



CELEBRATING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022:
FOOD TRUCK PARTY—ON A ROLL WITH GOD!

ST. LUKE'S ON THE LAKE EPISCOPAL CHURCH | AUSTIN, TEXAS
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Welcome to St. Luke's on the Lake Episcopal Church

Welcome to St. Luke's! Whether you are joining us today for the first time, or have journeyed with us for years, we pray that you will connect with God in new and powerful ways in our community. Let us open our hearts together to a deeper relationship with a God who loves us and longs to be in relationship with us, and longs for us to be in relationship with one another.

Are You New?

- † **About You** We would love to connect with you so we can respond to your needs. Please help us by filling out a *Connection Card* [found in the pew racks/in the Lobby/from the ushers/on-line via this QR code here/on the front page of our website. We will follow up with you in whatever way you prefer. And please stop by the *Welcome Table* in the lobby for a special gift.
- † **About Our Worship** Our worship style is interactive. We use the *Episcopal Book of Common Prayer* (BCP)] as our guide. You will see people sitting, standing, or kneeling depending on whether we are listening, singing, or praying. You will hear people responding during the service as prompted. Please do whatever feels comfortable.
- † **About Communion** All baptized people of any age or Christian denomination are invited to take Holy Communion.
- † **Restrooms** are located downstairs at the bottom of the staircase to the right.
- † **Questions?** Please ask a greeter, an usher, or anyone near you for directions or help.



Especially For Children

- † **Children of all ages are always welcome in our service.**
- † **Kinder-5th Grade “Kids’ Church”** is an interactive, kid-friendly worship service. Children will be invited before the service to go downstairs to the Fellowship Hall. They will return midway through the service. Parents are always invited to Kids’ Church.
- † **Infant-Age 5** are invited to our professionally staffed childcare area in the lower level of our complex. We offer *Little Liturgy*, a worship time with lessons, using “Godly Play” and Montessori models. Ask for help finding check-in desk at the bottom of the stairs in Riker Hall.

Connect with Us

- † Visit www.stlukesonthelake.org anytime for St. Luke's information.
- † E-mail|call the office [office@stlukesonthelake.org | 512.266.2455] with any questions you may have; we're here to help.

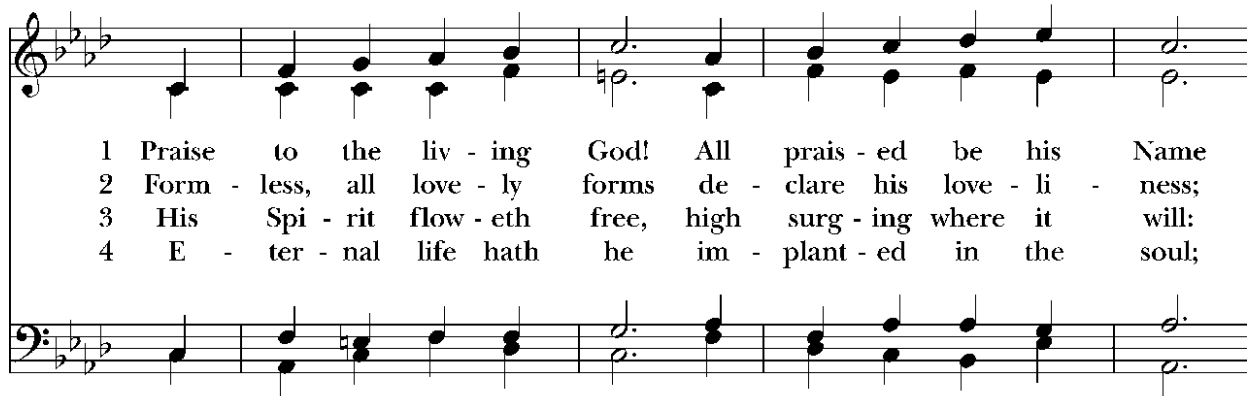
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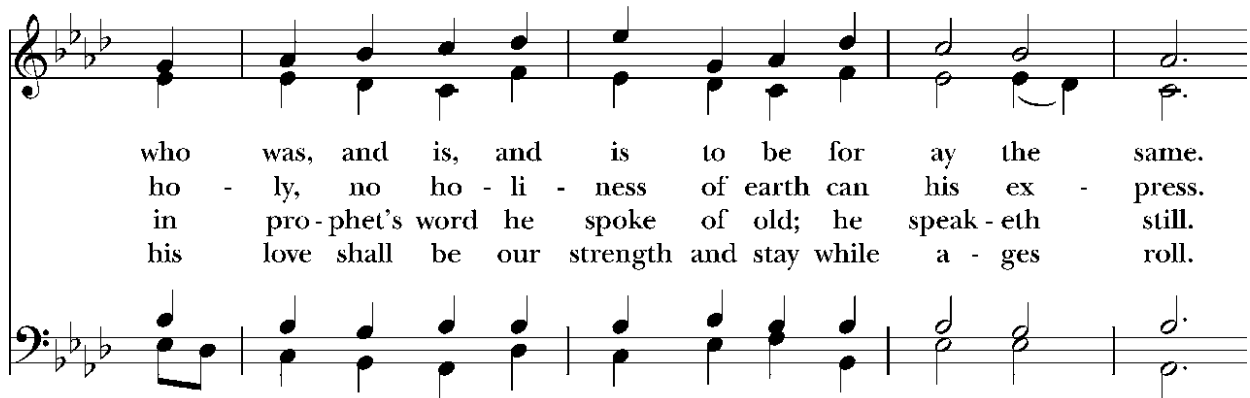
THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL *HYMNAL #372 PRAISE TO THE LIVING GOD*

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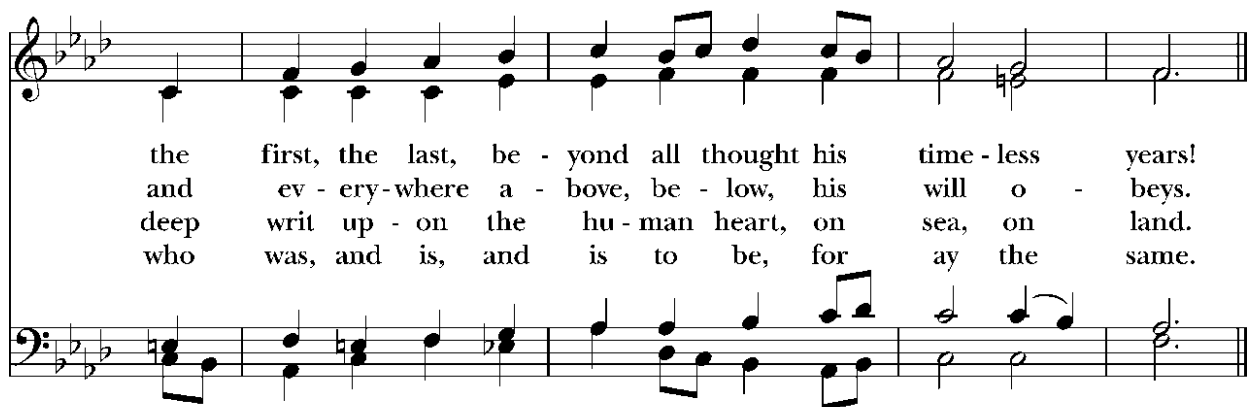
1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;



who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.



The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:
Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name



the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!
and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.
deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Please remain standing or kneel as you are comfortable.

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORY TO GOD (CANTICLE 20)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Please be seated.

Reader A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

Galatians 3:23-29

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

THE RESPONSE

Reader Please join me in reading today's Psalm responsively by whole verse.

The Reader leads the Psalm; the People respond as indicated by bold italics.

Psalm 22:18-27

¹⁸Be not far away, O LORD; *

you are my strength; hasten to help me.

¹⁹***Save me from the sword, ****

my life from the power of the dog.

²⁰Save me from the lion's mouth, *

my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

²¹***I will declare your Name to my brethren; ****

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

²²Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *

stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;

all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

²³***For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;***

neither does he hide his face from them; *

but when they cry to him he hears them.

²⁴My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

²⁵*The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: **

“May your heart live for ever!”

²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

²⁷*For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.*

SEQUENCE *HYMNAL #679 SURELY IT IS GOD WHO SAVES ME*



1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

THE GOSPEL

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Luke 8:26-39

²⁶[Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, “What is

your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE SERMON THE REVEREND ANN MCLEMORE, INTERIM RECTOR

THE NICENE CREED

Reader Please join me in affirming our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

Please stand as you are comfortable.

All say together

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,***

*begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE [FORM III]

Please remain standing or kneel as you are comfortable.

The Reader leads the prayer; the People respond as indicated in bold italics.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially those on our Parish Prayer List;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Bob Williams, father of Karen Whitty and grandfather of Chris Whitty;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

Let us pray for peace in Ukraine:

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.*** [BCP 258]

Let us pray in unison for the search for a new Rector:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. [BCP 818]

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People say together

Most merciful God,

we confess that 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.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Celebrant and People say together

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Celebrant and People say together

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR FATHERS AND FATHER FIGURES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Celebrant

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

We are grateful for your tax-deductible contributions, which enable us to continue our work.

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OFFERTORY *BAPTIZED IN WATER* [ARR. DAVID CLARKE WALKER]

Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of
Christ our King:
heirs of salvation,
trusting his promise,
faithfully now God’s praise
we sing.

Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ
our King:
one with his rising,
freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God’s praise
we sing.

Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ
our King:
born of one Father,
we are his children,
joyfully now God’s praise we
sing.

Please stand as you are comfortable.

The gifts are presented and placed on the Altar.

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING [EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A]

Please remain standing as you are comfortable.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Celebrant and People say or sing together

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Celebrant

Please sit or kneel as you are comfortable.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People say together

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People say together

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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

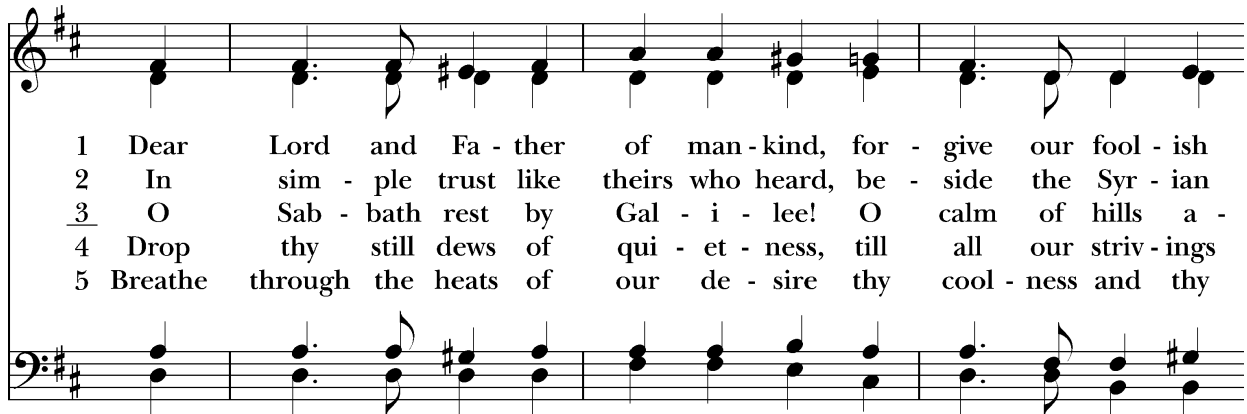
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† *Anyone is welcome to receive a blessing.*

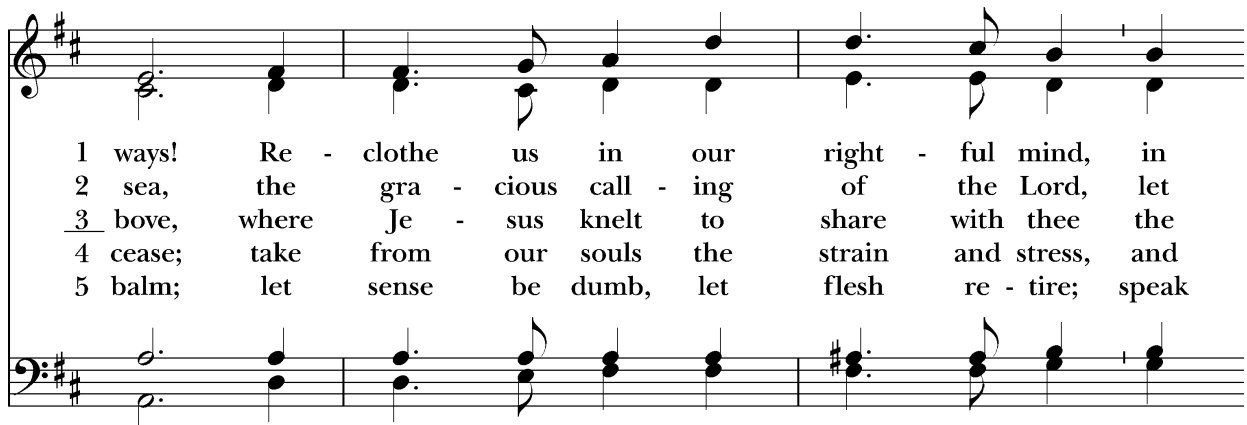
DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

- † *The consecrated host [blessed wafer] represents full Communion.*
- † *You may also take consecrated wine by intinction [dipping] of your wafer.*
- † *If you need a gluten-free wafer, let the priest know by cupping your hands.*
- † *To receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.*

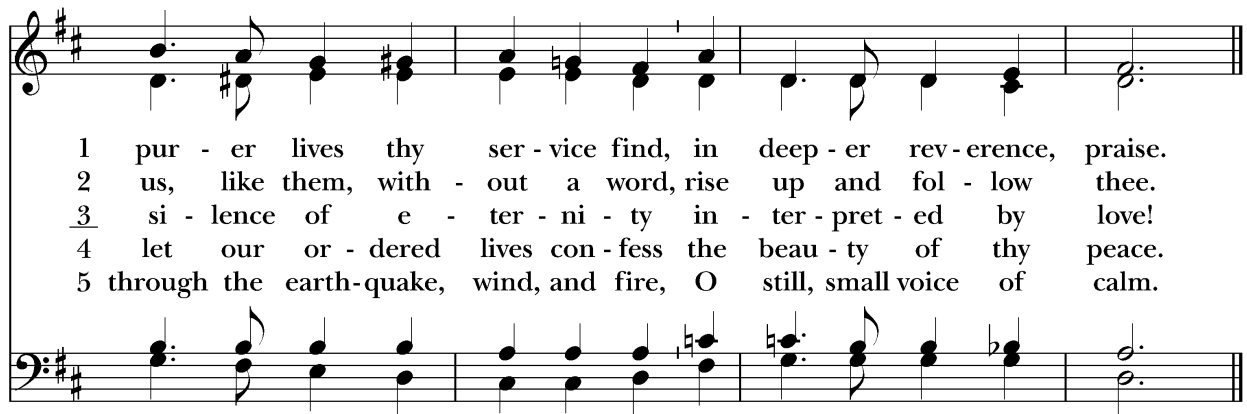
HYMNAL #324 DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND



1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fool - ish
2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be - side the Syr - ian
3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O calm of hills a -
4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings
5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy



1 ways! Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in
2 sea, the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let
3 bove, where Je - sus knelt to share with thee the
4 cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and
5 balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak



1 pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
2 us, like them, with - out a word, rise up and fol - low thee.
3 si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in - ter - pret - ed by love!
4 let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
5 through the earth-quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People say together

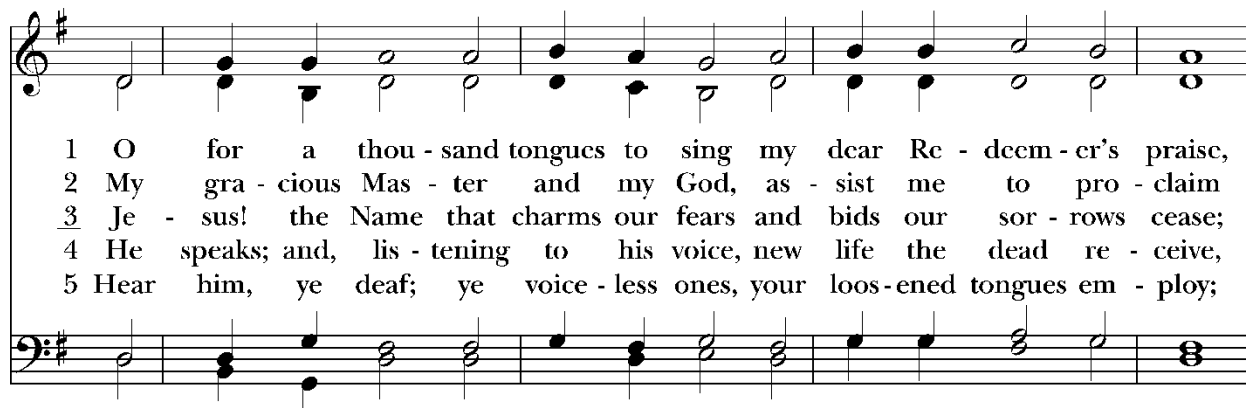
*Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the
spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of
your Son,*

*and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.*

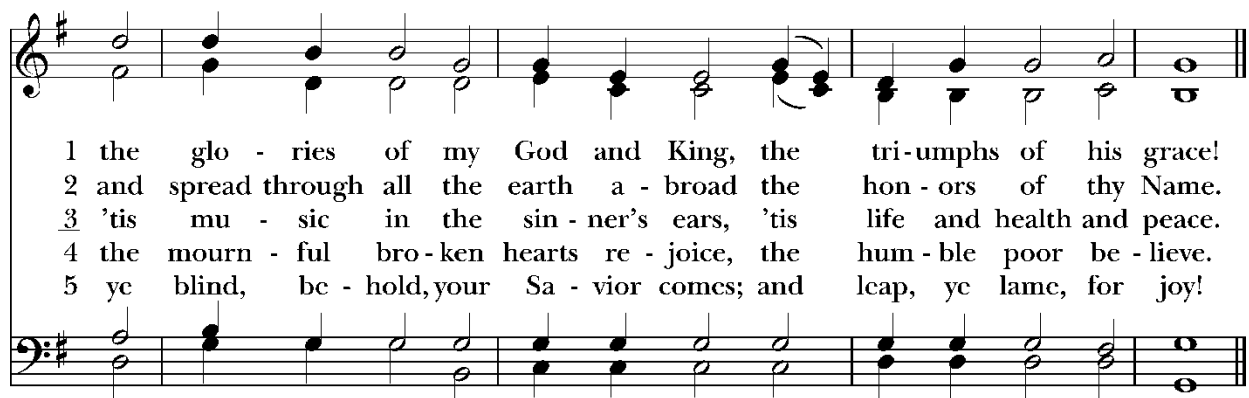
THE BLESSING

The Celebrant says a blessing over the people.

RECESSIONAL *HYMNAL #493 O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING*



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

WORSHIP MINISTERS

Preacher & Celebrant: *The Reverend Ann McLemore, Interim Rector*
Altar Guild: *Team 1 Yi-Ming Harrison & Bonnie Conner* | Vestry: *Kelle Sosa*
Worship Support: *Michael Balli, Barbara Frazzell, Kym Hall, LoriAnn Lavallee,*
Jacob Leal, Nancy Phillips, Brad Powell

Reader: *Patti Peacock* | Chalice Bearers: *Bleckley Dobbs, Patti Peacock*
Acolyte: *Jackson Diver* | Ushers/Greeters: *Team 2 Jim Bissett*
Guest Choir Director: *Mike Mikulka* | Organist: *Stephen McElroy*

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially:

These Members and Loved Ones Serving Our Country: Javen; Christine; Brian; Jordan; & Phillip.

Those Whose Needs Have Been Made Known to Us: Addie & Bill; Ann; Beth W.; Beverly; Carol; Chris G.; Chris M.; Chris K.; Craig; Dana; Debbie; Don; George; Glenn; Hester; Jana, Trent & Judy; Janice; Jayme; JoAnne; John; Kristen; Liz; Marilyn; Mark; Mary Alice; Nelle; Pam; Pat; Rachel; Sarah-Nelle; Scott; Susan; the Weigers Family.

Those Who Have Died: Bob Williams, father of Karen Whitty and grandfather of Chris Whitty; Suzanne Searle, mother of Amy Yates.

FEATURED ANNOUNCEMENTS

† *Mark the Dates*

- **Sunday, July 3rd:** Independence Day Celebration: details TBA!

† *VBS 2022 By the Numbers*

- **127 children** ages 1-11 participating
- **80 families** served
- **60+ volunteers** ages 12-85+ participating
- **>\$200/10 bags of groceries collected** for VBS Outreach Partner HopeAustin, 501(c)(3) endeavoring to end childhood food insecurity in Central Texas; visit www.Hope4Austin.org for more information about ways you can volunteer or donate.



† *St. Luke's Cares Here to Help*

- **St. Luke's Cares** exists at Saint Luke's so that not one of us must walk alone in times of life's changes. We offer:
- Prayer | Meals | Home/Hospital Visits by Lay Chaplains
- **You are part of our family; let us help.** Contact the office at [512.266.2455](tel:512.266.2455) | office@stlukesonthelake.org or Pat Beachy at [512.318.4001](tel:512.318.4001) | pkbeachy@att.net. All information is confidential.

ADDITIONAL READING

Isaiah 65:1-9

¹I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.

²I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

³a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;

⁴who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.

⁶See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their laps
⁷their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,
says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,
I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.

⁸Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, "Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,"

so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.

⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.