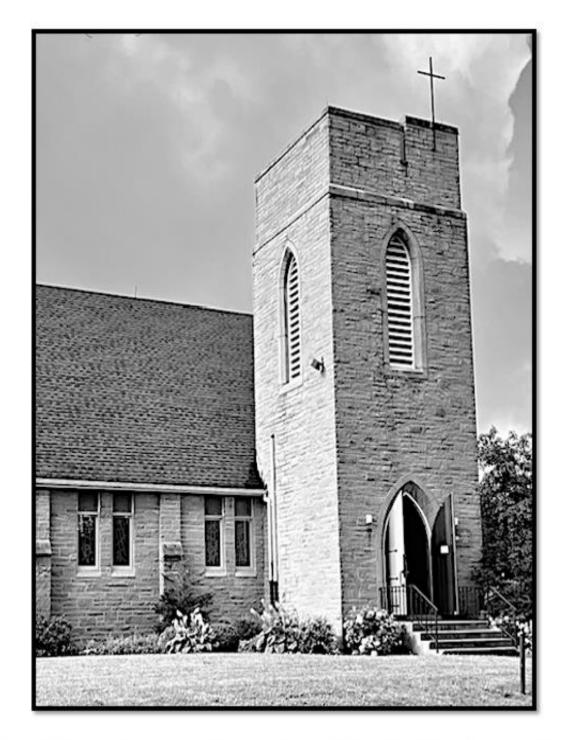
THE 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 10, 2023



Christ Lutheran Church of St. Catharines, ON

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A recording of Sunday's service will be uploaded to YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpING TKTI9c OIBbMqGwLw

<u>Prayer</u>: Lord of all power and might, Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God. now and forever. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: Mark 1: 40-45 Wednesday: 11 Cor. 9: 10-15 Friday: Phil. 1: 12-18 Tuesday: 1 Tim. 1: 12-17 Thursday: 1 Thiess: 1: 2-10 Saturday: Phil. 1: 19-26

Musician: Louise Gondosch Paul Mason

Greeters: Coleen Flynn and Erna Mewhinney

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Today: 9:00 am Sunday School

9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:10 am Youth Catechism

10:00 am - Worship with Holy Communion and Installation of Council

Monday: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Luther Manor Bible Study

Tuesday: 9:30 – 11:00 am. – Precious Moments

8:15 p.m. – Youth and Young Adults ZOOM

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Thursday: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. – SOUL

SEPTEMBER 2023 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sept. 10th -Creative Holy Communion setting 3 - Installation of Officers (Council)

Sept. 17th – Scripture & Son Service (The Band)

Sept. 24th – Holy Communion setting

CONGRATULATIONS: David & Dorothy Roepke are the proud grandparents of **Maeve Faith Emery**; born 2 September at Hôspital Montfort in Ottawa to parents Andy Emery and Katie (formerly Roepke). Mother and baby (and father!) are at home and doing well. We pray the Lord keep them safe & at peace

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>: Today is Rally Day Sunday School Kick Off. We will have Preschool in the nursery and Grades 1-6 together. Sunday School will be a weekly event from 9:00 - 9:50 a.m. with **Coffee Hour** --not just for parents, but a time of sharing for everyone!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTE TO PARENTS: Take time to ask your child questions about God's creation in **Genesis 1:1.** Memory Verse: "In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth."





Coming Soon...

CHRIST'S CAFÉ

where coffee and salvation are always free!

See you downstairs for Coffee, Tea and Treats Sunday, September 10 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.

Anyone willing to help serve or bring treats, please contact Judy Mason 905-641-7546





LOOKING AHEAD: Watch for details in the Fall for a WESTERN JAMBOREE

The Fellowship Committee is planning on hosting a fellowship event on **Saturday**, **September 30**th. Cost would be only to cover expenses. Live band, pulled pork & beans,

photo booth, etc. It should be a lot of fun, watch bulletin for more details as it gets closer.



LWML-C Zone/National Events: You are invited to any or all of the events below.

Sept: 23: – Niagara Zone Retreat in Stevensville: Registration 9:30am – Ingathering to Niagara Life Ministries****October 1**st – **LWML–C Sunday**

October 13th - 14 - Retreat in Cambridge "Follow the Road!"

October 31st – Deadline for submission of Mission Grant Proposals. Those mission grants will be voted on at Convention in London, Ontario in July, 2024. Please see Lorraine for more details.

LWML-C/Mary Martha Christ Lutheran Events:

Tuesday, September 19th: 7 p.m.—Bible Study

Tuesday, October 17th – 7 p.m. — Planning for the Bazaar and flower arrangements.

Tuesday, November 21st --7 p.m. – Packaging "Warm feet for the Streets" Care Kits for the "Out of the Cold" program

Saturday, November 25th - Christmas Bazaar

Tuesday, December 19th - 5:30pm - Advent/Christmas Potluck (blessing) Dinner & Program

<u>ANNUAL FALLFEST</u>: Saturday, September 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 3837 Netherby Road, Stevensville. Lunch served—Fresh pies and baked goods—Homemade pottery—Apple pressing—Wood crafts—Crafts—Handiwork, Jams and more!

Last Sunday Attendance: September 3rd, 2023 Attn: 10 a.m. – 72 SOUL: 31					
	<u>Budget</u>	Weekly Need	Last Sunday	Year To Date	<u>+ or – ()</u>
Current	297,841.00	5,840.02	1,838.00	137,982.76	(56,759.43)
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Property Improvement:			49.00	3,960.00	

THANKSGIVING DONATIONS / DISPLAY!!! As we do each year in thanks to God for



His rich blessings to us, we are gathering food, both produce & non-perishable goods to use in our Thanksgiving Display (October 9th). We display these things as a way of focusing our attention on God's abundant blessings to us. We will then donate the food items to the Seminary Pantry, and so we multiply our thanks because of their thankfulness to God for our generosity. *Please place in the collection bin at the back of church. Thank You!!*

GREETERS: A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board and we would ask that anyone who is interested in assisting for the coming year to please sign up. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know everyone in the congregation.

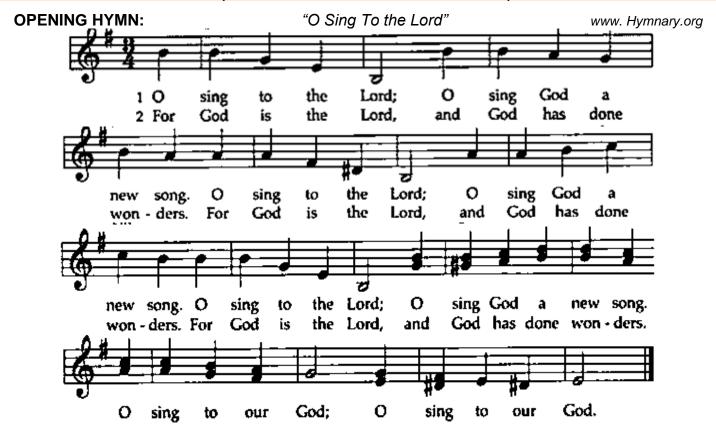


Granny Squares still needed: This is an ongoing project we will gratefully accept more completed 6 inch knitted or crocheted Granny Squares in any pattern or colour. We would also appreciate any yarn that you may have, leftover yarn or full balls of yarn. In the narthex there is a white cube with yarn and hooks that you are welcome to take (or donate). There is another basket for completed squares. Once there are enough, we will make a Caring Squares blanket for whoever may be in need of a hug. On behalf of the Caring Squares, if you have any questions, call Lorraine at 905 964 5837)

SOUL is in need of some simple, easy board games, to own or borrow. Candy Land, Chutes & Ladders, Pop-O-Matic, Trouble, Hungry Hippo and any simple matching games. Nothing too lengthy or needing too many players. Please let Jennifer or Pastor Todd know.

HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK SETTING THREE [TLH PG 15]

The 15TH Sunday after Pentecost September 10, 2023 + 10 AM Worship



5. For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! O sing to our God, O, sing to our God.

TEXT: Brazilian folk song, trans. Spanish, 1982, and English, 1986, Gerhard M. Carllord MUSIC: Brazilian folk melody; arr. Gerhard M. Carllord, 1982 English and Spanish Trans. and Music Arr. O Gerhard M. Cardord (admin. Augsburg Fortress) CANTAL AQ SENLIOR 5.6.5.6.5.6.5.5 CCLI# 1296903

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

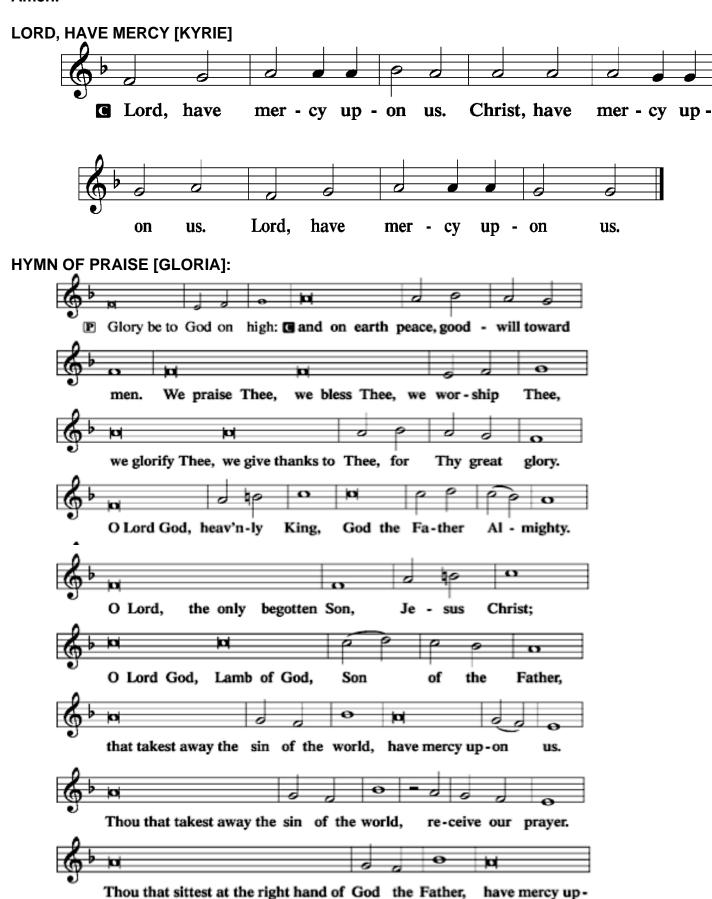
[Brief silence for prayerful thoughts for self-awareness.]

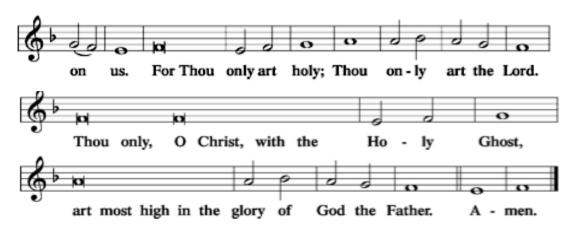
O Almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus

Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**





PRAYER OF THE DAY:

We pray: O Father, You taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Fill us with the same Spirit, so that we may have a right understanding in all things and always rejoice in His holy comfort; we ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Old Testament: Genesis 50:15-21

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?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "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. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? 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. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle: Romans 14:1-12

[St. Paul writes:] Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement 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. 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. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 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. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.





The Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 18:21-35

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter:



Then Peter 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?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, 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. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 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." Then his fellowslave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellowslaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.' This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE NICENE CREED: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man. And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and

Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



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MESSAGE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD:



THE OFFERING is received.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Blessed Lord God, You have promised that where two or three are gathered in Your name, You are in the midst of them. Hear the prayers of Your people, and give us outcomes which are pleasing in Your sight and for our good;

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Blessed Lord God, You have sent pastors as stewards bestowing Your gifts. Inspire them to remain faithful in showing forth Your face of renewal in mind and spirit, joyfully announcing Your forgiveness to all who cry out for compassion.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Blessed Lord God, because You have made us our neighbour's keeper, fill us with care for families and for our brothers and sisters in Christ everywhere. Forgive our sins and strengthen us to live so that we owe no one anything except to love each other.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Blessed Lord God, You give leaders to every nation and people. Help all in authority remain helpful and wise, defending all who have need and keep far from us all evil intentions. Guard those who protect us, especially our armed forces, police and firefighters.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Blessed Lord God, look with compassion upon those who are struggling with illness, grief, loneliness or any malady [especially ______]. Reassure them of Your love, which is like that of the shepherd who seeks and saves the one lost sheep.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Blessed Lord God, because You desire that none of Your little ones should perish and because sin is constantly crouching at our door, we beg You to call us back to Yourself when we are tempted to stray. Deliver us from temptation, and keep us in the faith. Make us humble like little children, seeing how Your Son humbled Himself for us and for our salvation. For into Your hands, O Blessed Lord God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SPOKEN SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

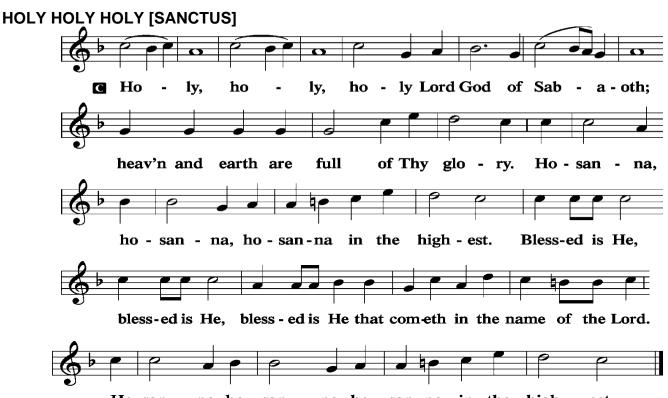
Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right and salutary we should at all times and in places give thanks to You O Lord, O holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who, on this day over came 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 all the hosts of Heaven, we praise Your name and join their un-ending hymn:



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

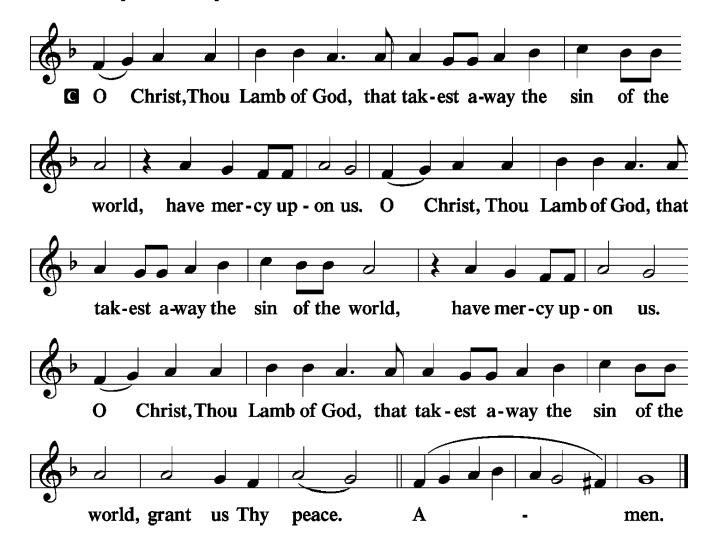
LORD'SPRAYER:

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: "Take, eat; This is My + Body which is given for you, this do, in remembrance of Me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying "Drink of it all of you, this cup is the New Testament in My + Blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

LAMB OF GOD [AGNUS DEI]

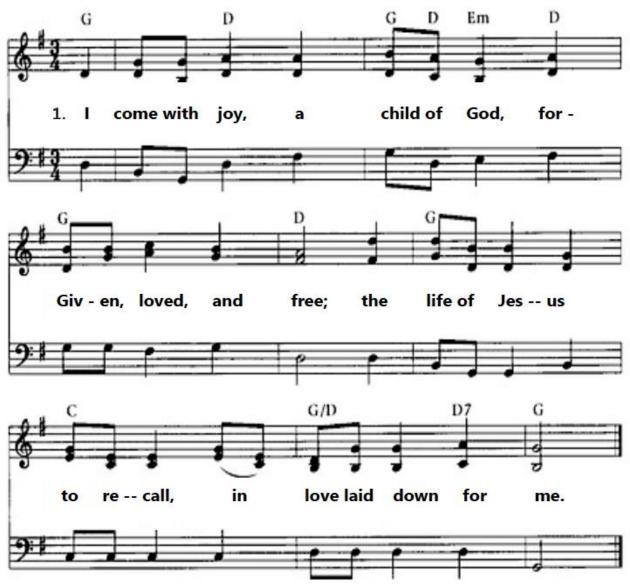


HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

For those who have need, please feel free to stand at the rail if kneeling is difficult. The common cup and trays of individual glasses are available. Gluten free wafers are also available. Light purple glasses of Communion wine mixed with water are in the centre ring of the silver trays.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

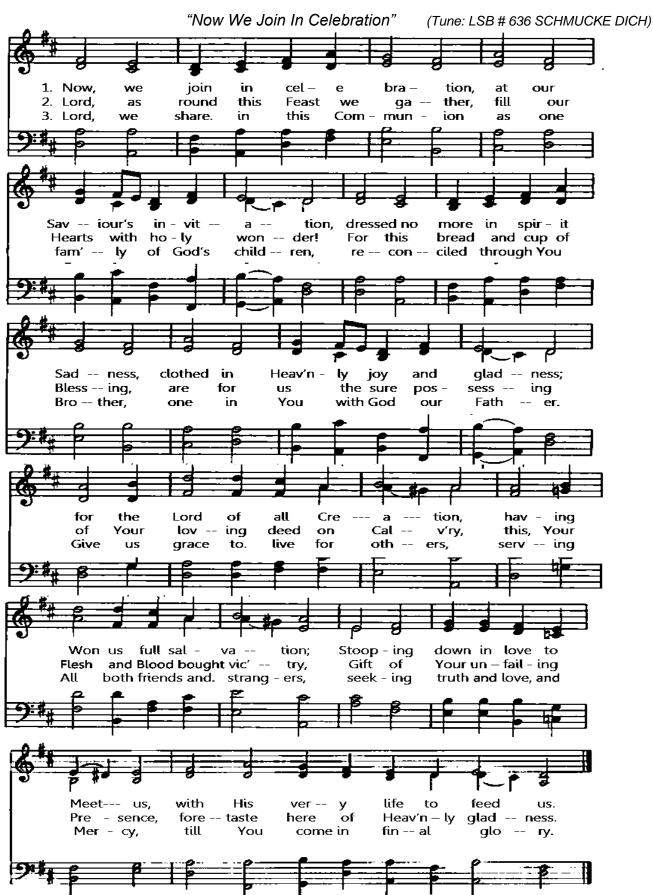
"I Come With Joy" (Tune: AZMON "Oh For A Thousand Tongues To Sing")



I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love - in Christ's Communion Bread.

Together met, together bound, by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world, the love that makes us one.

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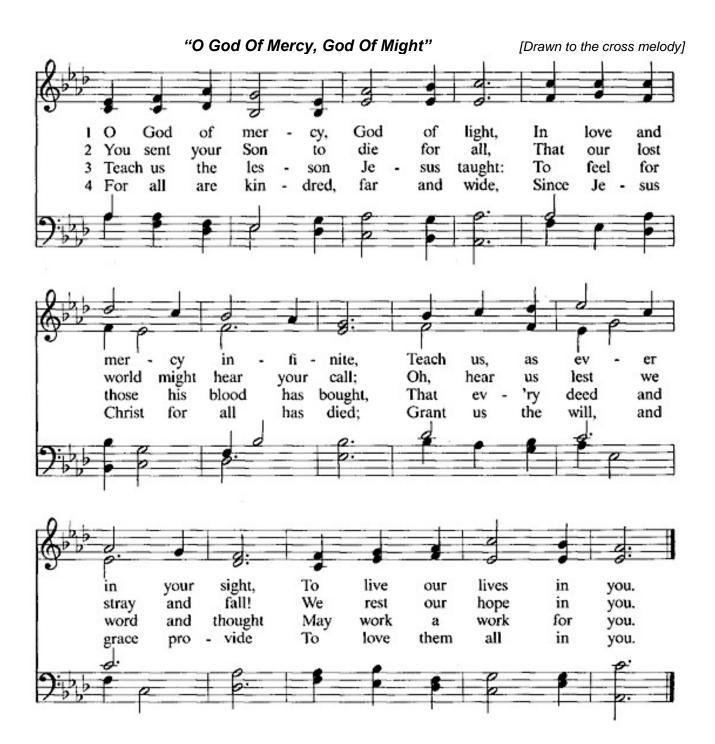
"Let Us Break Bread"

Let us break bread together on our knees.
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees.
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

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- 5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care, Each other's burdens help us share; May we, where help is needed, there Give help as though to you.
- 6 And may your Holy Spirit move All those who live to live in love, Till you receive in heav'n above Those who have lived to you.



SPOKEN THANKSGIVING & PRAYER:

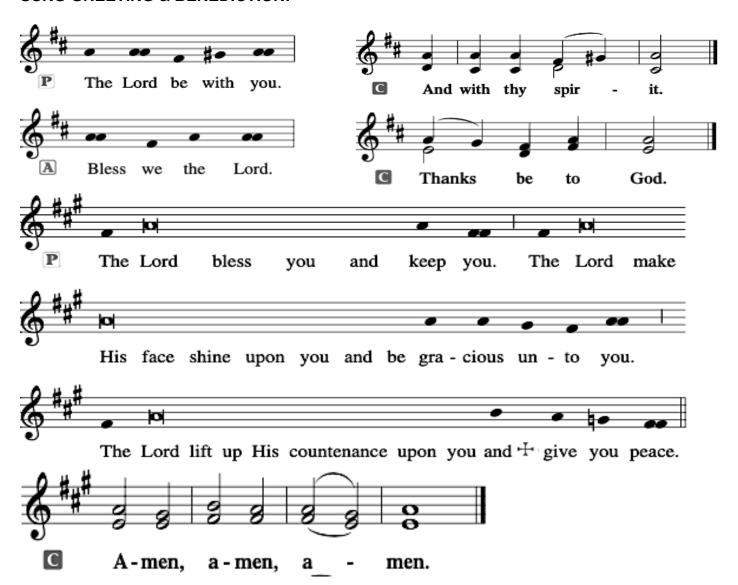
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

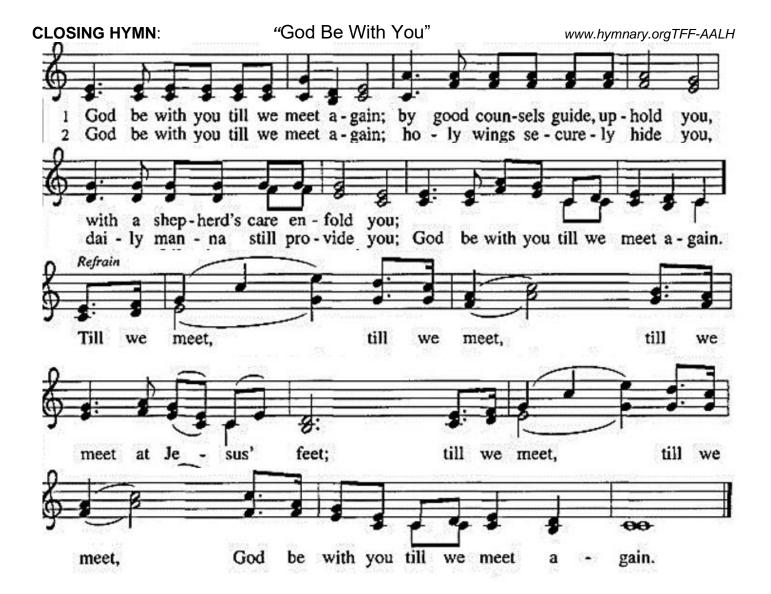
and His mercy endures forever.

O Father, as You fed Your children with the True Manna, the Living Bread from Heaven, give unto us, we humbly pray You, that the Body and Blood of Your Son may be our support throughout our earthly pilgrimage, until we reach that land where there is neither hunger nor thirst, Your magnificent Heavenly Banquet; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

SUNG GREETING & BENEDICTION:





Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904 Music: William G. Tomer, 1833-1896 GOD BE WITH YOU 98 89 and refrain

Kids Bible Wordsearch Animals in the Bible

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

Puzzle #1



BEAR CAMEL DONKEY GAZELLE GOAT HART HORSE IBEX JACKAL





LEOPARD LION MOLE MOUSE NIGHTHAWK OSTRICH SHEEP UNICORN WOLF





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