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**"Love God, Serve Neighbor"**

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

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### Pastoral Welcome

### Gathering Song

ELW #796 "How Firm a Foundation"



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

### 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**

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## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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### 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 (prayer adpt. Thom Shuman)

- L: Let us pray.

Gracious God, when we fall into the traps of groundless fears, you deliver us. When an epidemic of worry threatens to overcome us, you protect us. When harmful words are flung at us, you answer our cries for help.

Jesus, servant of the poor, when our lives crumble, you urge us to buy hope's fields. When we are tempted by wealth, you point us to those who have nothing, but still share all. When we are eager to grasp senseless lies, you wrap our hands around God's promises.

Sheltering Holy Spirit, when the world silences our hope, you give us the words to make the good confession of faith. When we have lost our way and can no longer endure the emptiness of our lives, you satisfy us from the abundance of God's grace and joy.

- C: Amen.**

## The First Reading

Malachi 4:1-2

## The Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## The Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

## Children's Church

## The Message

## Song of the Day

### “Blessing, Honor, and Glory”

Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.  
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.  
Death could not hold him down, for he is risen!  
Seated upon the throne, he is the Lamb of God!  
Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.  
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.  
Death could not hold him down, for he is risen!  
Seated upon the throne, he is the Lamb of God!  
Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.  
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.

## Prayers of the Faithful

L: God of all creation, we near the turning of another church year. As our earth revolves around the sun, help us to look all around and perceive how you are still at work in our world and in our lives. God, you have not given up on us and you have not given up on this one earth you created and love. Strengthen us by the promise of your Gospel to not give up when we find ourselves weighed down with worry and filled with fear and anxiety. Filled by your Holy Spirit, we have been empowered to roll up our sleeves, to sweep away and clean, to build and plant, to pluck up what needs to be removed, and to make space for what needs to grow. Give us vision to look all around and to witness that you are always doing a new thing among us.

L: God in the shelter of your wings,

**C: we pray to you.**

L: God of justice and peace, we pray for people and situations where there is struggle and hardship, unrest and conflict, and hunger and hopelessness. For our Ukrainian brothers and sisters who have openly resisted the invasion of their country and who have sacrificed so much for the cause of justice, as well as other countries that are dealing with political unrest and conflict; for Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Yemen, Israel-Palestine, Haiti and Myanmar.

L: God in the shelter of your wings,

**C: we pray to you.**

L: God of compassion, hear us now as we pray for those families and friends you have placed upon our hearts.

We especially pray for:

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| ▪ Dale Blish          | ▪ Joe Moeller    |
| ▪ Helen Cheyney       | ▪ Jake Mosher    |
| ▪ Terence Connelly    | ▪ Jane Ogilvie   |
| ▪ Charliese Eichler   | ▪ Terry Park     |
| ▪ Tom Hawk            | ▪ Reagan Poli    |
| ▪ Tracy Heberlig      | ▪ Joyce Quigley  |
| ▪ Bernie Hess         | ▪ Eddie Ridge    |
| ▪ Carol Hollingsworth | ▪ Jack Schulte   |
| ▪ Gary Homesley       | ▪ David Townsend |
| ▪ Donnell Horton      | ▪ Laura Tucker   |
| ▪ Amy Hull            | ▪ Herbert Watson |
| ▪ Ashley King         | ▪ Joan Welsh     |
| ▪ Waylon Kuklantz     | ▪ Lisa Williams  |
| ▪ Gene Lajuenesse     | ▪ Renate Wilson  |
| ▪ Bobbi Larson        | ▪ Carol Wisner   |
| ▪ Holden Little       | ▪ Chuck Wolfe    |
| ▪ Kevin Middleton     |                  |

L: In silence, let us make our own specific prayers for those on our hearts and minds today.

*(Silence)*

L: We remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died, especially:

- Jim Abbott, co-worker of Andy Goerke, died October 30
- Betty Ruehrdanz, Aunt & Godmother of Fred Strickert, died October 31
- Danny Luce, neighbor of the Ingolias, died November 3
- George Cooper, uncle of Jennie Henderson, died November 5

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 at birth of Noah Elizabeth Radcliff on October 27, granddaughter of Pam Isacks, and daughter of Anna & Braden Radcliff.

L: We celebrate with Pastor Dick & Cherie Little who received the Loy Witherspoon Distinguished Service Award presented by Niner United on November 10.

L: God in the shelter of your wings,

**C: we pray to you.**

L: Merciful God, we thank you for all who have served in the armed forces of this country and for the freedom their sacrifice has earned and guarded for us. Help us to prize this freedom and use it well. Continue to bless all living veterans and their families. Comfort those who grieve for those who gave the last full measure of devotion. Strengthen those who bear physical, emotional, and spiritual wounds and stand with all those who provide care to our veterans.

We pray for the day when swords will be turned into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. Help us to live now in anticipation of that day, as people who long for peace, who pray for peace, and who seek to be peacemakers in this world.

L: God in the shelter of your wings,

**C: we pray to you.**

L: Gracious God, we offer these prayers to you, those spoken and those still unknown to us. Give us peace to trust you with the timing and the answers you provide. We ask all these things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

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## SHARING THE MEAL

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**Offering** (Please sign and pass the pew pads)

**Offertory Song** ELW #525 "You Are Holy"

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*Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer*  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



*än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.*  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

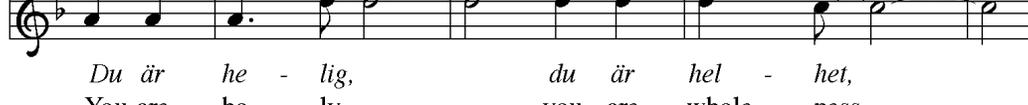


*Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,*  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

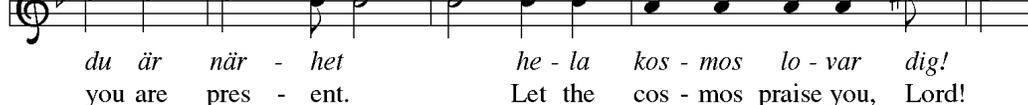


*väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.*  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

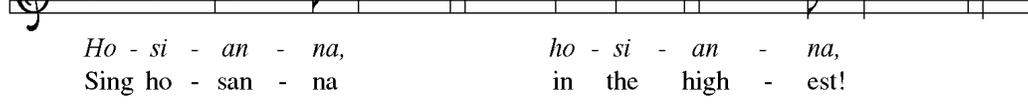
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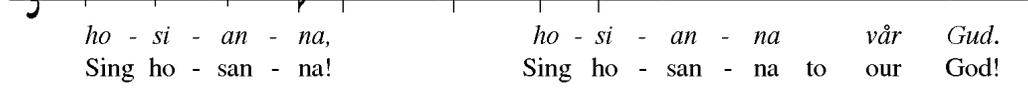
*Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,*  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



*du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!*  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



*Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,*  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



*ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.*  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

### 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

L: 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.

## 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.**

## Communion Song

ELW #471 "Let Us Break Bread Together"



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

## Communion Song

ELW #483 *"Here Is Bread"*

Here is bread here is wine  
Christ is with us He is with us  
Break the bread drink the wine  
Christ is with us here

Here is grace here is peace  
Christ is with us He is with us  
Know His grace find His peace  
Feast on Jesus here

In this bread there is healing  
In this cup there's life forever  
In this moment by the Spirit  
Christ is with us here

Here we are joined in one  
Christ is with us He is with us  
We'll proclaim 'til He comes  
Jesus crucified

In this bread there is healing  
In this cup there's life forever  
In this moment by the Spirit  
Christ is with us here

## 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.

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## SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

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### 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 #327 "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow"



1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward  
2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on the  
3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as  
4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward,



goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -  
ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and  
from the heart of one; one the con - flict, one the  
with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its



ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -  
ter - ror, bright - 'ning all the path we tread. One the  
per - il, one the march in God be - gun. One the  
bat - tle till we rest be - neath its shade. Soon shall



fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the  
ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which  
glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the far e -  
come the great a - wak - 'ning; soon the rend - ing



guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of  
nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing  
ter - nal shore, where the one al - might - y  
of the tomb! Then the scat - t'ring of all



pil - grim step - ping fear - less through the night.  
for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.  
Fa - ther reigns in love for - ev - er - more.  
shad - ows, and the end of toil and gloom.

## Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**