Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026
9:30 am

In-person and Online
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Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church

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Building relationships with Christ and each other by engaging community in God's hope, healing, and wholeness

Welcome to Worship at Minnehaha Communion!

Minnehaha Communion is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and a Reconciling in Christ congregation. As such, Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church is committed to welcoming, loving, and embracing all. We open our door to people regardless of gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, race, ethnicity, mental or physical abilities, neurodiversity, addiction, citizenship status, housing status, or past imprisonment. We acknowledge and honor our different backgrounds and life experiences, commit ourselves to the work of equity and anti-racism, and come together to celebrate the gifts of unity and diversity as one body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12). As Jesus loves us, we are called to love one another (John 15:12).

Children in Worship

Infants and children are encouraged to be present during worship. Youngsters are welcome and valued as important participants in worship and witness! Feel free to pick up an activity bag from the back of the sanctuary.

Children's Message/Sunday School

All children are welcome to come forward for the Children's message. Sunday School is on summer break and will resume on September 20th.

Accessibility

~ An elevator is available, accessed by taking the ramp at the front of the worship space into the chapel and turning right.
~ Restrooms are located off the stairwells leading from the back of the sanctuary to the Fellowship Hall and outside the church office. All-gender restrooms are located on the first floor and on the upper level off the chapel. Changing tables are available in both the women and men's restrooms off the Fellowship Hall.
~ Personal hearing amplifiers are available for hearing assistance; please ask an usher to assist you.

A special welcome to all visitors, it is a joy to worship with you!

Please sign a visitor's card found in your pew.

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Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

PRELUDE *"In the Garden"*
Mark Hayes

GATHERING

BELLS

WELCOME

CENTERING QUIET

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection

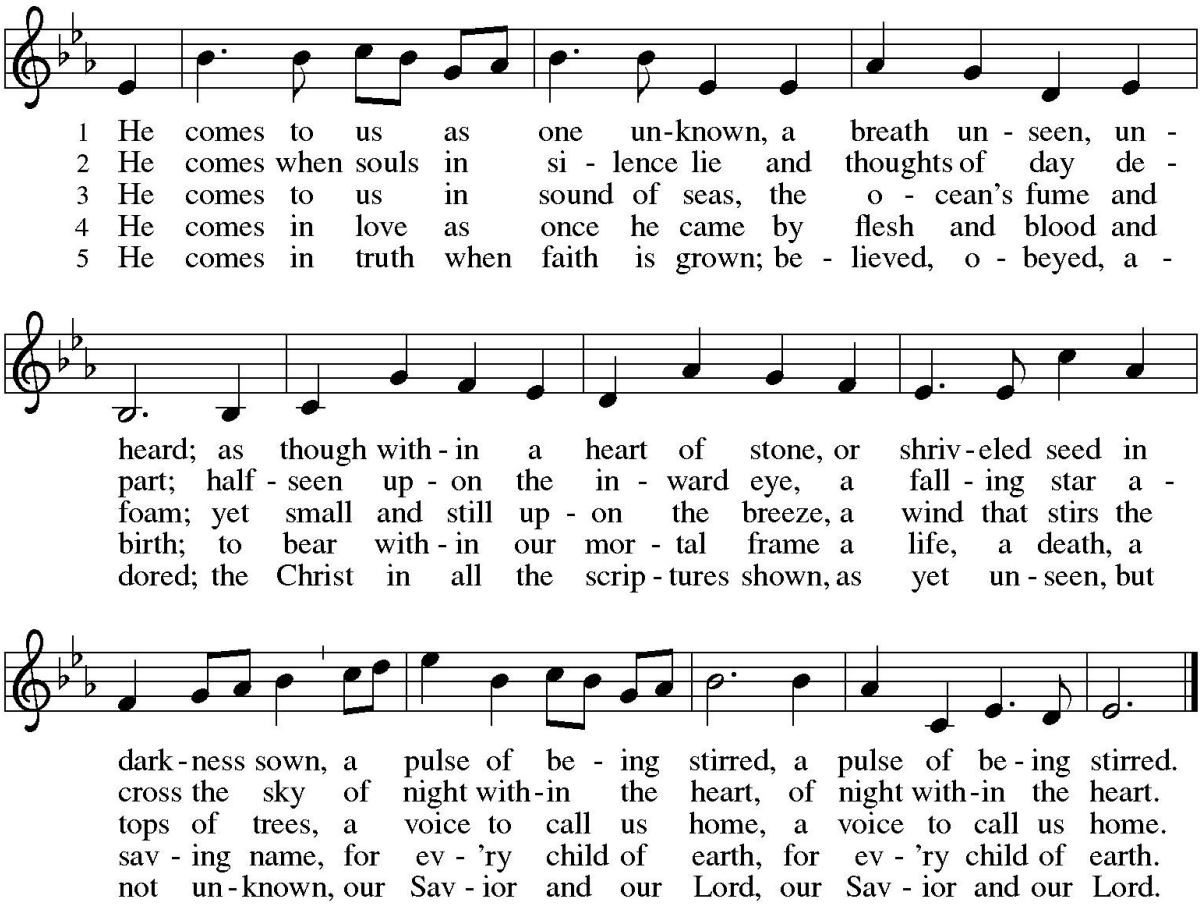
P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *"He Comes to Us as One Unknown"* ELW 737



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Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918
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GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED.

FIRST READING I Kings 19:9-18

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

9 At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 10 He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

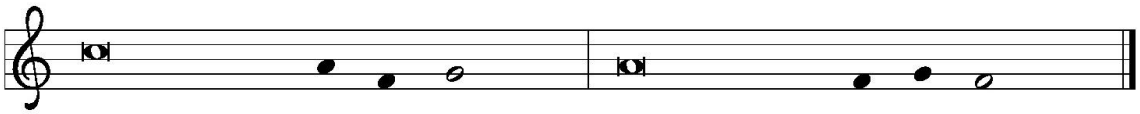
11 He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. 13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 14 He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." 15 Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. 16 Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. 17 Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. 18 Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 85:8-13

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)



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Sung in alternation with the cantor by whole verse. The cantor will sing the odd-numbered verses, and the congregation will respond with the even-numbered verses.

8 I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.
9 **Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,**
that your glory may dwell | in our land.
10 Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.
11 **Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,**
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.
12 The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.
13 **Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD**
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.

SECOND READING Romans 10:5-15

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

5 Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who
does these things will live by them." 6 But the righteousness that comes from faith says,
"Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down)
7 "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But
what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the
word of faith that we proclaim), 9 because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For one
believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth,
leading to salvation. 11 The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to
shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all
and is generous to all who call on him. 13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
shall be saved."

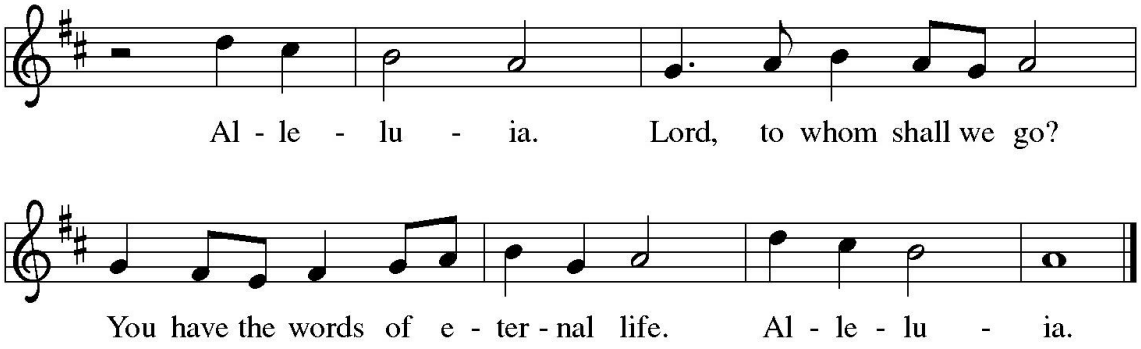
14 But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to
believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone
to proclaim him? 15 And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written,
"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW pg. 151



P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

22 [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea
of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he
went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but
by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was
against them. 25 And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. 26 But
when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!"
And they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it
is I; do not be afraid."

28 Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."
29 He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came
toward Jesus. 30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and,
beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand
and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 When they got
into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you
are the Son of God."

R: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON *Pastor Kyle Anderson*

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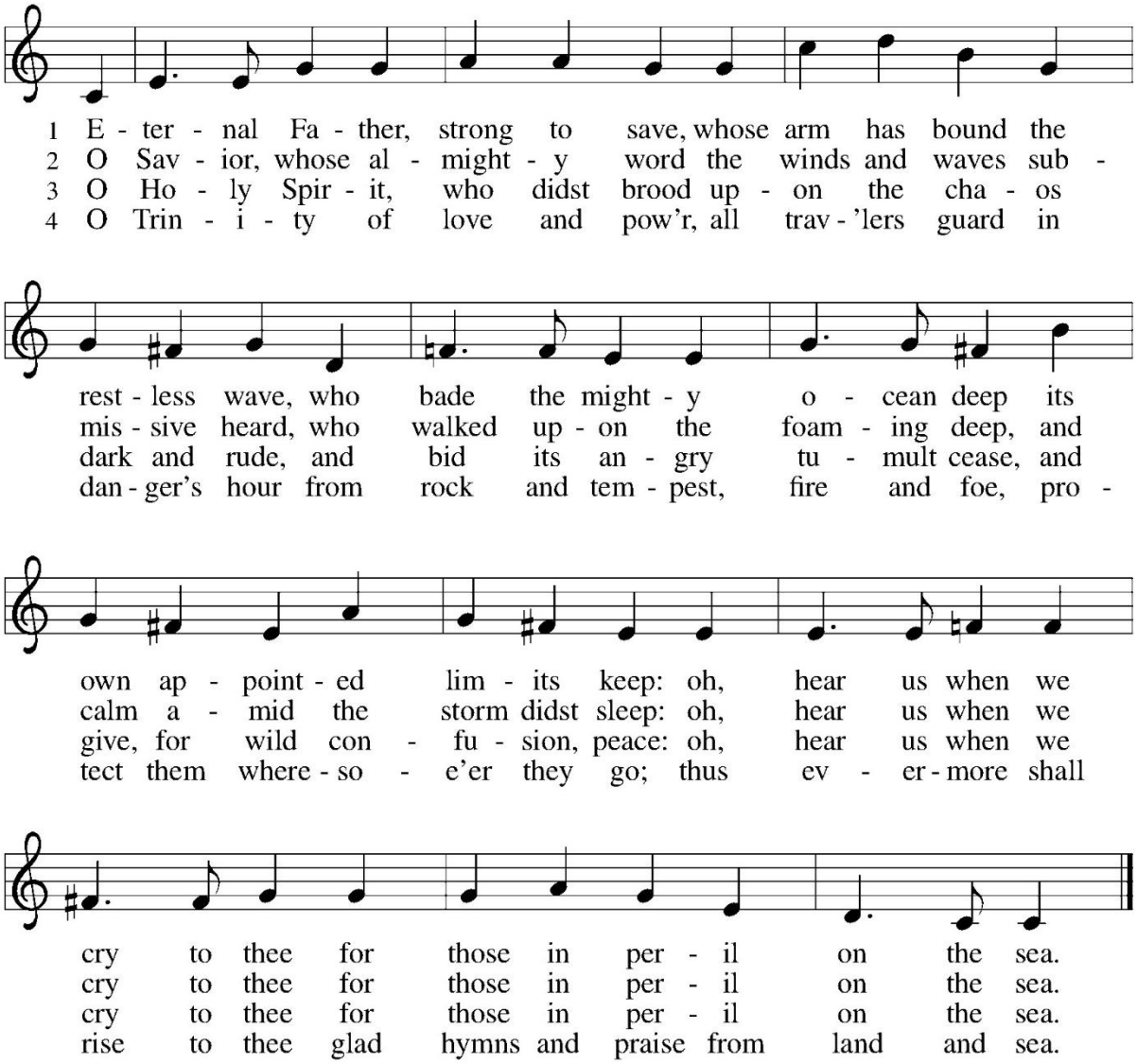
HYMN OF THE DAY *"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"* ELW 756



Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt.
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

APOSTLES' CREED

C. 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.

PLEASE BE SEATED.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

RESPONSE AFTER EACH PETITION:

A: Merciful God, **C: hear our prayer.**

WHEN INSTRUCTED, ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME TO THE PRAYER GARDEN TO LIGHT A CANDLE OR TO PRAY QUIETLY IN YOUR SEAT.

A: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PLEASE BE SEATED AFTER SHARING THE PEACE.

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"*

Jim Wetherald, piano – John Strybos, reed organ – Richard Duncan - organ J.S. Bach

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* ELW 884

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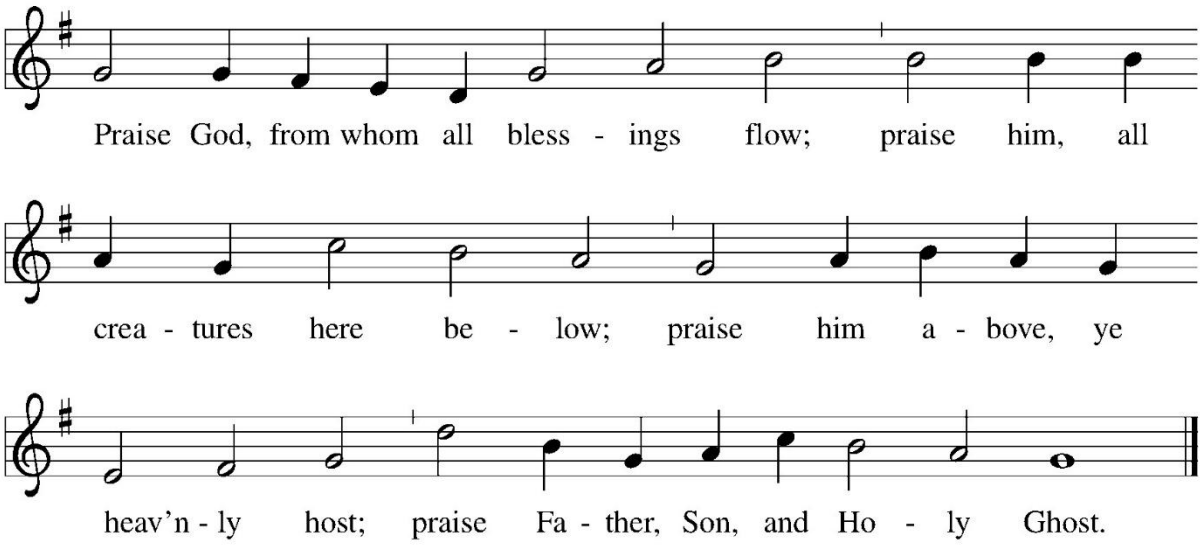


Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Loving God, 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.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

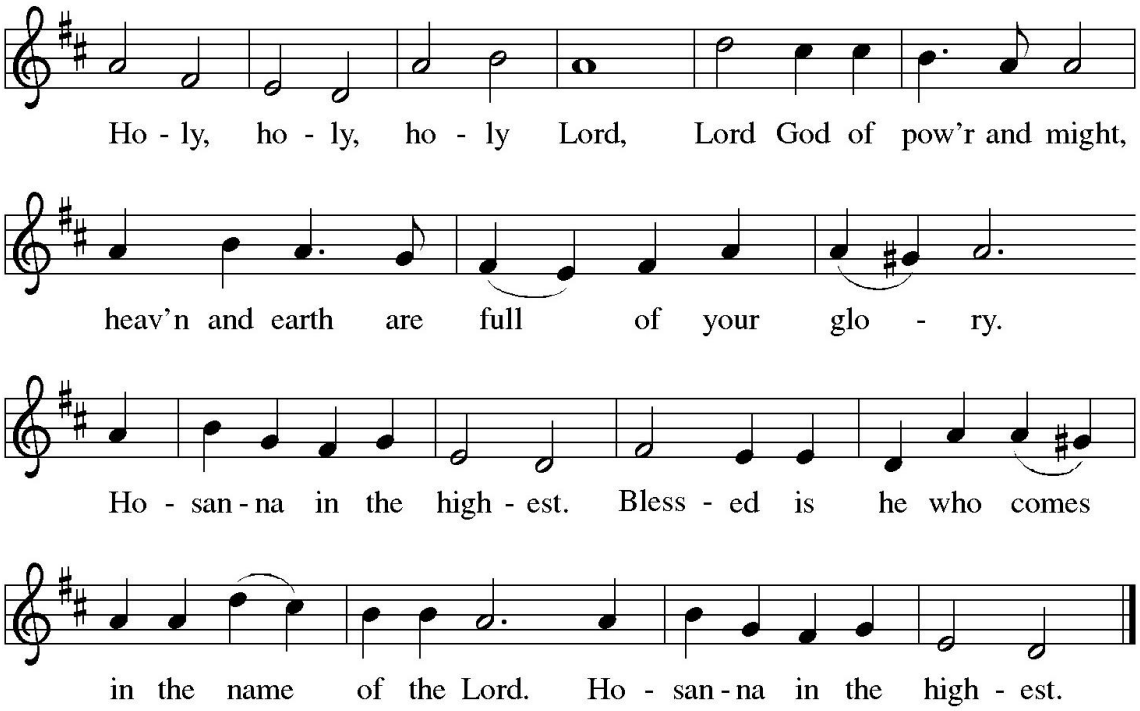
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW pg. 153



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: 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.

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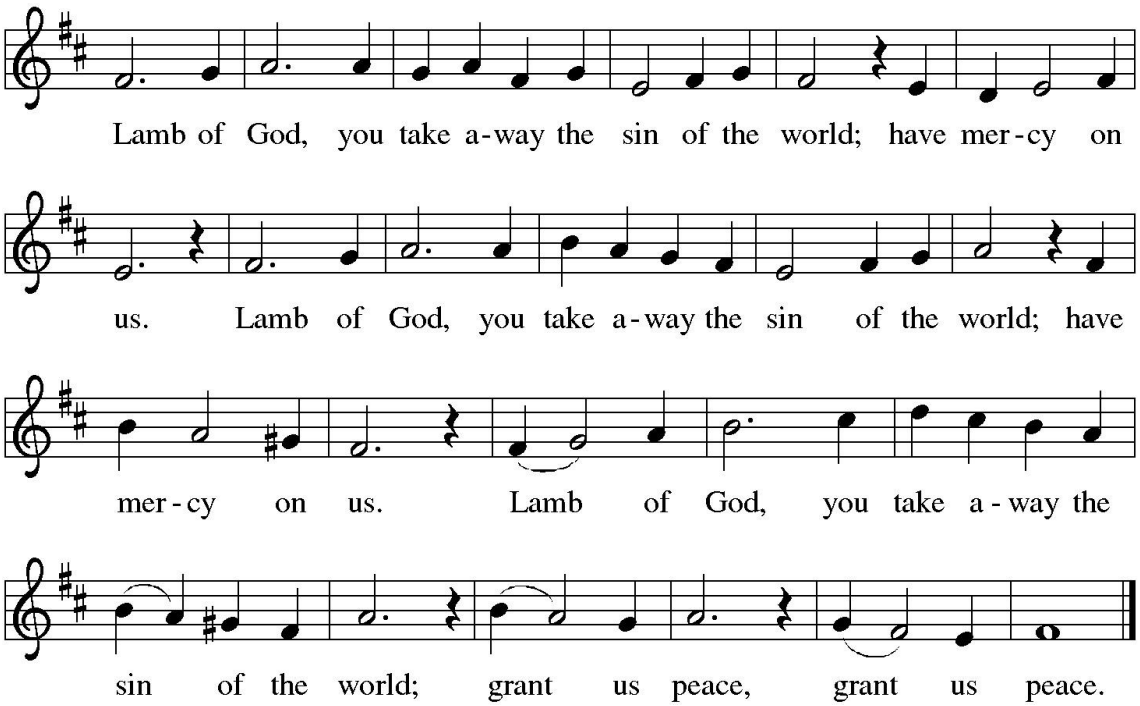
LAMB OF GOD ELW pg. 154



HOLY COMMUNION

MCLC OFFERS RED WINE AND CLEAR GRAPE JUICE DURING HOLY COMMUNION.

TABLE BLESSING

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

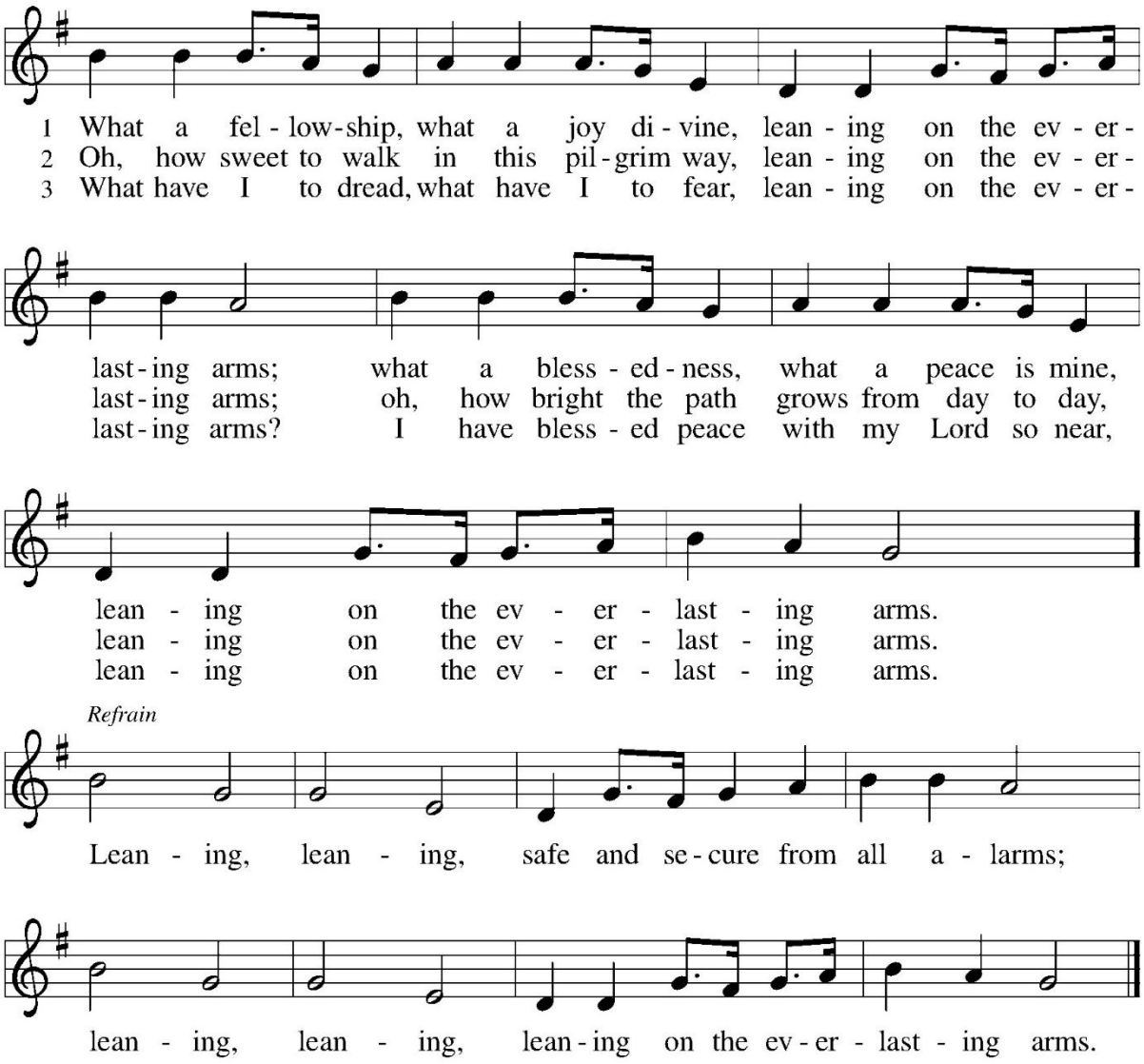
A: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"* ELW 774

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929
Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

DISMISSAL

A: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *"Postlude in 18th Century Style"*
Eric Thiman

Please join us for coffee and cookies downstairs in the Fellowship Hall following service.

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Today's Ministry Servers

Pastor: Kyle Anderson
Staff Musician: Richard Duncan
Assisting Minister: Nate Noel
Acolytes: NA
Cantors: Mugs Wilkes, Bobbie Kuhlman, Roxanne Dunlop
Reader: Julez Noel
Communion Assistants: NA
Ushers: Erin Brothen, Janet Lovejoy
Cookies and Coffee: Paultina Rollay
Tellers: Pat Botten, Nate Noel
Streaming Team: Roxanne Dunlop, Erin Brothen, Karl Salkowski, Nick Salkowski & Paultina Rollay
Office Manager and Financial Secretary: Brenda Robbins

Last Week at MCLC:

Worship Attendance on Sunday, 8/2/2026: 41 in-person (livestreaming was unavailble due to technical difficulty)

Short-Term Prayer Requests

Prayers focused on immediate need for strength, peace, and for guidance during difficult times.

Dan Waibel
Lynn Molinaro
Barb Villebrun (Dar Sandey's sister)
Dennis (Bobbie Kuhlman's brother)
Amy McKay
Veronica (Dave Rompa's daughter)
Joyce (Paultina Rollay's mother-in-law)
Hillary Williams
Cathy Strickland (Chris Leeder's friend)
Antonio Allen (Mason Sweetman's friend)
Traci Dugan
Troy Medlock
Scott Adams
Becky Anderson (Roxanne Dunlop's sister)

Long-Term Prayer Requests

Prayers for ongoing spiritual support, recovery, life-transitions, conditions, and emotional support.

Norm Arlandson
Eileen Finley
Doug Houge (Roxanne Dunlop's brother)
LaRhae (Richard Duncan's friend)
Lois Ringquist
Dennis Sandey
Mary Ann Sattervall
Darlene Schmidt (Toni Medlock's mother)
Marilyn Boehm
Dave Whale
Hila Draving

SCAN HERE TO DONATE ONLINE:

This week at MCLC:

August 9– August 16		
Sunday, August 9	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:00 am	Worship Coffee & Fellowship Social Justice Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 11	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting Alcoholics Anonymous
Wednesday, August 12	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Life Is a Song potluck Life Is a Song gathering Alcoholics Anonymous
Thursday, August 13	7:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous
Friday, August 14	7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous
Sunday, August 16	9:30 am 10:30 am	Worship Coffee & Fellowship

Upcoming Events:

Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, August 18th | 6:30pm

Coffee Connection: Wednesday, August 19th | 1:30pm

Bible Study: Friday, August 21st | 6:00pm

***Illuminator* Mailing:** Wednesday, August 26th | 9:30am

Property Committee Meeting: Tuesday, September 1st | 4:00pm

Worship & Music Committee Meeting: Tuesday, September 1st | 6:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to guest musicians Jim Wetherald and John Strybos, and our organist, Richard Duncan!

Thank you to Jim, John and Richard for sharing their musical gifts with us this morning.

MCLC Special Outing – A Brunch of Drag at Lush Lounge

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH | 11:00AM-1:00PM
990 CENTRAL AVE NE | MINNEAPOLIS, MN

A family-friendly drag show featuring Disney tunes. Tickets are $10 and must be ordered by 8/17/2026. Please sign-up by the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall and pay Dave Rompa (cash or check). Brunch can be ordered during the show. Theater doors open at 11:00am and the show starts at 11:30am. Stick around after the show to mingle with the performers and take pictures. Dra Matica, the star of MCLC's February Drag Bingo event, will be performing. Meet at the Lush Lounge (address above). It will be a fun time!

Mid-year Giving Statements

Giving statements with activity through June 30th are available. Please see Janet to pick yours up. Those not picked up by September 1st will be emailed (if we have your email) or sent via postal mail (if no email is on file). Call the office with any questions or corrections.

Staff Reviews – Your Feedback is Requested!

The Executive Council of MCLC is conducting an annual performance review for all church staff this year. As part of the review, we are asking the congregation for feedback. There are two options for completing the form:

1) Fill out the form online at https://forms.gle/2v5QS3QYpJmstZ7x8 -or-

2) Fill out a paper response and drop it into the designated box in the narthex. Forms can be found in the narthex and in the Fellowship Hall.

Your responses will be kept anonymous. We appreciate your feedback!

Back-to-School Supply Drive for Bancroft Elementary

MCLC is collecting donations to fill backpacks with school supplies for students at Bancroft Elementary. Specific items have been requested, including:

24-ct Crayola Crayons	Elmer's Gluesticks (12 pk)	Clorox Wipes
Colored Pencils (12 or 24 pk)	Kleenex	Paper Towels

See Patty Dolan to see a complete list of needed supplies or to make a monetary donation. (Make checks payable to MCLC and designate "School Supply Drive" on the check)

MCLC is now accepting Scholarship Applications for 2026-2027

MCLC wants to encourage and support those who are seeking higher education (at any age!) with a scholarship of up to $2,000 per year! Applicants must be members of MCLC and enrolled in post-high school study or an advanced degree program at an accredited institution. For more information and/or to apply, please contact the church office at 612-722-9527 or by email at secretary@MinnehahaCommunion.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Save the Date: Rally Sunday

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH | IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Save the date for Rally Sunday, coming up on September 13th. We will have a food truck, games, llamas, and more! We hope to see you there!

Our Livestream Team Needs You!

MCLC is in need of a few more volunteers to help out with our live streaming of Sunday worship services. It's not hard to do and training is provided! If you can help, please contact someone on the Worship & Music Committee (Roxanne Dunlop, Traci Dugan, Lisa Noel, Dave Rompa, Mugs Wilkes or Pastor Kyle). Once we have a few more folks to join us we will get everyone on the calendar and do a rotation.