



**Arlington Hills Lutheran Church
Sunday, September 11, 2022**

All: We confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ✝ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Please stand for the Gathering Hymn

Gathering Hymn

**“Lift High the Cross”
Verses 1, 3 & 4 found on page 15**

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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: And also with you.

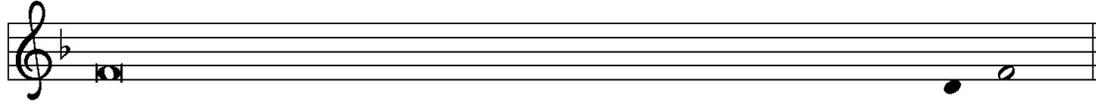
Kyrie

P:

All:



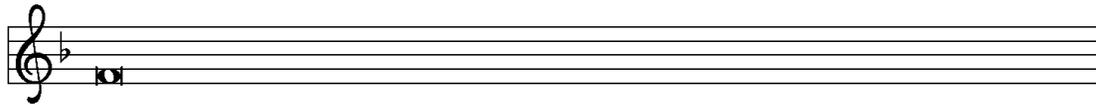
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



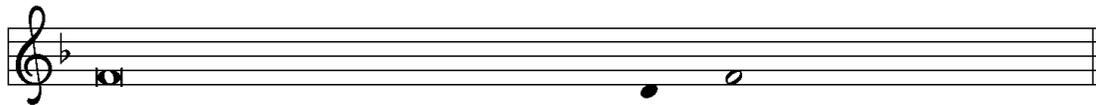
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



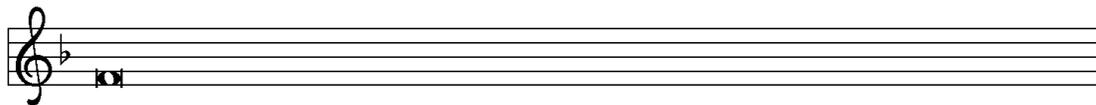
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



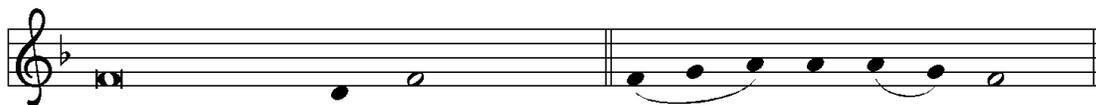
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



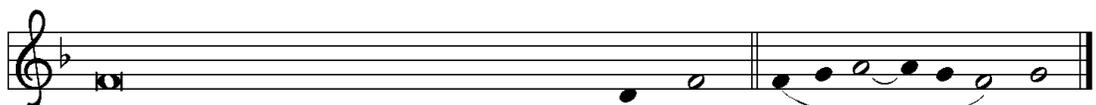
Lord, have mer - cy.



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 defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

This is the Feast

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

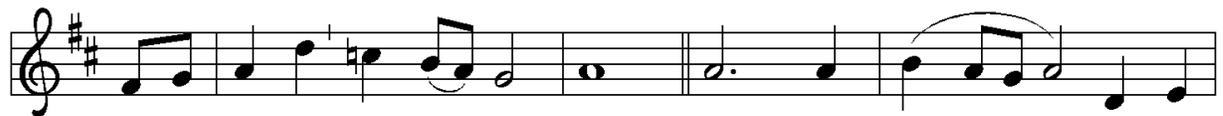


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

P: O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

Please be seated for the reading of the lessons.

Readings and Psalm

Assisting Minister

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.

⁷The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " ⁹The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Psalm: Psalm 51:1-10 (read responsively by whole verse)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. (Ps. 51:1)

AM: ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

All: ²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

AM: ³For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

All: ⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

AM: ⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

All: ⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

AM: ⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

All: ⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

AM: ⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

All: ¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.

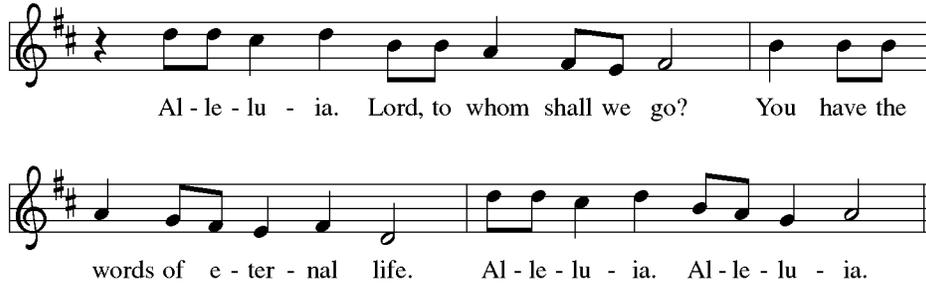
¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

AM: Word of God, Word of Life

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel reading

Gospel Acclamation



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

P: The holy gospel according to Luke the 15th chapter.
All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P: The gospel of our Lord.
All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Mitch

Hymn of the Day **“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”**
Verses 1-4 found on page 16

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Apostle’s 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

AM: *Each prayer will end with:* God of grace,

All: **hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

Offering

Offering Music **“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” arr. John Helgen**

Offering Prayer

P: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

All: **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **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 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:

All:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

Words of Institution

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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

Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Distribution of Communion

Prayer after Communion

P: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Sending Hymn “Sent Forth By God’s Blessings” ELW# 547
Verses 1 & 2 found on page 17

Blessing

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

All: Amen.

Postlude “Postlude in Classic Style” Gordon Young

Dismissal

P: 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.

All: Amen.

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Leading Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mitch Kinsinger

Music: Barbara Rossow

Assisting Ministers: Barb Schmidt and Jim Persoon

Ushers: Wayne Hansen and David Almquist

Hospitality: Cheryl Hollman and Virginia Iverson

Livestream Producer: Silvester Vicic

Song Leader: Linda Strohkirch

Announcements

Today let us remember the lives that were lost and the survivors of the attacks on America on September 11, 2001.

September 18, 2022 Congregational Meeting – at approximately 10:30 a.m. following the 9:30 worship service.

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, September 18, 2022 following the 9:30 worship service in the Reception Room and Via Zoom. This meeting is to call the Rev. Dr. Mitch Kinsinger as our senior pastor. We need 50 people present to have an official meeting.

September Birthdays

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| Barb Rossow | September 3 |
| Mark Schrieber | September 3 |
| Kelley Zangs | September 6 |
| Patricia Karr | September 11 |
| Betty Richter | September 12 |
| Marlene Odeen | September 12 |
| Jill Kowitz | September 12 |
| Wayne Thompson | September 13 |
| Janis Eichten | September 15 |
| Thomas Brackey | September 18 |
| Thomas Hanson | September 22 |
| Gary Anderson | September 23 |
| Caleb Tkachuck | September 24 |
| David Tkachuck | September 24 |
| Judith Solmonson | September 30 |

September Anniversaries

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| Silvester and Sharon Vicic | September 8th | 38 years |
| Arlington Hills Lutheran Church, | September 9 | 113 years |

Please pray this week for AHLC Members and friends:

Wayne Blossey, Tom Nyman, Tyler King, Peggy Engh, Dona Haberman, Jackie Staples, Dean Anderson, Richard Johnson, Priscilla Reeve, Jerry Ekblad, Gary Winter, Betty Richter, Velta Krauze, Shirley Johnson, Margaret Cleary, MaryAnn Wistrom, John Lind, John Hollman, Deb Perry, Esther Hallgren, Jan Kowitz, Richard Edge, Sharon Anderson, and Linda Nyberg.

September, 18, 2022 – Sunday Morning Choir resumes – rehearsal at 8:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to join in making a “joyful noise”.

Hospitality – if you are interested in signing up to help with hospitality on Sundays, please contact Cheryl Hollman at 952-594-5039.

Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied tree,
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

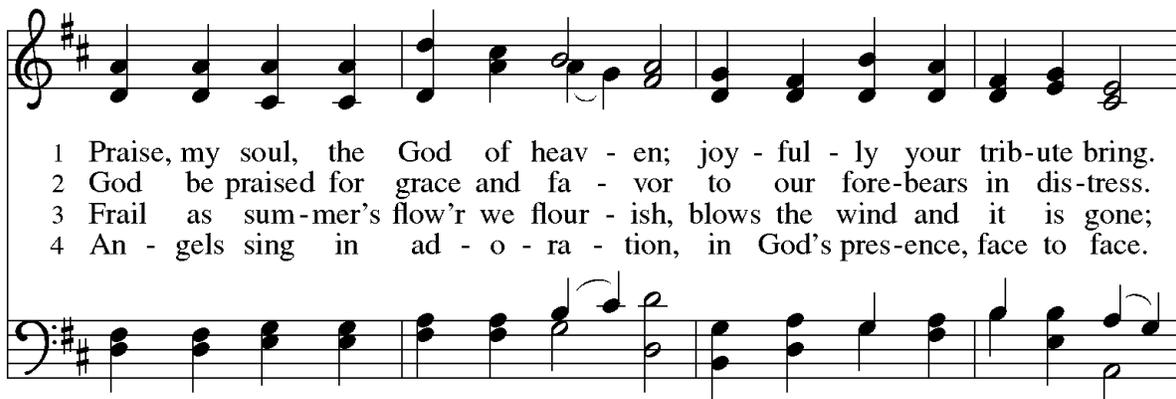
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our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

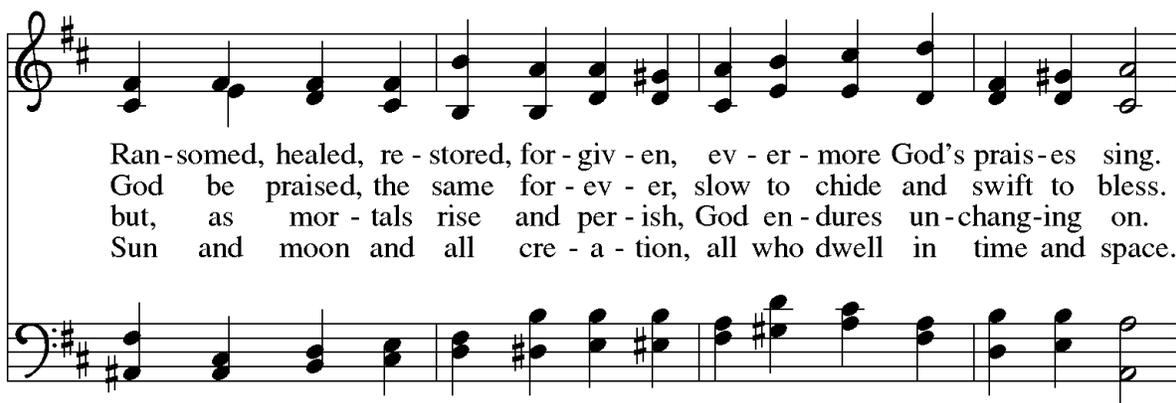
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Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
 2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
 3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
 4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
 God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
 but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
 Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

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 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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 Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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