

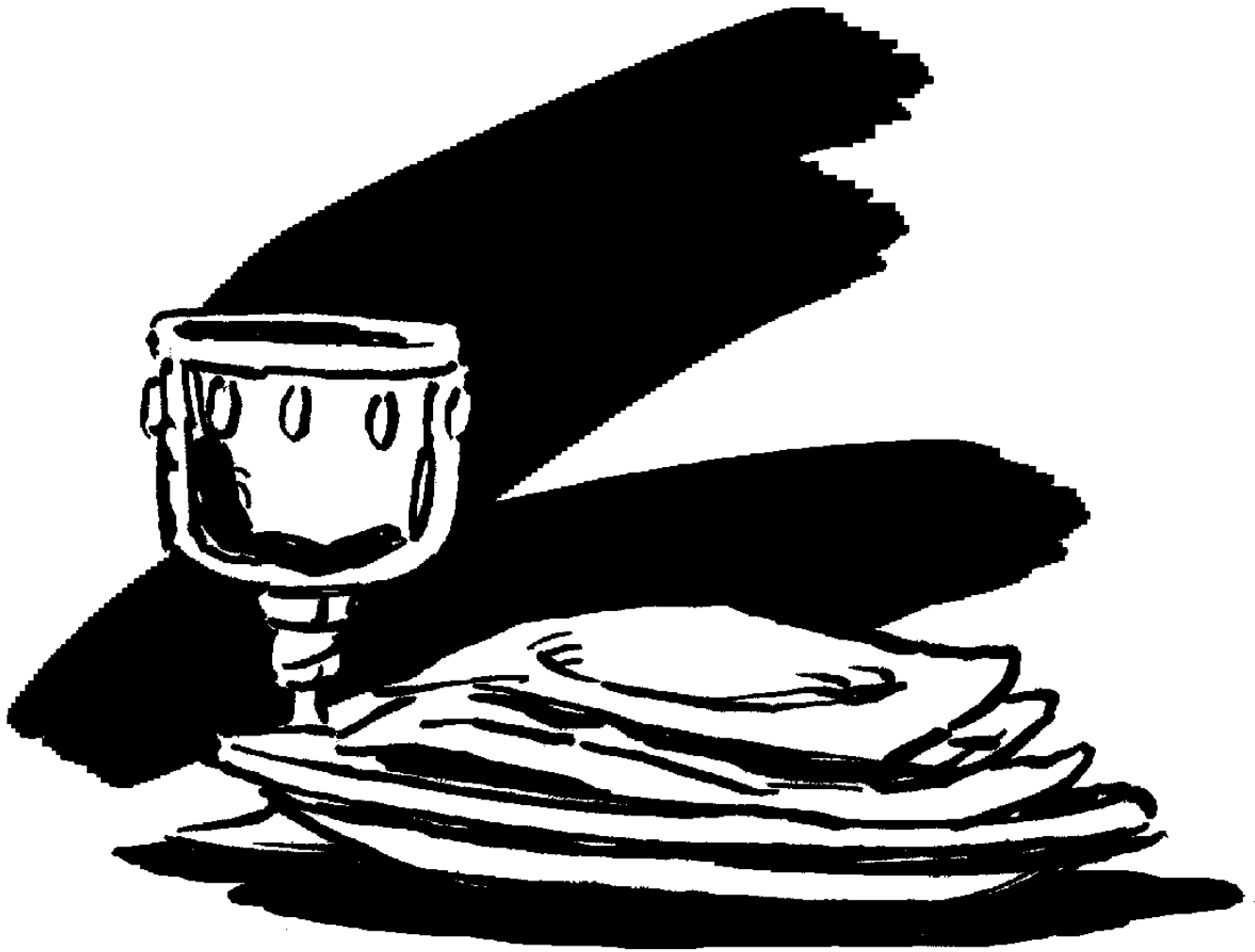


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"The Peace Feast"

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As We Gather This Sunday
"The Peace Feast"

Thanks be to God. The Holy Spirit has invited us to this feast and we have come! Some have not. But we are here. We cannot worry if we are not dressed up. The Master of the feast provides the proper garment of righteousness for us. At this banquet we will find everything needed for a life filled with grace, mercy, and peace. It is "The Peace Feast!" Let us take notice, please, that we are not alone. Others have also received the divine invitation. Everyone is here by God's design. Let us encourage one another in our common fellowship and faith. Let us be mindful that at the center of our gathering is the Master who brings peace and fills us with life, love, and forgiveness. Let us rejoice in the Lord, always; again I will say, Rejoice!



Saint Matthew's Mission Statement

We are a congregation of Christians who worship, pray, hear the Word of God, receive the sacraments, give thanks, grow through Christian education, serve others, and witness to God's love because God has commanded it and we believe this. We attempt to follow this commandment at all times and in all aspects of our lives, especially in church where the fellowship of believers is reinforced. We rely on the work of the Holy Spirit to guide our thoughts, words, and deeds in our daily relationships; and to lead us in the use of our time, talent, and treasure.

Our Worship Service This Week: Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service

Words of Welcome

At this time, Pastor Iovine will outline some parish news and information. For further information on these announcements, please look in the "Saint Matthew's Matters" insert in your bulletin AND on our church's website, www.smelcnewmilford.org and click the "Saint Matthew's Matters" under the "About Us" tab.

Prelude - Pre-Service Prayer & Meditation

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↑ Opening Hymn

"We Praise You, O God," Lutheran Worship hymnal, #494

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of fathers, we bless you;
Through trial and temptest our guide you have been.
When perils overtake us, you will not forsake us,
And with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882-1963, alt.

Tune: A. Valorous, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

Invocation and Verses

L: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

L: The feast is ready.

C: **We come to the feast.**

L: The LORD will swallow up death forever;

C: **the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces.** Matthew 22:4; Isaiah 25:8

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Lord God, we confess that in many ways we have refused Your invitation of mercy and love.

C: **Forgive our neglect.**

L: We have desired the things of this world that cannot satisfy or save.

C: **Help our lack of faith.**

L: We have neglected our neighbors in their need, even those closest to us.

C: **Fill us with Your love.**

L: Hear our penitent cry.

C: **For Jesus' sake, give us Your salvation.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

Introit

Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2
We will sing the Introit together.



I will praise the LORD as long ' as I live;*

I will sing praises to my God while I have my ' being.

I will greatly rejoice ' in the LORD;*

my soul shall exult ' in my God,

for He has clothed me with the garments of sal- ' vation;*

He has covered me with the robe of ' righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful ' headdress,*

and as a bride adorns herself ' with her jewels.

Glory be to the Father and ' to the Son*

and to the Holy ' Spirit;

as it was in the be- ' ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. ' Amen.

I will praise the LORD as long ' as I live;*

I will sing praises to my God while I have my ' being.

Kyrie

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Psalm 27:7a

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Be gracious to me and answer me! Psalm 27:7b

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Be gracious to me and answer me!

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

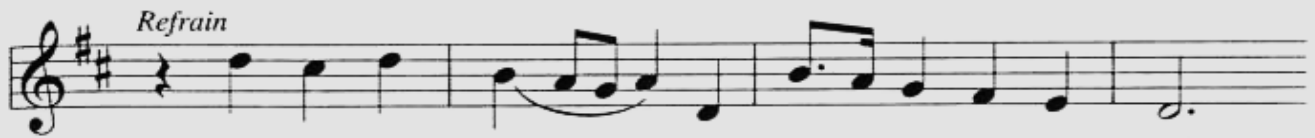
C: Amen.



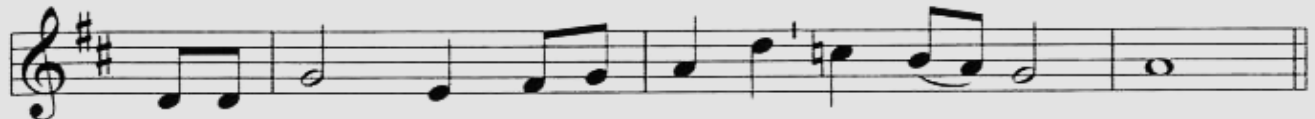
Hymn of Praise - This is the Feast

From Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service Setting Two


Refrain



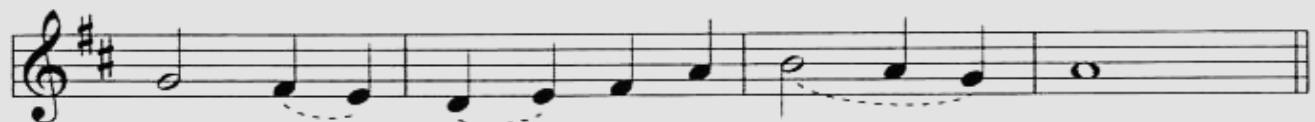
C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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




1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -

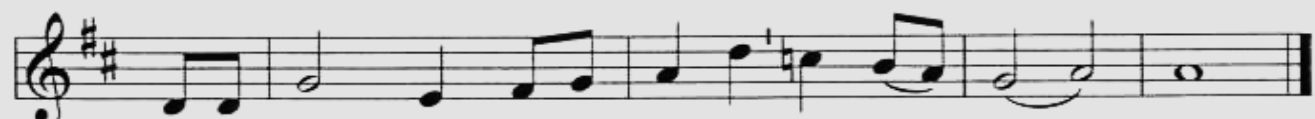


blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

↓ Old Testament

Isaiah 25:6-9

(The Feast prepared by the Lord.)

L: The Old Testament Reading for the 17th Sunday after Pentecost is taken from Isaiah, Chapter 25:

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain

the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death forever;

and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,

and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:4-13

(God provides joy.)

L: The Epistle Reading is taken from Philippians, Chapter 4:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any

excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **Alleluia and Verse**

Revelation 22:17

We say the Alleluia and Verse this week responsively

L: Alleluia.

C: **Alleluia.**

L: The Spirit and the Bride say,

C: **"Come."**

L: Let the one who hears say,

C: **"Come."**

L: Let the one who is thirsty...

C: **come;**

L: let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

C: **Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

(The Parable of the Wedding Feast))

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 22nd Chapter:

C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast."' But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm,

another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

↓ Hymn of the Day

"All Depends on Our Possessing," Lutheran Worship hymnal, Hymn #415

All depends on our possessing God's free grace and constant blessing,
Through all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken By their God are not forsaken
And will keep a dauntless heart.

He who to this day has fed me And to many joys has led me
Is and ever shall be mine.
He who did not so gently school me, He who daily guides and rules me
Will remain my help divine.

Many spend their lives in fretting Over trifles and in getting
Things that lack all solid ground.
I shall strive to win a treasure That will bring me lasting pleasure
And that now is seldom found.

When with sorrow I am stricken, Hope anew my heart will quicken,
All my longing shall be stilled.
To his loving kindness tender Soul and body I surrender, For on God alone I build.

Well he knows what best to grant me All the longing hopes that haunt me
Joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt his wisdom never; As God will so be it ever;
I commit to him my way.

If my days on earth he lengthen, God my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding, Like a stream away is gliding;
Safe I anchor in his grace

Text: Gessoed-Buch, Nuremberg, 1676; tr.. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-78, alt.
Tune: Johann Lohner, 1645-1705; adapt. Johann B. Lonig, 1691-1758

Sermon

↑ Creed

The Apostle's Creed

A: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian* Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Voluntary

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Prayer of the Church

Our weekly prayers are responsive in nature. At the end of each petition, “Lord, in Your mercy,” is spoken, to which the congregation responds, “Hear our prayer.”

E Confident that our Lord hears the prayers of His faithful, let us approach His throne of mercy interceding on behalf of the church and the world.

E That the faithful from every nation would continue to receive from the Lord Jesus His life-giving gifts and daily return to Him their thanksgiving and praise, Lord, in Your mercy:

C **Hear our prayer.**

E That the Lord of the Church would raise up faithful pastors and teachers to proclaim the word of life to a lost and dying world, Lord, in Your mercy:

C **Hear our prayer.**

E That God would strengthen the leaders of our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, including Matthew our synodical president, William our district president, our

seminary, college, and university presidents, and all those who serve the people of God, Lord, in Your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

E That God would bless the faithful with generous hearts, giving freely from the bounty that He has bestowed on them, Lord, in Your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

E That the estate of marriage would be honored and upheld as God has ordained it, with husbands and wives loving and serving each other, Lord, in Your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

E That our leaders would protect children in our society who are abused and neglected, granting safe havens through the foster care system and other agencies, Lord, in Your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

E That all those who are plagued with illness would know the healing hand of God, remembering all of those we pray for daily on our church prayer list who are waiting patiently for the relief that He knows to be best for us, Lord, in Your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

E That while we anxiously await the Lord's return we may never tire of inviting others to hear the good news of life in Christ, Lord, in Your mercy:

C Hear our prayer.

E Grant our petitions, O Lord, for the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.


Proper Preface

L: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, the stone the builders rejected who has become the cornerstone in whom we are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

"Holy, Holy, Holy" -

Sung to the tune from the Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service Setting One, page 161



C 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.

Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

L: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

L: This holy meal is provided for us by our Lord for the strengthening of our faith and the forgiveness of our sins. We joyously come forward to the Lord's Table to

receive this blessed Sacrament, which was consecrated by our Pastor last evening. May those who partake in this meal do so with happiness in their hearts for this feast of our Lord Jesus' true body and blood make us one with Him. Let us now pray the prayer He gave to us:

The Lord's Prayer

A: 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.

Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

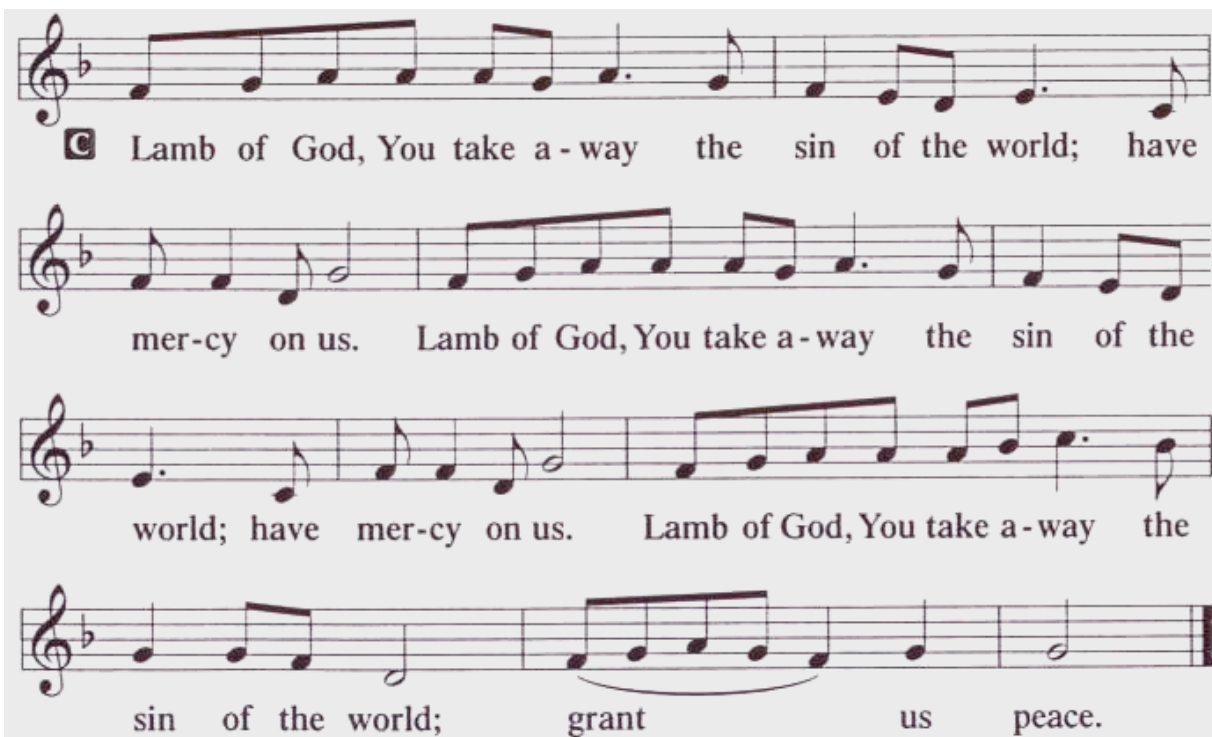
C: And also with you.

P: We share a sign of that peace with one another.

Agnus Dei

"Lamb of God"

Sung to the tune from the Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service Setting One, page 163



The image shows a musical score for the Agnus Dei. It consists of four staves of music in a single system, all written on a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a square symbol containing a 'C', indicating a common time signature. The lyrics are: "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." The word "grant" is underlined with a curved line.

↓ Communion Distribution

“Holy Manna,” arr. Robert Powell

The Lord’s Supper will be distributed from the floor of the sanctuary this morning.

↑ Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction

L: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“The Lord, My God, Be Praised,” Lutheran Worship hymnal, Hymn #174

The Lord, my God, be praise, My light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me Has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield New blessings on my way.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heaven,
The Father’s own dear Son, Whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned With his most precious blood
And give to me by faith The highest heavenly good.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my light from heaven,
The Spirit, whom the Son In love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart And give my spirit pow’r,
Help, comfort, and support In sorrow’s gloomy hour.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the everliving,
To whom the heavenly host Their laud and praise are giving,
The Lord, my God be praised, In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son, And God the Holy Ghost.

Text: Johann Olearius, 1611-84; tr.. August rCull, 1845-1923, alt.
Tune: JJohnann Cruger, 1598-1662

Musical Benediction

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Dismissal

Postlude

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Our deepest thanks goes out to those who lead our Worship Service this morning, specifically the Elders of Saint Matthew's and Marc Quintavella for his message.

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