+ Gathering +

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

Prelude

"Come, Thou Almighty King" arr. by Jacob B. Weber

+ Confession and Forgiveness

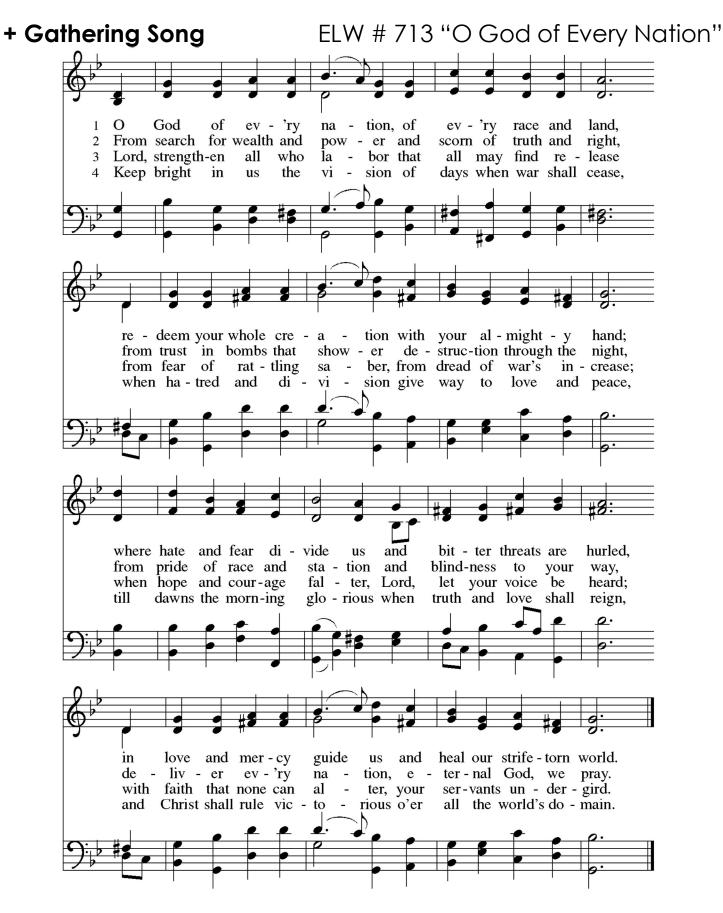
Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

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.**



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+ Greeting

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

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+Word+

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

First Reading

1 Samuel 8:4-20

A reading from First Samuel.

⁴All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, ⁵and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." 'But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, ⁷ and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. ⁸Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only-you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them." ¹⁰So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king.¹¹He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them

to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; ¹²and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. ¹⁵He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. ¹⁶He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

¹⁹But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, ²⁰so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Psalm 138

Let us sing Psalm 138 responsively by verse as translated in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal.



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¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart; before the gods I will | sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast | love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word a-| bove all things.

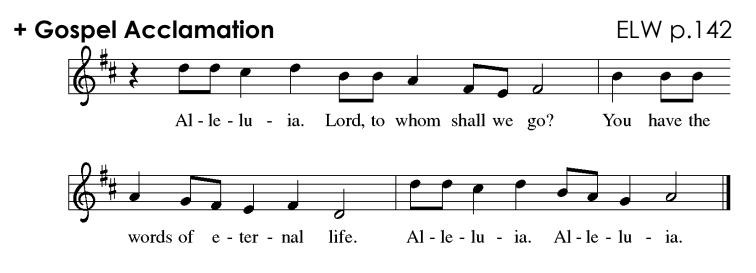
³When I called, you | answered me; you increased my | strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O LORD, when they have heard the words | of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways | of the LORD, that great is the glory | of the LORD.

⁶The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly, perceiving the haughty | from afar.

- ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right | hand shall save me.
- ⁸You will make good your pur- | pose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works | of your hands.



+ Gospel Reading

Mark 3:20-35

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

[Jesus went home;] ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; indeed the house then can be plundered. ²⁸"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have

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forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." ³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

Young at Heart Message & Sermon The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

+ Song of the Day

"Mighty is our God"

Refrain: Mighty is our God, mighty is our King, mighty is our Lord, ruler of everything. Glory to our God, glory to our King, glory to our Lord, ruler of everything.

His name is higher, higher than any other name. His pow'r is greater, for He has created everything.

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+ Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

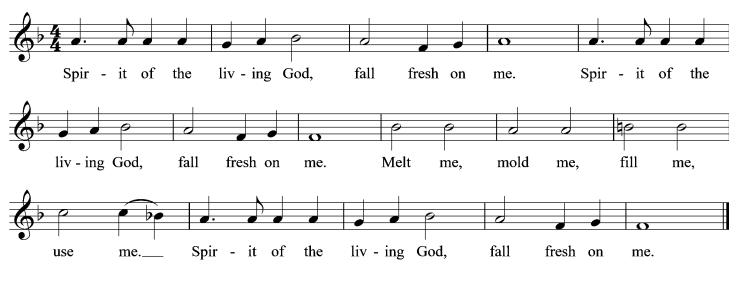
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose 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.

* universal

sung refrain

+ Prayers of Intercession Spirit of the Living God

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+ Peace

+Meal+ God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

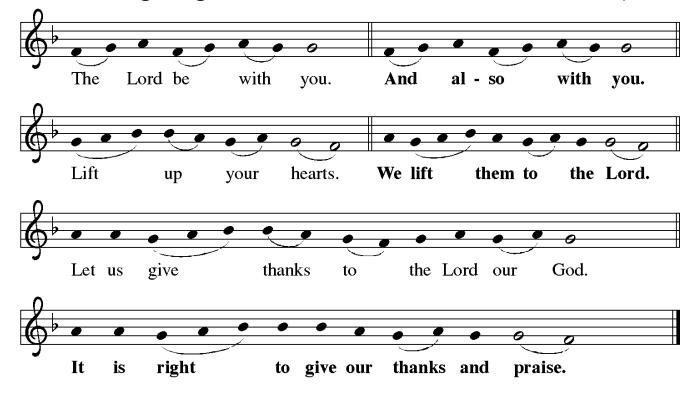
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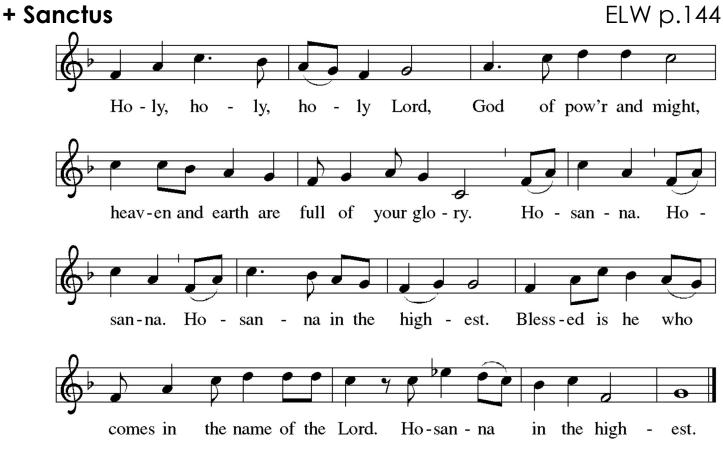
+ Offering Prayer

+ Great Thanksgiving

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+ Proper Preface

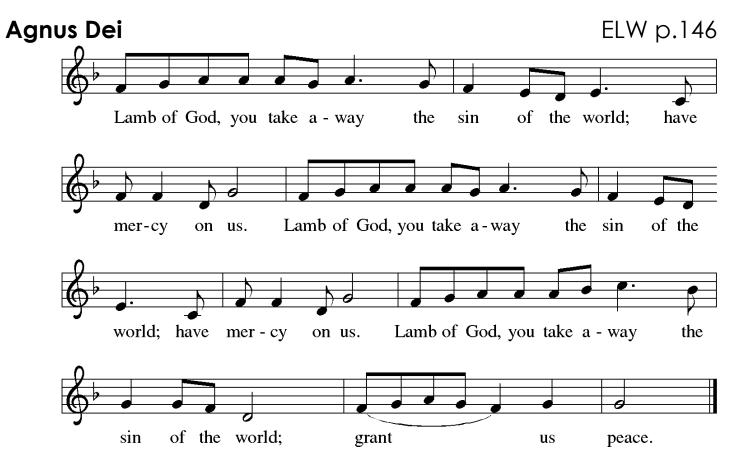


+ Thanksgiving at the Table (\vee)

+ Lord's Prayer ELW p.145
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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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 of God. sod be - come the Lamb 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

"Ancient of Days" (see next pages)

+ Dismissal

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

Postlude

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Ancient Of Days

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