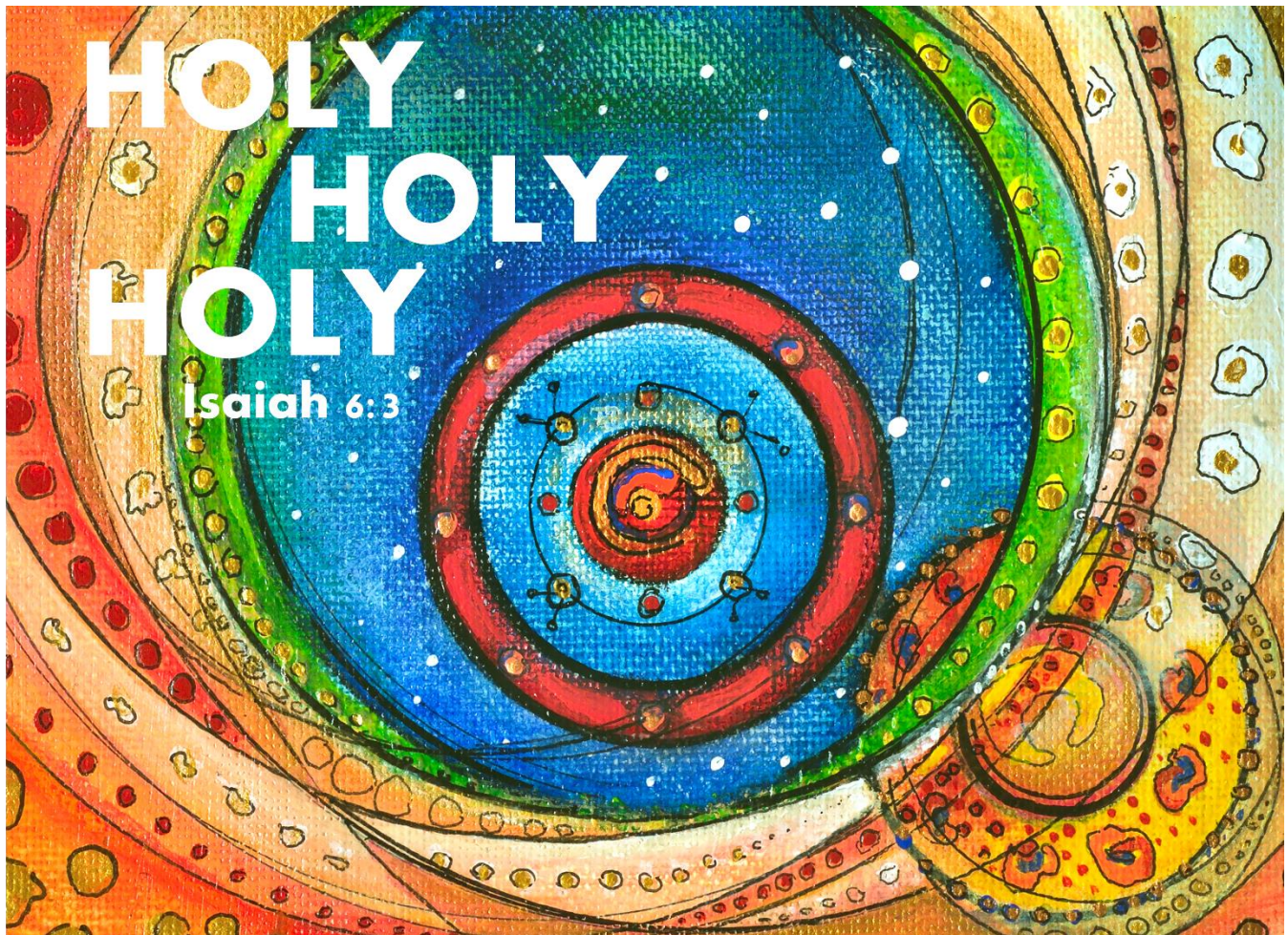


# HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

May 26, 2024 ♦ 9:00 am



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE OF GOD

Whoever you are, wherever you have come from, whatever you believe, you are welcome here. God welcomes ALL to receive his love and know his grace. That is what we celebrate in our gathering together here at Grace of God. If you are new here, we invite you to participate in our worship that includes the singing of hymns and songs, the reading of Scripture, and hearing God's love proclaimed. We celebrate the Lord's Supper (Communion) every Sunday. We believe in this eating and drinking Christ is really present for us and we receive the gift of God's love in his body and blood.

We are glad you are with us today and look forward to meeting you and knowing you better.



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## GATHERING

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*The first part of our worship gathers us all together in Jesus' name for worship*

### WELCOME

### ENTRANCE HYMN

*We begin worship as a gathered community by praising God in song.*

#### **Come, Thou Almighty King**



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;  
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in  
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.  
ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

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## SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

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*In baptism we are called by name and joined to Christ in his death and resurrection*

Kate Indy Ringhofer

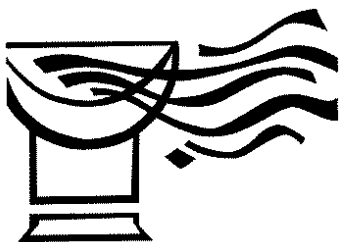
Born May 22, 2023

Daughter of Luke and Mikayla Ringhofer

Sponsor: Paige Ringhofer

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

**A** Amen



**P** In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

**P** Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

**(Parents) We do.**

**P** How is this child to be named?

**(Parents) Kate Indy**

**P** As you bring Kate Indy to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, remind her of her Baptism, bring her to the Word of God and the Lord's Supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made and work for justice and peace.

**P** People of God: Will you nurture Kate Indy in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and help her live in the covenant of baptism and in community with the church? Will you support Kate Indy with unconditional love and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**C We will.**

**P** I ask you all to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

**P** Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

**C I do renounce them.**

**P** Do you believe in God the Father?

**C Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C Yes, 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.**

**P** Kate Indy, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Kate Indy: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

**C Amen.**

*(The baptized receives the sign of the cross.)*

**P** Kate Indy, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

*(A lighted candle is given to the baptized.)*

**P** Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**P** Through Baptism God has added Kate Indy to his own people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness, into his marvelous light.

**C** We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the Body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in his kingdom.

## GREETING

*This Trinitarian greeting is from one of Paul's letters to the early church.*

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

**A** And also with you.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*The hymn of praise, taken directly from the songs of angels in Scripture, centers our service on the God we gather to praise in our worship.*



**C** This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **I** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was  
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
**C** This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **II** Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.  
**C** This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **I** Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The prayer or “collect” of the day, appointed for each Sunday, “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the character of God as revealed in the Scriptures for the day.*

☐ Let us pray.

☐ **God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

*Now we listen to God's Word which reveals law and Gospel to us and ultimately leads us to Christ – the Word made flesh.*

### FIRST READING

*The first reading is typically from the Old Testament (the Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted. During Easter this reading is typically from the book of Acts. This reading always connects in some way to the Gospel reading for the day.*

#### Isaiah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they 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>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

### SECOND READING

*This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.*

#### Romans 8:12-17

<sup>12</sup>Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### ALLELUIA VERSE

*This brief acclamation expresses our joy at hearing the words of Jesus who alone has words of life. We stand to honor Jesus' living presence among us.*



## HOLY GOSPEL

*This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. This is the main reading of the day because of the primary importance of Jesus' words and actions*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John.

**All** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**John 3:1-17**

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

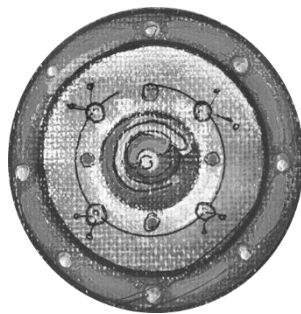
<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, 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 a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just 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, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

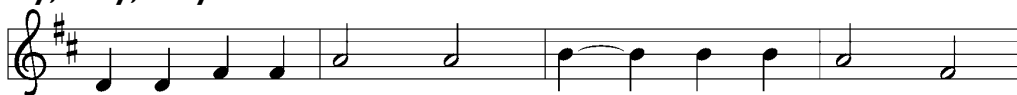
## SERMON



**HOLY  
HOLY  
HOLY**  
**Isaiah 6:3**

## HYMN

### Holy, Holy, Holy



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*This ancient practice is a sign of our unity and reconciliation in Christ and prepares us to receive the Lord's Supper. "Peace be with you" are the words the Risen Jesus himself used when he greeted the disciples on the first Easter night. The gift of peace we receive from Christ we share with each other as we share a common life. Handshakes, hugs, kisses are all appropriate signs of peace. "No-contact" alternatives include putting put your hand on your heart and extending your hand to the other person as you say the words without physical contact.*

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

**Q** And also with you.

## PRESENTATION OF OUR PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS

*Everything we have belongs to God and we give back to him a token of our thanks and praise. We present our gifts to God – those brought to worship today as well as offerings made online. We also present requests for prayers to be offered aloud in our prayers today. You may fill out a card and place it in the offering plate before worship.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**P** Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life,

**All** 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.**

## PRAYERS

*Together we pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. We pray for global concerns and for our community of faith. Prayers from this community may be requested before the service. We are reminded in prayer of God's mercy and that we are part of a larger fellowship, the body of Christ.*

*(Response to each petition)*

**P** God of grace.

**All** hear our prayer.

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## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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*Having confessed our sins, listened to the Word of God and affirmed our faith, we are ready to experience the miracle of Holy Communion.*

## PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*In this "Praise and Thanksgiving" we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: Thank God and recall what God has done for us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

**P** God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world

**C** but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**P** Thanks and praise to you, holy and merciful God, you reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your everlasting glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with all the faithful of every time and every place we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

*The Sanctus ("Holy, holy, holy") is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3. This song is coupled with the song of praise of those in Jerusalem who waved palm branches to welcome Jesus into the city the week before he died.*



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*We hear the words of Jesus when he gathered with his disciples the night before he died. In this, his last will and testament, he gives his own body and blood as a gift of love*

## LORD'S PRAYER

*We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread the spiritual food we receive in Holy Communion is an ancient connection.*

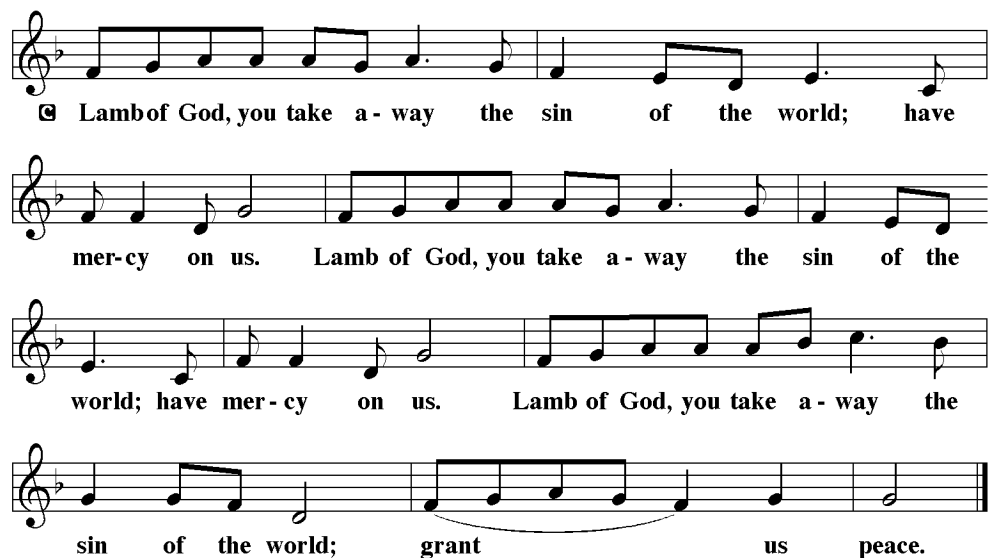
**A** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine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

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

**P** Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

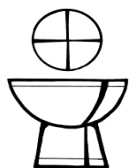
## AGNUS DEI

*As we approach the Lord's table, we remember how Jesus revealed himself to his friends by breaking bread with them. In that sacramental action, they recognized him.*



**A** 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.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION



Scripture says, "Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." Martin Luther's *Small Catechism* says, "Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink." All baptized Christians who desire to receive the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins are invited to the Lord's Table today. Children who have not received their first communion are invited to come to the table and receive a blessing.

- As you approach the altar down the aisle, receive an empty cup from the cart. (non-alcoholic wine is offered in pre-filled cups for those who cannot drink alcohol. These cups are marked in the rack.)
- Maintain physical distance in line.
- Receive the bread (Gluten-free/dairy-free/nut-free wafers are offered)
- Proceed to the right to receive the wine.
- As you return to your seat, place your cup in the rack on the table to your right.

## SONGS DURING COMMUNION

### Holy God, We Praise Thy Name



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
set of sun through the church the song goes on.  
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

## SENDING

*Having been fed and nurtured at the Lord's Table, we are sent to be God's living presence in the world.*

### DISMISSAL

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep us in his grace.

**A** **Amen**

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Life-giving God,

**A** **in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### BLESSING

*We receive the blessing of God who goes with us into the ordinary of daily life.*

**P** The God of peace, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**C** **Amen**

**P** Go in peace. Christ lives in you.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### CLOSING HYMN

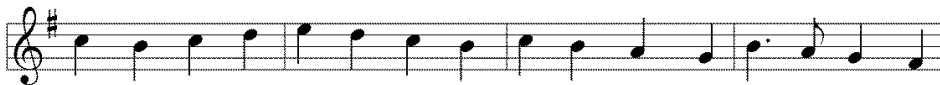
#### Go, My Children With My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.  
4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.  
I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."  
Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

# ALL ARE INVITED FOR COFFEE and DOUGHNUTS AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

Copies of today's sermon (and last Sunday's sermon) are available on the bulletin board in the entryway

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENCE HERE TODAY

If you have any questions about the ministry at Grace of God . . .

If you are going through a difficult time and need someone to talk to . . .

If you are not sure what you believe and want to bounce some ideas off someone who will listen and not judge you . . .

If you are thinking about a wedding or a baptism . . .

If you or someone you love is going to be hospitalized and you desire some pastoral care . . .

If you are new to the area and want to make a connection to our community here at Grace of God . . .

**You can call, text or email Pastor Jon**

612.300.1419 [grace@graceofgodlutheran.com](mailto:grace@graceofgodlutheran.com)

## grace happens

May 26 - June 3, 2024

Sunday, May 26

9:00 am

WORSHIP – TRINITY

10:15 am

Fellowship time

Tuesday, May 28

7:00 pm

GriefShare

Sunday, June 2

9:00 am

WORSHIP – PENTECOST 2

10:15 am

Fellowship time

Sunday, June 3

9:00 am

Visitation for Evelyn Marxhausen

11:00 am

Memorial Service for Evelyn Marxhausen



Global  
Health  
Ministries

## NEWBORN KITS for Global Health Ministries

We will be assembling the newborn kits after worship

**NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 2**



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Walton Park in Oakdale at 10:00 am

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