

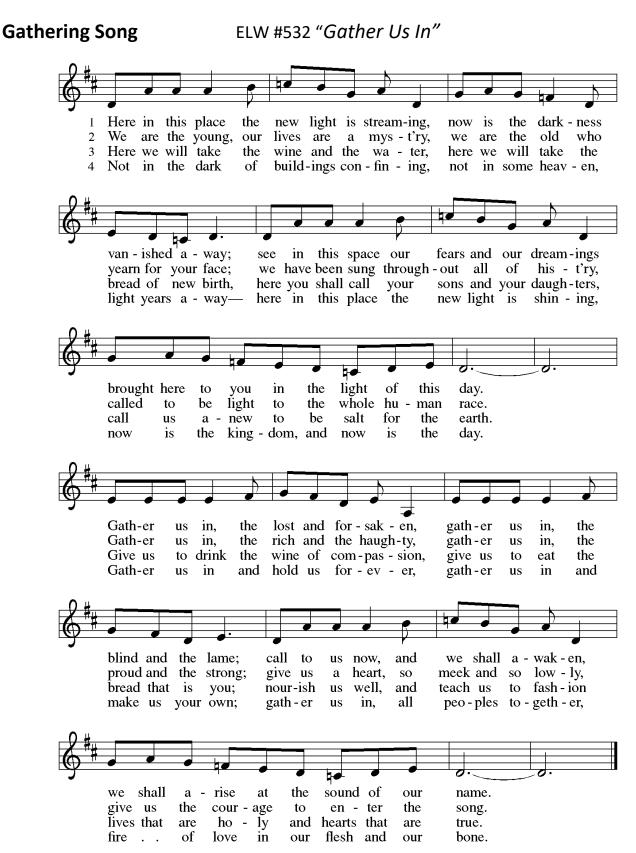
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"Love God, Serve Neighbor"

Pastoral Welcome



Confession and Forgiveness

- L: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen
- L: Confident of God's mercy and grace, let us confess our sins to God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- L: God of grace and mercy,
- C: we confess that our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what we fear to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what separates us from you and one another. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more in your likeness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- L: God, who is rich in mercy, has forgiven you all your sins and filled you with the abundant life of Jesus Christ through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, be strong and courageous as you follow the way of the Lord.
- C: Amen

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Greeting

- L: 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.

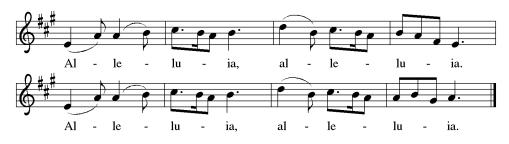
Prayer of Illumination

- L: Let us pray. Boundless God, help us to see the world differently—not with our own limited vision but with your gaze of love and justice. Give us the foolishness to believe that we can change what the world says is impossible; and when we lose sight of the power of love to change the world . . . increase our faith.
- C: Amen.

The First Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-4 & 2:1-4

The Gospel Acclamation



The Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

Children's Church

The Message

Song of the Day

ELW #768 "Lead Me, Guide Me"



Prayers of the Faithful

L: Let us pray. God of life, you have given us a prophetic vision and voice to speak hope to our world. Let us be those who work to embody your reign of justice and peace for the good of all creation and for the life of all people.

We pray for the country and the people of Ukraine and for all who live in places of unrest and conflict. For our brothers and sisters in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico facing massive rebuilding after Hurricane Fiona. For all communities and people impacted by Hurricane Ian.

L: God of compassion, hear us now as we pray for the cares and concerns of this congregation, for the joys and sorrows of life, and for the comfort and consolation of Christ's presence here and now.

We especially pray for:

- Sawyer Akers
- Tom Bruce
- Melissa Butler
- Helen Cheyney
- Terence Connelly
- Charliese Eichler
- Tom Hawk
- Carol Hollingsworth
- Gary Homesley
- Donnell Horton
- Joe Johnson
- Waylon Kuklentz
- Bobby Larson
- Jenna Little
- Chuck Mauney
- Kevin Middleton
- Andrew Milholland

- Jane Ogilvie
- Barb Palumbo
- Terry Park
- Reagan Poli
- Joyce Quigley
- Kenton Rohrberg
- Jack Schulte
- David Townsend
- Laura Tucker
- Vicki Tunnell
- Josie Upton
- Herbert Watson
- Joan Welsh
- Renate Wilson
- Terry Wisner
- Chuck Wolfe
- L: We now pray aloud or in the silence of our hearts for those we wish to name.
- L: We remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died, especially:
 - Connie van Brunt, frequent visitor and mother of Ayisha McMillan Cravotta, died on September 22
 - Leo Peeler, charter member of Advent, died on September 25.
 - Paul Short, brother of Caroline Bunn, died on September 27

(Time for the community to pray.)

- L: By your Holy Spirit, comfort their families, and all who grieve, give peace to those who mourn, strengthen all through the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ.
- L: We offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving for miraculous progress Andrew Milholland has experienced after being electrocuted and badly burned in January 2022. Although he still faces many surgeries, Andrew has been able to return to school.
- L: As the body of Christ, we pray:
- C: Hear our prayer.
- L: God of every time and place, you hear our prayers and renew us by your Spirit, so that we may joyfully love you and graciously serve one another. We entrust these prayers – spoken and unspoken – to you as you hold them in your heart and answer them according to your will.
- C: Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

- **Offering** (Please sign and pass the pew pads)
- Offertory Song "He Will Carry You Through"

Sanctuary Singers

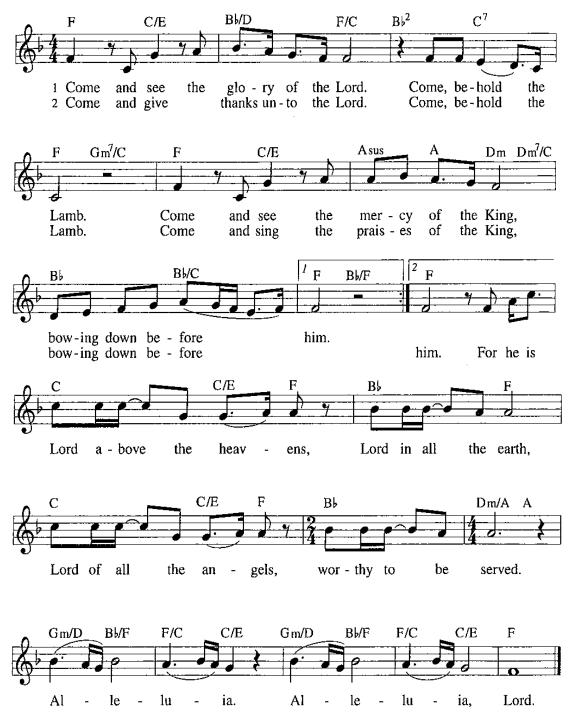
Table Prayer

- L: God of mercy and grace,
- C: you open your hand in blessing and your abundance flows unending. 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.

The Words of Institution "Come and See"

L: On the night that Jesus was betrayed, in an upper room. He took the bread and blessed it as he said, "Here's my body broken for you." He took the cup and raised it up on high, bowed his head and prayed. And then he said, "My blood for you is shed, a cleansing stream to wash your sin away."

Congregational Response



The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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 pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever.



The Blessing

- L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

Benediction (by Rev. William Sloane Coffin)

- L: May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short; Grace to risk something big for something good; and Grace to remember the world is now too dangerous for anything but the truth and too small for anything but love.
- C: Amen.

Sending Song ELW #538 "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"



Dismissal

- L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.