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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 25th, 2023 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

Jeremiah knew the frustration of having his words rejected. Jesus declares that his words may not bring peace, but division. In baptism we are buried with Christ that we may walk in newness of life. As we take stands for the sake of justice and lose our lives for the sake of others, we need not be afraid. The hairs of our head are counted. In baptism we are marked with the cross of Christ forever.

HOLY COMMUNION

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING FOUR, PAGES 147-155

***GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

***WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

God our Father, our Creator,
who made the heavens and earth
We are your children,
and we are in awe of all you have made.
Christ the Son, our Redeemer and Savior,
You lived and died for us all
You live again,
and have prepared the way for us.
Holy Spirit, the Sustainer,
You move in us and among us
We follow your wisdom
and feel your presence.
Holy God, Triune, Three-in-one,
help us to know you more fully.
Guide us in this time of worship. Amen

—by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism... Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.
Amen

*GATHERING HYMN

Let the Whole Creation Cry

ELW 876

*GREETING

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

WORD

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 6:1b-11

In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death. Our lives in the present are marked and shaped by his crucifixion, just as our lives in the future will be marked and shaped by his resurrection.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 174

*GOSPEL

Matthew 10:24-39

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew...
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition, requiring absolute trust in God and an unswerving commitment to their Lord.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

*CREED

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ, living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

**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 to the dead.

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**

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing in the good news of God come near, let us pray for the Church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

God of faithfulness, bless Christians everywhere with the courage and compassion to be your Church, offering themselves to the world in unity and love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of wisdom, give us eyes to see the earth as an expression of your love, and teach us wisdom to live upon it with gentleness, care and humility. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, we pray for the nations and peoples of the world. Come with the mercy you have promised from of old. Be this world's hope and salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, touch the lives of all who suffer now, especially... . Where there is despair, bring hope; where there is illness, bring health; where there is death, bring life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Other prayers may be added here in speech and silence.

God of the ages, we thank you for the saints, especially... . Through their lives of faithful witness may we glimpse your steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God of compassion, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your great mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**



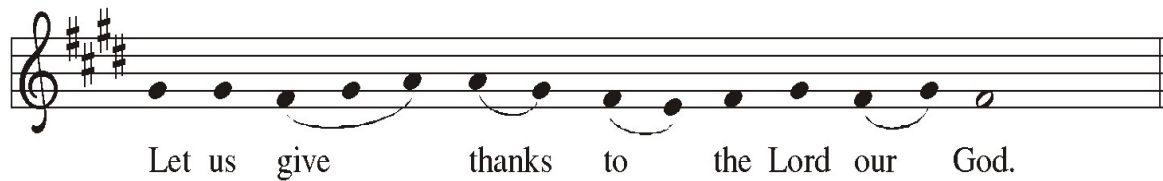
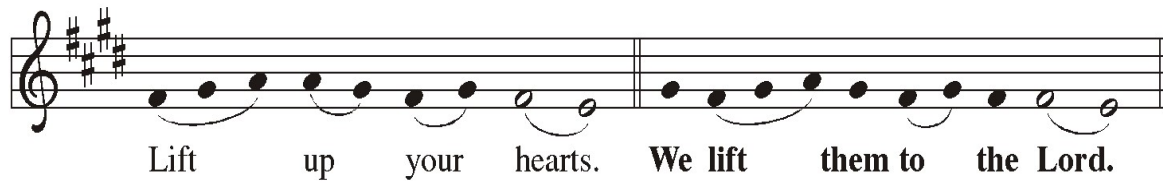
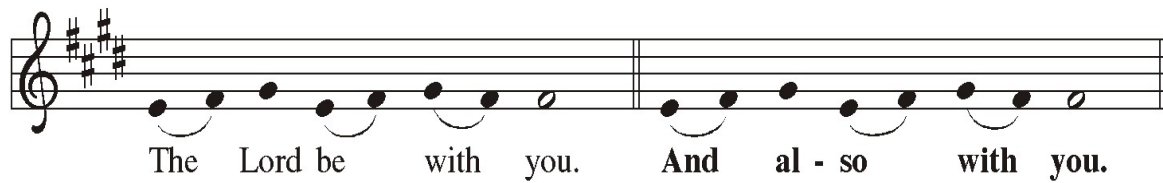
MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

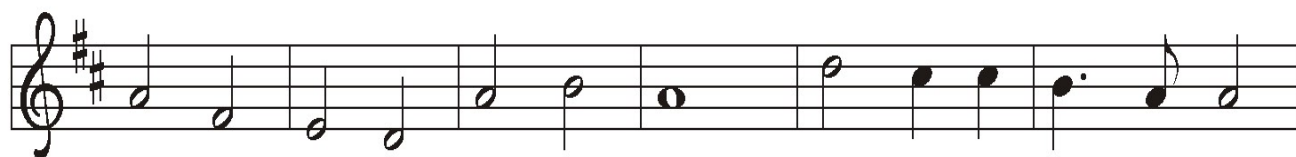
*DIALOGUE



*PREFACE FOR SUNDAYS

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:

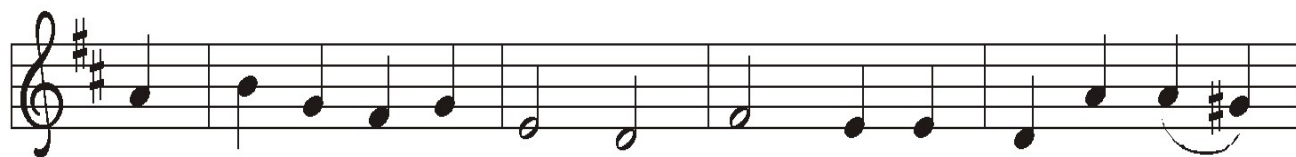
*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



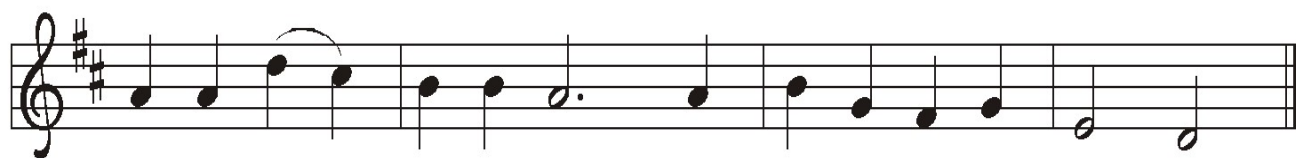
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever. Amen**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together.

DISTRIBUTION

***BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Almighty God, we give you thanks that you have fed us with this heavenly food. In your grace and by your Spirit, help us to be what we celebrate, the body of Christ in the world. Send us out, renewed by this sacramental meal, to do the work you have given us to do: to witness for Christ, to love you with singleness of heart, and to serve you with clarity of purpose; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BENEDICTION

The blessing of the living God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **Amen**

*SENDING HYMN

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW 810

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace and joy. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



SERVING IN THE LITURGY

PREACHING AND PRESIDING MINISTER

Dennis Lauritsen, pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

Charles Matthies

MUSIC MINISTER

David Richards

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LECTOR

Jane Lauritsen

GREETERS

Larry Crachy and Karen Kubik

USHER

Walter Cudecki

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN

Kristine Boike

IN THE PRAYERS...

Members of the Congregation: Anne Gavac, Helen Gaydusek, Karole Gaydusek, Elaine Haase, Anita Horak, Dolores Krc, Luddy Kovalsky, Mildred Mendel, Lois Mika, George Pagurko, Mildred Riban, Mary Sasuta and Mary Sordel.

Friends and Relatives of the Congregation: Rev. Chris Anderson, Wally Bisping, Ellen Bailey, James and Lori Broussard, Dan and Mary Costello, Eric Dennison, Barbara Dykes, Denise Fricano, Bill Holmes, Ron Kelly, Nicole Kisiel, Rev. James Kuemmerle, Lenyce Lawrenson, Delores Linden, Darlene Loughlin, Michele Mason, Donald Neal, Julie Patron, Pat Pileggi, Gail Purcell, Beth Sheldon, Stevie Singer, Sandy Rossella, Elaine Sorich, Peter Spilotro, Kathy Stenson, Gertrude Tarbox, Janie Tarbox, Tom Thoreson, Stevie Singer, Joan Watkiss and Mike Yavorski.

Please let us know when people may be removed from the prayer list, and we will offer a prayer of thanksgiving for their healing!

Outdoor Worship this Summer and Autumn

July 23rd with Ice Cream Social
September 10th with Potluck Meal
and October 1st with Blessing of Animals
in Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi,
renewer of the church, died 1226

Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering

June 18th, 2023

<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2023:</i>	\$2,524.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$1,014.00
<i>Shortage:</i>	\$1,510.00

Hitzeman Funeral Home is assisting the Lions Clubs International in collecting usable eyeglasses for their "Recycle For Sight" program. If you have old glasses and/or cases at home that will no longer be needed, please bring them to church and place them in the green box located on the brochure table in the hallway off the dining hall. Thank you.

COMMEMORATIONS

Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530

Sunday, June 25th

On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to the Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession was written by Philipp Melanchthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time.

Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, died 1560

Sunday, June 25th

Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melanchthon is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melanchthon was a brilliant scholar, known as "the teacher of Germany."

Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, died 444

Tuesday, June 27th

Cyril defended the orthodox teachings about the person of Christ. After a conflict involving all of the major Christian leaders of the time, it was decided that Cyril's interpretation, that Christ's person included both divine and human natures, was correct.

Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202

Wednesday, June 28th

This important early church leader tried very hard to hold to the faith handed down by the apostles. An opponent of the movement known as gnosticism, Irenaeus was one of the first to speak of the church as catholic, or linked together.

Peter and Paul, Apostles

Thursday, June 29th

These two strong-willed apostles are the pillars of the church in the first generation after Christ. Peter was one of the Twelve, one who both offered a glorious confession of faith and later denied knowing Jesus. Paul once led the persecution of Christians, then was converted and helped bring the faith to non-Jewish people.

Catherine Winkworth, died 1878; John Mason Neale, died 1866; hymn translators

Saturday, July 1st

Neale was an English priest who specialized in the translation of Latin and Greek hymns into English. Winkworth lived in Manchester, England, and devoted herself to translating German hymns. Almost all English-speaking hymnals include many of their translations.

All Creation Sings—

A recently released hymnal supplement to *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

March 4th, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters at Sts. Peter and Paul,

Back in the fall of 2020, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America released *All Creation Sings (ACS)*, a hymnal supplement that goes hand in hand with *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)* to support the church's mission of worship in Word and Sacraments that leads to service and justice in the world. *ACS* invites us to expand our song and prayer with timely attention to the health of our planetary home and the human community within it. Included are 200 hymns and songs, more than 30 of them multilingual and many being new since *ELW* was released.

We have been downloading and including hymns from *ACS* in our worship bulletins as needed over the past several months; however, the formatting of the included hymns is difficult to read for many of our members. The Worship and Music Committee has recommended we purchase pew editions of *ACS* to use in our services in conjunction with *ELW*.

You are invited to prayerfully contemplate and donate towards the cost of obtaining these pew editions. See the attached form for more details. Should you wish your donation(s) to commemorate a special event or to be given in memory of a departed loved one or loved ones, please indicate this on the form. Bookplates will be placed in each copy for each donation received.

I pray that God's Holy Spirit guide you as you consider this commitment.

In Christ,

Charles Matthies

Chairperson, Sts. Peter and Paul Worship and Music Committee

(Please complete the form on the reverse side and return as indicated.)

Donate a Hymnal!

You can contribute a copy or copies of *All Creation Sings* for just \$15.00 each. Please provide the information requested below, attach a check, and either drop it in the offering plate or send it to the church office.

If you are donating more than one hymnal, please use a separate form for each donation. Extra forms are available at the back of church, in the weekly bulletins, or the church office.

Thank you!

Please complete the information below as you would like it to appear on the nameplate in the hymnal.

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