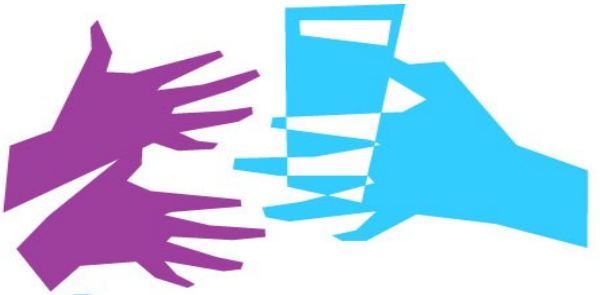
Elim Lutheran Church

Sunday, June 28, 2026

10:00 AM

5th Sunday After Pentecost



And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones... he will certainly not lose his reward.

Matthew 10:42

RECONCILING IN CHRIST

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Welcome to Elim Lutheran Church

1) Accessible restrooms and an AED are located by the exit near the parking lot. An all-gender restroom is in the Sanctuary Balcony.

2) Elim belongs to the Sierra Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). To learn more, visit https://www.spselca.net/

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor: Let us welcome all who are here to worship with us today. Here at Elim:

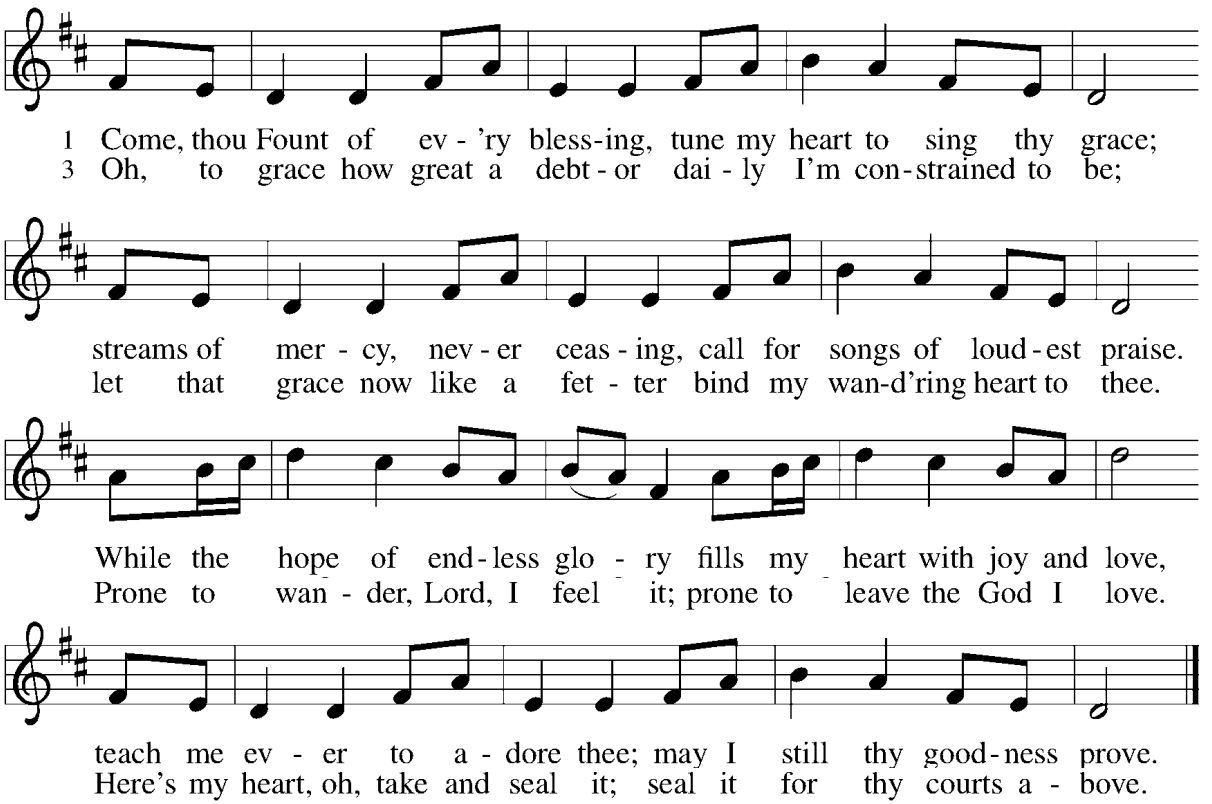
All: You are welcome, you are loved, you belong.

RINGING OF THE BELL

INSTALLATION OF LEADERSHIP TEAM

Please stand as you are able

OPENING HYMN: COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING ELW 807



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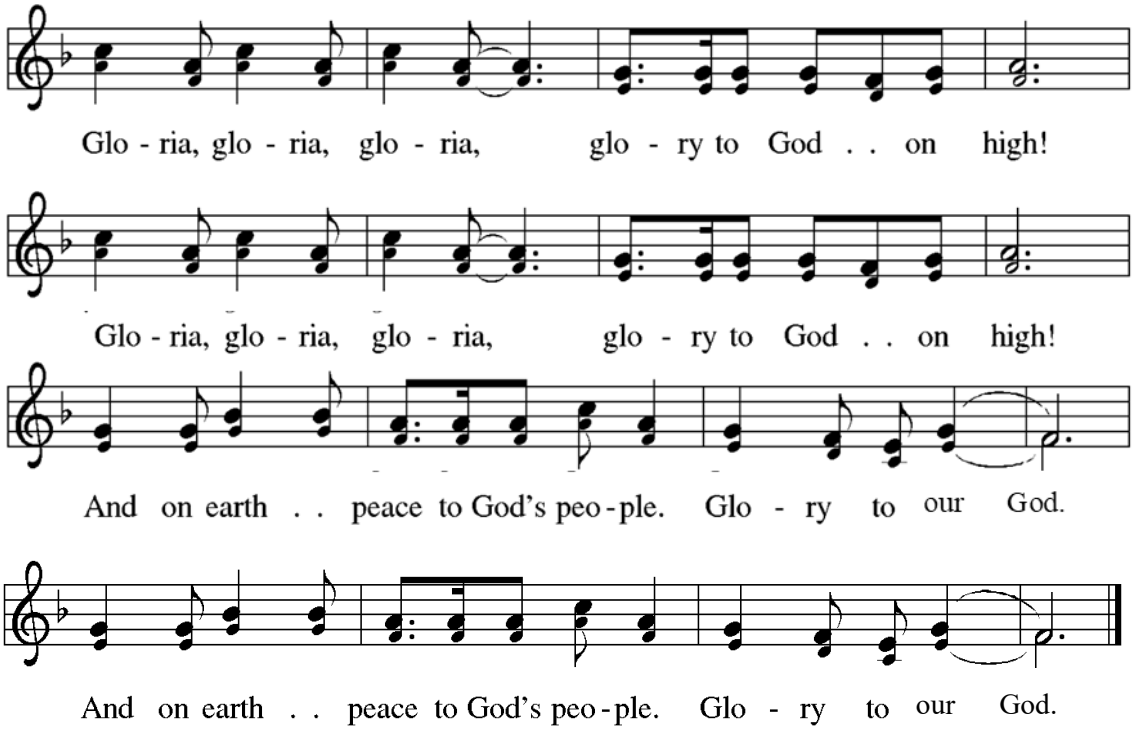
Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

ALL: GLORIA



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lector: O God,

All: you direct our lives by your grace,
and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world.
Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Please be seated

READING: ROMANS 6:12-23

Lector: A reading from the book of Romans.

12 Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. 13 No longer
present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to
God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God
as instruments of righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are
not under law but under grace.

15 What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no
means! 16 Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves,
you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of
obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God that you who were slaves
of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were
entrusted 18 and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to
righteousness. 19 I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you
once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more
lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to
sanctification.

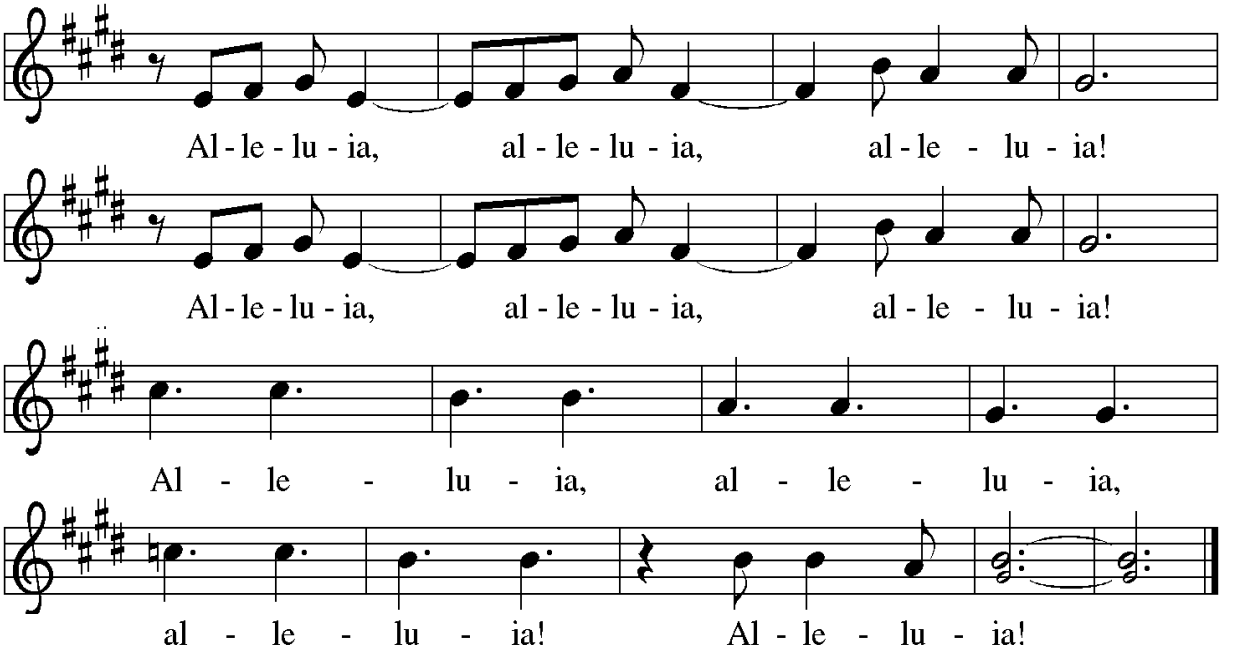
20 When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 So what fruit
did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things
is death. 22 But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you
have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but
the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

ALL: GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: MATTHEW 10:40-42

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said to the twelve:] 40 "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41 Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, 42 and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

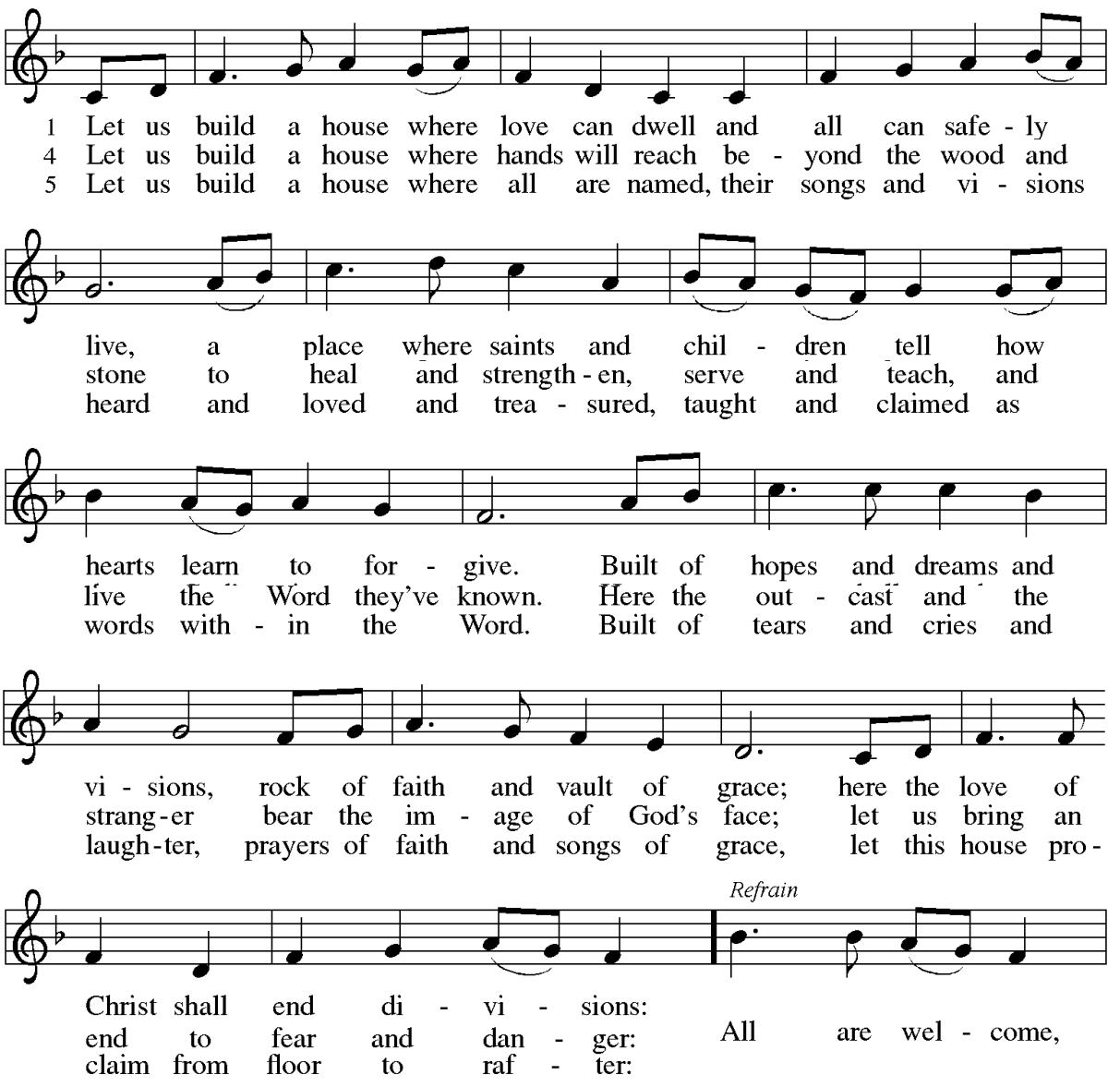
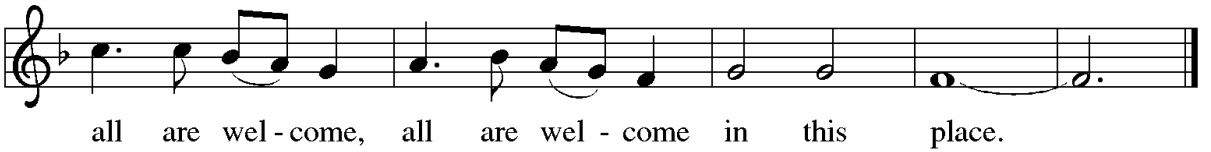
Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON: Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson

Please stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY: ALL ARE WELCOME — ELW 641 VS 1,4,5



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen
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Please be seated

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ALM: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

ALM: Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

ALM: Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

ALM: Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division especially in the Middle East and Ukraine. Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

ALM: Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We especially pray for Dave, Diane, Donna, Anita, Nancy, Debra, Noelle, Lou, Carole, Brian, Jim, Tasha, and those we name silently and aloud (brief silence). Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

ALM: Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

ALM: Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places. We especially pray for the family and friends of Bob Reinhard whose memorial service was on Friday. We also pray for the family and friends of Keith Winters. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

ALM: O God, bless all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and celebrations of all kinds this week. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

All: Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

ALM: Loving God,

All: we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

Please stand as you are able

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

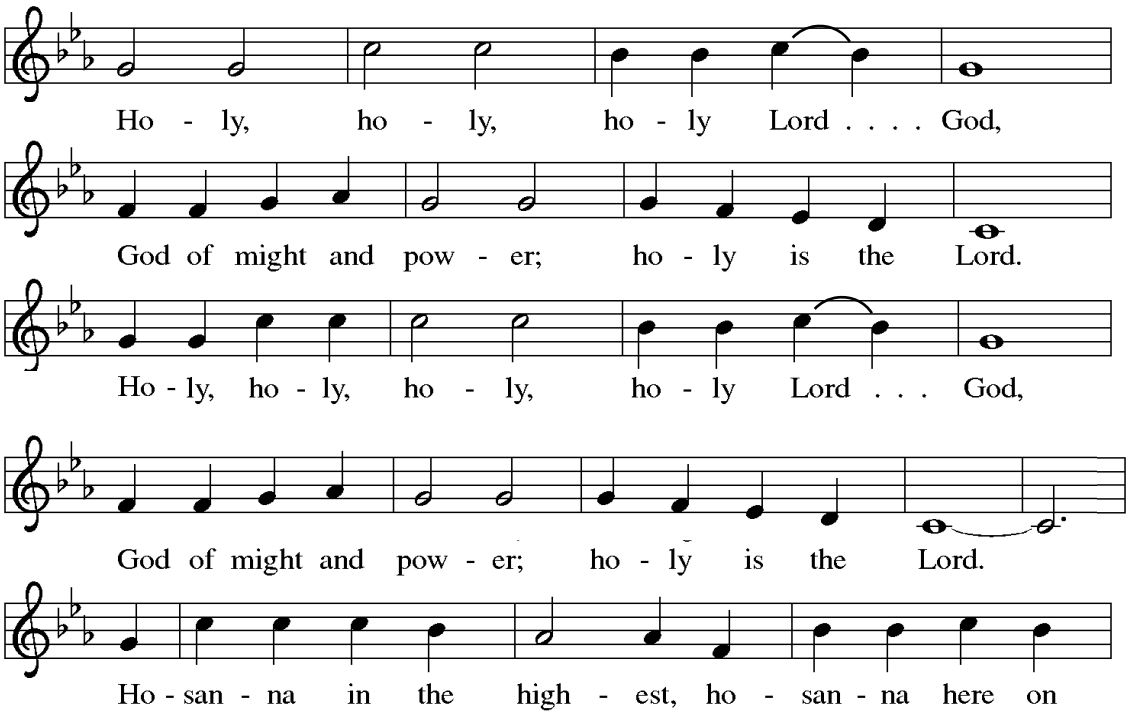
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

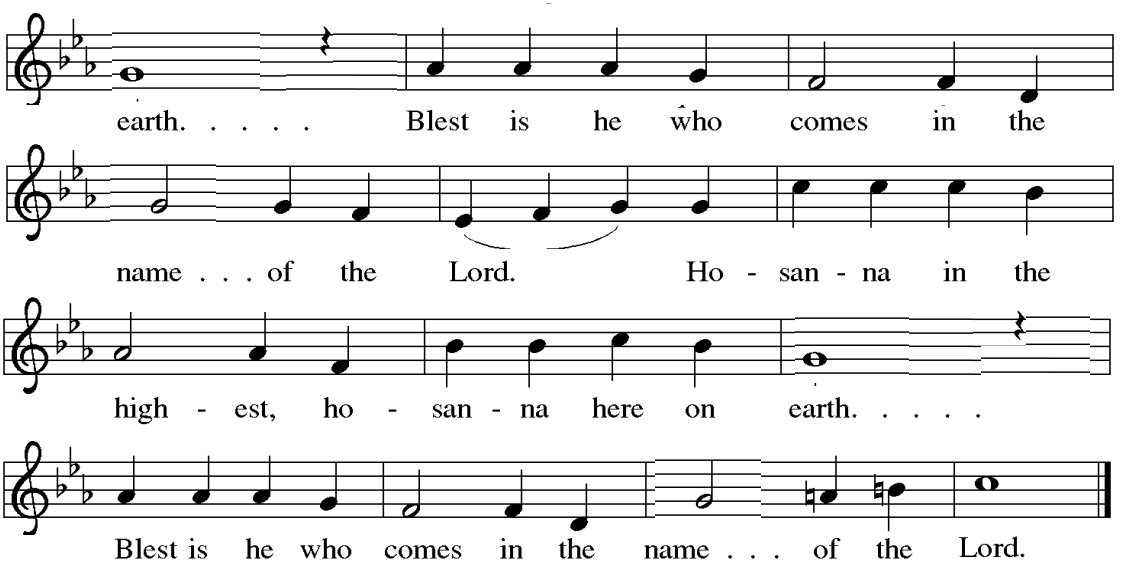
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

Pastor: 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





EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

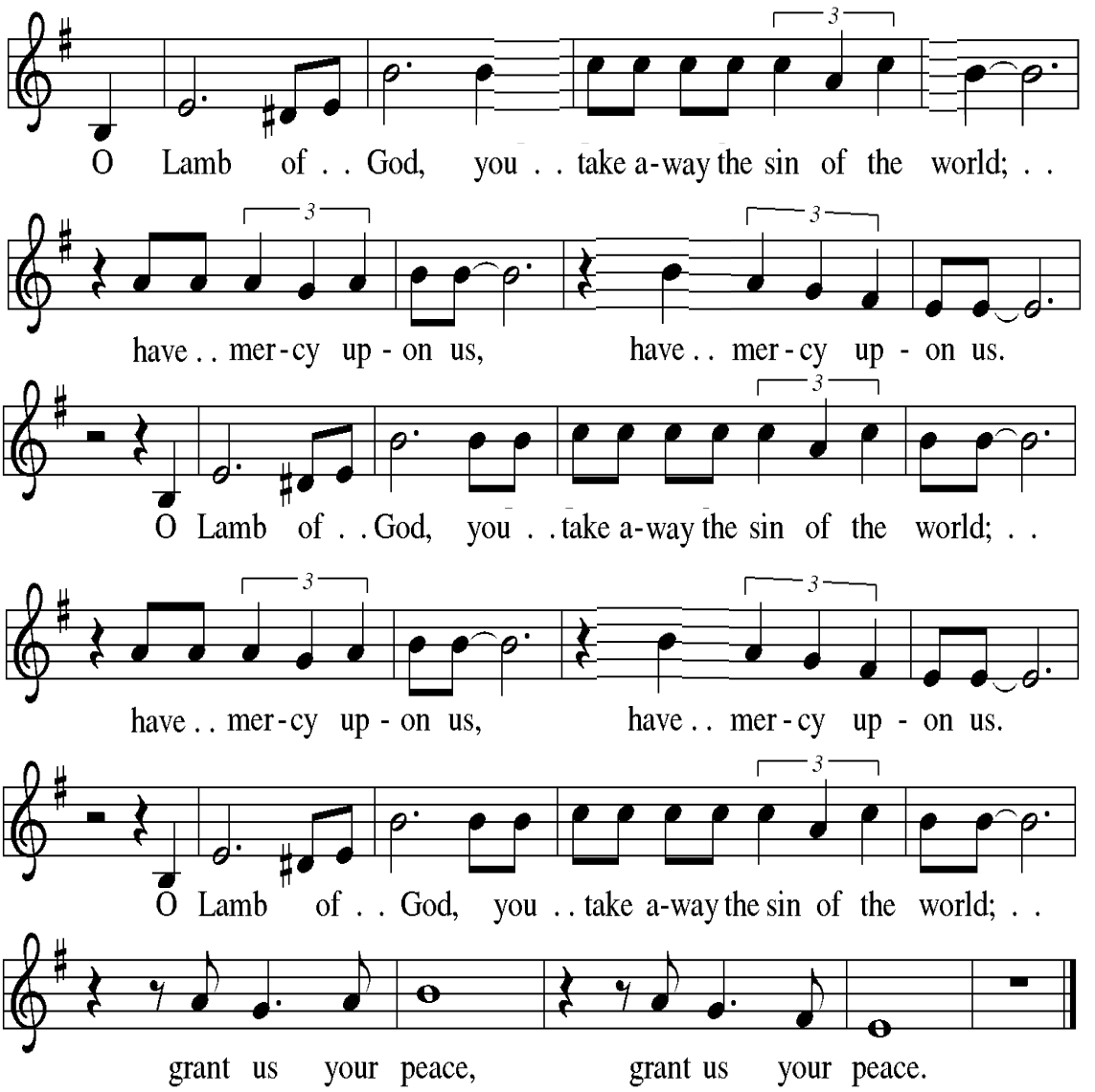
Pastor: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

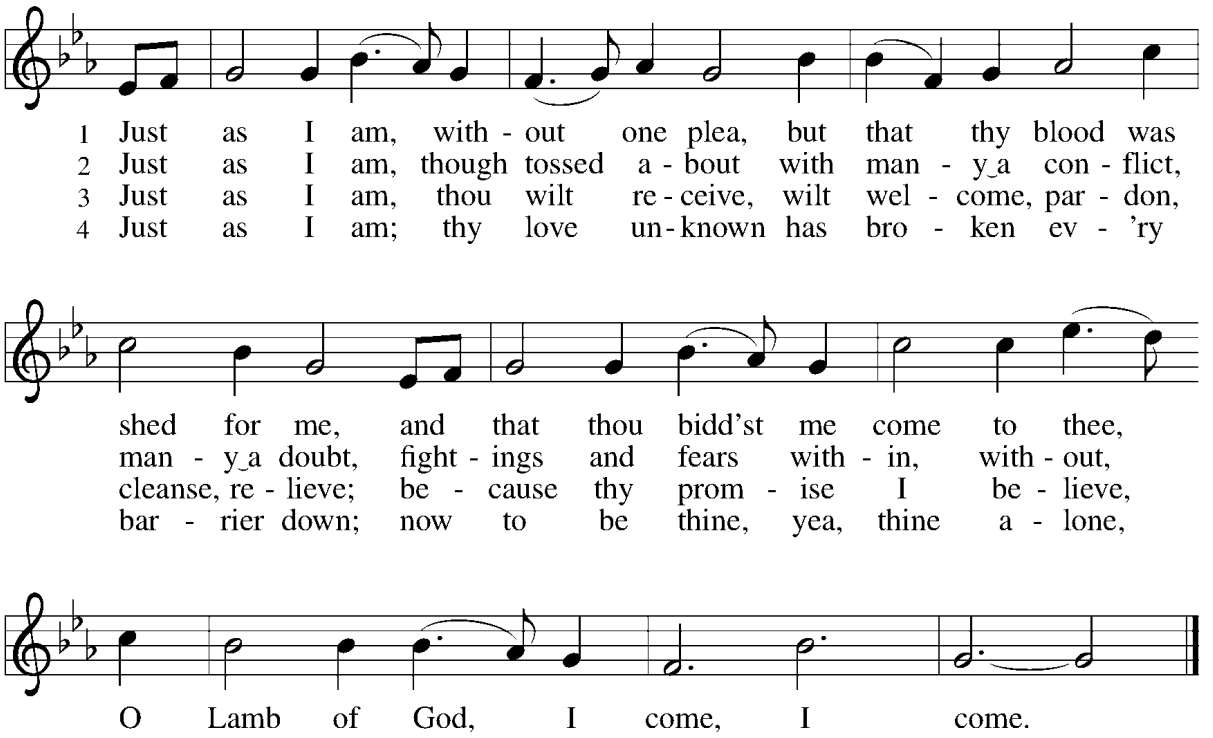
Please be seated

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes everyone to his table and so we offer to everyone, without exception, to share in Holy Communion. If you would like to receive communion with us today, please come forward and hold out your hands. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please let the server know. When you receive the bread you may dip it in the wine (darker in color) / juice (lighter in color). If you choose to take the individual cup,. please discard the cup after drinking. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please place your hand over your heart. If you are a visitor and would feel more comfortable, you are welcome to remain seated.

If you would like to receive communion but cannot come forward, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.

COMMUNION HYMN: JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA ELW 592



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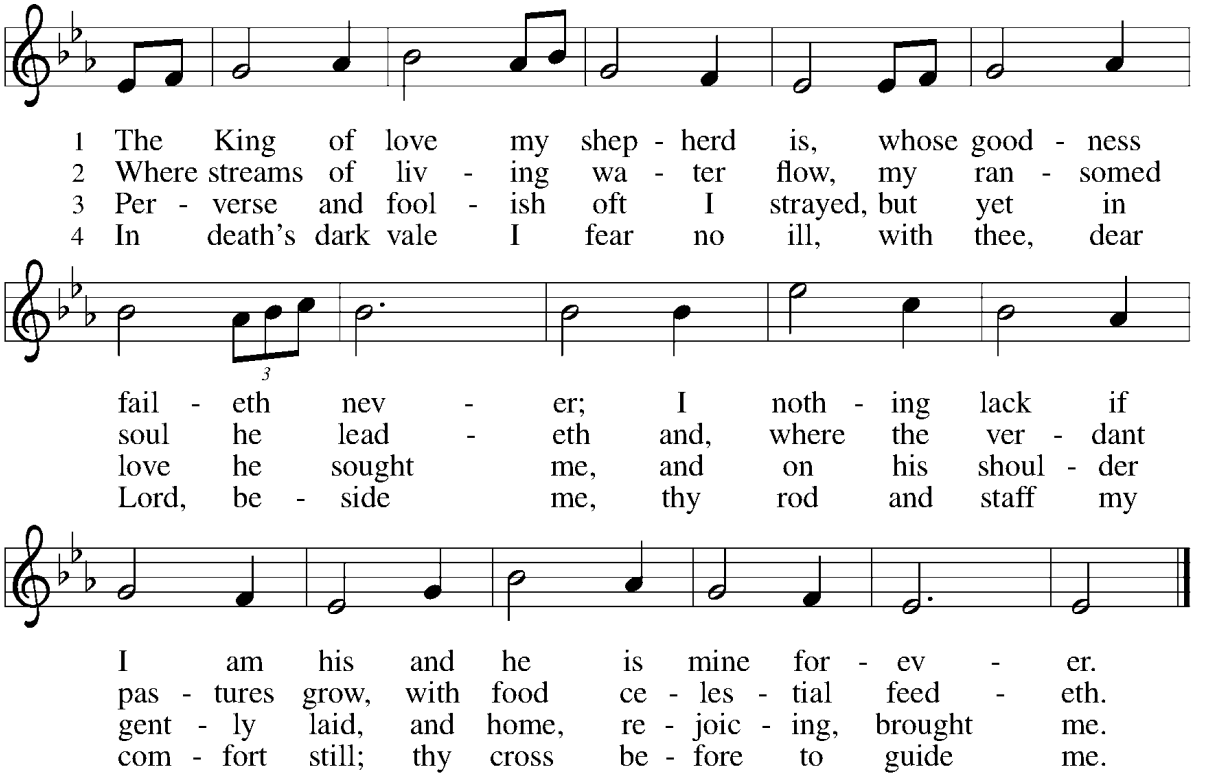
Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

COMMUNION HYMN: THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS ELW 502



5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877
Music: St. Columba, Irish tune

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Please stand as you are able

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ALM: Compassionate God,

All: through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

GODSPEED FOR RICK & BARB VILLA

BENEDICTION

Response after blessing: **Amen**

SENDING HYMN: OH HOW I NEED YOU (FIND YOU) CCLI

Intro
Lord I find You in the seeking
Lord I find You in the doubt
And to know You is to love You
And to know so little else

Chorus
How I need You
Oh how I need You
Oh how I need You
Oh how I need You

Verse 1
Lord I find You in the seeking
Lord I find You in the doubt
And to know You is to love You
And to know so little else

Chorus
How I need You
Oh how I need You
Oh how I need You
Oh how I need You

Verse 2
Lord I find You in the morning
Lord I seek You ev'ry day
Let my life be for Your glory
Woven in Your threads of grace

Chorus
How I need You
Oh how I need You
Oh how I need You
Oh how I need You

Bridge
Light glorious light I will go where You shine
Break the dawn crack the skies
Make the way bright before me
In Your light I will find
All I need all I need is You

Light glorious light I will go where You shine
Break the dawn crack the skies
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Chorus
Oh how I need You
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SENDING

ALM: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
All: Thanks be to God.

Next Week:

July 5, 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Intro: The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

Readings: Zechariah 9:9-12 / Psalm 145:8-14 / Romans 7:15-25a / Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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