

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

An AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation

... We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture ...

Psalm 100:3

## LARGE PRINT EDITION



### MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

Thursday, April 17, 2025 7:00 p.m.

*With nightfall, our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to mark the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table, we are fed with Christ's love and called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world. We rejoice as some among us share a first communion.*

*At the conclusion of the liturgy, the altar and chancel furnishings are removed, preparing the worship space for Good Friday. Through this stark ritual, we recall that Jesus was abandoned by his followers, stripped of his dignity, and left to face the cross alone. We depart in silence, ready to continue the observance of the Three Days on Good Friday.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**ELW (red book in pew)** Evangelical Lutheran Worship **ACS (purple book in pew)** All Creation Sings  
Page numbers (P.) in front of red book and hymn numbers (#) in back of books;  
Congregational responses are in **bold**; rise in body or spirit when indicated by \*

## GATHERING

**GATHERING MUSIC:** “The Celestial Banquet” - Olivier Messiaen

### PRAYER BELL - WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord’s call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil— all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days Reconciled with God and with one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**ABSOLUTION WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS** *You are invited to come forward, kneel at the altar rail, and receive absolution through the laying on of hands.*

## HYMNS DURING ABSOLUTION: ELW 612 Healer of Our Every Ill

*Refrain*



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

*Refrain*



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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## ELW 402 Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ



1 E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ, I know not how to  
 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day; help me to see your  
 3 Come with the vi - sion and the strength I need to serve my God and



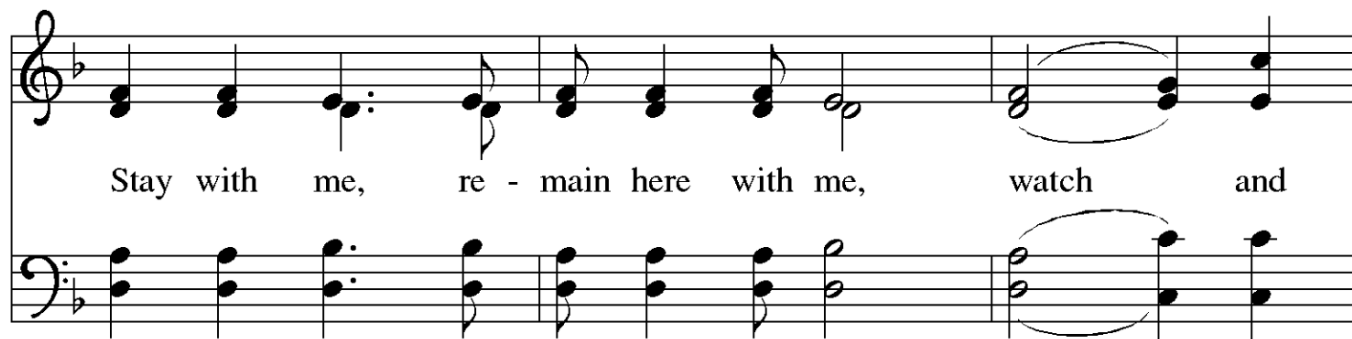
ask or what to say; I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,  
 pur - pose and your will, where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;  
 all hu - man - i - ty; ful - fill - ment of my life in love out-poured:



and on - ly you can teach me how to pray.  
 held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.  
 my life in you, O Christ, your love in me. A - men.

Text: Frank von Christerson, 1900-1996  
 Music: ADORO TE DEVOTE, plainsong mode V, *Processionale*, Paris, 1697  
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## ELW 348 Stay With Me



Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and



pray. Watch and pray.

Text: Taizé Community  
 Music: STAY WITH ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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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.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

## **WORD**

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

*Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.*

<sup>1</sup> The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup> This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup> Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup> If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>11</sup> This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. <sup>12</sup> For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup> The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup> This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.*

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *sung once by cantor, congregation repeats*

**I give you a | new commandment,  
that you love one another just as I | have loved you.**



**\*GOSPEL:** John 13:1-17, 31b-35

*The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one other.*

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup> The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup> got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not

my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup> After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

<sup>31b</sup> "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 637 Holy God, Holy and Glorious**



1 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and glo - ri - ous,  
2 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and pow - er - ful,  
3 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and beau - ti - ful,  
4 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and on - ly wise,  
5 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and liv - ing one,



glo - ry most sub - lime, you come as one a - mong us  
pow - er with - out peer, you bend to us in weak - ness;  
beau - ty un - sur - passed, you are de - spised, re - ject - ed;  
wis - dom of great price, you choose the way of fol - ly:  
life that nev - er ends, you show your love by dy - ing,



in - to hu - man time, and we be - hold your glo - ry.  
emp - tied, you draw near, and we be - hold your pow - er.  
scorned, you hold us fast, and we be - hold your beau - ty.  
God the cru - ci - fied, and we be - hold your wis - dom.  
dy - ing for your friends, and we be - hold you liv - ing.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: NELSON, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

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**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *each petition ends: God of grace, hear our prayer.*

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

*We share peace by waving to those worshipping online or through the public access channel.*

## MEAL

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:** O Christ Thou Lamb of God – attrib. Martin Luther



**\*OFFERING SONG: ELW 642 Ubi caritas et amor**

The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Bass, in a two-part setting. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The first system contains the first two lines of the song. The second system contains the next two lines. The lyrics are in Latin and English. The English lyrics are in italics. The Latin lyrics are in a standard font. The music features a mix of eighth, quarter, and half notes, with some triplets indicated by a '3' over the notes.

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
*Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,*

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.  
*God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.*

Text: Latin antiphon, 9th cent.; Taizé Community; tr. *With One Voice*

Music: TAIZÉ UBI CARITAS, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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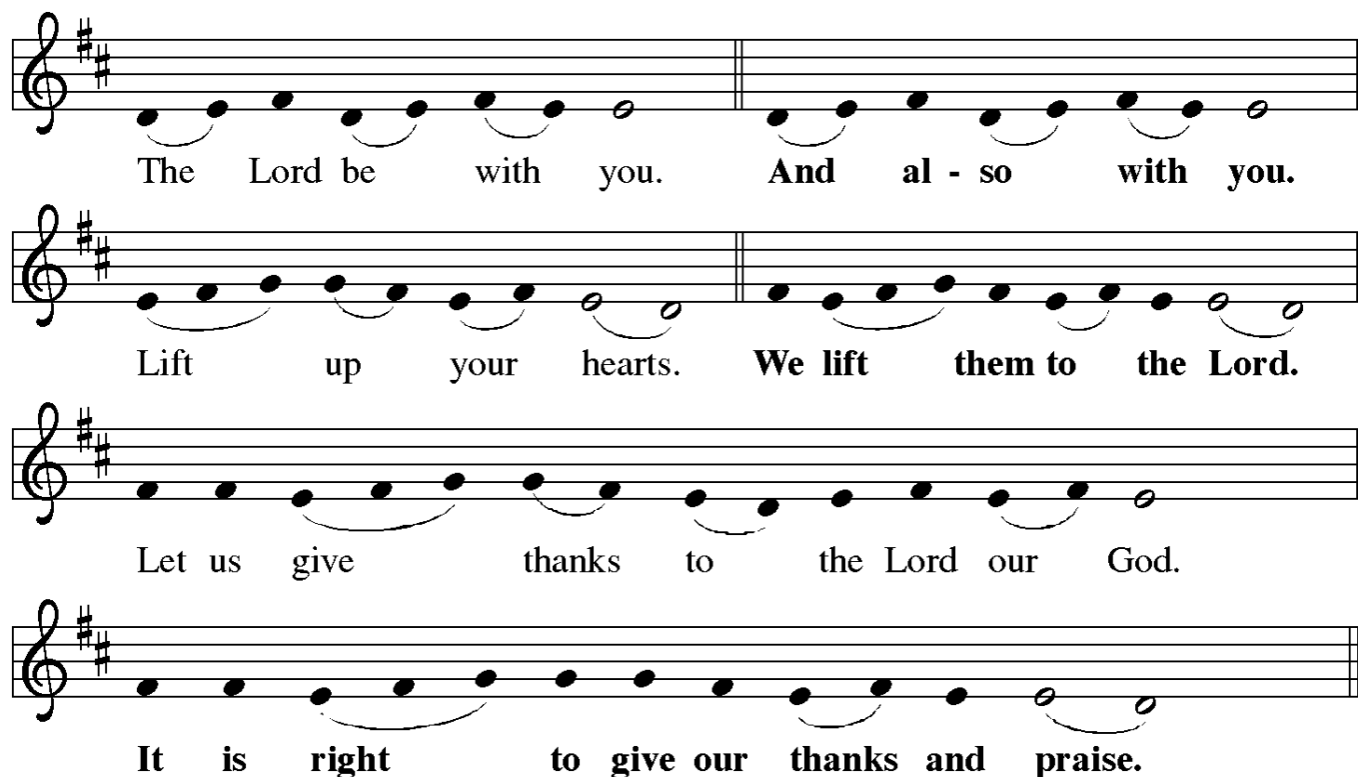
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**\*OFFERING PRAYER** Let us pray...**Amen.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING – HOLY HOLY:**



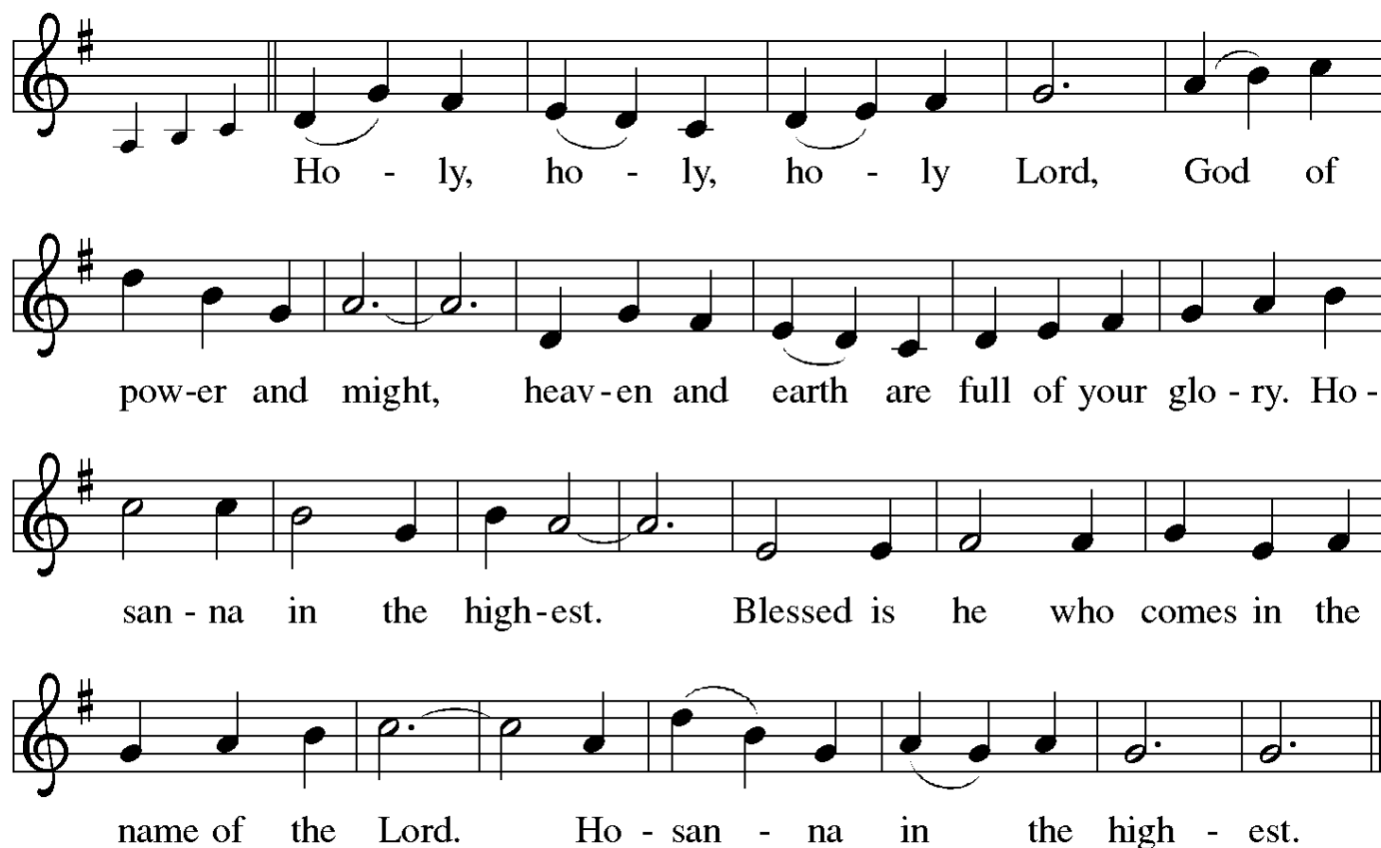
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

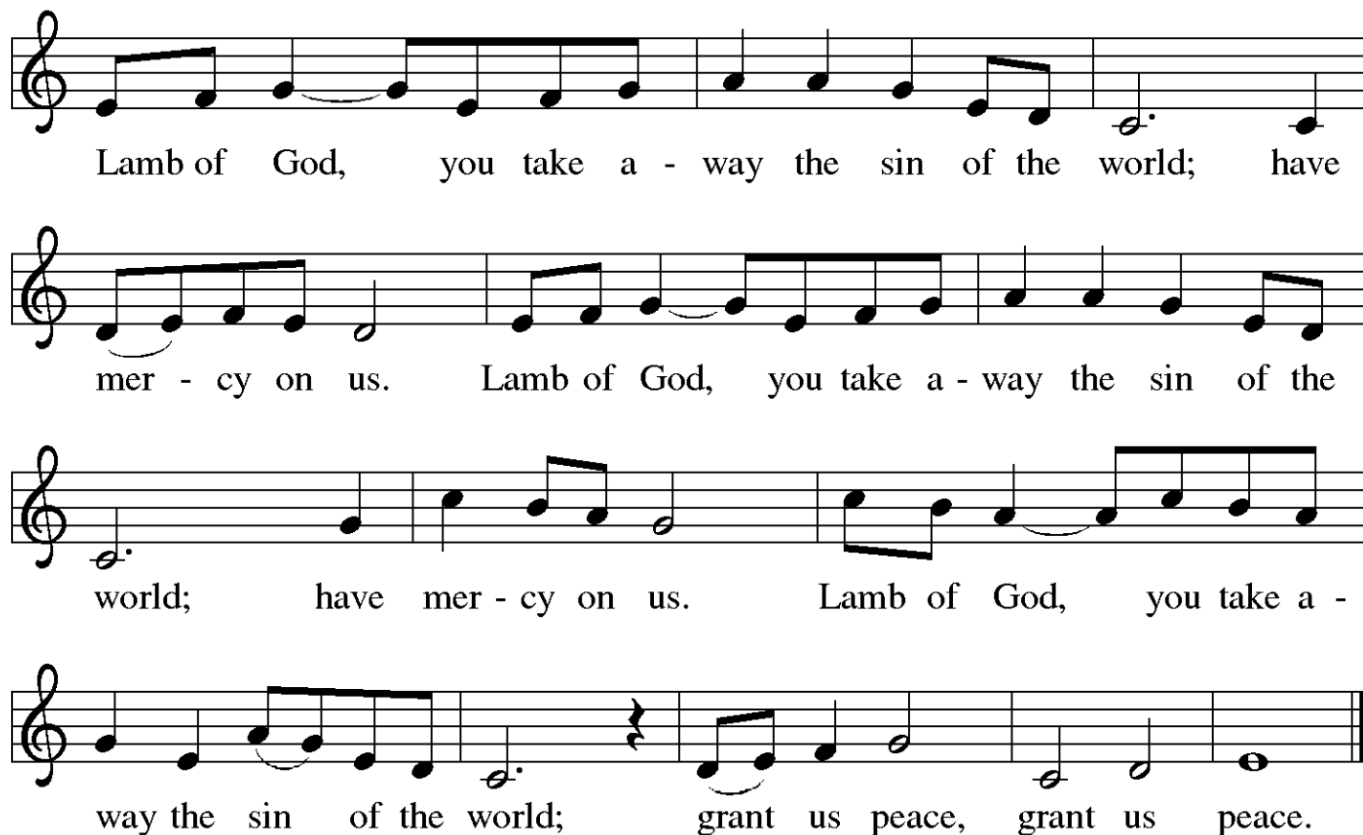
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**LORD'S PRAYER:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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, power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION SONG



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.

# COMMUNION HYMNS: ELW 464 Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal



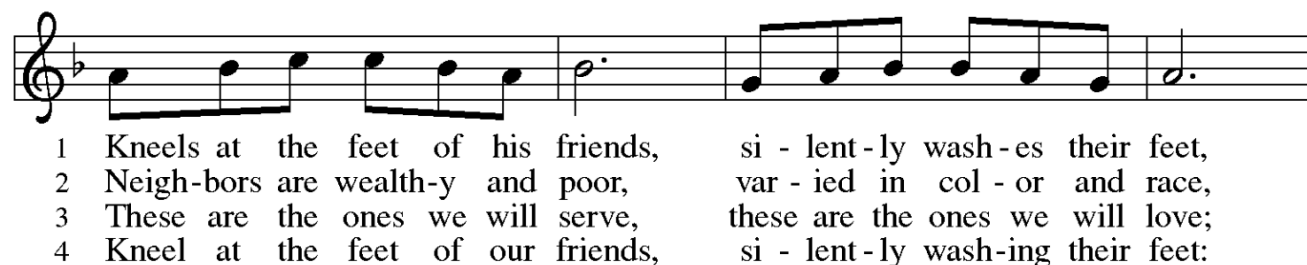
1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.  
2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.  
3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—  
4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.  
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.  
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.  
Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943; Rusty Edwards, b. 1955  
Music: JESUS, FEED US, Ray Makeever; arr. Rusty Edwards  
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## ELW 708 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love



Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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## ELW 347 Go to Dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;  
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;  
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,  
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;

your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!  
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.  
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?

turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854  
Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

### \*TABLE BLESSING - PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR – PSALM 88

**DEPART IN SILENCE** *The liturgy continues into Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.*

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**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY:** PREACHING AND  
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LECTOR/READER: Kris Peterson; ALTAR GUILD SERVERS: Jeri Laursen, Jan Siefken;  
USHER: Dave Peterson; AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN: Tristan Occhipinti

**WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS!** It is a joy to worship with you.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION.** It is Christ's table and Christ is the host. Instructions are included in the communion section of the Order of Worship.

**THE PRESENCE, ENERGY, AND NOISE OF CHILDREN ARE MOST WELCOME HERE!**

The sound of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being formed. This congregation is glad to share in this work. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. A nursery with toys and activity bags is available. Mothers are welcome to nurse anywhere that works.

**RACIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT:** *This Statement was approved at the annual meeting of the congregation on February 6th, 2022. It was developed through the work of the Racial Justice Team which held listening sessions with the congregation. Find the full statement at [goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement](https://goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement) or by scanning the code.*



**IN KEEPING WITH OUR WELCOME,** Good Shepherd is a *Reconciling in Christ* partner congregation, affirming our welcome to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, and our commitment to anti-racism work so that all may participate fully in the life of our congregation. We are an *AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation* - Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.

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