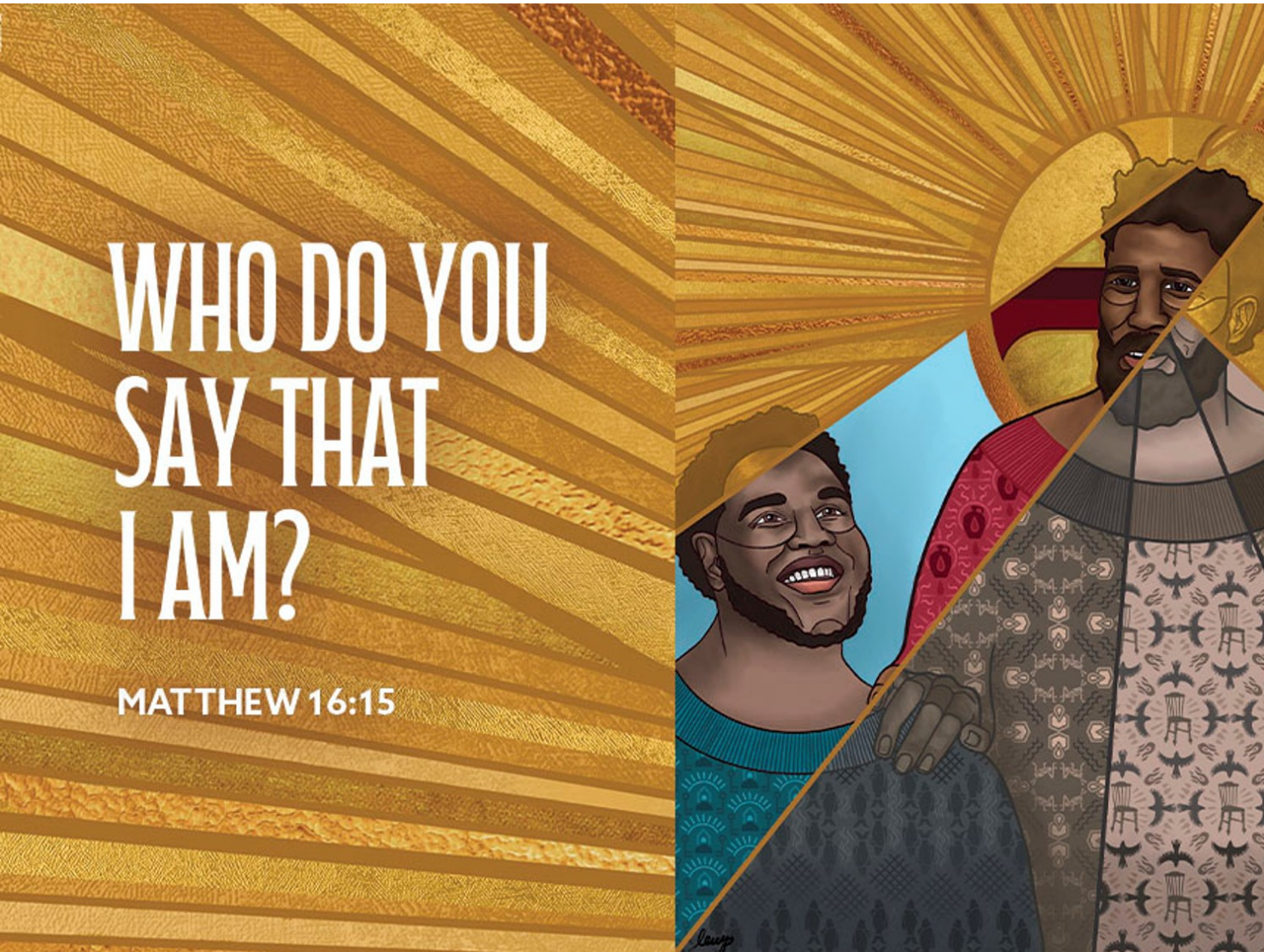




WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

MATTHEW 16:15

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22 & 23, 2026

Welcome to Worship!

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The *worship bulletin* is intended to help guide us through our worship. Sections in **bold** print are for congregation response. Throughout the bulletin you will note two symbols that denote when the congregation is invited to stand (▲) or be seated (▼) as your body allows. *Large print copies* of our worship service and *wireless sound enhancers* are available.

We believe our risen Lord Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of *Holy Communion* and we extend our Lord's invitation to all who are baptized to share in this meal.

Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please contact an usher if you need *communed in the pew*.



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:15am (Broadcast, 98.7FM, 107.5FM, 1480AM, 910AM;
Livestream @www.trinitylatrobe.com), Sunday 10:45am

Service of Holy Communion

(ELW Setting 4)

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

*The prelude is a signal to end our conversation and
prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

Prelude and Silent Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

(at the end of the bell peal, please stand as your body allows)

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

▲ Confession and Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

(please kneel or sit as your body allows, silence is kept for reflection)

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

People of God: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

▲ Gathering Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

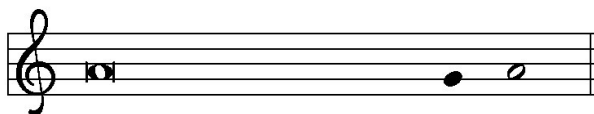
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▲ Greeting

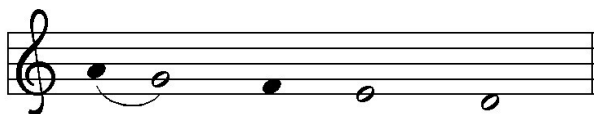
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

▲ Kyrie



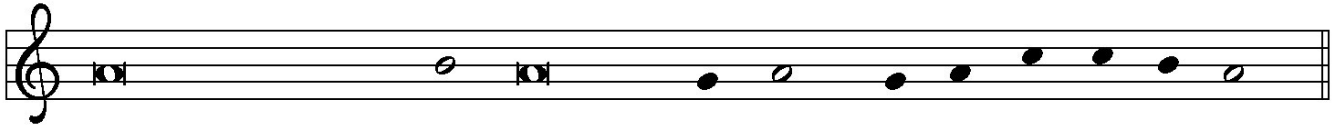
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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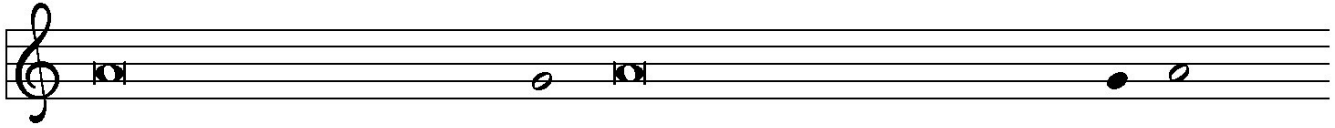
▲ Kyrie



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



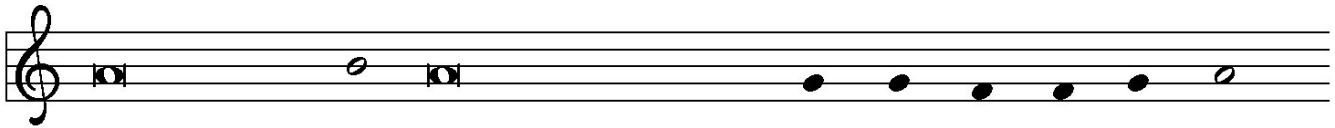
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



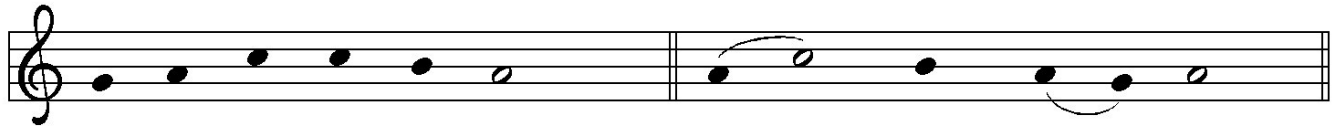
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



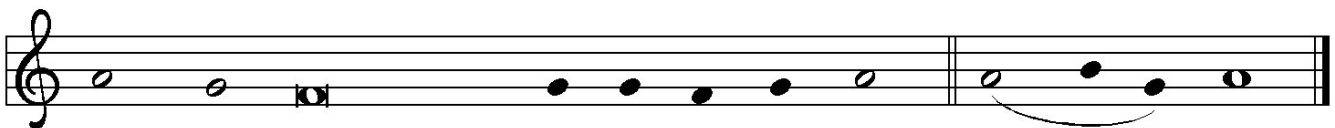
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

▲ Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

▼ Children's Message

Congregational Prompt—What is something you hope our youth learn from traveling around the country together?

▼ First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

This reading comes from the time when the exiles were about to return from Babylon to Jerusalem. Giving up the life they had known for 70 years, they were going to trek through unfriendly territory, and return to a city still in ruins. They were wondering if the God who had given them up to generations of exile would protect them on the road and in their almost forgotten homeland.

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. ² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³ For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴ Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138 (Spoken Responsively; Leader/Assembly)

Like the first reading, this psalm proclaims and revels in the dependability of God's promises and love.

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of
your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³ When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

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- ⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**
- ⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand
shall save me.
- ⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love
endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

▼ Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

Until mid-September, we'll be reading most of the book of Romans straight through. Paul has spent several chapters affirming that our relationship with God is dependent not on our worthiness but on God's free grace. Now he focuses on the new life which that relationship draws us into, a life transformed into stewardship and community.

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

▲ Gospel Acclamation

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

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

▲ Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

The phrase “Son of Man” is used in the Old Testament, most often by Ezekiel, to refer to a figure whose appearance marks the end of time. In the Gospels, Jesus often uses it to refer to himself. It’s remarkable that all the figures “people” identify as the Son of Man have died. This passage marks the beginning of the “messianic secret,” as Jesus commands his disciples not to reveal his identity until after the Resurrection.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

▼ Sermon

Pastor Jason Felici

▲ Hymn of the Day

“Built on a Rock”

ELW #652

▲ Apostles’ Creed

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 (please kneel or sit as your body allows)

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

▲ The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

(share God's peace with each other as you feel comfortable and then be seated)

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

▼ Gathering of Gifts

As we move to the time in our worship where we offer our gifts to God's church, a portion of your offering supports Community programs – such as Social Chit-Chat, Grief Groups, AA, and Line Dancing. Your offerings provide space, utilities, and staff support for people to gather to promote mental and physical wellness.



If you prefer, scan the QR code to give online. You may then place a giving card from the pew in the offering plate as it passes by.

▼ Anthem

"Give Me Jesus"

(ELW #770)

▲ Offertory

"We Are an Offering"

ELW #692

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:

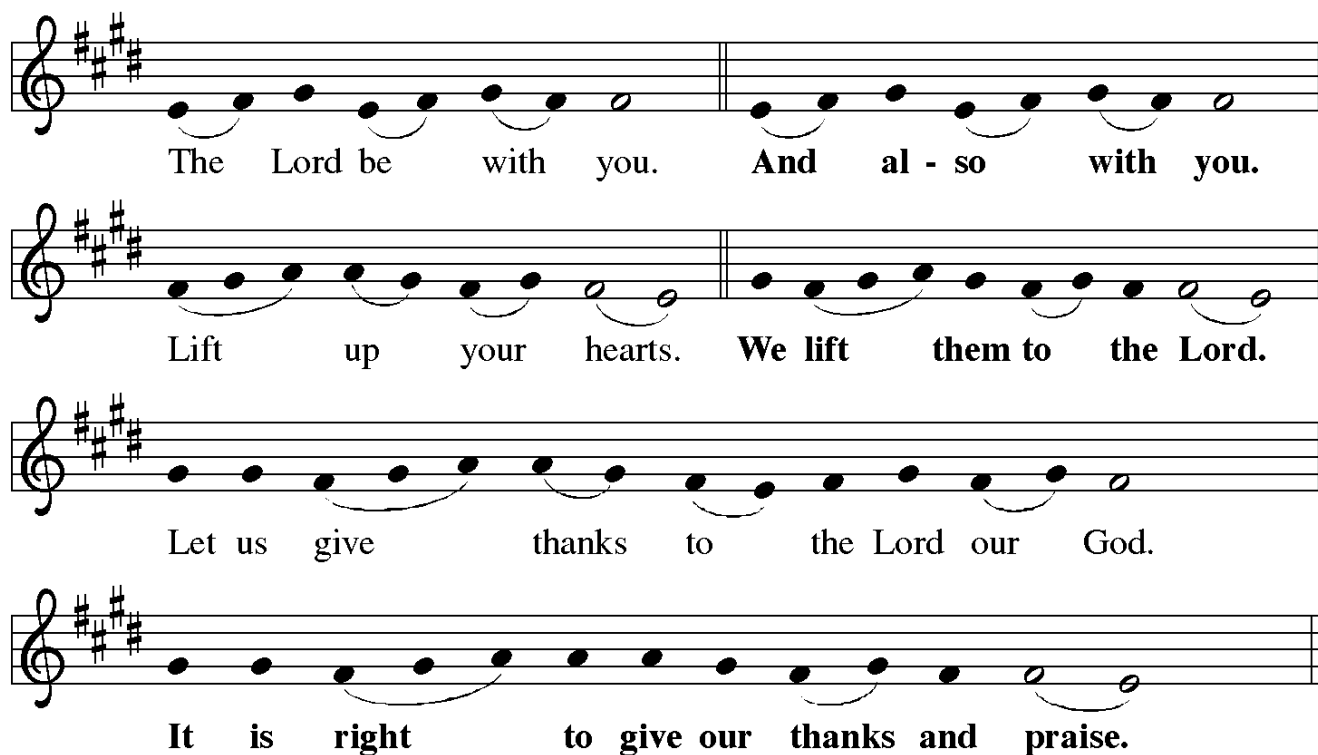
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▲Offering Prayer

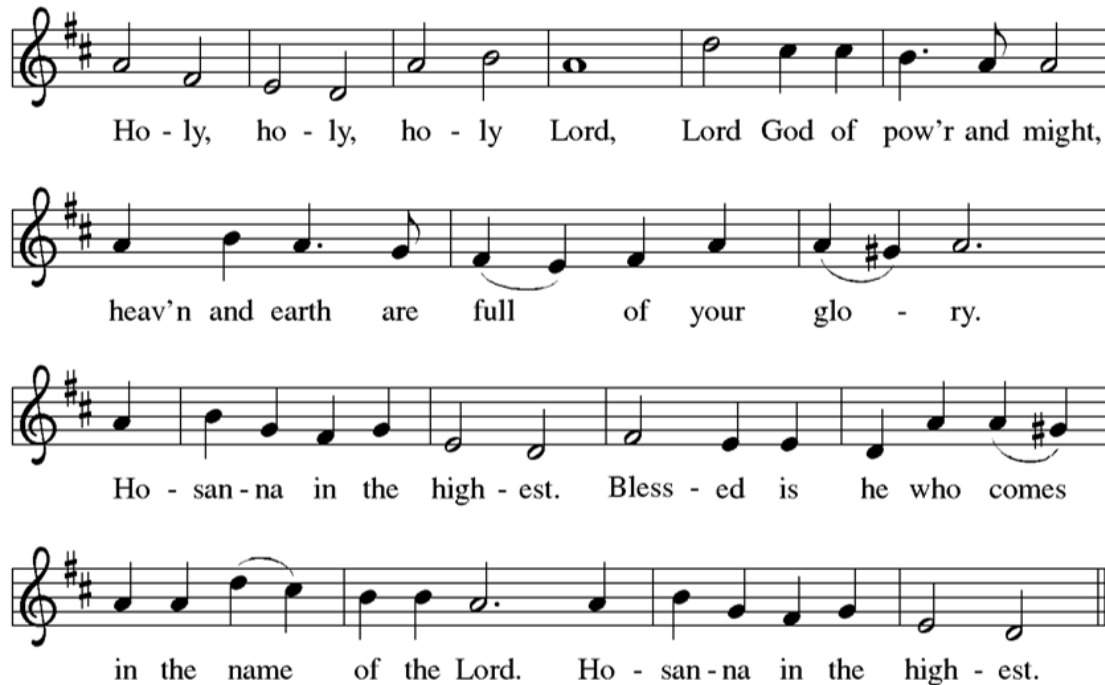
Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

▲Great Thanksgiving



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 praise your name and join their unending hymn:

▲ Holy, Holy, Holy



▲ Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

▲ Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

▲ Invitation to Communion

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

▲ Lamb of God

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.

▼ Distribution of Communion

*To receive communion, please come down the center aisle, take a cup from the tray and gather at the altar rail. Receive the bread into your hand. Wine will be poured into your cup. **The communion wine is gluten free. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.** For those unable to receive wine, communion cups with water are available. Leave the altar rail, place your cup on the tray and return to your pew via the side aisles. If you desire to receive communion in the pew, please alert an usher. Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

▲ Table Blessing

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

▲ Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Compassionate God, **through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that, through this holy meal, we may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

Sending

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

▲ Blessing

The holy Three, the holy One increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and ☩ grant you peace. **Amen.**

▲ Sending Hymn

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

ELW #820

▲ Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

THE BROADCAST THIS WEEKEND is dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of my mother, Nora Irene “Mickey” Heintzelman, given by daughter, Connie Fyalkowski and family.

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of Helen Patterson, born on August 1, 1935, given by P. J. Lyon and Fred Patterson.

Serving this Weekend

Preaching:	Pastor Jason Felici	Presiding:	Pastor Jess Felici
Director of Music:	Debbie Morley		
Lectors:	Saturday 5:30pm:	Margaret Conrad	
	Sunday 8:15am:	Gail Hugo	
	Sunday 10:45am:	Karen Vogle	
Liturgical Deacons:	Saturday 5:30pm:	Kathy Waldron	
	Sunday 8:15am:	Ted & Amy Benning	
	Sunday 10:45am:	Sandy Redinger, Woneida Naggy	
Ushers:	Saturday 5:30pm:	Tom & Beth Dlugos, Jay Elder, John Elder	
	Sunday 8:15am:	Sandy Kisick, Herb Harris, Keith Bronson, Jr., Keith Bronson, Sr.	
	Sunday 10:45am:	Matt & Kelly Clever, Eli C., Tim Potter	
Acolytes:	Saturday 5:30pm:	Kelly Stanko	
	Sunday 8:15am:		
	Sunday 10:45am:		
Tellers:	Sunday 8:15am:	Gary Sheppard, Carol McIntyre, Nancy McHenry	
	Sunday 10:45am:	Jane Lawson, Marcia Salandro, Kathy Sowatskey, Tim Potter	

Acolytes Serving Next Weekend August 29 & 30

Saturday 5:30pm: Kelly Stanko
Sunday 8:15am:
Sunday 10:45am:

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