

The 6th Sunday of Easter | Divine Service One
May 5, 2024

I Have CALLED YOU FRIENDS



JOHN 15:15

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About the Cover: Jesus does not treat us as servants but as friends. He does not withhold from us what the Father is doing but openly shares His loving intention. The Father’s love is this: “That He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). That love spills over into doing what Jesus has commanded and loving one another.

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Divine Service, Setting One

Ringing of the Bells, Prelude

Hymn: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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- 1 Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav’nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.

- 2 Crown Him the virgin’s Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The babe of Bethlehem.

- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes
At mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all.

Confession & Absolution

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Introit

Psalm 66:1–2, 8–9, 20; antiphon: v. 16

Come and hear, all you who | fear God,*
and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;*
sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!

Bless our God, O | peoples;*
let the sound of his | praise be heard,
who has kept our soul among the | living*
and has not let our | feet slip.

Blessèd | be God,*
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!

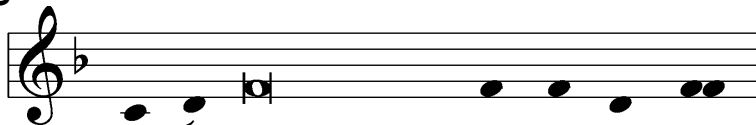
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Come and hear, all you who | fear God,*
and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

Kyrie

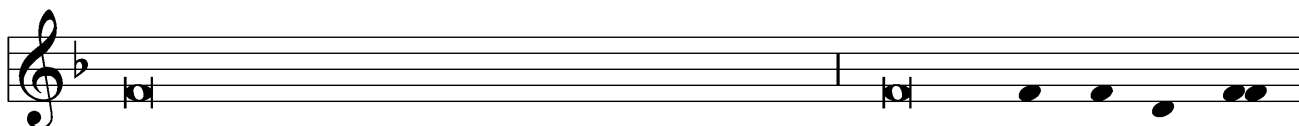
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



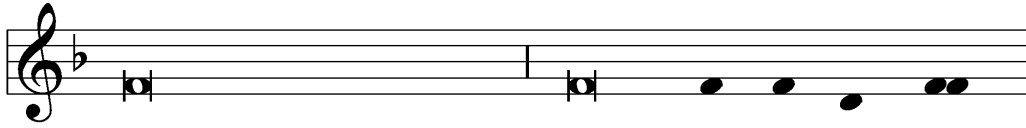
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



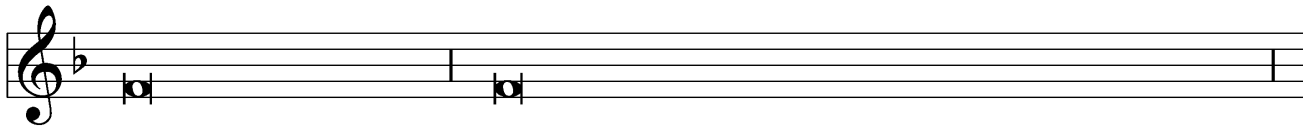
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



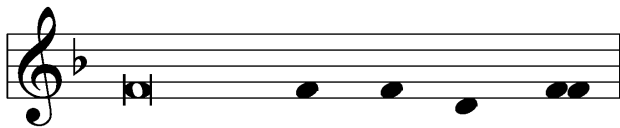
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



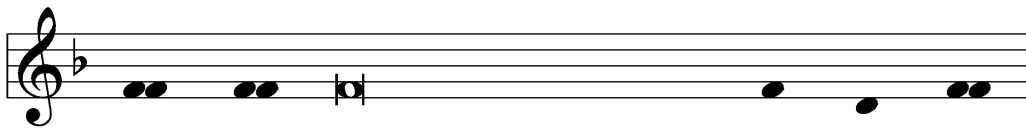
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



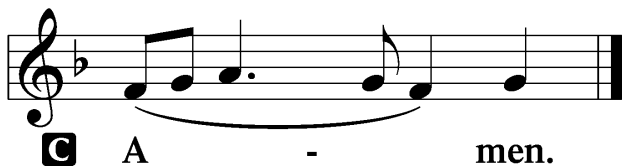
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



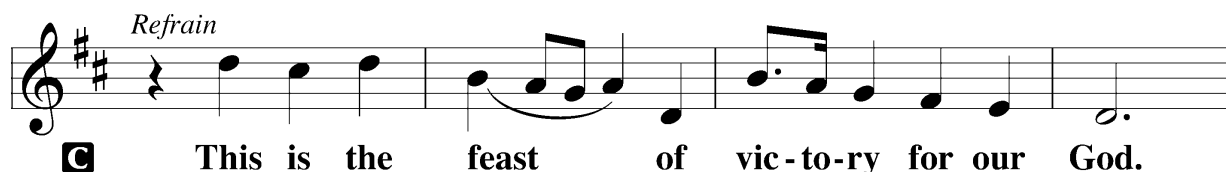
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

This is the Feast of Victory

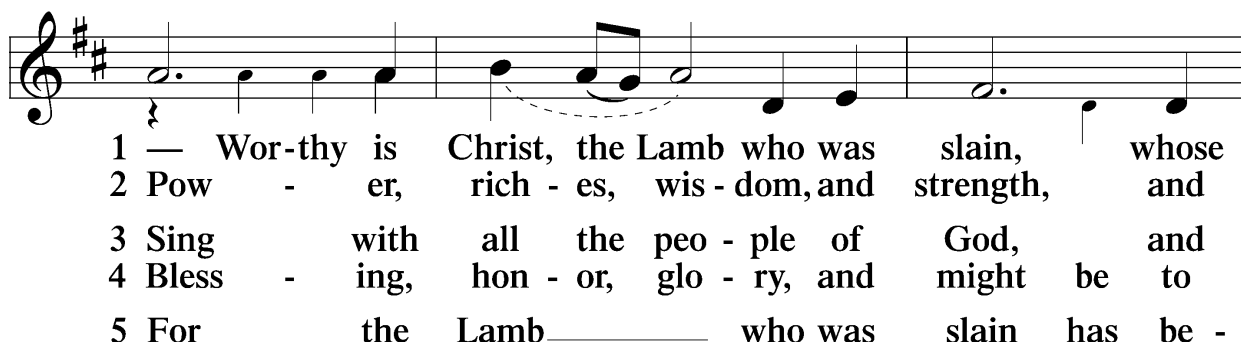
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C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



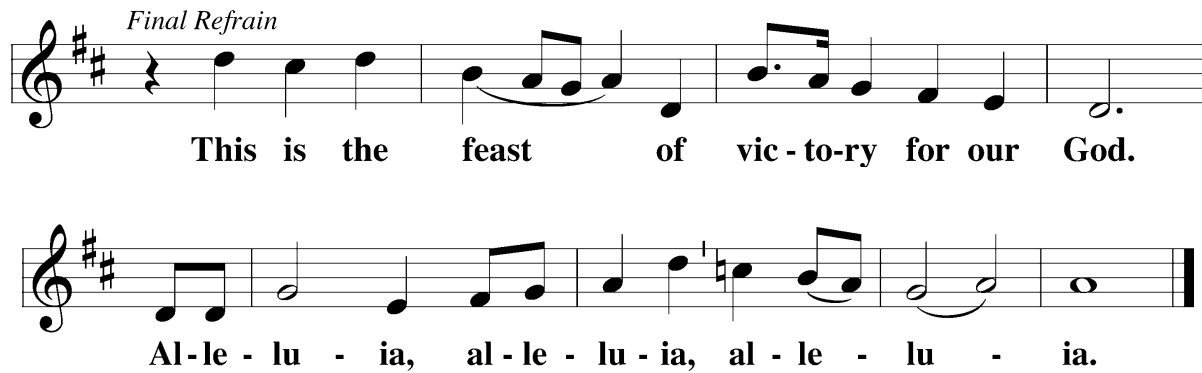
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
 4 Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be-



blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia. *Final Refrain*



Collect of the Day

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 10:34–48

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Instrumental Solo: *Since By Man Came Death*

Handel

*Since by man came death
by Man came also the resurrection for the dead.
For as in Adam all die,
Even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

Epistle

1 John 5:1–8

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia & Verse

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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.

Holy Gospel

John 15:9–17

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.
(Sung) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends.
¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.
¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(*Sung*) **Thanks be to God.**

The Baptism of Hazel Arlene Kushmer (10:45)

Baptismal Hymn: *Baptized into Your Name Most Holy*

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- 1 Baptized into Your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
Your Spirit now shall live within.
- 2 My loving Father, here You take me
To be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, here You make me
The fruit of all Your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat'ning clouds around I see.
- 3 My faithful God, You fail me never;
Your promise surely will endure.
O cast me not away forever
If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled;
Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.
- 4 All that I am and love most dearly—
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely;
Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but Yours alone.

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

How are you named?

[Name]

[Name], receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Hazel Arlene Kushmer according to Your boundless mercy and bless her with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in her, which has been inherited from Adam and which she has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that she be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, she would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction

and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

Is it your intention to serve Hazel Arlene Kushmer as sponsors in the Christian faith?

Yes, with the help of God.

God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

Amen.

Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even
✠ forevermore.

Amen.

Hazel Arlene Kushmer, do you renounce the devil?

Yes, I renounce him.

Do you renounce all his works?

Yes, I renounce them.

Do you renounce all his ways?

Yes, I renounce them.

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

Yes, I believe.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

Yes, I believe.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

Yes, I believe.

Hazel Arlene Kushmer, do you desire to be baptized?

Yes, I do.

Hazel Arlene Kushmer, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

Amen.

Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our sister in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Hazel Arlene Kushmer the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your children, You would keep her in her baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure she may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Peace † be with you.

Amen.

Hymn: *Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious*

LSB 548

- 1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, victorious!
Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!
Death hath now no power o'er us,
Thou hast conquered in the strife.
Thanks because Thou didst arise
And hast opened paradise!
None can fully sing the glory
Of the resurrection story.
- 2 Thou hast died for my transgression,
All my sins on Thee were laid;
Thou hast won for me salvation,
On the cross my debt was paid.
From the grave I shall arise
And shall meet Thee in the skies.
Death itself is transitory;
I shall lift my head in glory.
- 3 For the joy Thine advent gave me,
For Thy holy, precious Word;
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me,
For Thy blest Communion board;
For Thy death, the bitter scorn,
For Thy resurrection morn,
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee,
And in heav'n I shall behold Thee.

Apostles' Creed (10:45)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Nicene Creed (8:15)

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

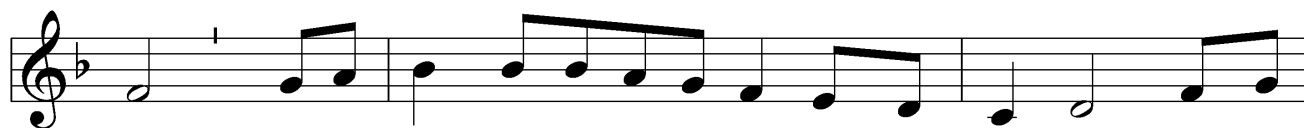
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Offertory

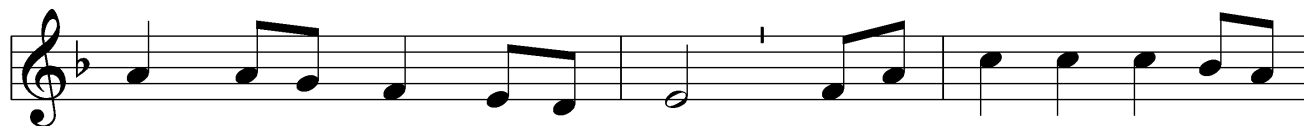
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C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my

vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

(The 10:45 service concludes with the Lord's Prayer, a concluding collect, the Benediction and the final hymn.)

+ Service of the Sacrament +

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

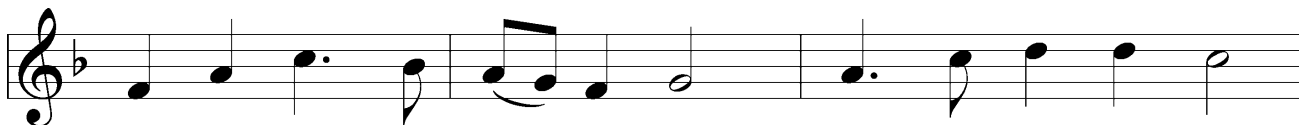


C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161



C 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

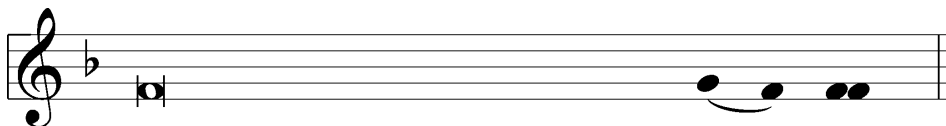


comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer, Words of Institution

Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



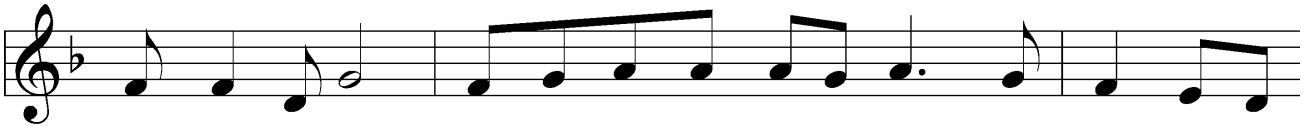
C A - men.

Agnus Dei

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C 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.

*Since **Holy Communion** presupposes a “common unity” of faith and doctrine among those who participate together in this Sacrament, we ask that those who desire to commune with us be confirmed members of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation. Those not able to come to the chancel may speak to the pastor or an elder to commune in their pew. If you have not previously communed here, please speak to the Pastor or an elder. If you are not communing, but would like to come to the chancel for a blessing, please kneel or stand with your arms crossed over your chest.*

Distribution Hymn: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

LSB 556

- 1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
 With exultation springing,
 And with united heart and voice
 And holy rapture singing,
 Proclaim the wonders God has done,
 How His right arm the vict'ry won.
 What price our ransom cost Him!

- 2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;
Death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day;
In sin my mother bore me.
But daily deeper still I fell;
My life became a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.
- 3 My own good works all came to naught,
No grace or merit gaining;
Free will against God's judgment fought,
Dead to all good remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair
Left only death to be my share;
The pangs of hell I suffered.
- 4 But God had seen my wretched state
Before the world's foundation,
And mindful of His mercies great,
He planned for my salvation.
He turned to me a father's heart;
He did not choose the easy part
But gave His dearest treasure.
- 5 God said to His beloved Son:
"It's time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown,
And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free;
Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You forever."

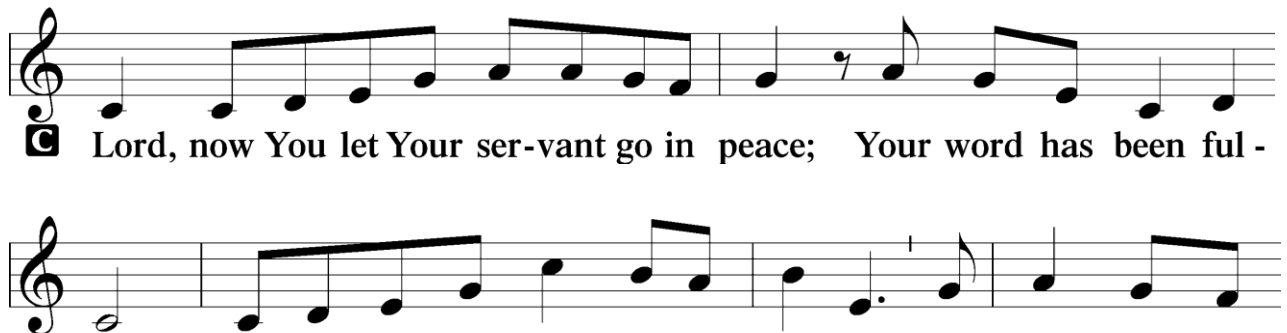
Organ Interlude

- 6 The Son obeyed His Father's will,
Was born of virgin mother;
And God's good pleasure to fulfill,
He came to be my brother.
His royal pow'r disguised He bore;
A servant's form, like mine, He wore
To lead the devil captive.

- 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me,
I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I Myself will be;
For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, and you are Mine,
And where I am you may remain;
The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "Though he will shed My precious blood,
Me of My life bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good;
Be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict'ry win;
My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.
- 9 "Now to My Father I depart,
From earth to heav'n ascending,
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble He will comfort you
And teach you always to be true
And into truth shall guide you.
- 10 "What I on earth have done and taught
Guide all your life and teaching;
So shall the kingdom's work be wrought
And honored in your preaching.
But watch lest foes with base alloy
The heav'nly treasure should destroy;
This final word I leave you."

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -

veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Post- Communion Collect & Benediction

Hymn: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

LSB 700

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
 Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
 Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
 All Thy faithful mercies crown.
 Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
 Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
 Visit us with Thy salvation,
 Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

- 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
 Into ev'ry troubled breast;
 Let us all in Thee inherit;
 Let us find Thy promised rest.
 Take away the love of sinning;
 Alpha and Omega be;
 End of faith, as its beginning,
 Set our hearts at liberty.

- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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This Weeks activities, God Willing

Sunday, May 5 2024	8:15 a.m.	Divine Service One, HC
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/BC
	10:45 a.m.	Divine Service One
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Vicar's Bible Class
	5:30 p m	Property Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Fitness
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	4:30 p.m.	Bells
	5:00 p m	Choir
	5:30 p m	Board of Elders
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Pastor's Bible Class
	12:30 p m	LWML
	7:00 p m	Ascension Day Service, HC
Sunday, May 12	8:15 a.m.	Divine Service One
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/BC
	10:45 a.m.	Divine Service One, HC

Per HIPPA privacy regulations, if you put someone on the prayer list, please make sure you have first secured their permission to do so.

Prayer List

Prayer List emphasis for today: Serving in the military

Serious health conditions: Bethany Albrecht, Fred Poe

In hospice care: Alfred Karsten; **Hammond Henry, Geneseo:** Lucy Jahns

Recovering from Surgery: Karen Broberg; **Undergoing cancer treatment:** Penny Dawson

The Family of Barb Noah

Birthdays

5/5 Milo Schmidt, Stanley Hasselberg, Sandra Larrison; **5/6** Carolyn Reese; **5/7** Andrew Paller; **5/8** Todd Terrell; **5/9** Isaiah Engle, Donna Tornquist; **5/11** Henry Setton

Baptized in the 10:45 service is Hazel Arlene Kushmer, daughter of Jonathan and Jenna Kushmer. Her sponsors are her brothers Elijah, Mason and Lyle.

The center flowers are provided by Rick & Jan Serre who are celebrating their 48th Wedding Anniversary. **The side flowers** are provided by Brian Gustafson celebrating his wife Beverly's birthday.

An Ascension Day Service will be held on Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. Come, celebrate the Ascended Lord, who sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and continues to reign over His Church with His presence in Word and Sacrament.

The LCMS Central Illinois District Scholarship Sunday is today. The cost of education at one of our synodical colleges is about \$54,000 per year, and about \$58,000 at one of our seminaries. Annual unmet needs after grants, loans, scholarships, parents' contributions, etc., average about \$12,500 for undergraduates and about \$27,000 for seminarians. Please include these needs in your prayers and make a generous gift to help support the unmet needs of our 7 district college students and 12 CID seminarians as they prepare to serve the Lord as His called servants. You may use a "Will They Always Be There?" envelope provided by your church or mail your gift directly to: Central Illinois District – LCMS, 1850 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626.

Our member Henry Setton will be celebrating his 100th birthday on May 11th. His family would like to invite everyone to stop at IRC between 2-4 pm to wish him a happy birthday.

The Pregnancy Resources Baby Bottle Drive begins on Mother's Day, May 12, when the bottles will be distributed at the conclusion of our services. Please take a bottle home and place cash or a check (*payable to Pregnancy Resources*) in it, and then return the bottle to church sometime before Father's Day on June 16. Please pray for and support the pro-life work of our community centers, even as you thank God that your parents chose the gift of life for you.

The Quarterly Voter's Assembly will be held on Tuesday May 14 at 6:00 p.m. To be eligible to vote at the meeting you must be a communicant member of the congregation (18 years of age or older) who has attended at least one voter's assembly in the past 12 months. If you are a new member, you may attend the meeting and sign the constitution, thereby becoming eligible to vote at the subsequent Voter's Assembly. If you have any questions, please contact the office. This is an important meeting, as information regarding the vacancy and call process will be shared.

We will celebrate Pentecost Sunday, May 19 with one Divine Service at 10:00 a.m., followed by a congregation dinner. Joining us that day will be Rev. Subramaniam Devanesan, who completed graduate work for an advance theological degree from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. There will be no Sunday School or Bible Class on the 19th. We hope many of you will join us for this joyous occasion. So that we may properly prepare, please sign the RSVP sheet in the foyer together with the number in your party. And if you are willing and able, also sign the sheet indicating that you will bring either a salad or dessert to share. We thank you in advance for your participation.

The current A Dollar for Missions project is to continue a project already begun. In 2023, DFM funds were raised to begin ministry in as many as four new prisons in central Illinois during 2024. With the funds gathered, Central Illinois District started to fund one in January, and hopes to start more before the end of this year. The current project is to ensure that funds are available so that such new ministries can be continued in 2025. The current target is \$10,000.

Wednesday –Fitness and Fellowship. Come join in for the 20-minute chair exercises that start at 10:00 a.m. At 10:30 a.m. is Coffee Hour Fellowship with friends. Coffee, tea, and treats are served. Everyone is invited!

Pastor is thinning out his library. Before you go home, take a look at the table outside his office. Everything is free for the taking.

QUALITY, QUANTITY, QUALIFIED... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: The Movie “Civil War,” Brokenness Theology, Pascal’s Wager, The Hymn “O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth” and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod or your favorite podcast provider.

Prayer List

Please help to keep this list current by calling the church office when a name may be added or removed.

Members in Facilities: Cedarhurst, Moline-Susan Wyant; Crosstown, Silvis- Barb Noah; Park Vista- Ron & Carol Luecke; Woodridge Supportive Living, Galesburg- Dick Ristau; Illini Restorative Care- Henry Setton; Friendship Manor- Dick Hochstetler, Phyllis Thorngren; Mercer Manor, Aledo-Bob Koehler; Cedarhurst Memory Care, Moline- Jan Phillips.

Serving in the Military: Alexa Ellis (daughter of Tera Elliott, granddaughter of Mike and Cheryl McLaughlin), Logan Noard (son of Kyle and Marilyn Noard), Stephen Waugaman (grandson of Donna Knudtson), Cameron Moore (grandson of Lew & Maria Steinbrecher), Matthew Glider (grandson of Doris Glider), Andrew Tolley (son of Carole Tolley), David Revel (son of Craig & Laurie Revel), Jeffrey Teuscher (nephew of Willie Swain), Austin Cox (grandson-in-law of Sieg Paulsen), Matthew Patterson (son-in-law of Mike Waters), Leith Masri, (grandson of Marian Jones), Jakob Ryckeghem (grandson of Connie McKean).

Members of the congregation receiving treatment for cancer: Rev. Murdock, Sharon McKean, Kathrine Hopkins, Larry Bopes.

Friends of the congregation receiving treatment for Cancer: Patti (sister-in-law of Sharon McKean), Natalie Nelson (daughter of Gregg & Tami Winter), Gail Stuenkel, Lisa Crawford, Joanne Lyons, Dave Patterson, Harold Foster, Judy Knudsen, Darlene Atwell, Peggy Arkland (friend of McLaughlin's).

Serious Health Concerns: Sandy Lohse, Bob Trueblood (brother of Joyce Spidle), Tony Loritz, friend of Jennifer Swanburg, Susan Raber, Isla Galliard, Emily Scott, Dennis Rusk, Richard Geisler, Heidi Sias, Maureen DeLassus, Kelly Teuscher, Kenny Lackey, Gwen Shrake, Pam and Bill, friends of Gwen Shrake.

Recovering/Ongoing Health Concerns: Sandy Bopes, Donald Dawson, Joyce Spidle, Scarlet Durbin, Phyllis Murdock, Sherri Lohse, Barb Noah, David Kramer, Donald Dawson, Kristine Westmoreland, Beryl Edwards, Helen White, Gary Johnson, Fred Poe, Carol Ferrell, Susan Jamieson, Joshua Duburg, Sieg Paulsen, Cindy Davenport.