



**+ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
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## + Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Order for Worship

*The biblical book of James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles do not deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, this story and the one that follows about Jesus healing a man who is unable to hear, indicate that ultimately God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.*

### Welcome to St. Andrew!

- St. Andrew Lutheran congregation welcomes all who are seeking a place of healing and wholeness – a nurturing, faith-forming spiritual home. Our community embraces people of all ages, ethnicities, cultures, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, and family constellations. Come and See!
- Worship Services are live-streamed to multiple online platforms. By attending worship, you agree that your image and voice may be broadcast.
- Everyone is invited to make a name tag at the black bookcase in the back of the worship space if they would like. There are stickers indicating pronouns on the bookcase if you would like to include them on your name tag.
- A nursery is available through the doors at the left side of the sanctuary and across from the doorway to the Social Hall. Look for a purple-colored room.
- Worship “toolkits” to help children engage with the service, along with “busy bags” for younger children, are available in the bookcase at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one to use with/for your children.
- Holy Communion is served with bread (gluten-free available) and wine or grape juice. The presiding minister will distribute the bread (host). Please consume this and then pick up an empty glass from the tray. The Communion Assistant will pour wine or grape juice into your glass. Please step to the side to consume the wine or grape juice. Feel free to kneel at the altar for prayer and reflection. As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty trays on either side of the center section.
- A restroom is available on the main level of the church, through the doors to the Social Hall and to the right in the main office.

### Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

A: Assisting Minister

L: Lector

**C: Congregation**

**ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal**

**ACS: All Creation Sings hymnal**

## Global Music Sunday

*This Sunday, we celebrate the gifts, music, and hymnwriting of people and cultures from the Christian Church, and specifically the Lutheran church, throughout the world. Whenever possible, each hymn in today's worship will include both the original language in which the piece was written and English so that we may know and understand everything as we are praising God. We have provided the country of origin for each piece, and we seek to honor the spirit in which each hymn has been crafted. Thanks be to God for the gifts of the global Church!*

### Pre-Service Music

#### Welcome

#### Introduction of Offertory Song

*In the place of a regular Prelude, the cantor will introduce to the congregation the song, Tata pokelele, which will serve as the Offertory Song during worship today.*



Ta - ta, po - ke - le - la; if - ya - bu - pe fye - su:  
Ev - 'ry - thing is yours, Lord; ev - 'ry - thing comes from you:



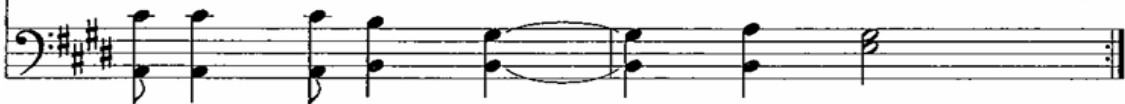
if - yo twa - mi pe - la le lo.  
all we have we of - fer to you.



Po - ke - le - le - ni, Ta - ta,  
Ac-cept our love, Lord, we pray;



po - ke - le - le - ni le lo.  
re-ceive our gifts, Lord, to - day.



## Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

### Confession and Forgiveness

*Please rise as you are able.*

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but our hearts have been far from you.**

**The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first**

**we make distinctions among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,**

**and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,**

**our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity  
and remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,

the source of all healing,

your sins are forgiven.

**C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn    Open Your Ears, You Faithful People  
(Israel)

ELW 519



1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.  
2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.  
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

*Refrain*



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Hasidic traditional; Willard F. Jabusch, b. 1930, English version

Music: YISRAEL V'ORAITA, Hasidic tune

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## Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

## Hymn of Praise (Peru)

ACS p. 12

*The Hymn of Praise will be sung as a call and response,  
with the cantor leading and the congregation invited to respond.*



1 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!  
1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!  
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre! ¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre!  
To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! To God be glo-ry for - ev - er!



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!  
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!  
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!  
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

## **Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Gracious God, throughout the ages

you transform sickness into health and death into life.

Open us to the power of your presence,

and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world,  
through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Word**

*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song*

### **First Reading – Isaiah 35: 4-7a**

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

God will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

God will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

<sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water.

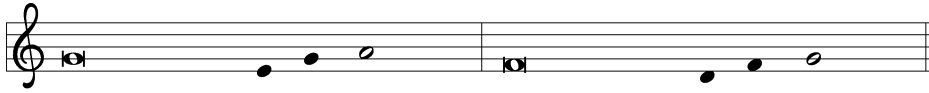
L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 146

*Today's psalm will be sung and led by the cantor,  
with the congregation invited to respond with the alternate verses in bold type.*

### Psalm tone



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### Psalm refrain



Psalm 146:2  
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<sup>1</sup>Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the Lord, | O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**

**and in that day | their thoughts perish. R**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,

whose hope is in the | Lord their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**

**who keeps promis- | es forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.

The Lord sets the | captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who | are bowed down;**

**the Lord | loves the righteous. R**

<sup>9</sup>The Lord cares | for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The Lord shall | reign forever,**

**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah! R**



## Second Reading – James 2: 1-10, 14-17

<sup>1</sup> My kindred, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved siblings. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that God has promised to those who love God? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my kindred, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a sibling is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise as you are able and join in speaking the Gospel Acclamation.*

**Gospel Acclamation**  
(Muscogee – Creek)

**Heleluyan – Hallelujah**

**ELW 171**

*The Heleluyan Gospel Acclamation will be sung in a three-part round. Singers will be at the front of each section of the worship space to lead the round.*

**Heleluyan, heleluyan; hele, heleluyan.  
Heleluyan, heleluyan; hele, heleluyan.**

**Hallelujah, hallelujah; halle, hallelujah.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah; halle, hallelujah.**

Music: Muscogee (Creek); transc. Charles H. Webb, b. 1933.

## Gospel – Mark 7: 24-37

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup> but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Gospel Acclamation**  
*(Syria)*

**Hallelujah**

**ACS 1088**



Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,



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

Text: Traditional  
 Music: SYRIAN HALLELUJAH, Syrian traditional

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

*A time of silence for prayer and reflection follows the sermon.  
 When the hymn of the day begins, please rise as you are able.*

**Hymn of the Day**  
(France)

**Build a Longer Table**

ACS 1043



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.  
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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**Apostles' Creed**

*Profession of our faith using the Apostles' Creed, one of the Christian Church's three ecumenical creeds, unites us with siblings in Christ around the world.*

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

**C: 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.**

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\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

## **Prayers of the People**

A: Drawn together by the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church,  
those in need, and all of God's creation.

*After each petition*

A: Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers*

P: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God,  
in the name of your beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## **Peace**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet one another in the peace of the risen Christ.*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*The people may greet those around them with a sign of Christ's peace and may say  
Peace be with you or similar words. Please be mindful that not everyone will be comfortable  
with sharing the peace, so please seek consent before shaking hands or hugging. Other possible  
ways to share the peace include a simple bow with the verbal greeting of peace, or simply a  
verbal expression of peace. When the greetings of peace have concluded, please be seated.*

# Meal

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

## Offering

*We offer ourselves, our gifts and our faithful service to God. As the offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need, the table is set for Holy Communion.*

## Music during the Offering

*As the gifts are brought forward for presentation, please rise as you are able.*

## Offertory Song

## Tata pokelele

*(Zambia)*



Ta - ta, po - ke - le - la; if - ya - bu - pe fye - su:  
Ev - 'ry - thing is yours, Lord; ev - 'ry - thing comes from you:



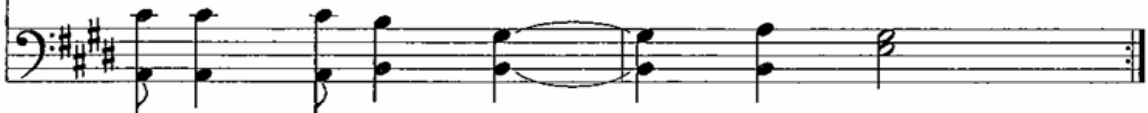
if - yo twa - mi pe - la le lo.  
all we have we of - fer to you.



Po - ke - le - le - ni, Ta - ta,  
Ac - cept our love, Lord, we pray;



po - ke - le - le - ni le lo.  
re - ceive our gifts, Lord, to - day.



## Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Blessed are you,

**C: O God, source of all creation.**

**By these gifts and with our lives,  
help us to serve one another and all in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

## Dialogue

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 our thanks and praise.**

## Preface

P: 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, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
opened the way to everlasting life.  
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:

Sanctus  
(Argentina)

Santo, santo, santo – Holy, Holy, Holy

ACS 1089

San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

. . . lle-nos es-tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.  
your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . You are ho - ly, God.

Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . . .  
. . . Bless - ed be the Sav - ior, the one who comes in your name.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to\_e-res, oh Dios.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father ...  
... 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.

**C: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

P: Therefore, O God ...  
... to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit ...  
... and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants ...  
... all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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.**

## **Fraction and Invitation**



**Agnus Dei / Lamb of God**  
(Nicaragua)



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so - tros,                      ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us,                      have . . mer-cy up - on us.



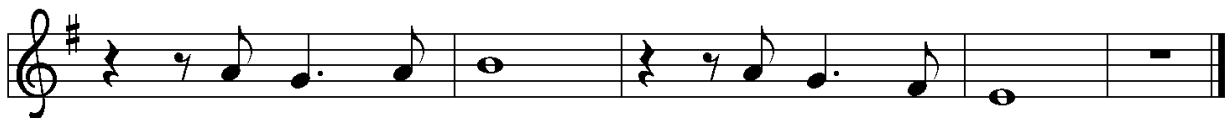
Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
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have . . mer-cy up - on us,                      have . . mer-cy up - on us.



Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .

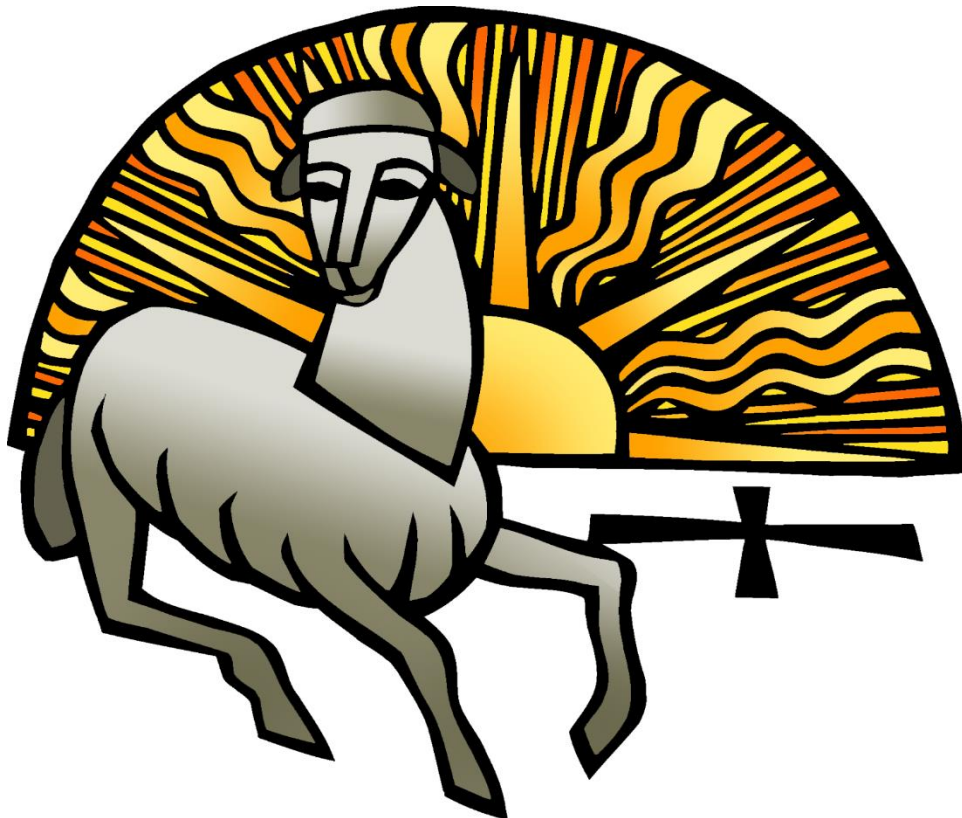


da - nos tu paz,                      da - nos tu paz.  
grant us your peace,                      grant us your peace.

*Please be seated.*

## Holy Communion

- *All who seek God and desire a deeper and stronger life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*
- *Worshipers from the pulpit side will proceed forward first, followed by the center section, and then the lectern side.*
- *Please inform an usher if you would like the ministers to bring Communion to you.*
- *Holy Communion will be served with bread and wine/grape juice.*
- *The presiding minister will first distribute the bread (host) to each communicant. Please indicate if you require a gluten-free host.*
- *Once you have consumed the bread, please pick up an empty glass from the tray next to the presiding minister. The Communion Assistant will pour wine from the chalice or grape juice from the cruet into your glass.*
- *Please step to the side to consume the wine or grape juice.*
- *Feel free to kneel at the altar rail for prayer after receiving the sacrament.*
- *As you return to your pew, glasses may be returned to the empty trays on either side of the center section.*
- *A blessing will be provided for anyone who does not yet receive the sacrament.*
- *All are invited to join in singing the hymns during Holy Communion.*



# Hymns during Holy Communion

## Come, Let Us Eat

ELW 491

(Liberia)

*Come, Let Us Eat will be sung as a call and response,  
with the cantor leading and the congregation invited to respond.*



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
in Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest.  
rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.  
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1–3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1–3, alt.

Music: A VA DE, Billema Kwillia, adapt.

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## Hymns during Holy Communion

### Yarabba ssalami – Let Your Peace Reign upon Us ACS 989

(Palestine)



Ya - ra - bba ssa - la - mi am - ter a - lay - na ssa - lam,  
Let your peace rain up - on us, O liv - ing God of . . . peace.



ya - ra - bba ssa - la - mi im la' qu - lu - ba - na ssa - lam.  
Let your peace rain up - on us, Lord, fill our hearts . . with your peace.

Text: Palestinian traditional; tr. Mark Swanson, b. 1955, and Mark Sedio, b. 1954

Music: YARABBA SSALAMI, Palestinian traditional

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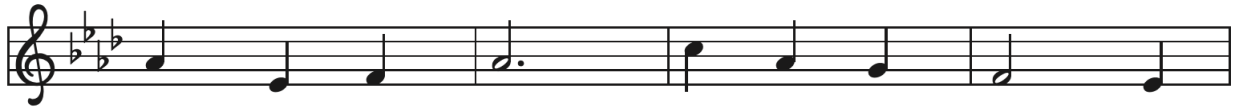
yah-rah-bah sah-lah-mee, ahm-tehr a-lie-nah sah-lahm,

yah-rah-bah sah-lah-mee eem lah koo-loo-bah-nah sah-lahm

# Hymns during Holy Communion

## God's Work, Our Hands

ACS 1000



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.  
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Hymns during Holy Communion

ELW 401

Njoo kwetu, Roho mwema – Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

(Tanzania)

Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.  
 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.  
 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish, those who be - lieve in Christ.  
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.

Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.  
 It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.  
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.  
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

*Refrain*

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,  
 nor rootless liberty;  
 turn disquiet to contentment,  
 doubt into certainty.

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,  
 unswayed by earth's allure.  
 Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
 which you alone assure.

*When all have returned to their places, please rise as you are able.*

## **Blessing**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
C: **Amen.**

## **Prayer**

A: Let us pray.  
you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us at your table  
with your gifts of grace and life. Send us now to welcome others  
and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Sending**

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

## **Announcements**

*Please rise as you are able.*

## **Benediction**

P: God almighty,  
God most merciful,  
✠ bless you, keep you,  
and give you peace.  
C: **Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

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## **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

**Sending Hymn    Siyahamba – We Are Marching in the Light**  
(South Africa)

**ELW 866**



*Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -*  
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



*nyen' kwen - khos'.*                      *Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*  
light of God.                      We are march - ing in the light of God,



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of God.



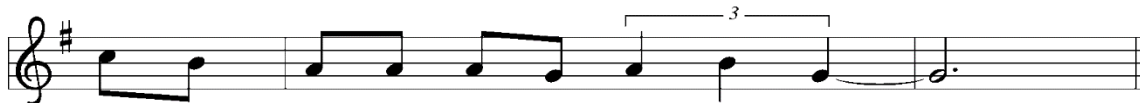
*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO*  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO*  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

We are serving ...  
We are helping ...  
We are singing ...



*Those serving in worship today*

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Audio-Visual Ministers  
  
Cantor  
Lector  
Little Church – Big Faith Teacher  
Minister of Music  
Musicians

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**St. Andrew Lutheran Church Announcements**  
**September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

- **Welcome to Worship at St. Andrew on the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024** – We are so glad you are here, and we offer a special welcome to all visitors and guests connecting for the first time! Worship attendees are invited to make a name tag at the back of the worship space if you would like. There are worship “toolkits” to help children engage with worship and “busy bags” for younger children available in the bookcase at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one to use with/for your children. All are invited to gather for coffee or other drinks and food, and conversation in the social hall after worship.
- **Worship Today – Global Music Sunday and God’s Work, Our Hands** – Today we give thanks for the gifts, music, and hymnwriting of people and cultures from the Christian Church throughout the world and specifically the Lutheran church. Whenever possible, each hymn will include both the original language in which the piece was written and English so that we may know and understand everything as we are praising God. We have provided the country of origin for each piece, and we seek to honor the spirit in which each hymn has been crafted. We recognize that not all of the church is represented today, particularly from the Christian and Lutheran churches in Asia (due to copyright considerations) but we continue to strive to expand our celebration of contributions to the Church and faith from all nations and cultures.

Today the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America also observes “God’s Work – Our Hands” Sunday, when we remember our calling to be a church and people of faith actively serving in our communities and the larger world. Because of this, we have also included the “God’s Work, Our Hands” hymn during the distribution of Holy Communion.

- **Little Church – Big Faith Resumes Today during Worship** – Little Church – Big Faith, a time for Bible stories and activities for children, will resume today during worship. After the Prayer of the Day, the pastor will invite the children to gather at the door on the side of the worship space to meet their teacher and proceed to class in the next room.
- **Shelter Dinner at East End Cooperative Ministry – Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.** – Each month, people of St. Andrew provide dinner for guests of East End Cooperative Ministry, 6140 Station St. (East Liberty), 15206. We invite you to prepare or purchase one menu item and bring it to the shelter by 6:00 p.m., or just come to help serve at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to contribute, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-50823764-shelter>.
- **Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer in a House Divided and a World on Fire – Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., Starting September 25<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom** – Join us for six weeks as we explore the life and theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and the lessons we can use as we live at the intersection of faith and civic life today. Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran pastor and theologian living in Nazi Germany, who eventually joined the resistance and was arrested and killed before the end of WWII. This curriculum was compiled by Dr. Lori Brandt Hale, an internationally renowned Bonhoeffer scholar and president of the International Bonhoeffer Society - English Language Section. Lutheran Advocacy

Ministry in Pennsylvania is a partner in distributing to congregations to inspire deeper conversation and discernment about how we live as disciples. Pastor Erin Jones, staff at LAMPa and member of St. Andrew, will facilitate and lead us in these sessions. Zoom link will be available soon. If anyone would like to look ahead at the participant workbook or other materials in preparation for the study, please visit:

[Bonhoeffer Curriculum Available Now! - LAMPa \(lutheranadvocacy.org\)](http://lutheranadvocacy.org)

- **Lutheran Campus Ministry in Greater Pittsburgh “BBQ Bash” Event on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-8:00 p.m.** – Our church’s local campus ministry invites you to its second annual fundraiser to enjoy an evening of great food and friends to support its ministry. The event will be held at Rose Barn at North Park, 10280 Pearce Mill Rd., Allison Park 15101. The evening will feature food and drinks, a silent auction, and music. Cost is \$60 per person. To register, please visit [lucpgh.com](http://lucpgh.com) or use the direct link, [Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com).
- **Coffee Hour Signups Available** – One way that St. Andrew builds community is by sharing conversation over food and drinks at coffee hour after worship on Sundays. We invite people of the congregation to sign up to coordinate coffee hour each week, which includes brewing the coffee; setting out cups, napkins, food items, and cold drinks; and cleaning up afterward. Everything needed is at St. Andrew and instructions are available. Please sign up to host coffee hour here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AAFAF2CABF85-47069030-coffee>.
- **New *Christ in Our Home* Devotional Booklets (October – December) Available at Church Entrances** – *Christ in Our Home* is a booklet of devotions that includes Scripture, a brief reflection, and prayer for each day. The new edition for October – December is now available at the various church entrances. There are still several copies left for September, too – Please feel free to take one for yourself or others!