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Our Mission Statement:

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.

Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.

Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.

+ Please stand as you are able.

+ Gathering +

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

Praise & Worship

"Lord, Reign in Me"

Over all the earth, You reign on high, ev'ry mountain stream, ev'ry sunset sky. But my one request, Lord, my only aim is that You'd reign in me again.

Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow'r; Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour. You are the Lord of all I am, so won't You reign in me again.

Over ev'ry thought, over ev'ry word, may my life reflect the beauty of my Lord; 'Cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing. So won't You reign in me again.

Text: Brenton Brown
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"Give Us Clean Hands"

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees; Oh Spirit come make us humble. We turn our eyes from evil things; Oh Lord we cast down our idols.

Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not lift our souls to another. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not lift our souls to another.

And oh God, let us be a generation that seeks, that seeks Your face, oh God of Jacob; And oh God, let us be a generation that seeks, that seeks Your face, oh God of Jacob.

Text: Charlie Hall Text © 2000 sixsteps Music

"Awesome God"

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above With wisdom, power and love, Our God is an awesome God. Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above With wisdom, power and love, Our God is an awesome God.

Text: Rich Mullins
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+ Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

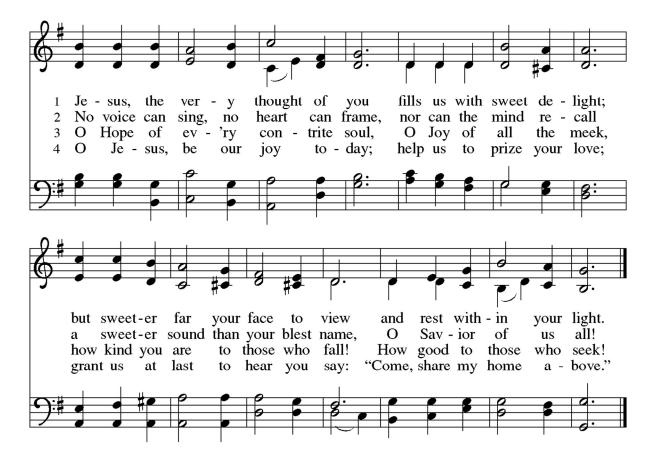
Holy One, we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In + Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **Amen.**

+ Gathering Song

ELW#754

Jesus, the Very Thought of You



Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878 Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

+ 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

ELW p.27

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God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+Word+

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

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

A reading from Genesis.

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁴And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Psalm 27 ELW #27

Let us recite together Psalm 27 as translated in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal.

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,

they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

8My heart speaks your message— "Seek my face."

Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

 10 Though my father and my mother forsake me,

the LORD will take me in.

11Teach me your way, O LORD;

lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

¹²Subject me not to the will of my foes,

for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.

¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD

in the land of the living!

¹⁴Wait for the LORD and be strong.

Take heart and wait for the LORD!

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17--4:1

A reading from Philippians.

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.



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+ Gospel Reading

Luke 13:31-35

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

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

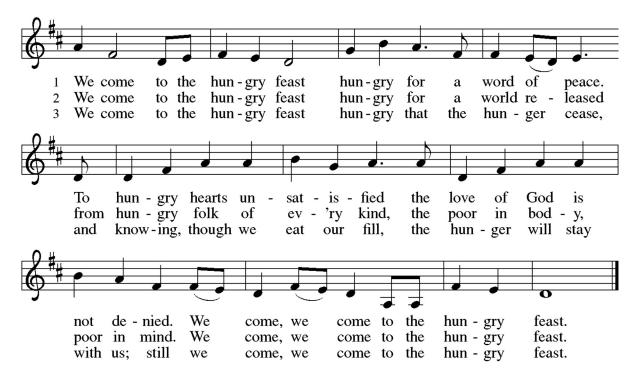
Young at Heart Message & Sermon

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

+ Song of the Day

ELW #479

We Come to the Hungry Feast



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+ Nicene Creed ACS p.16

With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

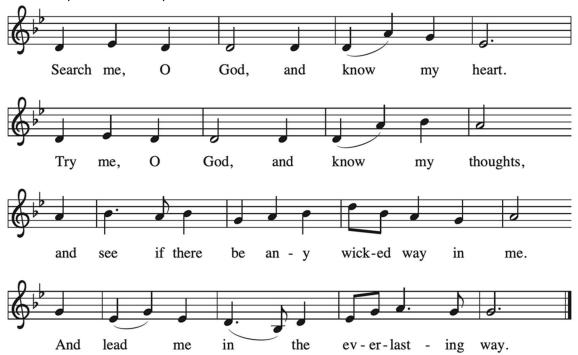
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* universal

+ Prayers of Intercession

sung refrain: ACS #1076

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.



Text: I-to Loh, b. 1936, based on Psalm 139:23-24

Music: KAM-CHHAT, I-to Loh

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You gather the church into a community of mercy and grace. Unify Christians around the globe in efforts to proclaim good news even in the face of opposition and to protect those whose lives are imperiled by the gospel.

You create the entire universe and call it good. Hinder those who would cause further destruction to our planet's fragile ecosystems, and augment the calls of those who advocate for thoughtful stewardship of the earth's resources.

You raise up leaders committed to love and justice. Nurture in those who govern patience to receive criticism, openness to new ideas, and courage to change course when needed for the sake of the common good.

Refrain

You hear us when we cry to you. Attend to those expecting a child, and console those who have experienced miscarriage. Comfort veterans enduring post-traumatic stress. Shield those endangered by domestic violence. Uphold those who are ill or grieving, especially for those listed on our prayer list and those we name now aloud or silently (pause for names).

You welcome us into your heavenly realm. We give thanks for those whose labors on earth are ended and who now rest with you. On the final day, gather all of us, with them, in your loving arms.

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Refrain

+ Peace

+Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able! Electronic donations can be made at https://tithe.ly/give new/www/#/tithely/give-

one-time/475611.

Checks can be also be sent to church: 521 Providence Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23325

+ Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

+ 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.

Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

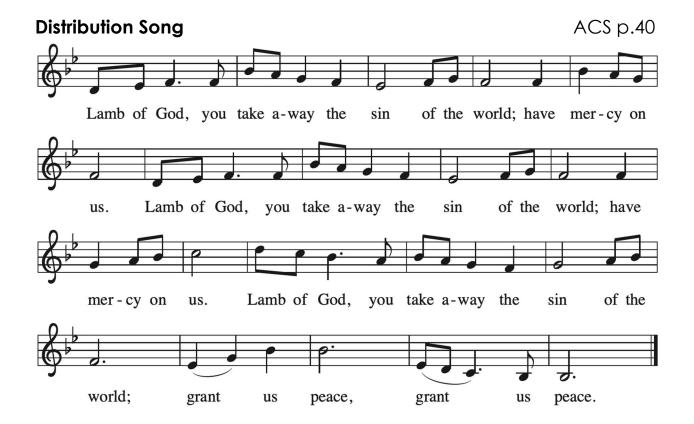
+ Lord's Prayer ACS p.39

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Communion

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace
At Christ's table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space, and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices
Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table, where Christ is both host and meal.
Currently we are communion with prepackaged kits—there are wine, grape juice, and gluten free options available.
Where possible, commune one another saying "the body of Christ, given for you" and "the blood of Christ, shed for you."



+ Prayer after Communion

Please stand as you are able. Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your lifegiving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

+ Sending +

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

+ Blessing

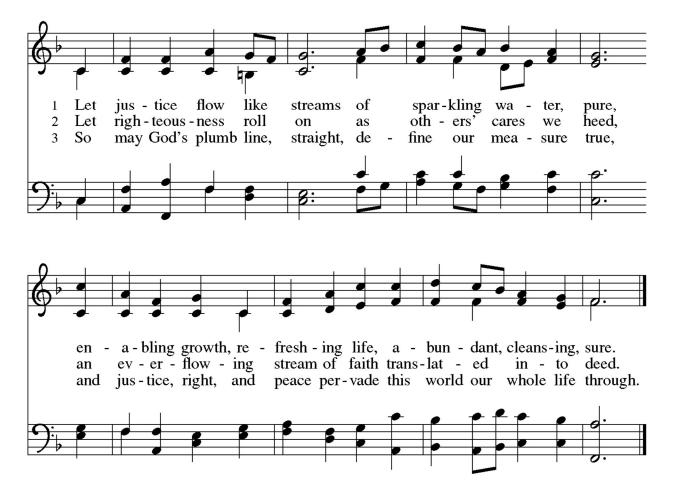
You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, & bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

Announcements

+ Sending Song

ELW #717

Let Justice Flow like Streams



Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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