

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Service of Holy Communion**  
**August 18, 2024**  
**9:30 am**

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Camp Hill, PA**

*\*-the congregation is invited to stand*

**WELCOME TO GRACE**

*A warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this summer. If you are visiting with us, please fill out a guest card which are found in the pews. Following the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor.*

*We hope that this bulletin will help guide you through our worship service.*

**INTRODUCTION**

*Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.*

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*God gathers us in unity.*

**GATHERING**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*Reflections*

*Franklin Ritter*

*The assembly stands as able.*

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

*Around You, O Lord Jesus*

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**\*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.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

**FIRST READING – Proverbs 9:1-6**

- <sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- <sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.
- <sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,
- <sup>4</sup>“You that are simple, turn in here!”  
To those without sense she says,
- <sup>5</sup>“Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- <sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM – Psalm 34:9-14**

- <sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,  
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
- <sup>10</sup>**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**
- <sup>11</sup>Come, children, and listen to me;  
I will teach you reverence for the LORD.
- <sup>12</sup>**Who among you takes pleasure in life  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**
- <sup>13</sup>Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from lying words.
- <sup>14</sup>**Turn from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it.**

**SECOND READING – Ephesians 5:15-20**

- <sup>15</sup>Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the

Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*GOSPEL: John 6:51-58**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>51</sup>“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

## **\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*By Your Hand You Feed Your People*

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## **\*APOSTLE'S CREED**

Let us profess our faith using the words of the Apostle's 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.**

## **\*THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each prayer concludes:*

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

## **\*THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Share the peace with one another.*

*During this flu season and the ongoing pandemic, we remind you that it is appropriate to greet each other and pass the peace verbally rather than have hand contact, which helps to transmit the flu virus.*

*Please remember to use the hand sanitizers that are available in each pew, upon arrival and throughout the service as needed.*

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

**MEAL**

## **OFFERING**

*We respond to the grace given us by sharing our gifts with others through the offering. Today's regular offering supports the ongoing ministry of Grace church. You can give online, by cash, or by check.*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*A Rose Touched by Sun's Warm Rays*  
The Galle Trio

*Jean Berger*

### \*SETTING THE TABLE

3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.  
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:  
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,  
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff has a '3' above the first note, indicating a triplet. The notes are quarter notes, with some beamed together. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The music ends with a double bar line.

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

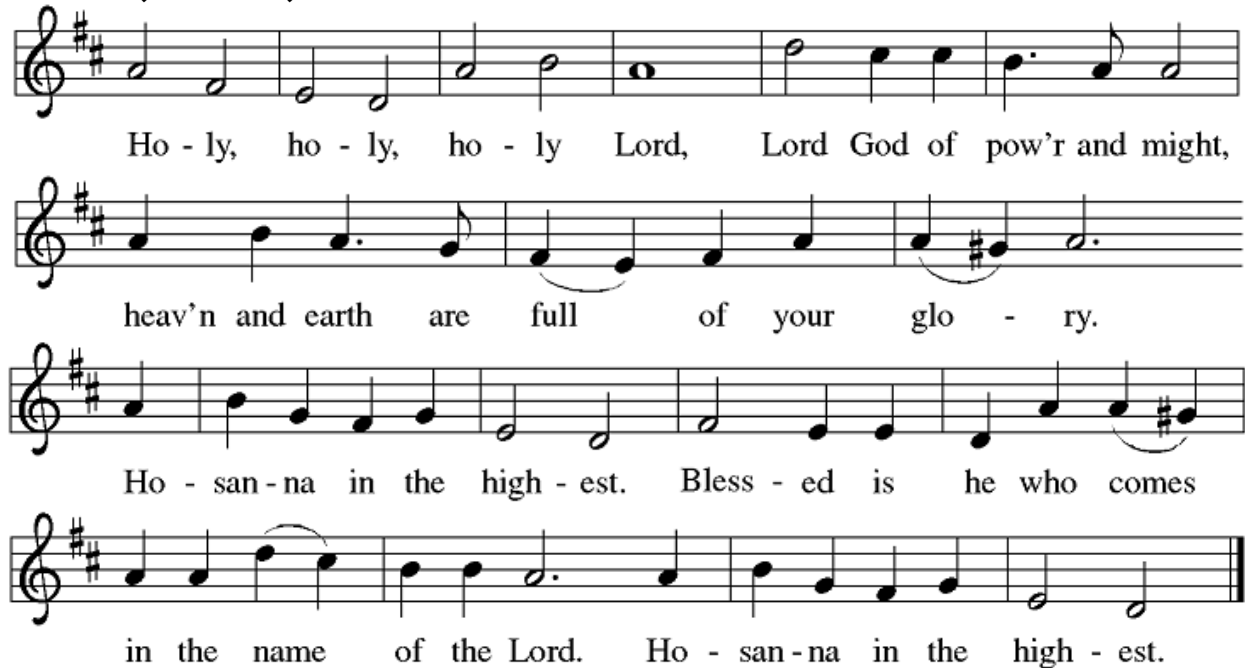
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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,

You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory.

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:

### **\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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.

### **\*THANKSGIVING AT TABLE**

Blessed are you, O Creator,  
and blessed is our Savior Jesus Christ,  
who led us on paths of truth and grace,  
compassion and justice, hope and peace.

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

We remember his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures,

with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity,

now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us 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**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.

Come!

**Thanks be to God.**

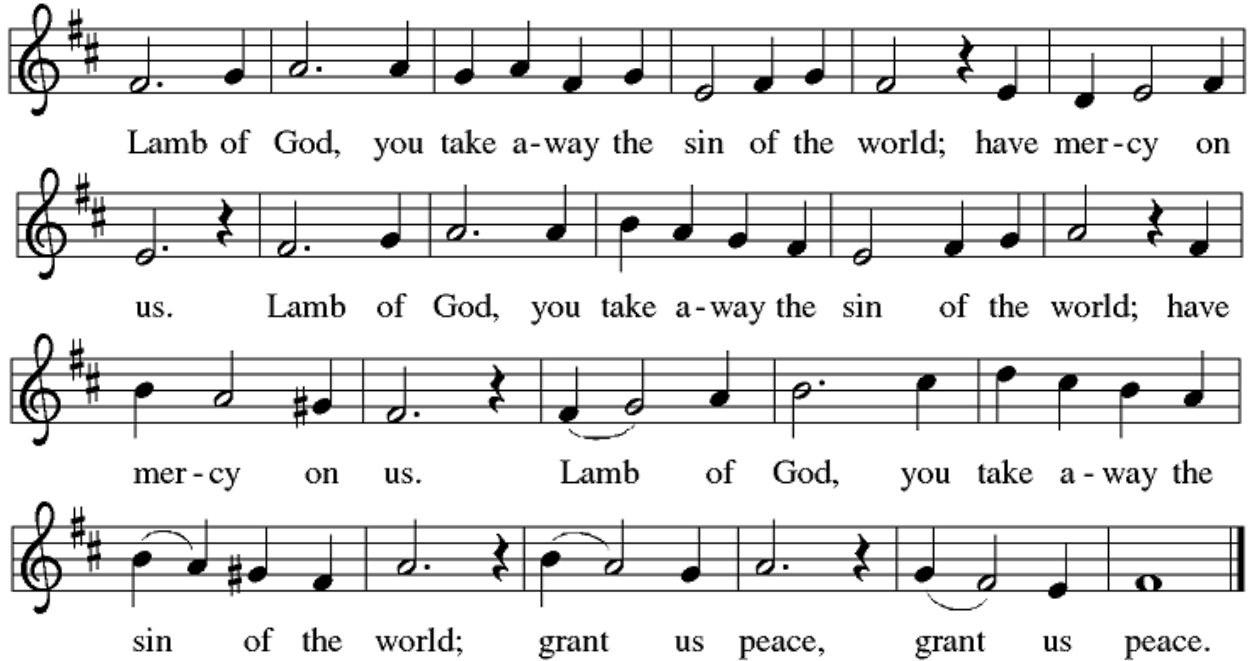
*The assembly may be seated.*

*Those communing at home or in their seats are invited to prepare their elements then to be led through eating and drinking the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine.*



## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

### LAMB OF GOD



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, grant us peace.

### \*BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of the Risen Lord strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

**SENDING**

### \*BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### \*SENDING HYMN

*Praise and Thanksgiving*

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**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Praise and Thanksgiving*

*Bunessan*

**SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP**

Presiding Minister .....	The Rev. Chad Butz
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Acolyte .....	Zach Weber
Lector.....	Bill Robison
Communion Assistants .....	Ann Hoffman, Marti Bert
Director of Music.....	Kristopher Hartman
Organist .....	Emily Hartman

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in honor of Pat Good's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.**

# Around You, O Lord Jesus



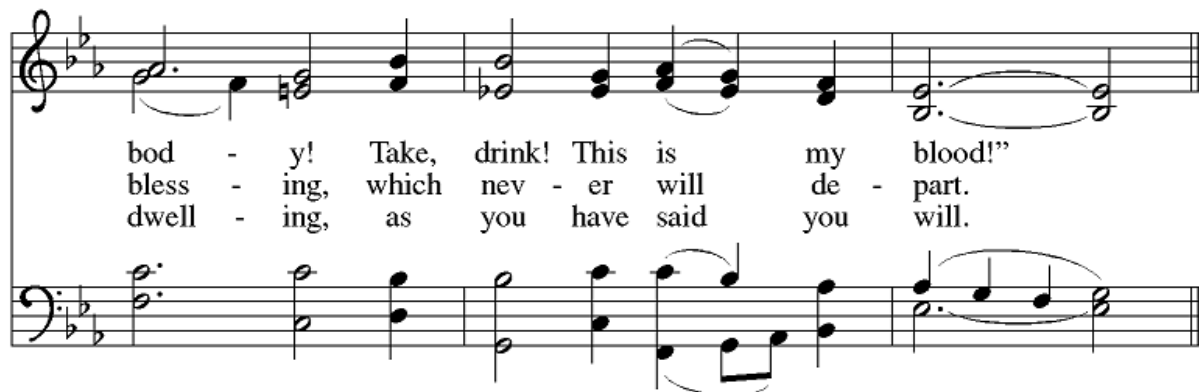
1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still  
2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;  
3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.  
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.  
we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—

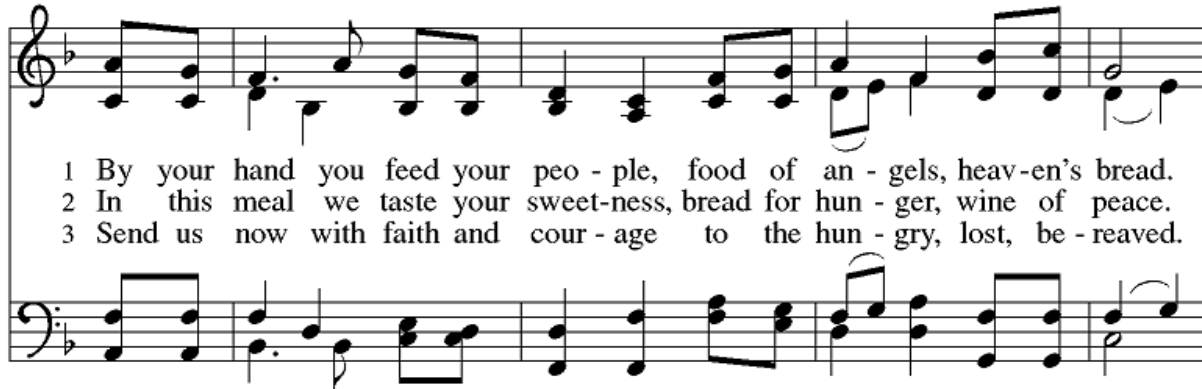


You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my  
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your  
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"  
bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.  
dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

# By Your Hand You Feed Your People

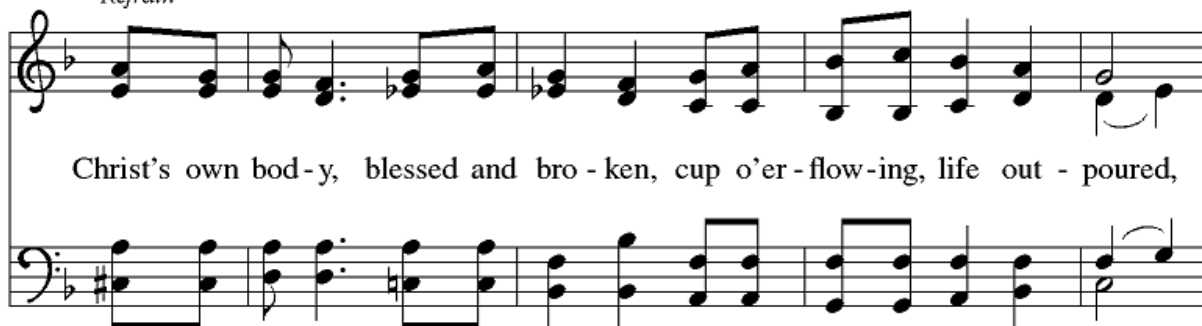


1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.  
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.  
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.

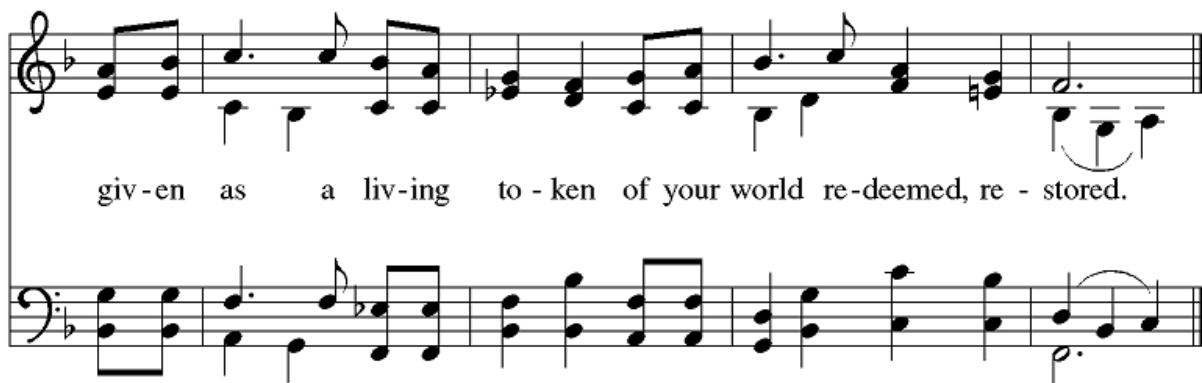


For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.  
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

## *Refrain*

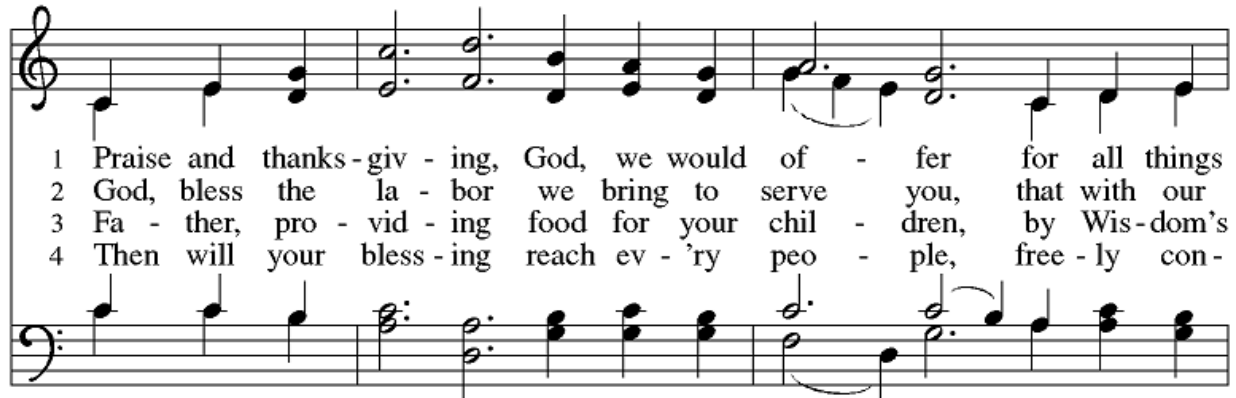


Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,

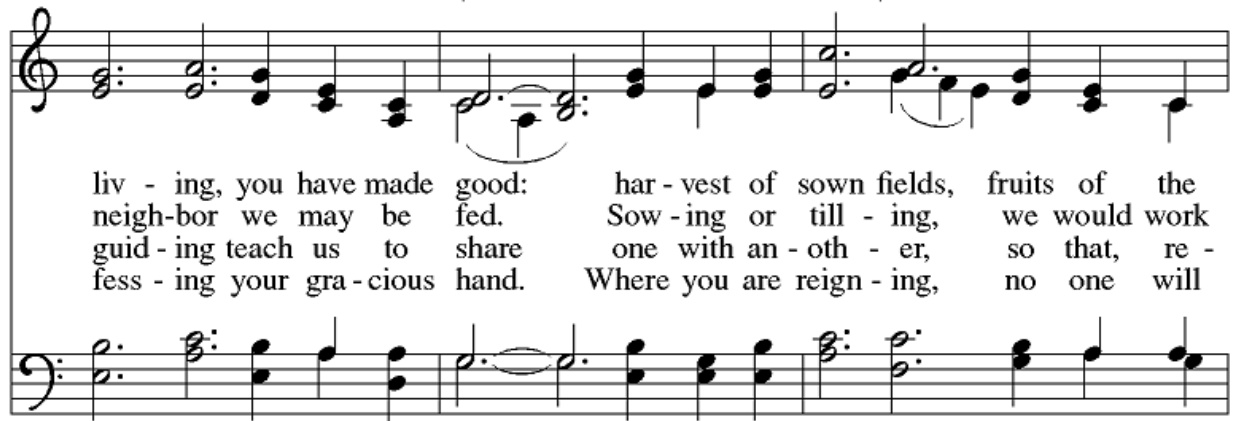


giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

# Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things  
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's  
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work  
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -  
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.  
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.  
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.  
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

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Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version  
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## **Our Story**

Matthew 25:35-40: *For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”*

***The purpose of Grace Lutheran Church is to make a difference by serving others through God’s love and our faith***

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