

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude Maestoso & Andante sostenuto Hermann Schroeder
from "Six Preludes & Intermezzi for Organ, Op 9"
As the prelude begins, you are invited to begin your personal preparation for worship.

Silent Meditation
The most creative social strategy we have to offer is the church. Here we show the world a manner of life the world can never achieve through social coercion or governmental action. We serve the world by showing it something that it is not, namely, a place where God is forming a family out of strangers.
Stanley Hauerwas, American Protestant theologian

Call to Worship Psalm 67
May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has yielded its increase; God has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Praise and Adoration

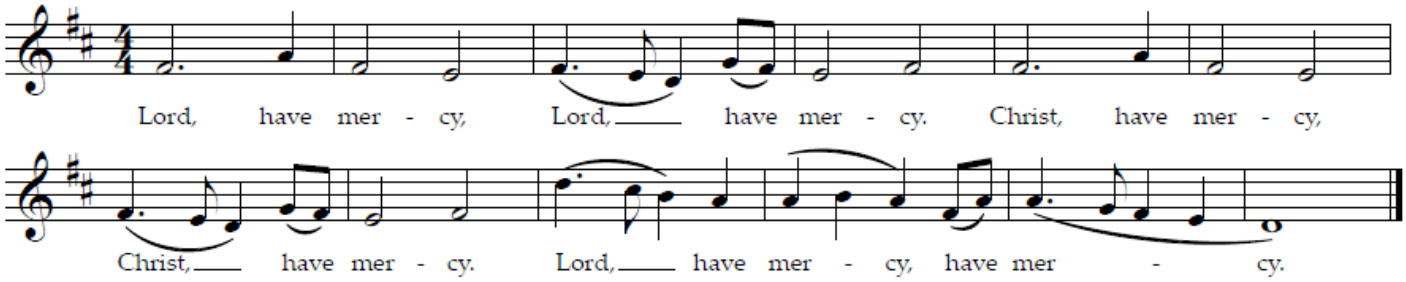
***Hymn #299** You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim HANOVER
(*Please stand, if you are able)

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, your world cries out. You tasked us to be good stewards of your creation and we have fallen short. You challenged us to love God and love our neighbor, and we have failed to show that love. You promise to bring all people joyfully together in a house of prayer on your holy mountain. We find ways to stay apart. Bring us together, O Lord. Empower us with a spirit of love for you and love for all our neighbors. Help us live lives of service to you so that all your children will know your peace. Forgive us when we fall short and continue to transform your world, leading us to your promised kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.

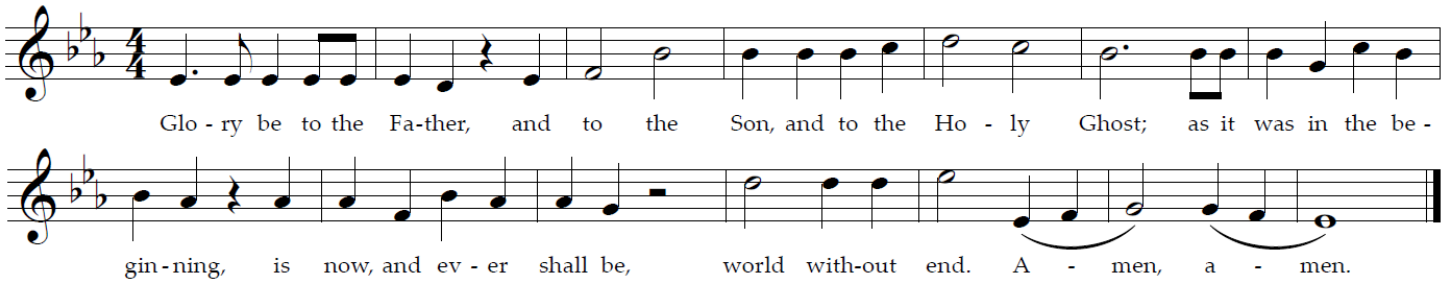
Silent Prayers of Confession and Petition

Kyrie Eleison Lord, Have Mercy SCHUBERT



Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response (#581)** Glory Be to the Father GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)



***Welcome**

Announcements

Moment for Mission End of Summer Bash Beth Maxwell, elder on the Mission Committee

Fellowship of Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

Scripture Lesson Matthew 15: 21-28 page 797 of the pew Bible

Sermon "Lord, Have Mercy!" Dr. Zieman

Prayer

Our Response to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Let All You Do Be Done in Love Sandra T. Ford

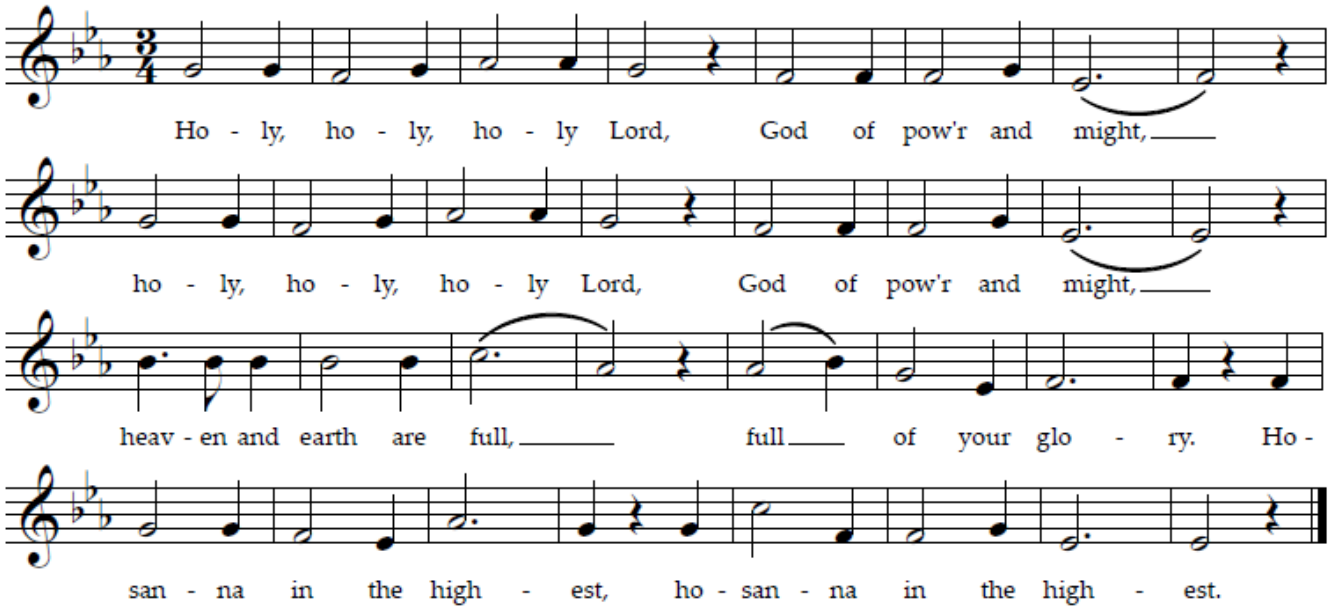
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Sanctus (#562)** Holy, Holy, Holy SANCTUS (Schubert)



The Words of Institution

The Serving of the Elements

Please come forward as directed by an usher. All baptized Christians are encouraged to partake – by taking a piece of bread and dipping it into the cup. Gluten-free bread is at the station closer to the pulpit. If you are unable to come forward, an elder will serve you in the pew.

Communion Anthem Let Us Break Bread Together arr. Jay Althouse

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

Now let us from this table rise, renewed in body, mind, and soul;
with Christ we die and rise again, his selfless love has made us whole.

To fill each human house with love, it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do we humbly pledge ourselves to share.

***Hymn of Dedication #435** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy IN BABILONE

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude Poco vivace Hermann Schroeder
from "Six Preludes & Intermezzi for Organ, Op 9"

Serving in Ministry Today

Music	Summer Choir; Mark Kanitz, organ
Childcare Ministry	Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Tami Lancaster
Elders Serving Communion	Chuck Baddley, Tim & Brenda Graumann, Kathy Nickel, Bidong Tot
Ushers	Brad Miner, Ann Pearson, Ed Leach, Frank McMullen
Greeters	North Door: Millicent Myres Welcome Center Door: Nancy Anderson
Information Center	Pam Swenson
Coffee Host	Carla Fritz

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Announcements

For the week of August 16, 2026

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 16 – Pantry Sunday
9:00 Summer Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Worship with Communion
11:00 Coffee Fellowship in the Welcome Center
11-1 Car Wash in North Parking Lot

Monday, August 17
9 & 11 Music and Movement
10:00 Tai Chi
6:30 Deacon Meeting

Tuesday, August 18
9-1 Staff Planning Meeting Off Site
1:30 Active Minds
5:30 Finance Committee Meeting
6:00 Vesper Concerts Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 19
5:15 PCOC Book Group

Thursday, August 20
9 & 11 Music and Movement
10:00 Tai Chi

Friday, August 21 - Cross Currents Deadline

Saturday, August 22
9:00 Choir Workshop

Sunday, August 23
10:00 Worship
11:00 Coffee Fellowship in the Welcome Center
12:00 All Play Summer Bash

Summer Schedule through September 6
Single Worship Service at 10 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship at 11 a.m.
No Sunday school
Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

Joys and Concerns.

The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Kristen Jacobi, Julie Buehler, and Susan Emmert in memory of Mary Kratoska.

SHF Car Wash Fundraiser is today! Plan to stop by the car wash station in the north parking lot to have your car cleaned by the SHF group! The event begins immediately after worship and ends at 1:00 p.m. Donations will be accepted. All proceeds will go towards next year's mission trip. Thanks for your support!

PCOC Book Group Meets this Wednesday Night.

PCOC Book Group will meet August 19 in The Courtyard Room from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. to review The Dry by Jane Harper. All readers are welcome! Questions? Contact Charlotte Hubbard.

Adult Choir Workshop is next Saturday, August 22

A new choir season officially begins at a Saturday workshop on August 22, with guest conductor Dr. John Petzet from the University of Nebraska-Kearney. Rehearsals are from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, and lunch is included. Dr. Petzet will lead the choir at the August 23 worship service. Let Kristi know if you'd like to participate.

PCOC End of Summer Bash at All-Play is next Sunday, August 23 after church. The Deacons invite you to a fun, All-church, All-age event at the All-Play fields at 68th and Harrison, from 12-3 pm. There will be games and activities, music, food, and more. This will be a great opportunity to meet others in the congregation, including ones from your own neighborhood. Last year's event had people from age 1 to 95! This event has: *Music * Lawn Games * 9 Square * Music Bingo * Food Truck * Kickball * Bubble Station*.

Chamber and Alleluia Rehearsals begin August 26.

Another choir season begins on Wednesday, August 26! Chamber Singers rehearse at 5:30, and Alleluia Singers follow at 6:30. Is it time for you to say "yes" and join? Email Kristi and tell her the good news.

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Garden Help Needed

Want to serve our church while being outside? Consider adopting a garden bed. This involves cleanup in the Spring and weeding throughout the growing season. Contact Linda Matson with questions or to pick a garden. If you already have adopted a bed, let Linda know exactly where it is.

Updates on Agape "Pop-Up Tour" on Saturday, August 29

We have confirmed two very interesting tours for Saturday, August 29 so we hope you can join us. We will be visiting a very new Legacy Library Exhibit featuring the legacy of former Senator Ernie Chambers, and learning about the nonprofit endeavor of his daughter, Gayla Chambers, called Together We Achieve Miracles. Gayla will be joining us for the tour. We will follow that tour with a visit to the Malcolm X Foundation to learn more about a major redevelopment project underway and observe the historical information that some of us visited a few years ago. Please sign up online or at the information desk. Contact Kathy Moore if you have other questions at mooreomaha@yahoo.com. The itinerary for the day will be:

12:30 Leave the North Parking Lot of the Church (if you want to carpool)
1:00 Tour Together We Achieve Miracles and the Legacy Library at 4401 N 21 Street
2:15 Tour and presentation at the Malcolm X Foundation at 3448 Evans Street
4:00 Back at the church parking lot for those who carpooled.

September 6, after worship in the Sanctuary: A Reading of "The Three Temptations" by Charles Williams

Charles Williams was an influential member of the Inklings, an Oxford literary group that included C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien. His 1942 radio play "The Three Temptations" provides a modern interpretation of Jesus's resistance against diabolically false hopes. The play will be read by Cindy Sloan and others, followed by a discussion facilitated by Michael Paulus. Dr. Paulus directs the University Libraries and the Institute for Adaptive Intelligence at Creighton University. Early in his academic career he discovered a cache of unpublished materials by Williams, which inspired a series of historical, literary, and theological essays about Williams.

Register Online Now for Fall Adult Education Opportunities:

- The Christian Imagination & Literature led by Michael Paulus and Cindy Sloan
- Falling Upward led by Keith Allen
- The Anxious Generation led by Quinn McGuire
- Tuesday Bible Studies – 2 Corinthians led by Pastor Marshall
- Acts of the Apostles led by Kirk Ryckman
- Genesis led by Pastor Josh

Cornerstone Registration has begun!

Our fall semester of Cornerstone begins September 16, with dinner, choir, and Bible study for all ages! Please register online or at the Information Desk by September 1 to secure your spot. If you have any questions, contact Heather.