

**Celebration Lutheran Church**

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10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost    Worship: 10:00am    August 9, 2026

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**We Gather to Encounter God**

*Prelude Music*

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Restoration in God's Water of Life*

L: Holy God, in the wake of fires that devour and consume,

**C: Refresh us with the water of life.**

L: In the barren places of ash and dust,

**C: Restore us with the water of life.**

L: When all we can see is devastation and despair,

**C: Renew us with the water of life.**

L: In Christ, we are washed clean.

**C: We are refreshed.**

L: In Christ, we drink from the wellspring of hope.

**C: We are restored.**

L: In Christ, we dance in the fountain of life.

**C: We are renewed.**

L: Holy God, in you alone we find safety and shelter. Be a sure refuge to all suffering from wildfires. Grant courage, protection, and favorable weather to firefighters and emergency responders; embrace with supportive communities all who are newly displaced or homeless; comfort those grieving all that has been destroyed and give patience to those who are anxious, not knowing when relief will come. Heal your whole creation, that out of flame and ashes new growth will spring forth. We pray through Jesus Christ, our life and our strength. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn:**

**Shout to the Lord**

**# 821**



My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.

My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;

let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise

to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the

sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;

for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.

Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

**Greeting**

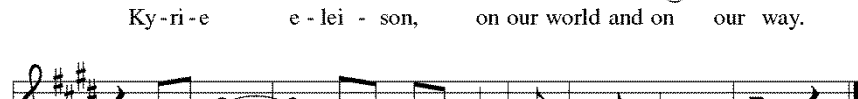
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

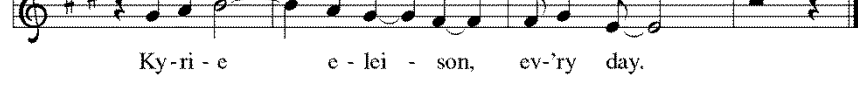
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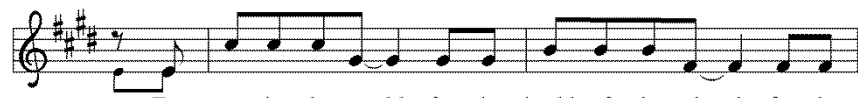
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



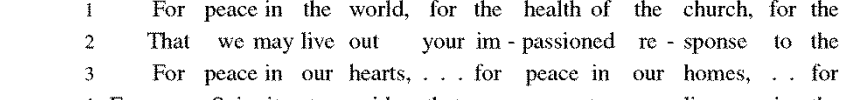
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



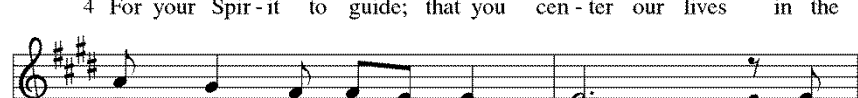
1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the  
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for  
 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



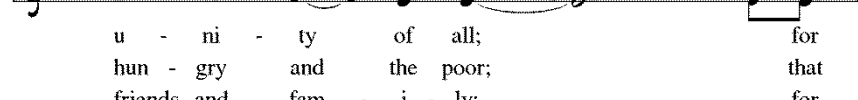
u-ni-ty of all; for  
 hun-gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam-i-ly; for  
 wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
 we may live out . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
 life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

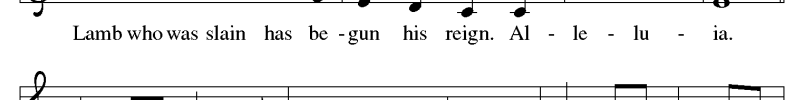
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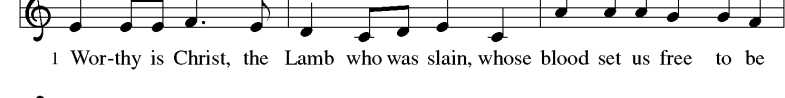
This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



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



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



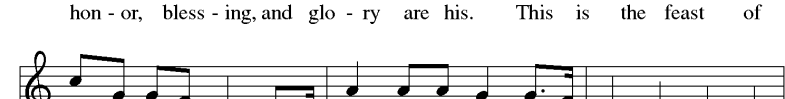
peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and



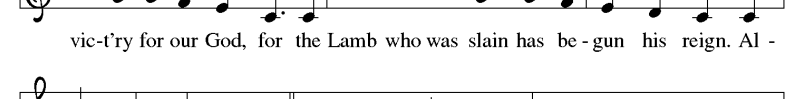
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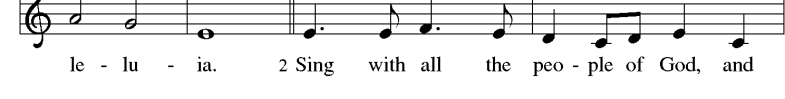
hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-



le-lu-ia. 2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and



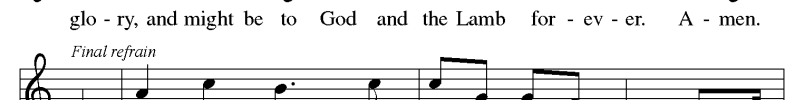
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,



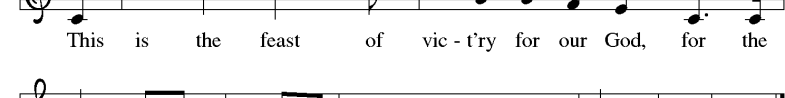
glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



*Final refrain*



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*Prayer of the Day*

L: O God our defender,

**C: ... storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid.  
Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters  
from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**We Hear God's Word**

*First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18*

<sup>9</sup> At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup> He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

<sup>11</sup> He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, <sup>12</sup> and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup> He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." <sup>15</sup> Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

<sup>17</sup> Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup> Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

*Psalms 85:8-13*

<sup>8</sup> I will listen to what the Lord God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup> **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land. R**

<sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup> **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup> The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup> **Righteousness shall go before the Lord  
and shall prepare for God a pathway. R**

*Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15*

<sup>5</sup> Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say?

"The word is near you,  
in your mouth and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), <sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. <sup>11</sup> The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

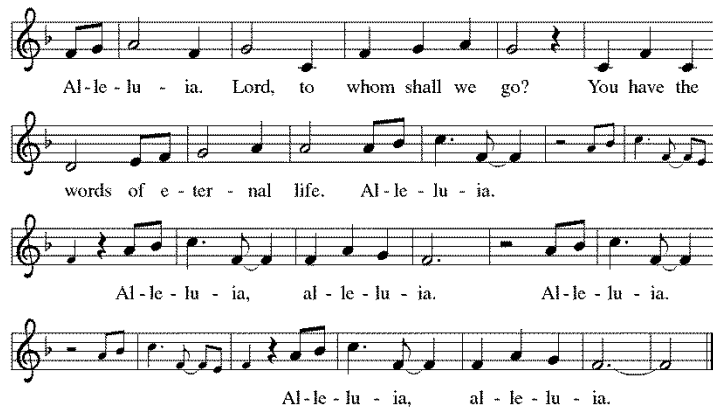
<sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

<sup>14</sup> But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

# Gospel Acclamation:

## Alleluia

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# Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

L: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew in the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup> [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup> Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup> He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” <sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

L: The gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

# Sermon

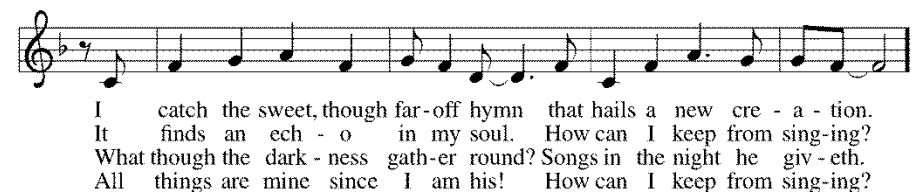
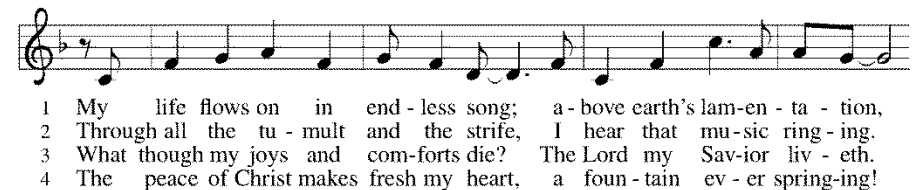
## We Respond to God’s Word

# Hymn of the Day:

## My Life Flows On in Endless Song

# 763

*Ushers Gather Prayer Requests*



# Refrain



### *Apostle's Creed*

**C: 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.**

### *Prayers of the People*

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church,  
those in need, and all of God's creation.

### *A brief silence.*

We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word  
may be heard. Where your voice is scorned and your people  
persecuted, strengthen the church in its faithful witness. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

For this world you have created, that all life may flourish. Preserve  
biodiversity in all its variety and help ecosystems to survive the  
extremes of a changing climate. Move our hearts with compassion to  
join in this work. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who  
are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity.  
Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in  
danger. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and  
hope in your loving presence. Comfort any who are lonely and grieving  
and all who suffer (*especially*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation and its ministries, that they reflect your love and  
life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, elders, and other  
church leaders with your still, calm voice. Merciful God, **receive our  
prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us. Guide us in  
our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal  
kingdom. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this  
we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

L: Merciful God,

**C: ... receive our prayer.**

### *Greeting of Peace*

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you**

### *We Offer Our Gifts*

### **Offertory Hymn: Create in Me a Clean Heart ELW # 186**

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Loving God,

**C: ... we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

### We Share Christ's Meal

#### The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you**

L: Lift up your hearts

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

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### Communion Prayers and The Story of Our Lord's Supper

#### The Lord's Prayer

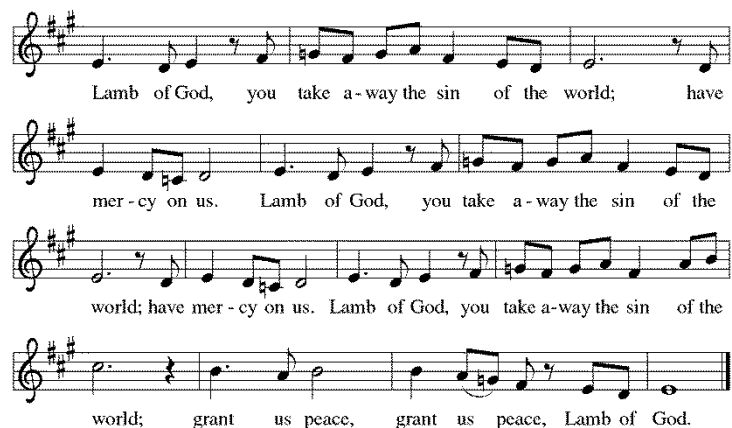
L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

### Distribution of our Lord's Supper

### Communion Hymns: Lamb of God

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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, Lamb of God.

### Precious Lord, Take My Hand

#773



1 Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near,  
3 When the dark-ness ap-pears and the night draws . . near,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
when my life is . . . al-most . . gone,  
and the day is . . . past and . . gone,  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
at the riv-er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.  
Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

### Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing

## Sending Hymn: What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine #774



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

### *Dismissal*

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**We go to love as Jesus loves us!**