

# THE HOLY TRINITY

May 26, 2024



*Trinity Sunday*

# The Divine Service

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## AS WE GATHER

There are times in our life when we have wondered if God cares about us or not. On this festive Sunday of Holy Trinity, we find the answer—yes! There has been a divine plan in place for this world. More than that, there is a divine plan and purpose for you. Listen to Peter’s words carefully. As you do, you will hear Peter tell about God’s definite plan for this world and His definite plan to redeem you and make you His child. Rejoice on this Trinity Sunday that God not only created you but has a definite plan for your life.

## Prelude

## Invocation

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*



## Confession and Absolution

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P With Joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in name of the Father and of the T son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## Processional Hymn

### “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

LSB 940 sts. 1, 5


1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we  
△ 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,  
bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,  
three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,  
All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy  
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,  
vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.  
bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

# Kyrie


A *In peace, in peace...*

## Refrain

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*



Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have




mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

A *For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the... Refrain*


A *For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the... Refrain*

*Assistant:*



Help, save and de - fend us, O

*Congregation:*



God. A - men.

# Hymn of Praise:

# "Now the Feast"

## 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*

## ATHANASIAN CREED, PART 1

Pastor: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

**People: Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

Pastor: And the catholic faith is this

**People: that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

Pastor: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is an other

**People: But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

Pastor: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

**People: the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

Pastor: the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

**People: the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

Pastor: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

**People: just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

Pastor: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

**People: and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.**

Pastor: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

**People: and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**

Pastor: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

**People: and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

Pastor: Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

## **Salutation**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And Also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray. Almighty God and everlasting God, You have give us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us form all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## The Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 6:1–8*

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" <sup>4</sup>And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." <sup>8</sup>And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Acts 2:14a, 22–36*

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, <sup>22</sup>"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; <sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. <sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. <sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." <sup>29</sup>"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore



exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.' <sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Processional

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!



## Holy Gospel

*John 3:1–17*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Hymn of the Day

## “Holy Spirit”

### Verse 1

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close  
No thing can compare You're our living hope  
Your Presence

### Verse 2

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone  
In Your Presence Lord

### Chorus

Holy Spirit You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory God is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

### Interlude

Your Presence Lord

### Interlude

Your Presence Lord  
Your Presence  
Oh God how we love Your Presence Lord

### Bridge

Let us become more aware of Your Presence  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)

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**Sermon**

**“Lord and Christ”**

**Pastor Scott Gress**

## ATHANASIAN CREED PART 2

Pastor: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.  
People: **The Son is neither made nor created but begotten of the Father alone.**

Pastor: The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.  
People: **Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.**

Pastor: And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;  
People: **but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.**

Pastor: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

### Prayer of the Church

*Petitions end, "Lord, in your mercy..." Congregation responds, "**Hear our prayer**"*

Offering **"Take my Life"** *Choir, early*

### Offertory Prayer

P God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Receive now these gifts you have first given and fill us with good things at your table, that we might joyfully and generously share all you have given us, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

## ATHANASIAN CREED PART 3

Pastor: But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**

Pastor: He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

People: **perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**

Pastor: equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

**People: Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**

Pastor: one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

**People: one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**

Pastor: For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

**People: who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**

Pastor: ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**People: At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**

Pastor: And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

**People: This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

**A word about Holy Communion** *We are about to receive the Lord's Supper. Before you receive, you might consider the following questions: Do you believe you are a sinner? Do you believe Jesus Christ died for you and shed his blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins? Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper he gives you his true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and strengthens your faith in him and your love for others? If you are a baptized Christian and share these Biblical truths, please come! Those who have not yet received instruction may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their chest to indicate they are not receiving the elements.*

## **Service of the Sacrament**

### **Preface**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## Proper Preface

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### The Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### Words of Institution

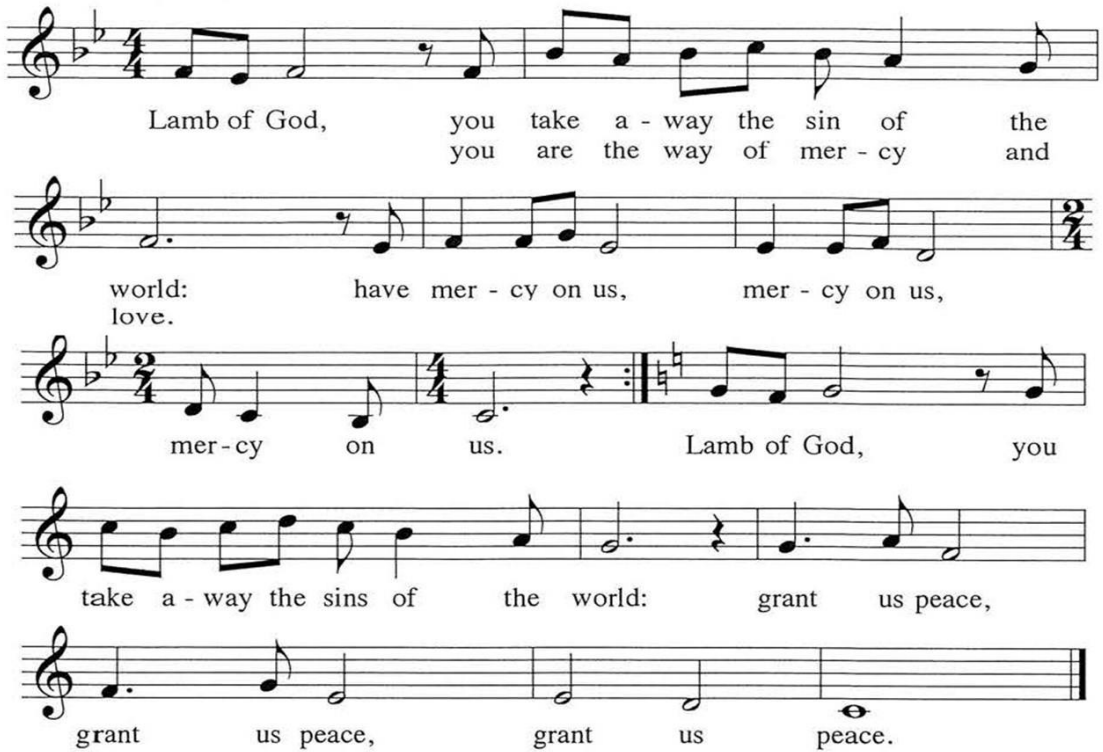
#### The Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*(The congregation and minister may greet each other with the peace of the Lord)*

# Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
you are the way of mer - cy and  
world:  
love. have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.





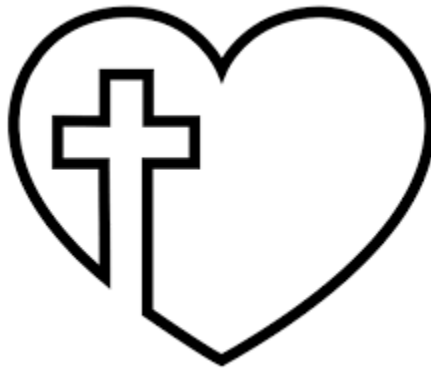
1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!





# "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying"

LSB 826



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?  
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,  
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,  
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"  
You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.  
Point - ing out the path to heav - en, Of - f'ring life and peace to all,  
While the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing And the Mas - ter calls for you.



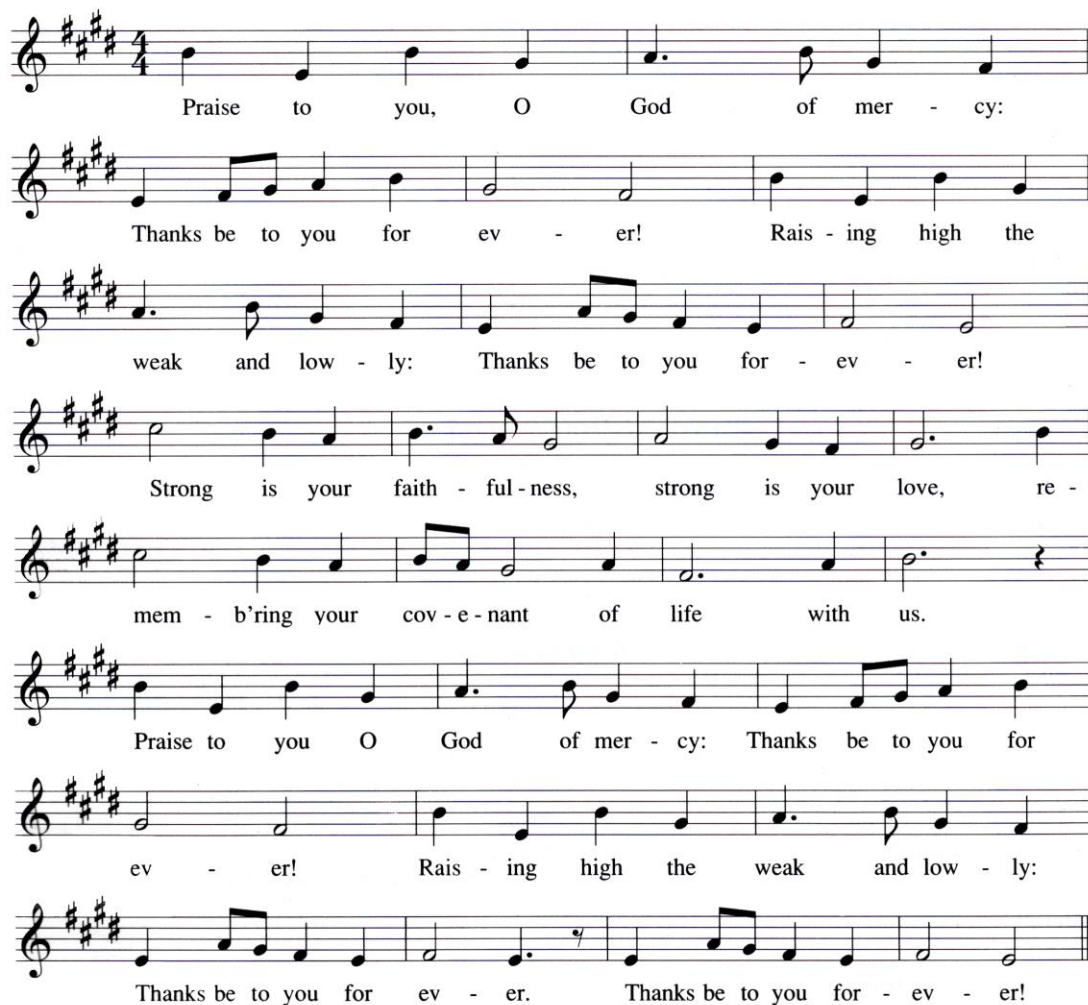
Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.  
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the judg - ment's dread a - larms,  
With your prayers and with your boun - ties You can do what God com - mands;  
Take the task He gives you glad - ly, Let His work your plea - sure be;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?  
You can lead the lit - tle chil - dren To the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.  
You can be like faith - ful Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.  
An - swer quick - ly when He call - eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

## Closing of the Table

## Post-communion canticle



The image shows a musical score for a post-communion canticle. It consists of eight staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are: "Praise to you, O God of mercy: Thanks be to you for ever! Raising high the weak and lowly: Thanks be to you for ever! Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love, remembering your covenant of life with us. Praise to you O God of mercy: Thanks be to you for ever! Raising high the weak and lowly: Thanks be to you for ever. Thanks be to you for ever!"

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!  
Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -  
mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.  
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

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Announcements

## Benediction

## Recessional Hymn

## “Glory be to the God the Father”

LSB 506 sts. 1, 4

1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to  
4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of  
God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:  
an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!  
Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,  
Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,  
glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!  
glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

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## Dismissal

P Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as....

C **Disciples making disciples.**

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**



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