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20th Sunday after Pentecost - October 11th, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**
Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

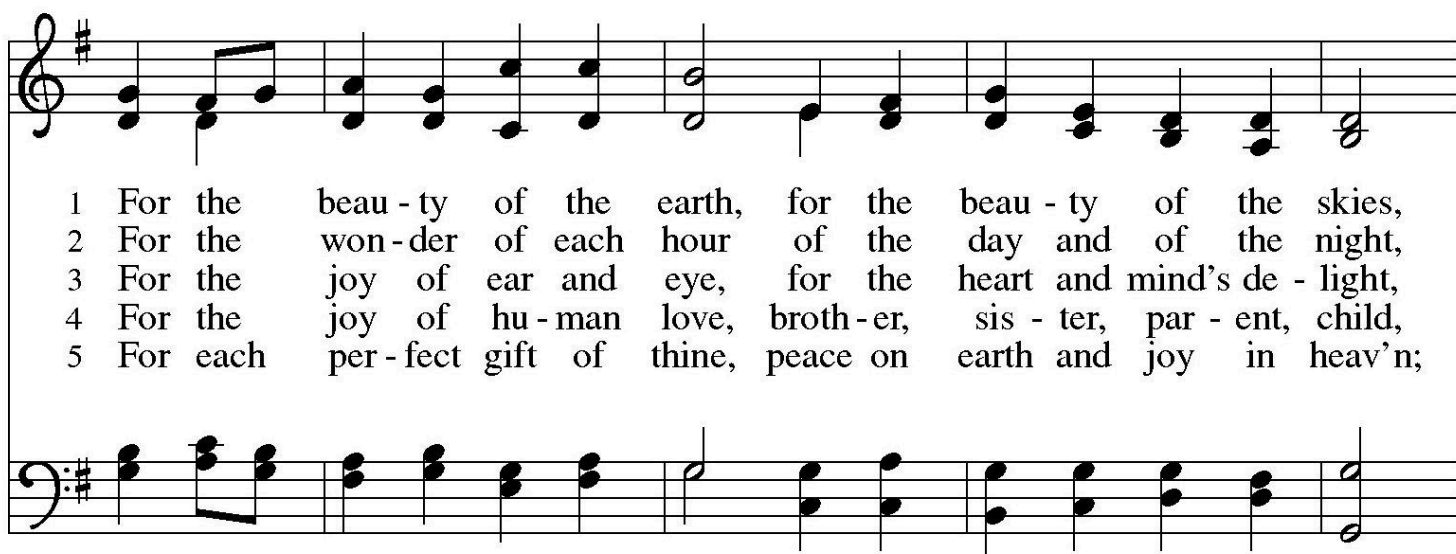
Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

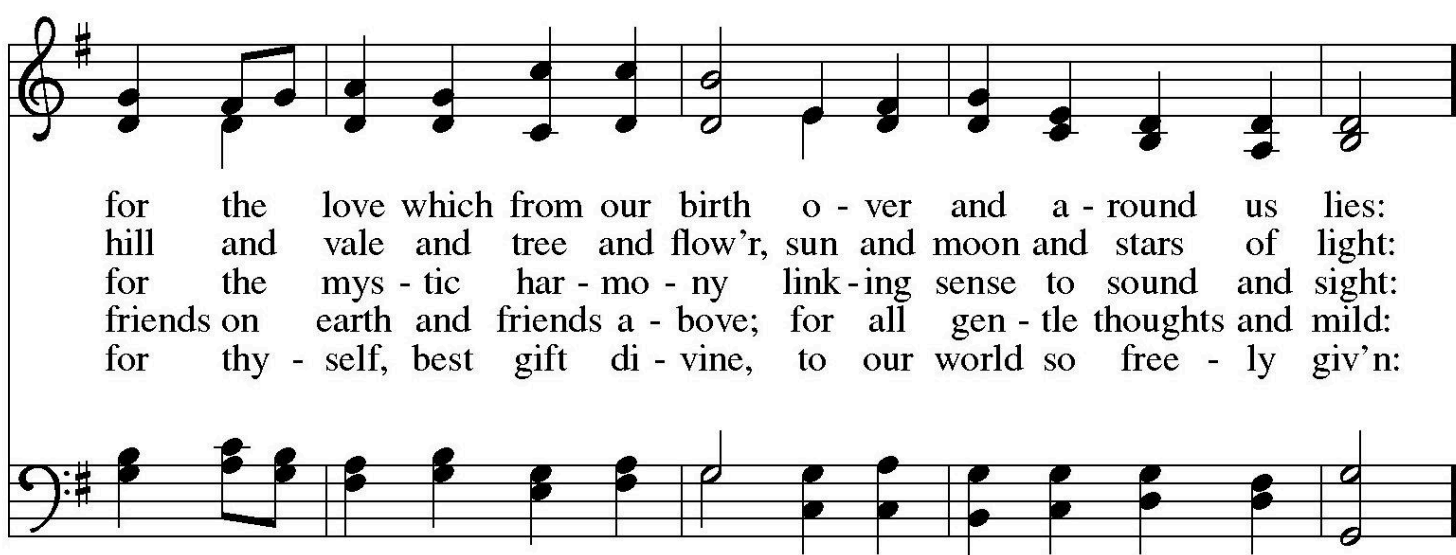
Gathering Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

(Red Book) ELW #879



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

Tanzanian Setting

Lead/Cantor

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son

Ky - ri - e e - lei -

Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy

- son Chri - ste e - lei - son (first time only)

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer of the Day

Lord of the feast, **you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

—WORD—

God speaks to us through scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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First Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

stand

Lead/Cantor

Al - le - lu - ia

Al - le - lu - - -

Al - le - lu - ia

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- ia.

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Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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Hymn of the Day

A King Planned a Party

Words by C.W. Gillette

1. A king planned a par - ty, a feast, rich and heart - y. He
 2. "The wed - ding is read - y! My guests are not wor - thy!" The
 3. O God, you in - vite us. You seek to de - light us. Your
 sent in - vi - ta - tions to all of his guests. So
 king told his ser - vants when no - bod - y came. So
 ta - ble is read - y for those who say "Yes!" Do
 what could be bet - ter than get - ting a let - ter and
 go search the al - leys, the hills and the val - leys, and
 we make ex - cus - es when you want to choose us to
 be - ing in - vit - ed and wel - comed and blessed? "My
 bring in the poor and the blind and the lame." That
 sit at your ta - ble, for - giv - en and blessed? And,
 work needs at - ten - tion," said one, "Not to men - tion, my
 day there was sing - ing and halls that were ring - ing with
 Lord, as you wel - come us in - to - your king - dom, may
 fam - ily is grow - ing. There's so much to do." "My
 laugh - ter and joy in that won - der - ful place. For
 we reach to wel - come the world by your grace. You
 farm," said an - oth - er, "Is big, and, oh, broth - er, I'm
 those who at - tend - ed knew how they de - pend - ed up -
 love the out - sid - er. Now may we reach wid - er to
 bus - y with hob - bies I want to pur - sue."
 on the king's gen - er - ous mer - cy and grace.
 wel - come the world with your lov - ing em - brace.

Statement of Faith: The Maasai Creed (1960, Kenya & Tanzania)

We believe in the one High God of love who created the beautiful world and everything good in it. God created humanity and wanted us to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe in the world. We have known this God in darkness, and we now know God in the light. God promised in his book the Bible that God would save the world and all the nations and tribes.

We believe that God made good on his promise by sending his son, Jesus Christ, a man by the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari, doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and humanity, showing that the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He lay buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day he rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is the Lord.

We believe that all our sins are forgiven through Jesus. All who have faith in him must be sorry about their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live by the rules of love and share the bread together, to announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.

Prayers of the People

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Installation of Seolyeong Jeong, choir accompanist

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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Announcements

————MEAL————

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Down to the River to Pray

Chapel Choir

Offering Prayer

God of creation, **you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

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.**

Proper Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

Lead/Cantor

Ho - ly ho - ly in the high - est
Ho - ly ho - ly Lord

Ho - ly ho - ly
God of pow - er and might. Heav - en and earth are full of your

Sing ho - san - na
glo - - - ry Bless - ed is the

Sing ho - san - na Sing ho - san - na
one who comes in the name of the Lord

Bless ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

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. 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.

Invitation to Communion

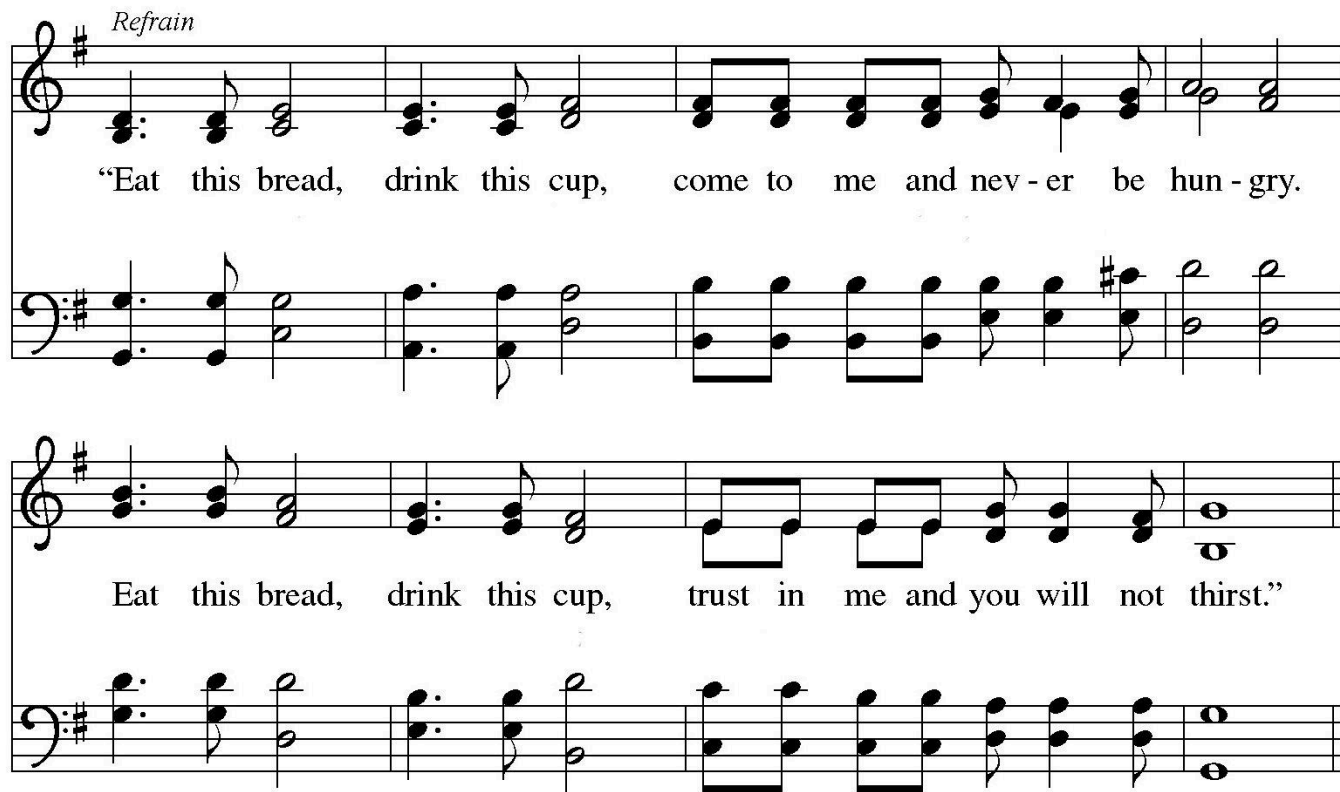
Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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Communion Distribution Songs

Eat This Bread

Refrain



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”

Welcome Table

*I'm goin'-a eat at the welcome table, I'm goin'-a eat at the welcome table, some of these days.
I'm goin'-a eat at the welcome table, I'm goin'-a eat at the welcome table, some of these days.*

*I'm goin'-a feast on milk and honey, I'm goin'-a feast on milk and honey, some of these days.
I'm goin'-a feast on milk and honey, I'm goin'-a feast on milk and honey, some of these days.*

*I'm goin'-to cross that river Jordan, I'm goin'-to cross that river Jordan, some of these days.
I'm goin'-to cross that river Jordan, I'm goin'-to cross that river Jordan, some of these days*

This Joy

by The Resistance Revival Chorus

This joy that I have, the world didn't give it to me
This joy that I have the world didn't give it to me
This joy that I have the world didn't give it to me
The world didn't give it the world can't take it away
This faith that I have.... This strength that I have... This love that I have...
God's peace that I have... God's grace that I have...

stand

Post-Communion Blessing ...Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

————SENDING————

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart

(Red Book) ELW #873, vs 1-4

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
 4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Re - joice! Re - joice!

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Flowers today are given by Anne Fisher in honor of Greg Dana's 80th birthday by his family. Would you like to help beautify our Sanctuary by sponsoring Altar flowers? Flowers may be dedicated "in honor, in memory, or in celebration" of a person or occasion. This dedication will be printed in the Sunday bulletin, and you may take the flowers home following the worship service. *To sponsor flowers, use the sign-up poster on the bulletin board between the Office and the Fellowship Hall. Contact office@sapl.org with any questions*

Welcoming Statement

Welcome, unique and beloved child of God. St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered community striving to love each other and the world more boldly. We are people of strong, uncertain, and undiscovered faith. We vary in age, family structure, physical and mental ability, and economic circumstance. We are diverse in sexual orientation, gender expression, and gender identity. We differ in appearance, ethnicity, and culture. Gifted and imperfect, wounded and healing, we are made whole by God's infinite love and grace. We invite you to experience that love and grace with us, to find rest here, find a family, and be fed. We promise to honor your unique experience and gifts as we journey together in Christ, embracing the work of anti-racism, LGBTQIA+ rights, social and economic justice, and environmental care, to mend and heal a broken world for the glory of God.

Welcome, unique and beloved child of God.

Prayer Concerns

For the family of Kent Eklund, Mary Gibson (grandmother of Diane Sherwin), Erin Hanafin Berg, Jonell Richards, Aaron Frase (spouse of Colleen Healy), Larry Gaenzle, Shirley Peterson (Grandmother of Ashley Schultz), Souix Trayner and Lisa Lange (friends of Kathy Scott), Roger Eggen, Matias Lee Hacker (Sonia Ellis' friend's grandson), Kristin Shardlow, Ellen Healy, Brad and Liv Lane (friends of the Eklunds), George Copa (Dona Leonhard's husband), Michelle Christianson, Dolores Rivard, Rose Syring, Nathan Storhoff (nephew of Solveig Storhoff), Lynndelle and Erik Pratt, Rohini Anderson (friend of Lisa Gray), Kim Hansen (friend of Brenda Hansen), Robb Scott (spouse of Kathy), Jim Larson, Jean Bendt, Sabrina Raatz (great niece of Elaine Phillips), Dorothy Wallevand, Roy Klebe (friends of Karin Collin), Mary Gibson (friend of Peggy and Mickey Dobbins), Scott Reidel, Paul Rogness, Kari Smebye, Georgia Nygaard (friends of Peggy and Mickey Dobbins), Sharon Satre, Mike Satre (son of Sharon Satre), Berit Griffin, and Chad (friend of Peggy and Mickey Dobbins).

And we pray for peace in the world and for our military personnel, as well as all people affected by war, political unrest, and natural disasters.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

To prepare for worship next week: Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm Psalm 96:1-9, Matthew 22:15-22

What is a House?

Houses at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church are a small group ministry that enables meaningful connections and opportunities for serving together. Houses provide worship support for a dedicated month each year and meet regularly to grow in faith and prayerful support for one another.

The October House

Catherine Anderson; Jenny and Josh Anderson; Erik, Jessica, Soren, Aksel and Elin Bjorum; Dave and Karen Davis, Paul and Kim Durkee; John Eaton; Audrey Estebo; Matt, Laura, Josie and June Flynn; Levi and Lauren Heath; Mark and Brenda Hansen; Trygve, Jeanne, Chloe, Dalila and Hazel; Cliff Lagerquist, Alexis, Aaron, Harper, Nicolas, Julian and Aris Lorenz; Tamara Mason; Dave, Cara, Eleanor and Asa Melvin; Ben, Kristin, Aksel, and Boden Shardlow; Sara, Siri and Stellan Shepard

Serving Today

Preaching: Pastor Jill Rode
Presiding: Pastor Daniel Tallon Ruen
Reader: The Lorenz Family
Ushers: The Lorenz family and Mark Hansen
Tech: Ian Van Schyndel

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———Worship at St. Anthony Park Lutheran———

Notes on our Worship Seasons

Our tradition observes the western liturgical calendar. Our year begins with the season of Advent, followed by the festival of Christmas, the Epiphany season, Lent, Holy Week (featuring something we call 'The Triduum,' or 'Three Days'- Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, & Holy Saturday), the great festival of Easter, and then finishes with the festival of Pentecost and the long, 'green season' over the summer and into the fall. Then, we do it all over again!

Our Vision Statement proclaims St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church will be a 'dynamic worshipping community.' To meet that vision we offer a blended worship style, welcoming many genres and worship expressions. In order to grow in love and appreciation for various modes of the Spirit we rotate settings between the above- mentioned seasons of the church year. A setting is an arrangement of various worship elements that complement the meaning of the liturgical season.

During Lent we used the Taize setting we have done in the past. For the Easter season we used "People Get Ready". For the beginning of the summer, we returned to a more traditional setting, ELW #3, for the next few weeks we did the Emmanuel Lutheran djembe setting, and for the remainder of the summer we did a setting based on Celtic hymns. Now, for the Fall season we will use a liturgy based on the Tanzanian tune "Nemamona Bwana", arranged by Jonathan Orwig.

We pray you experience the resurrected Christ in our midst as we worship together!

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