



**+ Reign of Christ  
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## + Reign of Christ Order for Worship

*Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.*

### Welcome to St. Andrew!

- St. Andrew welcomes all who are seeking a place of healing, wholeness, and acceptance in a nurturing and faith-forming spiritual home. We are striving toward racial equity worldwide and we seek to honor the lived experience of all individuals regardless of background. Our community embraces people of all ages, ethnicities, cultures, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, and family constellations. Come and See!
- Worship Services are live-streamed to multiple online platforms. By attending worship, you agree that your image and voice may be broadcast.
- Everyone is invited to make a name tag at the black bookcase in the back of the worship space if they would like. There are stickers indicating pronouns on the bookcase if you would like to include them on your name tag.
- A nursery is available through the doors at the left side of the sanctuary and across from the doorway to the Social Hall. Look for a purple-colored room.
- Children are invited to attend Little Church – Big Faith, a Bible lesson and activity, during worship (after the Prayer of the Day). The group returns to the worship space for the liturgy of Holy Communion.
- Worship “toolkits” to help children engage with the service, along with “busy bags” for younger children, are available in the bookcase at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one to use with/for your children.
- Holy Communion is served with bread (gluten-free available) and wine or grape juice. The presiding minister will distribute the bread (host). Please consume this and then pick up an empty glass from the tray. The Communion Assistant will pour wine or grape juice into your glass. Please step to the side to consume the wine or grape juice. Feel free to kneel at the altar for prayer and reflection. As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty trays on either side of the center section.
- A restroom is available on the main level of the church, through the doors to the Social Hall and to the right in the main office.

### *Abbreviations*

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister  
A: Assisting Minister  
L: Lector  
**C: Congregation**

***ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal***  
***ACS: All Creation Sings hymnal***





1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;  
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.  
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847  
 Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

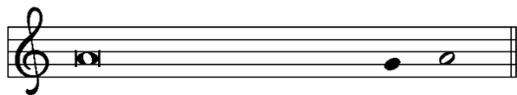
## Greeting

P: 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

ELW p. 147



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



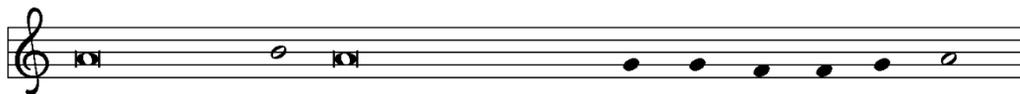
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*Children are invited to join the adult leader(s) at the side door for Little Church – Big Faith. We ask that an additional adult from the congregation attend with the children.*

## **Word**

*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song*

### **First Reading – Jeremiah 23: 1-6**

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 46**

*The psalm will be sung responsively, led by the cantor, with the congregation singing the verses in bold type and joining in the refrain.*

*Psalm Tone*



## Second Reading – Colossians 1: 11-20

<sup>11</sup> May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from [Christ's] glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup> God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of God's beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to Godself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise as you are able.*

## Gospel Acclamation

*ELW p. 151*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel – Luke 23: 33-43

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> [[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself

if he is the Messiah of God, God's chosen one!"<sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine<sup>37</sup> and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

<sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"<sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"<sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

<sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom."<sup>43</sup> He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

*A time of silence for prayer and reflection follows the sermon.  
When the hymn of the day begins, please rise as you are able.*



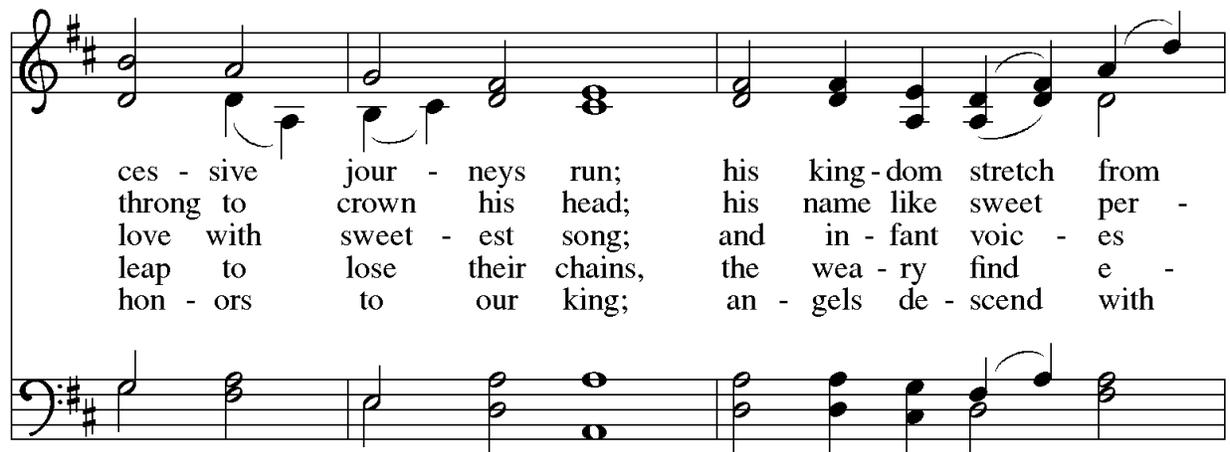
Hymn of the Day

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW 434



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

## **Nicene Creed**

**C: We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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\*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

## **Prayers of the People**

**A: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world,  
and all who are in need.**

*After each petition*

A: God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: We offer our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **Peace**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet one another in the peace of the risen Christ.*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*The people may greet those around them with a sign of Christ's peace and may say Peace be with you or similar words. Please be mindful that not everyone will be comfortable with sharing the peace, so please seek consent before shaking hands or hugging. Other possible ways to share the peace include a simple bow with the verbal greeting of peace, or simply a verbal expression of peace.*

*When the greetings of peace have concluded, please be seated.*

## **Meal**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

## **Offering**

*We offer ourselves, our gifts, and our faithful service to God.*

*As the offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need, the table is set for Holy Communion.*

*There are laminated giving cards in the pew racks that feature a QR code for anyone who would like to give online. Those who give using the QR code, as well as those who give regularly online or through their bank are encouraged to place the laminated card in the plate as an expression of your offering.*

## **Offertory Song**

*Hallelujah*

Cohen/arr. Kurtz

*As the gifts are brought forward for presentation, please rise as you are able.*

## Offertory Song

## Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 184



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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## Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace,

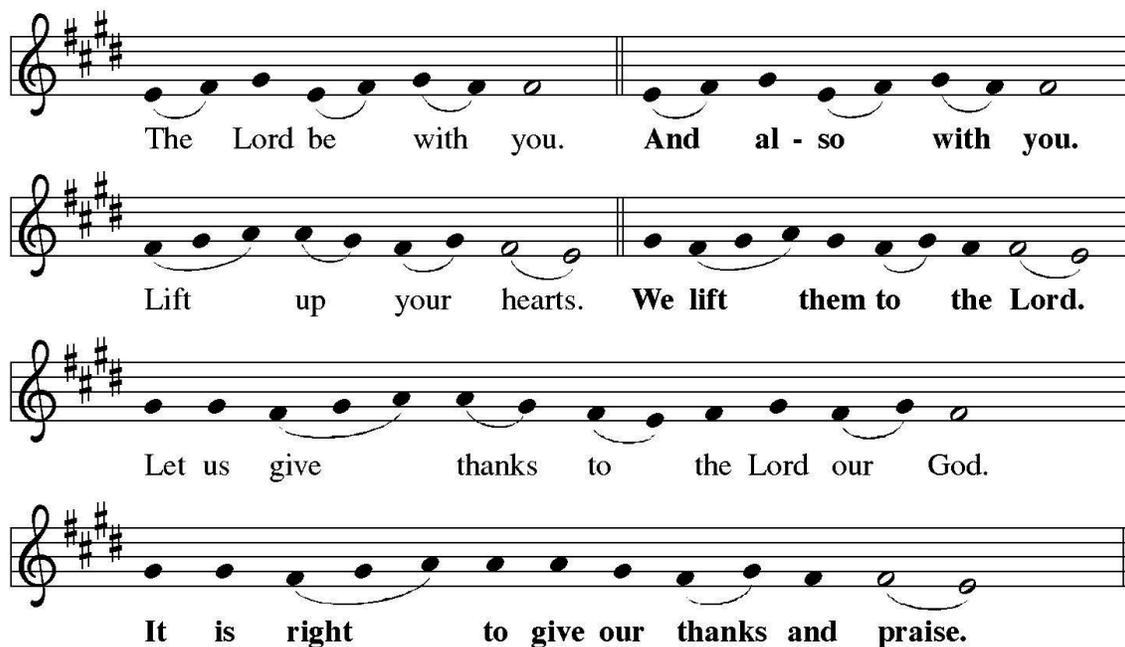
**C: the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing.**

**Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## Dialogue

ELW p. 152



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

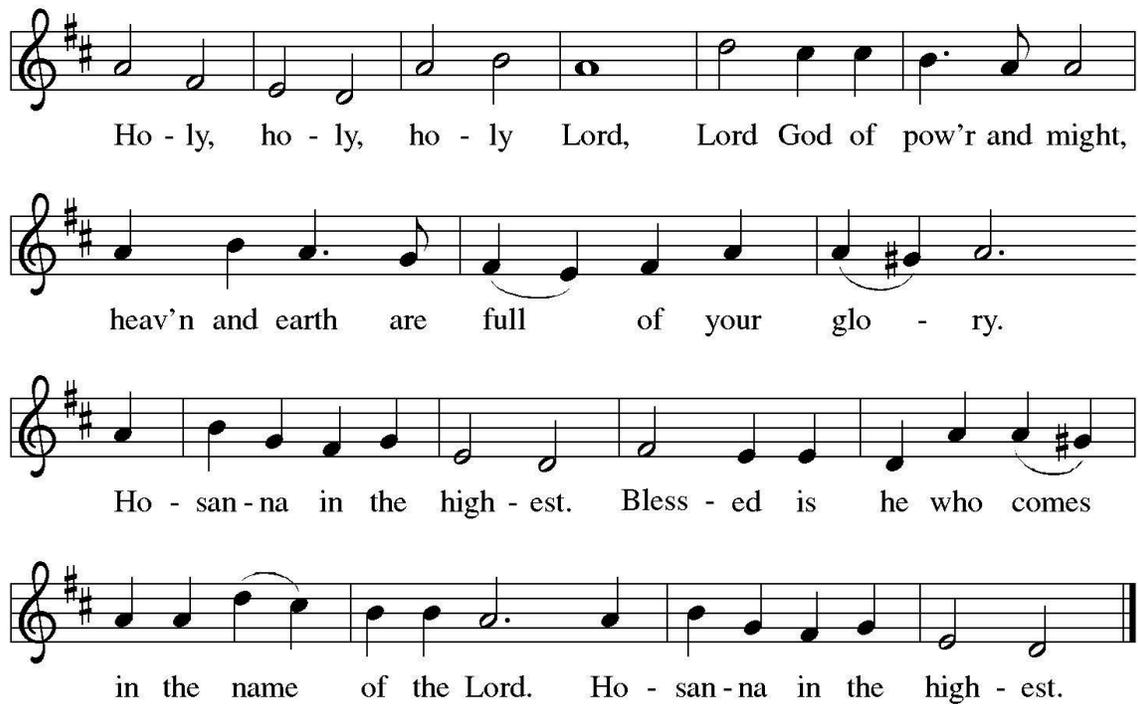
The image shows a musical score for a dialogue. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has one measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has one measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

## Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who one this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus

ELW p. 153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, ...  
... Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup ...  
... to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit ...  
... and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Join our prayers ...  
... all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father in heaven,**  
    **hallowed be your name,**  
    **your kingdom come,**  
    **your will be done,**  
        **on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

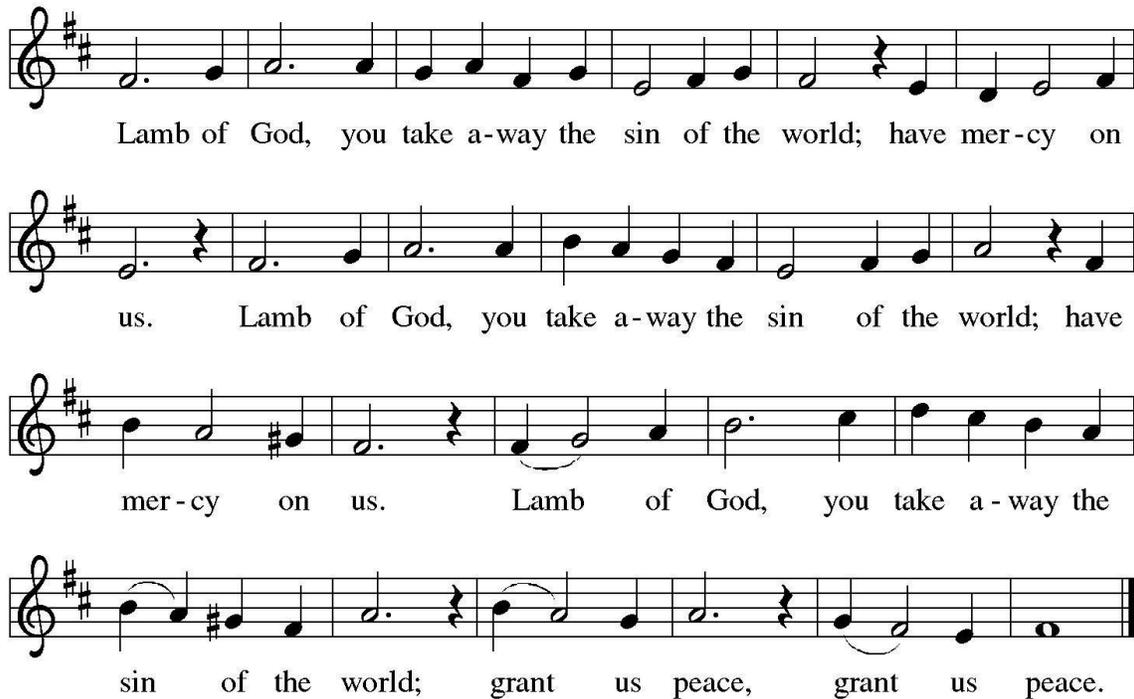
**Forgive us our sins**  
    **as we forgive those**  
        **who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**  
    **and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**  
    **and the glory are yours,**  
**now and forever. Amen.**

## **Fraction and Invitation**





Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

## **Holy Communion**

- *All who seek God and desire a deeper and stronger life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*
- *Worshippers from the pulpit side will proceed forward first, followed by the center section, and then the lectern side.*
- *Please inform an usher if you would like the ministers to bring Communion to you.*
- *Holy Communion will be served with bread and wine (amber) or grape juice (purple).*
- *The presiding minister will first distribute the bread (host) to each communicant. Please indicate if you require a gluten-free host.*
- *Once you have consumed the bread, please pick up an empty glass from the tray next to the presiding minister. The Communion Assistant will pour wine or grape juice into your glass.*
- *Please step to the side to consume the wine or grape juice.*
- *Feel free to kneel at the altar rail for prayer after receiving the sacrament.*
- *As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty tray on the side of the center section.*
- *A blessing will be provided for anyone who does not yet receive the sacrament.*
- *All are invited to join in singing the hymns during Holy Communion.*

Hymns during Holy Communion

O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us

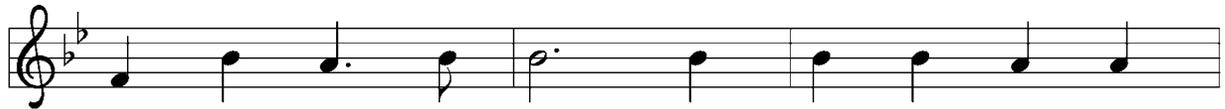
ELW 431



1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our  
2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for -  
3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver  
4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re -



king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose  
give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that  
all, you said the first must be the last and  
nown; you died for us up - on a cross with



praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to  
we might rise and live. To break the law of  
ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place,  
thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the



glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you  
death you came, the law of love to bring: a  
church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; for  
span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, for



walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.  
dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous - ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.  
still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.  
now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ALL SAINTS NEW, Henry S. Cutler, 1824-1902

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## Hymns during Holy Communion

### Christ Is the Life

ACS 927



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive  
2 Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beck - 'ning  
3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing  
4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the



Word, whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the  
tomb, who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to  
fire, whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as  
End; cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans -



worlds to Be - ing stirred. Christ is the life be - yond all  
dark - ness of the womb. Christ is the death, the sink - ing  
kin - dling for the pyre. Christ is the death of dust - y  
form - ing burn - ing brand. Christ is the life, in whose wise



time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath, whose la - bor  
down past all de - sire and fear, whose prom - ise  
days of un - cre - a - tive strife, for out from  
love cre - a - tion lives and dies and thus for -



brings all things to be and brings all things to death.  
in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.  
fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.  
ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: COE FEN, Kenneth Naylor, 1931–1991

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## Hymns during Holy Communion

### In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW 324



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
love up - on my way, from the cross the  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872

Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

*When all have returned to their places, please rise as you are able.*

## Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

## Prayer

A: Let us pray.

O God our life, our strength, our food,

we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son.

By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be the Body of Christ in the world,

that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Sending**

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

### **Announcements**

*Please rise as you are able.*

### **Benediction**

P: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,  
God the Son save you,  
and the Holy Spirit anoint and sustain you.

The Holy Trinity ✝ bless you  
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart,  
now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

*Following page*

### **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **Postlude**



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4  
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

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**St. Andrew Lutheran Church Announcements  
November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

- **Welcome to Worship at St. Andrew on Reign of Christ Sunday** – We are so glad you are here, and we offer a special welcome to all visitors and guests who are here for the first time! A nursery is available through the door to the left of the worship space and across the social hall (look for a purple room). Little Church – Big Faith, a Bible lesson and activity for children up to sixth grade, will take place after the prayer of the day. There are also worship “toolkits” to help children engage with worship and “busy bags” for younger children available in the bookcase at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one to use with/for your children. All are invited to stay for coffee and other drinks, food, and conversation in the Social Hall (through the side door at the left of the worship space) after the service.

- **In Loving Memory of The Rev. Dr. Paul F. Koch** – In the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Savior Jesus Christ, we share that The Rev. Dr. Paul Frederick Koch passed away peacefully on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025. He was a caring husband, devoted father, and proud grandfather whose love and gentleness anchored his family. Pastor Paul dedicated his life to ministry, justice, and caring for those at the margins. His kindness, faith, and compassion shaped everyone who knew him. A service of remembrance will be held Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Andrew; 10:00 a.m. Visitation, 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service, 1:00 p.m. Luncheon at Square Café (134 S. Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206). We ask your prayers for Pastor Paul’s wife Sharon; their sons Jeremy (Molly Orlando) and Phil (Deanna); grandchildren Ben, Giovanni, Julian, Caley (Leo), and Samuel; and all their family and friends. To support Sharon, we invite people of the congregation to prepare and deliver meals over the next few weeks. Please sign up here:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAFAF2CABF85-60585068-meals#/>
- **Produce Distribution Supplemental Food of the Month** – St. Andrew is collecting supplemental food each month to accompany our produce distribution. For this month, we ask for donations of instant mashed potatoes and stuffing mix. There are collection boxes at the back of the worship space and social hall.
- **East End Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.** – This year's East End Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, with the theme *Lift Every Voice*, will be held at Episcopal Church of the Redeemer at 5700 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15217 and will be co-hosted by leaders of the Hindu-Jain Temple in Monroeville. Following the service, all are welcome to a light reception in the Parish Hall. As part of our Thanksgiving offering, we invite all attendees to bring a non-perishable food item or toiletry as an offering to support our immigrant neighbors through JFCS.
- **Welcoming the Season of Advent with an Advent Calendar** – A new church year in the liturgical calendar begins with the season of Advent, a time of preparation and hope as the church awaits the celebration of Christ’s birth at Christmas and the second coming of Jesus promised in Scripture. The World Hunger ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has provided an Advent calendar for congregations titled “A Stable Lamp Is Lighted.” These calendars offer daily Bible readings, suggestions for supporting our neighbors in need, and activities, including a color and cut-out Nativity scene that would be a great activity for children. There is also a three-session online study with videos available here:  
<https://www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/elca-world-hunger/wh-advent#whadventccordionsection>. Please take a calendar and study guide up at the entrances to the church!
- **St. Andrew Soup and Service, Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, after Worship** – All are invited to gather after worship on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, when we will share a soup lunch and then tie blankets to be given to Proud Haven (<https://proudhaven.org/>) and Humane Animal Rescue (<https://humaneanimalrescue.org>). People of all ages are welcome to join.
- **Community Ministry Team Collecting Gifts for Foster Children Served by Allegheny County CYS, Through Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>** – Allegheny County’s Office of Children, Youth, and Families of children is in need of gifts to support those who come into the system late, or who weren’t sponsored. We are collecting some highly-requested items for children in the foster system to ensure that they receive some cheer this holiday season. Please bring the following items, unwrapped, for donation: winter wear for ages 0-18, baby necessities (blankets, wipes, bottles, pacifiers, bibs), developmental toys and board books for babies and toddlers, crayons, colored pencils, gel pens, coloring books, LEGO and Mega Blok sets, board games, ethnically diverse

dolls, superhero action figures, craft kits, earbuds, headphones, gaming mouse and keyboard, science/STEM kits, remote control vehicles (cars, trucks, helicopters, drones), sports equipment for ages 3-18, local sports team apparel, sensory toys (slime, kinetic sand, fidgets), makeup, toiletries (body lotion, shower gel, bath poufs, body spray), wallets, watches, and fleece blankets.

- **Pittsburgh Pride Choir Winter Concert - "A Not So Silent Night," Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.** – The Board of Directors of the Pittsburgh PRIDE Choir, Pittsburgh's esteemed LGBTQIA+ choir would be privileged if you attended their Holiday Concert on December 6<sup>th</sup> titled "A Not So Silent Night." The concert begins at 7:30 p.m., at East Liberty Presbyterian Church (116 S. Highland Ave), a fully affirming and inclusive venue. For tickets, you can use the following link: <https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/pittsburgh-pride-choir/a-not-so-silent-night-ppc-holiday-concert-2025>. Concert details are available at [www.pittsburghpridechoir.org](http://www.pittsburghpridechoir.org). If you have questions, please notify them at [volunteer@pittsburghpridechoir.org](mailto:volunteer@pittsburghpridechoir.org). Accessibility questions may be directed to [accessibility@pittsburghpridechoir.org](mailto:accessibility@pittsburghpridechoir.org). If you would like to attend but cannot afford a ticket, contact Jay at [communications@standrewpittsburgh.org](mailto:communications@standrewpittsburgh.org) for a comp ticket as she has a few to give away.
- **Discipleship that Heals the World - Studies in Matthew's Gospel, Thursdays, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Zoom, through Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025** – Join us for a journey through the Gospel of Matthew, organized and facilitated by Rev. Dr. Martin Rafanan. Together we'll explore Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and his healing ministry, discovering Matthew's distinctive vision of discipleship as a way of blessing, healing, and hope. You are welcome to join the zoom whenever you can. This study is designed for both newcomers to the Gospel and those already familiar with it. We will engage contemporary perspectives that help us hear Matthew's message afresh in today's world. Register for the sessions to receive zoom info: <https://forms.gle/amy439vfUpwdJpKx7>.
- **Receive Prayer Team Emails** – St. Andrew maintains a list of weekly prayer concerns sent by email to members of the congregation who have opted in. Our prayer team's email is [prayerteam@standrewpittsburgh.org](mailto:prayerteam@standrewpittsburgh.org). We will keep names on the list for a maximum of four weeks unless otherwise requested. Thank you for your ministry of prayer!
- **Records Update** – St. Andrew is updating our records with information from newer attendees, as well as offering current members the opportunity to include current information to be used within the congregation: for emergency contacts, to acknowledge celebrations, milestones, and prayers. Please fill out the form at: <https://forms.gle/kKvp19UozuRrhhaV7>.
- **Coffee Hour Signups** – St. Andrew provides hospitality during a coffee hour after worship each Sunday. If you would like to participate and would like information about the duties of setting up, please sign up using the following form: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAFAF2CABF85-47069030-coffee#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAFAF2CABF85-47069030-coffee#/).