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“Our ancestors  
ate the manna in  
the wilderness;  
as it is written,  
‘He gave them  
bread from  
heaven to eat.’”

Jesus said to them, “I am the  
bread of life. Whoever comes to  
me will never be hungry”

**CAMP SUNDAY**

**August 4, 2024**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
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Church: (510) 793-6285

August 4, 2024  
10 AM – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Ministers: The People of HTLC & HRLC  
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If you're looking for a community that seeks to follow God's vision, there is a place for you here. Trust that the mystery of God has brought you this far on your journey and will guide your future steps. All of who you are is welcome here.

Our worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and our website. If you do not wish to be filmed, please do not sit in the first four pews or the last pew. Children's Time and communion distribution are not filmed.

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

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## WELCOME TO THE STORY

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### *Camp Sunday*

*Welcome. Today we sing songs drawn from camping experiences. Each summer many persons come together to be in relationship in community, with creation and with God.*

*Camp is a place where people are welcomed as they are, it is a place where they are encouraged to wonder and deepen their connection to the environment and respect for creation. The outdoors is a place to be creative, wonder and engage in questions about our everyday lives and of the mystery of the Holy.*

*If you wish to make a donation to the local ELCA camp, Mt. Cross, please place your gift in the offering plate today and make sure it is clearly marked for Mt. Cross.*



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## A Story that Invites Us

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### SINGING BOWL

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

**PRELUDE:** *"In the Morning"* – Kathleen Keating

### WELCOME

Please Stand

### LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

*P: We gather as a community around the flame of God's love, be that campfire or Christ candle,*

**All: God's love burns brightly in our hearts.**



### SHARING OF THE PEACE

*P: Creator God, the spark has kindled a fire.*

**All: We gather for its warmth and light.**

*P: Your love is the warmth that fills our hearts.*

**All: Your love lights the way.**

*P: First, we experience the warmth and light of your love,*

**All: And then we pass it on.**

*P: The peace of Christ is with you. Pass it on.*

**All: And also with you.**

Please safely share the peace with one another.

## PRAYER IN FOUR DIRECTIONS

*P: Each new day we give thanks to the circle of life. (Face the east) From the east, the direction of the rising sun, we receive peace and light and wisdom and knowledge.*

**All: We give thanks for these gifts, oh God!**

*P: (Face the south) From the south comes warmth, guidance, and the beginning and the end of life.*

**All: We give thanks for these gifts, oh God!**

*P: (Face the west) From the west comes the rains, purifying waters to sustain all living things.*

**All: We give thanks for these gifts, oh God!**

*P: (Face the north) From the north comes the cold and mighty winds, white snows giving us strength and endurance.*

**All: We give thanks for these gifts, oh God!**

*P: (Look downwards) From the earth we come and to the earth we shall return.*

**All: We give thanks for these gifts, oh God!**

*P: (Look upwards) From the heavens we receive darkness and light, the air of our breath, and messages from our winged creatures.*

**All: We give thanks for your creation, Creating God!**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: This is the day you have made, O God.

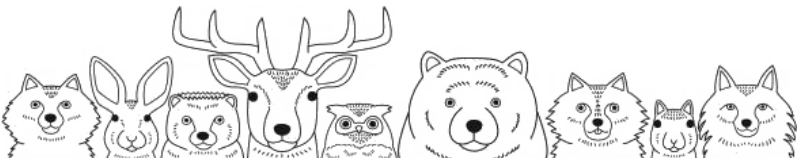
**All: We rejoice and are glad to be here!**

L: You have opened the doors wide for all who wish to enter.

**All: We rejoice and are glad to be here!**

L: We marvel and give thanks for all you have created and all you have done.

**All: We rejoice and are glad to be here!**



**OPENING HYMN:** “*All God’s Critters Got a Place in the Choir*” – Favorite Hymn of Abby Wicke

*Refrain:*

All God’s critters got a place in the choir;  
some sing low, some sing higher,  
some sing out loud on the telephone wire,  
and some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got now.

*Verse 1:*

Listen to the bass, it’s the one on the bottom  
where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus  
moans and groans with a big t’ do,  
and the old cow just goes “Moo.”

*Verse 2:*

The dogs and the cats they take up the middle  
while the honey bee hums and the cricket fiddles,  
the donkey brays and the pony neighs  
and the old coyote howls.

*Verse 3:*

Listen to the top where the little birds sing  
on the melodies with the high notes ringing.  
The hoot owl hollers over ev’rything  
and the jay bird disagrees. (*To Refrain*)

*Verse 4:*

Singing in the night time, singing in the day,  
the little duck quacks, then he’s on his way.  
The possum ain’t got much to say,  
and the porcupine talks to himself.

*Verse 5:*

It’s a simple song of living, sung everywhere  
by the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear;  
the grumpy alligator and the hawk above;  
the sly raccoon and the turtle dove. (*To Refrain*)

## GREETING

*P: Creator God, we hear your wilderness cry from the depth of our souls and long to answer.*

**All: We seek you out in the silence and beauty of nature,**

*P: in the sound of the birds,*

**All: the rustling trees,**

*P: the lapping water,*

**All: and the crunching of branches.**

*P: Our eyes and ears are opened to your presence in the newness of day,*

**All: the brisk air, and the colors of the sunrise.**

*P: Be with us in this time of storytelling and memories, guiding us along nature's edge into oneness with you.*

**All: May we follow faithfully the way of Jesus in this and all the paths of our lives. Amen.**

## KYRIE ELEISON

*Refrain*

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

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

**L:** For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: (Refrain)**

**L:** That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: (Refrain)**

L: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: (Refrain)**

L: For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: (Refrain)**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory to God"**

*Refrain*



All: Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

*Refrain*



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.


*Refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Final refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's



peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

# SOLI DEO GLORIA

*Glory to God Alone*



## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of All Time and Place, we thank you for all of your wonder-filled world. We thank you for the camp traditions that have sustained generations of people.

**All: We thank you for friends made, lesson learned, and lives transformed. Be with us as we care for all of your creation. Amen**

Be Seated

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## The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

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### INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

R: God, teach us how to dance to the rhythm of your wisdom;

**All: show us how to laugh**

R: so that we can live for the praise of your glory in Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

R: The first reading is from Exodus, chapter sixteen, beginning with the second verse.

### **FIRST READING:** *Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15*

They began to complain against Moses and Aaron there in the wilderness. The people of Israel said to them, “If only we had died by Yahweh’s hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat next to pots of meat and ate our bread till we were filled! But now you have brought the whole community out into this wilderness to die of hunger!”

Then Yahweh said to Moses, “Look, I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people will go out and gather a day’s portion every day, so that I can test them to see if they will follow my instructions.

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Tell the whole Israelite community, ‘Present yourselves before Yahweh, who has heard your complaints.’”

As Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of Yahweh appearing in the form of a cloud. Then Yahweh spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the people of Israel. Say this to them: ‘In the evening you will eat meat, and in the morning you will have your fill of bread. Then you will know that I, Yahweh, am your God.’”

So it came about that in the evening quail flew in and all around the camp. And in the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp; when the layer of dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were flakes of something: delicate, powdery, fine as frost.

When they saw this, the people of Israel said to each other, “What is it?”—not knowing what it was. But Moses told them, “This is the bread Yahweh has given you to eat.”

R: Here ends the reading.

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

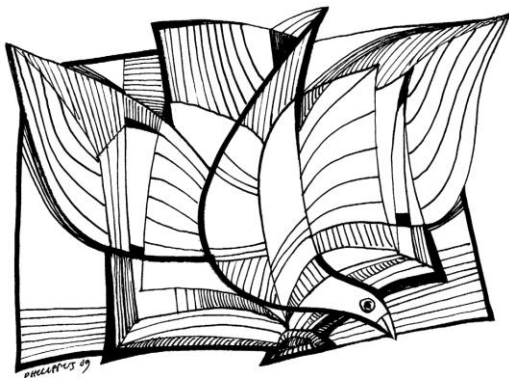
R: Invited to be an honor to God’s glory,

**All: we can become reflections of God’s glorious love and grace.**

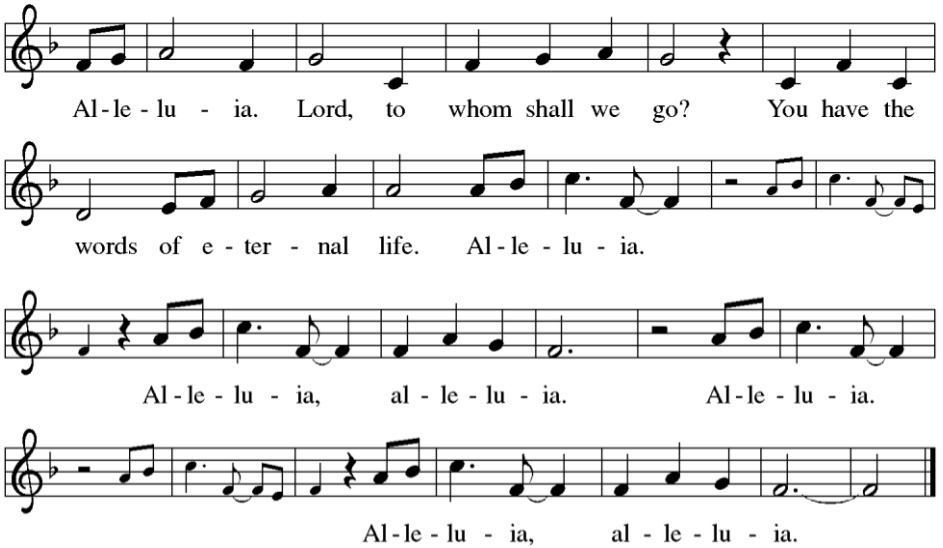
R: Invited to sing praise to God’s glory,

**All: we can become voices of God’s hope for all the world.**

Please Stand



# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*P:* The Holy Gospel according to John, chapter six.

**All:** Glory to you, O God.

## GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor the disciples were there, they got into those boats and crossed to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

Jesus answered them, “The truth of the matter is, you’re not looking for me because you’ve seen signs, but because you’ve eaten your fill of the bread. You shouldn’t be working for perishable food, but for life-giving food that lasts for all eternity; this the Chosen One can give you, for the Chosen One bears the seal of Abba God.”

At this they said, “What must we do to perform the works of God?”

Jesus replied, “This is the work of God: to believe in the one whom God has sent.”

So they asked Jesus, “What sign are you going to give to show us that we should believe in you? What will you do?”

Our ancestors had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says, ‘God gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ”

Jesus said to them, “The truth of the matter is, Moses hasn’t given you bread from heaven; yet my Abba gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

“Teacher,” they said, “give us this bread from now on.”

Jesus explained to them, “I am the bread of life. No one who comes to me will ever be hungry; no one who believes in me will be thirsty.

*P: The Gospel, the good news of God*

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

Be Seated

**CHILDREN’S TIME** – Pastor Tim

Please Stand

**HYMN:** “*Father Abraham*”

Father Abraham had many kids; many kids had Father Abraham.

I am one of them, and so are you; so let’s all praise the Lord:

(Action {Spoken})

1. Right arm.
2. Right arm, left arm.
3. Right arm, left arm, right foot.
4. Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot.
5. Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot, chin up.
6. Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot, chin up, turn around.
7. Right arm, left arm, right foot, left foot, chin up, turn around,  
Sit Down!

Be Seated

**A Story that Feeds Us**

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**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**L:** As we gather, we recognize that we are truly blessed; to live in God’s wondrous Creation, to have family and friends and neighbors that we can depend upon.

**All:** As God has blessed us we, in turn, share a portion of that blessing with others, our time, talent, and treasures, in support of the work of God’s church and our care for all of creation.

**THANKFUL OFFERING**

Please Stand

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.  
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**L:** Loving God, accept the gifts of our time, talent, and treasures for the work of your church, in this community and beyond.

**All:** We share what we have so that the warmth and light of your love will spread to everyone, and we shout from the mountaintops: Pass it on. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS

L: Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. For your gift of time and the cycle of nature; for opportunities in the outdoors to reflect, and to feel your presence very near to us; for rest and recreation, In your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: We turn away from you sometimes and doubt you or stop seeking to understand your terms, as opposed to our terms. So today, dear God, our prayers for the people including ourselves and others like us who need reminders about your commitment to us. In your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Help us to take on a mantle of caring for all life—no matter what our differences are—so that we can make a real difference in the world. There are so many struggling for food or peace, for safety, or for the freedom to worship. We sometimes feel so helpless. Guide us to ways in which we can help those in need; open us to receive your teachings. Help us let our little lights shine by showing love to all. In your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Help us to accept changes in our understanding of your word that encourage deeper thinking, shifts in perspectives and understanding, which can all lead us to a stronger faith. Bless those who are struggling with physical or mental illness, those grieving losses of any kind, and those who are attempting to find honesty in relationships in social, family or work situations. God, help those who are suffering find strength in your love and feel renewed in their faith. In your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: God of all, hear now the prayers of our heart said either silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: In your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

L: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

L: The Creator is with you and with all creation.

**All: And also with you.**

L: Open your hearts.

**All: We open them to our Creator.**

L: Let us give thanks to our Creator.

**All: It is right to join creation in thanking God.**

*P: It is right to give you thanks, loving Creator. Your Word is the impulse for all things to be, for space, stars, and stardust to appear, for Earth to emerge from the deep, for life to be born of Earth and for humans to be born of Earth and the Spirit. You chose to be born a human being, to become a part of Earth, to suffer, die, and rise from death to redeem humankind, renew creation, and affirm all born of Earth and the Spirit. Your presence is the living impulse in all things, the Christ deep among us, filling Earth—land, sea and air; filling every element and place; filling the grain and the grape we share with you this day.*

*Therefore with angels and archangels, ancient voices in the forest, high voices from the sky, deep voices from the sea and the whole company of creation, we sing:*

**HOLY HOLY HOLY Holy**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*P: O God, you created a world of amazing animals of every kind. You created our world, and gave it to us and the animals, to share together. From every kind of danger, from Noah's time till now, you saved your creatures and cared for them with gentleness. In Jesus your Son every creature had a friend, a brother who knew the good of being alive. We stand with him, O God, as we come to this table: for all your creatures grow hungry and look to you for food and drink.*

*So we remember on the night before he died, Jesus ate and drank with his friends. And while in the midst of their Seder banquet, filled with the symbolism of God's grace, he took the common bread, broke it, again symbolizing his broken body, and gave it to them. He said: "Take this and eat it, all of you, for it is my body which is given up for you."*



*Later he took the cup of wine and thanked you for it, and gave it to his friends. He said: "Take this and drink from it, for it is the cup of my blood and that of a new and everlasting covenant for you and all people so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."*

*Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.*

**All: Dying, Jesus destroyed our death. Rising, he restored our life.**

*P: Come let us build that home where the lion and the lamb can live in peace together. We praise and thank you, O God, through Christ our Lord and in the unity of the Holy Spirit with all honor and glory belonging to you, forever and ever.*

**All: Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.*

**All: 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.**

## **FRACTION RITE**

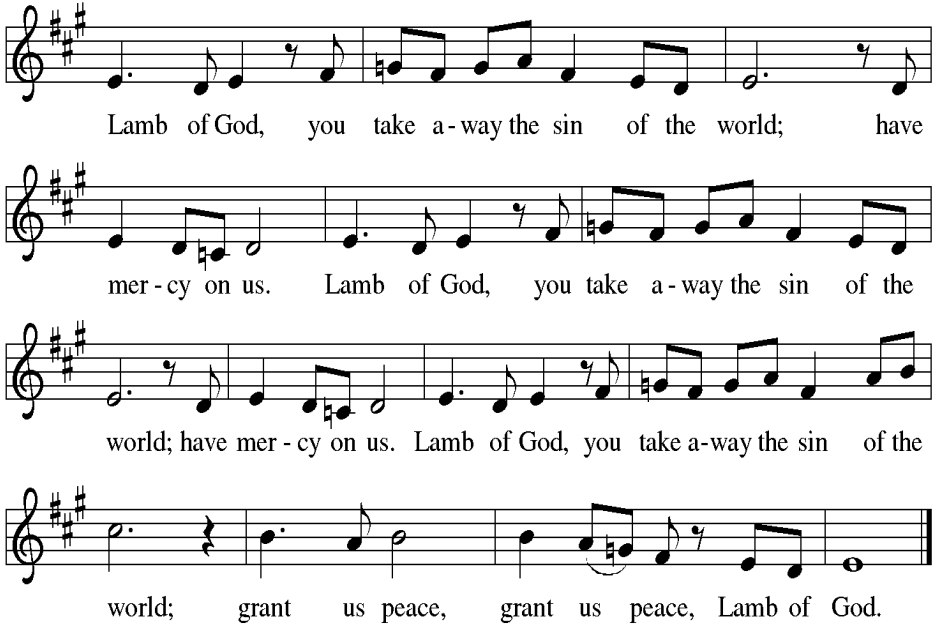
*P: Here is food that satisfies, the taste of communion. Here is wine pouring free, the washing away of fear. Here is life abundant, a table of peace for all.*

**All: May this peace be in us and among us, a sign of hope for a world renewed.**

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table  
after the Lamb of God is sung.

## LAMB OF GOD



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.

## DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion is open to all.

Wine is red, grape juice is yellow, water is in the center of the tray.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

### **For communion at the altar rail:**

When directed by the ushers, you may come up the center aisle to the altar rail, stand or kneel, and hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the host into. Eat. Then take a cup of wine (red), grape juice (light yellow), or water (clear) from the assistant. Drink. Then place your empty cup in the tray that follows. Rise and return to your seat via the side aisles.

**COMMUNION HYMN: “Noah (Arky Arky)”**

Favorite Hymn of Kristin Boyce

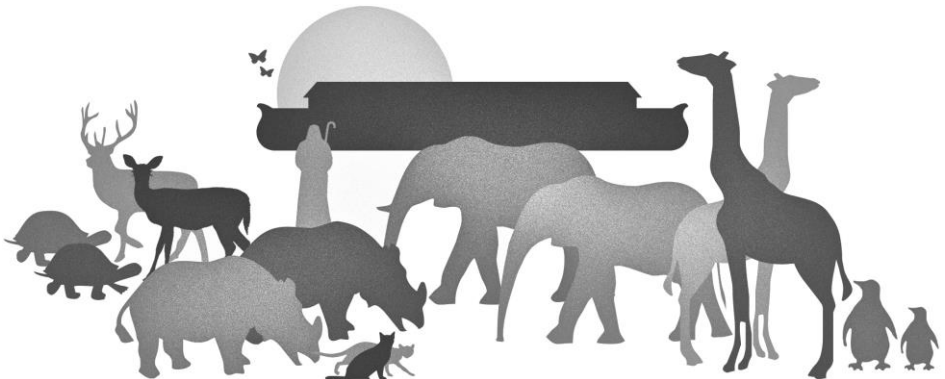
The Lord said to Noah, “There’s gonna be a floody, floody!”  
Lord said to Noah, “There’s gonna be a floody, floody;  
Get those children out of the muddy, muddy!”  
Children of the Lord.

Noah, he built him, he built him an arky, arky;  
Noah, he built him, he built him an arky, arky;  
Made it out of hick’ry barky barky.  
Children of the Lord.

It rained and it poured for forty long daysey, daysey;  
rained and it poured for forty long daysey, daysey;  
Nearly drove those (clap) animals crazy, crazy.  
Children of the Lord.

Then Noah, he built God, he built God an altar, altar;  
Noah, he built God, he built God an altar, altar;  
Thanked God with his (clap) sons and daughters, daughters.  
Children of the Lord.

So rise and shine and give God the glory, glory;  
rise and shine and give God the glory, glory;  
rise and shine and give God the glory, glory.  
Children of the Lord.



## COMMUNION HYMN: “I Will Call Upon the Lord”

Favorite Hymn of Janice Schaefer

(Part 1) I will call upon the Lord,

(Part 2) I will call upon the Lord,

(Part 1) who is worthy to be praised.

(Part 2) who is worthy to be praised.

(Part 1) So shall I be saved from my enemies.

(Part 2) So shall I be saved from my enemies.

(Both) I will call upon the Lord.

(Chorus)

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,  
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock,  
and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

(Repeat whole song)

(Repeat Chorus)

## SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*P: Now may the power of Christ’s body and blood reach deep into your heart, your mind, and your body to heal your wounds and through you to bring health and security to Earth and to the creatures of the Earth.*

**All: We thank you, Christ, for the meal we have celebrated with you and we pray that through your body and blood we may be healed and become agents of healing for Earth. Amen.**



## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may share in your great love.

**All: Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are an everlasting God! Amen.**

Be Seated

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

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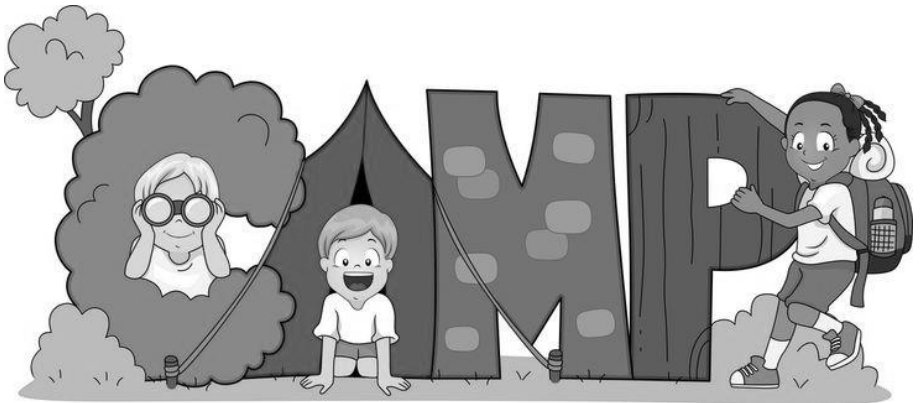
## COMMISSIONING

*P: Take the warmth and light represented by this fire into your lives.*

**All: We will take the warmth and light of God's love into our lives.**

*P: May the beauty of God's creation and the fun and faith of church camps, reside in your minds and hearts.*

**All: We will remember to pass it on.**



**SENDING HYMN:** “*Go Tell It on the Mountain*” vs. 1,2  
Favorite Hymn of Cassie Di Paola and Zabrina Mesa

*Chorus:*

Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev’rywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!

*Verse 1:*

While shepherds kept their watching  
o’er silent flocks by night,  
behold throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light.

*Chorus*

*Verse 2:*

The shepherds feared and trembled  
when, lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior’s birth.

*Chorus*

**DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Serve God’s people.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

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