Worship Leader Guide for Sunday, August 30, 2026
Lectionary 22
Proper 17
14th Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion Setting Eight

GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS **ELW p. 94**

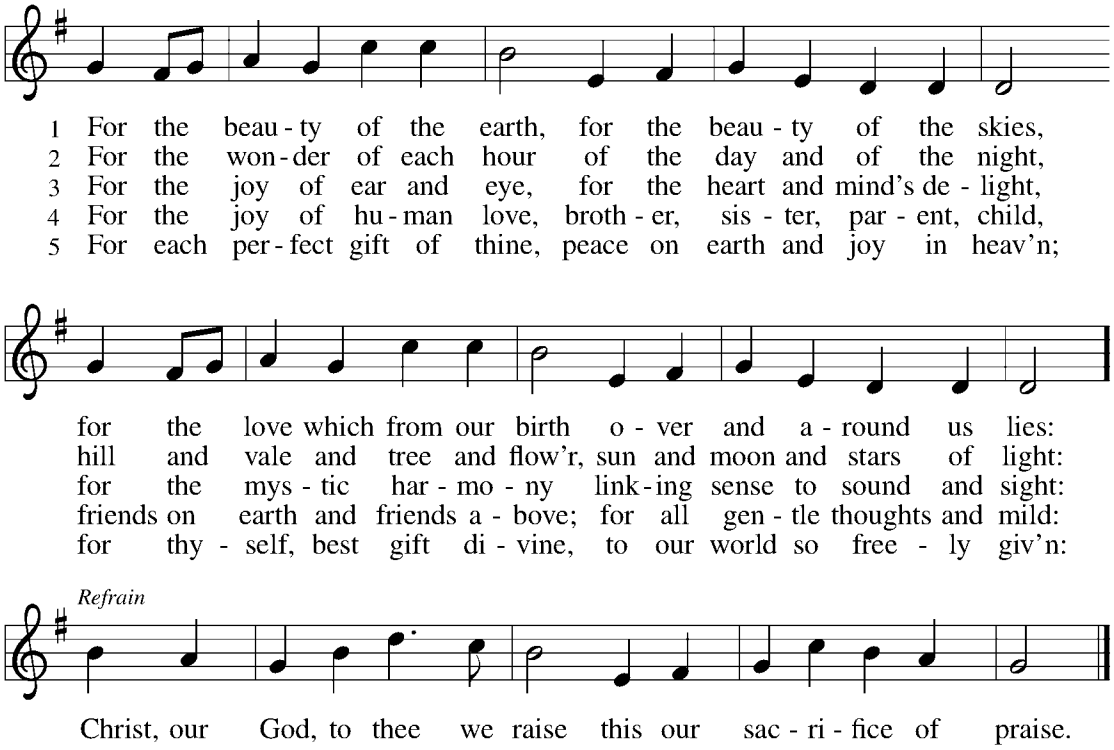
In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God,
We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ***For the Beauty of the Earth*** **ELW 879**



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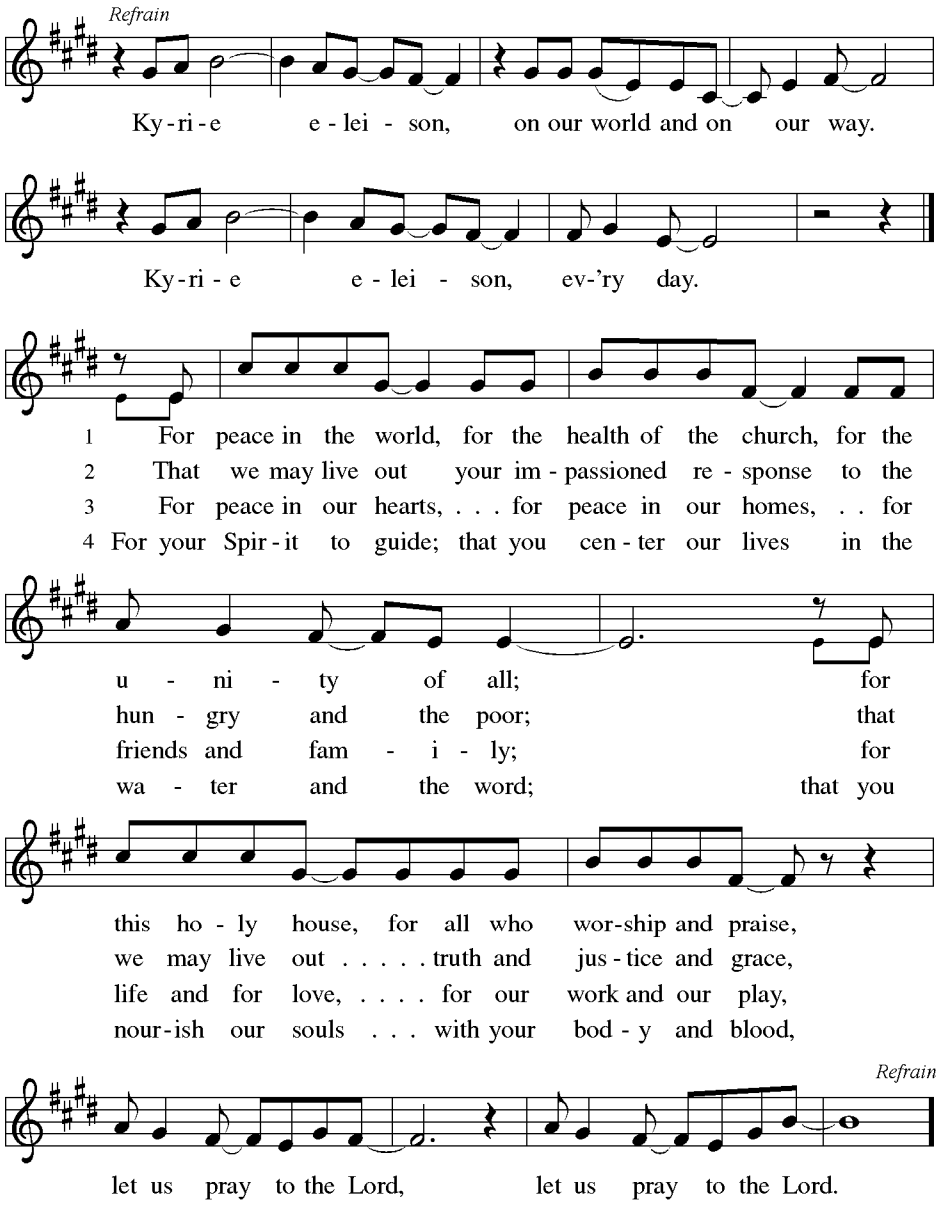
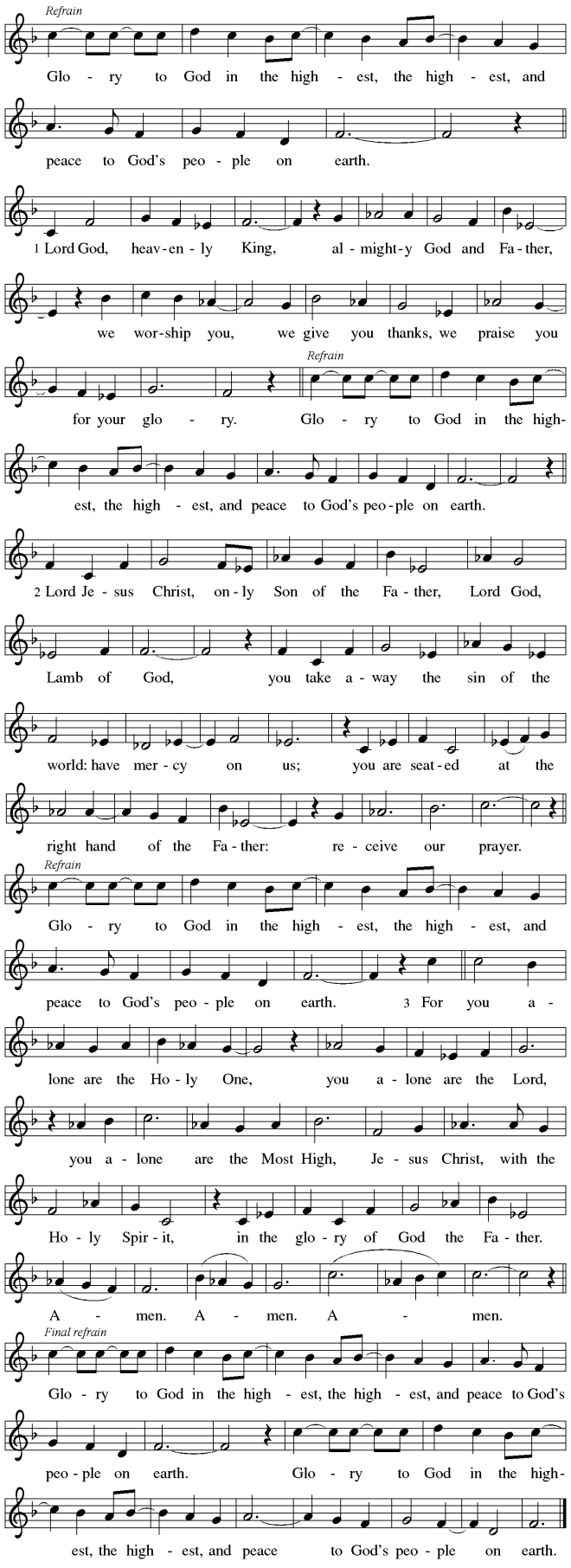
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

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.


Refrain
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.
1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the
u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you
this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, ... for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,
Refrain
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE **ELW p. 185**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING **Jeremiah 15:15-21**

A reading from Jeremiah.

15 O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me and bring down retribution for me on my
persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer
insult.
16 Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the
delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.
17 I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your
hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.
18 Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to
me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.
19 Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand
before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my
mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.
20 And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the
LORD.
21 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the
ruthless.

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

PSALM *sung responsively* **Psalm 26:1-8**

1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD
and | have not faltered.
2 **Test me, O | LORD, and try me; examine my heart | and my mind.**
3 For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes; I have walked faithful- | ly with you.
4 **I have not sat | with the worthless, nor do I consort with | the deceitful.**
5 I have hated the company of | evildoers; I will not sit down | with the wicked.
6 **I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD, that I may go in procession | round your altar,**
7 singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.
8 **LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell and the place where your glo- | ry abides.**

SECOND READING **Romans 12:9-21**

A reading from Romans.

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with
mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit;
serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to
the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

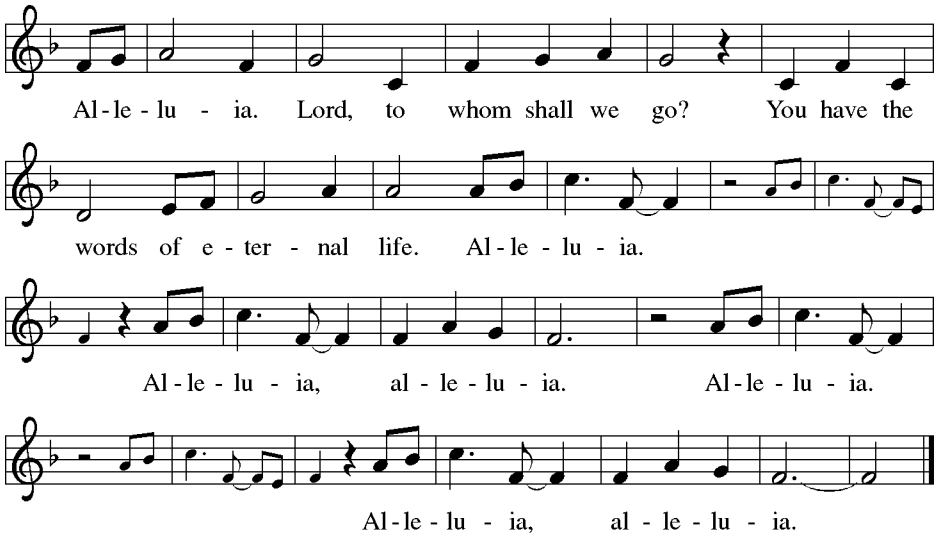
14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who
rejoice; weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant,
but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17 Do not repay anyone evil
for evil but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is possible, so far as it
depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room
for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord."
20 Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to
drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." 21 Do not be overcome by
evil, but overcome evil with good.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **PASTOR WADE DUTTON**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **ELW p. 188**



GOSPEL **Matthew 16:21-28**

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

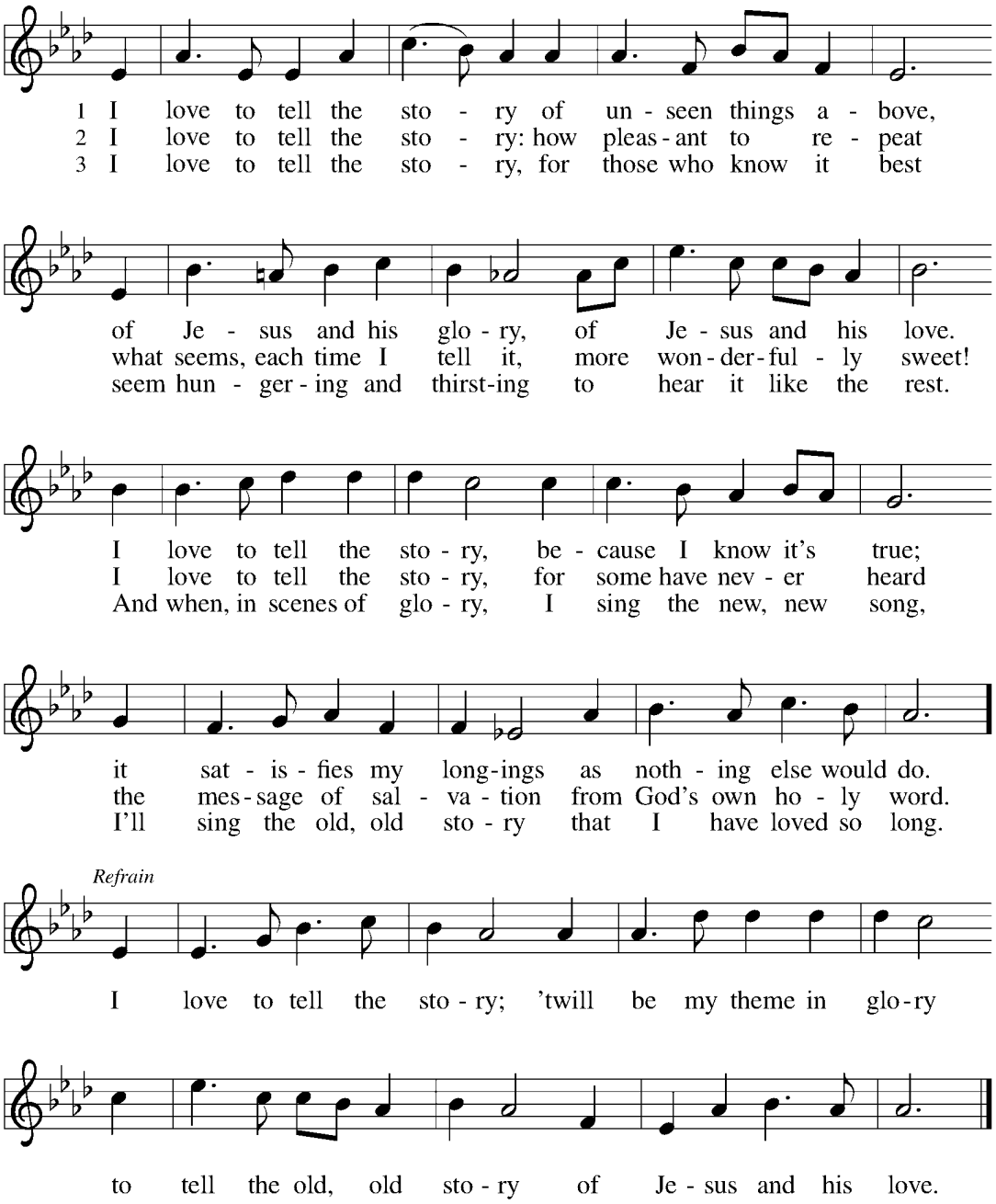
21 From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show
his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the
elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter
took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen
to you.” 23 But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me,
for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and
take up their cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those
who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole
world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?
27 “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will
repay everyone for what has been done. 28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who
will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON **PASTOR WADE DUTTON**

HYMN OF THE DAY ***I Love to Tell the Story*** **ELW 661**

Offering will be collected during the Hymn of the Day



Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911
Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED **ELW p. 189**

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 THE PEOPLE

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters (*especially*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the nations and all in authority, they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For all those in need, they are satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit (*especially*); **Rebecca, Aaron, Pat, Joe, Lorie, Dawson, Roy & Sheila, Greg, Denise, Dani, Jane, Call Committee, Jack & Judy, Dick & Kathy, Samantha, Blaine, Nancy, Marvin, School Staff & Students.** Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.
For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.
Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION **ELW p. 190**

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER **ELW p. 191**

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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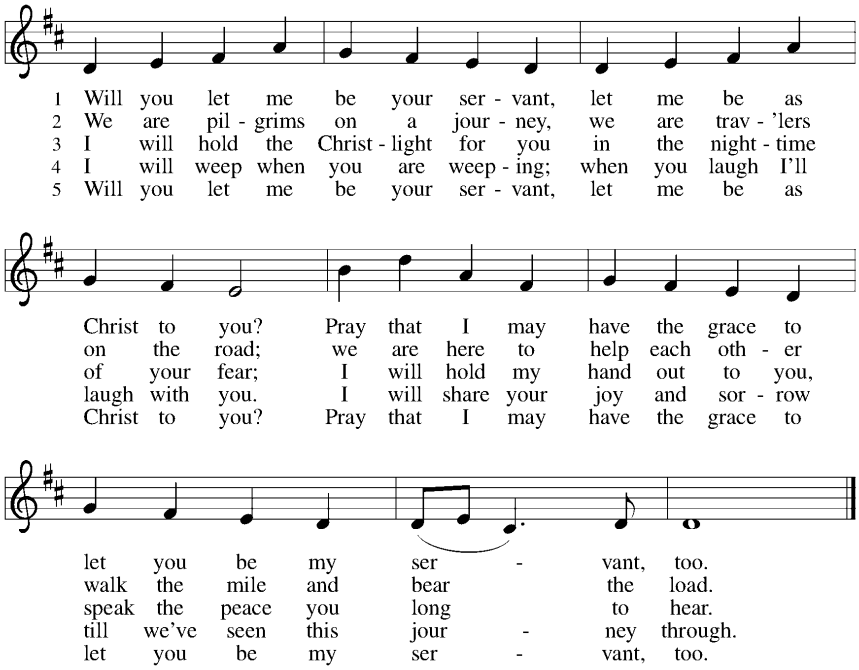
COMMUNION HYMN *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* ELW 659



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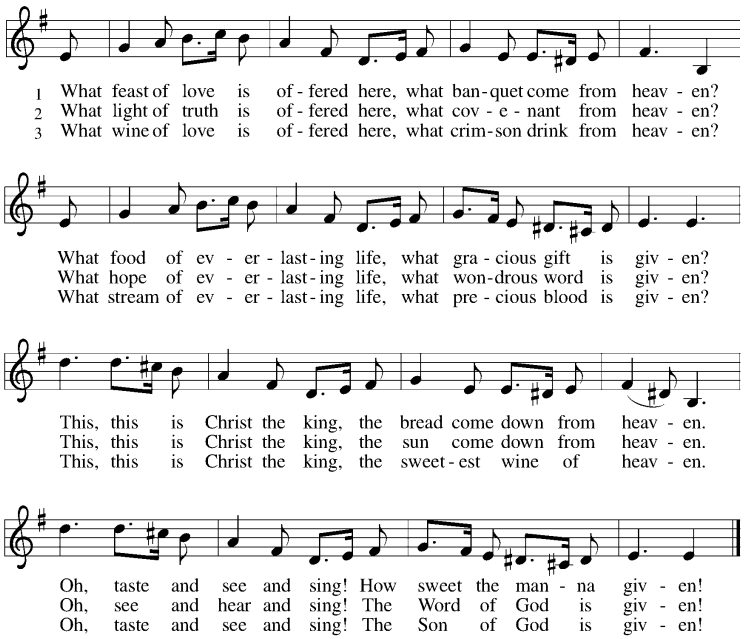
COMMUNION HYMN *What Feast of Love* ELW 487



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Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.
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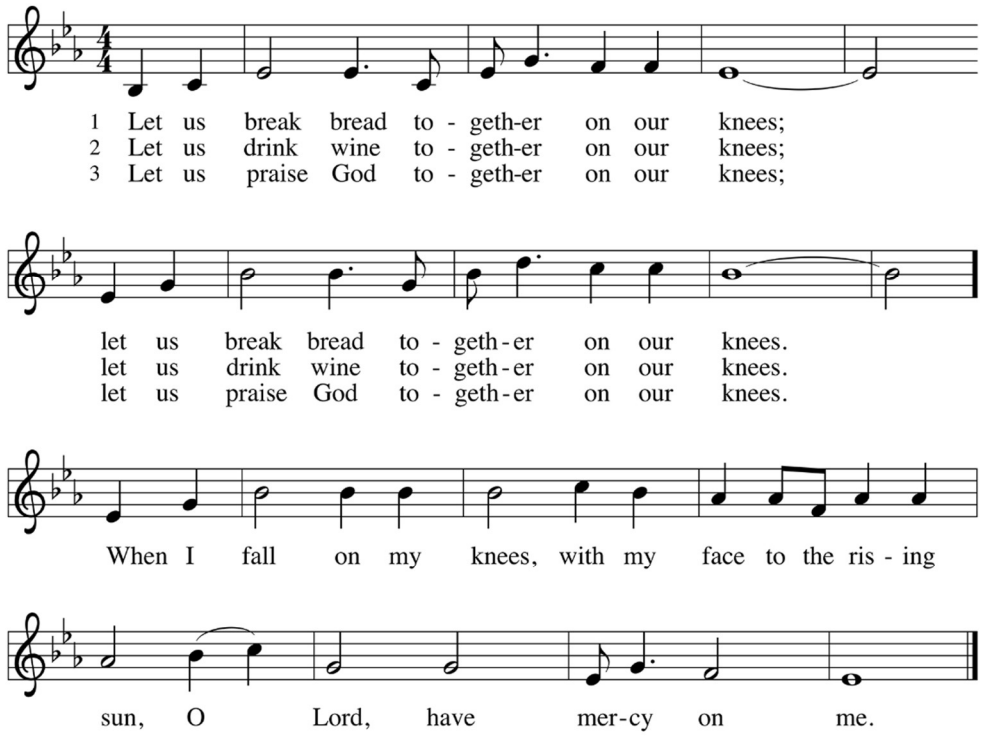
COMMUNION HYMN ***Let Us Break Bread Together*** **ELW 471**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

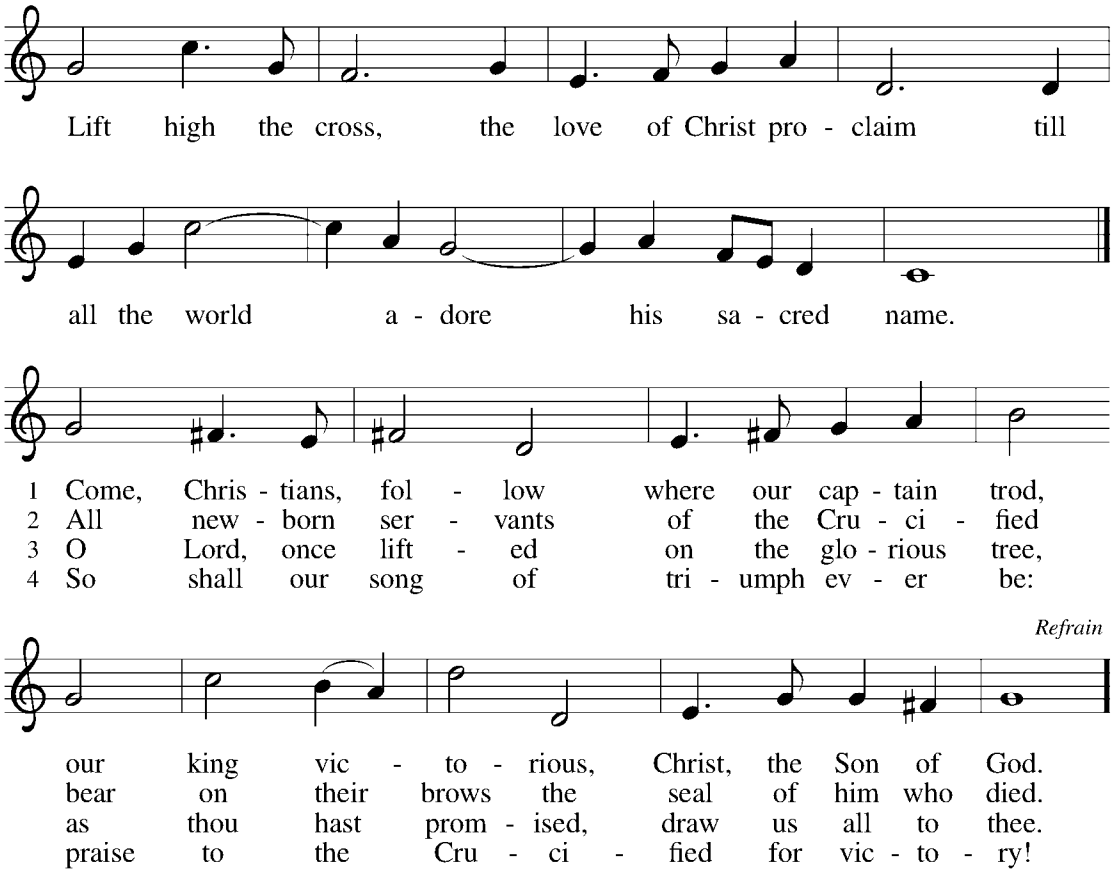
Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN ***Lift High, the Cross*** **ELW 660**



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