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**The Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, May 10, 2026**

*Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.*

**GATHERING**

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

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*Let us prepare for Worship.*

**GATHERING PRELUDE:**

*Come, Holy Spirit (Sanctuary Choir) ..... Mark Foreman/Jack Schrader*  
*Come Down, O Love Divine ..... Thomas Keesecker*

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*The congregation stands. All may make the sign of the cross †, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All:** Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

**P:** In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**P:** Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.*

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**All:** make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

All: **make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

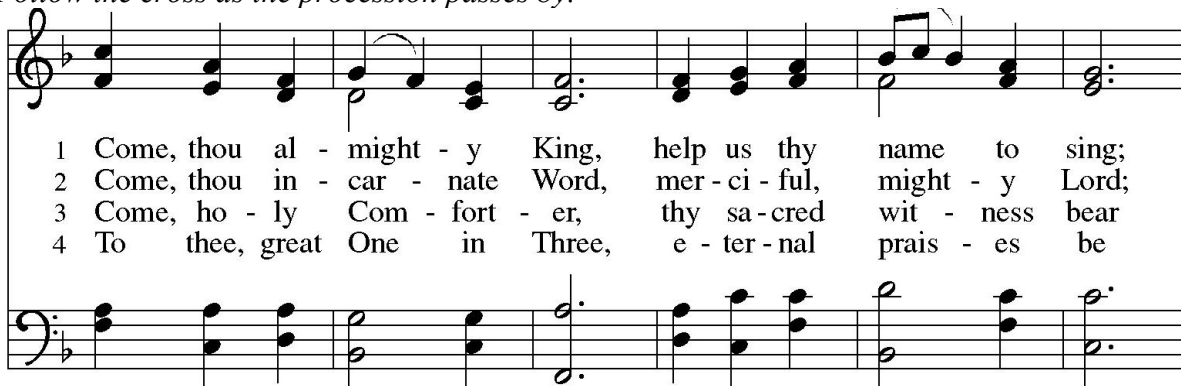
All: **make us one as you are one.**

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

All: **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: *Come, Thou Almighty King* ..... ELW 408**

*Follow the cross as the procession passes by.*



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;  
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in  
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



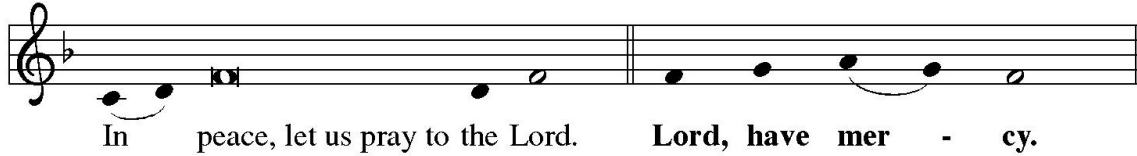
to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.  
ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

**GREETING**

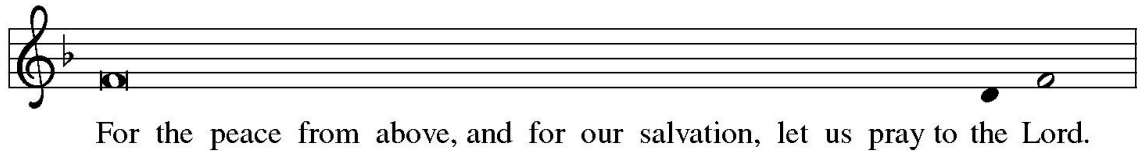
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

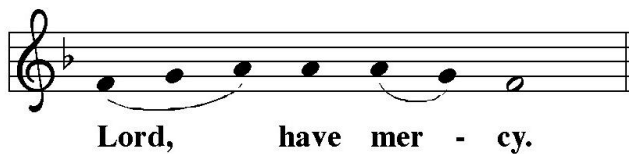
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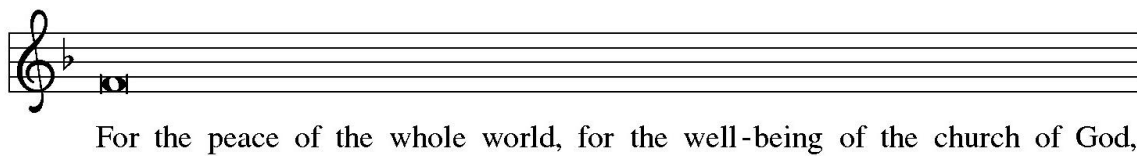
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



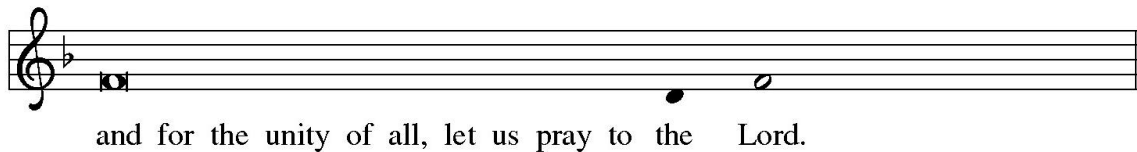
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



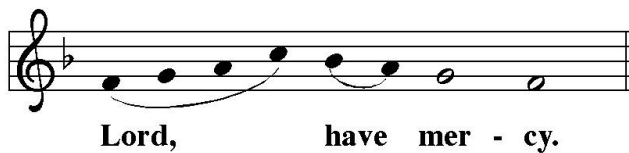
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



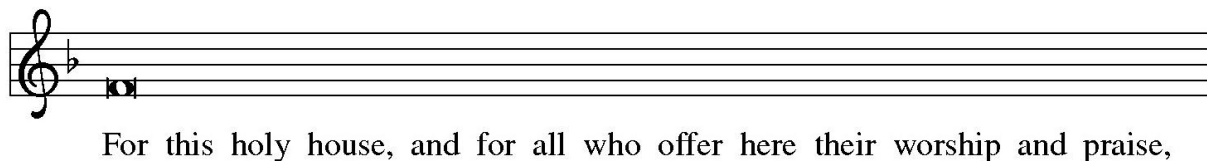
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



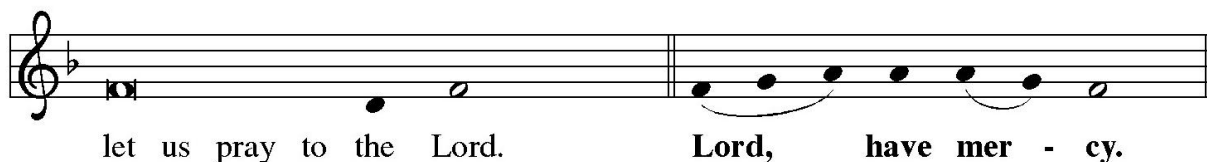
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



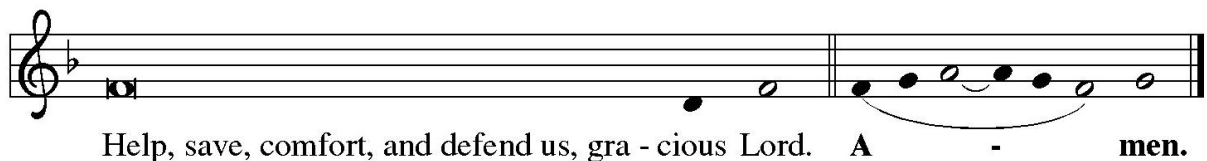
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



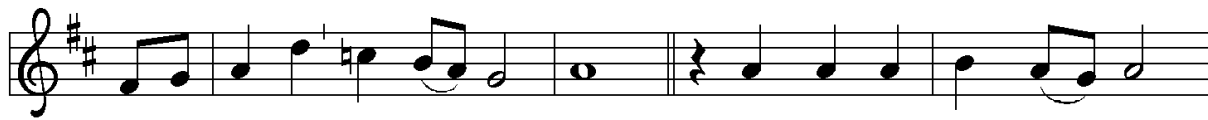
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: *This is the Feast*

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

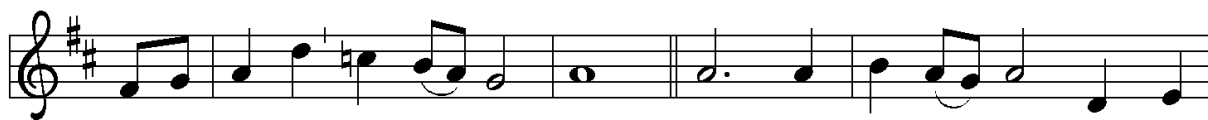


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

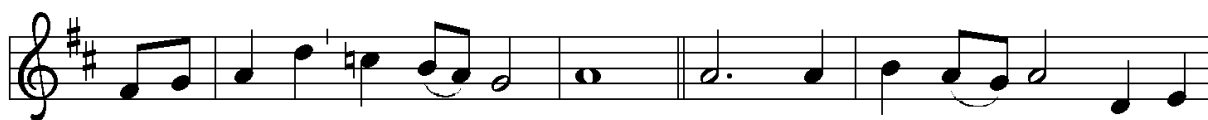


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

*The congregation sits.*

**FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31**

*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

<sup>22</sup> Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup> “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 66:8-20**

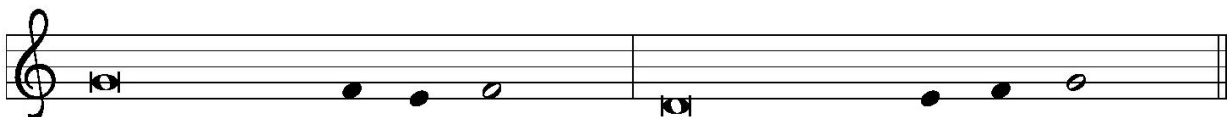
*(Congregation sings the refrain and **bold** verses)*

*Refrain:*



Bless our God, you peo - ples; let the sound of praise be heard.

*Verse:*



<sup>8</sup> Bless our | God, you peoples;  
let the sound of | praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup> **Our God has kept us a- | mong the living  
and has not allowed our | feet to slip. R**

<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have | tested us;  
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

- <sup>11</sup> **You brought us in- | to the net;  
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**
- <sup>12</sup> You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.
- <sup>13</sup> **I will enter your house | with burnt offerings  
and will pay | you my vows—**
- <sup>14</sup> those that I promised | with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.
- <sup>15</sup> **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke of rams;  
I will give you ox- | en and goats. R**
- <sup>16</sup> Come and listen, all you | who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has | done for me.
- <sup>17</sup> **I called out to God | with my mouth,  
and praised the Lord | with my tongue.**
- <sup>18</sup> If I had cherished evil | in my heart,  
the Lord would | not have heard me;
- <sup>19</sup> **but in truth | God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.**
- <sup>20</sup> Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing | love from me. **R**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

*The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.*

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation stands.*

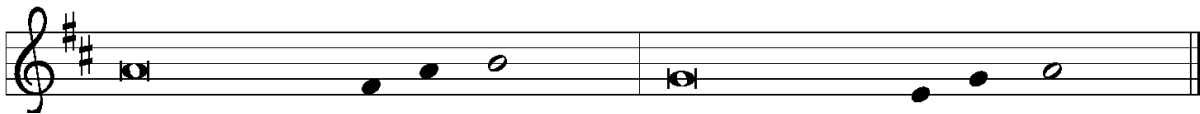
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia**

*Refrain:*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Verse:*



Those who love me will keep my word, and my Fa-ther will love them,\*  
and we will come to them and make our home with them. *Alleluia.*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

**HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:15-21**

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The congregation sits.*

**SERMON**

*Silence for reflection.*

*The congregation stands.*

1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine  
 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,  
 4 And so the year - ning strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—  
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear  
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,  
 no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

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## 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

*The congregation sits.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**P:** Merciful God,

**All:** receive our prayer.

## SHARING OF PEACE

*The presiding minister and the congregation greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All:** And also with you.

Thank you for your generous support of our ministry at Holy Trinity. Offering can be placed in the Offering Plate at the entrance to worship or in the Offering Box on the table with the bulletins.

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands* (verses 4 and 5)..... **ELW 370**  
(Join in singing from the red ELW hymnal in the pew.)

The congregation stands.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

A: Let us pray . . . Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

All: Amen.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

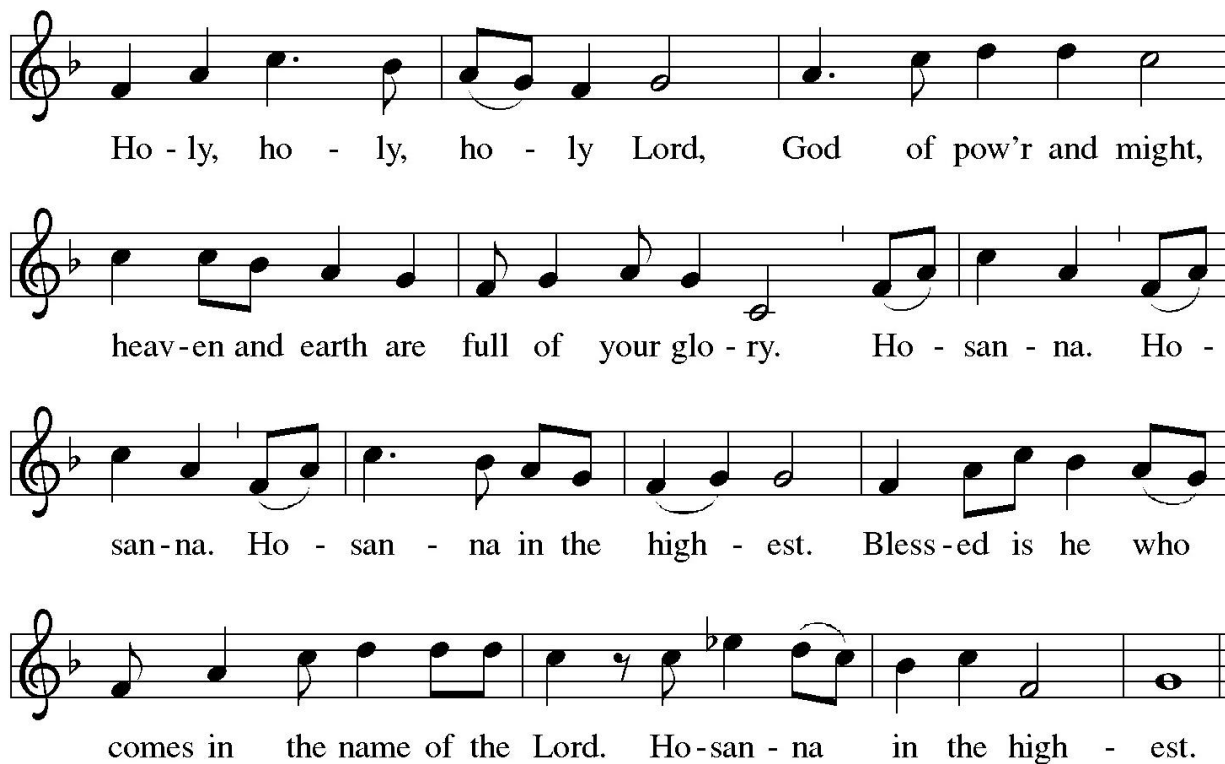
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**PREFACE**

P: ....And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## 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. 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 in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

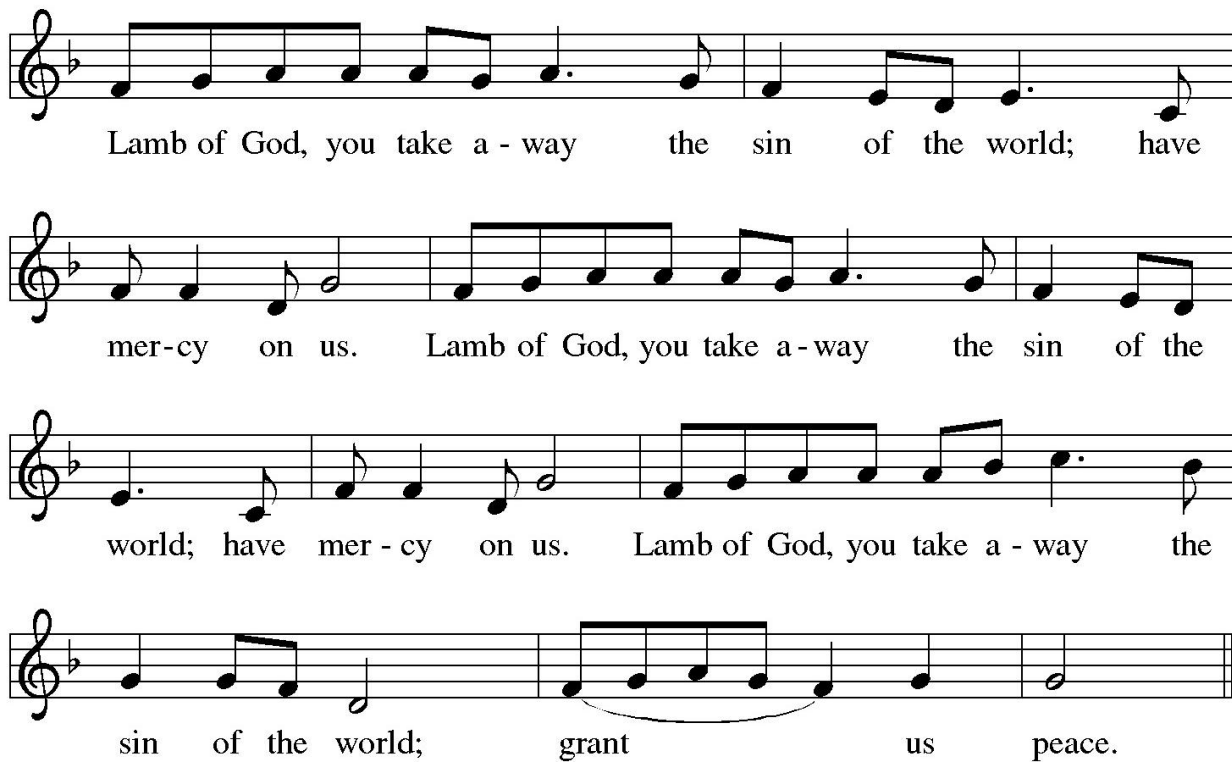
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.  
All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*The congregation sits.*

**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.

**COMMUNION HYMN:** *Children of the Heavenly Father* ..... **ELW 781**  
*(Join in singing from the red ELW hymnal in the pew.)*

*The congregation stands.*

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P:** May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.  
**All: Amen.**

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

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A:** Let us pray...Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,  
**All: Amen.**

**BLESSING**

**P:** Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless you and raise you to newness of life, now and forever.  
**All: Amen.**

Follow the cross as the procession passes by.



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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**DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*..... Wayne L. Wold

**IN THE CHURCH TODAY**

The bulletin is given in memory of Kaeli Brandt by Mommy, Grammy and Pop Pop (Doug and Darlene Weaver). The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Marilyn Schaeffer by Andrea Hospodar.

**SERVING TODAY**

**Presiding Minister:** .....Rev. Pamela J. Carnes  
**Director of Music Ministries/Organist:** .....Alan Hair  
**Assisting Minister:** .....Donna Artley  
**Reader:** ..... Sarah Hancock  
**Communion Assistants:**.....JoEllen Myers and Jen Keeler  
**Crucifer:**..... Anna Keeler  
**Torchbearers:**..... Caroline Hancock and Lucy Paul  
**Livestream Team:** ..... Kirk Sponaugle, Jordan Paul, and Adam Gardner



Dear Lord Jesus, When You walked upon this earth, You healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, caused the lame to walk, and raised the dead. Now we come to You on behalf of those who are in need today and pray that You would send them Your healing power. Hear our prayer for Your name’s sake. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY**

**Prayer Concerns:** Shirley Eckard, Barbara Ehrhart, David Ehrhart, Sharon Ellis (friend of the Dunham’s), Roger Fletcher (friend of the Knols), Bill Fosnacht, Michael Fox,, Herb Huebner, Father Michael Hutsko, Ann Jonell (friend of the Dunham’s), Matthew Kulbacki, Penny Lutz, Carol Miller, Jessica Noeske (Derek Dunham’s cousin), Chris Ruff, Edward Sellard, Kay Smith, Pastor Frank Terhune and Gloria Thompson.

**Bereaved:** The Family of Brenda Stone (sister of Betsy Hancock).

**DAILY PRAYERS**

Virginia Frank, Dean Huebner, Evadne Kopp, Dennis Lubold, Chip Murray, Sharon Murray, George Trump, Bob Warden (friend of Mary Ann Kelly), Vwawa Congregation of the Konde Diocese in Tanzania and all our Homebound members.

**Members of Armed Forces and their families:** Evan Briggs, Marshal Fox, Michael Kristian, Riley Litman, Tory Young

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