

**The Feast of John the Baptist
June 24, 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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| Today | 9:15am Adult S.S. | Fri. 6/22 | 7:00pm | Concert/Park |
| | 10:30am Worship | Sun. 6/24 | 9:15am | Adult S.S. |
| Mon. – Thurs. 6/25 – 28 | VBS | | 10:30am | Worship |
| Thurs. 6/28 | 6:00pm | VBS supper and program | | |

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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.

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.

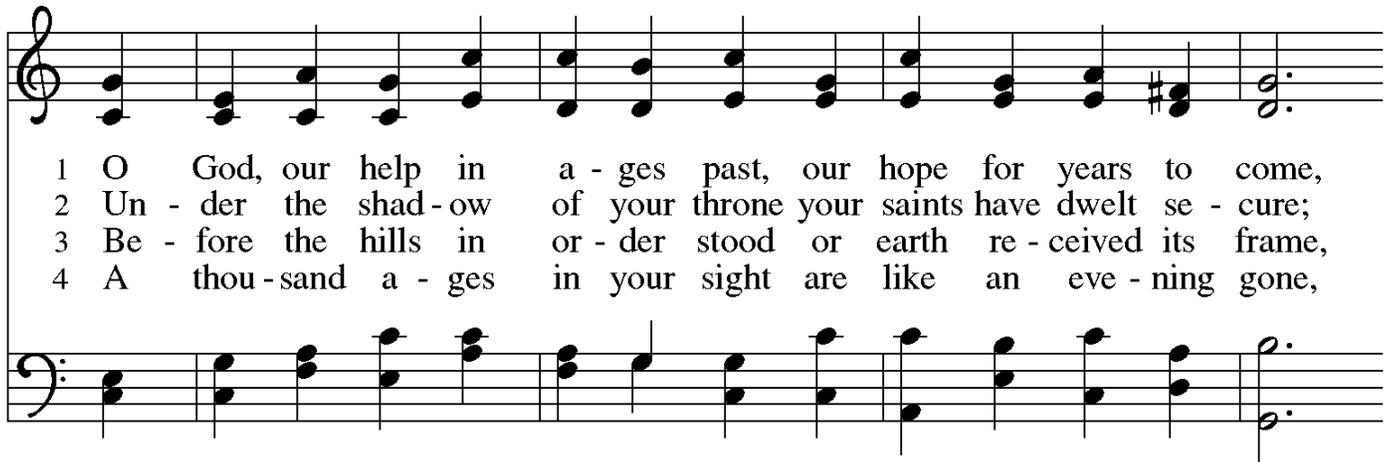
Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

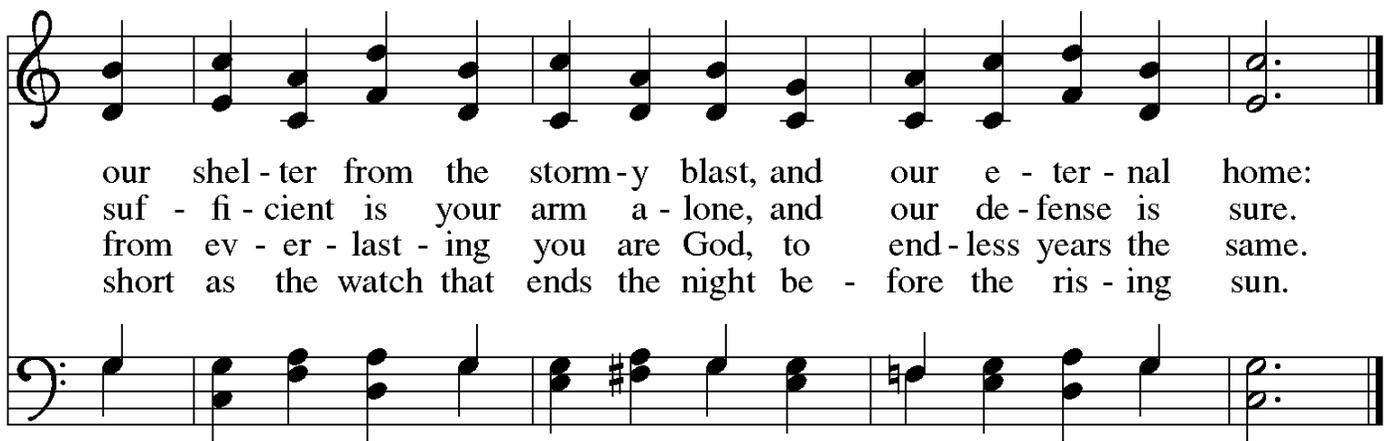
God and Father of all,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.
We have thought better of ourselves than others.
We have told lies, said hurtful things,
acted in ways we wish we could take back,
and looked the other way when action was needed.
In your mercy, O God,
forgive 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: *O God our Help in Ages Past* (ELW 632)



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

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:

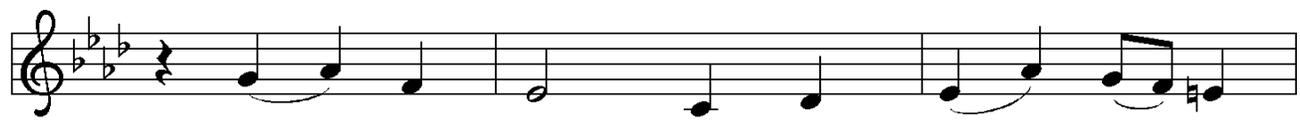


Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain



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



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.....Almighty God, by your gracious providence your servant John the Baptist was born to Elizabeth and Zechariah. Grant to your people the wisdom to see your purpose and the openness to hear your will, that the light of Christ may increase in us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1–4

A reading from Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the LORD whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight — indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 141

The Psalm for the day is said responsively.

¹O LORD, I call to you; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to you.

²**Let my prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

³Set a watch before my mouth, O LORD, and guard the door of my lips.

⁴**Let not my heart incline to any evil thing. Let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers, nor eat of their sweet foods.**

⁵Let the righteous strike me; their rebukes, as oil upon the head, are not to be refused. Yet my prayers are continually against the deeds of the wicked.

⁶**Let their rulers be thrown down upon the stones, that they may hear my words, for they are sweet.**

⁷Just as one who tills the earth breaks the rock, so let their bones be scattered at the mouth of the grave.

⁸**But my eyes are turned to you, Lord GOD; in you I take refuge; strip me not of my life.**

⁹Guard me from the trap that they have laid for me and from the snares of evildoers.

¹⁰**Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I alone pass through.**

SECOND READING: Acts 13:13–26

A reading from Acts.

¹³Then Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. John, however, left them and returned to Jerusalem; but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. ¹⁵After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it." ¹⁶So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak:

"You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. ¹⁷The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. ¹⁸For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. ¹⁹After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance ²⁰for about four hundred fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. ²¹Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. ²²When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, 'I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes.' ²³Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised; ²⁴before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. ²⁵And as John was finishing his work, he said, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet.'

²⁶My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:57–67 [68–80]

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵⁷Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

⁵⁹On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. ⁶⁰But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." ⁶¹They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." ⁶²Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. ⁶³He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. ⁶⁴Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. ⁶⁶All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

⁶⁷Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: ⁶⁸"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, ⁷⁰as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. ⁷²Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, ⁷³the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear,

⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. ⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. ⁷⁸By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, ⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

⁸⁰The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

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: *By All Your Saints in Warfare* (ELW 769)



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,
Insert appointed stanza or this general stanza 2:

2 A - pos - tles, proph - ets, mar - tyrs, and all the no - ble thron - g
Last Give praise to God Al - might - y, and wor - ship God the Son,



your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blessed!

who wear the spot - less rai - ment and raise the cease - less song—
and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,



For you a - rose vic - to - rious that they might wear the crown

for these passed on be - fore us, we sing our praise a - new
till all the ran - sored num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



and share the light of glo - ry re - flect - ed from your throne.

and, walk - ing in their foot - steps, would live our lives for you.
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone.

Barnabas, Apostle + June 11

13 For Barnabas we praise you,
appointed by your call,
who, filled with faith and Spirit,
proclaimed your word with Paul.
Give us your grace, O Savior,
that we become the same:
companions in your mission,
who bear the Christian name.

Mary, Mother of Our Lord + August 15

18 Oh, magnify with Mary
the God whom we adore;
rejoice in Christ our Savior,
true God whom Mary bore;
and praise the holy Power
in her made manifest.
With all the generations
acclaim this woman blest.

John the Baptist + June 24

14 We praise you for the Baptist,
forerunner of the Word,
our true Elijah, making
a highway for the Lord.
The last and greatest prophet,
he saw the dawning ray
of light that grows in splendor
until the perfect day.

Bartholomew, Apostle + August 24

19 All praise for him whose candor
through all his doubt you saw
when Philip at the fig tree
disclosed you in the law.
Discern, beneath our surface,
O Lord, what we can be,
that by your truth made guileless,
your glory we may see.

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.*

Prophetic God, we come to you to ask that you send heralds and messengers, just like John the Baptist, to announce the dawn of mercy and peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we pray that you raise up public leaders and officials who will work for the common good and seek reconciliation with enemies and foes. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we give thanks to you that the bright summer sun shines to nourish and refresh trees, and that your abundant rain falls on plants, crops, and vegetation so that all of your creation may flourish and grow. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Healing God, we ask that the light of your presence comfort and heal all who sit in the darkness of addiction, despair, or illness *especially Megan Holman, Walter Clive, Jim Vogt, Barbara Sorenson, Chuck Boston, Shirley Buschman, Kathy Culik, Sarah Deetsch, Kathy Dycus, Rita Harrod, Carol Haub, Vivian Fraizer, Brian Johnson and Guy McCauley.* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we delight in these midsummer days, reveling in the long hours of daylight, enjoying the warmth and the gentle breezes and the great favor you bestow on your people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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 Josh Landis and John Campbell with birthdays and Amy and Corey Durham and Gordon and Dorothy McCall 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 for the birth of John the Baptist and for all your holy prophets and saints of old. May your light increase in us until the day when there is no more darkness, sin, or death. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.

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.

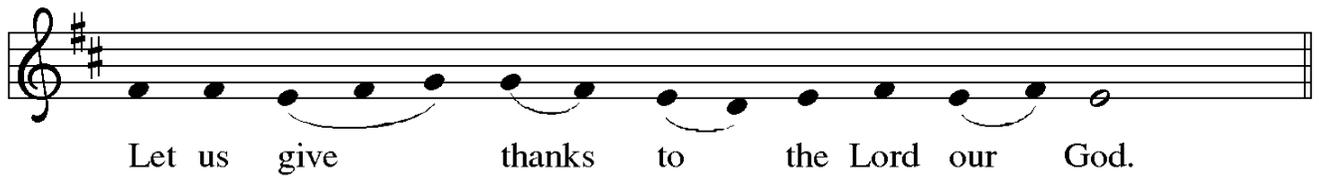
OFFERING PRAYER

The assisting minister offers the following prayer

Let us pray... 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

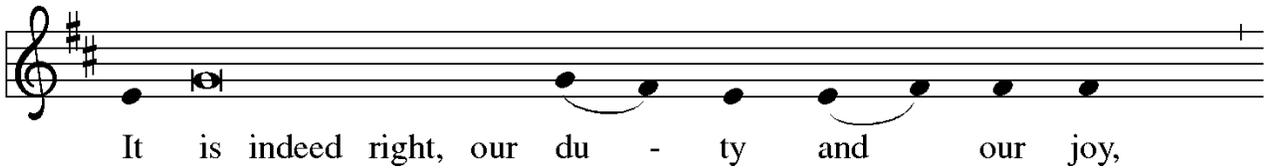
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



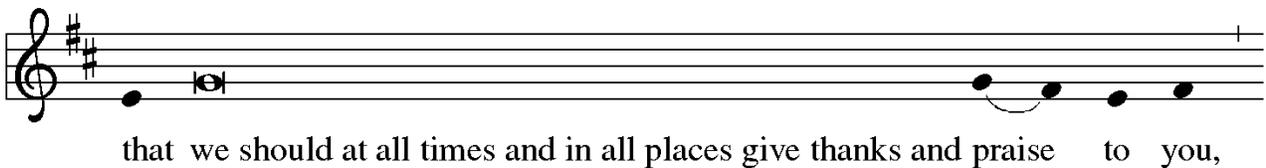
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



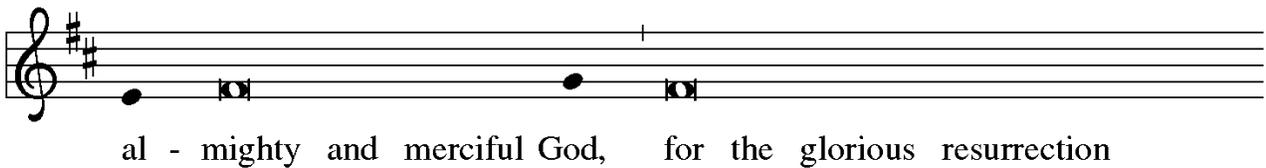
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



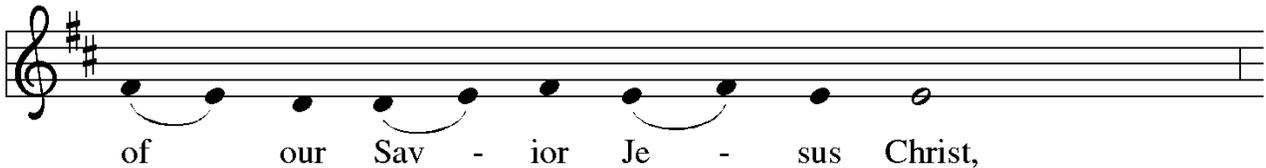
It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



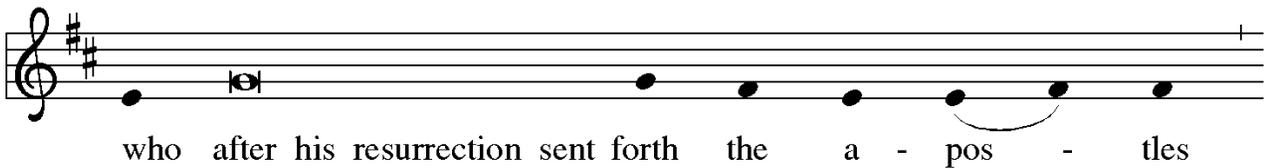
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



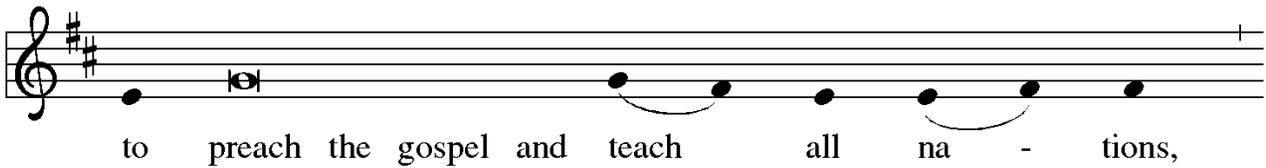
al - mighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection



of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ,



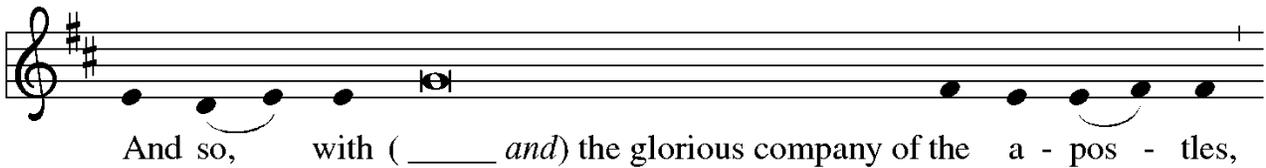
who after his resurrection sent forth the a - pos - tles



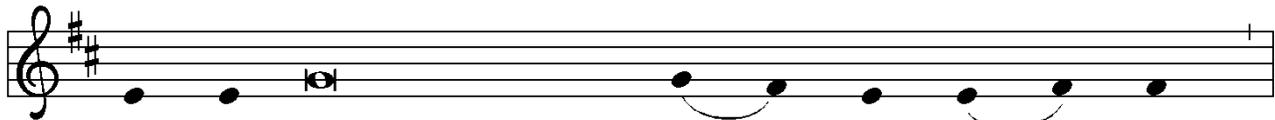
to preach the gospel and teach all na - tions,



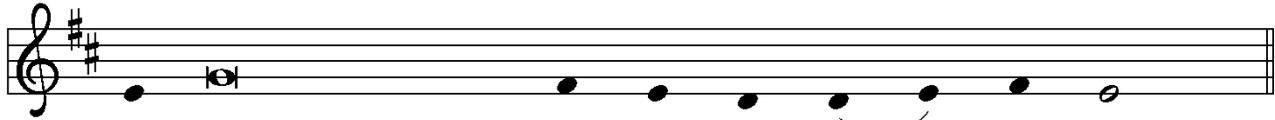
and promised to be with them, e - ven to the end of the age.



And so, with (_____ and) the glorious company of the a - pos - tles,



with the choirs of angels 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

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light. **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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, grant us peace.

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister offers this prayer

Let us pray...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: *On Jordon's Banks the Baptist's Cry* (ELW 249)

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent

that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 way for God with - in, and let us all our
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

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
Barbara Sorenson, surgery for colon cancer

Family & Friends

Chuck Boston, alcohol rehab
Shirley Buschman, transitioning to home
Kathy Culik, thyroid cancer surgery
Sarah Deetsch, breast cancer
Kathy Dycus, in recovery in Carmel, IN
Rita Harrod, Breast cancer surgery/treatment
Carol Haub, treatment for breast cancer
Vivian Fraizer, treatment for recurring colon cancer
Guy McCauley, health issues

*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

Edwina Woods Andregg, Autumn
Norma Boehme, Westminster Village
Dorothy Clerici, Lincoln Hills Health Center
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

Last Week at Faith

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| Current Offering | \$2,238.00 | Worship attendance | 69 |
| Other Offering | 53.00 | Nursery attendance | 3 |
| Total Offering | \$2,291.00 | Total attendance | 72 |

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

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| Pastor | Pastor Scott Meier |
| Assistant | Virginia Klemens |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Youth |
| Altar Guild | Veronica Rife |
| Greeters | Don and Vivian Smith |
| Ushers | |

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| Audio | Bill Holman |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | Dick and Virginia Klemens |
| Financial Assistant | Arlys Johnson |

SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

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| Pastor | Pastor Scott Meier |
| Assistant | Carol Taylor |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Youth |
| Altar Guild | Ilean Bush |
| Greeters | |
| Ushers | Dick and Virginia Klemens |

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| Audio | Chuck Landis |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | Fammie Peter |
| Financial Assistant | Veronica Rife |

Scripture Readings for next week: Lamentations 3: 22-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15; Mark 5: 21-43