

***Welcome, visitors! Welcome members and friends of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church.
Thank you for joining us in church and on our online service today.***

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated in our service this morning. +Guests who are baptized Christians, who acknowledge and confess their sinfulness, who confess Jesus Christ as their Savior from sin, and who believe that He is really present in Holy Communion to bring us His forgiveness and life, are welcome to the Lord's Table.

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS and GRAPE JUICE. We are pleased to offer gluten-free wafers; please speak to one of the ushers who will inform the pastor. In addition grape juice is available in the center circle of the Communion tray.

14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 2026

HOLY COMMUNION - OF THE LAND AND SEASONS

Prelude – “Son Of God, Eternal Savior” – setting, Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME

(Please rise)

GATHERING HYMN – ELW 655 SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR

GREETING

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

Cong – And also with you.

KYRIE – pg. 2-3 “We pray for peace, O Lord....”

Kyrie (♩ = 60) (tune: *My Father, How Long*)

A

We — pray for peace, O Lord, make plow-shares of our swords,
make — plow-shares of our swords, hear us when we cry to you.

C

Lord, have mer - cy on — us, have
mer - cy on us, Lord, have mer - cy on —
us, hear us when we cry to you.

A

Christ, — make us grow in grace un -

til we see your face, un - til we see your

face, hear us when we cry to you.

C

Christ, have mer-cy on — us, have

mer-cy on us, Christ, have mer-cy on —

us, hear us when we cry to you.

A

De - fend your Church, O Lord, and

root it in — your word, and — root it in — your

word, hear us when we cry to you.

C

Lord, have mer-cy on — us, have

mer-cy on — us, Lord, have mer-cy on —

us, hear our cry. — A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE – pg. 3-4 “O Sing of God’s Great Victory!”

(♩ = 140)

1. O — sing of God’s great vic - to - ry! Je - sus’

blood has set us free! Let all his crea-tures

join our songs, For to Christ the throne be - longs.

Refrain

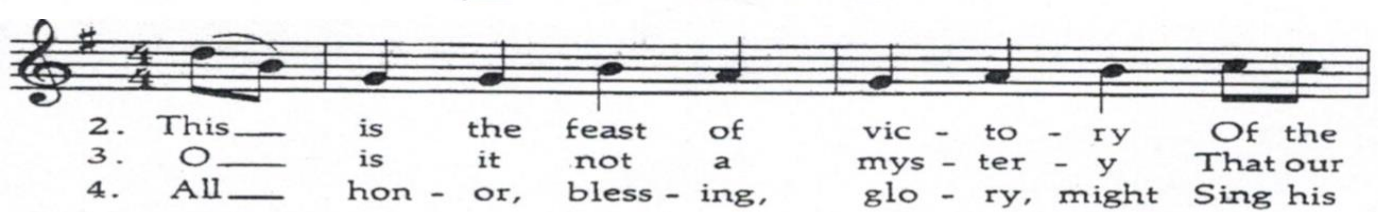


Sing we al - le - lu - ia, prais-es to the Lord. —

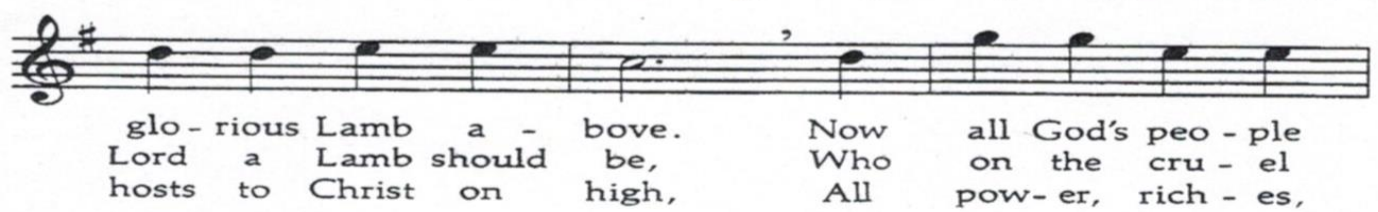


Al - le - lu - ia, — Al - le - lu - ia !

2. This — is the feast of vic - to - ry Of the
 3. O — is it not a mys - ter - y That our
 4. All — hon - or, bless - ing, glo - ry, might Sing his



glo - rious Lamb a - bove. Now all God's peo - ple
 Lord a Lamb should be, Who on the cru - el
 hosts to Christ on high, All pow - er, rich - es,

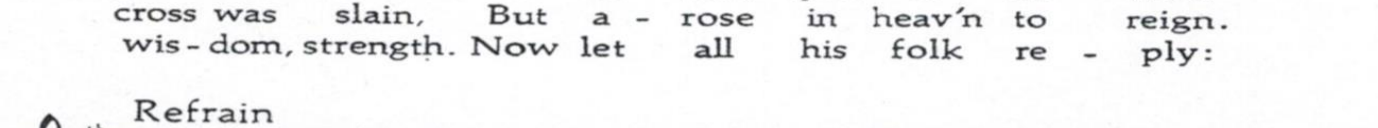


gath - er 'round For the ban - quet of his love.
 cross was slain, But a - rose in heav'n to reign.
 wis - dom, strength. Now let all his folk re - ply:

Refrain



Sing we al - le - lu - ia, prais-es to the Lord. —



Al - le - lu - ia, — Al - le - lu - ia !

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

Cong – And also with you.

Let us pray. Nurturing God, like a good shepherd you provide for the needs of your flock. When we grow tired in our labors, sustain us, when we grow complacent in our caring for others, restore our commitment to nurture and protect your faithful among us, especially those whose faith is new and tender; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Cong – Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

John Armstrong, Worship Assistant

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Leader – The Word of the Lord.

Cong – Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you. (Ps. 26:3)
(Congregation sings all)

¹**Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.**

²**Test me, O | LORD, and try me;
examine my heart | and my mind.**

³**For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;
I have walked faithful- | ly with you.**

⁴**I have not sat | with the worthless,
nor do I consort with | the deceitful.**

⁵**I have hated the company of | evildoers;
I will not sit down | with the wicked.**

⁶**I will wash my hands in inno- | cence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession | round your altar,**

⁷**singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.**

⁸**LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell
and the place where your glo- | ry abides.**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

John Armstrong, Worship Assistant

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse

them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Leader – The Word of the Lord.

Cong – Thanks be to God.

(Please rise)

GRADUAL HYMN – pg. 4-5 “O God, Whose Word Well Planted”

(♩ = 80)

1. O__ God, whose Word well plant-ed__ Yields_ fruit a hun-dred-
 2. O__ God of seed and har-vest,_ Of__ sun and soil and
 3. O__ God, Your fi - nal har-vest_ Of__ his-t'ry's an-cient

fold, We__ praise Your grac-es grant-ed__ To__
 rain, At - tend the Word we sow lest__ Its__
 field Will__ test with Truth the proud-est__ That__

those who sowed of old, Who by their wit - ness
 plant - ing be in vain. Send show - ers of Your
 hu - man work can yield. Op - pres - sion's blight will

scat-tered__ Good seed up - on the soil Where__
 Spir - it,__ Bright sun - shine of Your Grace, That__
 van - ish,__ Fair free-dom's fruits in - crease; And__

oth - ers, reap - ing, gath-ered__ The__ har-vest of their toil.
 mul - ti-tudes who hear it__ Your__ Gos-pel may em - brace.
 love and joy will flour-ish__ To__ clothe the earth with peace.

Pastor – The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.

Cong – Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

Pastor Kelly Reagan

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Pastor – The Gospel of the Lord.

Cong – Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON – "Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me"

Pastor Kelly Reagan

(Please rise)

HYMN OF THE DAY – ELW 667 TAKE UP YOUR CROSS, THE SAVIOR SAID

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

Pastor – Merciful God,

Cong – 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.

Cong – Amen.

May the peace of the Lord be with you!

Cong – And also with you.

PEACE

(Please be seated)

OFFERING – “I Come With Joy, A Child Of God” – setting, Nancy Raabe

(Please rise)

OFFERTORY – pg. 7 “Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring....”

(♩ = 80)

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The lyrics are arranged in three parts, with the first part having three verses. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: 1. Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring To; 2. The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They; 3. Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares We; place up - on your ta - ble. We do not wor-ship—; grew in your good plea-sure. What once was com-mon,—; lift in pray'r be - fore you. Lord, by your grace, now—; as we ought But on - ly as we're a - ble.; dai - ly food Be - comes a ho - ly trea-sure.; come to us As hum-bly we a - dore you.

1. Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring To
2. The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They
3. Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares We
place up - on your ta - ble. We do not wor-ship—
grew in your good plea-sure. What once was com-mon,—
lift in pray'r be - fore you. Lord, by your grace, now—
as we ought But on - ly as we're a - ble.
dai - ly food Be - comes a ho - ly trea-sure.
come to us As hum-bly we a - dore you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER – pg 7-8 “Let us pray. Gracious God.....”

You bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING - pg. 8

The Lord be with you.

Cong - And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Cong - We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Cong - It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, Christ our Lord. You sent your Son to reveal your never-failing love for creation. Through your Holy Spirit you provide for our nurture and protection that we might have all things necessary for growth in grace and humble service to your people. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in adoring song.

SANCTUS – pg. 8 “Long, long ago in Jerusalem....”

Verses
(♩ = 80)

1. Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the
 2. High on his throne sat the might - y Lord, and his
 3. O what a sight it — was to see and —

scrip - tures — do re - cord, I - sa - iah to the
 robes flowed through the hall. And six-wing-ed an - gels
 O what a sound to hear. The tem - ple door-posts

tem - ple — came to see the ho - ly Lord.
 flew a - bove. I - sa - iah heard them call:
 shook and — quaked, and smoke was in the air.

Refrain

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, His
 glo - ry fills the whole wide — earth, God of pow - er and might.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER – pg. 9

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD’S PRAYER – pg. 9

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD – pg. 10

Just as this broken bread was first scattered on the hills, then was brought together and became one, so let your Church be brought together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours are the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever.

Cong – Amen.

(Please be seated)

COMMUNION – pg. 10 “O Lamb of God....”

(♩ = 50)

1. O Lamb of God, _____ to earth you came _____ To
 2. O Lamb of God, _____ the on - ly Son, _____ To

save us all _____ from grief and shame. Shorn of your life, _____ up -
 us show mer - cy, Ho - ly One. _____ You save the world _____ from

on the tree _____ You hung in deep hu - mil - i - ty. _____
 all its sin. _____ Lord, give to us your peace. A - men. _____

COMMUNION HYMN – pg. 10 “We praise You for the life that stirs...”

(♩ = 80)

1. We praise You for the life that stirs When
 2. We praise You for the sum - mer sun, For
 3. We sing Your praise for au - tumn's glow. For
 4. We sing Your praise through win - ter's night When
 5. We praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, And

spring-time warms the sleep - ing earth; But
 rip'n - ing grain and length - ened days; But
 har - vest yield from spring - time seed; Up -
 earth in fro - zen si - lence lies, For
 praise the Spir - it, with the throng Of

most, we praise the Grace that lures Our slum-b'ring souls to
 most, we praise You for the Son Whose Light brings heal - ing
 on our hearts Your grace be-stow Till faith bears fruit in
 prom-ise of re - turn-ing light, For life in Christ that
 saints and an - gels, joined as one In grate - ful, ev - er -

love and mirth, Our slum-b'ring souls to love and mirth.
 in his rays, Whose Light brings heal - ing in his rays.
 lov - ing deed, Till faith bears fruit in lov - ing deed.
 nev - er dies, For life in Christ that nev - er dies.
 last - ing song, In grate - ful, ev - er - last - ing song.

(Please rise)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN – pg. 11-12 “O Lord of the blossoms...”

(♩ = 40)

1. O Lord of the blos-som, O God of the seed, O
2. O Lord of the har-vest, O God of the feast, Where
gra-cious pro - vi - der for all hu-man need, You have
sor - rows are van-quished and joys are in- creased, Where the
nour - ished our faith at your ta - ble of grace, And
tree of life grows in your or - chards a - bove, We'll
nur - tured new life in the light of your face. O
join in the cho - rus in praise of your love. Sing
Lord of the grain - field, O God of the vine, You've
praise to the Fa - ther, Sing praise to the Son, Sing
fed us your pres - ence in bread and in wine. In com -
praise to the Spir - it. Praise God, Three in One! You have
mun - ion you've blest to us ar - bor and plow, And
made us one peo - ple you've fed by the hand, O
shown us the Gos - pel, your Word for us now.
Lord of the heav - ens, O God of the land.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER – pg. 12

Let us pray. Gracious God, we give thanks for your pruning, planting, and nurture. We rejoice that you have used the harvest of field and vineyard to renew and sustain us. Lead us as we go from this life-giving meal into lives of grateful service to you and your cherished creation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Cong – Amen.

BENEDICTION - pg. 12

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.

Cong – Amen.

SENDING HYMN – ELW 548 RISE, O CHURCH, LIKE CHRIST ARISEN

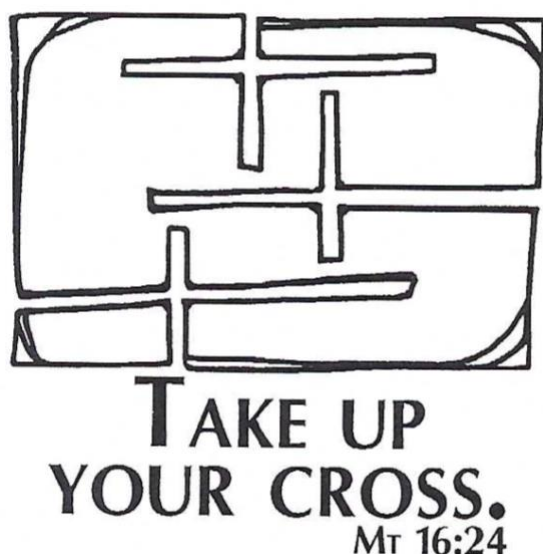
(Please be seated)

Postlude – “Take Up Your Cross, The Savior Said” – setting, Robert J. Powell

Pastor – Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Cong - Thanks be to God.

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DIMES FOR MISSIONS IN AUGUST

The Ladies Guild Dime collection in August goes to **Hannah's Treasure Chest**. Please place your dimes in the collection plate on any Sunday. If writing a check, make it to St. Matthew Ladies Guild and write "dimes" in the memo line.

MOWING SIGN-UPS

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for anyone to sign up to mow the lawn at St. Matthew. All help is appreciated. For more information, see Ron Bandelier.

Son of God, Eternal Savior

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1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

Music: *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

IN BABILONE
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Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

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1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
 3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
 4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,

"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
 per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;
 nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
 nor think till death to lay it down;

for - sake the past, and come this day,
 his strength shall bear your spir - it up,
 for you the Lord en - dured the cross
 for those who hum - bly bear the cross

and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
 sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
 to save your soul from death and hell.
 one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

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1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



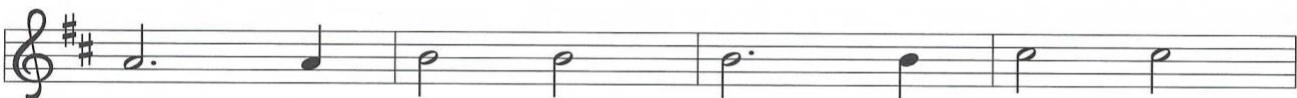
from this meal of love and grace;
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
 God has called us to re - ceive;
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
 to re - lease and to con - sole.
 Spir - it - ed and then let us live.
 from this day and un - to death.



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



God, the won - der of our days.
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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 Music: Timothy J. Strand, b. 1958
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Alternate tune: PRAISE, MY SOUL