

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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ELW SETTING HAUGEN
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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We are glad you are with us today.

We are a family of faith living and growing together in Christ.

This bulletin is filled with information about the life of the church, you are invited to take it home for reference and further reflection during the week. Various updates and additional church information, along with Pastor Tim's sermons, are posted each week on our website — www.holyspirit-elca.org. Welcome cards/envelopes are located in the pew rack. Please take a moment to fill out the information and return it to the offering plate.

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As we worship and celebrate communion this morning we remind you that this is the Lord's table. Jesus is the host. We are his guests. God welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live! Please extend your hand to receive the bread, then take a cup from the tray. Please indicate if you prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer. Those not receiving communion are welcome to receive a blessing.



If you are interested in becoming a member of Holy Spirit, please see Pastor Tim. Membership comes through baptism or affirmation of faith.

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE **“Jesus Joy of Man’s Desiring”** **J.S. Bach**
Trumpets: Patrick Cantagallo and Jim Garbrecht

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.**



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* May be sung in canon.

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GREETING

P From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
grace and peace be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Congregation:

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

Congregation or Congregation 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.
to Refrain

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

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

Verse 3

Congregation:

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

SPECIAL MUSIC

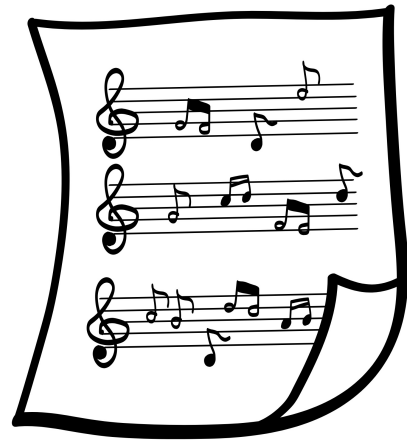
LYFE CHOIR

“God’s Infinity....and Beyond!”

Blast off! To Infinity!
His Divinity has no end!
Lift off! Elevation!
A new Revelation’s around the bend!
We know that He is the highest,
The best and the brightest star!
He’s there wherever - we are.....

Go forth! Final wilderness!
His love is limitless, evermore!
Hold tight! To your Bible
He has no rival, never has before!
We know He’s King of the Cosmos
The planets, the Moon, and Sun.....
His reach has only - begun.....

Bridge: The speed of sound? And the speed of light?
He’s faster!
The galaxies beyond our sight?
He’s Master!
Of all the distant suns
His Son is still the One!
The timeless, endless, boundless
Love to come.....!

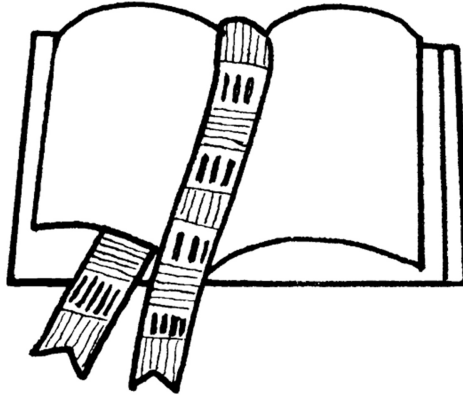


Space walk! You're in His neighborhood!
His love is here for good among the stars!
Feel that? Behold His gravity!
He's pulling you and me into His arms!
With my great telescope I see
The worlds of a distant dawn.....
God's love is there and - beyond!

Bridge: The power of the Northern Lights?
 He's greater!
 The constellations?
 They're made by our Creator!
 The songs of distant moons
 Our Lord conducts the tune
 His timeless, endless, boundless love
 Is arriving soon.....!

Homebound, back to the Garden
Where all this started for you and me!
Earthrise! I see His continents!
I hear His winds upon the Seven Seas!
When all the rockets return
And the splashdown has come and gone
God's love is here and - beyond!
God's love is here and - beyond.....

Words & music by Bill Vaananen August 2026



FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please 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! *Repeat optional*

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P ²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord of Glory You Have Bought Us” ELW 707

Verses 1, 2, & 4

1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,
3 Won-drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood

as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -
of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our
char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have
as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -

men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en
thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,
done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry -
men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,

bles - ings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your
hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of

and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."
all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

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.**

Please be seated

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A** Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers,
confident that God hears us.
- A** Move your church throughout the world away from judging and despising
others. Lead us to embody the forgiveness you have given us in Jesus.
Hear us, O God.
- C** **Your mercy is great.**
- A** The endless beauty of your creation reminds us of your mercy. Protect those
who care for farms and ranches. Guide those who lead us to wonder at your
creation. Hear us, O God.
- C** **Your mercy is great.**
- A** Raise up leaders to hold all in authority accountable for any misuse of the
power entrusted to them. We pray for those serving in the military and their
families, especially **Amelia Eastman, Thomas Menter** (grandson of
Louise), **Dylan Utterback** (son of Julie & Joel), **Jim Detjen** (brother of
Mary Detjen), **Dylan Glenner, Hannah Best** (son and daughter of Anne-
Marie and Jonathan Glenner), **Luke Livingston** (grand-nephew of Scott and
Jan Schwanke), and **Nicholas Gawor** (friend of the Weglarz's). Guide the
work of relief agencies and peacemaking organizations. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Calm the fears of all in need with your promises. Compassionately free the lives of any who feel bound by their failures. Remember your children in need. We especially pray for **Carol Bertrand, Ruth Berman, Gordy Duprey, Elizabeth Falato, Marian McBride, Cathy Nathan, Tom Weglarz, Allison Wittich, Paul Stortz and Larry Bartylla** (uncles of Kelly Wittich), **Sharon Currier** (sister of Eileen Weglarz), **Deb Fedro** (friend of Robin Saydak), **Grace Nelson, Kat David** (granddaughter and cousin of Jeanne & Barry Nelson), **Mick Garrison** (family friend of the Fencels), **Laura Hansel** (sister of Mary Detjen), **Larry and Lorraine Mulvaney** (Friends of the Weglarzs), the **Chase Petersen** family (friends of Amy Dohler), **Reggie Spears** (friend of Pam and Joe Labellarte), **Kari, Sydney, and Luke Stocks** (daughter in-law and grandchildren of Dorothy and Ron Stocks), **Michael Ungari, Lenita Spears** (relative & friend of the Labellarte family), **Coco & Lukas** (grandchildren of JoAnne Schwarcz). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Ground this congregation in the welcome you show us in forgiving our sin. Inspire each of us to welcome others for your honor and glory.
Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A With you is found the joy and promise of eternal life. Keep us in that joy as we remember all those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

Please Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always

C and also with you.

All the people greet one another through the sharing of the peace

Please be seated

THE OFFERING

WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Lord, Make Us Worthy”

Natalie Sleeth
Adult Choir

Please stand as the offering is brought forward

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.

C Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written for a Presider and a Congregation. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so 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." The score consists of five staves. The first staff is for the Presider, and the second is for the Congregation. The third staff is for the Presider, and the fourth is for the Congregation. The fifth staff is for the Presider. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with

Presider: you. *Congregation:* Lift up your hearts. We

Presider: lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

P 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, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation:

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!

P 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. On the night of his betrayal 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.

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 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;

Presider:

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A -

Congregation:

men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord

Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

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

Presider:

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

Congregation:

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

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

P This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P All who believe in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are welcome at the table of the Lord. Let us pray together as our Lord taught us.

**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

P Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

C Amen.

Please be seated

COMMUNION CANTICLE

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*



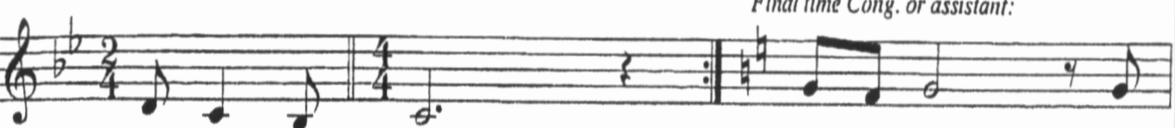
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
* you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:



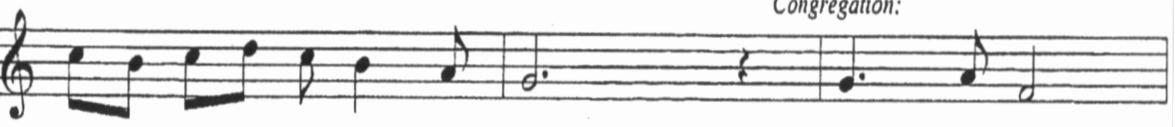
world:
fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
peace:
love:

Final time Cong. or assistant:

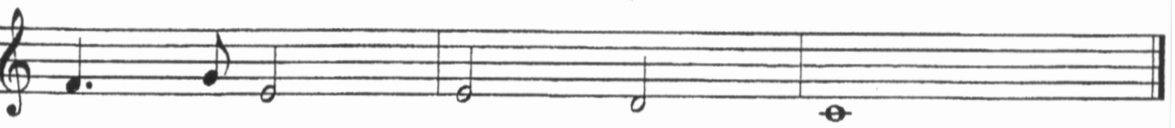


mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Stand after all have been communed.

P The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Congregation:



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -

mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

3. Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for

ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:

Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

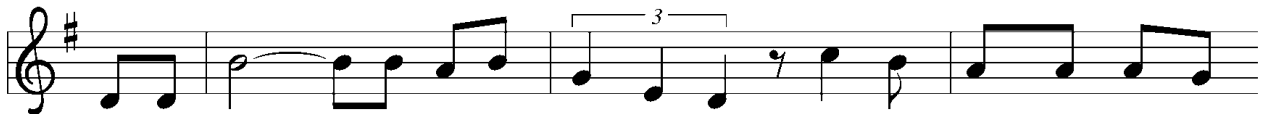
P The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

C Amen.

P The God of grace bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

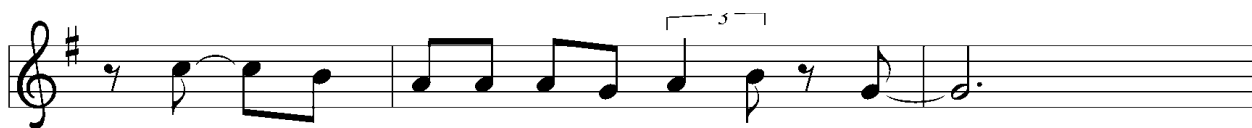
SENDING HYMN “We Are Marching in the Light Of God” ELW 866



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. *Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of God.



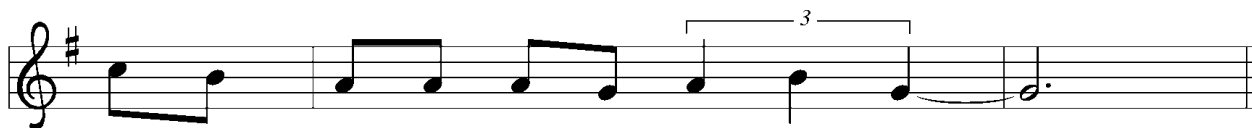
Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march-ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march-ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

A Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

Trumpets: Patrick Cantagallo and Jim Garbrecht

Sanctuary flowers were donated by Chris Miller.

SPIRIT DAY — Today Sunday September 13th

Join us after service as we kick off a new season at Holy Spirit with our annual "Spirit Day" celebration. Come enjoy a tailgate party with games, activities, and food to share.

COOL FOOD PANTRY SEPTEMBER DONATION EFFORT —

September we would love to provide important protein to individuals in need through COOL Food Pantry. On Spirit Day (today) we will be collecting fresh (not frozen) meat of any kind (chicken, pork, beef, whole or ground). Please avoid processed meats (cold cuts, hot dogs). Please ensure that the expiration date of the meat purchased is on 9/15 or later so we are confident it will not expire before it gets to COOL. Look for Mike and Terri Pedersen when you arrive so we can keep them refrigerated before they get delivered.

TIME & TALENT —

We invite you to complete a brief survey to consider how you might volunteer your time and skills to support our ministries, strengthen our community, and share God's love in practical ways. As Christians, we are called to be faithful stewards of all that God has entrusted to us—including our time, talents, and gifts. When we offer even a small portion of our time in service, we help build a stronger, more vibrant church and reflect Christ's love to those around us. We hope you'll prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to serve. A link to our "Time & Talents" form can be found on the church website at www.holyspirit-elca.org/timetalent.

T5 DATA CENTER: Adult Forum — Sunday, September 20th

Join us after worship for a special adult forum as community members Alyssa Istvanek and Ami Frick help us better understand the massive data center development being built in Grayslake. Alyssa and Ami will share a wealth of information and resources, answer questions, and offer practical next steps for those who would like to get involved. Their goal is not to tell you how to feel about this development. Instead, they want to provide facts, resources, and tools so you can ask questions, do your own research, and come to your own conclusions. There's something here for everyone—whether you've been following the T5 project closely or are hearing about it for the first time. Friends, neighbors, and family are welcome, too.

OKTOBER FEST — October 3rd

Save the date for this year's LCHS Oktoberfest. Join us for the food, fun, and festivities. You can RSVP now at www.holyspirit-elca.org/rsvp or on the sign-up sheet in the gathering space. And in the coming weeks look for info on volunteering to help out as well as a sign up sheet in the gathering space.

BLOOD DRIVE — Sunday September 20th

Neighbors need neighbors. Give blood, save lives and strengthen our community with Versiti on September 20th at LCHS from 8am-noon. Walk-ins are welcome and appointments are also available. A link to make an appointment can be found on the church website: www.holyspirit-elca.org. Be sure to tell your family, friends and neighbors.

TIME TO JOIN THE CHOIR —

Now is the perfect time to join the choir! We are looking for new members who enjoy singing and want to be part of our music ministry. No audition is required. Singers in 8th grade and older, of all experience levels, are encouraged to sing with the Adult Choir. Rehearsal Schedule: Tuesdays, 4:30 PM in the Sanctuary and Sundays, 8:30-9:15 AM in the Choir Room. Rehearsals Begin: Tuesday, September 8th. For more information or to sign up, please contact Karen Jirsa.

HANDBELL RINGERS NEEDED —

Do you enjoy music and want to be part of a fun musical group? Our Adult Handbell Choir is looking for new ringers for the upcoming season! If you are in 8th grade or older, we invite you to join us and share your musical talents. No prior handbell experience is required. Basic note-reading skills are helpful, but we are happy to teach you everything you need to know. Rehearsals: 2 Sundays a month - 10:45-11:30am. Come ring with us and make a joyful noise together! For more information or to sign up, please contact Karen Jirsa.

PRAYER GROUP —

Our prayer group meets at 9:30a.m. on Thursday mornings in room 3. If you'd like to pray with us, please come! We'd love for you to join us.

QUILTERS —

Quilting Ministry meets at 10:00 a.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY —

Join us on Thursday mornings from 10:15 to 11:30 for a time of Biblical reflection. We are currently studying Diana Butler Bass' book "Christianity After Religion: The End of Church and the Birth of a New Spiritual Awakening." Bass offers a fresh interpretation of the "spiritual but not religious" trend that shares a hope-filled vision for a renewed faith that stays true to the real message of Jesus. Your thoughts and opinions are valued as we learn from the experts and each other, so don't miss this opportunity to grow in understanding and faith. We always close our time with a prayer.

ON-LINE GIVING AND TEXT TO GIVE —



Our secure online giving option makes it more convenient for members and visitors to donate. Giving is also as easy as sending a text with our text-to-give feature. Text the amount you want to donate to 844-573-1379. A registration link will be texted back for you to enter your information. Tap "Process" to complete your donation. Please scan the QR code with your phone to donate using our secure online giving page.

LIVE STREAM —



Our services are live-streamed and archived on our Holy Spirit YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/@churchinthewoods-holyspirit or scan the QR code. Please reach out to Daaron Dohler or Ryan Hathaway if you have any questions.

HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

Sunday September 13	9:30 am	Service of Holy Communion World Hunger Spirit Day
Monday September 14	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Tuesday September 15	4:15 pm 4:30 4:30	LYFE Confirmation Adult Choir
Thursday September 17	9:30 am 10:15 am	Prayer Group Bible Study
Sunday September 20	8:45 am 9:30 am	Adult Choir Service of Holy Communion

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