Gloria de Cristo
LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Community Church in the Foothills"

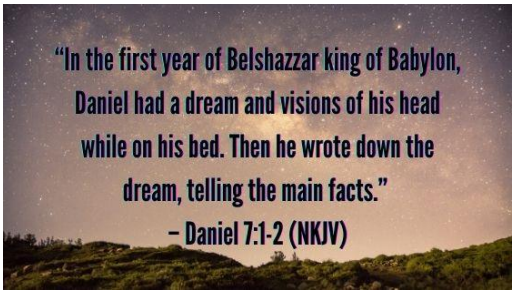
Bill Timm, Pastor
Ministers: All of our People
Church Phone: 928-342-6002

MISSION STATEMENT

"WALKING WITH JESUS TO BRING NEW LIFE AND HOPE TO EVERY PERSON"

We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024



We welcome you to the worship of this community of faith.
As we sing, pray and study God's word together may we strengthen each other's faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ. It is difficult to be a Christian by yourself!

When you enter this church, it may be possible that you hear "the call of God". However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your cell phone. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see God, send Him a text while driving.

VISITORS.. Welcome! Please sign our Guest Book located in the Narthex. Pastor Timm would love to meet you!

PLEASE REMEMBER… to contact the church office if you or a loved one are hospitalized, in rehab facility, or facility other than your home. Pastor and Stephen Ministers will make a visit.

DID YOU KNOW.. Perfume and cologne can trigger life-threatening breathing emergencies in persons with asthma, allergies and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) Hospitals and schools are becoming 'scent-free' due to this increasing health hazard. Please be sensitive to this concern when coming to church. Thank You.

LITTLE FOLKS.. Parents… please remember that there are 'busy bags' hanging on the coat tree in the Narthex to occupy the little ones during worship. Simply return the bags to the tree on your way out of church. Thank you.

BE COMFORTABLE.. There are shawls in the Narthex that you can use if chilled during worship. Just ask one of the ushers and they will get you one. Simply return the shawl to the narthex on your way out of the church.

Hearing Devices: *The older hearing devices have been moved to the Narthex. They are located next to the far right entrance door to the sanctuary.*

We now offer the T-Coil hearing device with the new sound system. Individuals will need to contact their provider to find out if their hearing aid is telecoil-equipped. If so, they need to ask how to turn on the T-Coil or if it is automatically linked once the loop is around their neck.

FLOWERS for the altar today are given by Marijan & Judy Petrovic in memory of family members who have passed.

PRAYERS: Doreen Caldwell,Lynette Layton, Marijan Petrovic, Bill Otterstein, Mary Zieman, Ami Gudjohnsen, Bonnie Griffith (friend of Glorious Quilters), Dugan Tjerne (friend of Lynette Layton), Tammie Melby (friend of Marie Ritten), Forrest Marsh, Cheryl Preul, Carolyn Smith, Cheryl Perkins (friend of Glorious Quilters), Becky Scheller, Rita (sister of Marlene Miller), Henry Carey, Mason Fletcher, Iva Pennell(Paul Ehler's Sister)

PLEASE NOTE that we'll be using the Traditional version of the Lord's Prayer for the month of August. God blesses our prayers.

Is Your Phone Turned Off?

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P God Is Good!
C All the time
P All the time
C God Is Good!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

C Amen.

P We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

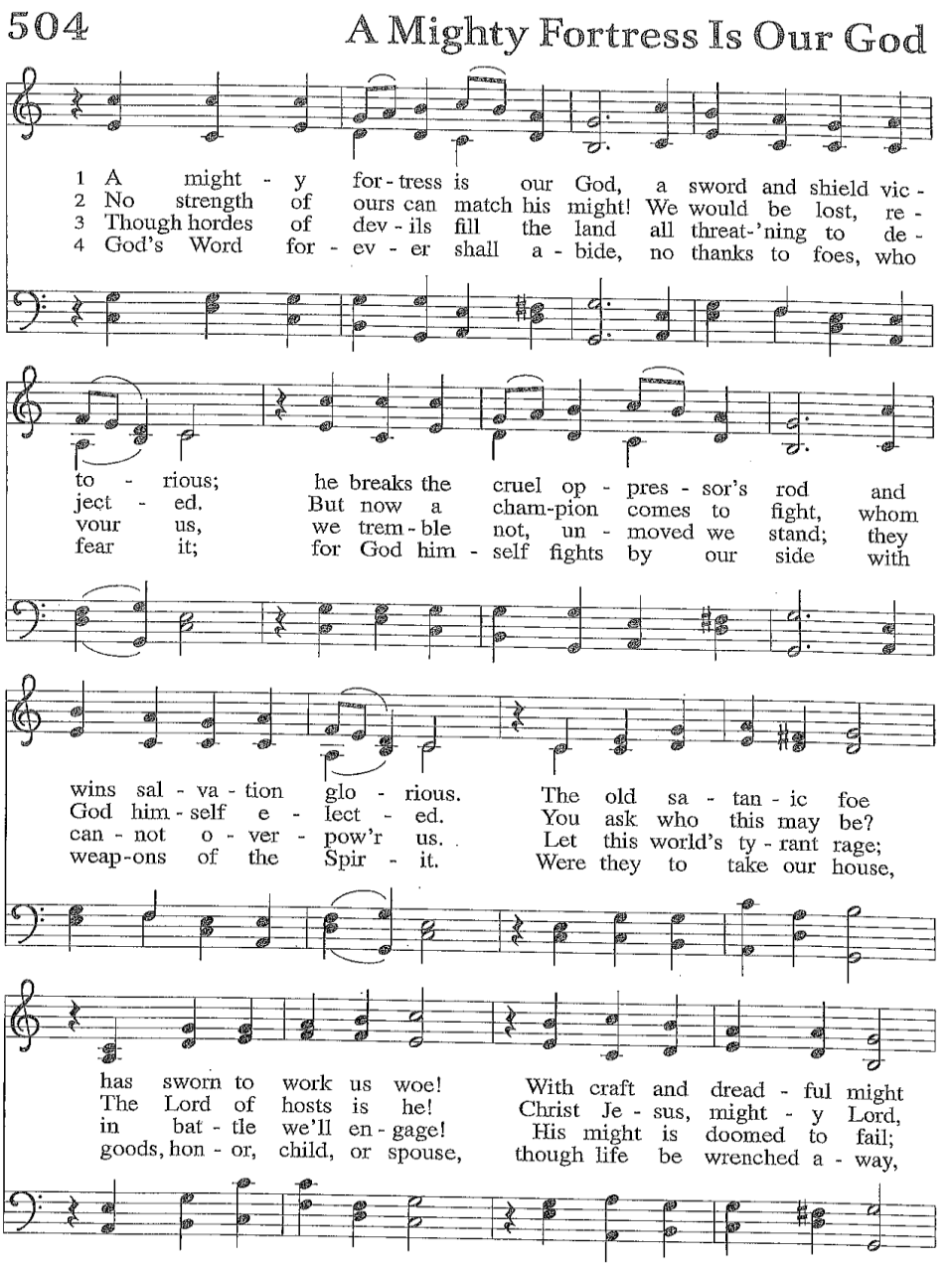
P Merciful and holy God,

C You have called us to follow you in the way of mercy, loving kindness, and care for all the earth. In our human frailty we have turned away, letting our fears drive us to actions or inactions that cause harm to ourselves, our neighbors, and our world. Draw us back into your loving arms. Wipe away our fears and our sins, that with clean hearts we might live to serve you and all creation.

P Hear this word of hope, beloved of God. Our God is rich in mercy and abundant in love and forgives you all your sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, who lives within and among us, and invites us to have life abundantly.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "A Mighty Fortress" ELW 504



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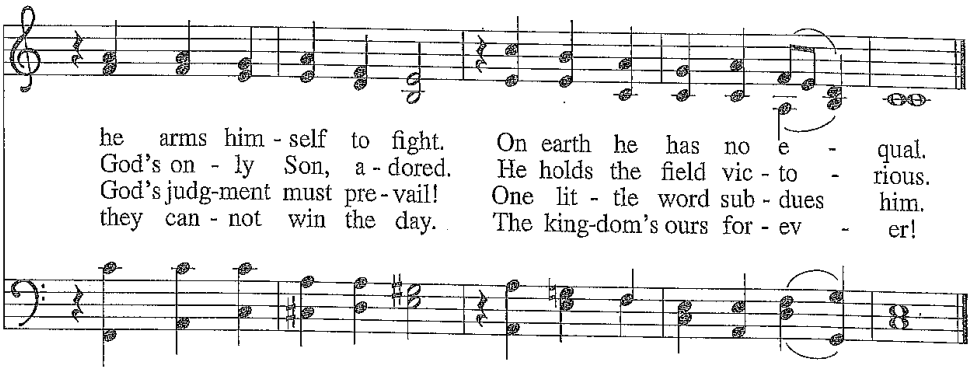

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

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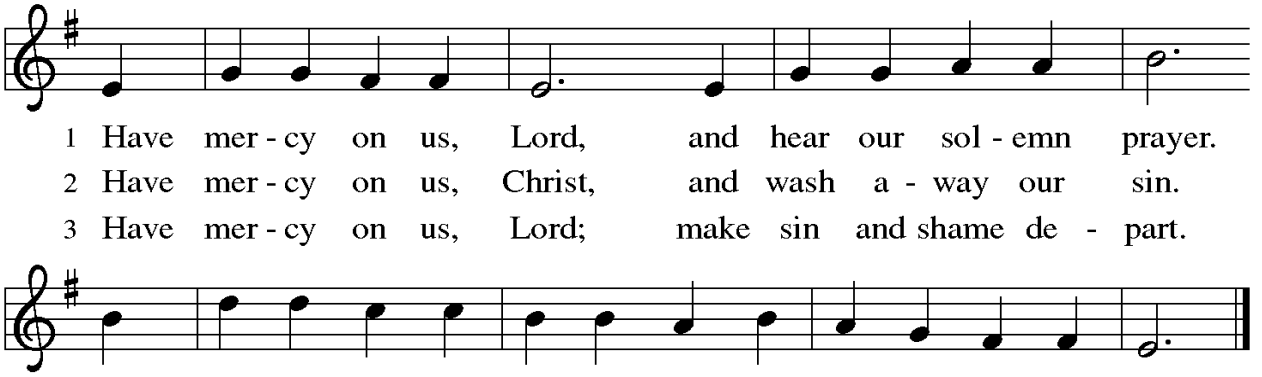
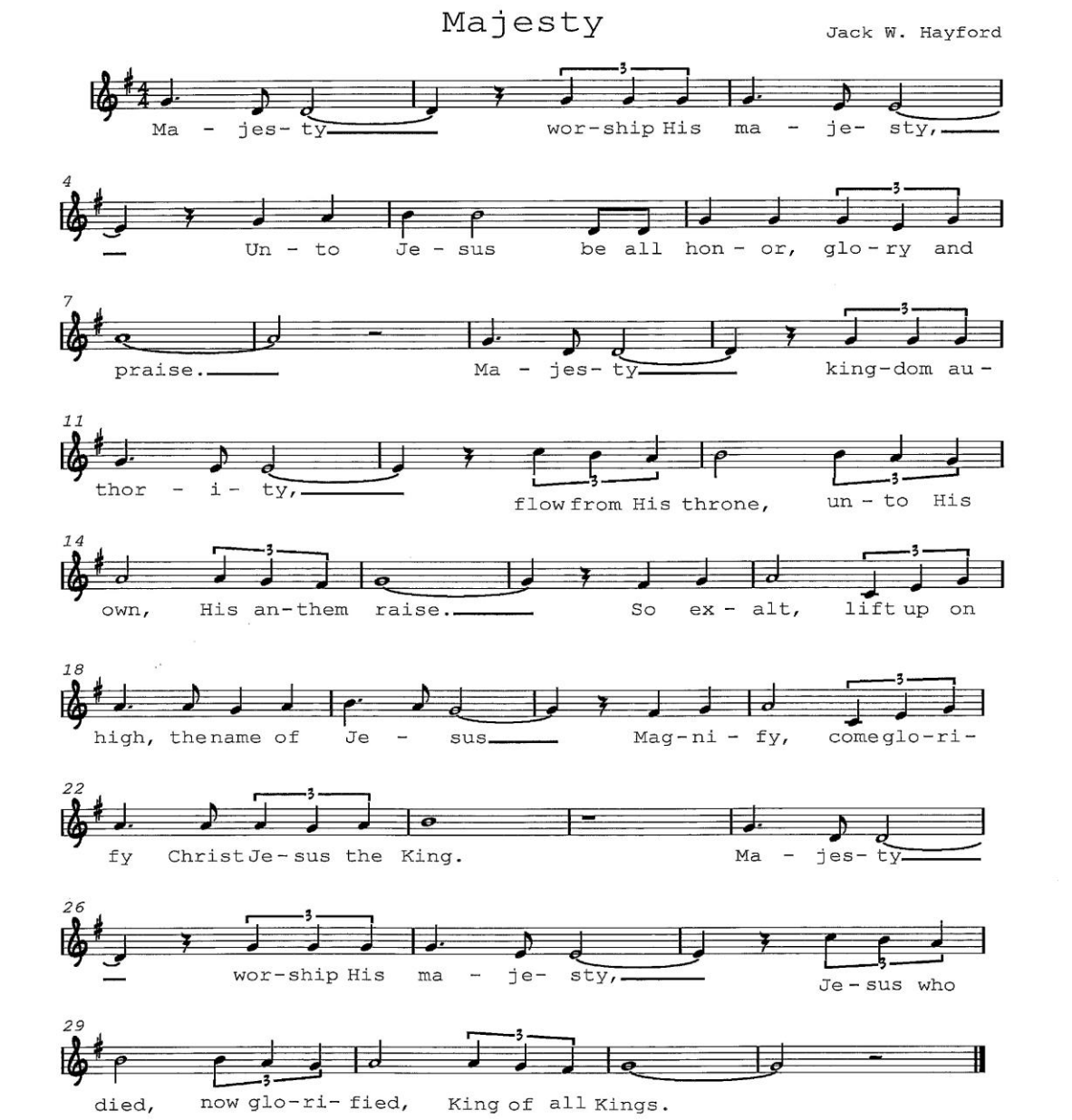


We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

SONG OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY *together we pray:*

God of might, in the midst of our often-tumultuous lives – personally, communally, nationally, and internationally – remind us that no human power comes close to your divine power and eternal love. Restore us again as your beloved children and proclaim to us the promise of your everlasting deliverance. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

PASSING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you

C And also with you

WORSHIP CAROL

Bell Solo **"As the Deer"** Suzanne Haggett

Lyrics for Meditation:

As the deer panteth for the water so my soul longeth after thee.
You alone are my hearts desire and I long to worship thee.
You alone are my strength my shield to you alone may my spirit yield;
you alone are my hearts desire and I long to worship thee

FIRST LESSON: Daniel 7:1-18

1 In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and
visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the
dream:[a] 2 I,[b] Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven
stirring up the great sea, 3 and four great beasts came up out of the sea,
different from one another. 4 The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings.
Then, as I watched, its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the
ground and made to stand on two feet like a human being, and a human
mind was given to it. 5 Another beast appeared, a second one, that looked
like a bear. It was raised up on one side, had three tusks[c] in its mouth
among its teeth, and was told, "Arise, devour many bodies!" 6 After this, as I
watched, another appeared, like a leopard. The beast had four wings of a
bird on its back and four heads, and dominion was given to it. 7 After this I
saw in the visions by night a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and
exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth and was devouring, breaking in
pieces, and stamping what was left with its feet. It was different from all
the beasts that preceded it, and it had ten horns. 8 I was considering the
horns when another horn appeared, a little one that came up among them.
Three of the original horns were plucked up from before it. There were
eyes like human eyes in this horn and a mouth speaking arrogantly. 9 As I
watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One[d] took his throne;
his clothing was white as snow and the hair of his head like pure wool; his
throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. 10 A stream of
fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served
him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court
sat in judgment, and the books were opened. 11 I watched then because of
the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I
watched, the beast was put to death and its body destroyed and given over
to be burned with fire. 12 As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was

taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. **13** As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being[e] coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One[f] and was presented before him. **14** To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed. **15** As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me,[g] and the visions of my head terrified me. **16** I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: **17** "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. **18** But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

R The Word of the Lord

C Thanks Be To God

PSALM 119:97-104

R **7** Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

C **98 Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.**

R **99** I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation.

C **100 I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.**

R **101** I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

C **102 I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me.**

R [103] How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

C [104] **Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every** false way.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL Luke 12:35-40

35 "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36 be like those who are
waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they
may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are
those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you,
he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and
serve them. 38 If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and
finds them so, blessed are those slaves.
39 "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the
thief was coming, he[a] would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You
also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not
expect."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to the Lord

TEACHING: ***"BEAST CONTROL???!!!"*** Pastor Bill Timm

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Onward, Christian Soldiers

ST.GERTRUDE

Sabine Baring-Gould — Arthur Sullivan

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

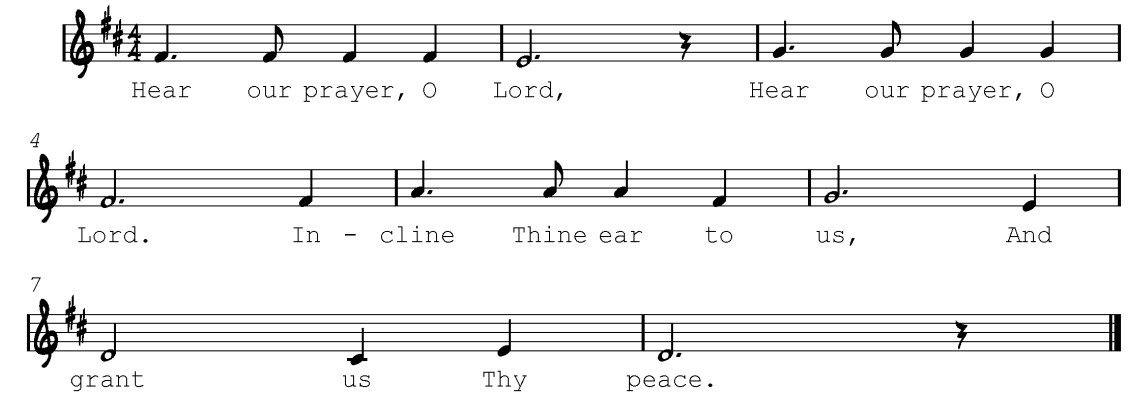
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

PRAYER INVOCATION **“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”**



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Trusting in God’s power and mercy, we pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

P Daniel dreamt of terrible earthly kingdoms and concluded that only your kingdom endures forever. Help us to trust in the promise of your eternal reign of peace. God of mystery,

C We lift our prayers to you.

P Your creation is breathtaking, from the smallest particle to the largest galaxy, from microscopic pond life to elephants and blue whales, from duckweed to great baobab trees. Instill in us such awe and respect for all that you have made that we cannot help but work for its healing and preservation. God of mystery,

C We lift our prayers to you.

Here other petitions may be offered. Together we pray

C We pray for each of our mission congregations, local partners, and care ministries. We also pray for the congregation's vision and call process. May we continue to work toward our mission and uphold our values while we support the call committee in moving toward a pastoral transition. We also pray for that pastor whom God calls to Gloria de Cristo to work with us to move this congregation forward in mission. Enlarge our hearts toward people far from God while we "Walk with Jesus to bring new life and hope to every person."

P Make our leaders to turn away from the kind of destructive power characterized in Daniel's dream and lead them on the path toward systems that uphold and protect all people. God of mystery,

C We lift our prayers to you.

P You have raised up among us countless practitioners of health in multiple fields. Guide them toward providing the best of care to all who suffer, that all might experience health and wholeness, especially those we remember in our hearts. God of mystery,

C We lift our prayers to you.

P Inspire artists, musicians, writers, and other creatives through dreams like Daniel's or observations of life, that they might enrich our experience with expressions of joyful gratitude. God of mystery,

C We lift our prayers to you.

P We remember with gratitude all whose lives of faith were challenged by adversity, and who emerged ever more committed to you. By their wise guidance, help us navigate our difficulties with our faith intact. God of mystery.

C We lift our prayers to you.

P Confident in your life-giving love, we lift these prayers and all those in our hearts into your loving care.

C Amen.

OFFERING: (For those watching there is a link for online giving in the description of the video. We are thankful for all the support from both in person giving as well and online giving.)

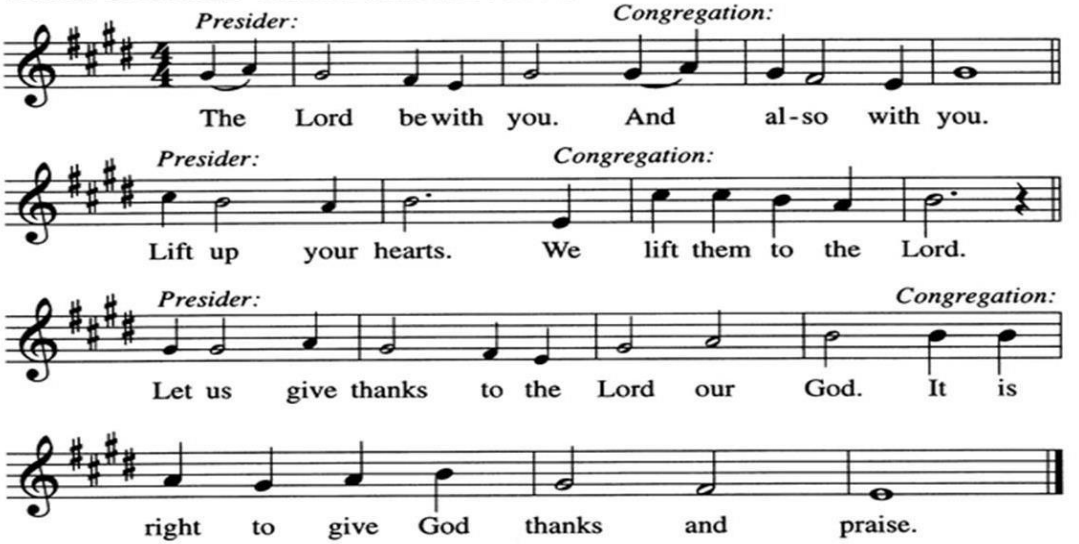
OFFERING RESPONSE

Stand

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

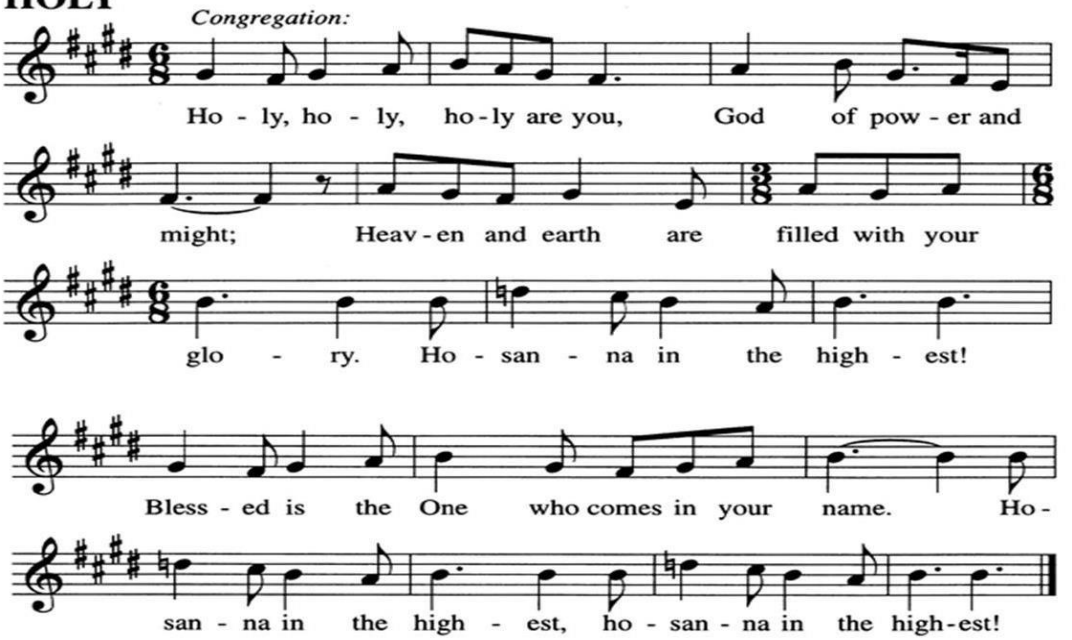
Refrain *Congregation:*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is our duty and delight… we praise your name and join their unending hymn

HOLY



P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Communion is open to all baptized believers who know Jesus as Savior and seek to live with him as Lord of all areas of life. You receive the wafer in your hand and choose from the individual cup of wine or white grape juice. Those who do not commune and children may come forward for a blessing, simply cross your arms in front of your chest to request a blessing. Simply complete a slip found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Consider the options on reverse side as to how you may serve this congregation.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

608 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847–1909
Music: Will L. Thompson

THOMPSON
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613 Thy Holy Wings

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite
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POST COMMUNION BLESSING *(please stand)*

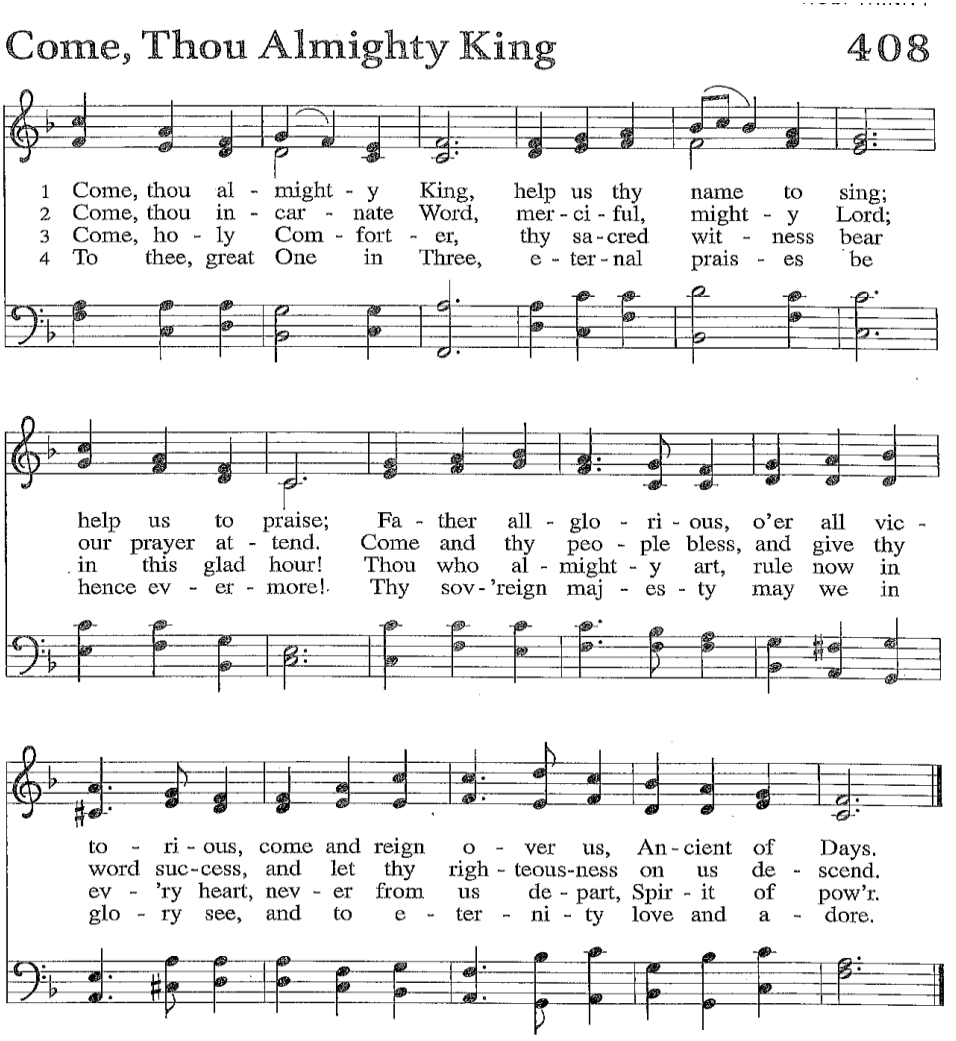
P The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you safe in His Grace until everlasting life.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King" ELW 408



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ITALIAN HYMN
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P Almighty God has created you and has a purpose for your life every day! Lord, Help us remember, IF YOU ARE NOT DEAD...

C YOU ARE NOT DONE!

P Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

C Thanks be to God.

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Announcements

REMINDERS:

Monthly Potluck: The 1st Sunday is our monthly Potluck following the 9:30 am worship. Mark your calendar, bring your favorite dish to share and join us for fellowship and food.

Food Pantry: 1st Sunday of each month we collect food for the local Food Pantry. When doing your shopping consider picking up a couple of items to bring and donate.

Men's Breakfast the 1st Saturday of each month, 8 am at **Daybreakers**. All gentlemen of the congregation are invited to come.

Women's Breakfast Club 1st Saturday of each month, 8 am at **Jimmy K's Diner.** All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend.

Bible Study: Resumes in September

Craft Fellowship: Every Thursday at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Bring your own projects and fellowship with others.

Care Givers Lunch: Every Friday at 11:00 am. Contact Sandy Timm for the location.

GriefShare: Resumes September 22, 2024

Chair Aerobics : Classes are held every Wednesday at 1 pm in Fellowship Hall. A donation of $5/session is appreciated to offset the cost of the instructor. Everyone is welcome.

Days for Girls: Will meet again on September 14th and every other Saturday thereafter, 9 am in Fellowship Hall. Come join us for the fellowship and fun.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Altar	Ushers	Greeter/Communion	Readers
8/25	Char	Mary Marsh/Linda Strand	Bob/Judy Zeiss	Char
9/1	Char	Eric Werner/Donna Brown	Yvonne Wurtele/Jan Klipfel	Linda Strand
9/8	Char	Dave & Marge Graham	Lisa Crayne/Mary Marsh	Mary Marsh

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Monday 8/26	9:00 am	Glorious Quilters	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday 8/27	7:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Tuesday 8/27	1:00 am	Foothills Social	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday 8/28	1:00 pm	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday 8/28	4:45 pm	Bells of Glory	Sanctuary
Wednesday 8/28	5:45 pm	Choir Camp	Fellowship Hall
Thursday 8/29	7:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Hall
Friday 8/30	8:00am	TOP	Fellowship Hall
Friday 8/30	1:00 pm	Social Group	Fellowship Hall
Friday 8/30	6:00 pm	Women's AA	Fellowship Hall
Saturday 8/31	9:00 am	Days for Girls	Fellowship Hall
Saturday 8/31	9:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Sunday 9/1	**9:30 am**	**Worship/Communion**	**Sanctuary**
Sunday 9/1	1:00 pm	Social Group	Fellowship Hall
Monday 9/2		**LABOR DAY..OFFICE CLOSED**	

Attendance last week August 18, 2024: 91 @ 9:30am.
16 views on Youtube and 318 views on Facebook.

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