

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH
14th Sunday After Pentecost – 10am



August 30, 2026

**Denotes the Assembly Stands*

PRELUDE

***GATHERING**

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. Today we pray,
Gracious God,
as we gather in your presence, turn our hearts toward the things that are eternal. When fear tempts us to choose the easier way, give us courage to follow Jesus. Teach us to release what we cannot control, to lay down our selfish desires, and to take up our cross with faith and love. Help us trust that the way of Christ is not a path toward emptiness, but toward abundant and resurrected life. Quiet the voices that distract us, renew our minds, and open our hearts to your Word. May our worship today draw us closer to Jesus and strengthen us to follow him wherever love may lead. In the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

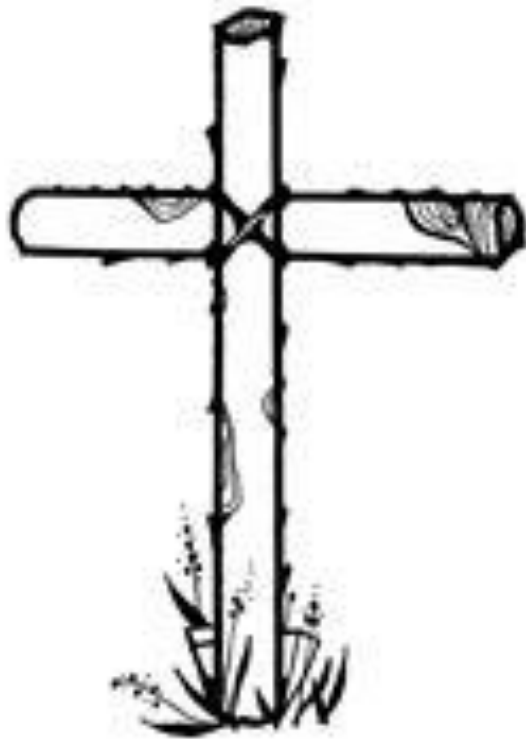
Amen.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Our Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, has once again protected us through the night of the world from all harm and danger, and we now come before the Lord of the morning to confess our sins against God and one another. Lord of the morning,

C: we confess that we have brought sin and evil into the world by our deeds done and left undone. We have not lived with love towards our neighbor and creation, and now our world cries out in pain. In your blessed morning, we commend ourselves: our bodies and our souls to your loving care and forgiveness. May we be renewed for the journeys both of this new day and all the days to come. Amen.

P: The Almighty and everlasting God has brought you to the safety of this new day. Be preserved by the mighty power and love of the Lord of the Morning ☩ who forgives you of all sins and guides you against all adversity that you will face. C: Amen.



*GATHERING SONG - ELW 660 *Lift High the Cross*

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

***GREETING**

P: The grace of our Risen Lord who one morning rose from the dead by the Love of the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Morning Has Broken* ELW 556 v 1,3**

The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef. The notes are simple, mostly quarter and half notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff begins with a '1' before the first note. The second staff ends with a period. The third staff ends with an exclamation point. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!

3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,
 born of the one light E - den saw play!
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: Let us pray...

P: 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.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

A: A reading from Jeremiah the 15th chapter

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 merry-makers,
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.

A: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8

A: Let us read Psalm 26 responsively.

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 before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully 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 innocence, O Lord,
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸ **Lord, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 12:9-21

A: A reading from St. Paul's letter to the church in Rome the 12th chapter.

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.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Give Me Jesus* ELW 770 v 1**

1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.
You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

The musical notation is written on four staves in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text. The third staff contains the melody for the third line of text. The fourth staff contains the melody for the fourth line of text. The music is in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating long notes or rests.

***Gospel – Matthew 16:21-28**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.

C: 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.”

P: This is the gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON/SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 710 *Let Streams of Living Justice*

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight,
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance; pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diancy, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Holy Baptism of Ember Carie Lawson

PRESENTATION

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your child*, Ember Carie Lawson, baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

A: As you come and bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and join in the holy supper, to know the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, to study the holy scriptures, to be nurtured in faith through prayer, so that you may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

A: Do you promise to continue to grow in the Christian faith and life and encourage Ember in her faith journey?

Response: I do.

A: People of God, do you promise to support *Ember* and pray for *her* in *her* new life in Christ?

Response: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Three Renunciation Questions

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth

life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Response: Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

BAPTISM

P: *Ember*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Response: Amen.

A: Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy. You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.
Alleluia.

A: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Response: Amen.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays

P: Sustain *Ember* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Response: Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

P: *Ember*, dear child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Response: Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to the parents as a representative of the congregation says:

P: Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

P: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

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 those still suffering from the recent storms in Indiana. Lord, be with those still without power. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the nations and all in authority, that 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, that they be 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*). 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.

PEACE

A: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

A: Now let us greet one another in the love of Christ as you are comfortable and able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEAL

OFFERING

A: Now let us return to God, that which God first has given us – our tithes and our offerings.

OFFERATORY

When the sun is ri - sen - high, Ba - thing gol - den

4 all the - sky; Bless the Lord the morn is o'er,

7 Safe its hours have gone so soon; Na - ture now is

10 wide a - wake — Praise Him for the glor - ious noon.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray. God of mercy and grace, 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.

C: Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***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 on 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 join in praising your holy name:

***SANCTUS**

C: Holy, holy, holy –

**Lord of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory!
Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord! Hosanna in the highest!**

P: Joyful are we as we come to the close of our days, seeking the nourishment of this Holy meal. May your light guide us as the sun comes to the horizon and darkness covers the land.

THANKSGIVING RESPONSE *Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory
ELW 561 v 1

1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own
face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on
ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -
round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,
God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in a soprano or alto clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: 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.

Praised be You, our Lord, through moon and the stars, in the heavens you have made them bright, precious and fair. Remind us too of how bright and precious your love is for us through the work of the cross. Send your Holy Spirit as light to gather us over this meal of all times and spaces reminding us that just as you have awakened us in the morning and walked with us through our day, you remain with us as the sun sets and the lights of night take over.

THANKSGIVING RESPONSE *Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory
ELW 561 v 3



3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry danc - ing star of
 night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us
 each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -
 a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it
 of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, as we gather at this meal at the evening of our time together, teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

P: Through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen

P: Come now, all has been made ready, and at God's table, all are welcome.

***COMMUNION SONG *Now It Is Evening* ELW 572**



1 Now it is eve-ning: lights of the cit - y bid us re - mem-ber
2 Now it is eve-ning: food on the ta - ble bids us re - mem-ber
4 Now it is eve-ning: here in our meet-ing may we re - mem-ber



Christ is our light. Man - y are lone - ly, who will be
Christ is our life. Man - y are hun - gry, who will be
Christ is our friend. Some may be strang - ers, who will be



neigh-bor? Where there is car - ing, Christ is our light.
neigh-bor? Where there is shar - ing, Christ is our life.
neigh-bor? Where there's a wel - come, Christ is our friend.

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW 485 I Am the Bread of Life

ELW 518 We Eat the Bread of Teaching

ELW 500 Now We Remain

***BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

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

C: Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son that you have graciously protected us today. As the evening of our worship comes may we be satisfied in the nourishment of your Word and through this Meal. Guide us into the approaching new day of mission in the full confidence of your Spirit's presence among us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***BLESSING**

P: Go now in the good counsel of God that upholds and enfolds you. May his holy wings securely hide you and daily manna be provided to you. And when life's perils thick confound you and put unfailing arms around you, know that God ✠ will be with you until we meet again!

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 545 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful, to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

P.: We are not perfect—

C: We are being healed.

P: We are not alone—

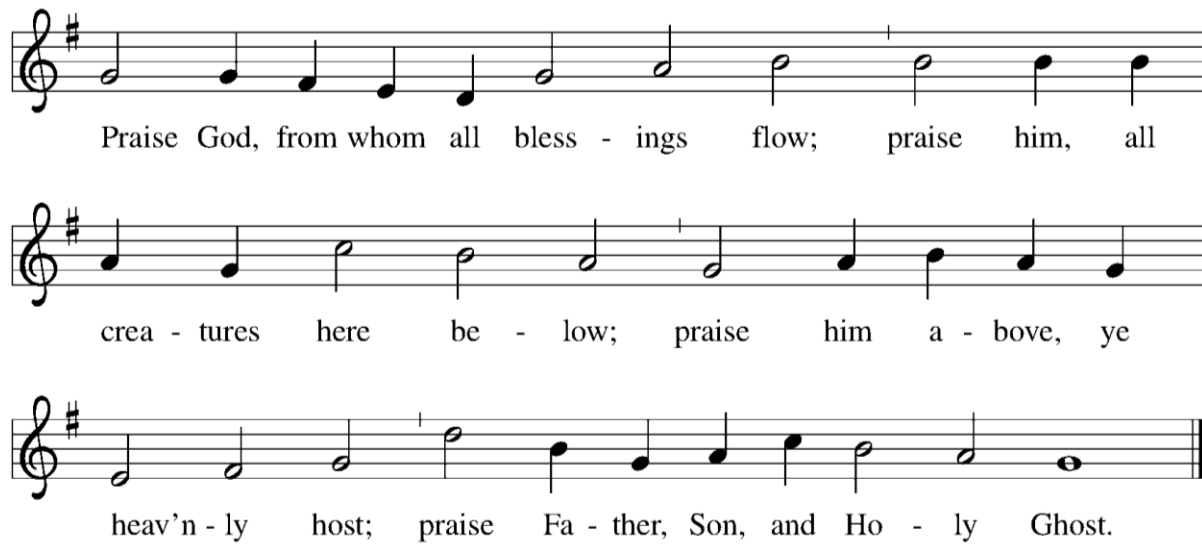
C: We belong to Christ and to one another.

P: We are not finished—

C: God is still at work in us.

P: Let us praise Him together and sing as we depart!

*DOXOLOGY



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God. Amen! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Look for news, information, and videos on all our social media platforms.



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