



# Trinity Lutheran Church

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*“the welcome place”*

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## + + + GATHERING + + +

**Prelude** Voluntary IX in g minor, Set 1 ..... John Stanley

### Welcome

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own.


Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

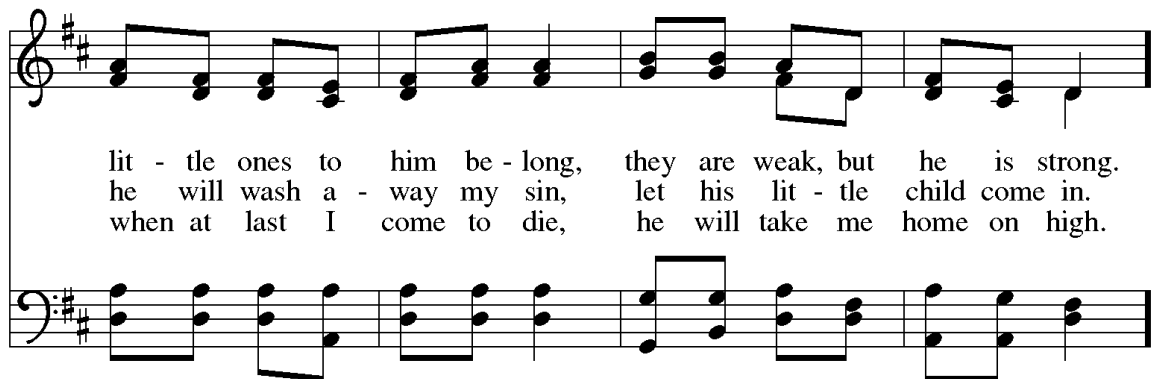
**Amen.**

**Gathering Song #595 ..... "Jesus Loves Me"**

# Jesus Loves Me!



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.

## Greeting

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Glo - ry to God in the high -

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

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. 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.

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

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

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

## Prayer of the Day

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**+ + + WORD + + +**

### **First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16**

*We will recount to generations to come the power of the LORD. (Ps. 78:4)*

<sup>1</sup>Hear my teaching, | O my people;  
incline your ears to the words | of my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>**I will open my mouth | in a parable;**

**I will declare the mysteries of | ancient times—**

<sup>3</sup>that which we have heard and known, and what our fore- | bears have  
told us,

we will not hide | from their children.

<sup>4</sup>**We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and  
the power | of the LORD,**

**and the wonderful works | God has done.**

<sup>12</sup>God worked marvels in the sight | of their ancestors,  
in the land of Egypt, in the | field of Zoan,

<sup>13</sup>**splitting open the sea and letting | them pass through;  
making the waters stand | up like walls;**

<sup>14</sup>leading them with a | cloud by day,  
and all the night with a | glow of fire;

<sup>15</sup>**splitting the rocks | in the wilderness  
and giving them drink as | from the deep;**

<sup>16</sup>bringing streams out | of a rock,  
making them flow down | like a river.

## **Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation  
from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and  
sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having  
the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing  
from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as  
better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own  
interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in  
you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.



And being found in human form,  
8he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

9Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,

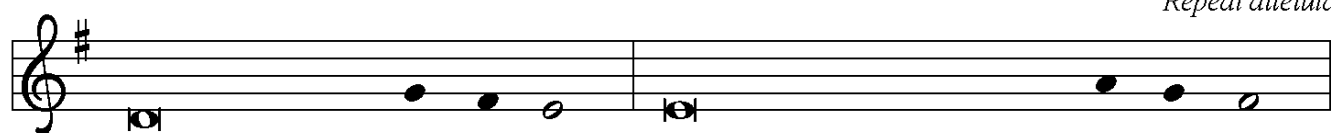
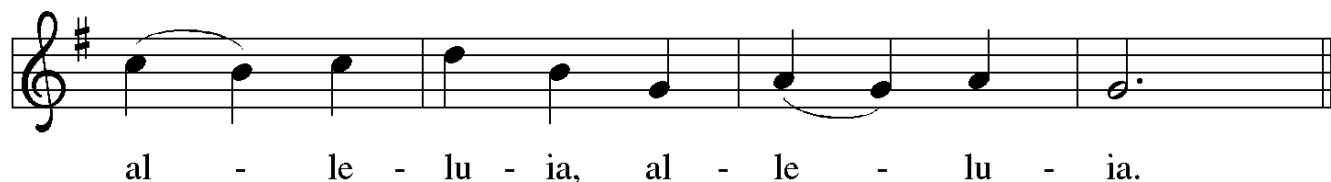
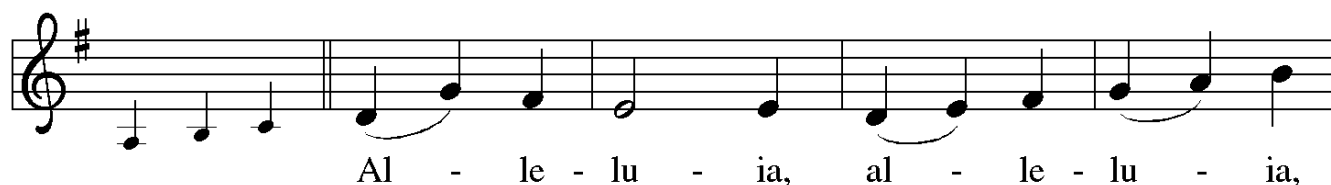
10so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
11and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

12Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me,  
not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence,  
work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13for it is God  
who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his  
good pleasure.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

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## **Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ <sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup>He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** ..... Pastor Carrie Carnes

**Hymn of the Day # 712 .....“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”**

## Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light  
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,

who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;

we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,

con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.  
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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## **Apostles' Creed**

**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**

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

In all the world, give your church unity. Inspire all the baptized with the mind of Christ. Where the church is powerful and where it struggles, shape us with humility and obedience so that your love may be at work in us. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Your Son took on all of bodily life in our world, even to death. Preserve and keep your creation, O God. Mend and redeem places that are polluted and damaged, so that all of creation confesses you as Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Turn the nations toward life. Where our ways are unfair, give us new hearts and new spirits. Where sin permeates our cultures and institutions, change our minds and teach us to trust your authority. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Our lives are yours, O God. Relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit. Defend the lives and welfare of children who are abused or neglected, hungry or exploited, bullied or lonely. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Turn this congregation away from our own interests toward the interests of others. Fill us with your compassion and sympathy. Bless ministries of care in our community; make us into signs of your mercy and justice for our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Holy God, thank you for the powerful healing we witness through doctors and nurses, medication, therapy, and holistic means. Break through clouds of pain and anguish with your voice of comfort. Proclaim hope to all who grieve, and send healing to all who are sick especially. Lift up the families of those who have passed. Keep watch over our Military and those who Serve, including Luke. Give patience and compassion to those who provide care. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Thank you for those who have gone into the kingdom ahead of us—tax collectors and prostitutes, likely and unlikely, obedient and slow to learn. By their witness, teach us to confess Jesus Christ as Lord in life and in death. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.  
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.  
Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich  
food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a  
suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior  
and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

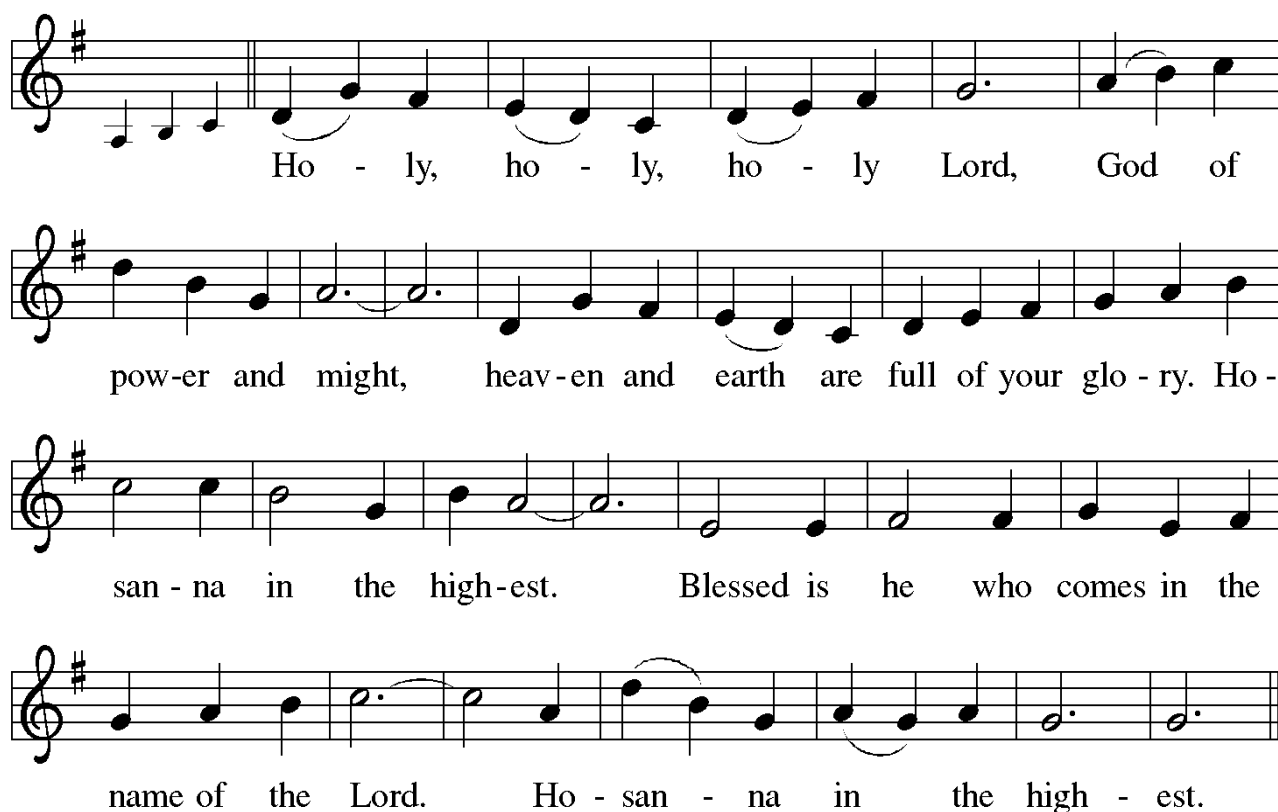
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right, 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:

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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.

## 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**



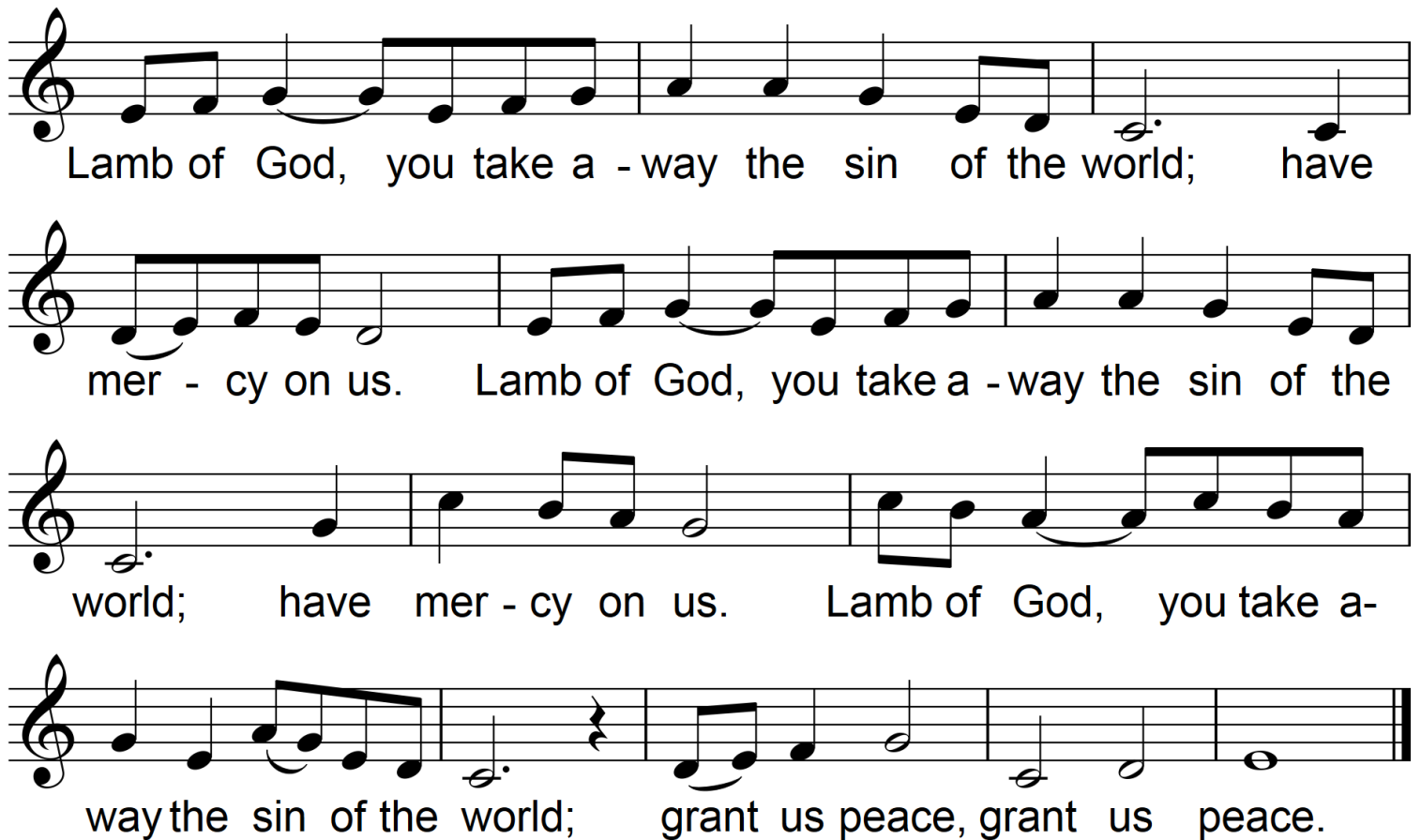
**deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Invitation to communion**

Come to the banquet table where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

### **“Lamb of God”**

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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.

### **Post Communion Blessing**

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
that you have once again fed us with food beyond  
compare, the body and blood of Christ.  
Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into  
your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who

hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**+ + + SENDING + + +**

## **Announcements**

## **Blessing**

Mothering God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Song #765** ..... “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

# Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,

the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** ..... Stephanie Campbell

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