



# + GATHERING +

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







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

October 4



One more Wednesday at 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



#### **DONATE**

October 4-5: Bring your items (clothing, housewares, sports equipment, etc.) to the Warroad Community Center between 12-7pm. Items must be brought in and placed in designated locations by the donor and must be CLEAN, ODOR-FREE, and in GOOD (or better) condition. If you wouldn't use it, others probably don't want it either.

#### **SHOP**

October 6-8: Items will be available to shop Friday through Sunday. Each customer will be allowed to fill one bag per day on Friday and Saturday. No limit on Sunday.

Shopping hours: Friday 2-7pm

Saturday 10am-5pm

Sunday 12-4pm

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#### God is Here!

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#### 1. God is here!

As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

2.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.

Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.

Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

### 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.

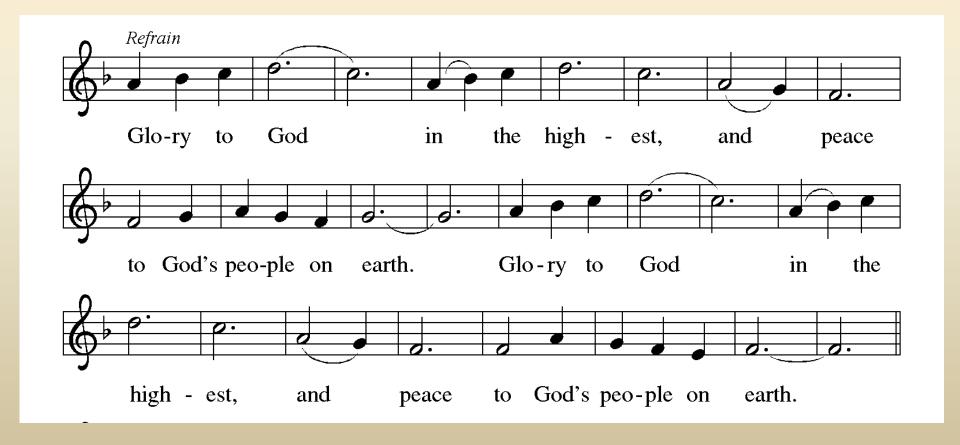
L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

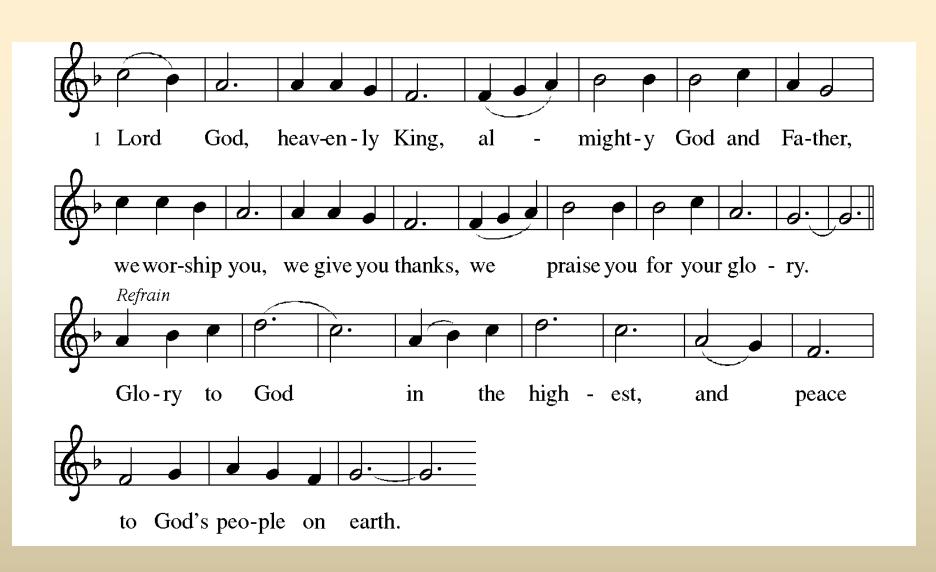
C: Lord, have mercy.

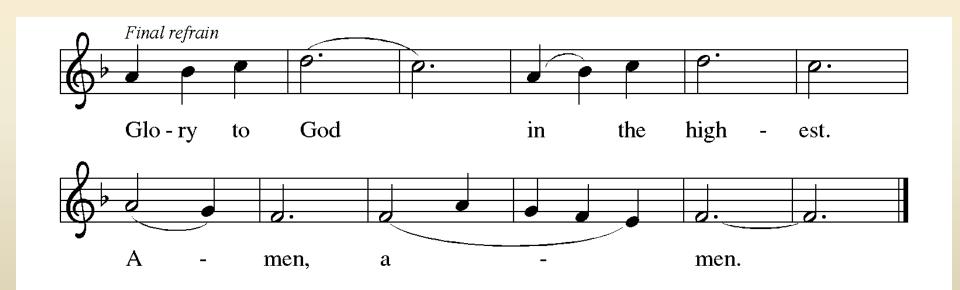
L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

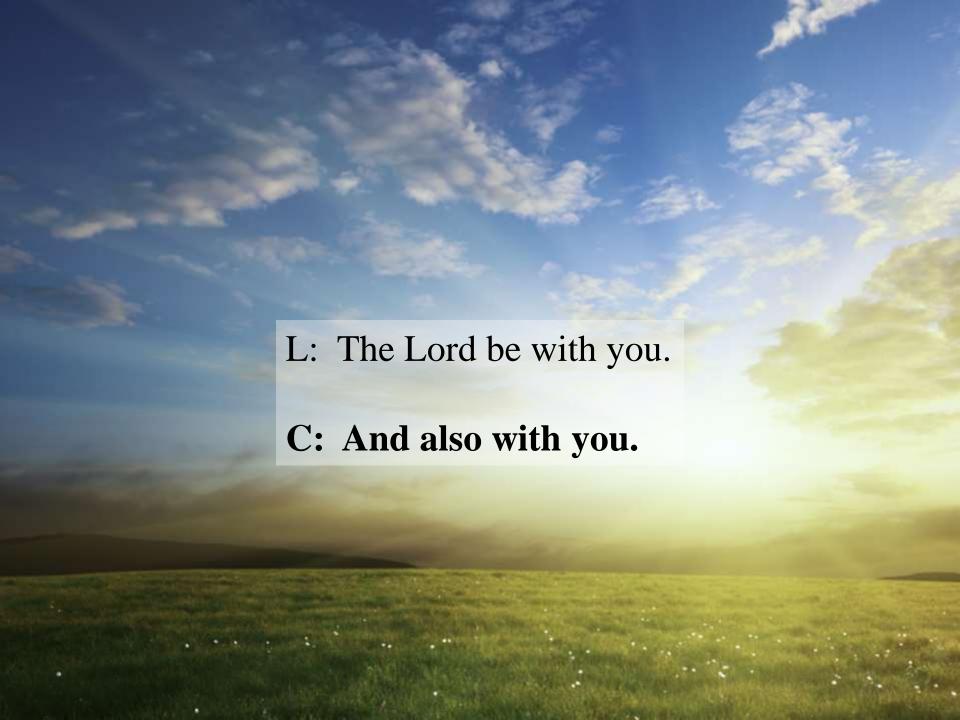
C: Amen.

### Hymn of Praise





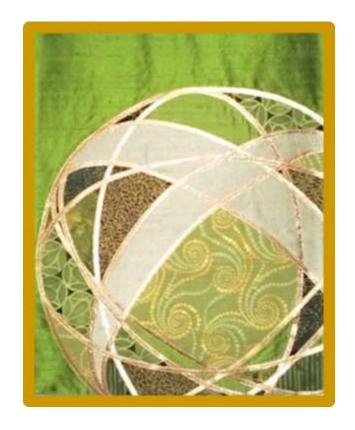




### Prayer of the Day

L: 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.

C: Amen.



# + WORD +

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

#### First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

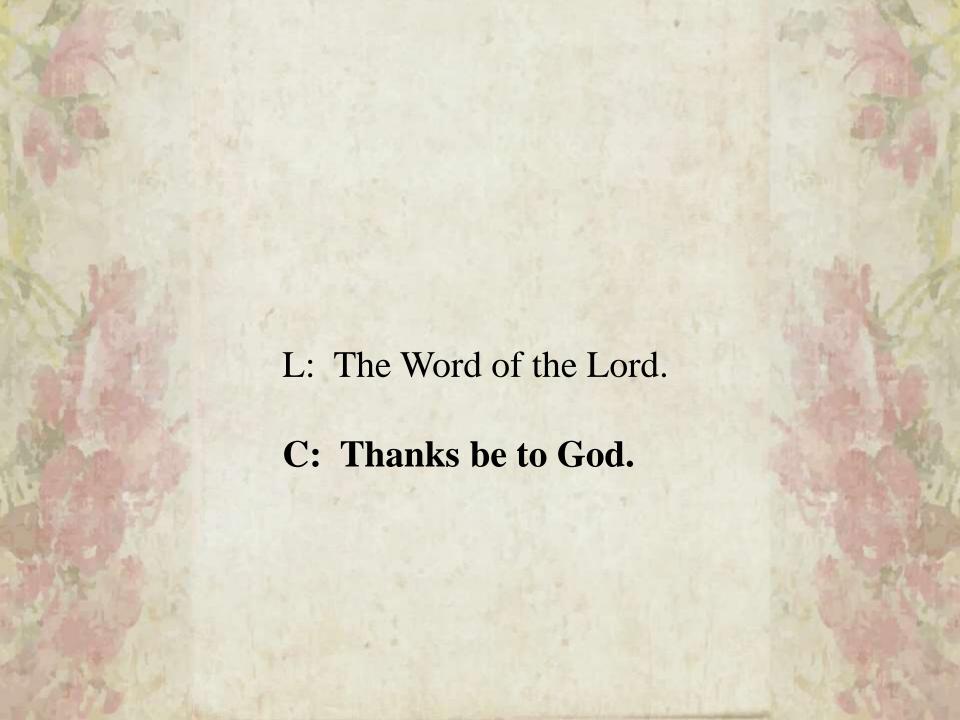
Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

<sup>25</sup>Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>26</sup>When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die.

<sup>27</sup>Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. <sup>28</sup>Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

<sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.



#### Psalm 25:1-9

- L: <sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- C: <sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- L: <sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
- C: <sup>4</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

- L: <sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- C: <sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
- L: <sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- C: 8You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.
- L: <sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

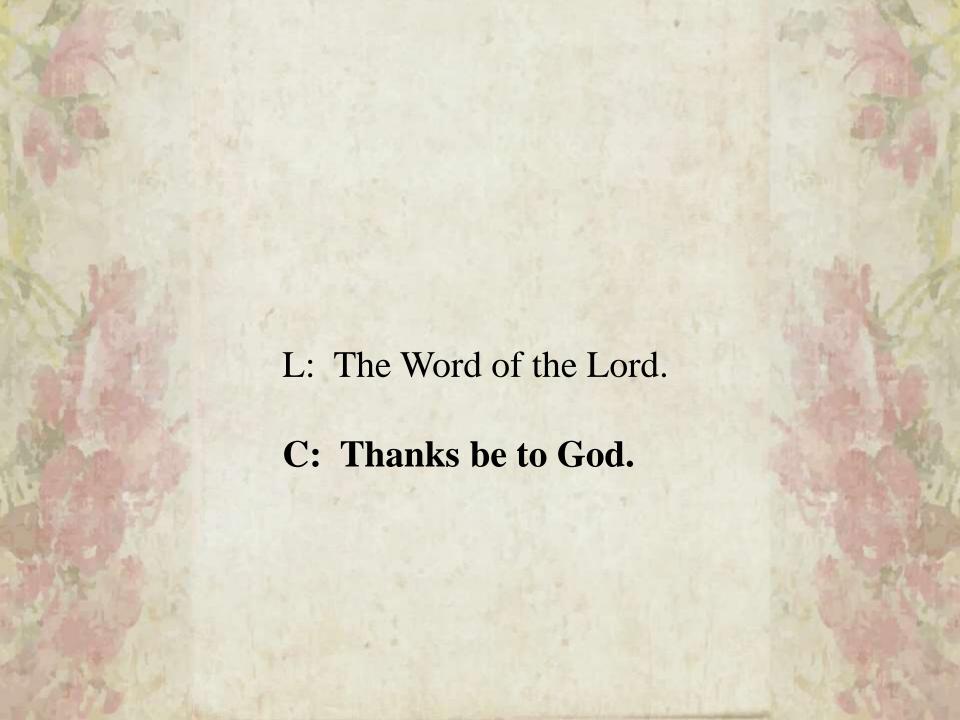
#### Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than selfseeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

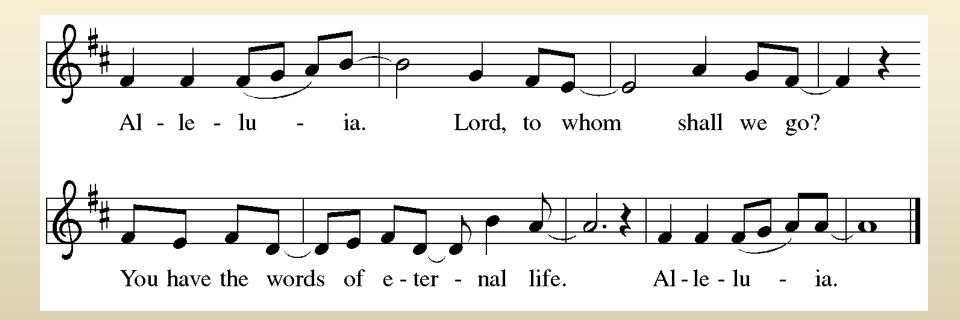
<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition 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,

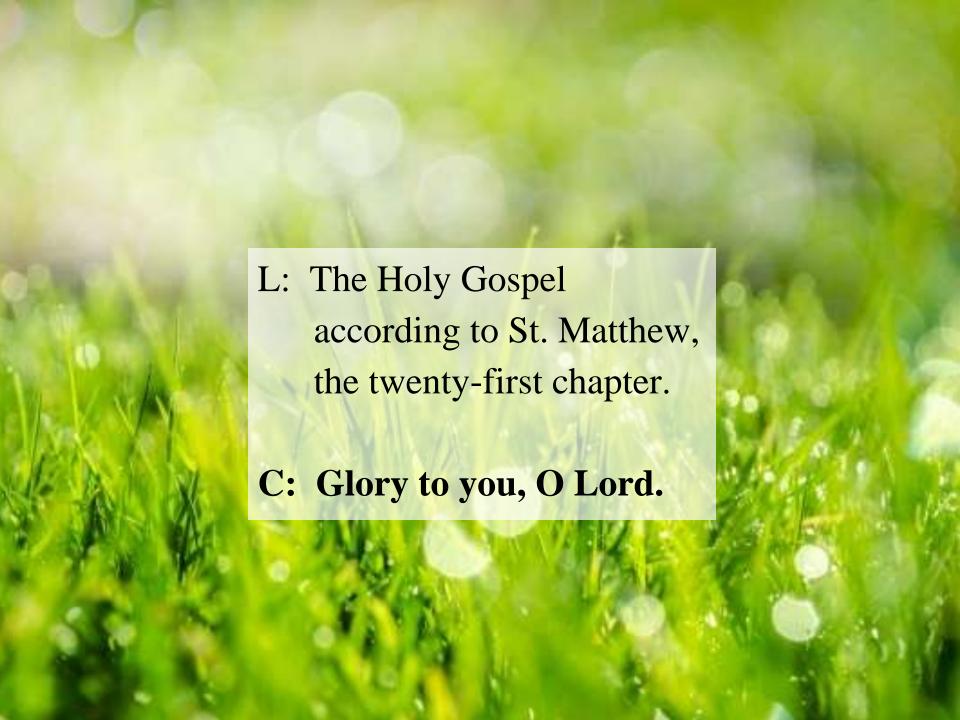
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, In heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, 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; <sup>13</sup> for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.



# Gospel Acclamation





### Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

<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?"

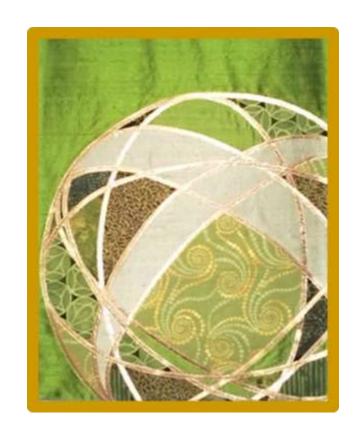
<sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' 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."







### + RESPONSE TO THE WORD +

### Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

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- 1. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his statutes still!
  Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
- 2. Order my footsteps by your word and make my heart sincere; let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.

3. Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep; and should I e'er forget your way, restore your wand'ring sheep.

4. Make me to walk in your commands, 'tis a delightful road; nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my 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 Plow the Fields and Scatter

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and soft refreshing rain.

1. We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand, who sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine,

2.

You only are the maker of all things near and far.
You paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star.
The winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed; much more to us your children, you give our daily bread.

## 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

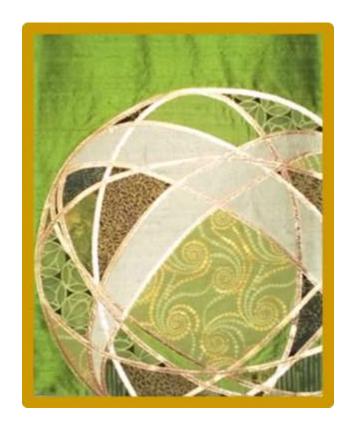
Response after each petition:

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

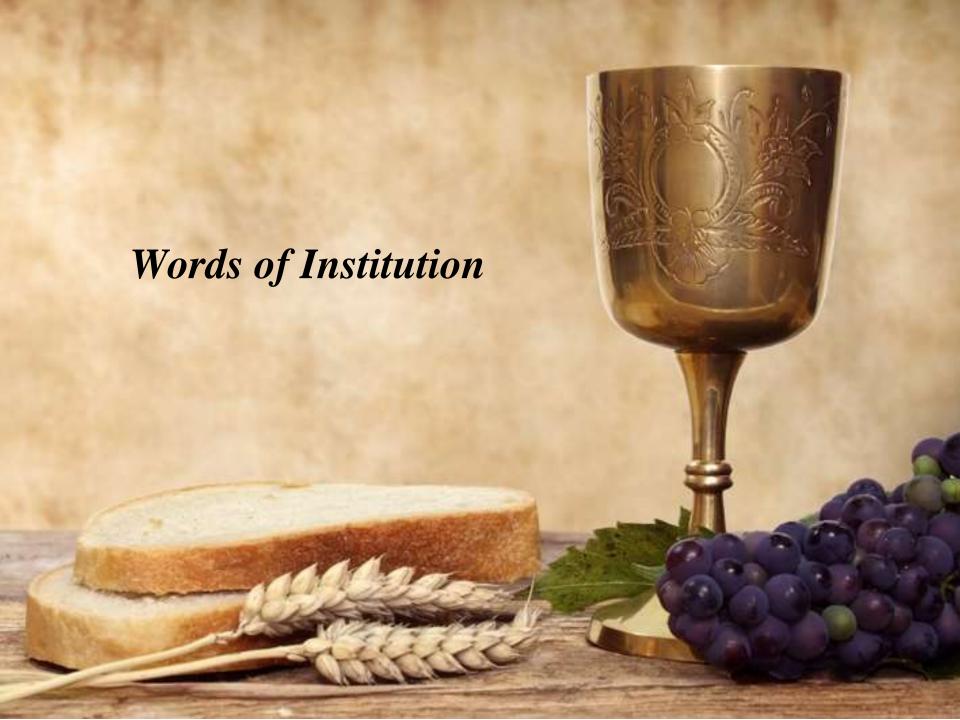
L: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.



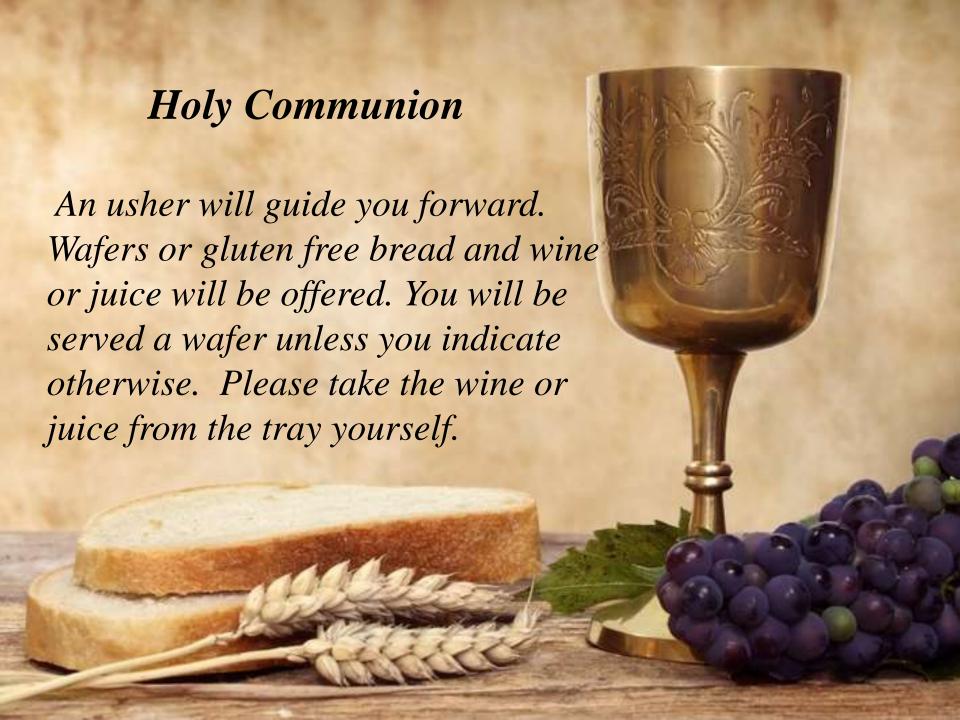
# + MEAL +

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.

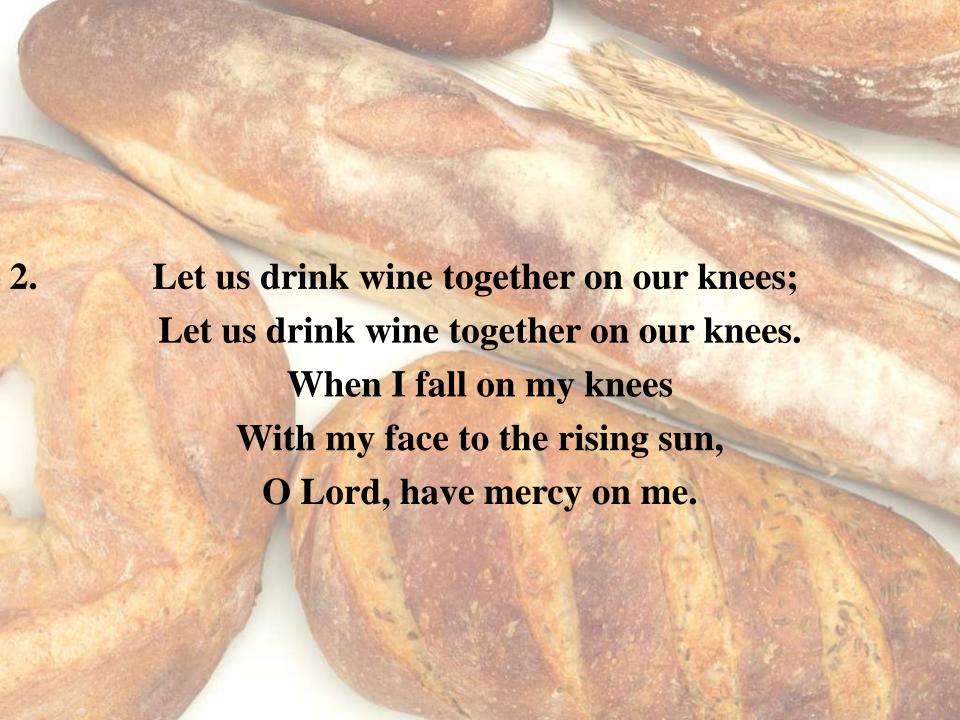


### Let Us Break Bread Together

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1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.





### Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

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Eat this bread, drink this cup.

Taste and see the goodness of God.

Bread of life, cup of love,

we rejoice in your presence.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice; in my God I glory forever: listen and rejoice!

Look upon the Lord, be radiant, never turn away.
 God will save in ev'ry affliction, hear us when we pray.

3. Angels fold their wings around us, guard through good and ill.

Those who seek the Lord will lack nothing; taste, and have your fill.

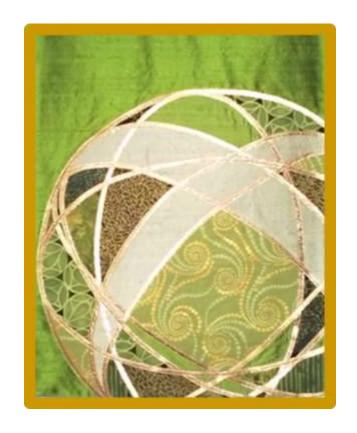
4. Saints of God, bow down and worship, bless the holy name.
Rise to tell God's greatness forever, wondrous deeds proclaim!



### 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.

#### The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

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The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to make of all the earth a better place to live.

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to make of all the earth a better place to live.

The angels are not sent into our world of pain to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name; that falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.

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