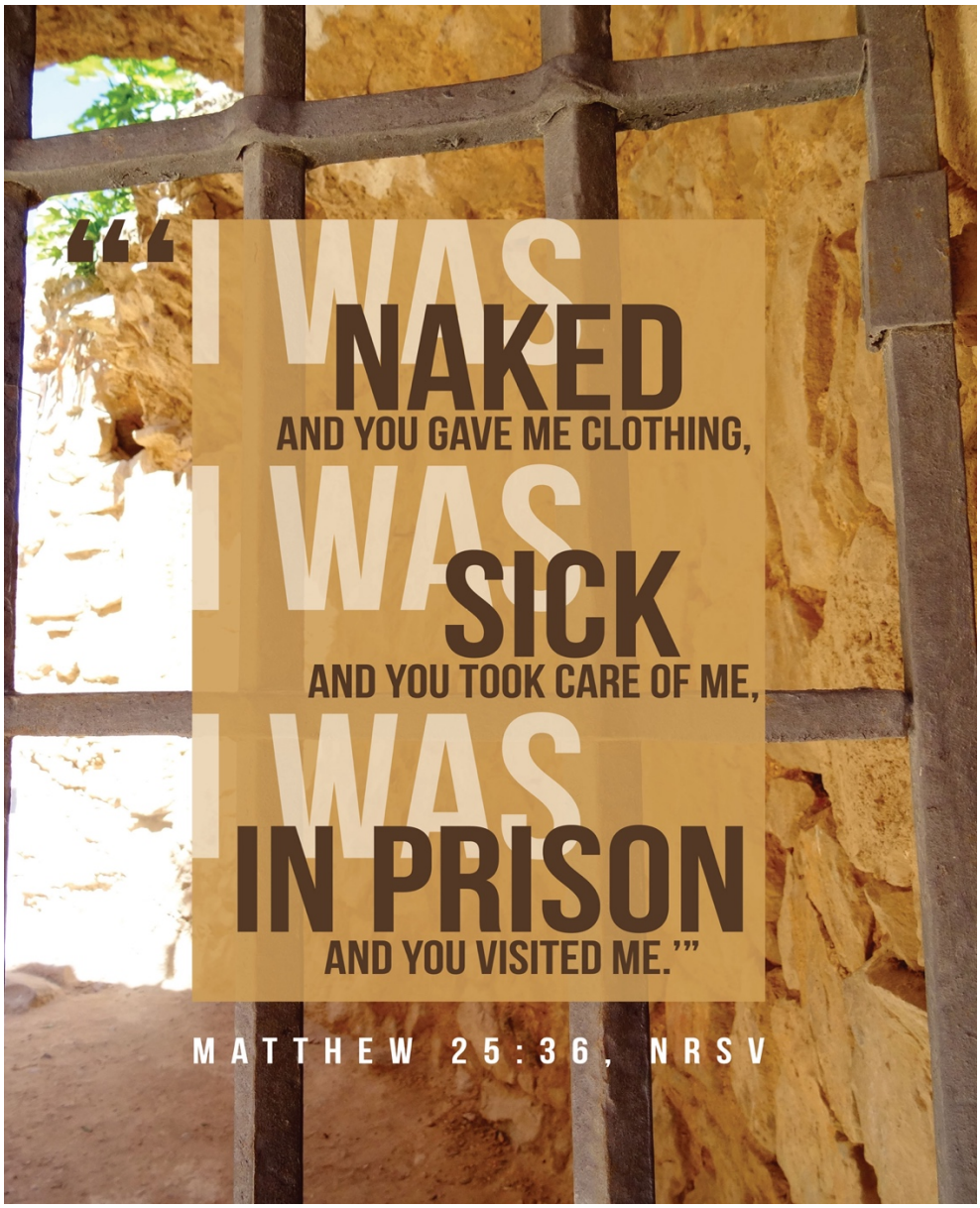



# *Saint Peter’s Lutheran Church*

## November 22, 2026

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# Christ the King Sunday November 22, 2026

* Indicates to stand as you are able. P=Pastor, C=Congregation, A=Assisting Minister, L=Lector

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Prelude***

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

***C: Amen.**

*P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

***C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

*P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

***C: Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN Crown Him With Many Crowns ELW 855

## APOSTOLIC 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*P: Let us pray. O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

***C: Amen.**

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

L: A reading from Ezekiel the 34th chapter.

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort
them out. 12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among
scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the
places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick
darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the
countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the
mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of
the land. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of
Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land,
and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself
will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the
Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will
bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the
strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge
between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with
flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until
you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no
longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall
feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I the LORD will
be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD
have spoken.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

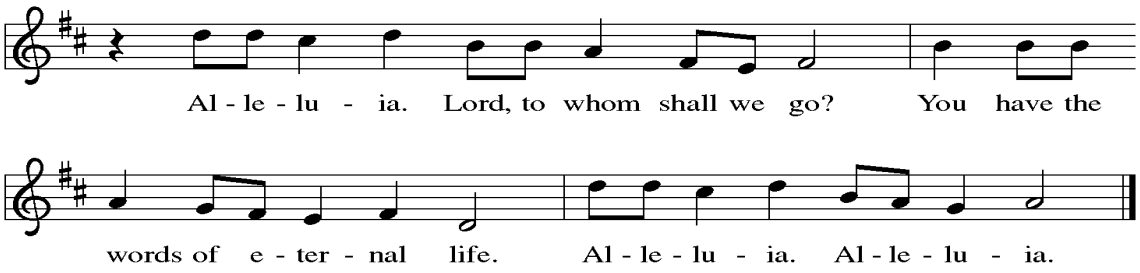
**Psalm 95:1-7a**

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
2 **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving**
**and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**
3 For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
4 **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;**
**the heights of the hills are also yours.**
5 The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

[6] **Come, let us worship and bow down,**
**let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**
[7a] For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23
L: A reading from Ephesians the 1st chapter
[15] I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18] so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20] God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22] And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.
L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION




*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.
***C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:31-46
[Jesus said to the disciples:] [31] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32] All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one

from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, [33] and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. [34] Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, [35] for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' [37] Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40] And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' [41] Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' [45] Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

*P: The Gospel of our Lord. ***C: Praise to you, O Christ**

**Children's Sermon**

**The Sermon** **Pastor Sue Lynn White**

***HYMN OF THE DAY For the Fruit of All Creation ELW 679**

***APOSTLES' CREED**

*A: Let us profess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

*A: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

*A: Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care.
God, in your mercy,
***C: hear our prayer.**

*A: All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination (*places or events may be named*).
God, in your mercy,
***C: hear our prayer.**

*A: Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. God, in your mercy,
***C: hear our prayer.**

*A: Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need. We especially pray for Guy & Betty Puckett, Jim & Phyllis Cornelison, Jerry & Carolyn Sides, Ernie & Linda Cooper, Phil & Carol Boyette, George Lentz, Brenda H. Trexler, Judy Peeler, Lynn DeBerry, Marcia Ritchie, Jean Holshouser, Sue Misenheimer, Thelma Barger, Buddy Waller, Ronnie Pierce, Bobby Lambirth, friends of St. Peter's, and those we hold in our hearts or speak aloud now… (*pause)*.
God, in your mercy,
***C: hear our prayer.**

*A: Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy,
***C: hear our prayer.**

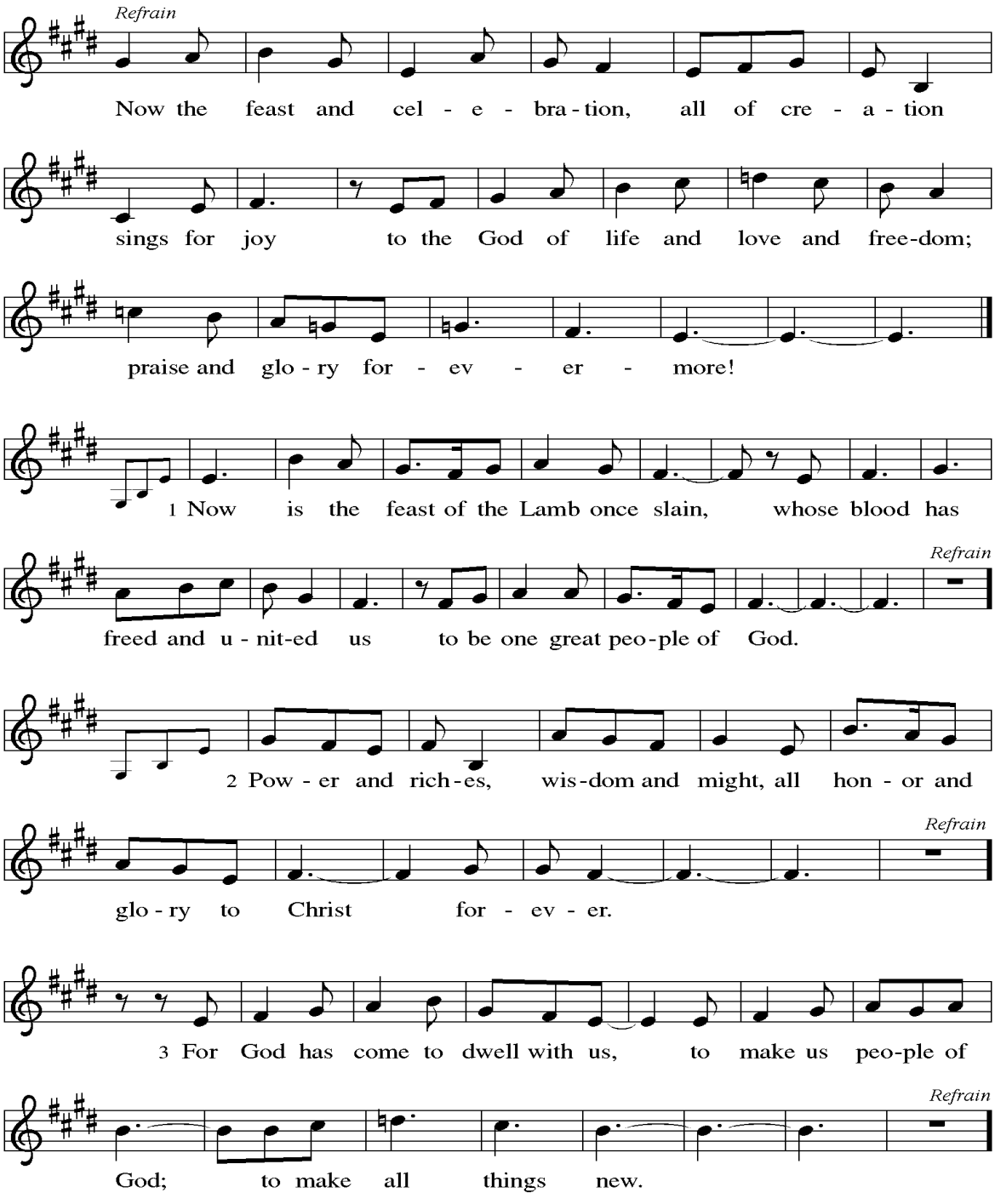
*A: Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. God, in your mercy,
***C: hear our prayer.**

*P: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
***C: Amen.**

**PEACE**
*P: The peace of Christ be with you always. ***C: And also with you.**
*P: Let us share the peace with one another.

**THE OFFERING**
**Anthem**
**Offering Hymn** **Now the Feast and Celebration** **ELW 167**

# Now the Feast and Celebration




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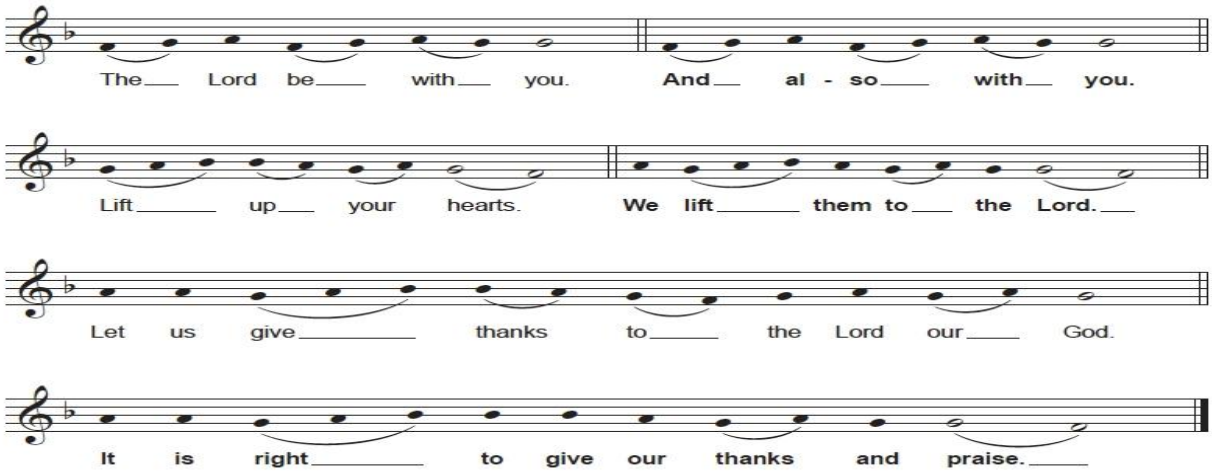
**OFFERING PRAYER**

*A: Let us pray. Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

***C: Amen.**

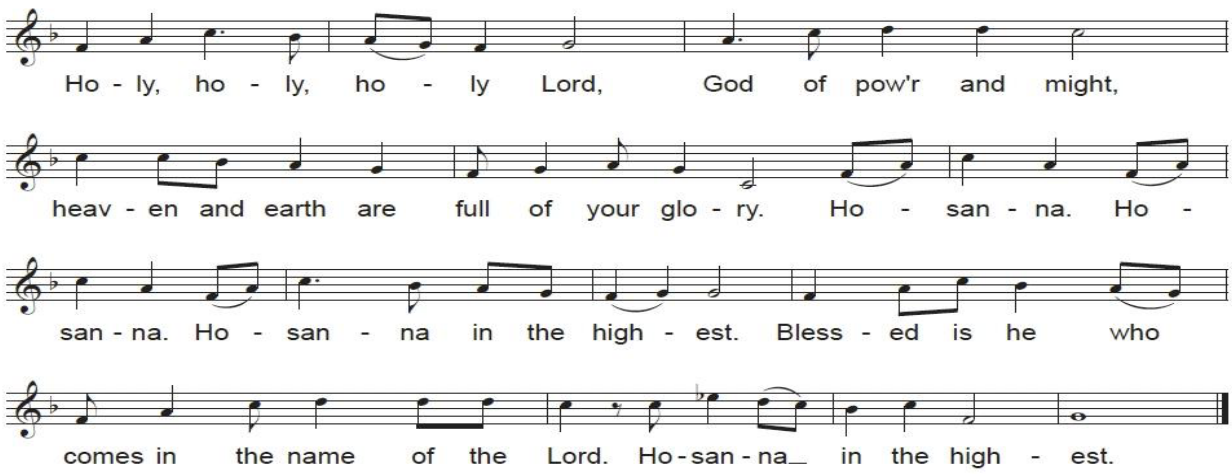
**MEAL**

**PREFACE DIALOGUE**




*P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***C: Holy, Holy, Holy**




## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD'S PRAYER

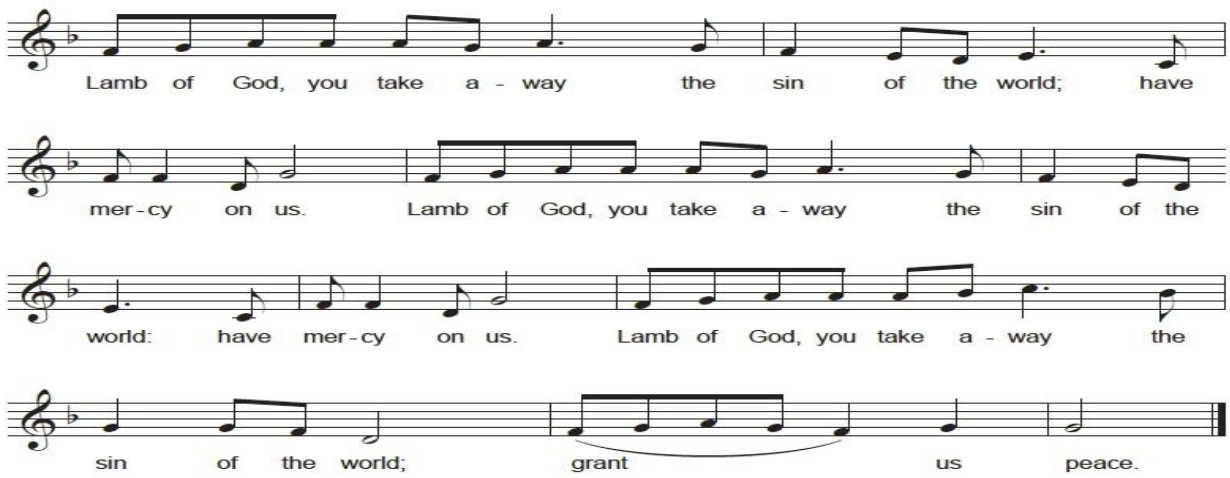
*P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught.

***C: 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 and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

## LAMB OF GOD




## DISTRIBUTION

## COMMUNION BLESSING

*P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*A: Let us pray. Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

***C: Amen.**

## SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## BLESSING

*P: The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

***C: Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN Jesus Shall Reign ELW 434**

## THE DISMISSAL

*A: Rooted in the love of Christ;

***C: We grow in grace and joyfully branch into a broken world!**

*P: Go out in joy. Encourage one another.

***C: Thanks be to God.**