

# HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesday

## August 10 Lawrence, deacon, martyr, 258

*Commemorations illuminate various aspects of the church's life and mission through the lives of women and men who have followed Christ in succeeding generations.*



— Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Altar Edition

- 225    born in Huesca, Spain  
         served as one of seven deacons of the church in Rome
- 258    martyred in Rome in the persecution under Emperor Valerian

Two stories about Lawrence have come down from the third century. The tasks of a deacon were to oversee the church treasury and to distribute alms to the poor. When the Roman government ordered Lawrence to surrender the church treasury, Lawrence gave away the funds to the poor and then presented to the officials the poor themselves, the outcast and the maimed, saying, “These are the treasures of the church.” For this he was condemned to death. Although most such executions were by beheading, the story is that Lawrence was roasted on a grill, and that as he died he said to the executioner, “Turn me over, I’m done on that side.” In art, Lawrence is shown with the grill of his execution.

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind,  
not reluctantly or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver.  
And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance  
so that by always having enough of everything,  
you may share abundantly in every good work. — 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

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— Keeping Time: The Church’s Year (Using *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, volume 3)

# Gathering

## Gathering Song

*What Wondrous Love Is This*  
Stanzas 1 – 3

*The assembly stands to sing.*



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that  
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down be -  
God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my  
neath God's right - eous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
is the Great I Am, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul.  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

## Greeting & Dialogue

The Holy Trinity, who offers freedom from all that holds us captive, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

We worship this morning in baptismal freedom,  
a freedom we share with Lawrence, deacon of the assembly,  
whose freedom in Christ from an oppressive government  
led to his ministry among the poor and to the fires of martyrdom.

O God of wondrous love, you raise us up and free us from our chains.

**Lord, have mercy.**

O Christ, you wear your crown upon the cross to grant us your freedom.

**Christ, have mercy.**

O Spirit, you gather the faithful into an eternal song of freedom.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The assembly sings stanza four of What Wondrous Love Is This (above).*

## Prayer of the Day

Glorious God, through the waters of the sea you led your people from slavery to freedom.  
Through the waters of baptism you bring us with Christ from death into life.  
Roll away the stone of our fear and doubt that we may sing your praise  
and dance to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Song.  
**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated to hear the word of God.*

## Word

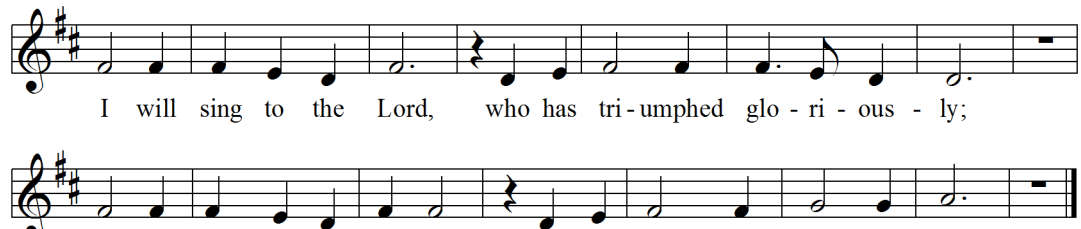
### Reading

Exodus 13:1-21

### Canticle

*Song of Miriam and Moses*

*Refrain, sung by a cantor, then sung by all:*



I will sing to the Lord, who has tri-umphed glo - ri - ous - ly;  
for the horse and the ri - der God has thrown in - to the sea!

Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power, your right hand shatters the enemy!  
Who among the gods is like you, O Lord?

Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders!

**Refrain**

In your mercy you led forth the people you set free;  
you guided them in your strength to your holy habitation.

You will bring them in and plant them on the mount that is your own.

**Refrain**

### Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

*The gospel is introduced:*

The holy gospel, according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

*The assembly is seated.*

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## Hymn of the Day

*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*  
*On pages 10 - 11 of this folder*

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

## Prayers of Intercession

*Each petition concludes:*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Hear all our prayers, Loving God, prayers on our lips and in our hearts,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

**Amen.**

## Meal

### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*After sharing Christ's peace, the assembly is seated.*

### Offering & Setting the Table

*Today's offering has been designated for ELCA Global Church Sponsorship's evangelism project in Cambodia, one of its Global Ministries initiatives. Offerings may be made in cash, by check (payable to the ELCA) or with a credit card by visiting the registration desk or [ELCA.org/offering](http://ELCA.org/offering).*

*As the gifts are received, the choir makes an offering: Freedom Come by Ben Allaway.  
The assembly stands as the communion ministers gather around the table.*

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right ... join their unending hymn:



San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,  
Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.  
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.  
San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,  
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God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.  
Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on  
tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el  
earth. . . . Blest is he who comes in the  
nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el  
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high - est, ho - san - na here on earth. . . .  
di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.  
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

...within each cell; with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

...across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

...beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray in Christ's own freedom:

**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.**

## **Communion**

Christ's table of life is spread before you.

Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.

*After the bread is broken and all are invited to communion, the assembly is seated.*

*Come to communion at the station in front of you, exiting your row to the left.*

*Be assured that Christ is fully present by receiving only the bread or the wine.*

*For pressing reasons of health, wheat-free wafers or dealcoholized wine is available.*

*Simply let the minister know if you require these elements.*

During communion, the assembly sings, as time allows:



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so-tros,                      ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.  
have . . mer-cy up - on us,                      have . . mer-cy up - on us.



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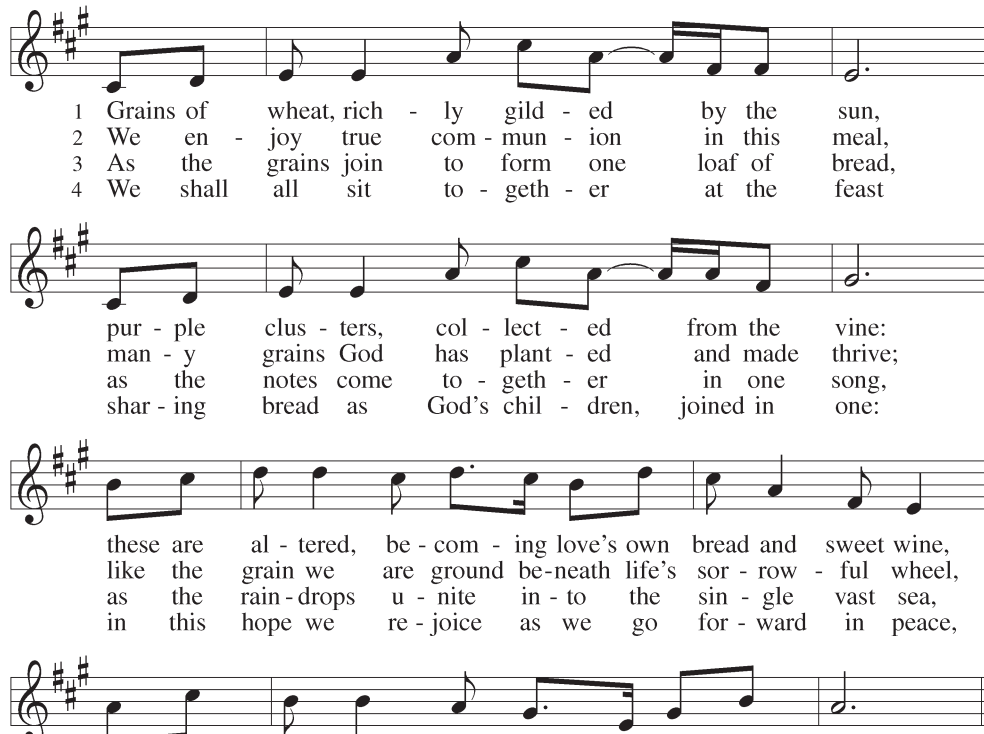
da - nos tu paz,                      da - nos tu paz.  
grant us your peace,                      grant us your peace.



## Una espiga – Grains of Wheat

Stanza one is sung by a soloist in Spanish.

The assembly sings stanzas 2 – 4 in either language.



1 Grains of wheat, rich - ly gild - ed by the sun,  
2 We en - joy true com - mun - ion in this meal,  
3 As the grains join to form one loaf of bread,  
4 We shall all sit to - geth - er at the feast

pur - ple clus - ters, col - lect - ed from the vine;  
man - y grains God has plant - ed and made thrive;  
as the notes come to - geth - er in one song,  
shar - ing bread as God's chil - dren, joined in one:

these are al - tered, be - com - ing love's own bread and sweet wine,  
like the grain we are ground be - neath life's sor - row - ful wheel,  
as the rain - drops u - nite in - to the sin - gle vast sea,  
in this hope we re - joice as we go for - ward in peace,

now for us Je - sus' bod - y and his blood.  
in the bread, like the grain, we come a - live.  
so in Je - sus' one bod - y we be - long.  
lov - ing sis - ters and broth - ers of the Son.

- 1 *Una espiga dorada por el sol,  
el racimo que corta el viñador,  
se convierten ahora en pan y vino de amor  
en el cuerpo y la sangre del Señor.*
- 2 *Comulgamos la misma comunión.  
Somos trigo del mismo sembrador.  
Un molino, la vida, nos tritura con dolor.  
Dios nos hace eucaristía en el amor.*
- 3 *Como granos que han hecho el mismo pan,  
como notas que tejen un cantar,  
como gotas de agua que se funden en el mar,  
los cristianos un cuerpo formarán.*
- 4 *En la mesa de Dios se sentarán,  
como hijos su pan compartirán,  
una misma esperanza caminando cantarán,  
en la vida como hermanos se amarán.*

## You Are Mine



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,  
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.  
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
 heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
 shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.  
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*  
 Come and rest in me. *To refrain*  
 all will know my name. *To refrain*  
 up, now walk and live! *To refrain*



*Refrain*  
 Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



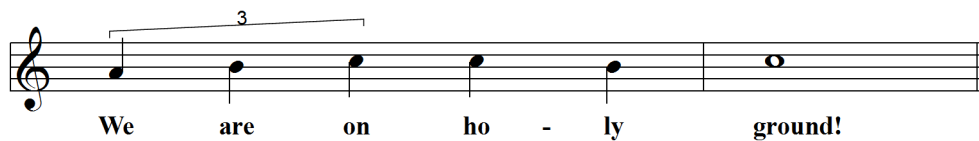
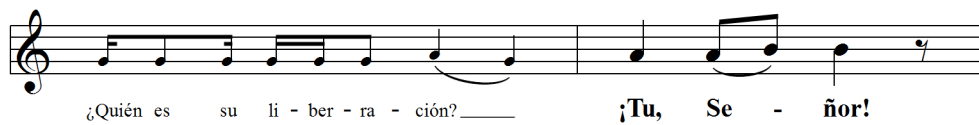
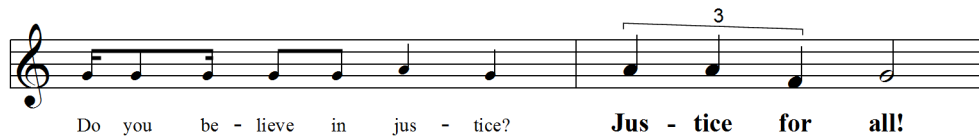
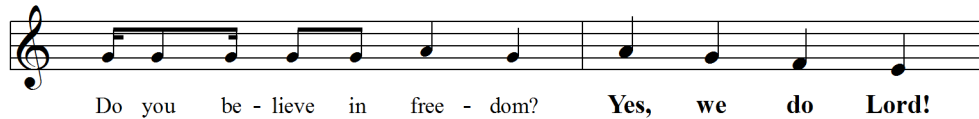
name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I



*To stanzas 3 and 4*  
 love you and you are mine."

4 "I

## On Holy Ground



*After all have communed, the assembly stands for prayer.*

## Sending

### Blessing & Dismissal

God of the cloud and fire,  
God of the cross and empty tomb,  
God of the gift of freedom,  
one holy God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn of the Day

*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

*Stanza one is sung by a soloist in Swahili.*

*Stanzas 2 – 5 are sung by all in English.*

*Refrains may be sung in either language.*

M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,  
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.

m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.  
Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
You look for Je - sus who is not here.

A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,  
For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
He who gives life did death un - der - go,  
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.

m - si - fu - ni sa - sa - yu ha - i.  
e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
and in its con - quest his might did show.  
On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

*Refrain*

Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.  
Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.  
Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;  
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.  
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

- 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won." *Refrain*
- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain*

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