

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

10:00 AM Worship Service • May 7, 2023

*ELW Setting 3*



*As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ – our way, our truth, our life.*

**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 during our worship 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. Sunday School begins at 8:45 followed by a worship service at 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings. **A nursery room is available** 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 “activity binders” available for older children to enjoy during the service. Please ask an usher about using one.

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### TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### PASTOR MELUSKY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm;

Wednesday 9:30am-12pm; Thursday 9am-12pm

Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free  
to call for an appointment or drop in.

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## CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

Adagio on *Aurelia*

Robert A. Hobby

## 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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
by whose hand we are given new birth,  
by whose speaking we are given new life.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
**we are welcomed, restored, and supported  
as citizens of the new creation.**

**Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.**

Holy God,  
holy and merciful,  
holy and mighty,  
**you are the river of life,  
you are the everlasting wellspring.**

In mercy and might you have freed us from death  
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.  
**In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,  
and in them we are born anew.**

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,  
for rivers and streams.  
**Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,  
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.  
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,  
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.**

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.  
 Empower our witness to your resurrection.  
 Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.  
 Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.  
 Where despair prevails, grant hope.  
 Where chaos reigns, bring peace.  
 We ask this through Christ,  
 who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.  
 Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*  
 WESTMINSTER ABBEY

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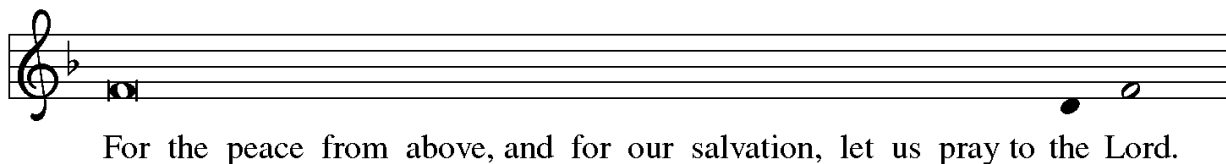
GREETING

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.

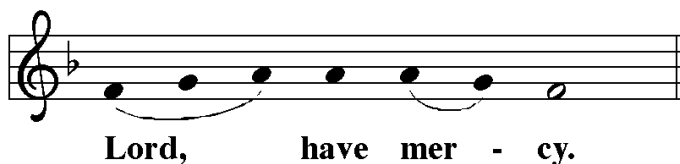
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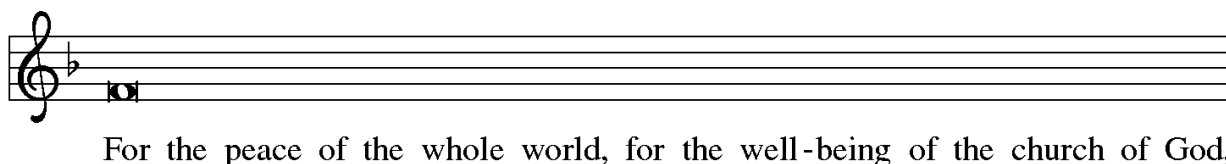
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



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

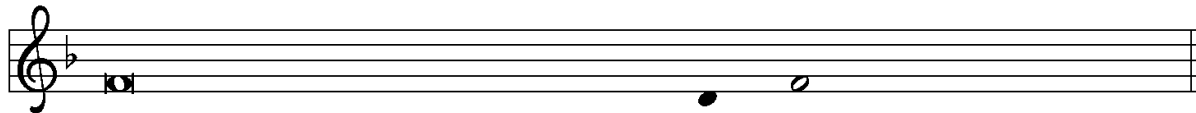


**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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

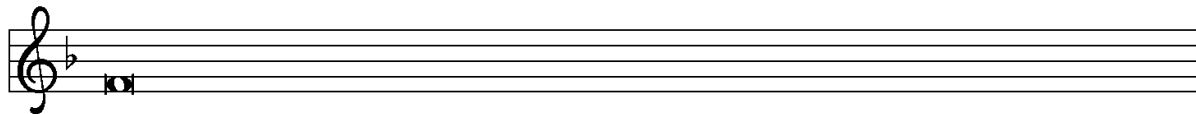
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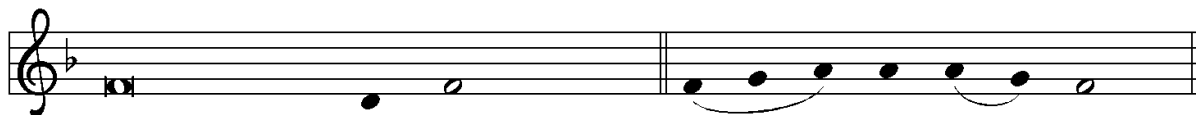
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



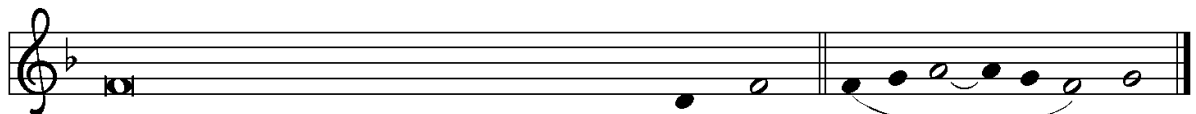
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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

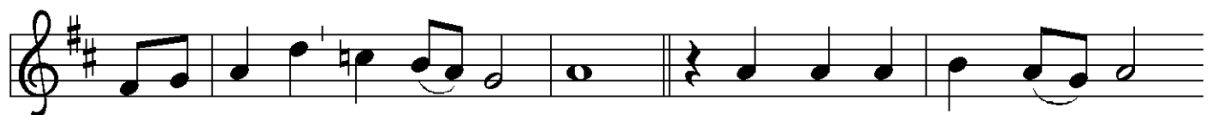


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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



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



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



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

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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.

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*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

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

*Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

**PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16** (*read responsively*)

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

**Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;

for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.**

Into your hands I commend my spirit,

for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

**My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love."

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

*Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,  
"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,"



and

“A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of God, who called you out of darkness into marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

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

*The assembly stands.*

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

#### GOSPEL: **John 14:1-14**

*On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can

we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does the Father's works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

*The assembly is seated.*

**CHILDREN'S CHAT**

Pastor Tina Melusky

**SERMON**

Pastor Tina Melusky

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Come, Share the Spirit*

ACS 1045

ST. PAUL'S, ARDMORE

**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

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

*The assembly is seated.*

# RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*The Call*

David Ashley White

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath,  
such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast,  
such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move,  
such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.*

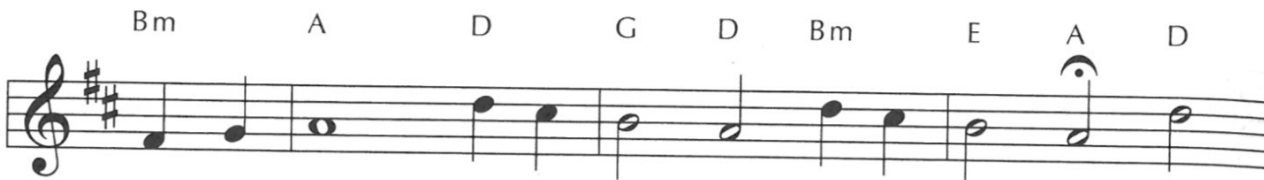
## OFFERTORY HYMN

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures



high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise



God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it



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



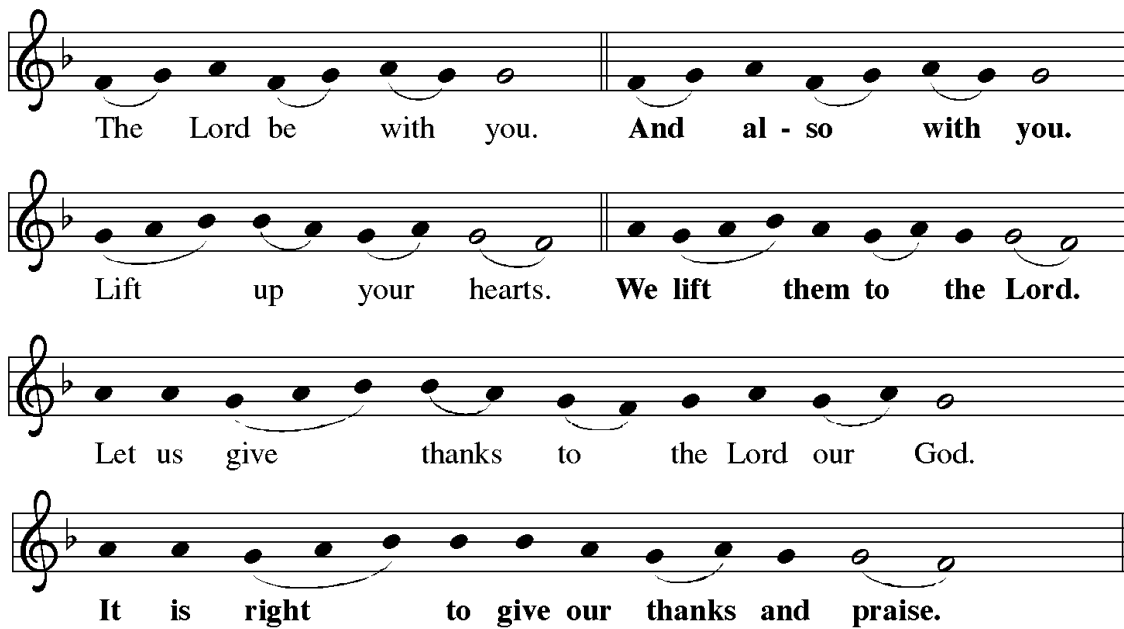
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God,  
in this meal you offer your very self.  
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.  
In the breaking of this bread  
reveal to us the Risen One.  
In the pouring of this wine  
pour us out in service to the world;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## MEAL

### GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

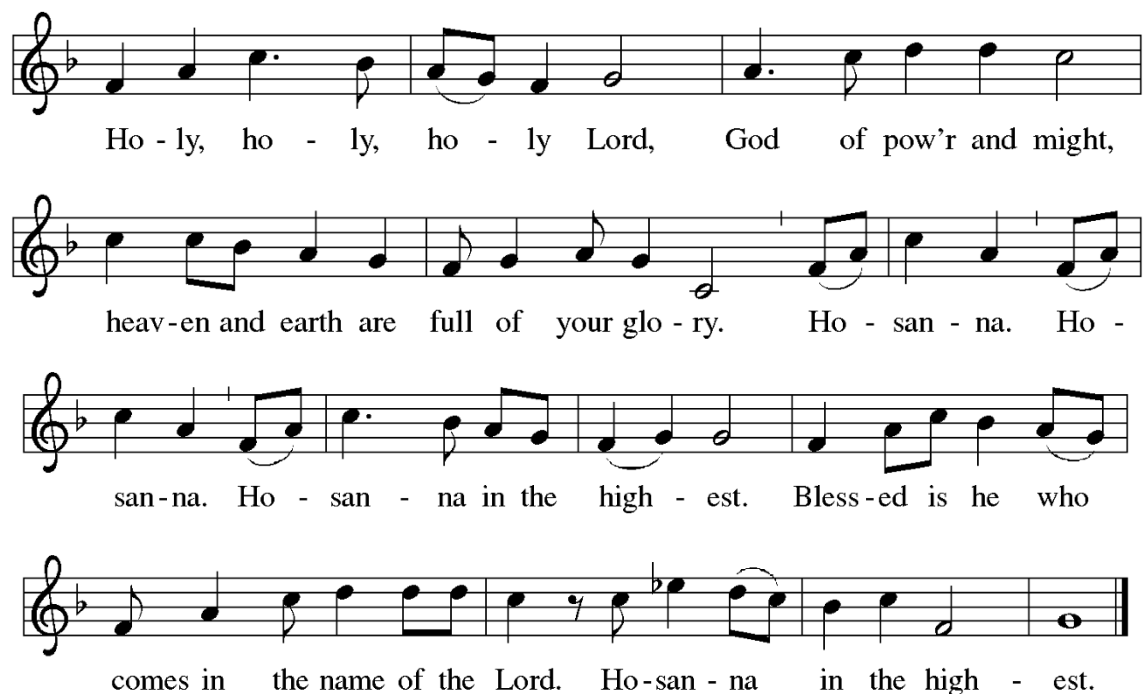
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### 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



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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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 ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

## 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.

### AGNUS DEI

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

*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. Recycle baskets are located outside of the sanctuary doors for your plastic cups.*

### MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

*I Received the Living God*  
 LIVING GOD

ELW 477



## TABLE BLESSING

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

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

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Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*The Church's One Foundation*

ELW 654

AURELIA

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Toccatà on *Aurelia*

Robert A. Hobby

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Office Hours:** Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Please Read! Security Update:** In light of recent events throughout our country, the property committee for both TLS and TLC, in conjunction with the Worship and Music committee, as well as our leadership have been discussing ways to upgrade the safety and security of our building. Through the efforts of these conversations, we have made the decision, albeit a difficult one, to decide that **the glass doors along River Road will remain locked on Sunday mornings.**

Why you may ask? Once Sunday school and worship begin, we have no eyes on those doors, which give access to the entirety of the building. This makes it a security challenge for both us as a church and also for the school. It allows too much free reign access without accountability that we cannot monitor safely.

What now? We are asking that all members of the congregation **please fill out a form available in the narthex to get a key fob (unless you already have one)** which will allow you access to the building through the back door and the glass doors. The front church doors and the sacristy ramp door will remain open on Sunday mornings, so you may choose to enter through those, but if you would like to continue entering through either of the other doors, please get a key fob. Once you fill out the form please place it in the offering plate and we will notify you when your fob is ready for pickup (usually within a week).

I know that this decision may startle or frustrate some. However, in the world we live in, caution and safety are the focus. This is a step we have to take not only for the safety of the congregation, but of the school as well. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Pastor Tina.

**All Chairmen of committees/groups, etc.:** Your annual congregation reports are due in to the church office by May 25, please. Thank you!

**Lina's Eagle Scout Box:** The Red Food Box needs you! Donations needed! If you are willing to bring in food to place in the box, here is a list of some of the items that can be purchased: disposable water bottles, canned goods with pull tabs (items that do not need to be refrigerated or heated), tuna packs, granola bars, crackers, anything else that would be nutritious and non perishable. So, please bring in an item or two to feed our hungry community! If you happen to have any prewrapped, plastic utensils, we could use those also.

**Mini Newsletter News:** Why Faith? Maybe you've never asked yourself this question, maybe you're asking it right now. Why is faith so important in the world today? In your personal life? We're going to be exploring this conversation as a congregation as we look ahead to our 125th anniversary. Why is faith still relevant in the world and in our lives?

Every week, Pastor Tina will be holding "Why Faith?" conversations at coffee shops and breweries around the Peninsula. These are open conversations, come and grab a drink, sit for a few minutes of conversation or stay for the whole time. Together we can learn more about where our faith is calling us today.

Our first session will be on Wednesday, May 10 from 10-12 at Starbucks on Oyster Point Rd (in the same strip as Edible Arrangements and Bonefish Grill).

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR . . .**

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Bible Study will be held Tuesday, May 9, in the church parlor, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to join us.

**Youth Yard Sale:** It is time to mark your calendars and clean out your closets. If you need a pick up, please contact Kathy Stevens or Kelly Rummel. **If you bring in items, please place them in either the youth room or Sunday School room at the end of the hall.** The sale will be held on July 21-23. Please spread the word about the sale.

### **YOUTH**

**Sunday School for Youth Group:** Come and hang out before church (8:45 - 9:45 a.m.) and join us in conversation and movie watching. We are now watching *Thor: Ragnarok*. Please join us!

## PRAYER LISTS

**ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:** Jeanette Cantrell; Millie Christensen; Joan Johnston, Lucille Lebold ; **Shut-in at Home:** Peggy Cash, Janet Edwards, J.R. Griffin, Gerda Hudgens, Doris Moeser, and Dick Sallade; **Recovery At Home:** Bonnie Carlson, Butch Klapperich and Steve Quist.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** **The Ahlen Family and the family of Chloe Koenig**, requested by Kathy Stevens; **Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother)**, requested by the **Ardis family**; **Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia) and Hazel Woodard**, requested by Patricia Fielding; **Matt Eggar, Mary Lou Hubble (Jacob's aunt)**, requested by the Wessler family; **Barbara Smith**, requested by the Lunsfords; **Jessica Savage**, requested by the Dail Family; **Jonathan Blank (Pastor Tina's Brother-in-law)** requested by Pastor Tina; **Susan Koehlinger (Laura's mother)**, requested by Laura Jay; **Marlin Ryan (friend)**, requested by Betty and Glen Titus; and **David Dellinger**, requested by Laura Davis.

**Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty:** **James Fielding**, State Dept., Myanmar; **Bryan Hunt**, State Dept., Belleville, IL.; **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 wife, **Elisabeth Bruce**.

Today the greenery is presented to the Glory of God.

**NEW ADDRESS:** Last week, there was a typo on Ken Hoffman's apartment number. It should have been **Apt. 102** instead of 202.

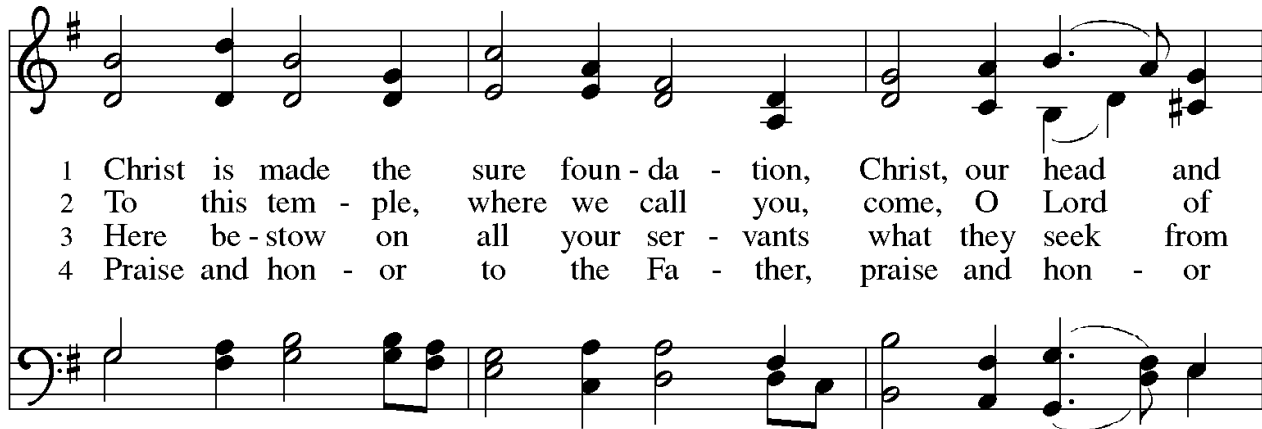
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## Serving the Assembly

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<b>Crucifer</b>	Keegan Wise
<b>Acolytes</b>	Samantha Harry
<b>Torchbearers</b>	Andrew Rummel
	Lina Recupero
<b>Lector</b>	Charles Robinson
<b>Ushers/Greeters/Presenters</b>	Jerry Cobb
	Dave Roselius
<b>Camera/Livestream</b>	Kelly Rummel

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1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!



1 Come, share the Spir - it, God has called us to ven - tures  
 2 Come, drown your sins be - neath the wa - ters where life flows  
 3 Come, God in - vites us to the ban - quet that ev - 'ry  
 4 Come, let us tell the gos - pel sto - ry, how God has



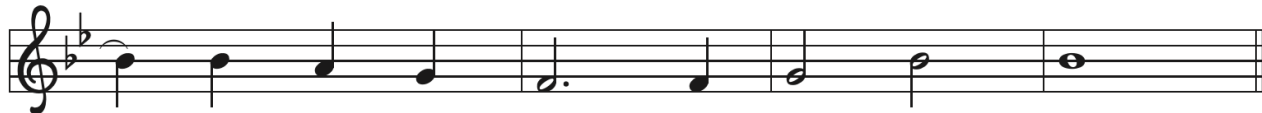
in the life of faith, to bring good tid - ings to the  
 from the gran - ite rock, the stone from which our Lord has  
 peo - ple soon will share, with shouts of joy and loud thanks -  
 giv - en us new birth and rais - es us to live for



need - y, to tell of vic - t'ry o - ver death.  
 ris - en, our cor - ner - stone and build - ing block.  
 giv - ing be - fore God's throne we will ap - pear.  
 oth - ers, to speak good news through - out the earth.



Christ speaks and all of life is new;  
 Christ speaks and rais - es from the dead  
 Christ speaks and bids us sit and dine;  
 Christ speaks and life is come a - gain.



God's word is pure and it is true.  
 all those who hear the liv - ing Word.  
 his bod - y, bread, his blood, the wine.  
 Good news, good news for ev - 'ry - one!

Text: Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, alt.

Music: ST. PAUL'S ARDMORE, Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962

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# MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

## *I Received the Living God*

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*Refrain*



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



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- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,

*Refrain*



you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.  
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.  
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.  
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Text: Anonymous  
Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

