

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proclaiming the Love of God for All People

ELW HOLY COMMUNION SETTING SEVEN SUNDAY, September 17th, 2023

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Service Note: Hymns and Liturgy is at the back of the bulletin
(*Please stand as you are able)*

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✝ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection. You are invited to kneel, stand or sit.

Steadfast and faithful God,

you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.

We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.

We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.

For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.

For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.

For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.

Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In Christ, we are already and always forgiven. **Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty* (ELW 777)

*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 ELW P. 175 (SPANISH)**

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE ELW P. 176 (SPANISH)**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. 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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

¹⁵Realizing 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?" ¹⁶So 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. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even 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. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 103 :1-13

LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy. (Ps. 103:8)

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

²**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits**

³who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases

⁴**who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

⁵who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶**O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

⁸**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

⁹you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.

¹⁰**You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who
Fear you.

¹²**As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

¹³As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear you
O Lord.

LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy. (Ps. 103:8)

SECOND READING Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those 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. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants 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.

⁵Some 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. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If 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. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why 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. ¹¹For it is written,

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

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW P. 179 (SPANISH)**

***GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35**

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

²¹Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus 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. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But 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.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave,

as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

REV. LESLEY M. RADIUS

HYMN OF THE DAY *Change My Heart O God (ELW 801)

***APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

***THE PRAYERS**

A: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors. *A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Bless the missions and ministries of diverse congregations, that they uplift the good news of salvation in ways that can be understood. Please give your wisdom and guidance to all communities of faith. Today, we pray for the mission and ministries of Trinity, Clovis, Our Savior Mesquite and Texas Lutheran University. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and healing to rivers clogged with pollution. Enrich the soil for trees and plants. Protect the crops needed to feed those who hunger. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who govern. Encourage those in positions of power to lead with empathy, practice forgiveness, and care for those who struggle. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for our neighbors who face illness of any kind. For those strained financially; for all living with chronic pain, mental illness, the disease of addiction, or otherwise afraid or in harm's way. Protect all who cry out for mercy (*especially*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation. Open our hearts to practice intentional invitation. Help us to forgive each other, practice patience, and choose welcome over judgment. Move us to care for those in our community seeking refuge and safety. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the saints who died in faith. Show us how to live faithfully, creatively, and lovingly in your church and world (*like Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, whom we commemorate today*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS— Choir Anthem: Kyrie Eleison from Requiem by John Rutter (b. 1945)

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS *To Be Your Presence (ELW 546 vs. 2)

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A. Let us pray. **God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen**

***HOLY COMMUNION**

***DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up our 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.**

***PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

***SANCTUS ELW P. 181 (ENGLISH)**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Honor, praise, glory and thanksgiving to you, God, our loving Creator.

In the beginning you reached your hands into the earth and formed humanity in your own image. You breathed into us your own breath of love and gave us hearts and hands and voices to live your loving purpose in the world.

Seeing the lonely creature of earth, you created a partner that we would know the joy of community. Throughout the history of your people, you never abandoned us, but brought us into community with one another and with you and guided us through your prophets. With endless patience and love, you called to us time and again to return to life with you.

In the fulfillment of all things, you came to us in Jesus, born into a human family, raised in a hometown, who gathered around himself a community formed by your love, and yearned to gather all people under the loving wings of a mother hen.

Sitting at dinner with friends and knowing one among them would break the bonds of love, 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.

In the same way 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 sins. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Trusting in his promise to be among us whenever we gather in his name, we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Gathered as your people, meeting in Jesus' name, and preparing ourselves to feast upon Jesus' very body and blood, we plead with all creation: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send your Spirit upon this meal, the body and blood of Jesus, that we overflow with your selfless love. Turn us to face our neighbors, that by us and through us your love may be known in the world. Again, we beg: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All honor and praise and glory to you, God of creative, dirty hands, God of holy, wounded hands, God who strengthens and guides our hands, now and forever. **Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

We are bold and confident to pray:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *Come with Joy (ELW 42)

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**

***BENEDICTION**

SENDING HYMN *Go My Children (ELW 543)

***DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Share God's abundance. **C. We will. Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

Today, September 17

Presiding Minister: Rev. Lesley M. Radius
Assisting Minister: Charles Schmidt
Organist/Pianist: John Wolf
Lector: Charles Schmidt
Chancel Care: Sarah Hadfield
Ushers: P. Beckman, P. Massanza
Videographer: Jacob Martella
Counters: C. Schmidt & M. Boggs

Next Sunday, September 24

Rev. Lesley M. Radius
Ferrol Miller
John Wolf
Cindy Kammer
Faye Youngblood

Jacob Martella
Adr. Frame, P. Beckman

We welcome all today and are thankful you have chosen to participate in this service as you are able. We pray you are blessed by what you experience. If you have any spiritual needs or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Lesley at pastor@stmatthews-elca.org or call 817-292-1338. This service includes communion; if you are worshipping online, please have bread or crackers and wine or juice available to participate in the Eucharist.

THIS WEEK WITH ST. MATTHEW'S

SUNDAY, September 17

8:15 am Service of the Word, led by St. Matthew's *NEW TIME!!!!*
9:30 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Christopher
9:15 am St. Matthew's Adult Sunday School
10:00 am Coffee and Community—Ronald McDonald House
11:00 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Matthew's
Children's Church during the worship service.

TUESDAY, September 19

7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, September 20

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, September 24

8:15 am Service of the Word, led by St. Christopher *NEW TIME!!!!*
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10:15 am St. Matthew's Fellowship
11:00 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Matthew's
Children's Church during the worship service

NURSERY CARE AND ACTIVITY BAGS At St. Matthew's, children of all ages are welcome in worship. If parents prefer, **nursery care is provided for infants through age 4 during the 11:00 am** service. Activity bags and children's bulletins are available in the narthex for children ages 5 and older to take into worship until they go to Children's Church. Please return the bags after worship.

New Worship Times. Early worship with Holy Communion has already returned to the **8:15 am. time. Today, September 17, Adult Sunday School** starts at **9:15 am** and ends at 10:15 am. **Fellowship time** (Donuts and Coffee) is **10:15 am-10:45 am.** Sunday chancel choir practice begins at 10:30 am. **Children's Church** begins today at the 11 am service. The children will go to the Children's Chapel with their teacher and helper before the reading of the Scripture and return to their family during the passing of the peace so they can participate in Holy Communion with their family. The nursery will still be open to infants through 4 years old. The Children's Church is designed to be a space and time where children can learn about God in a way that they will understand and grow. **We are looking for volunteers to help tell the story and volunteers to be a helper to the storyteller. If you can help, please contact Faye Youngblood.**

Cards for College Students & Military: On October 1 join us to sign Halloween & Christmas cards for our young adults away at college or in the military. Stop by the designated table in the narthex to send good wishes.

Donations Requested for Mission Endowment Fund Raffle Basket: Mary Nedde, NT-NL Synod Council Member has asked us to help complete a cooking/kitchen themed raffle basket for the NTNL Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) gala on October 7. Some items have already been donated to the basket, which is displayed in the narthex. The gala will raise funds for MEF grants which are given to congregations yearly through an application process to help with an existing or new ministry. Some ways congregations have used grant money include summer day camp, Trunk or Treat, children's Easter activities, and food ministries. **If you would like to contribute one of the following items, please place the item in the basket no later than October 1:** unique cookbook, bottle of wine, kitchen dishcloths, BBQ sauce, dip mixes, or anything else appropriate for such a basket. Thank you!

Please pray with the Church Vitality Team. We began our second module of Church Vitality training on September 14. The Church Vitality Team asks you to join us in prayer for guidance and discernment from the Holy Spirit for our Visioning Process. Send us an email at community@stmatthews-elca.org with your thoughts and prayers.

These past months we have been experimenting with a variety of liturgies in worship. Our last experiment is Setting 7 in the ELW. It provides liturgy in both English and Spanish. Throughout the month of September, we will be learning in Spanish the Kyrie, the Gloria, the Gospel Acclamation, and the Sanctus. The Worship Commission chose to experiment with this setting because of where God has planted us to serve. Learning this setting provides us with a potential outreach opportunity. Trends in our neighborhood include: 1) By 2026, the neighborhood is projected to be 36% Hispanic Population. Presently our neighborhood is comprised of 34% Hispanic Population* 2) We are in a neighborhood that has 36% of people saying they rarely attend religious services.* 3) Hispanic Heritage month is September 15 through October 15. For more information about Hispanic Heritage month check out, [Hispanic Heritage Month - Origins & Facts | HISTORY](#). 4) We are exploring ways that we might connect with San Gabriel Lutheran Church in Alvarado during Hispanic Heritage Month. If you have any questions, please contact Karin Dunker at proudtexan1964@yahoo.com, Faye Youngblood at fayeyoungblood@gmail.com or Pastor Lesley at pastor@stmatthews-elca.org.

*Knowing Your Community by Church Answers and Revitalize Network.



Annual Hopewallah Fundraiser Saturday, October 14, 2023

Worship 4:30 pm- Dinner, Style Show & Raffle 5:30 – 8:30 pm

Valet Parking available 4:15-9:00 pm

Tickets \$50

We Pray For:

Craig Bridges
T. J. Bridges
Annasophia Reese
George Dennis
Kathy Challgren
George Wiederaenders
Jean Rose
Patti Brunnert

We Pray For:

Ron Fasel
Cousin of Pr. Lesley
Norma Morrow
Mother of Cindy Kammer
Ron Engel
Father of Cindy Kammer
Tsianina Beardsley
Friend of St. Matthew's

UPCOMING EVENTS

(More details to follow but please reserve these dates in your calendars now!)

Every Tuesday 7 pm—Sounds of Exaltation Handbell Choir rehearsal.

Every Wednesday 7pm—Chancel Choir rehearsal.

September 30th 10:30 am Pet Blessing with Faith and Trinity at Faith Lutheran

October 7th-10:00 am-Noon Pet Blessing with St. Christopher at St. Matthew's

October 14th 4:30 pm-8:30 pm Hopewallah Fundraiser Celebration

October 22nd 10:00 am- Coffee and Community

October 28th-Trunk or Treat—St. Christopher and St. Matthew's at St. Matthew's

November 4th at 4:00 pm -John Rutter's Requiem

November 5th —All Saints Sunday 11am worship—70th Anniversary Celebration

ST. MATTHEW'S
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ST. MATTHEW'S MISSION STATEMENT

Living in Christ through faith. Living for neighbor through love.

We are Reconciling in Christ, welcoming to all!

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GATHERING HYMN *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty* (ELW 777)

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst-y; drink the wa-ter I will give.
 2 "Come to me, all trav-ers wea-ry; come that I may give you rest.
 3 "Come to me, be-liev-ers bur-dened; find re-fresh-ment in this place.
 4 "Come to me, re-pen-tant sin-ners; leave be-hind your guilt and shame.

If you knew what gift I of-fer, you would come to me and live."
 Drink the cup of life I of-fer; at this ta-ble be my guest."
 Come, re-ceive the gift I of-fer, turn to me and seek my face."
 Come and know di-vine com-pas-sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain

Je-sus, ev-er-flow-ing foun-tain, give us wa-ter from your well.

In the gra-cious gift you of-fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;
 I would be your trusted friend.
 Come and seek the gift I offer,
 come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*

6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
 lonely ways no longer roam.
 Come and take the gift I offer,
 let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

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KYRIE P. 175

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
 Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .

so - tros, Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
 mer - cy, Lord, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
 us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
 Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .

so - tros, Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -
 mer - cy. Christ, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
 us; O . . . Christ, have . . mer - cy.

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
 Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .

so - tros, Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
 mer - cy, Lord, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros,
 us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE ELW P. 176



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
 Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
 Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.
 And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.



Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.
 And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.

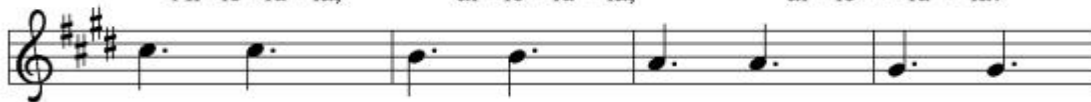
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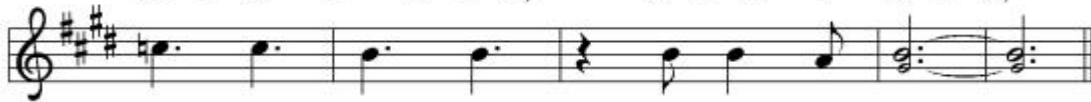
¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

HYMN OF THE DAY *Change My Heart O God* (ELW 801)

Change My Heart, O God



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953

Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa

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PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS *To Be Your Presence* (ELW 546 vs. 1)

To Be Your Presence



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - jice,

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

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SANCTUS ELW P. 181

San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on

tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
earth. Blest is he who comes in the

nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth.

di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

COMMUNION HYMN / *Come with Joy* (ELW 482)

I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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SENDING HYMN *Go My Children* (ELW 543)

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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