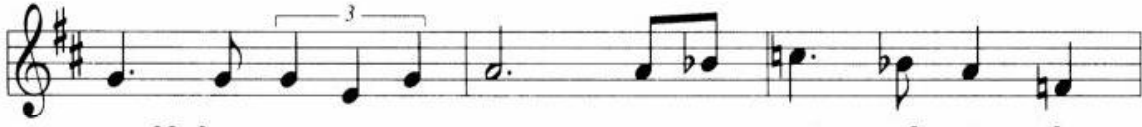
II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

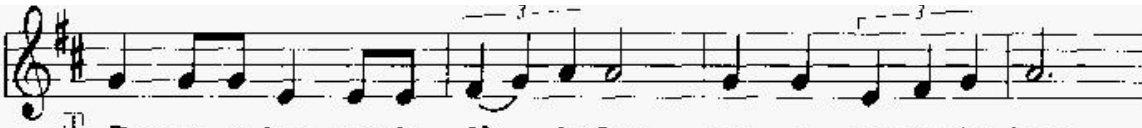


world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. *Refrain*

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,





PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

L: Let us pray together: C: Almighty and everlasting
God, in Christ You have revealed Your glory among the
nations. Preserve the works of Your mercy, that Your
Church throughout the world may persevere with
steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through
Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

RESPONSIVE READING...Psalm 99 (*congregation: indented*)

The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble;

**He sits enthroned between the cherubim,
let the earth shake.**

Great is the LORD in Zion;

He is exalted over all the nations.

Let them praise Your great and awesome name—

He is holy.

The King is mighty, He loves justice—You have established equity;

in Jacob You have done what is just and right.

Exalt the LORD our God and worship at His footstool;

He is holy.

Moses and Aaron were among His priests,

Samuel was among those who called on His name;

they called on the LORD and He answered them.

He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;

they kept His statutes and the decrees He gave them.

O LORD our God, You answered them;

You were to Israel a forgiving God,

though You punished their misdeeds.

Exalt the LORD our God and worship at His holy mountain,

for the LORD our God is holy.

PRAISE SONG *(Please sit.) “Great Are You, Lord”*

(FC - requested favorite - Steve & Vikki Cook)

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 3/4 time, featuring a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are written below the notes, and chords are indicated above the staff. The score is divided into four lines of music.

Line 1: Chords F, Dm7, Gm7, C, C/Bb. Lyrics: Ho - ly Lord, most ho - ly Lord, You a -

Line 2: Chords Am7, Dm7, Gm7, C. Lyrics: lone are wor - thy of my praise; — O

Line 3: Chords F, Dm7, Gm7, C, C#°7. Lyrics: ho - ly Lord, most ho - ly Lord, with

Line 4: Chords Dm, F/C, G/B, Csus, C, C/E. Lyrics: all of my heart I sing. —

Great are You, Lord,

wor - thy of praise,

ho - ly and true, great

are You, Lord, most ho - ly Lord.

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 LESSON.....Exodus 32:35—33:5b, 12-23.....p. 140

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

SECOND LESSON....1 Thessalonians 1:1-10.....p. 1837

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 blessing 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.)*

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” v. 1 (SBH # 379 2nd tune - favorite)

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778

Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-33.....p. 1535

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *verse 4* ↑

(Please be seated. Young children may go to Children’s Church.)

SERMON *(See space for sermon notes in Announcements insert.)*

“The Exodus, Part IX: God’s Glory Revealed to Moses”

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.)*

“He Hideth My Soul” (Maj # 428 - favorite)



1 A won - der - ful Sav - ior is Je - sus, my Lord, a
2 A won - der - ful Sav - ior is Je - sus, my Lord, he
3 With num - ber - less bless - ings each mo - ment he crowns, and,
4 When clothed in his bright - ness trans - port - ed I rise to



won - der - ful Sav - ior to me; he hid - eth my soul in the
tak - eth my bur - den a - way; he hold - eth me up, and I
filled with his good - ness di - vine, I sing in my rap - ture, oh,
meet him in clouds of the sky, his per - fect sal - va - tion, his



cleft of the rock, where riv - ers of plea - sure I see.
shall not be moved, he giv - eth me strength as my day.
glo - ry to God for such a re - deem - er as mine!
won - der - ful love I'll shout with the mil - lions on high.

Refrain



He hid - eth my soul in the cleft of the rock that shad - ows a dry, thirst - y



land; he hid - eth my life in the depths of his love, and



cov - ers me there with his hand, and cov - ers me there with his hand.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: HE HIDEETH MY SOUL, William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838–1921

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

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:

“Holy Is the Lord” (Maj # 70)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord.

Ho - ly is the Fa - ther, ho - ly is the Son,

ho - ly is the Spir - it: bless - ed Three - in - One.

WORDS: Para. Isaiah 6:3
MUSIC: Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

HOLY IS THE LORD
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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) (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. "Jesus Loves Me!" (ELW # 595 - favorite)



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,
 yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt. Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

2. "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" (Maj # 540 - favorite)



1 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Thou art the
 2 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Search me and
 3 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Wound - ed and
 4 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Hold o'er my

pot - ter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me af - ter thy
 try me, Mas - ter, to - day. Pur - er than snow, Lord, wash me just
 wea - ry, help me, I pray. Pow - er, all pow - er sure - ly is
 be - ing ab - so - lute sway. Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall

will, while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.
 now, as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.
 thine. Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine.
 see Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me.

Text: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1862–1934 Music: ADELAIDE, George C. Stebbins, 1846–1945

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Please rise.)*

L: Let us pray together: **C:** **Almighty God, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C:



A- men, A- men, A- . . . men.

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SENDING HYMN

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” (Maj # 15) →

PASSING THE PEACE

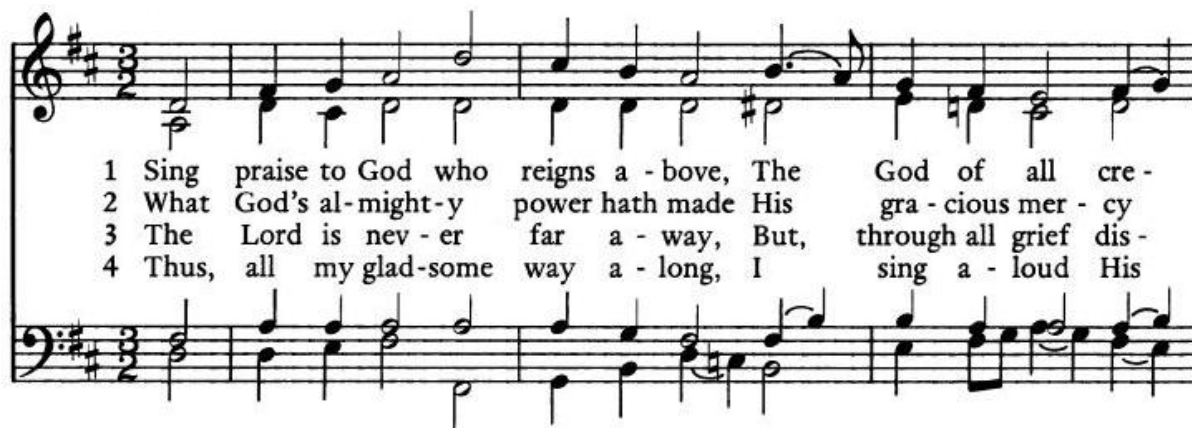
L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you!

C: **And also with you!**

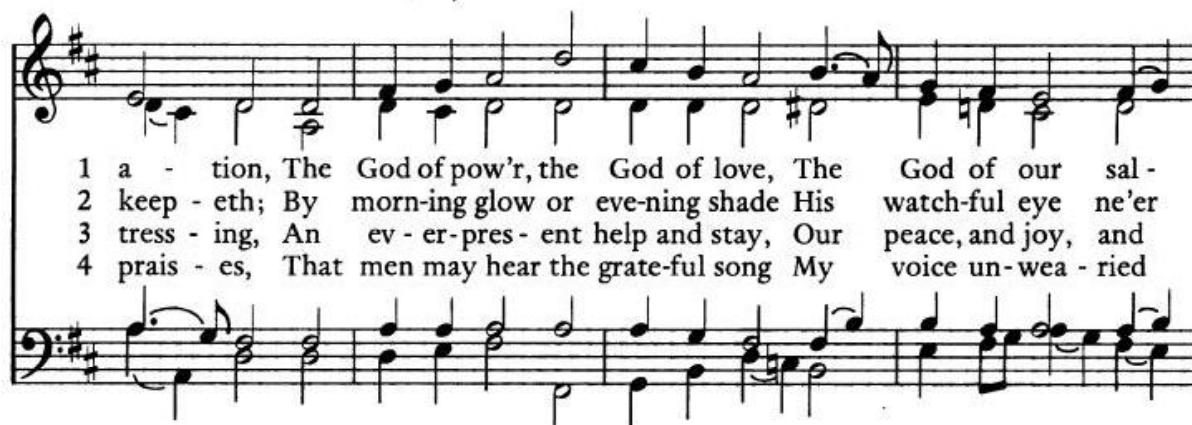
POSTLUDE

PRAYER CARE (8:30) *If you would like prayer about anything, you can come to the altar rail after the service and a prayer care volunteer will pray with you.*

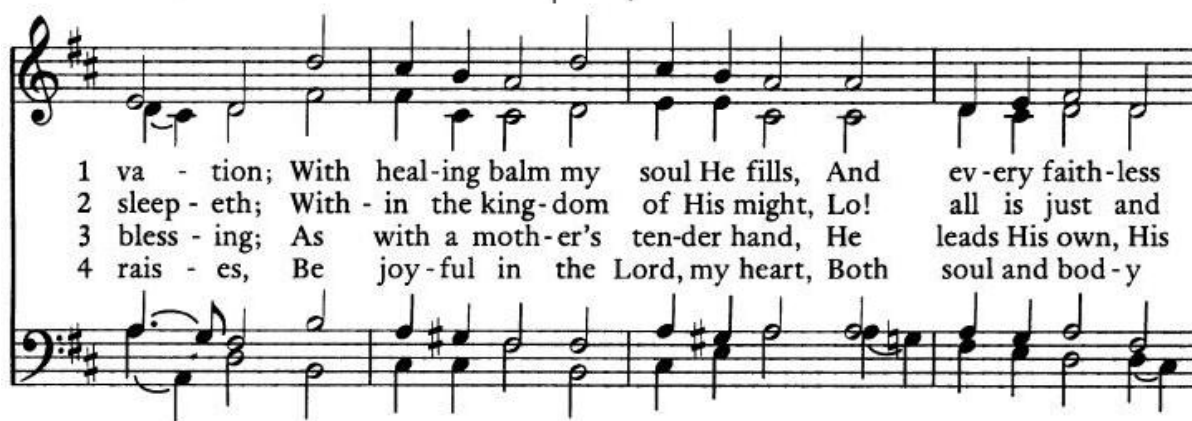
FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS *Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments. Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place. You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.*



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, The God of all cre -
 2 What God's al-might-y power hath made His gra - cious mer - cy
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, But, through all grief dis -
 4 Thus, all my glad-some way a - long, I sing a - loud His



1 a - tion, The God of pow'r, the God of love, The God of our sal -
 2 keep - eth; By morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade His watch-ful eye ne'er
 3 tress - ing, An ev - er-pres - ent help and stay, Our peace, and joy, and
 4 prais - es, That men may hear the grate-ful song My voice un-wea - ried



1 va - tion; With heal-ing balm my soul He fills, And ev - ery faith-less
 2 sleep - eth; With - in the king-dom of His might, Lo! all is just and
 3 bless - ing; As with a moth-er's ten-der hand, He leads His own, His
 4 rais - es, Be joy-ful in the Lord, my heart, Both soul and bod - y



1 mur - mur stills: To God all praise and glo - ry.
 2 all is right: To God all praise and glo - ry.
 3 cho - sen band: To God all praise and glo - ry.
 4 bear your part: To God all praise and glo - ry. A - men.

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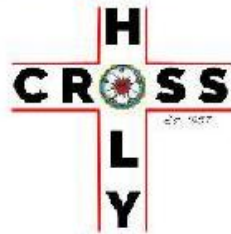
Holy Cross, to the Glory of God

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD TODAY

GREETER: 8:30-Sharon Wagner | 11:00-Irene Graham
SOUND: 8:30-Rich Stein | 11:00-**Volunteers needed**
LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Jonah Kincaid
SONG LEADER: Nancy Cook
LITURGIST/COMMUNION: 8:30-Seth Miller | 11:00-Lyn Stryker
LECTOR: 8:30-Patty Werley | 11:00-Lyn Stryker
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler
USHER: 8:30-Jan Stryker | 11:00-Sharon Branigan
ALTAR GUILD: Jan Stryker, Carol Royer
COUNTERS: Jan Stryker, Karen Brown
SEXTON: **Volunteers needed**
PHONETREE: Stephen Zeiner
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Stephen Zeiner
PRAYER CARE: 8:30-Pat Gilbert | 11:00-**Volunteer needed**

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Stephen Zeiner, *Webmaster*

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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