+ Gathering +

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

Prelude

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" arr. by Cindy Berry

+ Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

+ Gathering Song

All That We Have

Words & Music by Gary Ault



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+ Greeting

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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.**

+ Prayer of the Day

+Word+

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

First Reading

1 Samuel 15:34—16:13

A reading from First Samuel.

³⁴Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. ³⁵Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. ^{16:1}The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals

see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." 8Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him: for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 20

Let us sing Psalm 20 responsively by verse as translated in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal.



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¹May the LORD answer you in the | day of trouble, the name of the God of Ja- | cob defend you; ²send you help from the | sanctuary

and strengthen you \mid out of Zion;

³may the LORD remember | all your offerings and accept | your burnt sacrifice;

⁴grant you your | heart's desire

and prosper | all your plans.

⁵We will shout for joy at your victory and unfurl our banners in the name | of our God;

may the LORD grant all I your requests.

⁶Now I know that the LORD gives victory to 1 the anointed one;

God will answer out of the holy heaven, gaining victory with a 1 strong right hand.

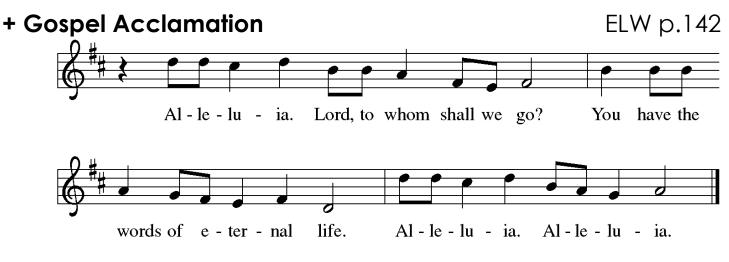
⁷Some trust in chariots and ¹ some in horses,

but we rely on the name of the I LORD our God.

⁸They collapse | and fall down,

but we will arise | and stand upright.

⁹O LORD, give victory [|] to the king and answer us [|] when we call.



+ Gospel Reading

Mark 4:26-34

The holy gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Young at Heart Message & Sermon

The Rev. Jim Cobb



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- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6 Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

+ Apostles' Creed

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With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the 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.

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+ Prayers of Intercession

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

+ Peace

+Meal+

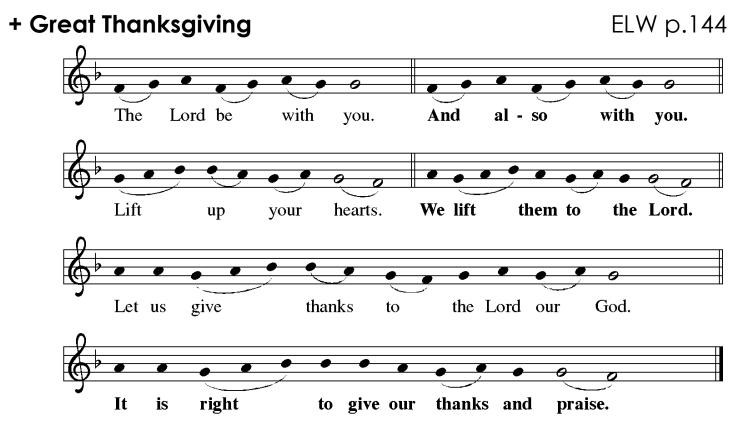
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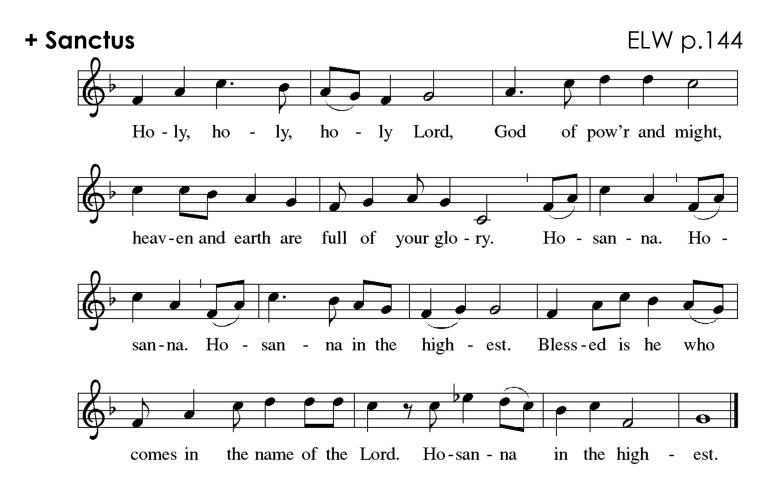
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+ Offering Prayer



+ Proper Preface



- + Thanksgiving at the Table (\vee)
- + 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;

and lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

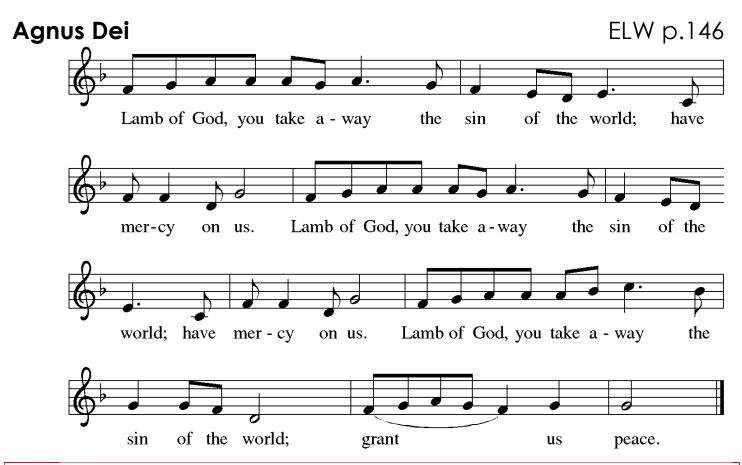
For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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+ Invitation to Communion



Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

Distribution Song

ELW #336 Lamb of God LENT 336 Your Only Son hide. Your on ly Son. sin but you have no to 1 cru - ci - fied. 2 Your gift of love we We laughed and should have died, I but you have 3 T was SO lost, him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y sent king scorned him as he died. The hum - ble we named a your side your staff and be led by brought to me to Refrain God. sod be - come the Lamb of and to sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of fraud and God. called a lamb of rod and to be God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me your pre-cious blood, my Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God. in Text: Twila Paris, b. 1958 YOUR ONLY SON Music: Twila Paris LMD

+ Table Blessing

+ Prayer after Communion

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+ Sending +

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

+ Blessing

Announcements

+ Sending Song

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+ Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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