

# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025



**St. John's Lutheran Church of Parkville**

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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

## Introduction to the Day

The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

*(Please take a moment to silence all electronics. Thank you!)*

*(Hymns are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red book in the pew rack.)*

## WELCOME

**PRELUDE** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Dale Wood  
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*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## GATHERING

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Merciful and loving God,  
**we are your stiff-necked people.**  
**We trample on the needy.**  
**We grumble about your grace to others.**  
**We turn away from the poor.**  
**Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**  
**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost**  
**and have been found.**

**Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.  
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.  
You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ✚ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ELW 807  
(Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.; Music: J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813)

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### Notice of live streaming:

Today's worship service is being live streamed to YouTube with video coverage of leaders and worshippers.



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This week's schedule	
Today	9:00 am Sunday School & Faith + Fellowship 10:00 am Live & Online Worship 11:30 am Memorial Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Mon.	7:00 pm Council Meeting (Smith Building)
Tues.	7:00 pm Food for Thought Meeting (Smith Building)
Wed.	9:30 am Busy Bees (Smith Building) 11:00 am—9:00 pm Preschool Remo's of NY Fundraiser 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Thurs.	<i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>
Fri.	10:00 am Bible Study (Smith Building)
Sat.	9:00 am Men-in-Mission Breakfast

Counting our Blessings		2025	
Sun. 9/7	Attendance: 125 Offering: \$4,262 Homebound: 16	July Offering Income	\$ 19,581
		July Other Income	\$ 1,008
		July Total Income	\$ 20,589
		July Expenses	\$ 42,903
		July Tax Credit	*\$59,054
		YTD Offering Income	\$193,331
		YTD Other Income	\$ 31,779
		YTD Total Income	\$225,110
		YTD Expenses	\$256,396
		YTD Tax Credit	*\$ 92,089

*\*St. John's has received a one-time Employee Retention Tax Credit of approximately \$92,000. In previous week's bulletins, this amount was included in the YTD total income. We will share more details about this credit in next month's newsletter.*

**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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 32:7-14

While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup> they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " <sup>9</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup> Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

<sup>11</sup> But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " <sup>14</sup> And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses)

Psalm 51:1-10

- <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- <sup>2</sup> **Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**
- <sup>3</sup> For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.
- <sup>4</sup> **Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**
- <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.
- <sup>6</sup> **Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

Prayer List



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

**For health & healing:** Barbara Mueller, Tony Jasinski, Danyiel Cleckley, Kathy Barnes, Sue Wenneson, Pat Denk, Louie Gerber, Joan Kraft, Shirley Kreh, Olusegun Fowode, Marge Jasper, Julie Hastings, Kim Townsley, Mildred Schaffer, Bill Fliegel, Ruth Albrecht, Marion McDonough, Diane Carroll, Richard Souders, Oluseye Fowode, Robert Suznick, Lisa Duerling, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott and Vickie Jasinski

**For family & friends:** Hubie Tarbo, Abby Chamberlain, Bunny Russell, Linda Preuet, Jerry Earles, Lynette Earles, Bill Beck, Henry Davis, Donna Parrish, Brenda DeSouze, Bill Sanner, Linda Sanner, Don Garrish, Peggy Denk, Carol Paulshock, Elaine Perzan, Debbie McWilliam, George Lotterer, Jenny Cavallero, Barb Distefano, Marilyn Baldwin, Wendy Kraft, Fred Smith, Anna Meyer, Patricia Dunn, Jerre Keller, Scott Hendricks, Chuck Taylor, Jane Esterby, Patsy Smith, Marianne Widderich

**For the military and their families:** Christopher McCann, Mason Arnold, Kalib McCann, Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Corporal Justin Ferro, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, and all those in harm's way

**For St. John's Caring Friends:** Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Barbara Conrad, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Audrey Lentz, Carl Lotterer, Barbara Mueller, Paul Nolder, Janet Roth, Doris Rye, Joan Swank, Kim Townsley, and Emma Volz

Note regarding the Prayer List

Those on the family & friends prayer list will remain for 6 weeks and then be removed— unless otherwise specified. If at any time you would like to add or remove someone from the list, please contact the church office.



**St. John's Preschool is having their Fall Mum Sale.** Order forms are located on the third floor bulletin board, in the weekly email and on our website. Orders are due by Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Pickup is Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 am-noon on the church parking lot. For questions, contact Lisa Horst at preschool@stjohnsparkville.org.

**Smore's and More Family Campfire, Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm– 8 pm at the Labyrinth.** (Rain date: Sat., September 27<sup>th</sup>). Join us for a fun night of yard games, s'mores, songs, prayer and fellowship by the fireside! Invite your friends and neighbors.



**BUDGET** **Attention all Ministry Teams...2026 Budget requests are due by Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.** Forms can be found on the third floor bulletin board, in the weekly email or in the church office. Return your completed budget request to Lee Smith by email at wleesmith3@verizon.net or put them in Lee's mailbox on the second floor.



**Join us for our next Community Meal on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 5:30 pm.** Please come and invite your friends, family and neighbors! We will need donations and volunteers. Look for the sign up sheet on the third floor bulletin board. Thanks to everyone who helped with the September meal.



**Our next Wednesday Night Worship will take place on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> after the Community Meal at 6:45 pm.** This is a brief communion service held in the Smith Building with blended music featuring piano and/or guitar, as well as an interactive reflection. We hope you can join us and invite your friends and neighbors!



**Join us for our Annual Blessing of the Animals on Friday, October, 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6 pm—6:30 pm in St. John's Park.** Bring your pet or a photo of your pet for a blessing and treat.



**NEW MEMBERS LUNCH** **New Member Lunch: Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm-2:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall. This is an opportunity for anyone new to St. John's to get to know one another and some members of our community, to learn more about St. John's, and to pray for God's guidance as we all seek to live out our faith together. Tours of the church will be available. For all who are interested in officially joining the church as members with us in Christ, we will welcome you during the worship service the following weekend, on **Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> during the 10:00am service.** Please RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend.

- <sup>7</sup> Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.
- <sup>8</sup> **Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**
- <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.
- <sup>10</sup> **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**SECOND READING**

**1 Timothy 1:12-17**

*The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.*

- <sup>12</sup> I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup> even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
- <sup>15</sup> The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

*(Refrain, Verse 3 only, Refrain)*

*Refrain*



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's



2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my



3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and



goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and



friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

*Refrain*



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.



deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.



day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947  
 Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953  
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Announcements & Upcoming Events

**Next Week—Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>—Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

† 9 am—Sunday School & Faith + Fellowship

† 10 am—Worship in-person

† 11:30 am—Altar Guild Meeting

and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel

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The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of Leonard Hutschenreuter, Sr.'s birthday by the Connor and Hutschenreuter families.

**Nursery Care** for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten.



**Faith & Fellowship** meets in the Fellowship Hall on the first floor from 9 am—9:45 am each Sunday. This is an opportunity for adults to gather and grow in faith.

The Food for Thought Program is gearing up for the 2025-2026 school year. We will again be supporting children at Carney Elementary. **At this time we are in need of: tuna & chicken salad kits, applesauce pouches, poptarts and pudding cups.** Don't feel like shopping? Monetary donations are always welcome.



**BIBLE** Join us for our Friday morning Bible Study at 11:00 am in the Smith Building. Our study is on Philipians. All are welcome!

**The Generosity Jar is back!** During the month of September, the Stewardship Committee will be collecting donations in our Generosity Jar to benefit our St. John's Preschool. Every little bit goes a long way in continuing to provide this wonderful early childhood education and faith formation program in our community. Thank you for your support!



**REMO'S of NY** St. John's Preschool invites you to participate in their Remo's of NY fundraiser on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am—9:00 pm. Flyers are located on the bulletin board outside of the Sanctuary.

**St. John's Cares!** We will again be sending care packages to our youth who are away at college. If you have a college student who would like to receive a package, fill out a form and return it to the church office or Chris Hills. Forms are located on the bulletin board outside of the Sanctuary. **All forms are due by September 19<sup>th</sup>.**



## Commemorations

*When we are baptized, we are baptized into the body of Christ. We understand this body to be the communion of saints, a diverse witness of people across time and space. Throughout its history, the church has sought to lift up Christians who have been unique, exemplary people of faith. It is not that these people are perfect, as we are all both saint and sinner. Our faith in God working in them can be a reminder of God's grace working in all of our lives. "The saints are to be remembered so that we may strengthen our faith when we see how they experienced grace and how they were helped by faith."*  
(Augsburg Confession)

**Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, died around 258  
Tuesday, September 16, 2025**

Cyprian served as a bishop during a time of great persecution of Christians. He insisted on receiving back those who had left the faith under duress. He also provided medical care during a severe epidemic.

**Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, died 1179  
Wednesday, September 17, 2025**

A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised and reproved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.

**Nelson Wesley Trout, bishop, died 1996 (TFF)  
Saturday, September 20, 2025**

A native of Ohio, Trout served parishes in several parts of the United States before being elected bishop of the South Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church, the first African American Lutheran to serve in such a capacity.  
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Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Linda Wiley
Crucifer	Olivia S.
Acolyte (s)	Roman G., Paige M.
Lector	Judy Jasinski
Communion Assistant	Judy Jasinski
Dismissal Assistant	Devon W.

## GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

*Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup> "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

## SERMON

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

*ELW 779*

*(Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4, anonymous, st. 5; Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921)*

## 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 CHURCH

*After each petition* God of grace.  
**Receive our prayer.**

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

*(We offer each other a sign of Christ's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)*

## MEAL

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** *Softly and Tenderly* Dale Wood  
(© 1992 The Sacred Music Press)

*Thank you for your generous support of St. John's. During this time an offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of the Church as together we experience and share God's abundant grace and love.*

*Many in our congregation give online. You can set up one-time or recurring donations on our website [stjohnsparkville.org](http://stjohnsparkville.org). Checks and cash may be placed in the offering plate. You may also donate via venmo @stjohnsparkville*



*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**OFFERING HYMN** *Take My Life, That I May Be* ELW 685 (vv. 1, 3, 6)



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.  
6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.  
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SENDING

## BLESSING

The God of righteousness,  
who gives justice to the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry,  
who sets the prisoners free,  
✚ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* ELW 547  
(Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997, alt.; Music: Welsh folk tune; Text © 1964 World Library Publications)

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Gigue for Fanfare Trumpet* Austin C. Lovelace  
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## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.  
Come to this meal of mercy.

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After drinking, place the used cup in the basket on your way back to your seat.*

*If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,  
crossing your arms over your chest.*

## LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

*ELW 186*

*(Music: Richard W. Hillert, 1923-2010; Music © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress)*

*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

*ELW 789*

*(Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847; Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868)*

*(The assembly remains seated.)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God,  
through this meal you have strengthened us  
and appointed us to be your servants.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest,  
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.  
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,  
but on you, who richly provide for us.  
Multiply what we have gathered  
to bless all who are suffering and in need,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.  
**And also 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.**

### PREFACE

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,  
you alone are holy,  
you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars;  
beneath the sea;  
within each cell;  
with every breath.

We praise you, O God.  
**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water;  
by night and day;  
across the wilderness;  
out of exile;  
into the future.

We bless you, O God.  
**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life;  
near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner;  
among the poor;  
with us now.

We thank you, O God.  
**We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering his love for us  
on the way,  
at the table,  
and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering;  
within this meal;  
among your people;  
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks  
to you, holy God,  
through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit,  
in your church,  
without end.  
**Amen.**

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.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*