

# Synod Autumn Leadership Event Worship



September 12th, 2023

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Grand Rapids, MI

*ELW Setting 3*

*\*Indicates to stand or sit as you are comfortable*

## WELCOME

### \*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 confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**

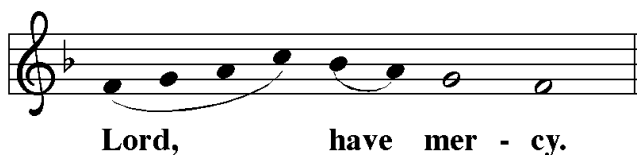
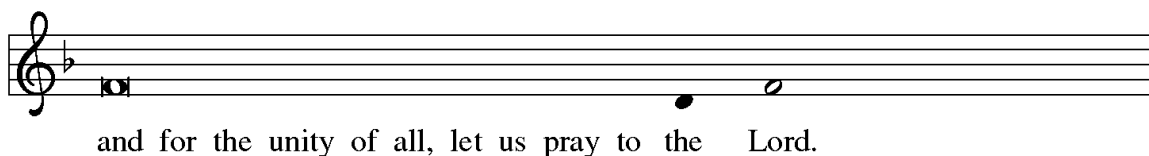
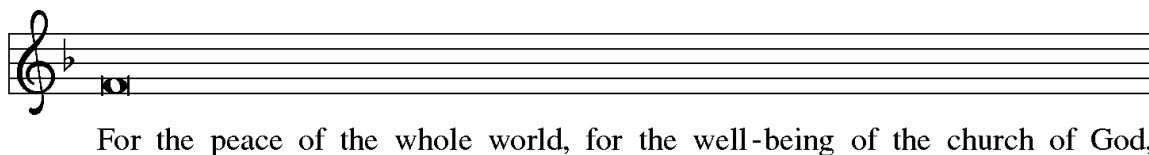
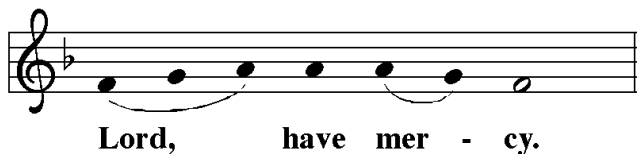
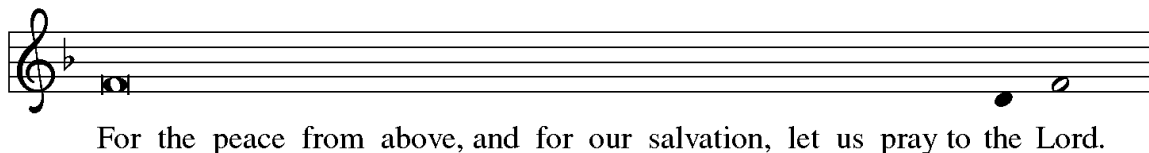
Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ☩ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.  
**Amen.**

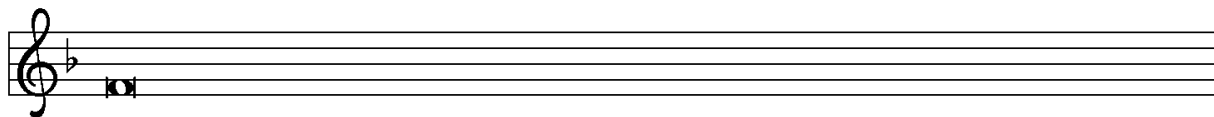
**HYMN:** *For 1,000 tongues to sing* ELW 886

### GREETING

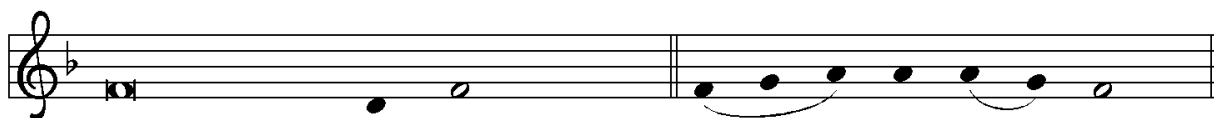
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

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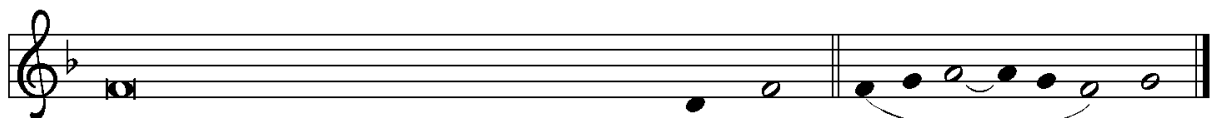




For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

### THIS IS THE FEAST



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



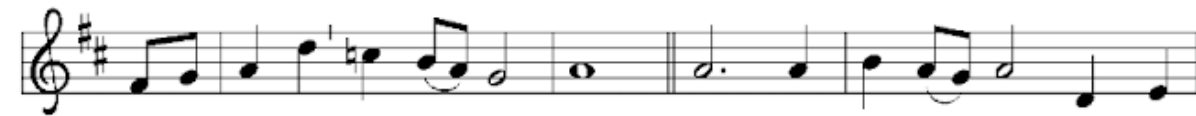
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord, who sends the unlikely, who equips the called, and who gives voice to all, help us navigate this ever-changing world. In the midst of uncertainty, give us confidence in your abiding presence. Help us experience the new life that you have set before us. Be with us as we figure out how to be the church and be part of your mission of radical love and grace. **Amen.**

## **\*FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14**

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,  
all you who love her;  
rejoice with her in joy,  
all you who mourn over her—  
that you may nurse and be satisfied  
from her consoling breast;  
that you may drink deeply with delight  
from her glorious bosom.

For thus says the Lord:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,  
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;  
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,  
and dandled on her knees.

As a mother comforts her child,  
so I will comfort you;  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;  
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;  
and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants,  
and his indignation is against his enemies.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 66:1-9 (Congregation Sings Bold)**

Be joyful in God, all you lands;  
be joyful, all the earth.

**Sing the glory of God's name;  
sing the glory of God's praise.**

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

**All the earth bows down before you,  
sings to you, sings out your name."**

Come now and see the works of God,  
how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

**God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot,  
and there we rejoiced in God.**

Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;  
let no rebels exalt themselves.

**Bless our God, you peoples;  
let the sound of praise be heard.**

Our God has kept us among the living  
and has not allowed our feet to slip.

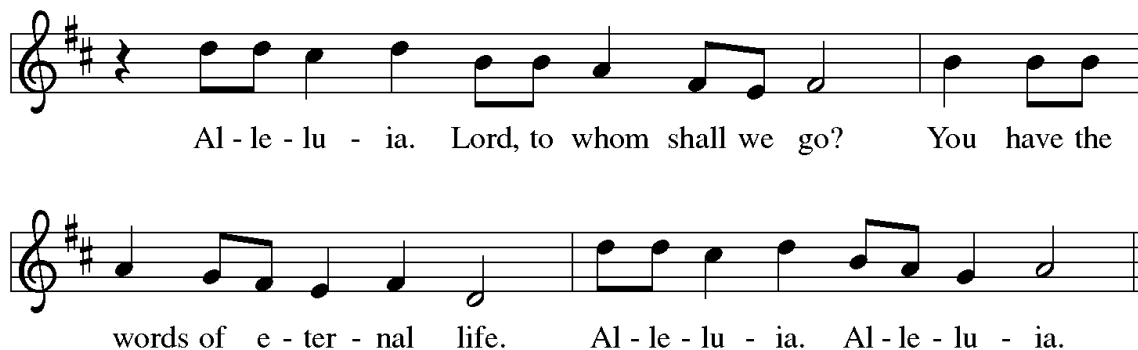
## SECOND READING: Galatians 6:1-6

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

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## GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'"

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

\***SERMON** - *Pastor Kate Van Valkenburg*

\***HYMN**: *10,000 Reasons ACS 1097*

## 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

*A brief silence.*

*Response to prayer:*

Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

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**

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

## **\*OFFERING**

**HYMN:** *We all are one in mission* ELW 576

## **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

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.**

## **COMMUNION**

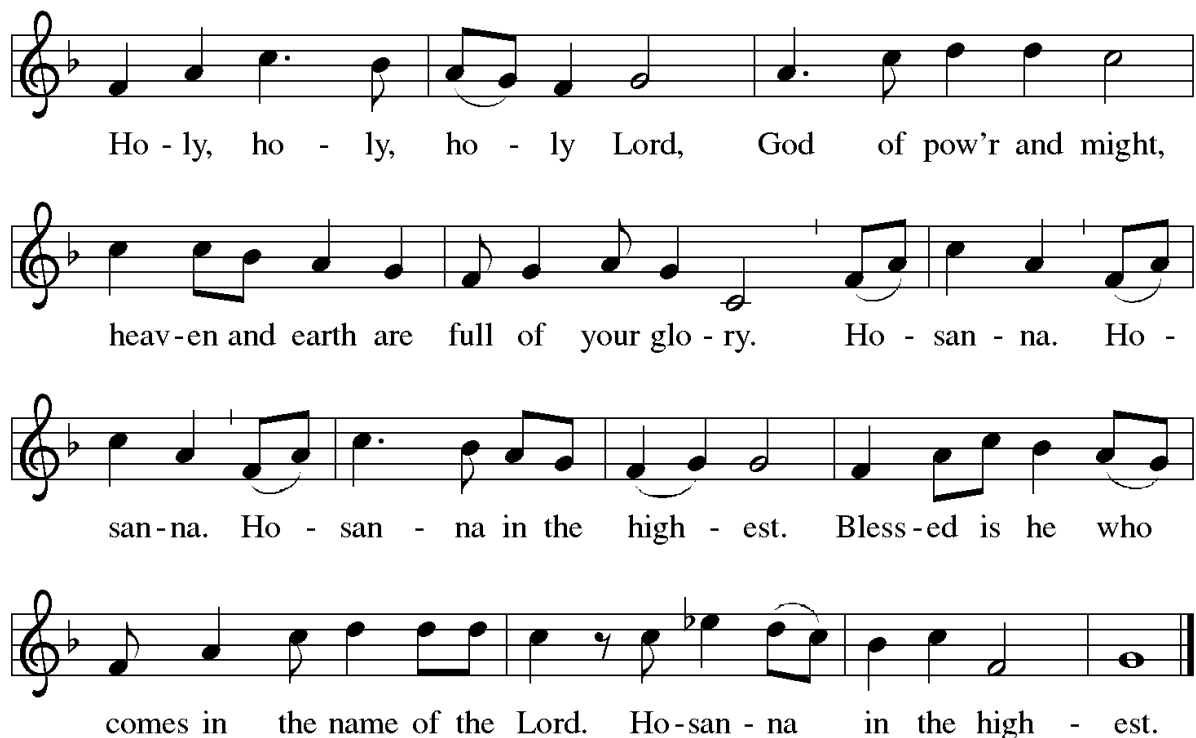
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
 you have brought us this far along the way.  
 In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,  
 but guided us into the path of love and light.  
 In every age you sent prophets  
 to make known your loving will for all humanity.  
 The cry of the poor has become your own cry;  
 our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.  
 In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant  
 to preach good news to the afflicted,  
 to break bread with the outcast and despised,  
 and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 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.

Again, 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
 we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**



Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we await the day when Jesus shall return  
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.  
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.  
**Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,  
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup  
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.  
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.  
**Amen.**

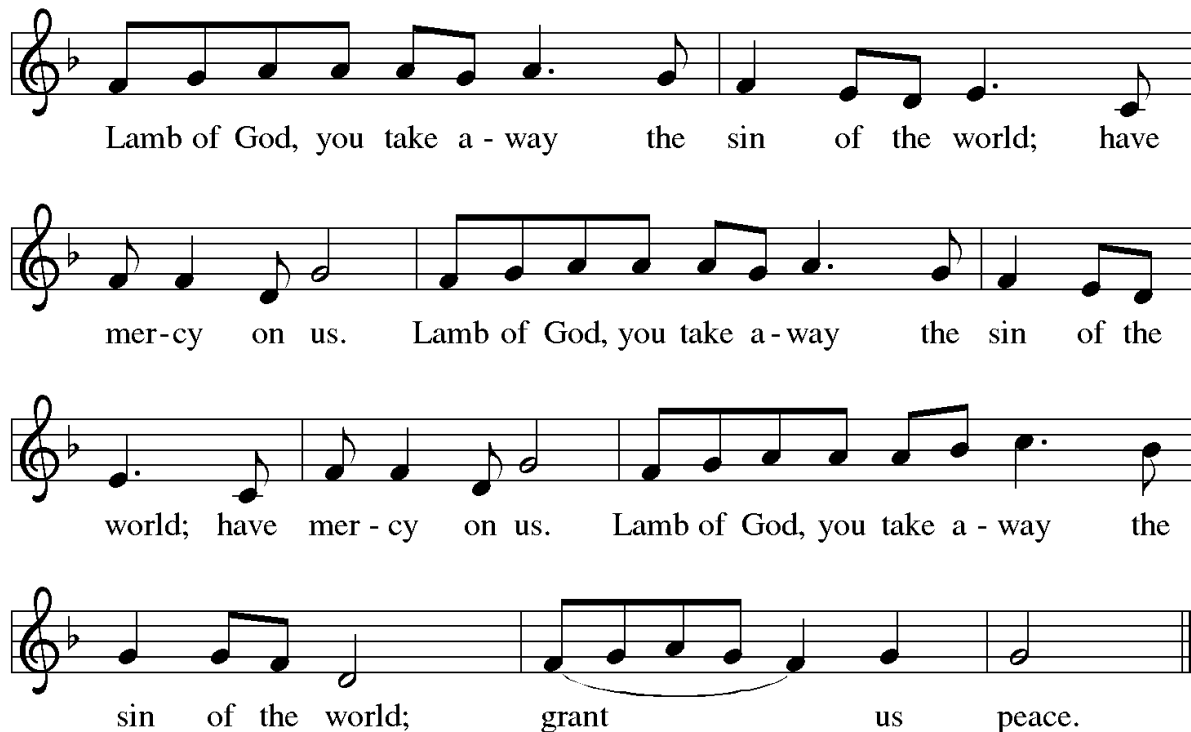
Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,  
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,  
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.  
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Lord Remember us in your Kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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

**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.**

*Dan: All people of all identities and walks of life are called and welcomed to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.*



The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have'. The second staff contains 'mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the'. The third staff contains 'world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The fourth staff contains 'sin of the world; grant us peace.' and ends with a double bar line.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**HYMNS:** *Here I am Lord* ELW 574  
*To be your Presence Lord* ELW 546

**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.**

**\*BLESSING**

The God of glory, ☩ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:** *Go to the World* ACS 991

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, be the church. **Thanks be to God.**