

# + GATHERING +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.



# Youth Ministry and the Congregation

Schedule Change:
The September 20
meeting time
has been postponed.
You are encouraged
to attend the
Warroad Community
Town Hall at the
WHS mini-theater
that night
at 6:30 pm instead.

Join in prayer and participation in two more 45-minute opportunities that will help build a good foundation for the future of Zion's youth ministry.

September 27 October 4 Everyone is encouraged to attend!

Two more Wednesdays at 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



For Jr & Sr High Youth

Come hang out, read a book, work on school projects

Starting September 24 from 12-3 Lunch and snacks provided

For information contact Kamarra Brunelle at 218-469-0710



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



# Zion's project will be Ditch Cleaning! Meet at the church at 10:30 am (or stay after coffee).

- There will be a meal after ditch cleaning at Jeff & Shelley Galle's
- Everyone is welcome!!

#### Will You Come and Follow Me

#### ELW #798

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1. "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

2. "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"

if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

4. "Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

#### Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C: Amen.

L: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Steadfast and faithful God,

C: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.

C: For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

L: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C: Amen.

## Greeting

L: 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.

## Kyrie

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

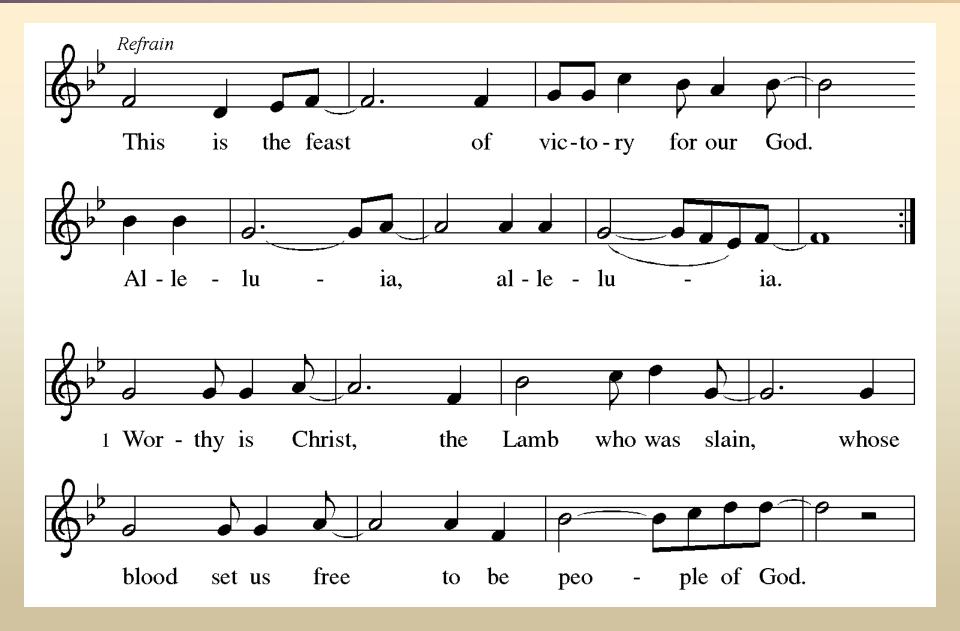
L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

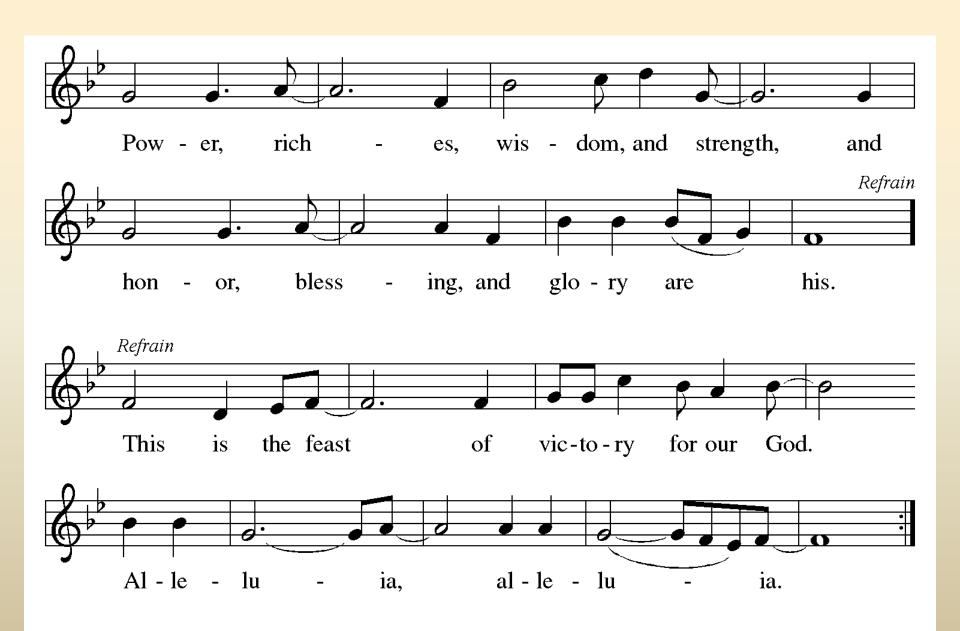
C: Lord, have mercy.

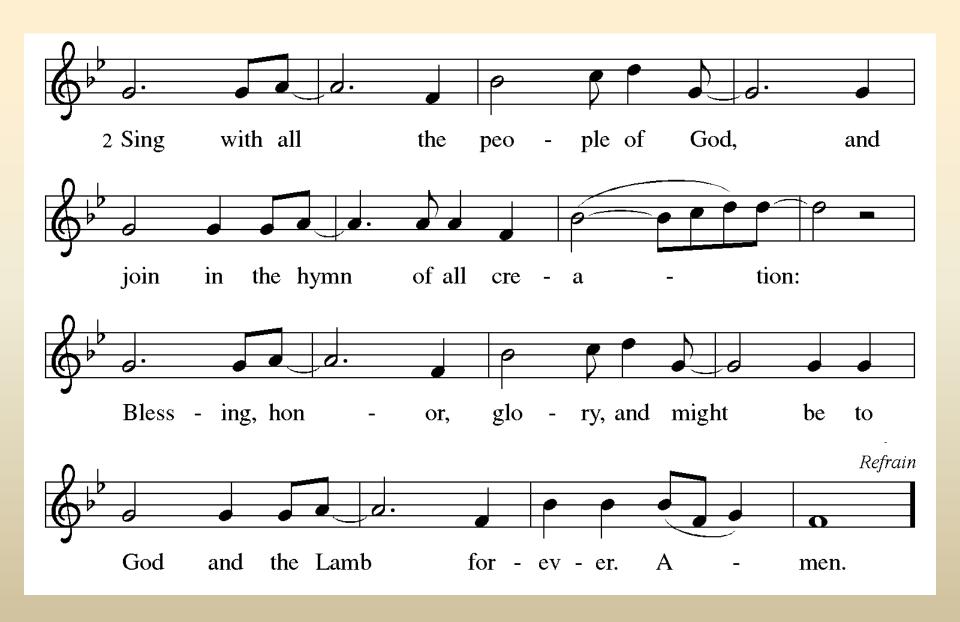
L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

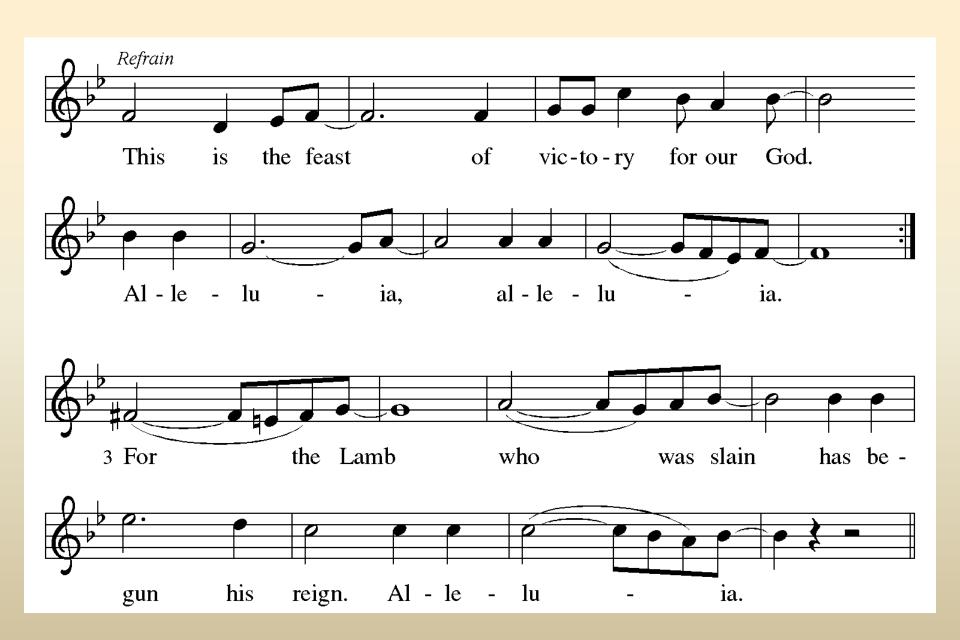
C: Amen.

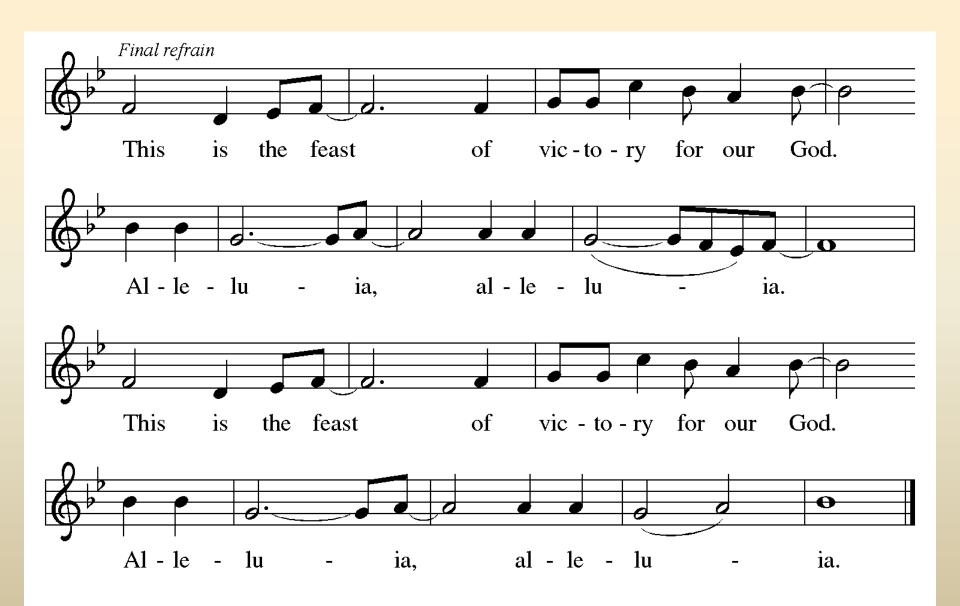
#### Hymn of Praise

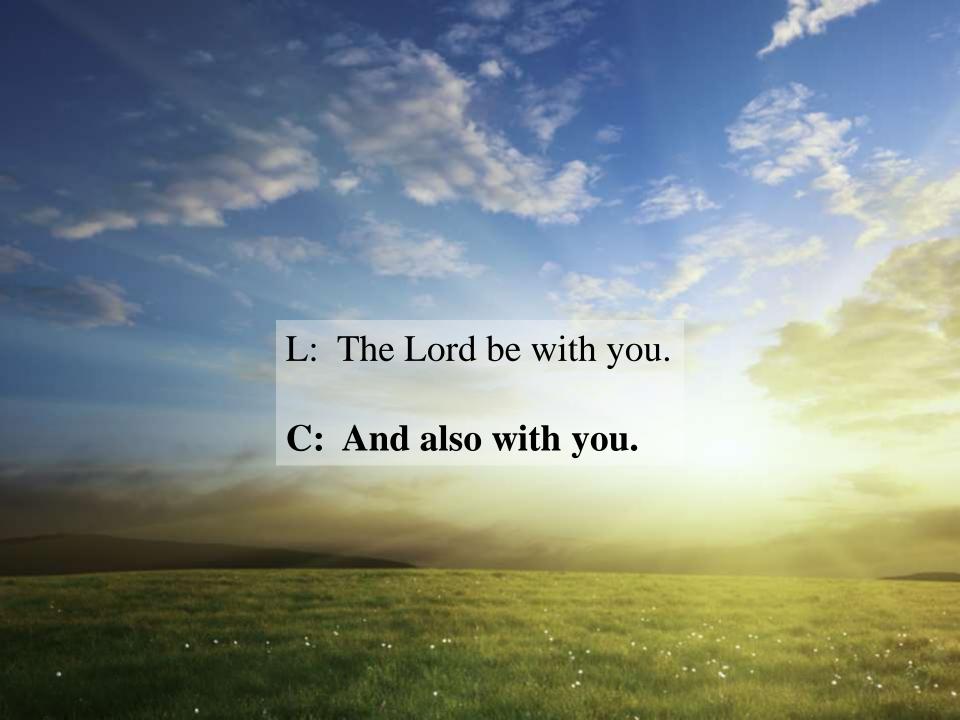












## Prayer of the Day

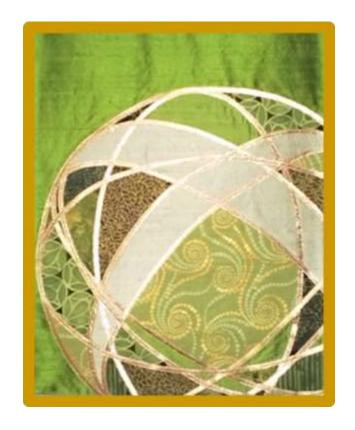
L: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.

Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.







# + WORD +

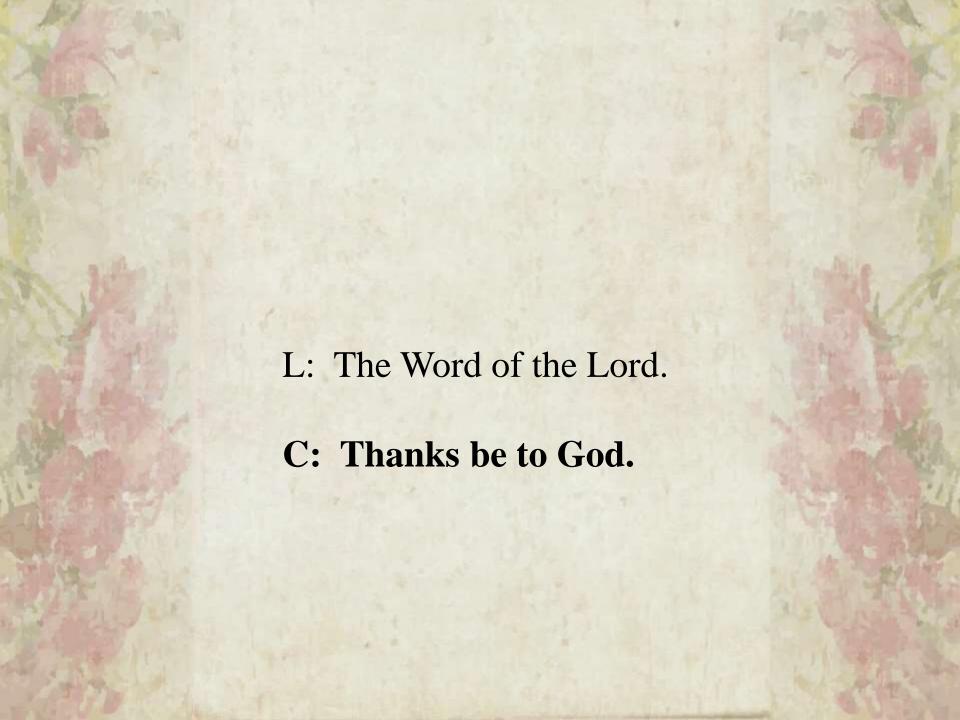
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

#### First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup> Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

<sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." 19But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.



#### Psalm 103:1-13

- L: <sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
- C: <sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—
- L: <sup>3</sup>who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;
- C: 4who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;

- L: <sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- C: <sup>6</sup>O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.
- L: <sup>7</sup>You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.
- C: 8LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;

- L: <sup>9</sup>you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.
- C: <sup>10</sup>You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.
- L: <sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
- C: <sup>12</sup>As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.
- L: <sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

## **Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12**

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

<sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. 4Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

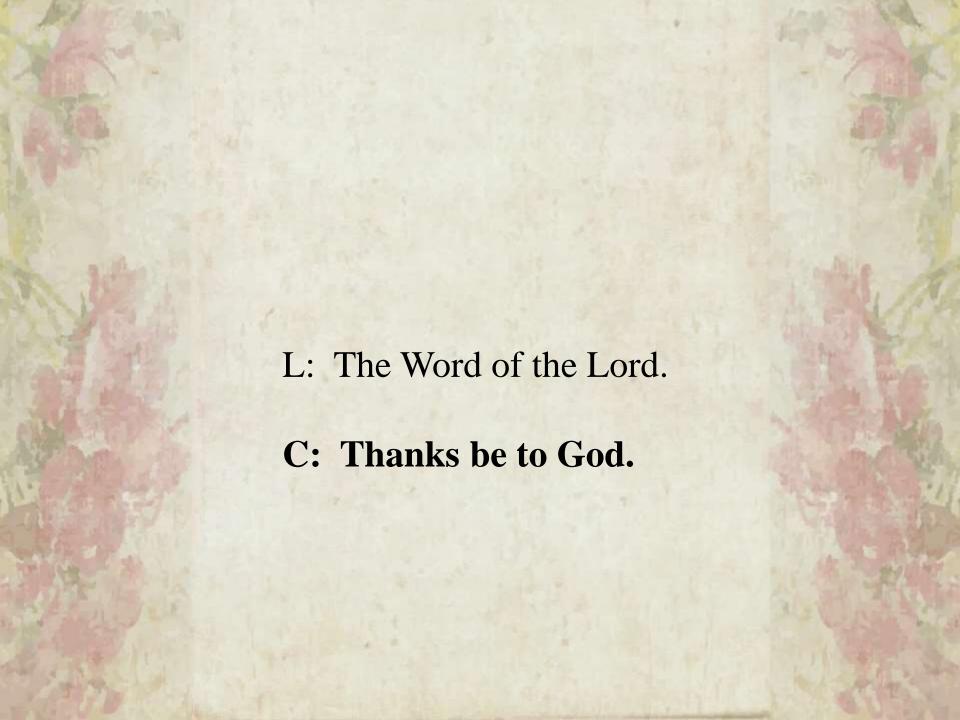
<sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

<sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

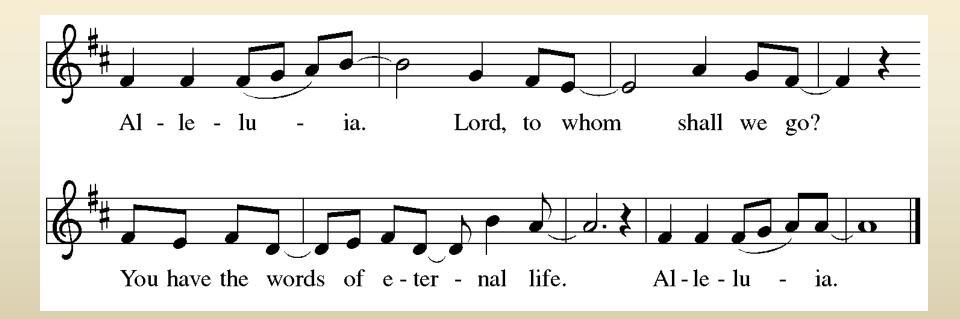
<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

<sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.



# Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

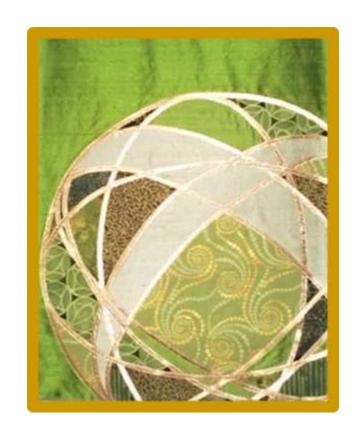
<sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

<sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."





Message



## + RESPONSE TO THE WORD +

#### We Are Called

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1. Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

2. Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be no more.

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

3. Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

## 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.



#### We Give Thee but Thine Own

#686 vv. 1, 2

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We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

2. May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.

# Offering Prayer

L: God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

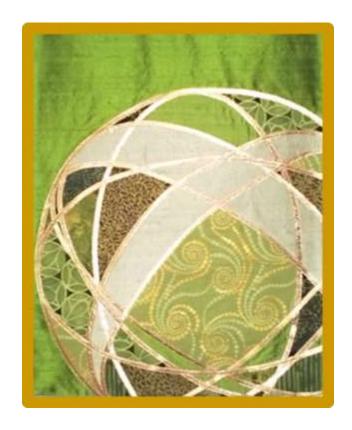
Response after each petition:

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

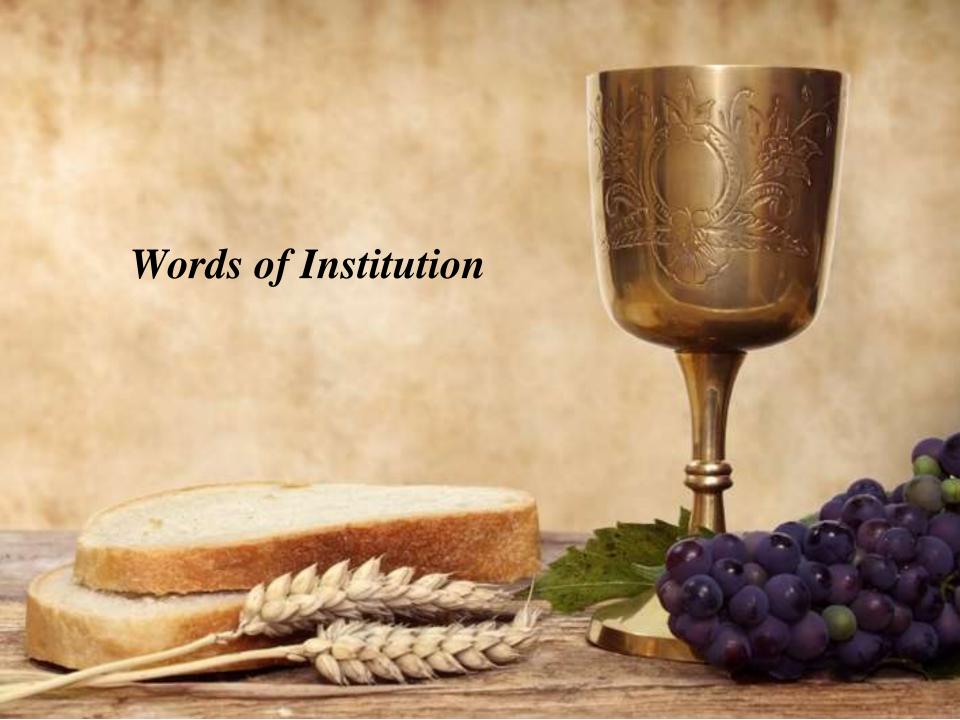
L: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.



# + MEAL +

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.



#### The Lord's Prayer

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. 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.



#### What Feast of Love

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What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the King, the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!

2. What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the King, the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!

What wine of love is offered here, what holy drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the King, the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!



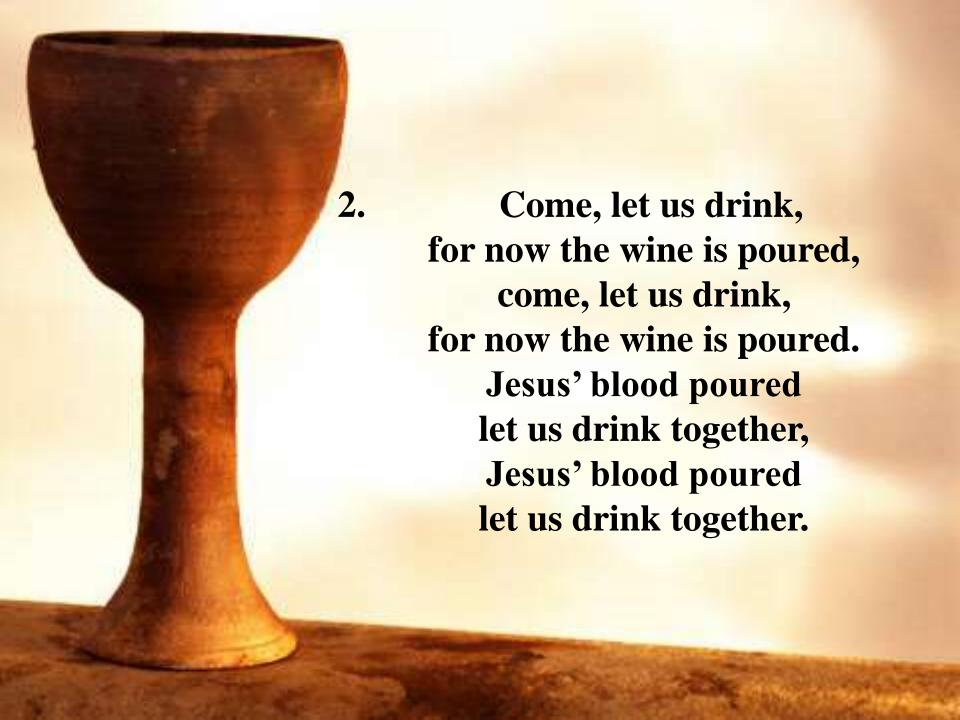
## Come, Let Us Eat

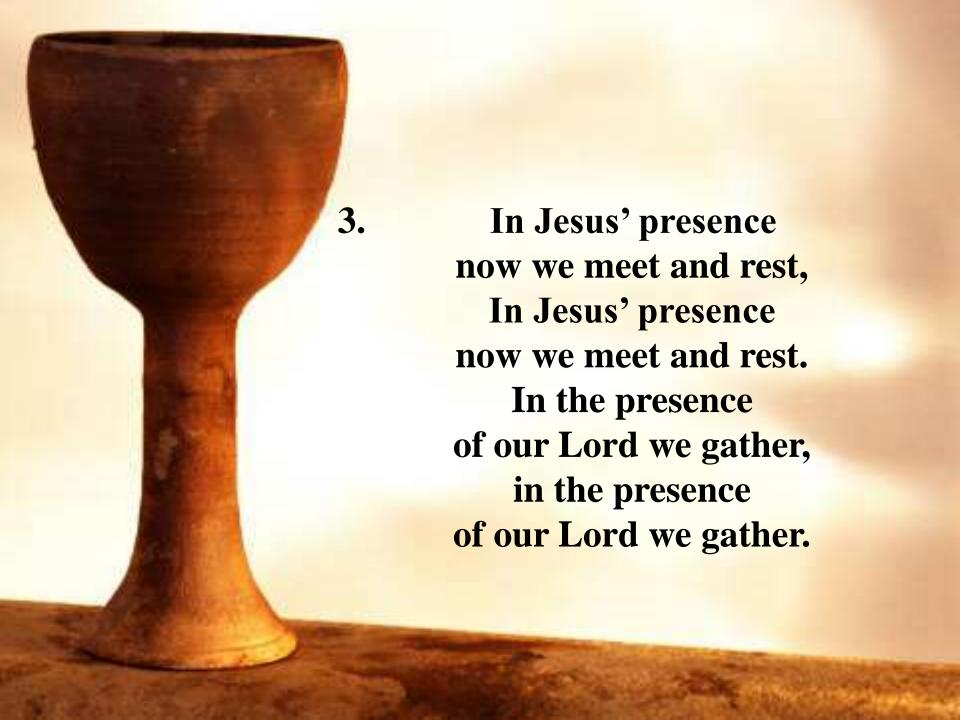
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Come, let us eat,
for now the feast is spread,
come, let us eat,
for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body
let us take together,
our Lord's body
let us take together.







#### **Break Now the Bread of Life**

ELW #515

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1. Break now the bread of life, dear Lord to me, as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.

Beyond the sacred page
I seek you, Lord; my spirit waits for you,
O living word.

2. Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you blest the bread by Galilee.

Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall; and I shall find my peace, my all-in-all!

3. You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your holy word the truth that rescues me.

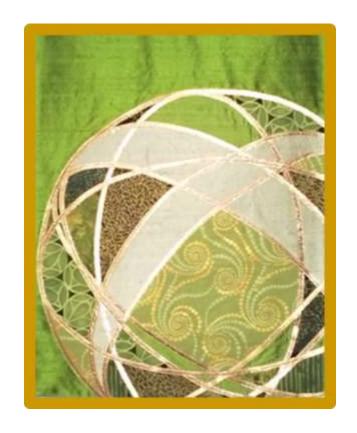
Give me to eat and live with you above; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.



### Prayer after Communion

L: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.



# + SENDING +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## Blessing

L: The God of glory,

H Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

### Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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1. "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river

I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

2. "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

3. "Go my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

