

## Distribution of Holy Communion

*Holy Communion is our Lord's thanksgiving feast of victory shared among his baptized people. We believe, teach and confess that Christ is truly present in this meal...his body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. With this understanding, baptized Christians who usually commune in other Christian congregations are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. Those who are not yet communing (of any age) are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

*We receive the bread at the head of the aisle. Wine is available in individual glasses (in trays) or you may drink from the common cup. White grape juice is available in the center of each tray. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and Communion will be brought to you.*

## Communion Songs *Lamb of God*

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.

*This Little Light of Mine #677*

*I Am The Bread of Life #485*

## + SENDING +

*The Holy Spirit sends us forth to serve in Jesus' name.*

*We stand for the blessing.*

### Blessing

**Sending Hymn** *Change My Heart, O God #801*

### Dismissal

What is our mission?

**Transformed by the crucified and risen  
Jesus we are a loving community of disciples  
making disciples.**

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Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**



Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2017

**Worship with Holy Communion  
every Sunday at 9 a.m.**

**Faith Formation for all ages  
Sundays at 10:20 a.m.**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Transformed by the crucified and risen Jesus we are a loving community of disciples making disciples.

**WELCOME!** We welcome you to join us in worship, growth in faith and service.

**CHILDREN** are always welcome and encouraged to participate fully in worship. If needed, a cry room is available near the east exit.

**VISITORS**, please sign our guest book (both entrances) or fill out a card, found on the back of the pew in front of you. You may place the card in the plate during the offering. Please also take a gift bag (also at both entrances) to learn a little more about Bethlehem.

**FOR WORSHIP**, most of what you will need is in this bulletin or the weekly insert with readings and news. Pastor/leader parts are in plain typeface. Congregational parts are in **bold typeface** and indented.

**HYMNS** are indicated by number and may be found in the back part of the red hymnal.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available from the ushers.

**FAITH FORMATION** (Sunday School):

Lights! Camera! Action!: Preschool—8th grade -Basement

What Lutherans Believe: High School—Adults -Fellowship Hall

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# + GATHERING +

*The Holy Spirit gathers us for worship.*

## Prelude and Announcements

### Invocation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

Let your light so shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. +Matthew 5:16

Let us confess our sins.

*Silence for reflection*

Eternal God,

**in you we live and move and have our being.**

**Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands.**

**Forgive us all our offenses,**

**and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.**

**By your grace, draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Since we are justified by grace through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we were still sinners; and for his sake, God + forgives you all your sins. **Amen!**

**Gathering Hymn** *We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus* #451

### Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:13

**And also with you.**

**Hymn of Praise** *Salvation Belongs to Our God*



♩ Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

### Offering Prayer

Let us pray...

Wise and gracious God,

**Receive the labor of our hands--these gifts of money, bread and wine--along with the offering of our lives. Nourish us with the life of your Son, that we might be his body in the world, making known your abundant mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

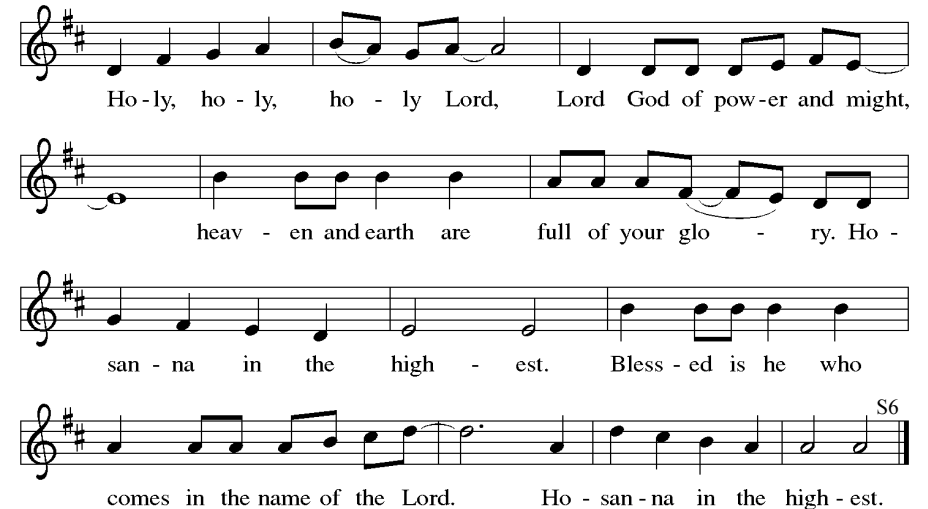
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right... ... and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. S6

### Eucharistic Prayer

#### Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven...**

#### Invitation to Communion

*We remain standing as the bread is broken and for the invitation.*

*Spoken together in unison:*

**Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as once you revealed yourself to your apostles.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Prayers of The People

*Each petition ends: Lord, in your mercy.*

*We respond: Hear our prayer.*

+ MEAL +

*We gather at the Table of our Lord to share his Supper.*

### Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

John 20:21

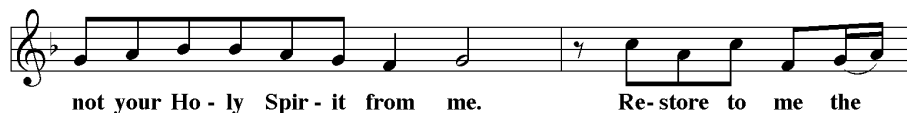
*We share a sign of peace by greeting those around us with the words "Peace be with you."*

### Offertory

*Today's loose offering will go to the general fund.*

*We stand and sing as the gifts are brought forward:*

### Offering Hymn *Create in Me*



+ WORD +

*The Word of God, Jesus Christ, speaks to us.*

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray...

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer, a time for us to pray silently to God. Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

The assembly is seated.

### Children's Sermon

A reading from Jeremiah.

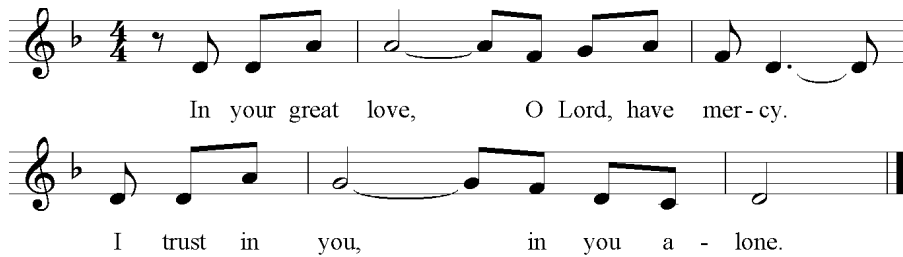
**Old Testament Reading** Jeremiah 20:7-13

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18**

We begin by singing the refrain below, and then we will read the verses responsively, singing the refrain where indicated with the word **Refrain**.



In your great love, O Lord, have mer-cy.  
I trust in you, in you a-lone.

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**Music:** Tune: *WAYFARIN' STRANGER*, a trad. Apalachian folk song (PD).  
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<sup>7</sup>It is for your sake that I have borne reproach,  
that shame has covered my face.

**<sup>8</sup>I have become a stranger to my kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup>It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;  
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.

**<sup>10</sup>When I humbled my soul with fasting,  
they insulted me for doing so.**

*Refrain*

<sup>16</sup>Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;  
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

**<sup>17</sup>Do not hide your face from your servant,  
for I am in distress — make haste to answer me.**

<sup>18</sup>Draw near to me, redeem me,  
set me free because of my enemies.

*Refrain*

**Gospel Acclamation**

John 6:68



Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia.

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

**Gospel** Matthew 10:24-39

<sup>24</sup>A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master;  
<sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup>Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

<sup>36</sup>and one's foes will be members of one's own household

<sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon. Following time for reflection, we stand to respond in song:

**Hymn of the Day** Will You Come and Follow Me #798

**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**