



July 12, 2026
7th Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. James Thomas Preaching and Presiding

8:30 am Worship
In person in the Chapel

10:30 am Worship
In person and on Zoom
In the Sanctuary

**WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH!**
A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

Welcome. A growing international community of faith, Christ Lutheran Community Church, is strengthened by your presence. Whoever you are, however you came, **welcome!**

Gathering

**Please stand as you are able*

Congregational responses are indicated in bold

Prelude

*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

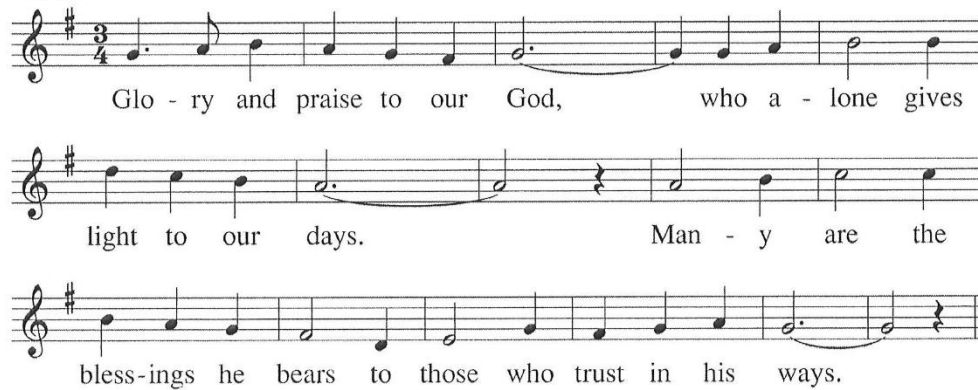
Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

“Glory and Praise to Our God”

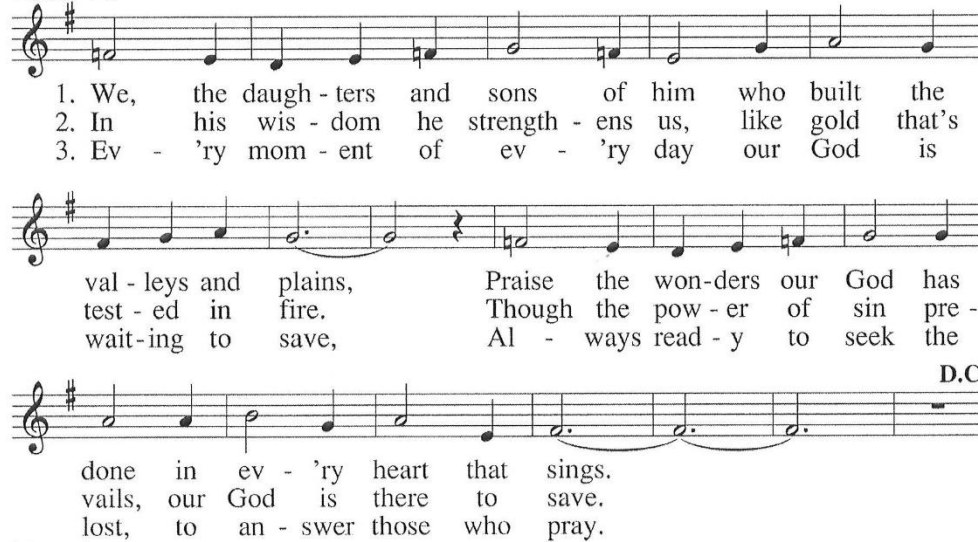
Glory and Praise to Our God

Refrain



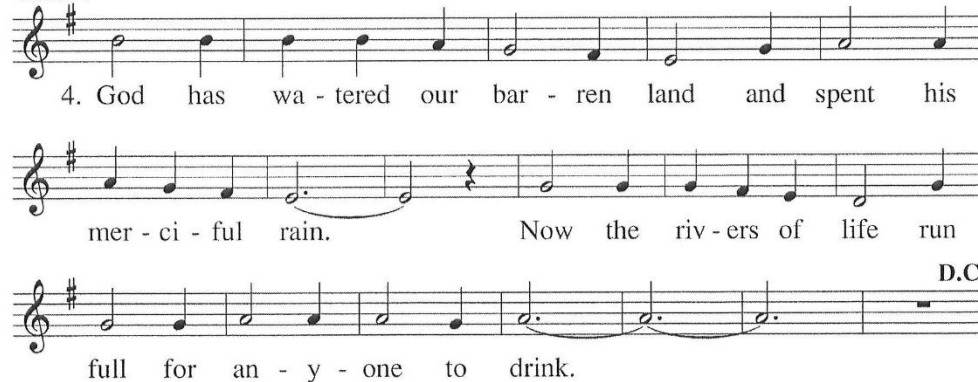
Glo - ry and praise to our God, who a - lone gives
light to our days. Man - y are the
bless - ings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

Verses 1-3



1. We, the daugh - ters and sons of him who built the
2. In his wis - dom he strength - ens us, like gold that's
3. Ev - 'ry mom - ent of ev - 'ry day our God is
val - leys and plains, Praise the won - ders our God has
test - ed in fire. Though the pow - er of sin pre -
wait - ing to save, Al - ways read - y to seek the
done in ev - 'ry heart that sings.
vails, our God is there to save.
lost, to an - swer those who pray.

Verse 4



4. God has wa - tered our bar - ren land and spent his
mer - ci - ful rain. Now the riv - ers of life run
full for an - y - one to drink.

Text: Psalm 65, 66; Dan Schutte, b.1947
Tune: Dan Schutte, b.1947; acc. by Sr. Theophane Hytrek, OSF, 1915-1992, alt.
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*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.

2 Corinthians 13:13

***Kyrie**

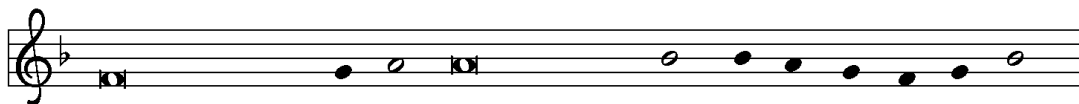
Setting 6 – ELW p. 165



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



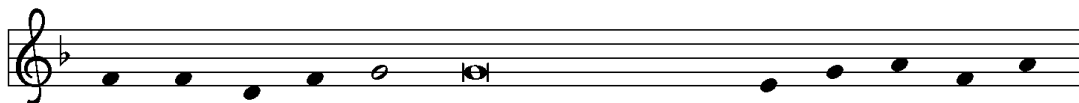
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



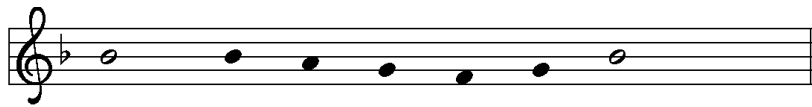
God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



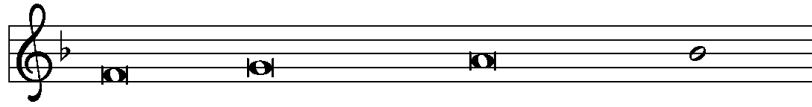
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

A reading from Isaiah.

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

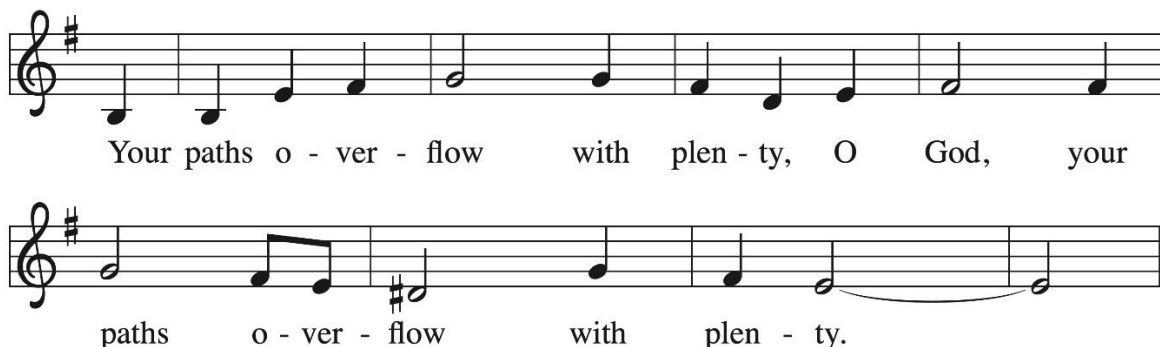
¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,

and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm

Psalm 65: 1-13



Psalm 65:11

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- ¹ You are to be praised, O | God, in Zion;
to you shall vows | be fulfilled.
- ² **To you, the one | who answers prayer,
to you all | flesh shall come.**
- ³ Our sins are strong- | er than we are,
but you blot out | our transgressions.
- ⁴ **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your | courts to dwell
there!**
**They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness | of
your temple. R**
- ⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of | our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans | far away.
- ⁶ **You make firm the mountains | by your power;
you are girded a- | bout with might.**
- ⁷ You still the roaring | of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor | of the peoples.
- ⁸ **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your |
marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for joy. R**
- ⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river
of God is | full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide | for the earth.
- ¹⁰ **You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.**

¹¹ You crown the year | with your goodness,
and your paths over- | flow with plenty.
¹² **May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,
and the hills be | clothed with joy.**
¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them- |
selves with grain;
let them shout for | joy and sing. **R**

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

A reading from Romans.

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



***Gospel**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The holy gospel according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!”

¹⁸ “Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

Sermon

Silence for reflection may follow.

***Hymn of the Day “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” (2x) ELW 512**

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score consists of five lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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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 Intercession

Each petition of the prayers concludes with these or similar words:

God of grace, **hear our prayer**

***Peace**

*We greet one another in the peace of the risen Christ. The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

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

Announcements

Offering

***Offering Hymn**

“All Who Are Thirsty”

ACS 981

All Who Are Thirsty

Leader All

All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun - gry,

come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters.

There's e - nough for all. All who are thirst - y,

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Leader and All) in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: 'All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun - gry, come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. There's e - nough for all. All who are thirst - y,'. The score ends with a double bar line.

Text: Brian Wentzel, b. 1979

Music: ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY, Brian Wentzel

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*Offering Prayer

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Meal

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

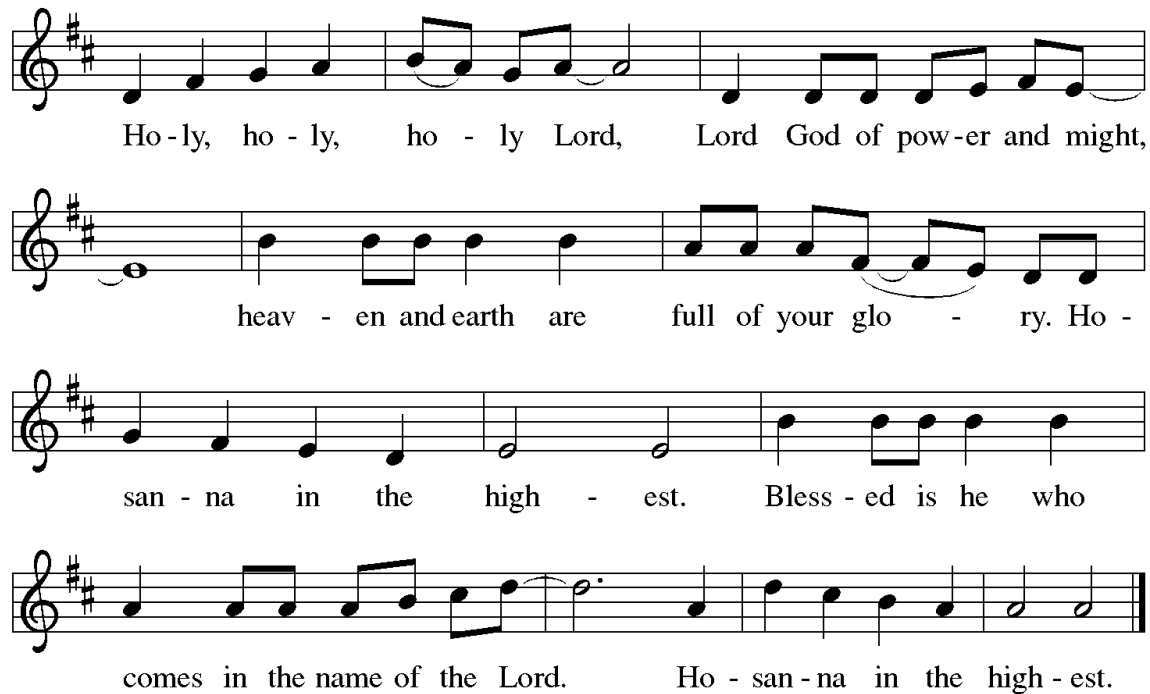
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presider continues with the preface for the day or season, concluding:

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

The presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, at the conclusion of which all are invited to join in the Lord's Prayer.

***Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

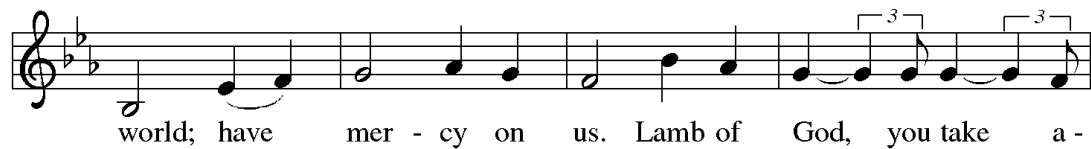
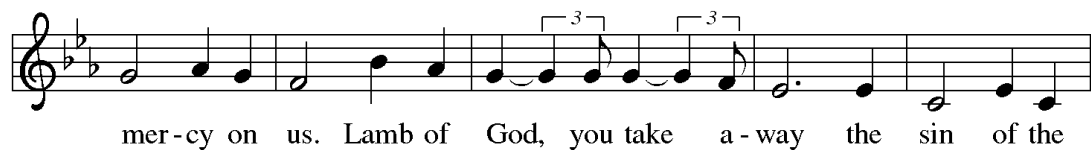
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***Invitation to Communion**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive Communion via intinction. Simply dip your wafer into the chalice of wine. If you would rather receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest as you come forward. Know that this is Christ's table, and you are welcome here.

*Lamb of God



Taste and See

Refrain – All

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All

1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
 2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . . me.
 3 Wor-ship . . . the Lord, all you peo-ple.



Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
 To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
 You'll want for noth - ing . . . if you ask.



my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;
 I called the Lord, . . who an - swered me;
 Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;

Refrain

for God has been so good to me.
 from all my trou - bles I was set free.
 in God we need put all our trust.

Text: James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34

Music: TASTE AND SEE, James E. Moore Jr.

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*Post Communion Blessing

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

*Prayer After Communion

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

*Blessing

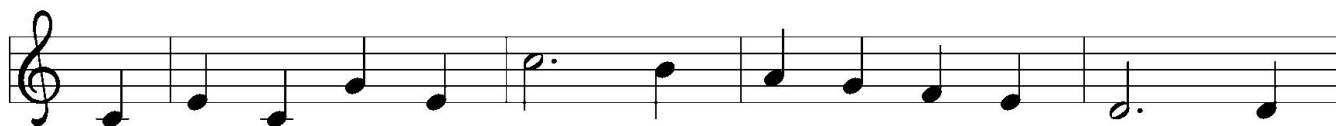
Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*Sending Hymn

“On What Has Now Been Sown”

ELW 550

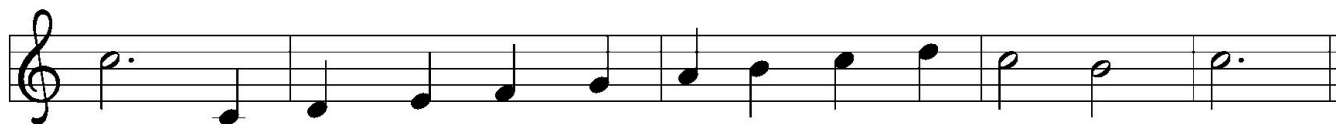
On What Has Now Been Sown



- 1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the
- 2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -
- 3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may



pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,
meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low



grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!
Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.
you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

CLCCUD Announcements, Events and Meetings

The Flowers on the Altar are given by Tom & Penny Algeo in honor of their daughter Megan on her heavenly birthday.

Worship Leaders and Assistants

Preaching & Presiding: The Rev. Dr. James Thomas

Music Director: Sal Scinto

Altar Guild: Penny Algeo, Carolyn Phipps

Lesson Reader: Lois Johnston

Prayer Leader: Chad Tucker

Communion Asst: Cynthia Moultrie

Ushers: Victoria Foster-Lee and Charlesetta Kpoto

Zoom Host: Ryan Savitch

A/V:

Hospitality: Linda Sackor

Looking Ahead

Sunday, July 12	12:00 pm – Church Council
Tuesday, July 14	4:30 pm – Feast Incarnate
Friday, July 17	9:30 am – Fresh For All

Please Pray For

All in particular need, especially Nettie, Penny, Tom, Penny, The Family of Darryl Allen Sr., Marian, Claude, Gracie, Pat, Eunice, Daisy, Alice, Emily and the Family of Fred Kaplan, Ben, Charlesetta, the Family of Eileen L. Mahan, Jennifer, Barbara, Andrea, Marie Josie, Esther, Braelynn, Maria, Miles, Glenn, Peggy, and Dianne.

Celebrating Birthdays This Week

Kafi Hakim is celebrating a birthday this week.

CLCCUD Financial Report

May 2026 Income \$16,592.66
May 2026 Expenses (\$23,117.39)
May 2026 Net Revenue (\$6,524.73)

May 2026 Year-to-date Income \$93,064.52
May 2026 Year-to-date Expenses (\$96,476.47)
May 2026 Year-to-date Net Revenue (\$3,411.95)

Detailed financial statements are available by request to Penny Algeo

Our Church Ministries and Partnerships

Food Ministries Schedule

Emergency Food Closet: Ongoing as emergencies arise
Fresh For All: Fridays, 9:30-10:30AM, weather-dependent
Feast Incarnate: Tuesday, July 14 - 4:30 pm
Senior Boxes: Wed, August 5 - 10-12 am
CLCC Food Closet: Thurs, August 13 -3:00 – 5:30pm

School Supply Drive

The collection of school supplies will continue throughout the month of July.
Please see the newsletter or the bulletin board for more information on what is needed.

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