



**The Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
( Father's Day)  
**June 17, 2012**

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**FAITHFUL LUTHERANS SENT BY CHRIST TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN**

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**WELCOME!**

All are welcome at Faith Lutheran Church today as we continue our journey of faith. Join with us as we offer our praises to God. We offer Holy Communion each Sunday. All baptized persons who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. There is a nursery available for those who need it.

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The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Charlotte Davis and Patricia Perry in memory of Bob Davis

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**Events/Activities This Week around Faith:**

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| <b>Today</b> | 9:15am Adult S.S.   | Fri. 6/22 | 7:00pm  | Concert/Park  |
|              | 10:30am Worship     | Sat. 6/23 | 9:00am  | Loaves/Fishes |
| Mon. 6/18    | 10:00am Quilters    | Sun. 6/24 | 9:15am  | Adult S.S.    |
| Thurs. 6/21  | 10:00am Bible Study |           | 10:30am | Worship       |

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**Announcements**

**CONCERTS IN THE PARK** continues this Friday. Please sign up on the sheets in the Narthex to bake or to man the booth or both.

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEER** sign up sheets are in the Narthex on the bulletin board. Space is available for July. Please sign up to assist with worship or to usher or greet.

**COUNCIL** will meet briefly after worship today.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** begins on Monday, June 25, 2012 at 9:00am. VBS meets Mon – Thurs. from 9:00am – 12:00pm. On Thursday, June 28, a light supper will be served at 6:00pm followed by a program at 7:00pm.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the creator of wind and rain, field and ocean,  
the bread of life coming down from above,  
the power at work within us and this world.

**Amen.**

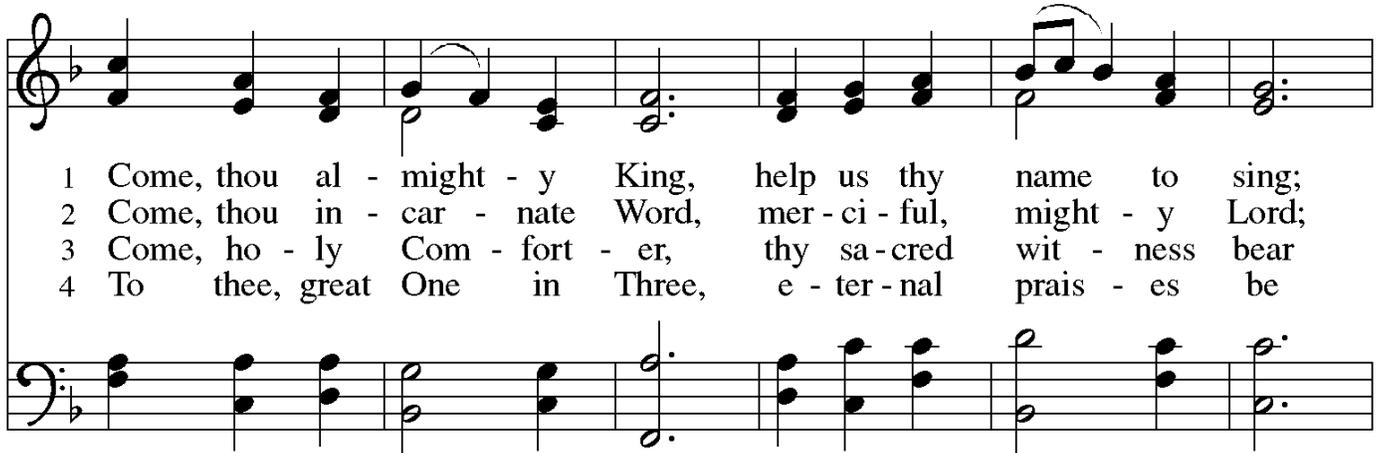
Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God and Father of all,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed.  
We have thought better of ourselves than others.  
We have told lies, said hurtful things,  
acted in ways we wish we could take back,  
and looked the other way when action was needed.  
In your mercy, O God,  
forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us,  
for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.  
Amen.**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
everything old has passed away;  
everything has become new!  
In Christ, + you are a new creation:  
your sins are taken away and you are made new.  
Be kind to one another,  
tenderhearted, forgiving one another,  
as God in Christ has forgiven you.  
**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG: *Come, Thou Almighty King* (ELW 408)



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.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

## GREETING

The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



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



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



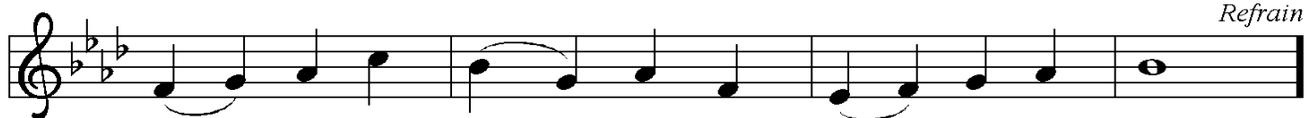
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

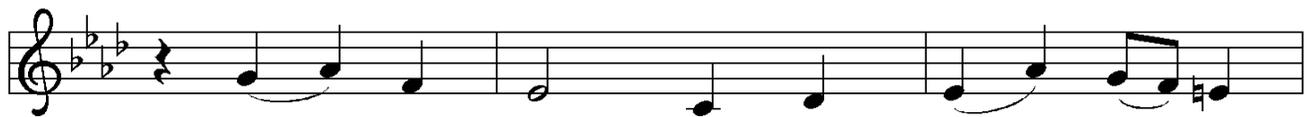


Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22–24

A reading from Ezekiel.

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. <sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.\

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 92:1–4, 12–15

*The Psalm for the day is spoken responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, <sup>1</sup>O Most High;

<sup>2</sup>**to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;**

<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

<sup>4</sup>**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy because of the work<sup>1</sup> of your hands.**

<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

<sup>13</sup>**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

<sup>15</sup>**that they may show how upright the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

## SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6–10[11–13] 14–17

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord — <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

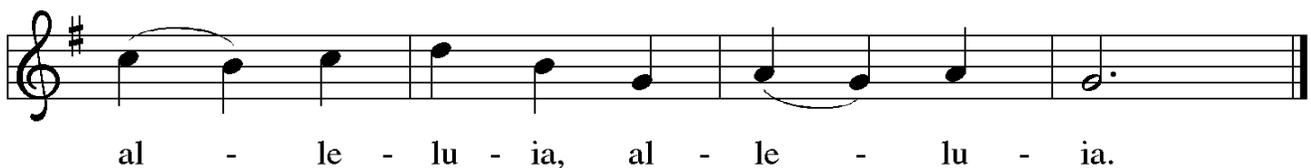
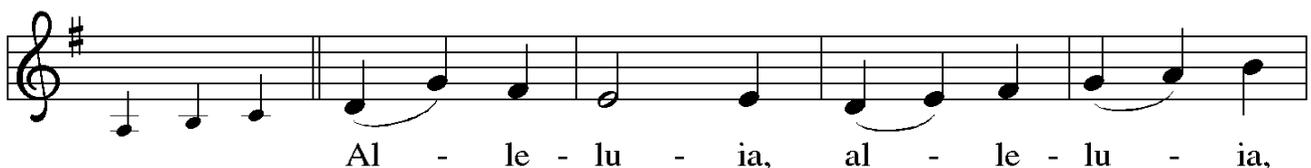
<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

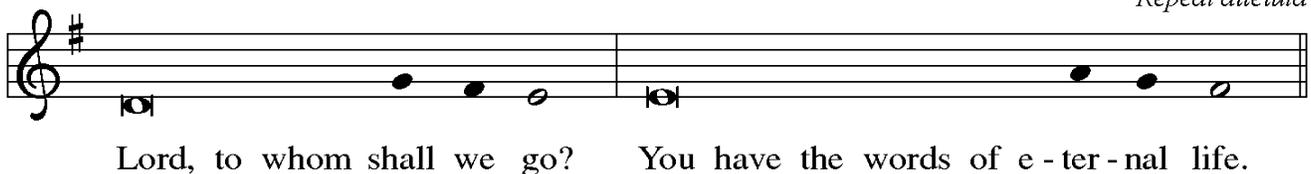
Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Repeat alleluia*



## GOSPEL: Mark 4:26–34

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>26</sup>He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

*The assembly is seated.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY: *For the Fruit of All Creation* (ELW 679)

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

**CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

With reverence for the earth, those in need, and the whole human family, let us offer our prayers to God. *A brief silence.*

Creative and loving God, we lift up to you preachers, teachers, poets, writers, visual artists, and all who proclaim the mystery of the kingdom of God. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate Christ, we pray for social service agencies, relief organizations, shelters, food pantries, and all who care for those in need. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for the green earth and the gifts of seeds and crops, fruits and vegetables, trees of the field, and birds of the air. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Spirit of life, we cry out to you for all who seek healing and relief *especially Megan Holman, Walter Clive, Jim Vogt, Gordon McCall, Barbara Sorenson, Kathy Dycus, Rita Harrod, Shirley Bushman, Vivian Fraizer, Carol Haub, Chuck Boston and Brian Gerwing*, that they may flourish in the love of Christ. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Loving God, we lift before your throne of grace this congregation of your disciples, that you teach us to walk by faith and not by sight, trusting that you make all things new. For fathers and those who provide fatherly care for others. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Hear, O God, the prayers of your faithful people, either silent or spoken aloud.

Be present at celebration tables, increasing the joy of those who gather for birthdays, weddings, and parties especially *Nancy Arbuckle, Jordon Searcy, Lisa Peter, Edith Woodward, Nicole Parish and Sarah Rife* with birthdays and *Scott and Veronica Rife; Charles and Sylvia Scott, and Pastor Scott and Laura Meier* with anniversaries this week. Be present at empty tables, filling the hungry and the lonely with hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks to you, most merciful and gracious God, for your holy people of all times and places. Send us forth to scatter seeds of mercy until we join all your saints in the harvest of eternal life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our hopes and prayers, O God of mercy, for great is your faithfulness in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.* The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## **OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set.*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.*

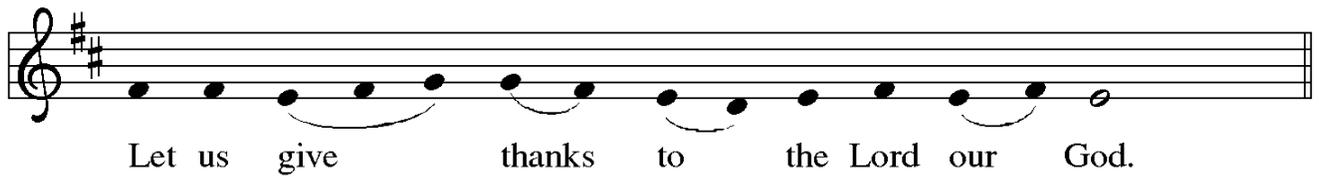
## OFFERING PRAYER

*The assisting minister prays the following prayer*

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

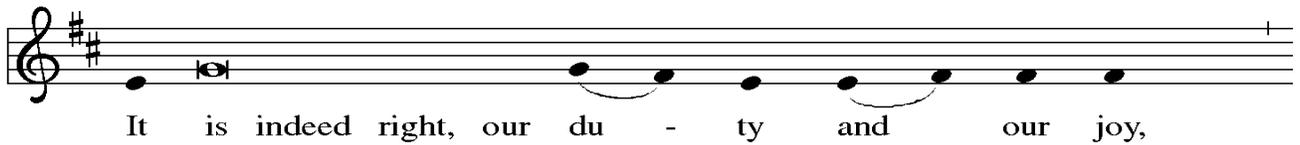
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



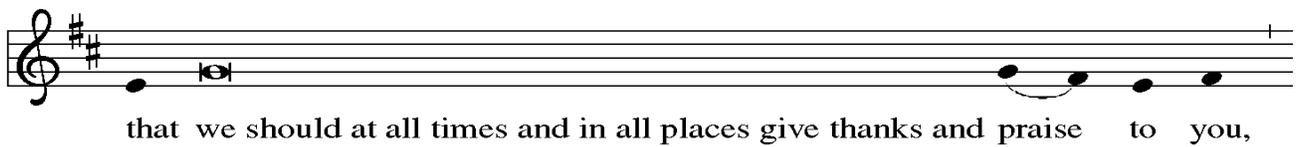
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.



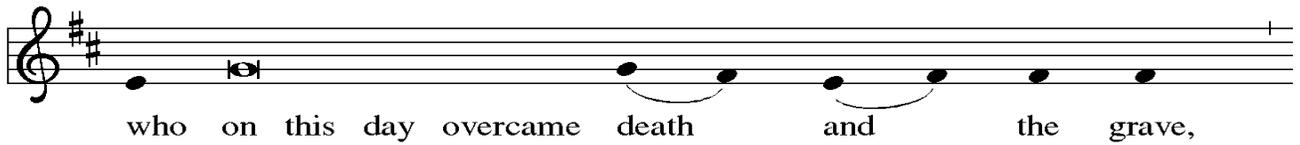
It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



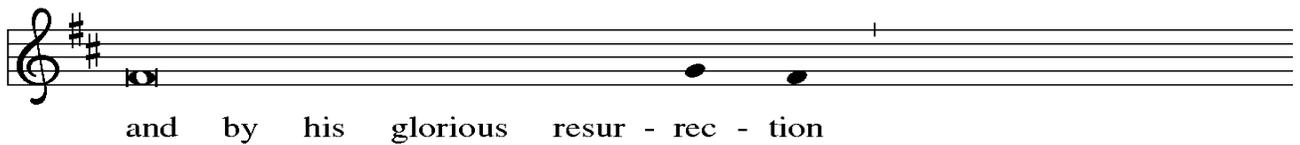
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



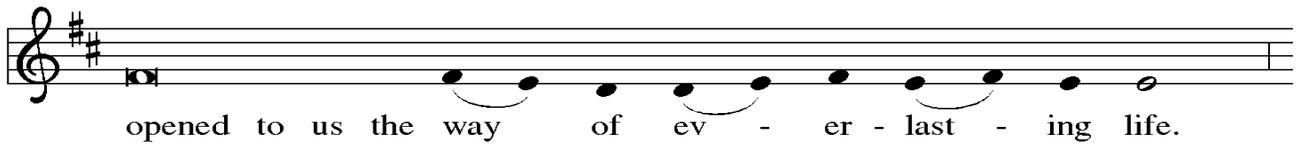
al-mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;



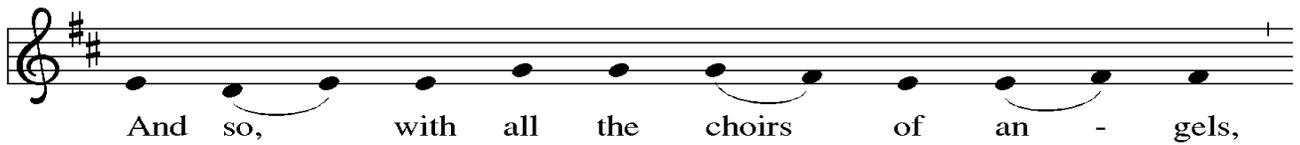
who on this day overcame death and the grave,



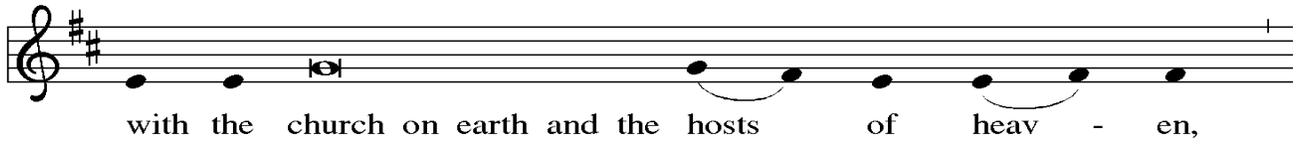
and by his glorious resur - rec - tion



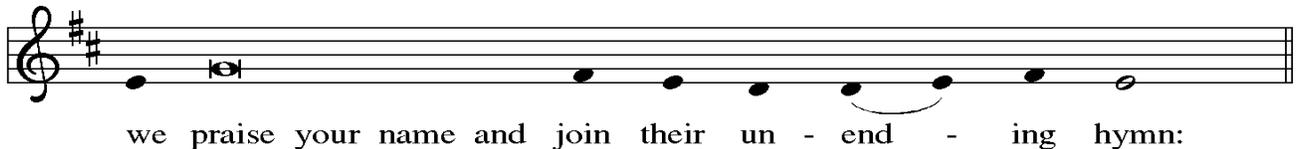
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.



And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,

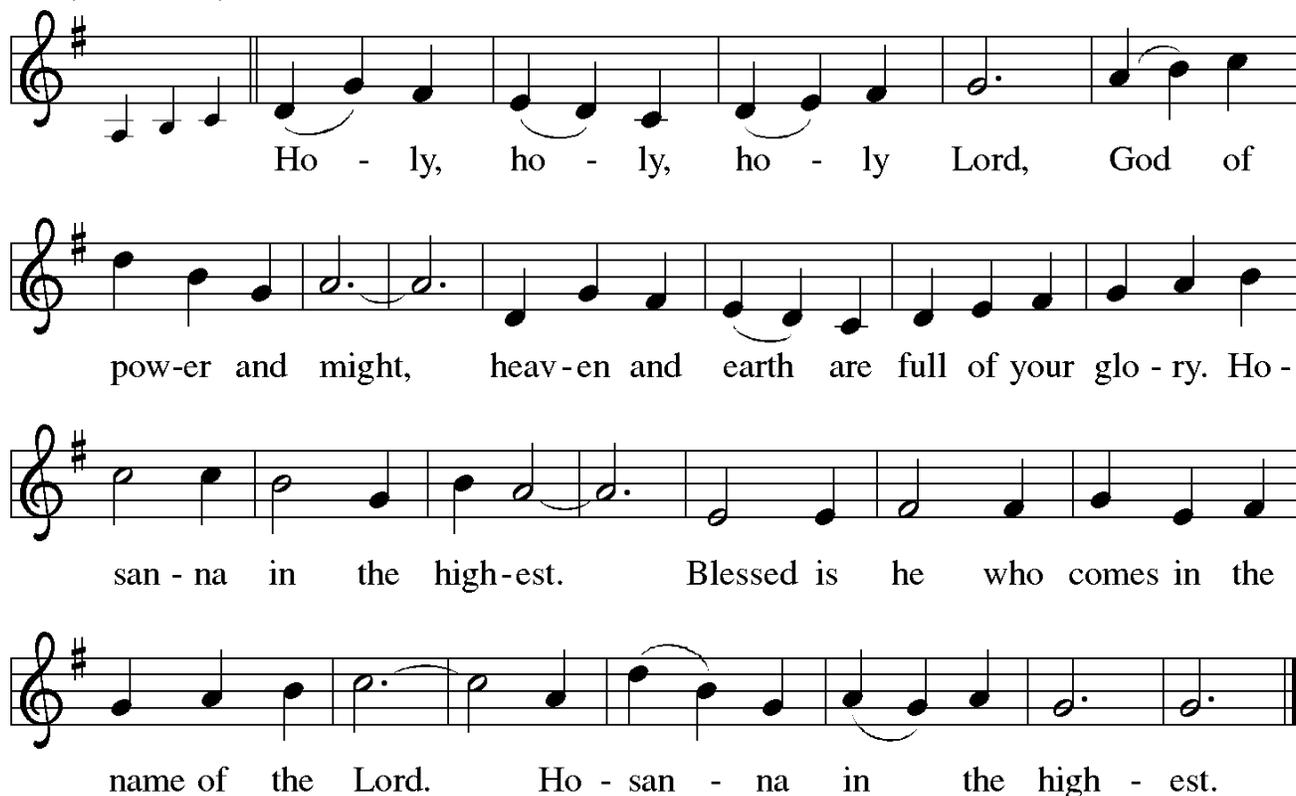


with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,



we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

## **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**

Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."



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

## COMMUNION

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The assisting minister prays the following prayer*

Generous God, we thank you that at Wisdom's holy table you have fed us again with her bread and wine, the food of everlasting life. Send us, your servants, into all the land, that we may act wisely, seek the good of our neighbor, and call others to come to the feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### BLESSING

Almighty and merciful God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world. Affirmation of Christian Vocation may be used here.*

**SENDING SONG: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* (ELW 547)**



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**PRAYER CONCERNS**

## **Members**

Megan Holman, Thyroid cancer treatment

Walter Clive, repair of hip replacement

Jim Vogt, recovering from surgery

Gordon McCall, health issues

Barbara Sorenson, surgery for colon cancer

## **Family & Friends**

Kathy Dycus, in recovery in Carmel, IN

Rita Harrod, Breast cancer surgery/treatment

Shirley Buschman, transitioning to home

Vivian Fraizer, treatment for recurring colon cancer

Carol Haub, treatment for breast cancer

Chuck Boston, alcohol rehab

\*Please note, we reset the Family & Friends portion of prayer concerns each month, please let us know of anyone you would like to remain on or be placed on the list.

## **Shut-in**

Dorothy Clerici, Lincoln Hills Health Center

Norma Boehme, Westminster Village

Edwina Andregg, Autumn Woods

Ken Steward, Westminster Village

## **Service agencies/programs/special needs**

CLM

Eric Hall Foundation

Members of our Armed Forces at home and abroad

Members of Faith who have lost jobs and are seeking employment

Lapsed members and visitors seeking a church home

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Families affected by tornados in IN and KY

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|------------------|------------|--------------------|----|
| Current Offering | \$2,734.00 | Worship attendance | 66 |
| Other Offering   | 227.00     | Nursery attendance | 2  |
| Total Offering   | \$2,961.00 | Total attendance   | 68 |

We need \$3,226 in current each week to continue the missions of our church. How did we do last week? Thanks to all who worship, work, give, and pray at Faith in thanks to God for God's blessings.

### **SERVING THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP**

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Pastor</b>              | <b>Pastor Scott Meier</b>  |
| <b>Assistant</b>           | <b>Carol Taylor</b>        |
| <b>Organist</b>            | <b>Barb Brewster</b>       |
| <b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>    | <b>Youth</b>               |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>         | <b>Veronica Rife</b>       |
| <b>Greeters</b>            |                            |
| <b>Ushers</b>              |                            |
| <b>Audio</b>               | <b>Bill Holman</b>         |
| <b>Nursery</b>             | <b>Lisa Peter</b>          |
| <b>Social</b>              | <b>Rick and Terri Barr</b> |
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### **SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP**

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| <b>Pastor</b>              | <b>Pastor Scott Meier</b>        |
| <b>Assistant</b>           | <b>Virginia Klemens</b>          |
| <b>Organist</b>            | <b>Barb Brewster</b>             |
| <b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>    | <b>Youth</b>                     |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>         | <b>Veronica Rife</b>             |
| <b>Greeters</b>            | <b>Don and Vivian Smith</b>      |
| <b>Ushers</b>              |                                  |
| <b>Audio</b>               | <b>Bill Holman</b>               |
| <b>Nursery</b>             | <b>Lisa Peter</b>                |
| <b>Social</b>              | <b>Dick and Virginia Klemens</b> |
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**Scripture Readings for next week: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 141; Acts 13:13-26; Luke 1: 57-67**