# Welcome to Worship at Zion Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 18, 2025 9:00 am

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Welcome and Announcements.

Wednesday Night Worship and classes are breaking for the season.

Watch the announcements for the return of Wednesday Night Worship and classes.

# **Noisy Offering**

will be collected **TODAY!** All proceeds will go to the Warroad American Indian Education Program.

## Sharing the Peace

## God is Here!

ELW #526

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> 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.

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.

2.

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. 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!

4.

# **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

- L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!
- L: In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.
- C: Amen.

L: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

## L: Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

L: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
C: make us one as you are one.

L: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
C: make us one as you are one.

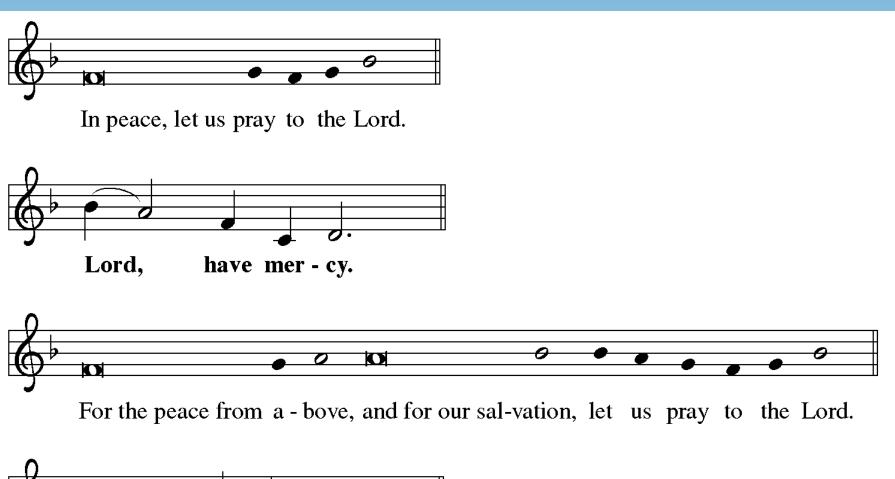
- L: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
- C: Amen.

## Greeting

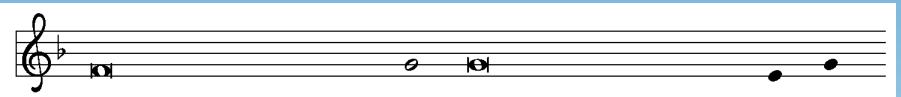
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

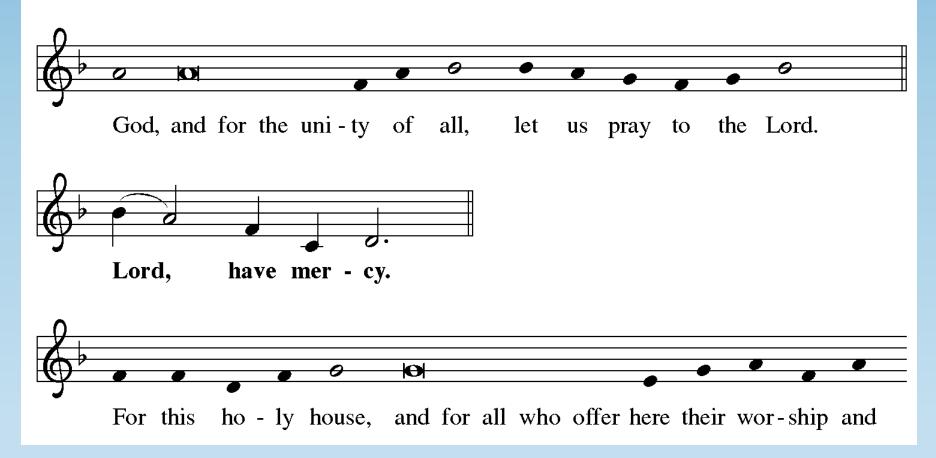
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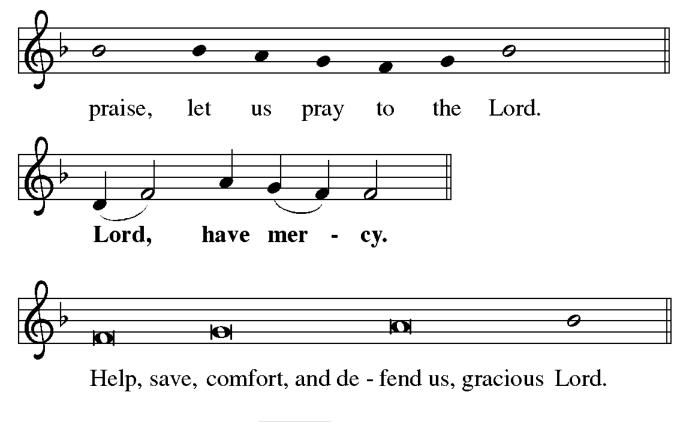






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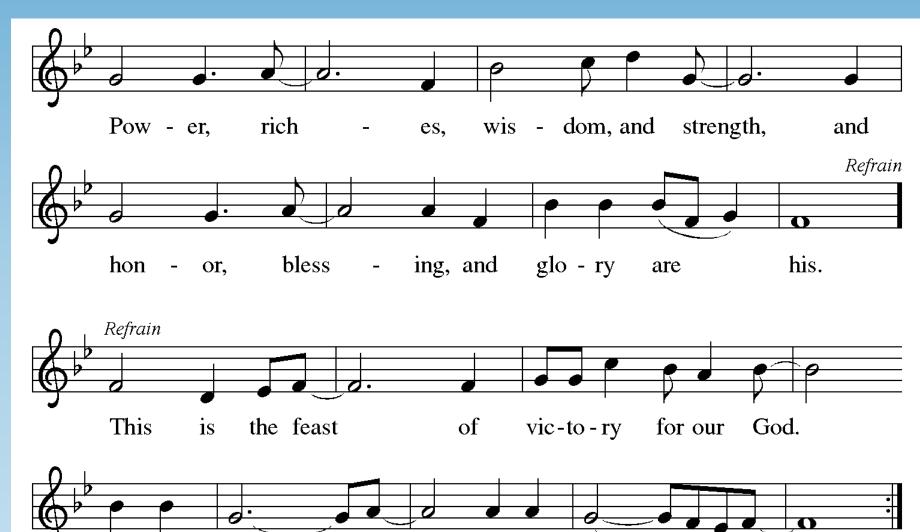




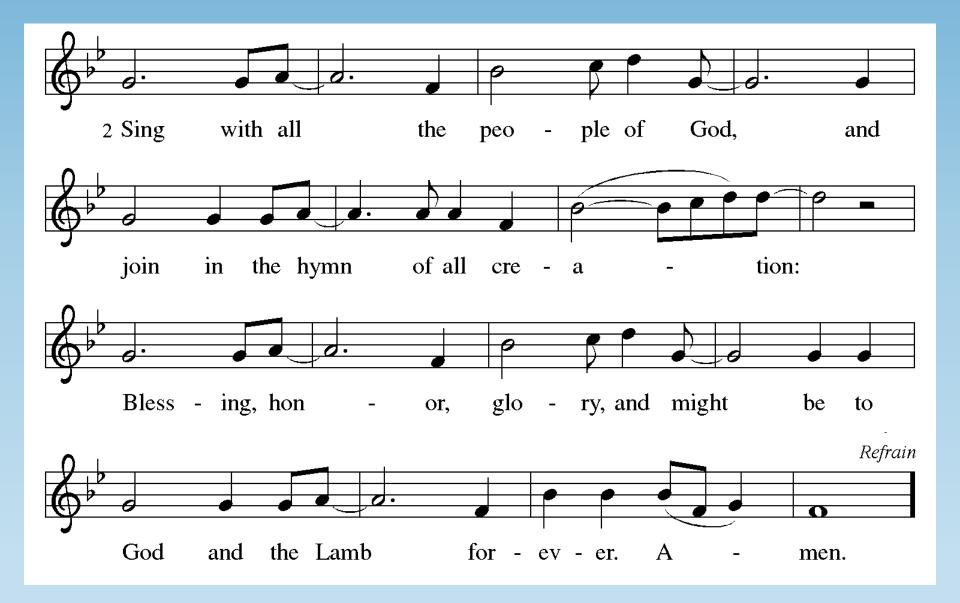
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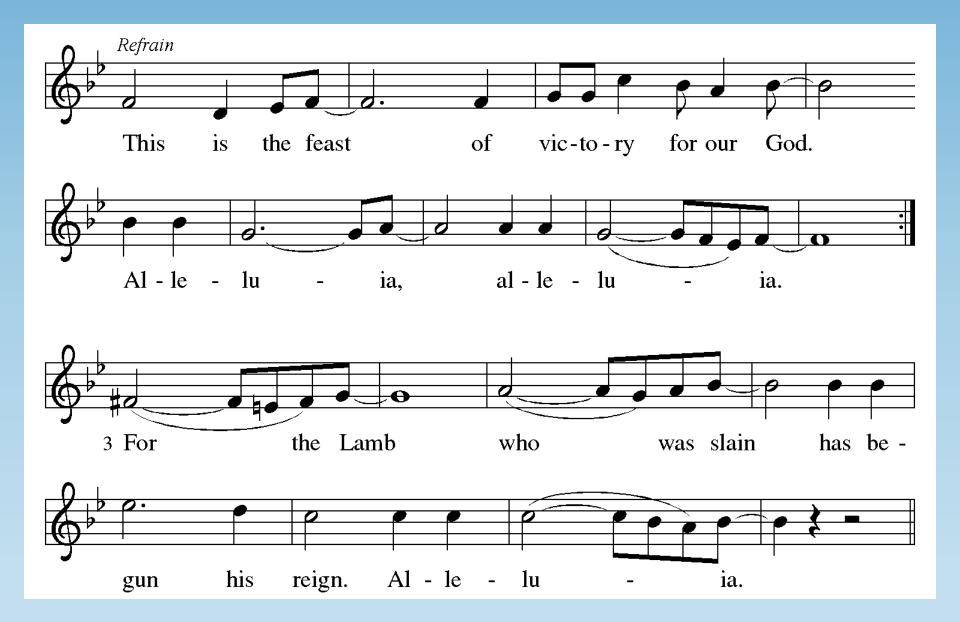
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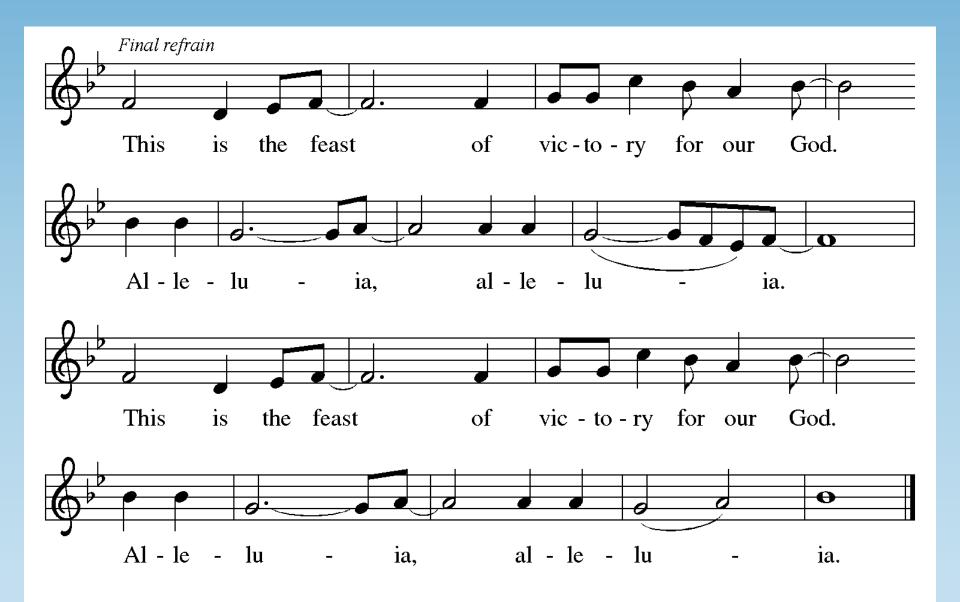
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L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

# **Prayer** of the Day

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

# A Message for All God's Children



Noisy Offering!!! Drop your change in the buckets and make some noise!

Proceeds will go to the Warroad American Indian Education Program.

### **First Reading: Acts 11:1-18**

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God.<sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup> saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?"<sup>4</sup> Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup> "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air.

<sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup> But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup> But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.

<sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

<sup>17</sup> If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life." L: The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 148

- L: <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.
- C: <sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.
- L: <sup>3</sup> Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.
- C: <sup>4</sup> Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

- L: <sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,
  C: <sup>6</sup> who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.
- L: <sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
- C: <sup>8</sup> fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

- L: <sup>9</sup> mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
- C: <sup>10</sup> wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;
- L: <sup>11</sup> sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
   C: <sup>12</sup> young men and maidens, old and young together.

- L: <sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
- C: <sup>14</sup> The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!

#### **Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6**

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

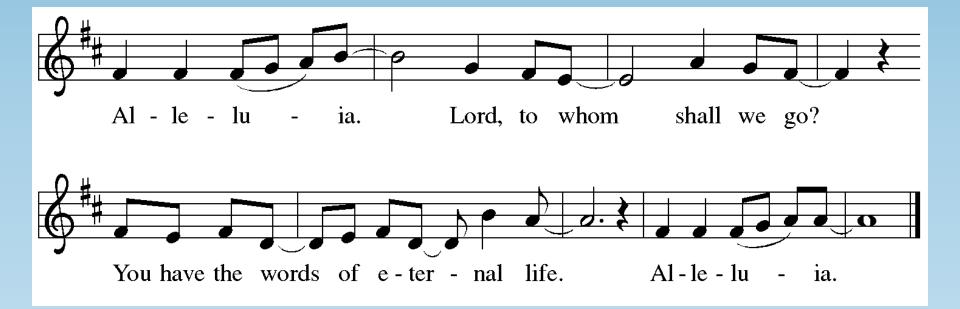
<sup>1</sup> I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

<sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.<sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals." He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more: mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life." L: The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

# **Gospel Acclamation** p. 171



After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

- L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

#### Gospel: John 13:31-35

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



#### You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

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> You have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy, but only asking for me to follow.

1.

You know full well what I have, Lord: Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest, just these my fish nets and will for working.

2.

You need my hands, my exhaustion, working love for the rest of the weary--A love that's willing to go on loving.

3.

You who have fished other waters; you, the longing of souls that are yearning: O loving friend, you have come to call 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.

# **Prayers of Intercession**

Response after each petition: L: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

> We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

L:

Offering

#### Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil ELW #512

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> Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

### **Offering Prayer**

L: Risen One,

**C**:

you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.** 

# Words of Institution

## Eucharistic Prayer

- L: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- L: O God of resurrection and new life:
  Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast.
  Grace our table with your presence.
- **C:** Come, Holy Spirit.

- L: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
- **C:** Come, Holy Spirit.
- L: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

#### 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.

### Holy Communion

An usher will guide you forward. Wafers or gluten-free bread and wine or juice will be offered. You will be served a wafer unless you indicate otherwise. Please take the wine or juice from the tray yourself.

#### What Feast of Love

ELW #487

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1.

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! 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!

3.



#### Come, Let Us Eat ELW #491

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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. Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured, come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured. Jesus' blood poured let us drink together, Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

2.

In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest, in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest. In the presence of our Lord we gather, in the presence of our Lord we gather.

3.

4.

Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word, rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word. Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom, Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

# **Communion Blessing**



### **Prayer after Communion**

- L: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
- C: Amen.

# Blessing

L: The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, +
Savior, and Spirit, light
your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.
C: Amen.

# **This Little Light Of Mine**

ELW #677

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This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine; ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine, ev'rewhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine; let it shine, let it shine. Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine, Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

### Dismissal

- L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- **C:** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- L: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- **C:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

# Thank you for worshipping with us!

# God bless you!

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