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# St. Philip Lutheran Church

Ordinary Time

July 20, 2025

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

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+ GATHERING +

## PRELUDE

*“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”  
A favorite of John & Lisa Angell*

[setting by Larry Shackley]

**Gathering Song:** *“All Are Welcome in This Place”*

[by Mark A. Miller]

*Madilyn Church, soloist*

*Singing welcome, welcome to this place! You’re invited to come and know God’s grace.  
All are welcome the love of God to share, for all of us are welcome here.  
All are welcome in this place.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We stand.*

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God, who is faithful and just, and who promises to forgive us our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God, **have mercy on us. 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another fully and truly. In your compassion, forgive our sin and uphold us by your Spirit, that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our light and our truth. Amen.**

With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in + Jesus Christ.

**Amen. Thanks be to God!**

# GATHERING HYMN: ELW 504 – “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

*A favorite of Beth Fife and Todd Dohner.*

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## GREETING

I was glad when they said to me, **let us enter the house of the Lord.**

This is the day the Lord has made! **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

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

### Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion  
sings for joy, to the God of life and love and free-dom;  
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

### Verse 1

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
whose blood has freed and u - nit-ed us  
to be one great peo - ple of God.

### Verse 2

2. Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

### Verse 3

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us  
peo-ple of God; to make all things new.

## **SALUTATION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

**+ WORD +**

## **LESSON: Genesis 18:1-10a**

A reading from Genesis 18.

<sup>1</sup>The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes."

<sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. <sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." <sup>10a</sup>Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

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## GOSPEL READING: Luke 10:38-42

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup> Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

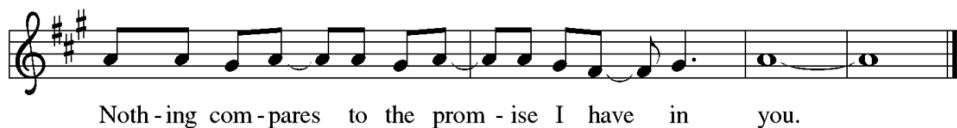
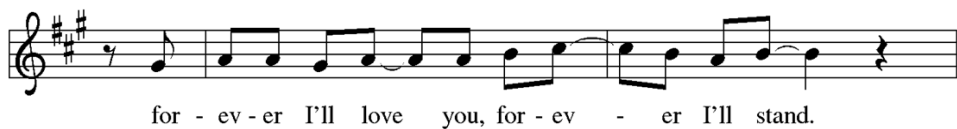
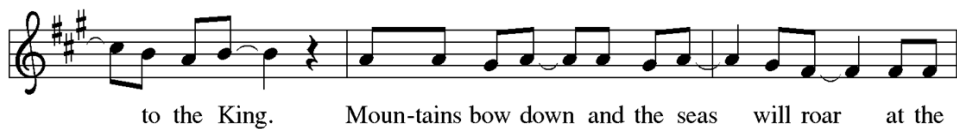
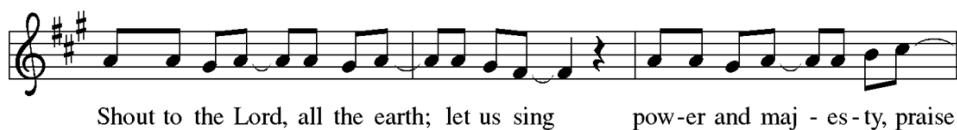
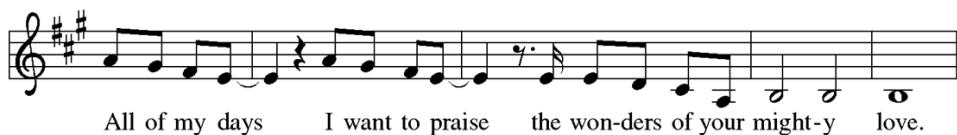
*We sit.*

## (10:30) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & SONG

*Each Sunday immediately after the children's message during the 10:30 worship service, younger children (~1<sup>st</sup> Grade and younger) are invited to Children's Church in our Nursery where they will engage in our Bible lesson for the day in an age-appropriate way. If they are more comfortable staying with their parents, they are welcome. The children return from Children's Church after the Prayers of Intercession.*

**(10:30) ELW 821 – “Shout to the Lord”**

*A favorite of Joan Oberrender.*



Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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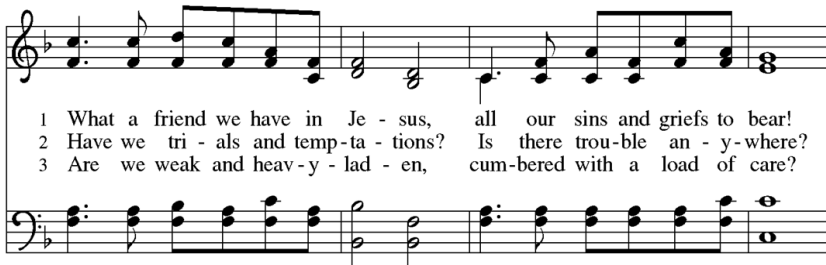
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## SERMON: "Sister Act"

*We thank Pastor Beth Neubauer for leading worship this morning while Pastor Lee is away. Thanks also to Martha Miller for participating during today's sermon with the dialogue between Martha and Mary.*

*We stand.*

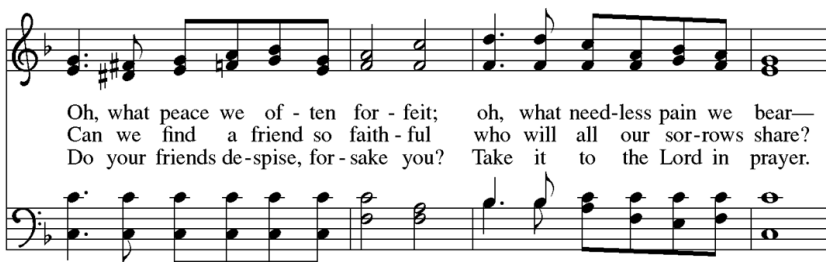
## HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 742 – "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

## APOSTLE'S 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

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*We sit. The assisting minister leads the prayers, each petition concluding:*

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*We stand.*



## PEACE

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

*We greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*We sit.*

## OFFERING

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.  
-Revelation 4:11

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Offerings may be placed in the basket at the rear of the sanctuary. You can easily give to St. Philip through our website; please go to [www.stphiliplutheranchurchmb.com](http://www.stphiliplutheranchurchmb.com) and click "Give to St. Philip" or you can use your phone's camera to scan the code to the right which will take you right there!*



## OFFERING MUSIC

**(8:30)** "Reverent Praise"  
*The Church Family Ringers*

[by Jason Krug]

**(10:30)** "Ring in Triumph"  
*The Greene Family Ringers*

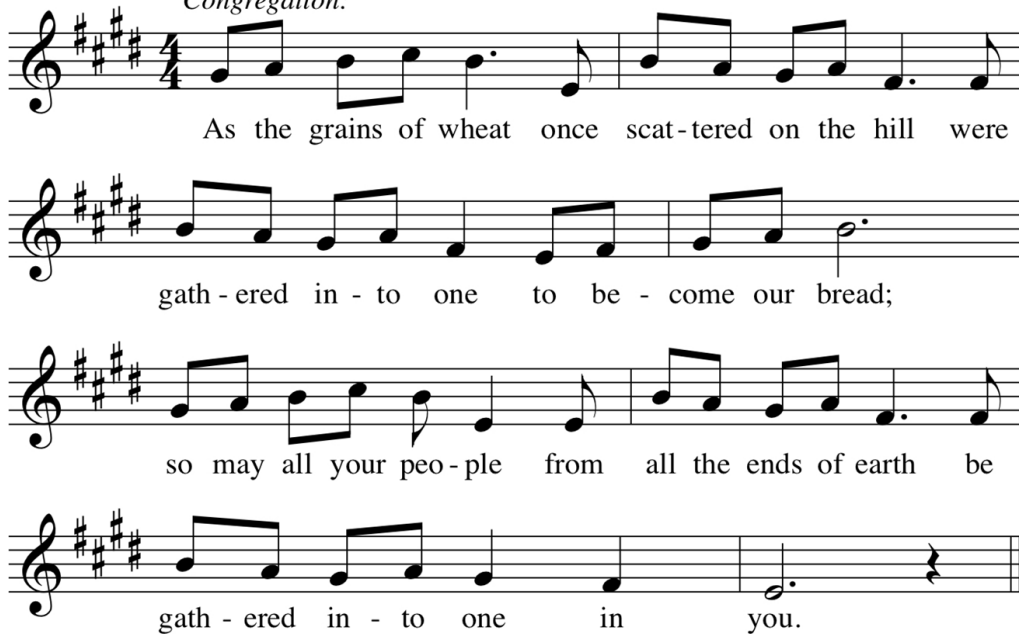
[by Jason Krug]

*We stand as the offering song begins.*

## OFFERING SONG

### Refrain

*Congregation:*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath-ered in - to one in you.

### Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst  
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when  
to Refrain  
may we share the pres-ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

+ 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 God 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

*Congregation:*

The musical score is written for a congregation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a 6/8 time signature. The second staff changes to 3/8 time. The third staff returns to 6/8 time. The fourth staff continues in 6/8 time. The fifth staff concludes with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, gracious, and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence, which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation, and peace.

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 this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

*Congregation:*



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.

Christ will come, come a - gain.

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Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry, "Amen, come Lord Jesus!"

*Congregation:*



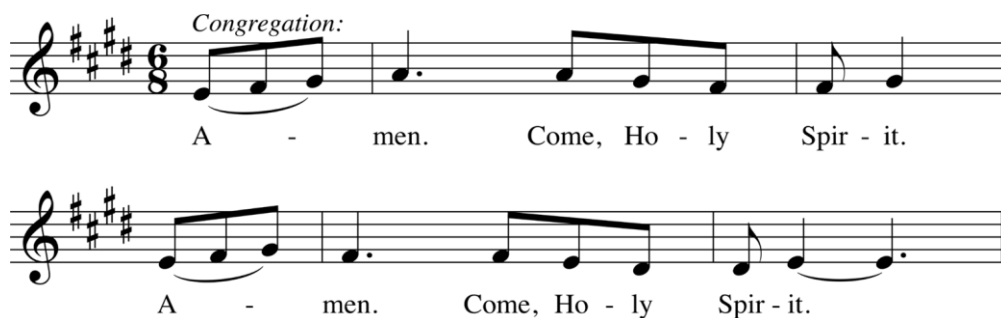
A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

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Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation. Amen! Come, Holy Spirit!

*Congregation:*



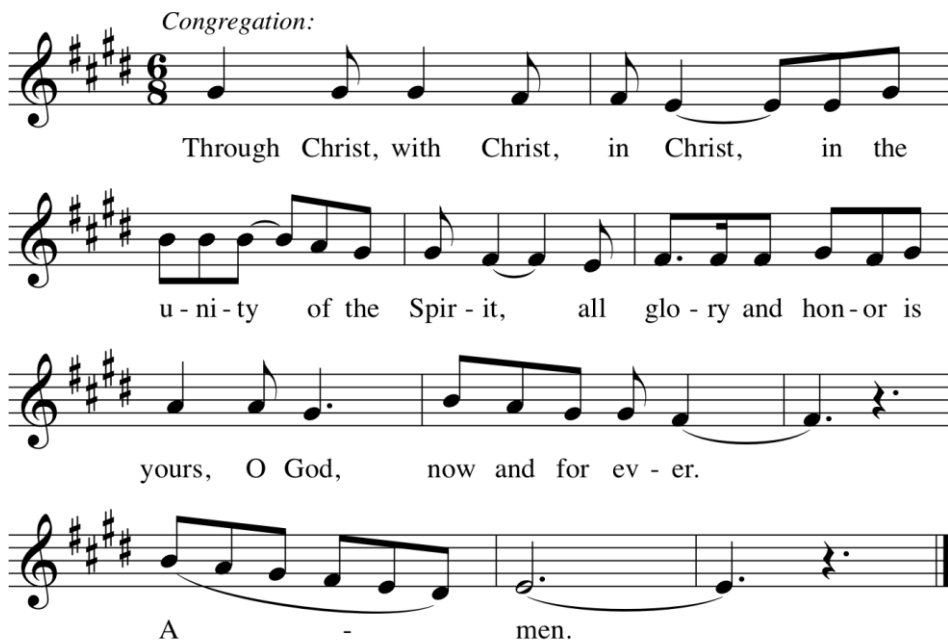
A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

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Gather our prayers with those of the apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the faithful who have gone before us, and unite them with the unceasing prayer of the One who lives in us and in whom we live, Jesus Christ.

*Congregation:*



Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the  
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is  
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.  
A - men.

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## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus teaches 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 to the banquet, for all is now ready.

**Thanks be to God.**

*We sit. All are invited to the Lord's Table. Communion is distributed by intinction. Intinction involves dipping the consecrated bread (wafer) into the chalice of wine and then eating.*

*Ushers will invite both sides of the congregation to come forward via the center aisle. The Pastor will hand you a wafer at the head of the aisle. After receiving the bread, proceed to your side and dip it into the chalice of wine, being mindful not to submerge your fingers. If, by chance, the wafer goes directly into your mouth, don't worry—the Pastor will gladly provide another. Return to your seat via the side aisle.*

*For those who prefer, prepackaged wafers and grape juice are available. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Notify the Pastor of your preference when arriving at the front. You may stay in your seat for communion, and the Pastor and Assisting Minister will bring it to you. Please dispose of your trash after worship if you have any.*

## COMMUNION SONGS



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen, © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

## ELW 770 – “Give Me Jesus”

A favorite of Phil & Robin Wolfe.

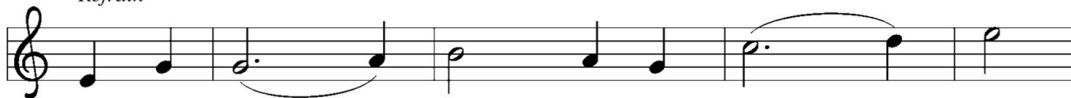


- 1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
- 2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
- 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,



in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.  
dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.  
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.

### *Refrain*



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

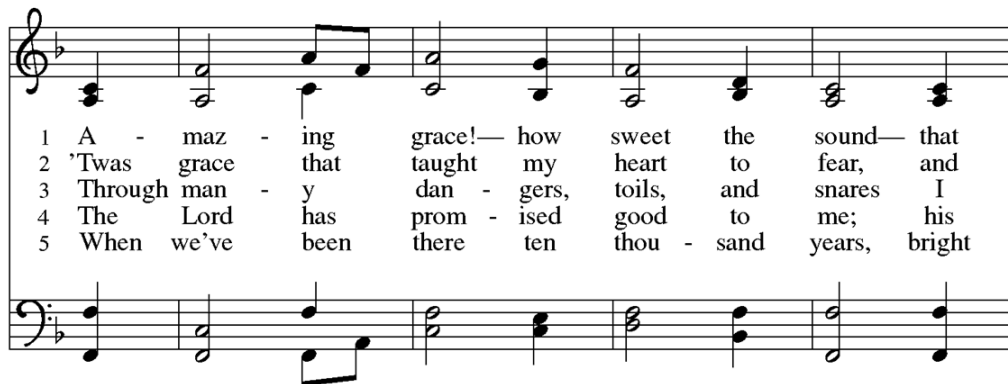
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Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual



## ELW 719 – “Amazing Grace”

A favorite of David Patterson and the Lowe Family.



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

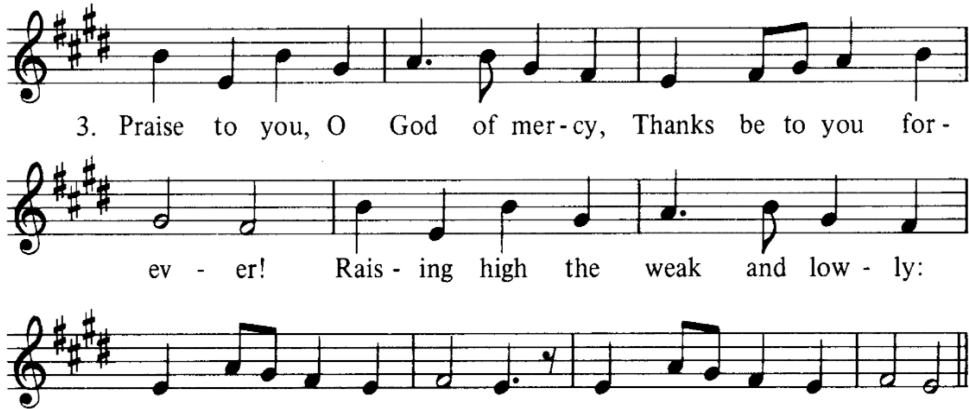
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Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

*At the invitation of the pastor, we stand.*

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

## SONG OF THANKSGIVING



Thanks be to you for - ev - er, Thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
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+ **SENDING** +

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

May God bless us and keep us. May God's face shine on us and be gracious to us. May God look on us with favor and give us peace. In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer: One God. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN: ELW 660 – “*Lift High the Cross*”

*A favorite of Marty & Barb Poloni and Dianne Siee.  
The hymn is on the following page.*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE: “*Festive Trumpet Tune*”

[by David German]

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

## MUSIC NOTES from John Sparkman

Today we join in worship with a beautifully diverse assortment of the St Philip community's favorite hymns & songs. We begin singing with *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*, written by Martin Luther sometime between 1527-29 and affectionately known by yours truly as the "Lutheran National Anthem." Inspired by Psalm 46, the hymn proclaims God's unyielding strength amid adversity. Though today we, along with most everybody else, sing a version of the tune with isometric—that is, *evened-out*—rhythm, the original version of Luther's tune is feisty and syncopated. While the tune's original rhythm likely was *inspired* by bar-hall songs, modern scholarship has debunked that Luther directly took the tune from the tavern. Listen for this original rhythm in the organ's introduction and interlude as we sing the hymn today, and find it at hymn 503 if you're interested.

As we conclude Communion, we'll share in *Amazing Grace*, composed by John Newton in 1779, which reflects the author's transformation from a slave trader to a repentant clergyman. Pairing it with *Give Me Jesus*, a 19th-century African American spiritual, is particularly poignant. *Give Me Jesus* emerged from the terrible conditions of enslaved persons, while *Amazing Grace* was inspired by the repentance of one enforcing their unjust oppression. Could these songs proclaim that Christ's Table both nourishes deep, unjust wounds and heals shameful, wicked transgressions, personally and collectively? Amazing, indeed!

We go out on a high note, so take a deep breath first. *Lift High the Cross*, penned in 1916 by George Kitchin and Michael Newbolt, adopts a triumphant, missional tone. Inspired by the Cross as a symbol of victory, it calls believers to proclaim the Love of the Table boldly, carrying Christ's amazing love to our aching world.

While all four hymns share a foundation in Christian faith, offering hope and strength, their expressions vary: Luther's is steadfast, *Give Me Jesus* is deeply personal, *Amazing*

*Grace* is broadly redemptive, and *Lift High the Cross* is evangelistic. Together, they reflect the rich tapestry of worship and reflection that the music of the church has written on our hearts.

## Summer Spontaneity Singers

While our Chancel Choir takes a break for summer, everyone who enjoys singing is warmly invited to join in with the Summer Spontaneity Singers. They will have their last musical offering for the summer on **Sunday, August 10**. We'll have a brief rehearsal at 9:35 a.m. between services that morning, then sing early in 10:30 worship; those who attend 8:30 worship will not be committed through the end of the later service and are most welcome to join in. Come lend your voice spontaneously one last time before our summer choir ends!

## CHURCH NEWS

*Happy Birthday* today to Gail Kane! And a very *Happy Birthday* this week to Laurie Brucoliere and Hank Moody on July 22. *Happy Anniversary* today to Kinter & Susan McClelland and to Bob & Betti Taggart! And a very *Happy Anniversary* this week to snowbirds, John & Lynn Ford on July 26.

## **Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House in Charleston (RMHC)**

Collecting pop tabs is a fun and easy way to give back to RMHC Charleston, SC! Every tab you donate helps them keep their doors open and provide a temporary “Home-away-from home” for families of critically ill children. Pop tabs are found every time you open up a beverage can or soup can; sometimes you even find them when you feed your pet! Barb Poloni is collecting pop tabs (ongoing collection) here at St. Philip. Any tabs that you collect and bring in, please place them in the containers on the little table by the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall. Large amounts should be placed in baggies and left on the table. Thank you in advance!

### **Feeding the Hungry, Saturday, July 26 MENU: Chicken Bog or Chicken & Rice Casserole**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054DA9A923A1FF2-56375495-july>

**This coming Saturday, July 26**, the volunteers of St. Philip will feed the hungry in our community. We will need many hands to help set up, serve, clean, and take down. We also will need lots of help in bringing food. If you plan to bring food, we ask that you bring your warm, ready to eat dish on Saturday morning between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. Some items (like chips or pre-packaged items) can be brought in ahead of time.

We expect to serve about 40 meals, plus we send 20 to-go boxes to deliver, so we will need lots of support! We appreciate all volunteers who are able and available to help each month. This is a much needed and much appreciated ministry for our community. If you have any questions, please contact Audrey McVean at [amcvean@sc.rr.com](mailto:amcvean@sc.rr.com) or Patrick Wilson at [patrickwilson.va@gmail.com](mailto:patrickwilson.va@gmail.com).

### **Mobile Meals, July 28 – August 1**

St. Philip's week to deliver meals to local clients is Monday, July 28 thru Friday, August 1. **Specific days needed for help are Monday and Tuesday that week.** If you are able and available and would like to help, please contact Audrey McVean directly to let her know, [amcvean@sc.rr.com](mailto:amcvean@sc.rr.com).

### **Forward Together: A Special Giving Opportunity**

As we are in the midst of our sanctuary renovations, you're invited to honor or remember loved ones by supporting the renewal of our worship space. Your generosity will help refurbish our pews and provide new chairs for the choir and congregation, ensuring a space that feels both familiar and refreshed.

- Refinished Pews – \$2,000 each (36 pews total) - Our pews will be repaired, refinished, stained, and reupholstered for beauty and durability.
- Choir/Worship Space Chairs (40 chairs total) – \$250 each - These wooden chairs with upholstered seats will match the pews and offer flexible seating.

Forms to sponsor a pew or chair are available at the information tables. Any gifts beyond the pews and chairs will support our broader renovations. All sponsors will be recognized in a special program when we return to our renewed sanctuary. Thank you for moving Forward Together with gratitude and generosity! ***Thank you to all the generous donors! To date, we have sponsored 20 pews and 36 chairs!***

## Christmas in July at St. Philip - Next Sunday, July 27

Our annual celebration of Christmas in July is quickly approaching! On Sunday, July 27 during both worship services, we will celebrate God's gift of Jesus at a less hectic time of the year. We can truly focus on the gift of Emmanuel! Our Angel Tree for this year will work the same as it has for the past few years - instead of collecting gifts, we will ask for monetary donations.

To mark our progress, each week during our Children's Message, we will decorate the tree with some ornaments. The fuller the tree, the closer we will be to **our goal of \$5,000** to share with ***The Boys & Girls Club of the Grand Strand and Lutheran Services Carolinas*** to support children and families. These organizations will use the money to buy necessities (and maybe some not-so-necessary, fun things) for the children in their care. This is a wonderful way to share some joy with kids who don't have a lot of that in their lives.

**Challenge Gifts: Your Generosity Goes Even Further!** If we come together and raise \$5,000, something exciting will happen—an anonymous member of St. Philip has pledged to add an extra \$500! And that's not all: our Mission & Outreach Committee will also contribute an additional \$1,000, multiplying the impact of your gift. Let's meet the challenge—and share God's grace in a way that truly changes lives.

Please make your checks out to St. Philip Lutheran Church and note, "*Christmas in July*" on the memo line. Any cash given should be placed in a pew envelope (envelopes are in the baskets around the Fellowship Hall) also marked for "*Christmas in July*." Donations should be placed in the offering basket at the back of the Fellowship Hall or you may mail it to the church before July 27. You may give online as well. Simply click on the "Give to St. Philip" icon at the top of the church website homepage, then select "Christmas in July" as the fund.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

***Our sympathies*** to Brian Lowe on the recent passing of his sister, Jen Lowe, on July 7. Please remember Brian & Jessica and their family in your prayers.

***Our sympathies*** to Tonda Wiker on the recent passing of her brother, John Satterfield, on July 11. Please remember Tonda & Steve and their family in your prayers.

***Our sympathies*** to Joyce DeNoon on the recent passing of her sister, Margaret Frank, on July 13. Please remember Joyce & James and their family in your prayers.

Prayers for our church family: Joyce DeNoon, Brian Lowe, Tonda Wiker, Jim Lafferty, Stan Holland, Don Pasquine, John & Anne Iredell, Denise Betz, Skip Barth, Hans Duerr, Marty Poloni, Chris Burton, Hans Bierwagen, Carol Renne, Marilyn Burns, Barbara Myers, Barbara Stemler, and Ruth Thompson.

Prayers for those who are sick, in the hospital, or in hospice care and for all front-line workers in the medical field; for all First Responders and all Police Officers. For all victims of war and violence in our nation; for refugees and asylum seekers in the U.S.; for those who endure the effects of disasters throughout the world; for all missionaries near and far. For our Community and Nation; for our President, our Vice-president, our government, and our local and state officials; and for all our United States service men and women.

Ongoing prayers for loved ones/friends: **Angie Santino** - Kevin S., Annabelle S., Stu H., Vinny S.; **AJ & Regine Perez** - Hannah T. (granddaughter), Donna L. (colon cancer); **Audrey McVean** - Lora D. (mother); **Barbara Boord** - Maggie; **Barbara Miller** - Leon K., Mustafa M., Barb K., Sultana, Lauren, Hassan family; **Beth Neubauer** – family of Judith W., family of Rich G.; **Bill & Dee Storm** - Tom R.; **Bob & Betti Taggart** - Ellen H.; **Brian & Jessica Lowe** - Rae I. (Brian's mom), Greg L.; **Carole Demmy** - family of Carl F.; **Catherine Dattola** - Ann B.; **Cody Miller** - Guidance; **Cynthia Baker** - Meredith (daughter); **Dave & Lottie Witmer** - Ted K.; **Dave & Sharon Ramsey** - Vivian B.; **David Patterson and Kevin Pope** - Brenda M. (cancer); **Diane Bowker** - Pete B. (father); **Dillard Jarrell & Martie Bollman** - Sherry J. (daughter-in-law); **Don & Bonnie Letourneau** - Darrell R. (brain cancer); **Dorothy Yarborough** - Pr. Pam C.; **Ellen Yates** - Jack D. (cousin); **Frank & April Troglauer** - Hope H., James & Heather W., Ken T.; **Gail Kane** - Mike L., Sherry L.; **Gary & Lucille Moore** - family of Terry M.; **Geno & Keila Sebia** - family; **Greg & Tanya Stephenson** - Carroll H. (Greg's brother-in-law); **Hank & Pat Moody** - Anne D. (Hank's sister), Mike P.; **Hannah Carr & Jared Gentry** - Family; **Harry Betz** - Matt & Eileen P., Bob & Gail B., Adam, Scott B.; **Henry & Rita Lewis** - Garry R., Jackie, Kenny B., Bruce F.; **James McIlrath** - Karen M., Frank & Jude K.; **Jim & Malinda Eubanks** - Ava (granddaughter, bone marrow transplant); **Jim & Connie Lafferty** - Bonny L. (breast cancer); **Joan DiLorenzo** - Betty and Carol (Joan's sisters), Alton C.; **Joe Heindlmeyer & Sherri Miller** - Ashley M. (daughter), Marilyn K., Phil & Nancy H.; **John & Elsie Angus** - Kim N.; **John Sparkman & Brent Lank** - Kathy and grandkids Dwight & Layla (Brent's family); Delia and Sue, for reconciliation; for an end to war in the Holy Land; for all those laboring in the heat, especially those transforming St. Philip; **Joe & Paula Baxter** - family and loved ones, Earl W. (leg surgery); **Jonah and Anna Lee** - Mallory and Camden W. (cousins); **Kinter & Susan McClelland** - Robin & Vince W., Vanita (sister-in-law), Charlotte (Susan's mom), the family of Jerry M., Gayle L. (Susan's sister), Ruth N.; **Kip & Ronda Anderson** - Sarah S., Earl S., Debbie K., Becky L., Allan B., Chet H., Buddy D., Rae Jean D., Terry G., Kim A.; **Lee Eymold & Chuck Mancuso** - Joan S. (Lee's sister), Gladys Ann (cancer); **Lisa Bellamy** - Keith, Mace, Heather (all health issues), Doretha (loss of spouse); **Madge Rosenberg** - Catherine (daughter); **Marilyn Brugler** - Jack, Lonnie, Steve; **Marjorie Allen** - Mathew S.; **Martha Miller** - Amber and Korben, Luci (granddaughter), Theresa (cousin), Bob & Dee; **Marty & Barb Poloni** - Rob M. (transplant), Gale (loneliness), Peggy F. (MS), Donna N. (ALZ), Kris K. (strength), Shirley D. (breast cancer); **Mary Shelly** - Rosemarie H., Cole W.; **Mike & Diane Ballard** - Bob L. (Diane's father), Hal (renal failure), Ryan B. (son), Miller family; **Mike & Sue Mountz** - Katie B.; **Morgan Lowe** - Sigmon Family (house fire); **Nancy Houston** - Jesi S., Anna, Heather, Ken, Todd (all have cancer), Ruth (Nancy's mom); **Nancy Wrigley** - Stacey W. (needs kidney); **Paul & Doris Montgomery** - Matthew H. (sickness); **Pérsida Rivera-Méndez** - Raymond R. (son), Dotti; **Rebeka Moran** - Brett S., Pat S. (Rebeka's mom, healing); **Redding Soderberg** - Jennifer C. (spine surgery); **Robin Heuer** - Ann, Rick, family, Bob, Steve, Linda, Mary, Debbie, Patti, James; **Roz Hanlon** - Sachs/Todd families, Paul K., Wayne, Danny W., Rich, Ericka C., Mike T., Bret S., Irene; **Sue Piette** - Maryann (cancer); **Teddy Janosick** - Diane T., Christion M., Paul T.; **Todd Dohner** - Mike A. (surgery); **Vyrjil & Karin Buus** - Sarah B. (daughter-in-law).

**Serving this morning:**

Supply Pastor: The Rev. Beth Neubauer  
Director of Music Ministries: John Sparkman  
Assisting Minister: (8:30) Angie Santino; (10:30) Angie Morris  
Communion Assistant: (8:30) Ronda Anderson; (10:30) Carole Demmy  
Lectors (8:30): Martha Miller; (10:30) April Troglauer  
Acolytes: (8:30) Lexi Church; (10:30) Gabby Collins, Angie Sebia  
Ushers: (8:30) Madge Rosenberg; (10:30) Dave Witmer  
Altar Guild: Dave & Sharon Ramsey  
Camera Operator: (10:30) Jim Seidel  
Tellers: Dennis & Kelley Hiller

**St. Philip's Directory of Ministry:**

Ministers: The People of Saint Philip  
Pastor: The Rev. Jason Lee  
Director of Music Ministries: John Sparkman  
Parish Administrator: Linda Hendricks  
Sexton: Doretha Duncan  
Nursery Assistant: (10:30) Roz Hanlon  
Assistant Treasurer: Jenny Kelly  
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