

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*The water is poured.*

P We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.

**C Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.**

P Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

**C At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.**

P By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**C We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.**

**Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

P To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C Amen.**



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev-'ry voice in earth and  
 2 Sing, broth-er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and  
 3 Sing, broth-er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the  
 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain or sor-row



sky: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Sing, broth-er sun, in splen-dor  
 grain: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear sis-ter wa-ter, use-ful,  
 throng: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Dear moth-er earth, so rich in  
 grieve: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis-ter moon and stars of night:  
 clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-  
 care, praise God in col-ors bright and rare:  
 fears; still make your song a-mid the tears:



lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

- 5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
 waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
 fair is the night that leads us home.  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
 and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## GREETING

**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.

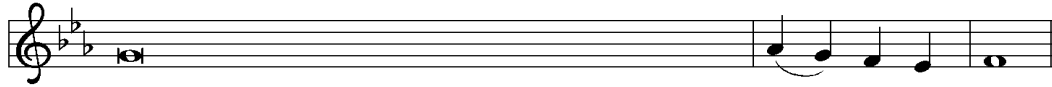
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



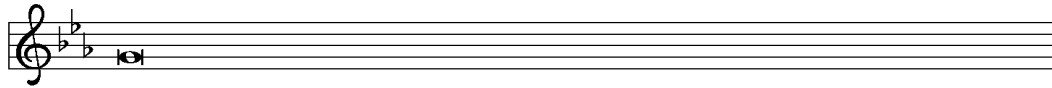
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



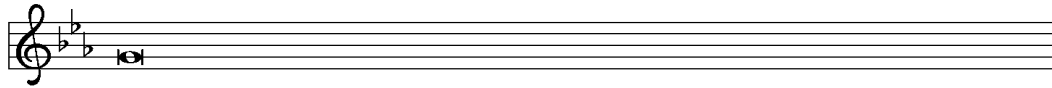
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

## "Gather Us In"

ELW 532



1 Here in this place new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray: God of grace and mercy, through the transforming word of the prophets and the faithful leadership of the apostles, you create the church. You gift all your people for the work of ministry and call us to proclaim your Gospel of love and justice for the world. May the power of your Holy Spirit accompany Lura as she is ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and guide the people of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, as they affirm their call to be in ministry with Lura here in this place.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **FIRST READING**

### **Numbers 27:1-11**

Then the daughters of Zelophehad came forward. Zelophehad was son of Hephher son of Gilead son of Machir son of Manasseh son of Joseph, a member of the Manassite clans. The names of his daughters were: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. <sup>2</sup>They stood before Moses, Eleazar the priest, the leaders, and all the congregation, at the entrance of the tent of meeting, and they said, <sup>3</sup>"Our father died in the wilderness; he was not among the company of those who gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Korah, but died for his own sin; and he had no sons. <sup>4</sup>Why should the name of our father be taken away from his clan because he had no son? Give to us a possession among our father's brothers." <sup>5</sup>Moses brought their case before the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>7</sup>The daughters of Zelophehad are right in what they are saying; you shall indeed let them possess an inheritance among their father's brothers and pass the inheritance of their father on to them. <sup>8</sup>You shall also say to the Israelites, "If a man dies, and has no son, then you shall pass his inheritance on to his daughter. <sup>9</sup>If he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers. <sup>10</sup>If he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father's brothers. <sup>11</sup>And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to the nearest kinsman of his clan, and he shall possess it. It shall be for the Israelites a statute and ordinance, as the LORD commanded Moses."

Word of God, word of life,

**Thanks be to God.**

## CANTICLE

## "Canticle of the Turning"

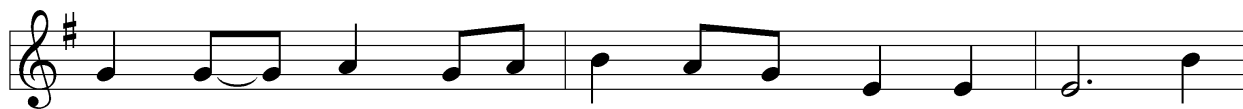
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1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great . . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's . . . mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne. The  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This



fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 hun - gry poor shall . . . weep no more, for the  
 sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

*Refrain*

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the  
 fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the  
 dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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 Music: Irish traditional

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## SECOND READING

### PSALM 109:1-5

Do not be silent, O God of my praise.

<sup>2</sup>For wicked and deceitful mouths are opened against me, speaking against me with lying tongues.

<sup>3</sup>They beset me with words of hate, and attack me without cause.

<sup>4</sup>In return for my love they accuse me, even while I make prayer for them.

<sup>5</sup>So they reward me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

Word of God, word of life,  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## **GOSPEL READING**

**P** The Gospel according to Matthew, the 10th chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O God.**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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### **Matthew 10:5-13**

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>8</sup>Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. <sup>9</sup>Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, <sup>10</sup>no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. <sup>11</sup>Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup>As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup>If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON "Taking What God Has Given" The Rev. Dr. Stephen Ray**



*Please stand.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY "We've Come This Far By Faith"

ELW 633

*Refrain*



We've come this far by faith, lean-ing on the Lord;



trust-ing in his ho-ly word, he's nev-er failed us yet.



Oh, we can't turn back, we've come this far by  
can't turn a-round,



faith. We've come this far by faith.



1 Just re-mem-ber the good things God has  
2 Don't be dis-cour-aged with trou-ble in your



done, things that seemed im-pos-si-ble; oh,  
life; he'll bear your . . . bur-dens, and

*Refrain*



praise him for the vic-t'ries he has won. Oh! We've  
move . . . all the dis-cord and strife.

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## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the 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 became truly human.  
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 worshiped 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.**

## **THE RITE OF ORDINATION**

We present for ordination to the holy ministry of Word and Sacrament, Lura Naomi Groen, who has been prepared, examined, and certified for this ministry and who has been called by the Church to the office of pastor.

**Thanks be to God.**

According to apostolic usage you are now to be set apart to the office of Word and Sacrament in the one holy catholic Church by the laying on of hands and by prayer.

*Our Lord Jesus Christ says:* "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23)

*And again:* "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

*St. Paul writes:* I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Before almighty God, to whom you must give account, and in the presence of this congregation, I ask: Will you assume this office, believing that the Church's call is God's call to the ministry of Word and Sacrament?

*I will, and I ask God to help me.*

The Church in which you are to be ordained confesses that the Holy Scrip-

tures are the Word of God and are the norm of its faith and life. We accept, teach, and confess the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds. We also acknowledge the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses and faithful expositions of the Holy Scriptures. Will you therefore preach and teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and these creeds and confessions?

*I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Will you be diligent in your study of the Holy Scriptures and in your use of the means of grace? Will you pray for God's people, nourish them with the Word and Holy Sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

*I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

*I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously grant you the strength and compassion to perform them.

**Amen.**

*We invite ALL to come forward for the laying on of hands, placing a hand on the ordinand or on the shoulder of the person in front of you.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Holy God, gracious Creator, we bless you for your infinite love in Christ, in whom we are transforming, saved and released from our sins and debts according to the riches of your grace. Through death you overcame death. Through resurrection you fulfilled all things. We praise you that Christ poured out gifts abundantly on the Church, making some apostles, some prophets, some pastors and teachers, to equip your people for their work of ministry for building up the body of Christ

Eternal God, pour out your Spirit upon Lura and fill her with the gifts of grace for the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Bless her proclamation of your Word and administration of your Sacraments, so that your Church may be gathered for praise and strengthened for service. Make her a faithful pastor, a patient teacher, a wise counselor. Grant that in all things she may serve without reproach, that your people may be renewed and your name be glorified in the Church; through Jesus Christ our liberator, who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit, one God now and forever.

**Amen.**

O Holy One, bless Lura's witness and work among us that it may further understanding and reconciliation where there is fear and estrangement. Grant that her witness and work may strengthen ties between all our communities of faith, building bridges for the work of healing and renewal in the world.

**Amen**

*The people are seated. The newly ordained may remain kneeling. A stole is placed over her shoulders.*

Receive this stole as a sign of your work, and walk in obedience to Christ, serving the people and remembering Christ's promise: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

*The newly ordained stands and is addressed by co-workers in the gospel.*

"Strive for righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith." (1 Timothy 6:11-12)

"Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the Church of the Lord which he obtained with his own blood." (Acts 20:28)

"Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory." (1 Peter 5:2-4)

"This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy." (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)

Care for God's people, bear their burdens and do not betray their confidence. Witness faithfully in word and deed to all people. Give and receive comfort as you serve within the Church. And be of good courage, for God has called you, and your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

The God of peace equip you with everything good that you may do God's will working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight, through Christ; to whom be the glory forever and ever.

**Amen.**

### **ACCLAMATION OF ORDINATION**

Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole Church, receive Lura as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve God's people with the Gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard her as a servant of Christ?

**We will.**

Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

**We will.**

Let it be acclaimed that Lura Naomi Groen is ordained a minister in the Church of Christ. She has Christ's authority to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments, serving God's people.

**Amen. Thanks be to God!**

*The congregation may offer acclamation with applause.*

**HYMN**

**"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"**

**ELW 579**



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the Word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.  
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty.  
world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty.  
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty.  
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.

*Refrain*



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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## **INSTALLATION**

Having been authorized by God's people, the Church, to install Lura Naomi Groen, our co-worker in the Gospel, as pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

**We, of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, after prayerful deliberation, have elected Lura to be pastor. We present her and this letter certifying the call.**

*Hear the words addressed to Timothy:* Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Take heed to yourself and to your teaching; hold to that, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Tim. 4:12-16)

Pastor Lura, in the presence of this congregation do you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

*I do, and I ask God to help me.*

The office of pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Creator, and Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Amen.

*The people of Grace Lutheran will please stand.*

Baptized into the priesthood of Christ, we are all called by the Holy Spirit to ministries of love, justice and service. People of Grace, do you commit yourselves anew to be partners with Pastor Lura in proclaiming and living the Gospel?

**We do and we ask God to help us.**

Receive now these reminders of your common calling to serve the Lord Jesus and his people in the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

*Members of Grace Lutheran's Call Administrative Team present symbols of ministry.*



Let us pray. Gracious God, you have blessed each of us with unique gifts, and called us into specific occupations, relationships, and ministries. Empower the people of Grace, together with their pastor, and this whole priesthood of believers, to be ministers of your reconciliation, love, hope and justice, through Jesus Christ who walks beside us.

**Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## **OFFERING and SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Anthem**

**"Offertory"**

**John Ness Beck**

*Please stand as the gifts are received.*

### **OFFERTORY**



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

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It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the world was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child. When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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 for the 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 his death, we cry out Amen.

**Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

**Amen!**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

**Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

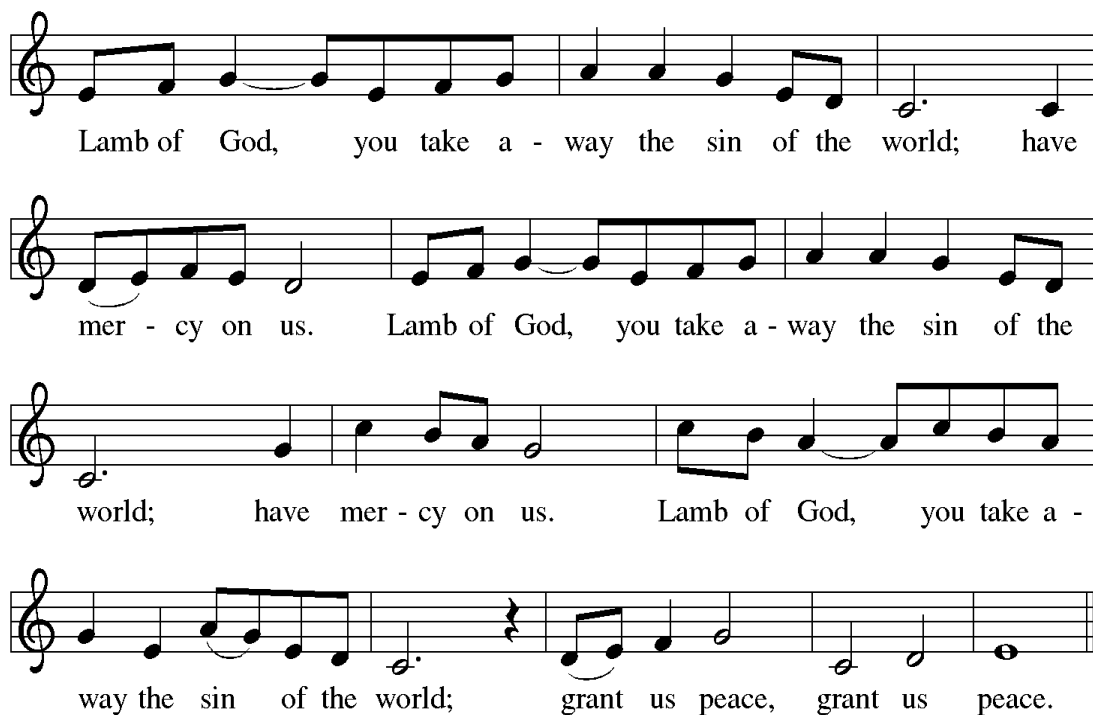
**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## 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.

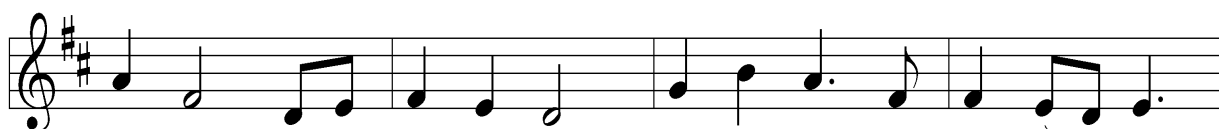
## COMMUNION

*Believing in the presence of Christ at the table, the congregation extends the Lord's invitation to commune with him. All people of all ages are welcome in this place. At the direction of the usher, come down the center aisle to the communion station on your side of the sanctuary. Receive the bread and hold it for intinction, or dipping, in either the first goblet (wine) or the second (grape juice). Adults or children who choose not to commune are invited to come forward for a blessing. To return to your pew, please use the side aisles.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

### "We Come to the Hungry Feast"

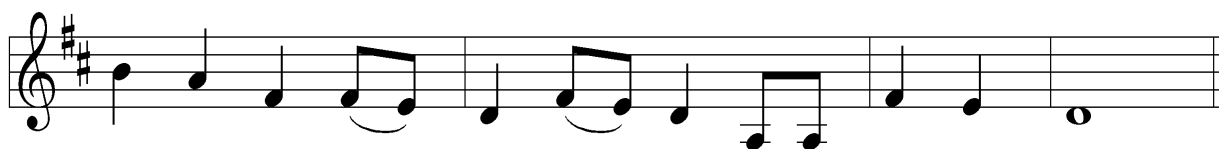
ELW 479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever, b. 1943


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# "Spirit of Gentleness"

ELW 396

*Refrain*



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,




stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the  
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the  
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a  
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient



deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
sand and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a  
hill, then you whis - pered in si - lence when the  
schemes. From the bond - age of sor - row all the



val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -  
law and a land; and when they were blind -  
whole world was still; and down in the cit -  
cap - tives dream dreams; our wom - en see vi -



ons you called to each thing: "A - wake from your  
ed with i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your  
y you called once a - gain, when you blew through your  
sions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new de -



slum - bers and rise on your wings."  
proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
peo - ple on the rush of their wind.  
ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

*Refrain*

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940  
Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley, b. 1940

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# "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" ELW 461

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.  
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er, Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.

You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mun-ion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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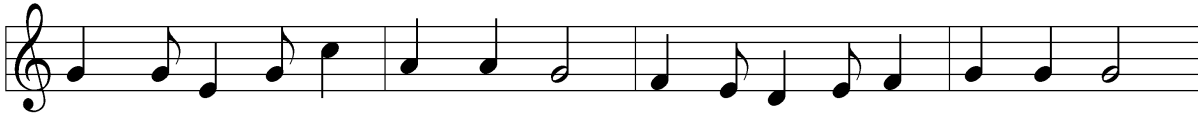
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Music: HOLY MANNA 8 7 8 7 D, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

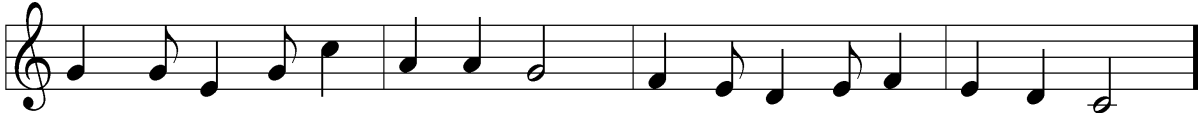
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## "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" ELW 674



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

### *Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune, adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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*Please stand.*

### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**



## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God,  
that you have refreshed us  
through the healing power of this gift of life.  
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,  
in faith toward you  
and in fervent love toward one another;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

## "We Are Marching"

ELW 866

First system of musical notation. Treble and bass staves in G major (one sharp). The melody features eighth and sixteenth notes with triplet markings. The lyrics are: "We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march-ing in the Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -".

Second system of musical notation. Continuation of the melody with triplet markings. The lyrics are: "light of God. nyen' kwen - khos'. We are march - ing in the light of God, Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'".

Third system of musical notation. Continuation of the melody. The lyrics are: "we are march-ing in the light of God. si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God. si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'".

Fourth system of musical notation. Continuation of the melody. The lyrics are: "we are march-ing in the light of God. si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. We are march - ing Si - ya - ham - ba oo oo".

Fifth system of musical notation. Continuation of the melody. The lyrics are: "We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing, Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,".

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.  
*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*

We are march-ing  
*Si - ya - ham - ba*

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,  
*Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,*

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*

Text: South African  
 Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African

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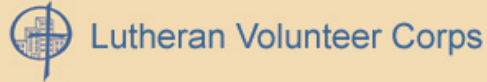
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## SENDING

Go in peace. Share the Good News.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Today's offering will go to:



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