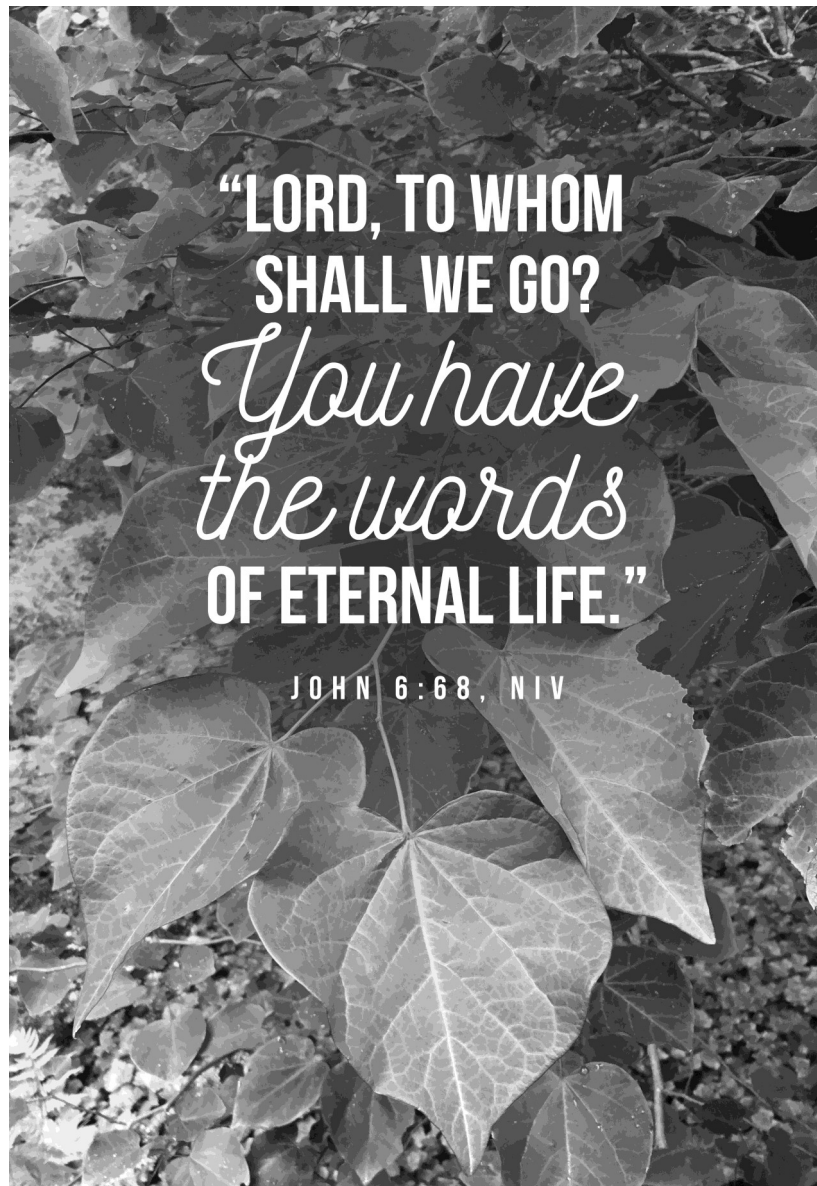


**Sunday, August 25, 2024**  
**The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost**



**Holy Communion Lutheran Church**  
**A community called to Worship, Learn, Love and Serve.**  
**2000 West Sixth Street Racine, Wisconsin**

**O the Joy**  
**A Liturgy Written by Gregory Berg**

*Special thanks to greeter Christine Monreal, assisting minister Laura Jansen, lector Jim Black, communion assistants Dave Knudson and Jim Black, AV technician Barb Salvo, ushers Jim Buhler, Todd Jansen, Tim Krikau, and Gary Wee, altar guild Susan Barbee, Val Conner, and Barb Salvo and Alison Ferrentino, coffee fellowship Laura Kozenski and Sally Nietzel, councilperson in charge Laurie Knudson, Gregory Berg and our musicians Cheryl Belland, Ann Heide, Elaine Lewis and Betty Petersen for sharing their time and talent with us today.*

*Please stand, if you are able, where there is an asterisk \* in the bulletin.*

**PRELUDE** (A quiet time of reflection, to prepare for worship.)

**\*GATHERING SONG**

**O the Joy**

Gregory Berg

O the Joy! O the Joy in know-ing Je - sus. Let us strive to know the Lord. God will re-  
ply like show-ers in the Spring-time as sure-ly as the morn - ing dawn. O the  
Joy in know-ing Je - sus. Let us strive to know the Lord. God will re - ply like  
show-ers in the Spring-time as sure - ly as the morn - ing dawn. God does not de-sire burnt  
of - fer-ings. God does not de-sire our sac - ri - fice. God most de-sires our hearts and lives so  
that is what we bring, and that is why we sing: "O the Joy!" O the Joy in know-ing Je - sus.  
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Lord. God will re - ply like show-ers in the Spring-time as sure-ly as the morn-ing dawn.

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.  
**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,  
**help us.**  
**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**  
**We question your ways when they differ from the ways**  
**of the world in which we live.**  
**We turn to our own understanding**  
**rather than trusting in you.**  
**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**  
**Turn us again to you.**  
**Where else can we turn?**  
**Share with us the words of eternal life**  
**and feed us for life in the world.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.  
**Amen.**

**\*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.**

**\*KYRIE**

Leader: Let us join as - one as we pray to the Lord, **Congregation:** **Lord have mer - cy.** For the  
peace from a - bove and for our sal - va - tion, **Lord have mer -**  
**cy.** For this ho - ly house and for all who in faith gath - er to wor - ship in this place, that  
we may be - hold a - glimpse of your face, **Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy,**  
**Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.** That all of the world may  
know your peace, **Lord have mer - cy.** That the poor be re - stored and the  
bound re - leased, **Lord have mer - cy.** That the life of the church may be  
strong and se - cure anchored and cen - tered - sole - ly on you, and for gui - dance and grace in all that we do,  
**Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.**

# \*HYMN OF PRAISE

leader

Lord God of pow - er and might, hea-ven and earth are

congregation

Lord God of pow - er and might, hea-ven and earth are

4

full of your glo - ry. Lord God of pow - er and might,

full of your glo - ry. Lord God of pow - er and might,

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hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. *Fine* Glo - ry, Maj - e - sty, and

(Lord God, Heaven-ly King the

hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. *Fine* Glo - ry, Maj - e - sty,

(Lord God, Heaven-ly King,

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Praise to Thee be gi - ven. Christ who takes a -

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther)

and Praise to Thee be gi - ven. Christ who takes

the on - ly Son of the Fa - ther)

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way our sin have mer - cy up - on us. *D.C. al Fine*

a - way our sin have mer - cy up - on us. *D.C. al Fine*

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **CHIDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **WORD**

#### **FIRST READING: Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18**

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2a</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, <sup>14</sup>“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **PSALM: Psalm 34:15-22**

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,  
and God's ears are open to their cry.

<sup>16</sup>**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,  
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

<sup>17</sup>The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them  
and delivers them from all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup>**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

<sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers them from every one.

<sup>20</sup>**God will keep safe all their bones;  
not one of them shall be broken.**

<sup>21</sup>Evil will bring death to the wicked  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

<sup>22</sup>**O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

## \*GOSPEL ACLAMATION



## \*GOSPEL: John 6:56-69

The holy gospel according to John, the sixth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>56</sup>“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

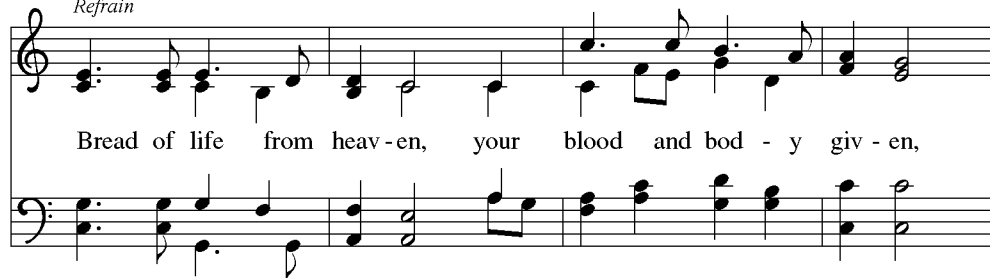
The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON     Pastor Laura Fladten**

## Bread of Life from Heaven

*Refrain*



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod-y giv-en,



we eat this bread and drink this cup un-til you come a-gain.



- 1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac-ri-fice; giv-ing
- 2 Seek not the food that will pass a-way; set your
- 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him-
- 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
- 5 Drink of this cup and de-clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun-gry ones, gath-er round. Eat, all of you, and be  
hearts on the food that en-dures. Come, learn the true and the  
self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is  
home in the life-giv-ing Word. Know on-ly Christ, Ho-ly  
bread and be-lieve Eas-ter morn; trust his re-turn and, with

*Refrain*



sat-is-fied; in Christ's pres-ence the loaves will a-bound.  
liv-ing way, that the full-ness of life may be yours.  
food for you, that your hun-ger and thirst be no more.  
One of God, and be-lieve in the truth you have heard.  
ev-ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re-born.

Text: Susan R. Briebl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD, Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas

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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.

## \*INVITATION SONG

**Leader:** Come to the ta - ble of the... **Congregation:** Come to the ta - ble of the Lord to the ta - ble of the...

Come to the ta - ble of the Lord.

**Leader:** 1.Wine is poured and bread is bro - ken.  
2.Have no fear or hes - i - ta - tion,

**Words of Institution are spoken here**

Hear the gos - pel and pro - mise spo - ken.  
Come with hope and ex - pec - ta - tion.

**All:** Come as fam - 'ly friends and neigh - bors. Come en - count - er Christ the Sa - vior.

**Leader:** Come to the ta - ble of the... **Congregation:** Come to the ta - ble of the

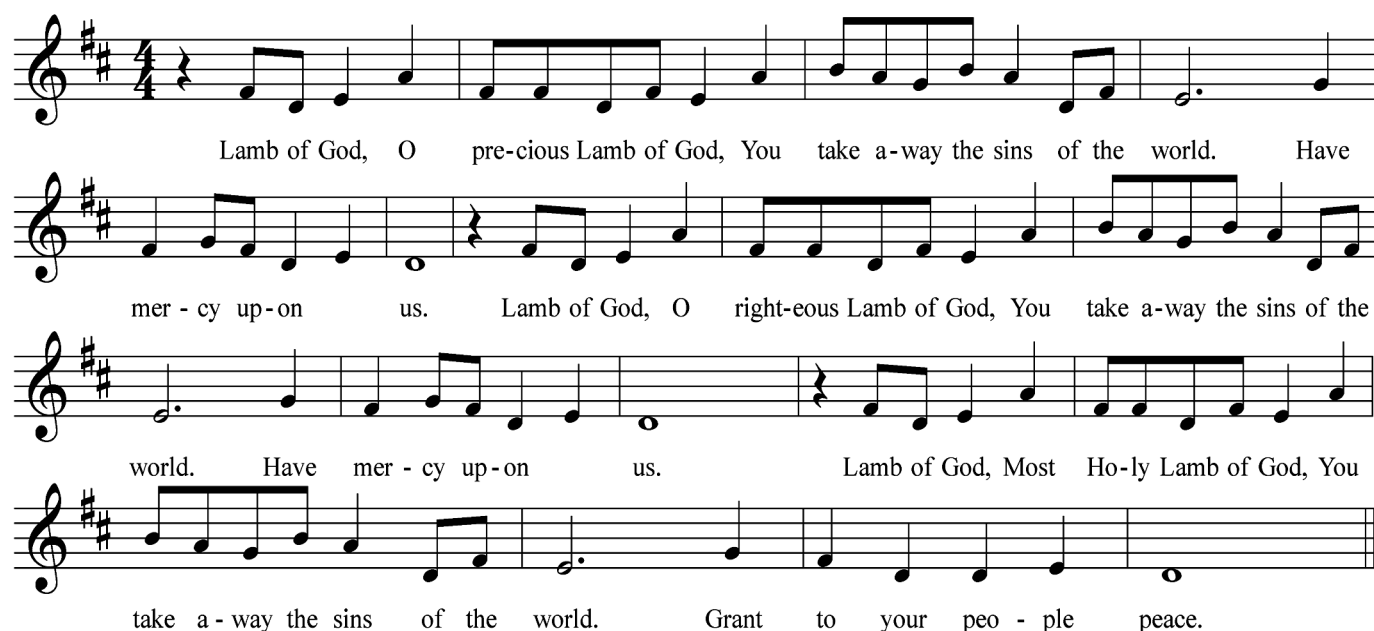
Lord. to the ta - ble of the... Come to the ta - ble of the Lord.

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

### **COMMUNION SONG**



Lamb of God, O pre-cious Lamb of God, You take a-way the sins of the world. Have  
mer - cy up-on us. Lamb of God, O right-eous Lamb of God, You take a-way the sins of the  
world. Have mer - cy up-on us. Lamb of God, Most Ho-ly Lamb of God, You  
take a - way the sins of the world. Grant to your peo - ple peace.

### **\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.  
**Amen.**

## \*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

## OFFERING

### \*OFFERTORY

Thanks we bring to God a-bove for the bles-sings of His love, shown to us in count-less ways.

That is why we give our praise. Let us thank the Lord. Let us thank the Lord.

Bles-sings sim-ple, bles-sings grand come from God's al-might-y hand, far be-yond what we de-serve.

t our thanks and praise be heard. Let us bless the Lord. Let us bless the Lord.

All we are and all we own comes from God and God a - lone!

All the bles-sings we re-ceive, far more than we can con-ceive, lead us then to give and share

with the need-y ev'-ry-where. Let us thank the Lord. Let us thank the Lord.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us pray.

God of Grace, Your Word calls us into fellowship with one another - and invites us to see strangers as neighbors and even friends. Help all of us to find ways to be kinder, gentler, more patient, and more compassionate in all that we say and do. Hear us, O God,  
**Your mercy is great.**

God of Grace, Your Word calls us into close connection with the earth and all that lives upon it. Guide us to a greater understanding of the earth's fragility and of the ways in which we can live in the world more wisely. Hear us, O God,  
**Your mercy is great.**

God of Grace, Your Word calls us to a greater understanding of one another for the good of our community, your nation, and our world. Guide us through the coming weeks and months of this election season, that even across bitter political divides we would find ways to love one another and seek the common good. Hear us, O God,  
**Your mercy is great.**

God of Grace, Your Word illuminates the darkness that is a part of every human life. Draw near to us in our fears, our hurts, our sorrows, and our weakness. Bring wholeness, healing and help to all who are struggling today, and help them to be strong. We especially remember..... Be with them - and be with all who extend care of any kind. Hear us, O God,  
**Your mercy is great.**

God of Grace, Your word leads us from foolishness to wisdom, and opens our hearts and minds to a clearer understanding of who we are and our place in the world. Bless students, teachers, aides, and administrators at the outset of another school year, that all may enjoy the profound pleasure of learning new things. Draw near to students who struggle with learning disabilities or other barriers - and to teachers who work in difficult or challenging environments. Help all of us to do what we can to build a community and nation where learning is valued. Hear us, O God,  
**Your mercy is great.**

Hear these prayers spoken aloud as well as the unspoken prayers of our hearts, that we know the full measure of your mercy and love, through Christ our Lord,  
**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

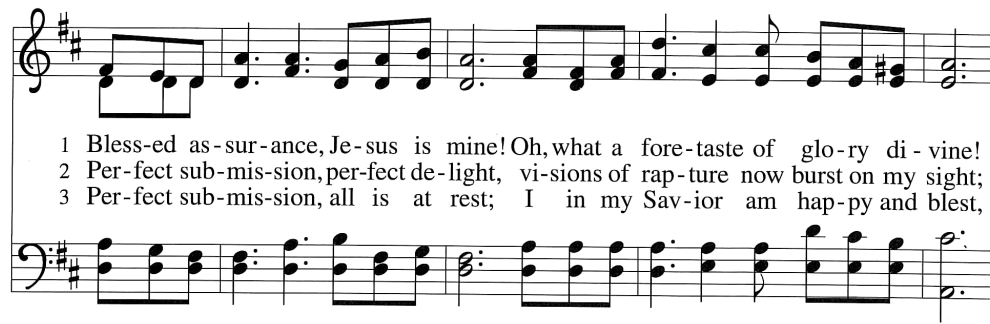
✠ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

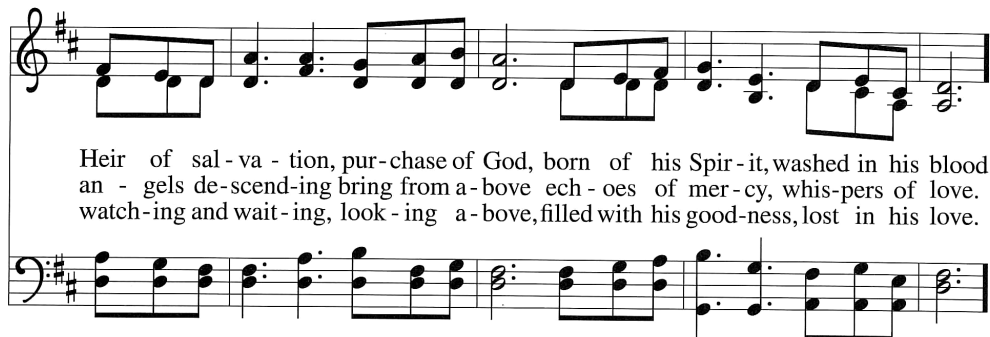
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**Blessed Assurance**

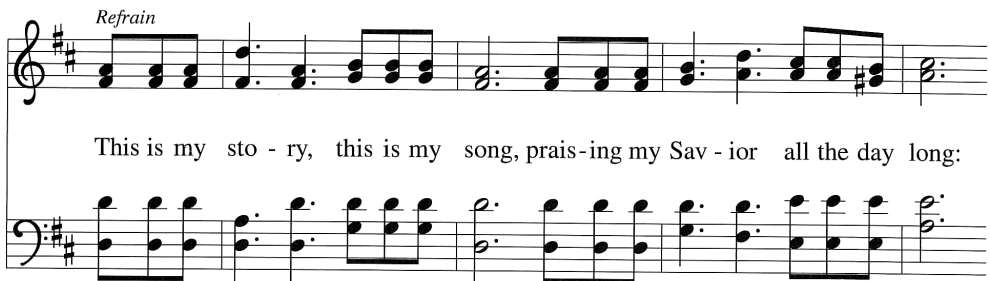


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

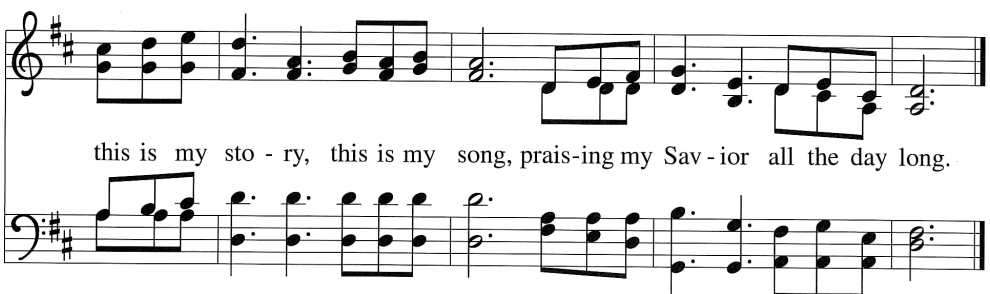


Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

ASSURANCE  
910 99 and refrain

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
Thanks be to God.

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*Please join us in the lounge for coffee and fellowship.*

## Announcements



### Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning were given in honor of Mya, Luke, and Jace's baptisms and in memory of Mya's godmother, Jacque Nielsen, given by Lisa Lequia.

### Welcome Visitors!

A special welcome to any visitors worshipping with us this morning. Please fill out one of the yellow cards in the pew rack in front of you so we can acknowledge your visit with us. You can put your completed card into the offering plate or give it to an usher or a pastor before you leave. Please join us in the lounge after the worship service for a cup of coffee and a treat and a time of conversation and fellowship.

### Communion By Intinction

All are welcome to come to the table for Communion. We offer Holy Communion through Intinction (dipping of the wafer into chalice of wine). There are also gluten free wafers and grape juice available in the center. If you feel more comfortable communing in your pew, there are individual wafer/juice cups available on the tables in the back of the sanctuary.

### Nursery

The nursery has been refreshed and is available for use during worship. To get to the nursery, go up the ramp under the balcony on the right side of the sanctuary. The nursery is the second door on the left down the hall. If you need help finding it, please ask one of the ushers to show you.

### Ketchup Club Lunch Tuesday, August 27 at Aries Café

We would love to have you join us at one of our Ketchup Club outings. These gatherings are a great time to socialize and "catch-up" with old friends, make some new ones. We have had some wonderful conversations and lots and lots of laughs! In August we will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Aries Café, 4713 Douglas Ave. on **Tuesday the 27th**. To help us know how big a table we need to reserve, please let Pastor Laura (pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com), or Heidi (office.hclc@gmail.com) know by Sunday, August 25th if you are planning to join us. But if you should unexpectedly find yourself free on Tuesday we will happily make some room, so please come join us! Hope to see you there! ☺

### Diaper Ministry

Kylee Albright and Amy Larsen will co-chair this project. They plan to be open on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month and offer diapers in infants and children's sized newborn through 5T and adult diapers in sizes S/M, L, and XL. They will need volunteers to work when they are open to help hand out diapers to clients, do recordkeeping, and restock shelves, but there are many other ways to help behind the scenes. Contact Kylee Albright (262-989-6433) or kygregg@mac.com or Amy Larsen (513-720-8286) or amylarsen2406@att.net if you have questions or would like to know how you can help.

### Finance Update

	July		Year to date
Revenue:	\$45,280.53	Revenue:	\$326,536.81
Expense:	\$42,213.82	Expense:	\$312,088.33
Net Income:	\$3,066.71	Net Income:	\$14,448.48

*In person attendance on August 18, 2024 - 115*

### **Food Pantry**

In just two days at the end of July the pantry served 108 families, a total of 398 people. The shelves are emptying quickly! For the month of September they need donations of mixed fruit, peanut butter, egg noodles, macaroni & cheese, pork & beans, and tuna. Recently there have been a number of people walking to the pantry and we are running out of cloth shopping bags. If you have any you no longer need we would be very grateful to get them! They are also receiving donations of fresh produce and are going through plastic shopping bags very quickly, so would be grateful for donations of lightly used plastic shopping bags and brown paper grocery bags. We are very grateful to all who donate to the pantry as we could not continue this ministry without your generosity!

### **Prayer Team**

The HCLC Prayer Team wants to pray for you! Share your joys, sorrows and concerns and your brothers and sisters in Christ will hold you in prayer. There is power and blessing in praying for each other. Send your prayer requests to [amylarsen2406@att.net](mailto:amylarsen2406@att.net).

If you would like to become part of the prayer team and receive the prayer request emails once or twice a week, please contact the office or Amy Larsen. And of course, you can always call or email the office to have a name added to the prayers on Sunday morning. For confidentiality reasons we only use first names for our prayers on Sunday mornings and in our prayer emails. **Prayer changes things!**

### **Volunteers Needed**

Building and Grounds Team Members

We are also looking for volunteers to work with the Building and Grounds team who help take care of our beautiful property. You can talk to the pastors or Building and Grounds Team chairperson Jim Black and Dave Knudson to learn more about the team or to offer to help.

Altar Guild and Ushers

If you would like to help with worship on Sunday mornings, our Altar Guild and Usher teams could use your help. There are four altar guild teams that take turns setting up communion and putting it away after worship. They are on duty for one month and then off for three months. The ushering teams hand out bulletins, guide people during communion and collect the offering. There are three teams that are on duty one month and then off two months. If you are interested you can speak to one of the pastors or call the office. If you are not sure one of these is right for you, you can “test drive” the job for a couple weeks and see if you want to be part of the team.

### **Worship, Education, Service, and Fellowship Opportunities in Jun**

August 25 - 9:30 Worship

August 26 - 1:00 Food Pantry

August 27 - 1:00 Quilters

August 30 - 1:00 Food Pantry

September 1- 9:30 Worship

September 2 - Labor Day - Office closed, no food pantry

September 6 - 1:00 Food Pantry

September 8 - 9:30 Worship and Backpack Blessing

September 9 - 1:00 Food Pantry

September 10 - 1:00 Quilters

September 11 - 10:00 Book Club

September 13 - Food Pantry

September 15- Rally Day!

9:30 Worship - New Youth Written Service