

# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 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

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. “Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all.” Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God’s gracious favor we have everything we need.

*(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** *Son of God, Eternal Savior* *arr. Wilbur Held*  
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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** *Son of God, Eternal Savior* *ELW 655 (vv. 1-2)*

*(Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932; Music: Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710; arr. Julius Rontgen, 1855-1932)*

## STAFF

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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.



St. John’s Lutheran Church Parkville



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| This week's schedule |  |
|----------------------|--|
| Today                | 9:00 am Sunday School & Faith + Fellowship<br>10:00 am Live & Online Worship<br>11:30 am Altar Guild Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
| Mon.                 |  |
| Tues.                | 7:00 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting (Pastor Amy's office)  |
| Wed.                 | 9:30 am Busy Bees (Smith Building)<br>7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)   |
| Thurs.               |  |
| Fri.                 | 11:00 am Bible Study (Smith Building)<br>6:00 pm S'more Campfire (St. John's Park) (rain date 9/27)                            |
| Sat.                 |  |

**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**

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

| Counting our Blessings |   | 2025                 |           |
|------------------------|---|----------------------|-----------|
| Sun. 9/14              | Attendance: 129<br>Offering: \$6,556<br>Homebound: 17 | July Offering Income | \$ 19,581 |
|                        |   | July Other Income    | \$ 60,062 |
|                        |   | July Total Income    | \$ 79,643 |
|                        |   | July Expenses        | \$ 50,748 |
|                        |   | YTD Offering Income  | \$193,331 |
|                        |   | YTD Other Income     | \$123,868 |
|                        |   | YTD Total Income     | \$226,199 |
|                        |   | YTD Expenses         | \$264,241 |

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### WORD

#### FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

*Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.*

- <sup>4</sup> Hear this, you who trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
<sup>5</sup> saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain,  
and the Sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier  
and practice deceit with false balances,  
<sup>6</sup> buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."  
<sup>7</sup> The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

**PSALM** *(Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses)*

Psalm 113

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;  
praise the name of the LORD.  
<sup>2</sup> **Let the name of the LORD be blessed,  
from this time forth forevermore.**  
<sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its going down  
let the name of the LORD be praised.  
<sup>4</sup> **The LORD is high above all nations;  
God's glory above the heavens.**  
<sup>5</sup> Who is like the LORD our God,  
who sits enthroned on high,  
<sup>6</sup> **but stoops to behold  
the heavens and the earth?**

### Prayer List



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

**For health & healing:** Landon Ullmann, John McLaughlin, Barbara Mueller, Tony Jasinski, Danyiel Cleckley, Kathy Barnes, Sue Wenneson, Pat Denk, 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:** Judy Miller, Hubie Tarbo, Abby Chamberlain, Bunny Russell, Linda Preuet, Jerry Earles, Lynette Earles, Bill Beck, Henry Davis, Donna Parrish, Brenda DeSouze, Bill Sanner, Linda Sanner, 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, Shirley Kreh, Audrey Lentz, Carl Lotterer, Barbara Mueller, Paul Nolder, Janet Roth, Doris Rye, Joan Swank, Kim Townsley, and Emma Volz

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#### 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.



**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 Member Lunch: Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm-2:00 pm** 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 10:00 am service. **Please RSVP by October 3<sup>rd</sup> to the church office at [office@stjohnsparkville.org](mailto:office@stjohnsparkville.org) or 410-665-1234 to let us know if you plan to attend.**



**Our Annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 pm in the church parking lot.** Car decorating begins at 5 pm. If you would like to enter your vehicle, contact the church office. Sign up by October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Vendors Wanted!** Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held this year on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Spaces are \$20 each or \$30 for a space with a table rental. Tables are limited, so please respond early. Anyone interested in displaying in our Crafter's Room should contact the church office at 410-665-1234 or [office@stjohnsparkville.org](mailto:office@stjohnsparkville.org).



**St. John's Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 am –2 pm.** Join us for this fun event with all of your favorites: food, crafters, jewelry, baked goods, homemade jellies and candies, quilt raffle, white elephant sale and more. We need many volunteers. There is a sign up board outside of the Sanctuary.

**Our "Caring Friends" ministry is in need of more volunteers to visit with our homebound members.** If you enjoy visiting and talking with fellow siblings in Christ, please prayerfully consider if this opportunity is calling out to you! You will receive training to deliver communion from our worship service to our members who cannot make it to church on Sundays. Please be in touch with Pastor Amy for more information.



<sup>7</sup> The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,  
<sup>8</sup> **enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.**  
<sup>9</sup> The LORD makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

**SECOND READING**

**1 Timothy 2:1-7**

*The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.*

<sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup> This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup> For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

*(Refrain, Verse 2 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 28<sup>th</sup>—Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

† 9 am—Sunday School & Faith + Fellowship

† 9 am—Handbell Choir


† 10 am—Worship in-person


and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel


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The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of Mason's 27<sup>th</sup> birthday by Robin Dibley.


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. 


 **What is Lutheran Christianity?** Wow, what a big question! You're invited to Faith and Fellowship as we dig into this together. We meet on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00–9:45am to learn, ask questions, and share conversation about what it means to be Lutheran and how our faith shapes daily life. All are welcome—come with your curiosity!

The Food for Thought Program is in full swing 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, 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 Philippians. 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! 

 **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.

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](mailto:wleesmith3@verizon.net) or put them in Lee's mailbox on the second floor. 

## 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)*

### **Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

#### **Sunday, September 21, 2025**

Matthew (or Levi) was a tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman government. Tax collectors were frequently despised for dishonesty and for assisting the occupiers. Jesus nevertheless showed love for them, and chose Matthew to be a disciple.

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| <b>Those Serving Today</b> |                   |
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## **GOSPEL**

**Luke 16:1-13**

*Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup> So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup> Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup> He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup> Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup> And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup> "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup> If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup> No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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**

*Let Streams of Living Justice*

**ELW 710**

*(Text: William Whitla, b. 1934; Music: Gustav Holst, 1874-1934; Text © 1989 William Whitla)*

## 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**      *Be Thou My Vision*      *arr. Dale Wood*  
(© 1986 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.)*



## COMMUNION HYMNS

*We Are an Offering*

*ELW 692*

*(Text and music: Dwight Liles, b. 1957; Text and music © 1984 Word Music, LLC; CCLI song 16220; used by permission)*

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

*ELW 686*

*(Text: William W. How, 1832-1897, alt.; Music: L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantica Lauda, 1850)*

*(The assembly remains seated.)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

*Be Thou My Vision*

*ELW 79*

*(Text: Irish, 8<sup>th</sup> cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931; Music: Irish traditional)*

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

*O Thou of God the Father*

*J.S. Bach*

*(© 1970 Oliver Ditson & Co.)*

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*We welcome Gail Jothen as our organist today,  
and thank her for sharing her God-given gifts with us in worship.*

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.)*

## 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.

## 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

## 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

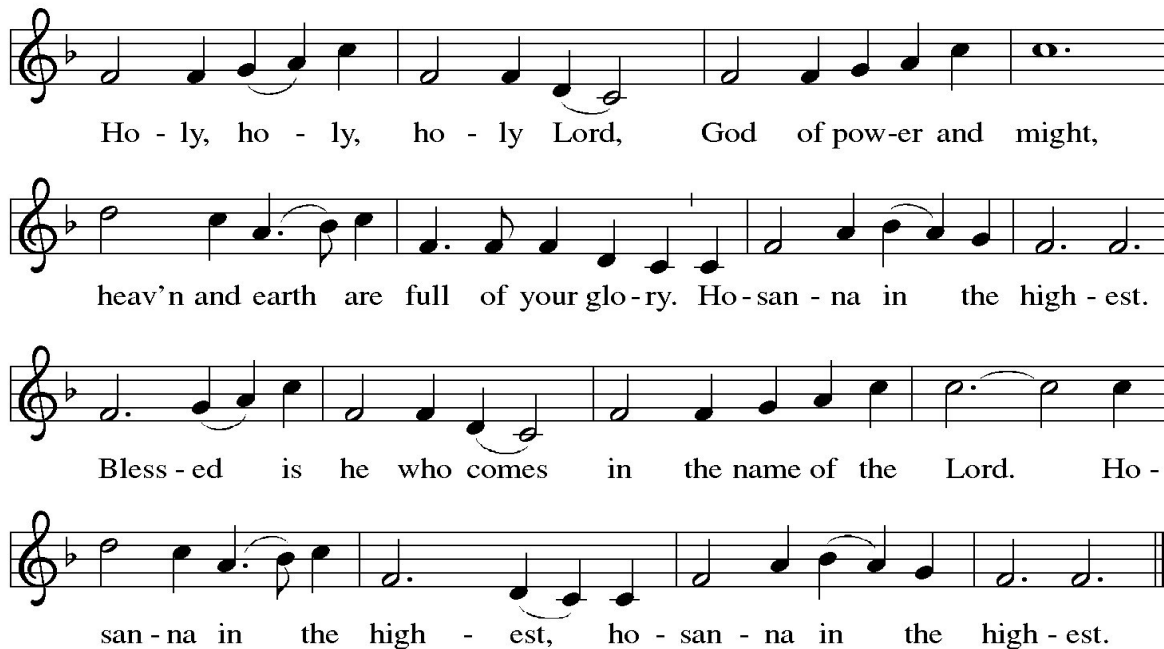
### DIALOGUE

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.**