

GOD GATHERS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Welcome and Greeting

A Litany for Veterans

On this day, we remember those who have served in our nation's armed forces

Pause for silent reflection

L: Prince of Peace, even as we pray for an end to war,

P: We give thanks for our soldiers' courage, for their love of country, and for their work to bring peace to our world.

L: Healer of All, bind up the wounds of all who have served

P: Show us how to comfort those who are hurting.

L: Merciful God, all suffer the cost of war.

P: We remember widows and widowers, orphans, and all those separated from those they love.

L: We pray, Gracious God, that swords will be turned into plowshares and that peace will reign.

P: We give thanks for all who have served. Shield from danger those who bravely protect us. With them, may we glory not in war, but in your love and righteousness. Strengthen us to be your peacemakers in the world. Amen.¹

Opening Hymn: "Here I Am to Worship"

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Prayer of Confession

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ♯ one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

P: Amen.

L: One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

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L: *O God, our merciful redeemer,*

P: we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcement of Forgiveness

L: *In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for † his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.*

P: Amen.

Hymn of Praise: "You Shine"

Prayer of the Day

L: *The Lord be with you.*

P: And also with you.

L: *O God,*

P: you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

L: *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

P: And also with you.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN THE WORD

Psalm 146

ELW #146 (Read responsively by whole verse)

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"

Al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of ev - er - last - ing life. Al - le - lu - ia, - al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 6/8 time signature. It features a triplet of eighth notes on the first beat, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with similar rhythmic patterns and lyrics: 'words of ev - er - last - ing life. Al - le - lu - ia, - al - le - lu - ia.' The piece concludes with a double bar line.

The Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

New Testament Pg. 43

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

The Message: "The Same Story"

Pastor Christy Hallenbeck Ask

Hymn of the Day: "I'll Do My Best"

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Reception of New Partners

Glenna Burg

Beth, Ty, Fiona, Mira, & River Kastl

Ryan & Lizzie Kost

Shannon Muser-Schumacher, Ben, Lincoln, & Hudson Schumacher

Dan & Lori VanBallegooyen

L: Gathered together by God's Spirit, we confess our faith in Jesus Christ and what we believe as God's Church...

All: I believe in God the Father, the Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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. 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.

Leader: *You have made public profession of your faith. I now invite you to declare your intention to live your life as a disciple of Jesus Christ with this community of faith, according to our mission, vision and values:*

All: I will pray, read the Scriptures, worship, and relate to others in small group gatherings in order to grow in my relationship with Jesus Christ, because following Jesus is a lifelong, growing experience.

I will discern and develop my own call, gifts, and abilities, and use them to benefit others as part of the Body of Christ in the world.

I will reach out with love and grace to neighbors in this city and throughout the world, without regard to race, beliefs, gender, age, lifestyle or anything else, because all people matter to God.

I will prayerfully seek direction for myself and my church from the Holy Spirit, who is continually at work in us to inspire Christ-like living and enable creative and innovative serving.

I make these commitments, trusting in the grace and mercy of Christ to guide me and to uphold me when I fail.

Each new partner will remain at the front of our worship area as Spirit of Joy leaders come forward to lay hands on and pray for them with the congregation.

Prayers of the Church (As each of the prayers concludes, *Lord*, in your mercy, the congregation will respond, **Hear our prayer.**)

Opportunities to Offer Our Time and Tithes for Mission and Ministry

Offering Music: "Everybody's Got Something to Offer"

GOD COMES TO US IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Great Thanksgiving

L: *The Lord be with you.*

P: **And also with you.**

L: *Lift up your hearts.*

P: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of end-less love,

9
heav'n and an - gels sing your glo - ry, prais - es from a - bove. Ho -

13
san - na in the high - est! We join in the song, you are

17
ho - ly, you are here with us now.

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff begins with a measure rest for 4 measures. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of end-less love,". The second staff begins with a measure rest for 9 measures. The lyrics are: "heav'n and an - gels sing your glo - ry, prais - es from a - bove. Ho -". The third staff begins with a measure rest for 13 measures. The lyrics are: "san - na in the high - est! We join in the song, you are". The fourth staff begins with a measure rest for 17 measures. The lyrics are: "ho - ly, you are here with us now." The score ends with a double bar line.

Words of Institution

L: 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.

Ho - san - na in the high - est! We join in the song, you are
ho - ly, you are here with us now.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Communion

All persons seeking the forgiveness of sins and a renewed relationship with Jesus Christ are invited to meet the Risen Christ by eating and drinking at our table. You may choose from red wine or white grape juice in our tray of cups.



Communion Music: “Arise”
“Be An Offering”

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Communion Blessing

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

Affirmation of God's Calling

*This month we affirm and bless all who have committed their lives to the callings of justice and public service, including **military personnel, police officers, firefighters, corrections officers, attorneys, judges, civil servants and government officials.***



L: God of our callings,

P: We ask you to bless these sisters and brothers gathered here today who have committed their lives to callings of justice and public service. Fill them with your strength, guide them with your love. Give them patience and courage to meet the challenges of their work. Remind them of our prayers and support for the ways they live out your calling. Lead all of us to work together toward your vision of shalom for your whole creation, and send us forth to serve in the power of your Holy Spirit of Joy.

L: Sisters and brothers, both your labor and your rest come from God. Will you work to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, at morning and evening, in work and play, all the days of your life?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

L: May God bless you as you live out God's call in your daily work. P: Amen.

The Blessing

L: The love of God surround you; the grace of Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore. P: Amen.

(8:45) Faith 5 Kids Special Music: "Be Bold" & "All in all"

(11:00) Sending Song: "Travelers on the Journey"

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The Dismissal

L: Go in peace to serve the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.

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Federal Chaplaincy Ministries

The **Federal Chaplaincy Ministries of the ELCA** seeks out, supports, nurtures and sends exemplary pastors and seminary students to serve as federal chaplains or chaplain candidates for the U.S. military, Veterans Affairs hospitals and federal correctional institutions.

Although the settings may be very different, federal chaplains have many of the same responsibilities as any other ELCA pastor. They preach the gospel, lead worship, administer the sacraments, perform weddings, counsel, teach and bury the dead. Yet because of the unique settings, chaplains carry out their ministry immersed in the “Monday through Saturday” world of military members, patients, families and staff at Veterans Affairs medical centers, and among the staff and inmates of federal prisons.

Given several decades of war, the faces of the military and veterans have changed, and chaplaincy is a ministry that works with more young adults than ever before. In federal prisons, chaplains work with very diverse and restricted people who hunger for understanding, healing, connections with family and reconciliation. Serving in medical centers places chaplains in the lives of military members – and their families – who are working to recover from physical and emotional trauma, injury and illness. Pastoral compassion, ethical discernment and personal resilience help practicing pastors thrive in chaplaincy. This is a church that stands ready with support and resources for the challenging work of its chaplains, and is eager to work with people who feel they may be called to put their gifts and faith to work in a federal chaplaincy.



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