



WOMAN,
GREAT
IS YOUR
FAITH!

MATTHEW 15:28

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 15 & 16, 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*.



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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 we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

*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.**

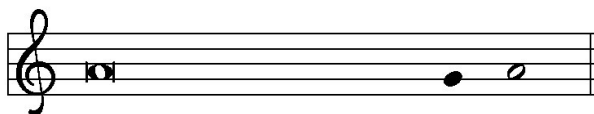
▲ Gathering Hymn "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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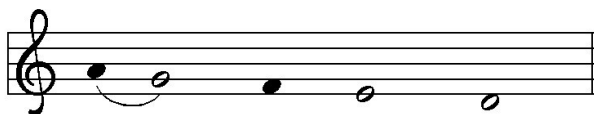
▲ Greeting

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



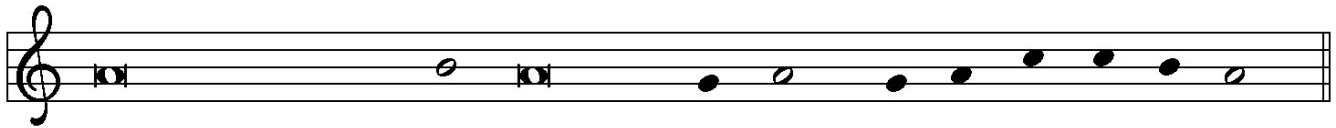
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



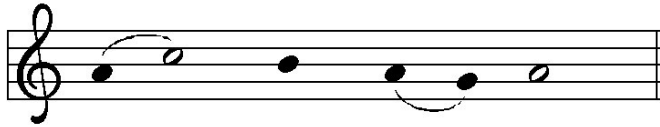
Lord, have mer - cy.

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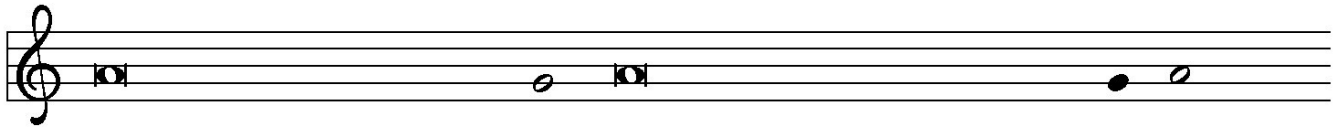
▲ Kyrie



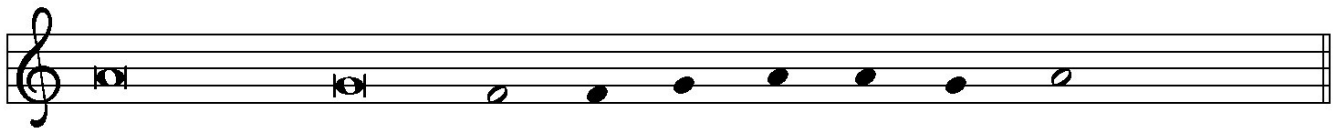
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



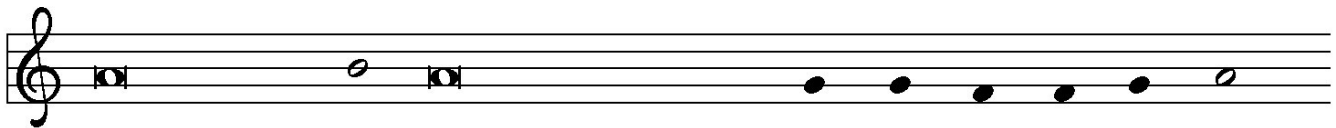
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



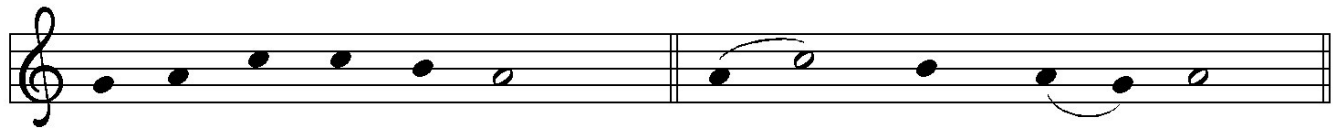
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



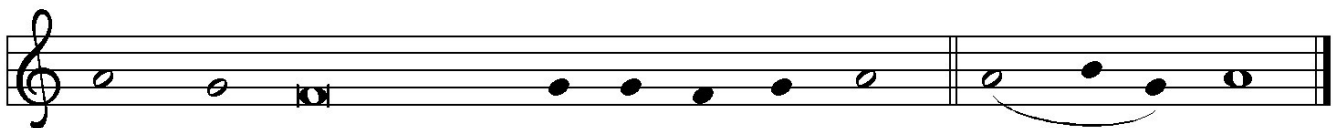
Lord, have mer - cy.



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. God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, 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 your favorite way to celebrate with your friends at Trinity?

▼ First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

This reading comes from the time soon after the return of the exiles from Babylon. The temple was being rebuilt, and Jerusalem was once more available to Israel as a place of praise, prayer, and sacrifice. But not only to them -- like today's Gospel, this passage opens the way for non- Israelites to worship God.

¹ Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant—⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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

Psalm 67 (Spoken Responsively; Leader/Assembly)

Like the first reading, this psalm proclaims that God's reign of peace extends beyond Israel to all people.

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;

may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,**

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase;**

God, our own God, has blessed us.

⁷ May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

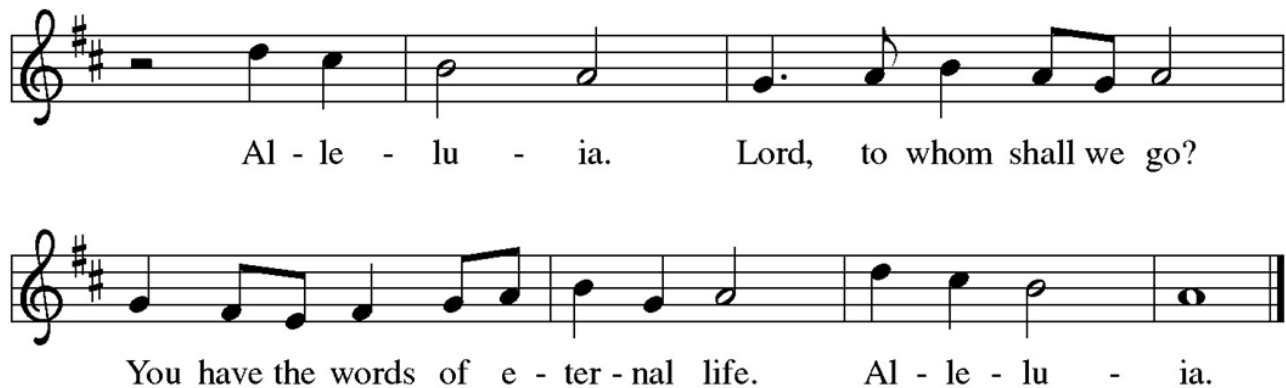
▼ Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Until mid-September, we'll be reading most of the book of Romans straight through. In the verses omitted from this morning's reading, Paul reminds the Romans that both Jews and Gentiles are saved by grace. He further warns his Gentile readers not to claim priority over Jews, since Gentiles are simply grafted onto the chosen people; Jews remain the original branches.

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

▲ Gospel Acclamation



▲ Gospel: Matthew 15:10-28

The first part of this reading is a response to the criticism of the Pharisees and scribes that Jesus allows his disciples to “break the tradition of the elders” by eating without washing their hands. The second part reflects the evangelist’s belief that Jesus’s earthly ministry was directed solely to Israel, and only with the Great Commission was this barrier broken. But, given faith, not so fast!

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 15th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.

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¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.” ²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

▼ **Sermon**

Pastor Jess Felici

▲ **Hymn of the Day**

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

ELW #612

▲ **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 Care for Congregations in Pastoral Transitions. This time of transition can be unsettling, and a portion of your offering ensures the coordination of interim pastoral care, call committee training, and engaging and introducing candidates for call.



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

"Hands of Healing"

Haugen

▲ Offertory

"We Are an Offering"

ELW #692

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef. It includes lyrics for each staff. The first staff has a triplet of eighth notes at the end. The second staff has a triplet of eighth notes at the beginning. The third staff has a triplet of eighth notes at the beginning. The fourth staff has a triplet of eighth notes at the beginning. The fifth staff has a triplet of eighth notes at the end.

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:

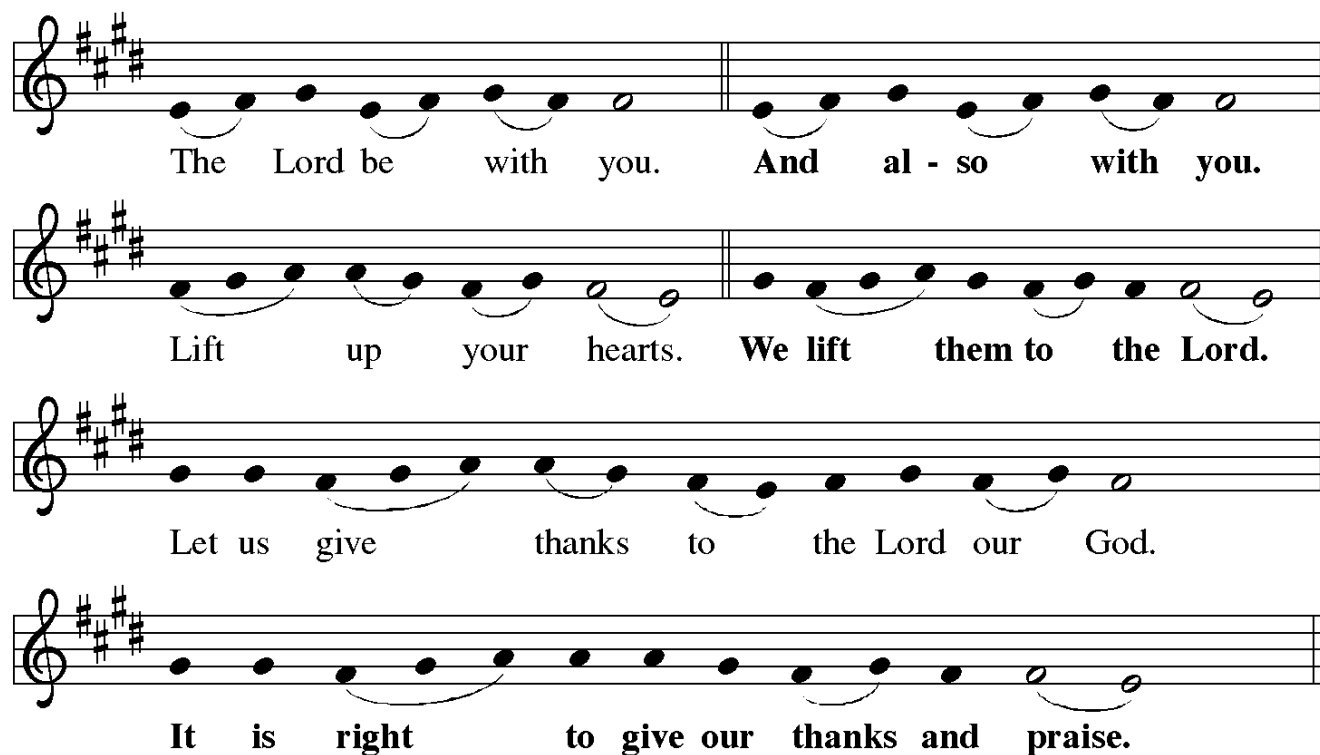
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▲ Offering Prayer

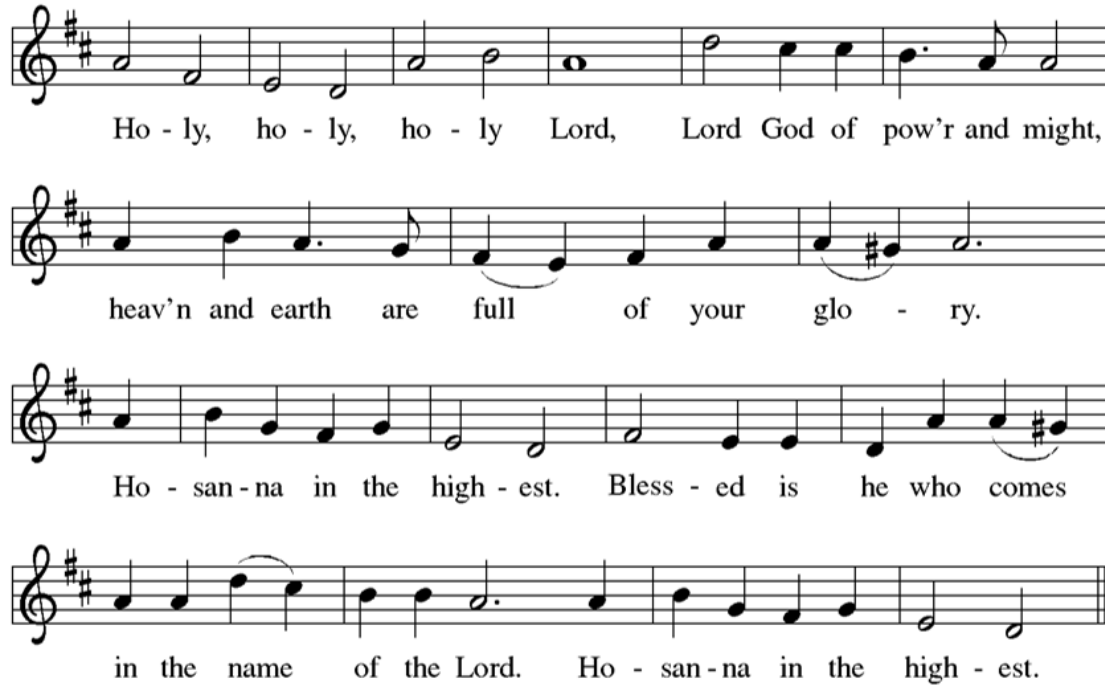
Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

▲ 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

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

ELW #759

▲ 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 mom, Mary Jane McCann, given by Carol McIntyre.

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are dedicated to the Glory of God and happy 5 year wedding anniversary and Happy 44th Birthday Nicole Buzzard - I love you, from Jeff Buzzard.

Serving this Weekend

Preaching:	Pastor Jess Felici	Presiding:	Pastor Jason 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:	Jane Lawson, Woneida Naggy	
Ushers:	Saturday 5:30pm:	Linda McDowell, Donna Showalter, David Horvath	
	Sunday 8:15am:	Sandy Kisick, Rick Baldonieri, Kathy & Mark Jones	
	Sunday 10:45am:	BJ & Amber Hebenenthal, Anna Hudec, Becky Tomlinson	
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 22 & 23

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

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