Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church 8:30 and 11:00 AM Worship Services • 11:00 AM Facebook Livestream ELW Setting 3 • May 22, 2022 Sixth Sunday of Easter



Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex or if you are online at the 11:00 a.m. service drop us a line to say hello or that you and your family are attending, so that we know you have joined us for worship. For those who come in person, please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information about you. Worship times on Sunday mornings are 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

A nursery room is available for children up to five years of age during the service. The nursery is located off the hallway on the Huntington Avenue side of the church building. At this time, there are no nursery attendants. We also have "quiet bags" available for older children to enjoy during the service. Please ask an usher about using one.

Trinity offers an induction loop for the benefit of hearing impaired worshippers. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T." If you are unsure if your hearing aid is compatible, please contact your audiologist.



The Reverend Tina Melusky, Pastor tina.melusky@gmail.com Pastor Melusky's office hours: Monday: 9 - 2; Tuesday: 9 -10:30, 11:30 - 12:15 Wednesday 9:30 - 12; Thursday 9 - 12 (Times are occasionally flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in) Pastor's cell: (734) 239-4013 **Geoffrey Bell, Director of Music Ministries** music@trinitynn.org Congregation of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ministers of the Word 6812 River Road, Newport News, VA 23607 Church office: (757) 245-7861 Website: www.trinitylutheran-nn.com Facebook: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Newport News VA or, Twitter: @TrinityNN Link to Trinity Lutheran School website: https://trinitynn.com/ Trinity Lutheran is a partner church with Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center, LINK, THRIVE and The Simple Sunflower. Cover image from: JoAnne Rawls

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Carillon Call to Worship

Prelude

Prelude on *Down Ampney*

(Henry G. Ley)

Announcements

Gathering

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

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia, Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. **Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.**

Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

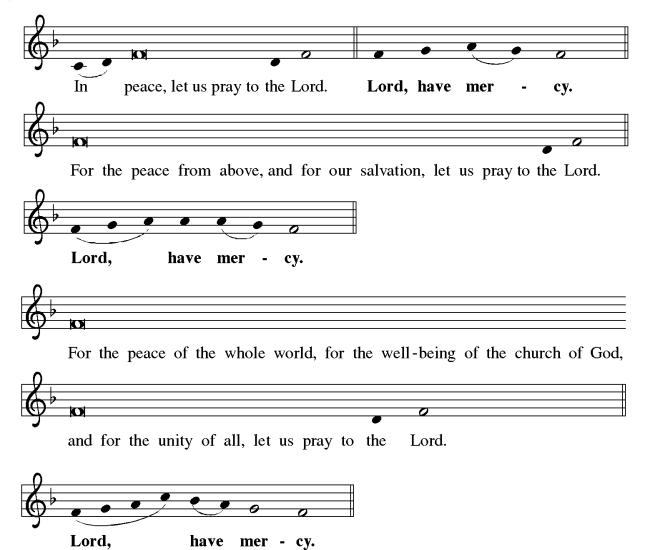
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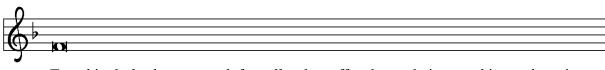
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Greeting

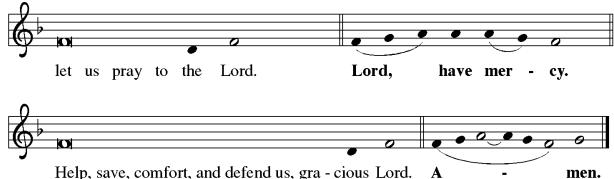
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

Kyrie (11:00 only)





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



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

Canticle of Praise (sung at both services)



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Prayer of the Day

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word that, empowered by your Spirit, we may love one another

and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Assembly is seated.

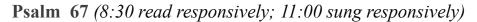
First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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





May God be merciful to | us and bless us; may the light of God's face | shine upon us.

Let your way be known | upon earth,

your saving health a- | mong all nations.

Let the peoples praise | you, O God;

let all the | peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | **tions on earth.** Let the peoples | praise you, O God;

let all the | peoples praise you.

The earth has brought | forth its increase; God, our own | God, has blessed us.

May God | give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

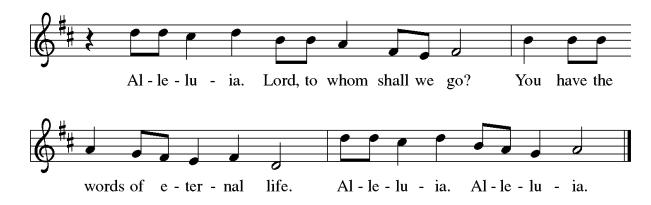
And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

The assembly stands.



Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Lesson: John 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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

The assembly is seated.

Time with the Children

Sermon

Pastor Tina Melusky

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Silence is kept for reflection after the sermon. The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day

Come Down, O Love Divine DOWN AMPNEY

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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.

Prayers of Intercession

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace, which enables people to live in unity and in the spirit of mutual forgiveness, comes from Christ, whose word has been proclaimed.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

If Ye Love Me

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may bide with you forever, ev'n the spirit of truth.

The assembly stands.

Offertory Hymn

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN

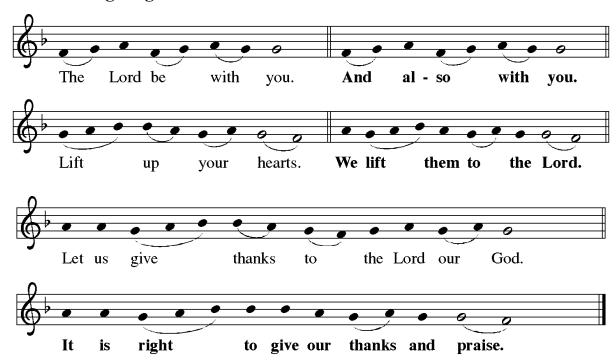


Offertory Prayer

Living God,

you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Meal



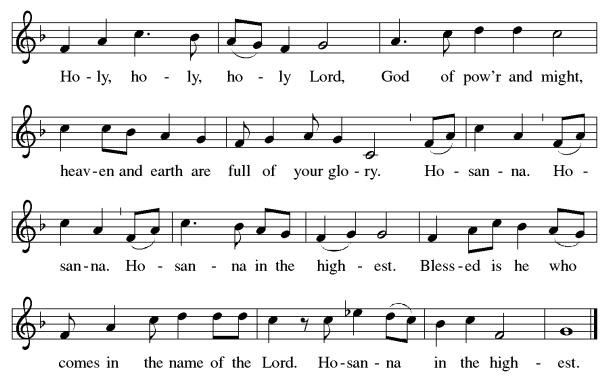
The Great Thanksgiving

Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Thanksgiving at the Table

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



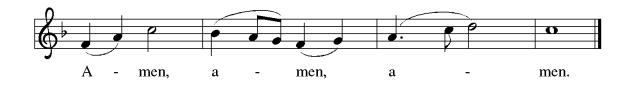
O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

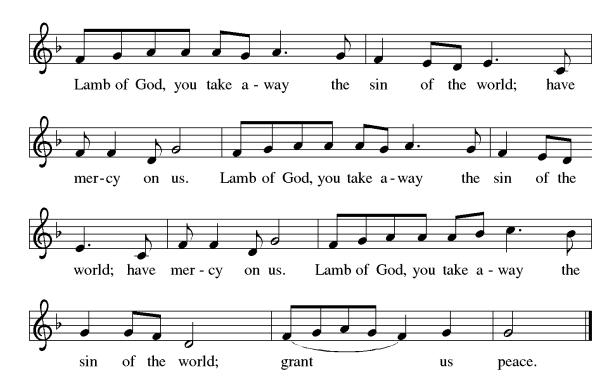


Lord's Prayer

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.

The assembly is seated.

Agnus Dei



Communion

Communion will be held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a communion cup with wine from the outside edge of the tray or a grape juice cup from the center of the tray. Baskets are located outside of the sanctuary doors for your plastic cups.

Music During the Distribution

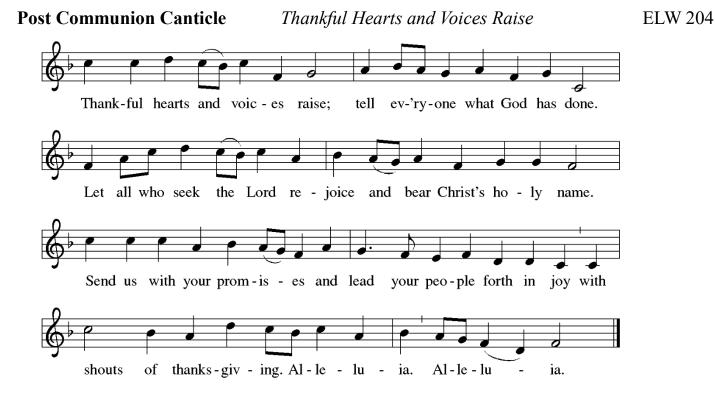
My Life Flows On in Endless Song HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING ELW 763

The assembly stands.

Sending

Table Blessing

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.



Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Blessing

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	ELW 631
	HYFRYDOL	

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace. Tell what God has done. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fughetta on Hyfrydol

Jacob B. Weber



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church office hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Directory Information Needed!!: We are in the process of putting together our new directory. If your contact information has changed at all over the last two years (address, email, phone number) please contact the church office with updated information. Thanks!

Help for Eastern Europe: The ELCA is requesting funds to help the Eastern Europe Crisis to include not only Ukraine, but also neighboring countries, such as Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, who have been providing help to the Ukrainian people, Here is the link, if you wish to help fund this response: https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Eastern-Europe-Crisis-Response

Pedestal Flowers for Sunday Morning: The Simple Sunflower group is willing to coordinate taking all floral donations to Riverside Hospital to "re group" any leftover fresh flowers from an arrangement into a fresh new arrangement to give to people (in the hospital) who may need a bit of cheer in their life. If you wish to donate flowers in memory or honor of someone, you may make a note of this on the flower chart. If you do not wish to take your flowers home, you may check the box to have them donated to The Simple Sunflower organization at no charge to you.

We Need Your Help! Nursery Volunteers: As we are getting fully back into the swing of worship services and schedule, we are looking for a new team of folks who would be willing to rotate serving in the nursery. For the Sunday that you are scheduled, you attend both worship services and if there are children who require nursery care, you spend time with them, playing and generally looking out for them, so that their parents can attend worship. If you would be interested and willing to serve, please reach out to Pastor Tina.

YOUTH

Pure Vida Bracelets Fundraiser for National Youth Gathering: Our order finally came in. Yay! So . . . the youth are still selling Pure Vida bracelets to help raise money for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in 2024. The **bracelets are \$5** each and make great gifts. Call the church office if you need an order form.

Manna Bag Project Completed: Huge thanks go out to everyone who donated to the Manna Bag Project. Thanks to your generous donations we made hundreds of Manna Bags that have

been handed out all over the Hampton Roads area to our homeless population. The last of our bags were donated to the Four Oaks Day Center for our neighbors that they serve. Remember... you can always make your own Manna Bags at home to hand out to those in need! Thank you!

Theology on Tap: The next TOT is scheduled for **Monday, May 23**, at Tradition Brewing Company, upstairs in the loft section. Starting at **6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.** All are welcome to join in. Come see what it's all about.

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits:

The Youth Group is collecting full size bath towels to create Personal Care Kits to help dairy farmers improve their standard of living in the Peruvian Andes. These kits contain a light weight bath size towel, bars of soap, toothbrushes, combs, and nail clippers. The kits help dairy farmers practice proper hygiene and in turn improve their dairy products through sanitary milking practices. We have all the other items donated for the kits, but we are still in need of NEW full size light weight bath towels. Please leave all donated towels in the bin marked for this project in the narthex or give them to one of our faithful youth advisors.

VANCO Online giving:

The procedure to use the online offering system, VANCO, is very user-friendly. Just go to Trinity's website, http://www.trinitylutheran-nn.com and click on the green "online giving" link on the homepage. More instructions below.

If you have questions about the donation site or how to make your donation, please don't hesitate to contact the church office, 245-7861.

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Press the green "online giving" link.

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Recovery at Home: Bonnie Carlson; Sarah Green; Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell (The Chesapeake, 955 Harpersville Road, AL302, Newport News, VA, 23601); Dick Davis NEW! (The Hidenwood, 50 Wellesley Drive, Apt. 228, NN, 23606); Millie Christensen (Morningside: Rm. 131; Lucille Lebold (Williamsburg Landing, Memory Care Unit); Pat O'Connell (Warwick Forest—The Gardens): Joan Johnston (The Newport—Rm 33); Shut-in at Home: Janet Edwards, Gerda Hudgens, and Doris Moeser.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: The Ahlen Family, requested by Kathy Stevens; Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother), requested by the Ardis family; Jack and Sharon (Sherry) Johnston and Pam Little (Donna's sisters), requested by Grant and Donna Owens; Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia), requested by Patricia Fielding; Bob and Nancy Schappert; Pearl O'Connell; Ben Nelson, requested by Laura Davis; Pamela Bosserman (4521 Thorncroft Drive, Glen Allen, VA, 23060), requested by Bill Solomon; Donald Hall (son), requested by Susan Hall; Peggy Cash, requested by Dottie Self; Gisela Nygards, requested by daughter, Yvonne Christian; Loyd and JoAnne Rawls, requested by Laura Davis; for the mental health of all those who are first responders, requested by Dinah Balthis; Flora May (mother), requested by Jon May; Lisa Meunier, requested by Diane Roselius; Ellen Baker's (TLS librarian) mother, Barbara Zerkel, diagnosed with metastatic lung cancer; cards may be sent to: The Baker Family, 23218 Oyster Court, Carrollton, VA, 23314; requested by Tricia Wessler, Alice Klein, requested by Jodi Newsome King, Janet Edwards, Wes Stilley, and Betty Englehard, all requested by Jerry and Sandy Cobb and the friends and family of Sandy Nelson, requested by Pastor Tina Melusky;

Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: James Fielding, State Dept., Myanmar; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Washington, D. C.; Eric Lindfors, Deputy Commander US Naval Forces - Korea; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB; Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley, State Department, Bangkok, Thailand; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and Elisabeth Bruce (Titus's daughter-in-law).

Today, the greenery is placed on our pedestals to the Glory of God.

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY TODAY

8:30 Service: Crucifer: Shawn Murphy; Acolytes: Carl and Lois Jean Carpenter; Torchbearers: Nathan Rummel and Keegan Wise; Lector: Suzanne Beckstoffer; Ushers: Carol Bessom and Kathy Stevens

11:00 Service: Lector: Patricia McClelland

This Joyful Eastertide



Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934 Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.



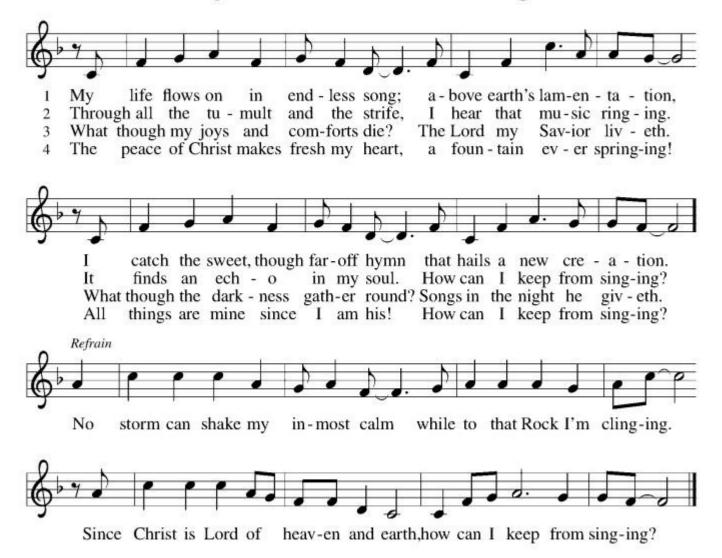
Come Down, O Love Divine

Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833–1890 Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958 Music from *The English Hymnal*, outside the USA © Oxford University Press 1906. All rights reserved.

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My Life Flows ON in Endless Song HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

My Life Flows On in Endless Song



Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899 Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.



Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788