

Arlington Hills Lutheran Church
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Introduction

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

arr. David Cherwien

GATHERING

Greeting

Matt. 5:3

P: Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

All: **Alleluia.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

All: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

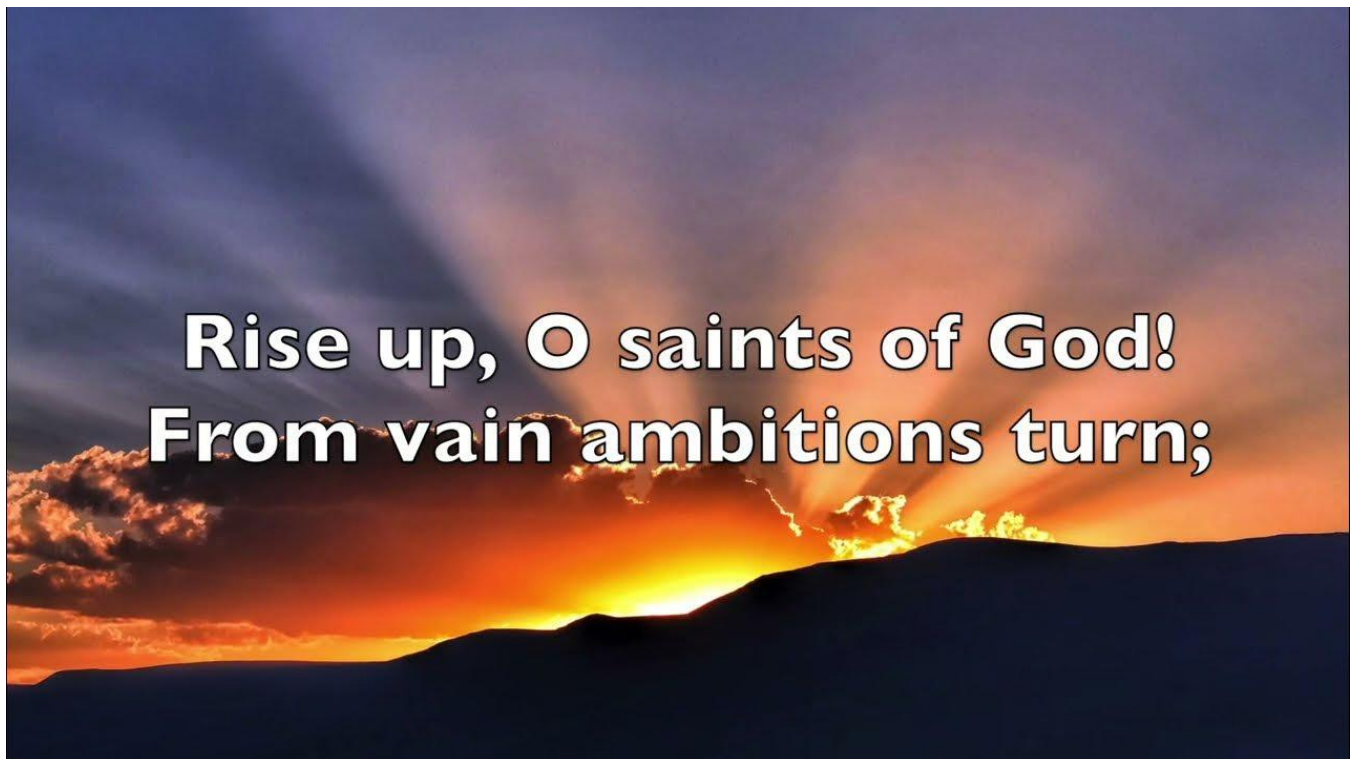
P: Gracious God,

All: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

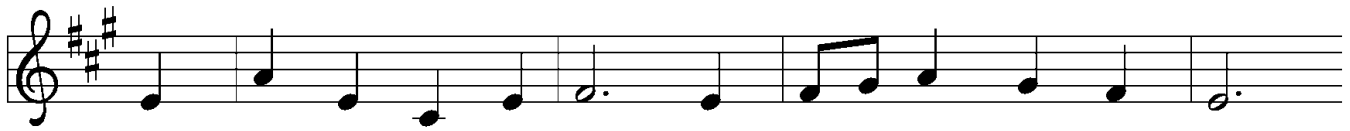
P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Gathering Hymn



Verses 1, 2, 4 and 5 Large print words found on page 22



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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

All: **And also with you.**

Please be seated

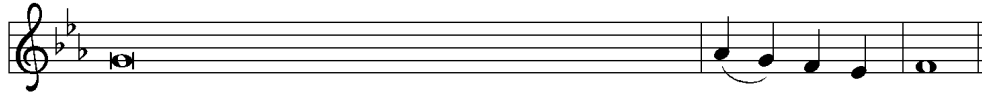
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



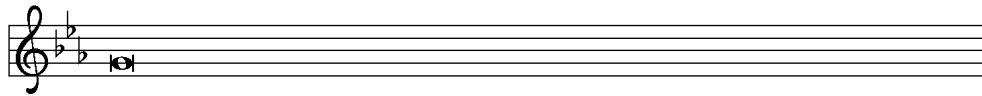
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



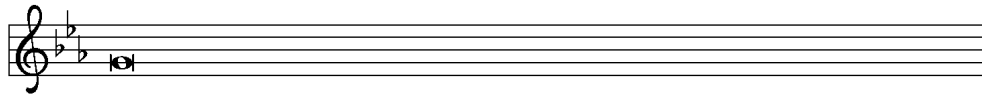
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

This is the Feast



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



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

First Reading:

Amos 5:6-7; 10-15

Assisting Minister

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins - you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

AM: Word of God, Word of Life

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Psalm 90: 12-17

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)

AM: ¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

All: ¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.**

AM: ¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

All: ¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

AM: ¹⁶Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

All: ¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

AM: Word of God, Word of Life

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Gospel reading

Gospel Acclamation

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.

P: The holy gospel according to Mark the 10th chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Gospel **Mark 10:17-31**

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' " ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again,

“Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

Please be seated.

Sermon

Justice in the Gate

Pastor Mitch

Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Hymn of the Day



Hymn of the Day

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

TFF# 152

Verses 1, 2, 3, and 4 – Large print words found on page 23



1 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Thou art the
 2 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Search me and
 3 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Wound - ed and
 4 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Hold o'er my



pot - ter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me af - ter thy
 try me, Mas - ter, to - day. Pur - er than snow, Lord, wash me just
 wea - ry, help me, I pray. Pow - er, all pow - er sure - ly is
 be - ing ab - so - lute sway. Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall



will, while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.
 now, as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.
 thine. Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine.
 see Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me.

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.

Please be seated for the Prayers of Intercession

Prayers of Intercession

AM: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creations.

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

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Sharing of the Peace

Sharing of the Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

MEAL

Offering Music

"Take My Life, That I May Be"
(ELW 583)

arr. Hiram Titus

Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Offering Song



Offering Song

Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

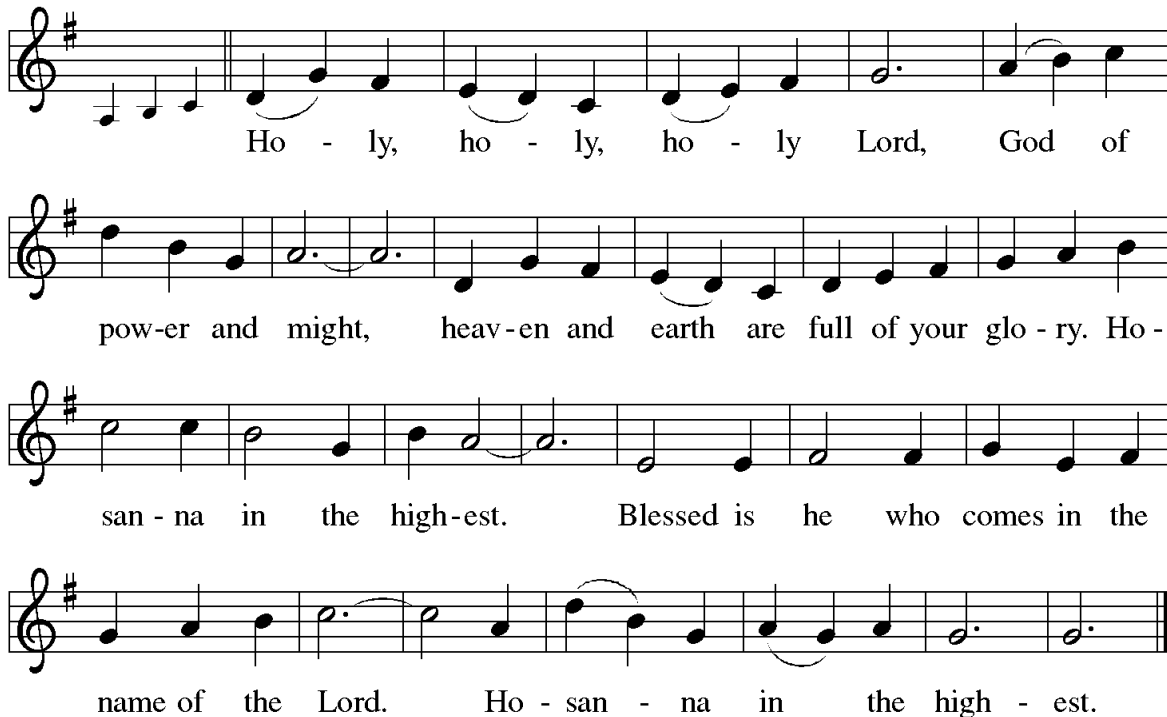
P: Lift up your hearts.

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:



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.

Words of Institution

P: 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Lord's Prayer

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

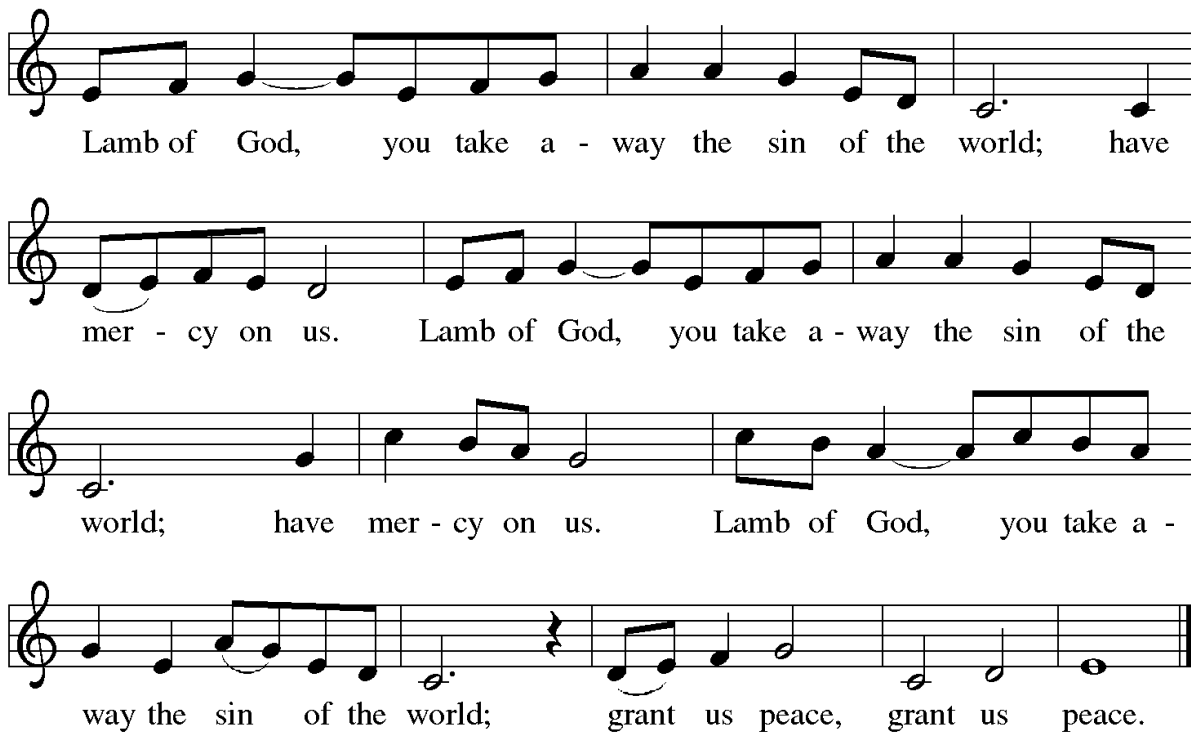
All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

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.

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

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

*As pastor comes down to serve communion you may come forward.
Please form a single line to receive the bread from him by holding out your palms to
receive the wafer. Once you receive the bread, you may go to the
communion assistant on the side closest to where you were seated to
receive the wine.*

*If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know, and we
will bring communion to you.*

Please feel free to say “Amen” after you receive each element if you wish.

Communion Anthem

“Come, Let Us Eat”
David Almquist, Bongos

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Table Blessing

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

All: Amen

Prayer after Communion

P: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at
your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one
another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Sending

Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Sending Hymn.

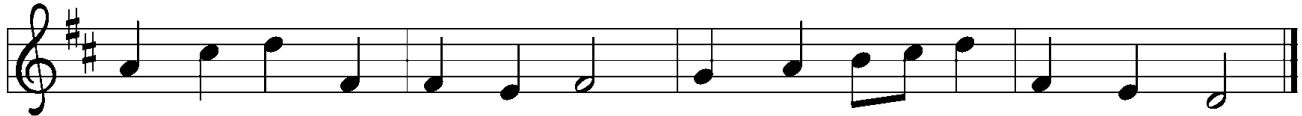
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1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;

3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.

take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.

take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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Blessing

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.

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude

“Rise Up, O Saints of God” arr. Ronald A. Nelson

Dismissal

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Leading Worship Today

Pastor: Dr. Rev. Mitch Kinsinger

Music: Barbara Rossow

Assisting Ministers: Diane Allmendinger and Cheryl Hollman

Communion Assistants: Elaine and Charles Rohrbach

Ushers: David Almquist and Wayne Hansen

Hospitality: Barb Schmidt and Jim Persoon

Livestream Producer: Silvester Vicic or Jim Persoon

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR AHLC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Dean Anderson, Marjorie Anderson, Sven Anderson, Sharon Anderson, Wayne Blossey, Pamela Boldt, Carol Brockway, Linda Brockway, Carolyn Brusseau, Jerry Ekblad, Richard Edge, Jan and Wayne Frankenberg, Esther Hallgren, Adeline Hansen, Velta Krauze, John Lind, Gene Linderkamp, Marilyn Nelson, Priscilla Reeve, Betty Richter, Marnie Rose, Betty Swanson, Ken Wagner, Gary Winter, and MaryAnn Wistrom.

October Birthdays

Betty Swanson	October 15
Barb Schmidt	October 15
Jim Persoon	October 16
Ryan Henk	October 17
Don Gritzmaker	October 18
Joann Groth	October 25
Richard Anderson	October 25
Michelle Hanggi	October 2
Bev Stickler	October 30

October Anniversaries

Barb Schmidt & Jim Persoon	October 18
Mark & Cindy Schreiber	October 27

WHAT'S

HAPPENING *This Week....*

Sunday, October 13	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday, October 14	9:00 a.m.	Alley Shoppe Volunteers
Monday, October 14	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study – Reception Room
Tuesday, October 15	9:00 a.m.	Alley Shoppe Volunteer Devotions
Tuesday, October 15	9:30 a.m.	Alley Shoppe Clients
Tuesday, October 15	6:30 p.m.	Congregational Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 16	7:30 a.m.	Romeo Breakfast at Perkins
Wednesday, October 16	5:00 p.m.	FPA Board Meeting – Reception Room
Thursday, October 17		Office Closes at Noon
Friday, October 18		Office Closed
Saturday, October 19		Office Closed



AHLC - Culver's Fundraiser

Rescheduled for Tuesday, October 22nd

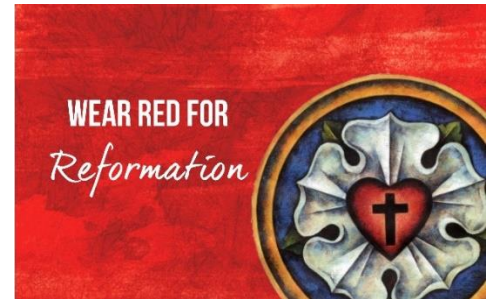
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Thanks, David Lauver

Thank you for your donations today to our “Noisy Coin Collection”. Funds raised today will go to our Tanzania Scholarship Fund. Watch for the November Newsletter where you can see how much these scholarships benefit the students in Tanzania. Remember you can bring Aluminum Cans any time and place them between the front doors.

Upcoming EVENTS

October 27th will be Reformation Sunday; Agape Quintet will be leading music that morning. We encourage you to wear RED.



All Saints Sunday is November 3rd. We will honor those members who have died this past year and other family and friends. Please come to light a candle in honor of them.

“In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life, we remember before You, O Lord, all our departed family and friends who have gone before us in the faith. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of faith and hold fast to the certainty of Your promises. We implore You, remember Your Church throughout the world; make all its members grow in love for You and for one another. As You have received our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at the last with them into the light of Your presence, that in union with all Your saints we may give You glory forever, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.” Prayer in Article in LW, November 2018.

Gathering Hymn
Rise Up, O Saints of God!

ELW#669

Verses 1, 2, 4 and 5

- 1 Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.

- 2 Speak out, O saints of God!
Despair engulfs earth's frame;
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,
the word of hope proclaim.

- 4 Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.

- 5 Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod;
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,
rise up, O saints of God!

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Have Thine Own Way, Lord

- 1 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way.
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

- 2 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way.
Search me and try me, Master, today.
Purer than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

- 3 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way.
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray.
Power, all power surely is thine.
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.

- 4 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way.
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me.

Text: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1862-1934

Take My Life, That I May Be

- 1 Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

- 4 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.

- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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