

A CAPPELLA CHOIR 2024-2025



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ARIZONA LUTHERAN ACADEMY SUNDAY



This is how God showed his love among us:
He sent his one and only Son into the world
that we might live through him.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
TEMPE, AZ
February 23, 2025

PRESERVICE MUSIC

St. Thomas Festal
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A CAPPELLA

Hakuna Mungu Kama Wewe
Greg Gilpin, © 2023 Hal Leonard LLC
Karin Aguilar, djembe

<i>Hakuna Mungu kama wewe</i>	There is no God like you
<i>Hakuna na hatakuweko!</i>	None and none will ever exist!
<i>Nimetembea kote, kote</i>	I've walked all over, all over
<i>Nikatafuta kote, kote</i>	I've searched everywhere, everywhere
<i>Nikazunguka kote, kote</i>	I've walked all around, all around
<i>Hakuna na hatakuweko!</i>	None and none will ever exist!

Stand

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

CW 154

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Q: Do you promise that with the help of the Holy Spirit you will from this time forward amend your sinful life?

A: *Truly you should so promise, for Holy Scripture declares, "No one who lives in him keeps on sinning," and Jesus himself declares, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."*

Personal prayer:

Lord Jesus, as a penitent sinner filled with joy and gratitude, I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of love and kindness to others. Amen.

A person should examine himself before eating of the bread and drinking from the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment (1 Corinthians 11:28,29,31).

ALA ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 24	Tuition Assistance Workshop
March 7-8	LES John Henderson Basketball Tournament
March 14	Spring concert
Mar 17-21	No school—spring break
March 29	ALA Gala 2025

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PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

The following questions for self-examination (adapted from various sources) may be helpful as you prepare to receive the Sacrament.

As we prepare to partake of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is appropriate that we diligently examine ourselves, as St Paul exhorts us. For this Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But if we thus examine ourselves, we find nothing in ourselves but sin and death, from which we can in no way set ourselves free. Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy upon us and has taken upon himself our nature, so that he might fulfill the whole will and law of God and for us and for our deliverance suffer death and all that we by our sins have deserved. In order that we should more confidently believe this and be strengthened in faith and cheerful obedience to his holy will, he has instituted the holy Sacrament of his Supper, in which he feeds us with his body and gives us to drink of his blood.

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup firmly believing the words of Christ, lives in Christ and Christ in him, and has eternal life.

We should also do this in remembrance of him, proclaiming his death—that he was delivered over for our sins and raised to life for our justification. Then with thankful hearts we commit ourselves again to take up our cross and follow him, keep his commandments, and love one another as he has loved us.

As you examine yourself, consider these questions before God, who searches the heart:

Q: Do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserved his wrath and punishment?

A: *Truly you should confess, for Holy Scripture declares, "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."*

Q: Do you heartily repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and action?

A: *Truly you should repent, as did the penitent sinners: King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the woman caught in adultery; the prodigal son; and others.*

Q: Do you sincerely believe that God, by his grace, for Jesus' sake, forgives you all your sins?

A: *Truly you should believe, for Holy Scripture declares, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."*

ABSOLUTION

CW 154

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

CW 174

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated.

A CAPPELLA AND JUNIOR CHOIR

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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Mrs. Lara Johnson, piano

Ayla Johnson, flute

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my Sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, keep your family continually in true faith, so that those who rely only on the hope of your heavenly grace may be protected by your mighty power; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 45:3-15

³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

THANKSGIVING

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: His mercy endures forever.

PRAYER

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

A CAPPELLA

All Things New

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Mrs. Lara Johnson, piano

Light after darkness, gain after loss,
Strength after weakness, crown after cross;
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears,
Home after wand'ring, praise after tears.

Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end,
He is making all things new,
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear.
He is making all things new.

Sight after myst'ry, sun after rain,
Joy after sorrow, peace after pain;
Near after distant, oh, gleam after gloom,
Love after loneliness, life after tomb.

DISTRIBUTION

For our distribution today, you may approach the altar using the side aisles. The two sides will meet at the bottom step in the middle. For those who prefer a low-gluten wafer, please indicate such to the pastor when he distributes the host. The low-gluten wafers are in a soufflé cup on the paten. The grape-colored cups in each tray are alcohol-removed wine. We will dismiss down the center aisle.

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM

A CAPPELLA

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

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Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.
Alleluia, praise the Lamb!
Alleluia, glory to the great I AM!
And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away.
Alleluia, praise the Lamb!
Alleluia, glory to the great I AM!

Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.

Alleluia, praise the Lamb!
Alleluia, glory to the great I AM!
Alleluia, praise the Lamb!
Alleluia, glory to the great I AM!

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

665 What Is This Bread

CW 665

659 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

CW 659

Stand.

⁸“So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. ⁹Now hurry back to my father and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don’t delay. ¹⁰You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.’

¹²“You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. ¹³Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly.”

¹⁴Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A CAPPELLA

How Firm a Foundation

Dan Forrest, © 2009 Hinshaw Music

Mr. Kurt Rosenbaum, piano

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
What more can he say?

“Fear not, I am with thee! O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteousness, omnipotent hand.”
What more can he say?

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; What more can he say?
For I will be with thee thy trials to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”

What more can he say? Than his excellent Word?

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace all sufficient shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never — no, never— no, never forsake!”

SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:14-21

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.

¹⁸If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. ²⁰On the contrary:

“If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.”

²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

JUNIOR CHOIR

My Lord Will Come Again
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My Lord will come again, my Lord!
My Lord will come again, my Lord,
And the kingdom will have no end!
Amen! Amen! My Lord will come again!

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my \dagger blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

JESUS, LAMB OF GOD

CW 186

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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PAX DOMINI

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SANCTUS

CW 1052

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

I will bless the Lord at all times!

I will praise God with all my life!

For the Lord our God is risen, and death will be no more!

Amen! Amen! My Lord will come again!

I will sing to God a new song:

Make music to my God while I live!

For the Lord our God is with us, and death will be no more!

Amen! Amen! My Lord will come again!

I will thank my Savior all my days!

He took my sin and nailed it to the cross.

That makes us beautiful, holy, and precious in his sight!

Amen! Amen! My Lord will come again!

God will wipe all tears from our eyes!

The world of the past will be gone!

Sadness, pain, and mourning: these will be no more!

Amen! Amen! My Lord will come again!

Stand.

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

²⁷"But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸Give, and it will be given to you. A good

measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

M: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Son of God, Eternal Savior CW 729

SERMON

Romans 12:14-21

Stand.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Be seated.

OFFERING



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PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

As you prepare to receive the Sacrament today, you may use the Personal Preparation for Holy Communion on pages 14 & 15.

Stand.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

CW 183

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.