



Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

May 14, 2023 9:30 AM - Sixth Sunday of Easter



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WELCOME

to Holy Trinity

Reconciling in Christ

At Holy Trinity, we welcome and affirm everyone—because God welcomes and affirms everyone—



regardless of age, race, ability, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other life circumstance.

You are welcome. Your family, children, friends, spouses, and partners are welcome.

You are welcome, whether you are a believer, a doubter, or a seeker.

Your diversity and uniqueness are welcomed and affirmed into the full life of Holy Trinity.

You are wanted here.

May Celebrations!

Happy Birthday!

George Koch, Bonnie Sanders, Auderien Soeun, Edna Dinola, Barbara Werdelin, Sue Bock, Joan Castellano, Tommy Monareh, Noah Crawford, and Judy Hollister.

Happy Anniversary!

Wil & Jo Wesley, Ranap & Somauli Siahian, Jon & Donna Huot, Kurt & Dot Kasik, Paul & Jackie Karl, Eric & Beth Frede, Susie & Joy Reny, and George & Joan Parseghian.

A Warm Welcome as you worship with us today!

Whether you are here for the first time or a long time member, know that you are welcomed in Christ's Name, joined to be with us, Christ's Body the Church, as we worship God.

Your presence at worship is a gift!

We love having children worship with us! At this moment, our Nursery is not staffed. You may find Children's bulletins and activities on tables inside the sanctuary.

Prayer Requests: Prayer Request Cards are available indoors on the Usher's Table. Simply fill one out and hand it to the Pastor, or place it in the Offering Basket.

Office Hours & Pastoral Emergencies:

Church Office: *Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm*

Pastor Luther: *Wednesdays 11am-2:30pm*

If you need a Pastoral Visit, or experiencing a Pastoral Emergency, pastoral care is available for home or hospital visits, emotional support, and church ceremonies. Please contact the Church Office and he will provide you with the Pastoral information during daytime and after work (emergencies) hours. Email office@htelc.com or call (603)436-1704 and leave a voicemail message.

Donate to Holy Trinity: You can place your offering in the offering plate during the service. We appreciate what you are able to give to help support our church and our ministries. Thank you.

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Health Issues: Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Alice Peterson, Bob Hollister, Don Gindlesperger, Steve Bush, Joyce Rivoire, Richard Anderson, Yvonne Topping, Dave Smith, Larry Sanders, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Geri Seig, Rani Marcus, Grover Marshall, Shirley Jackson, Julie Moore, Dick Topping.

Homebound: Carol Saufley, Edith Rowan, Barbara Werdelin, Ron Evers, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Anita Lindstrom, Judy Hollister, Jean Klein. **Military:** Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

Friends: Helaine Wemple (Gisela Wemple's daughter), Frank & Lucille Febbo (Bobbie Febbo's cousins), Mark and Janet Febbo (Bobbie Febbo's cousins), Norman Young (Heidi Morrison's father), Richard King (Fred King's brother), Bonnie Bly (Sue Althof's sister-in-law), Donald Seidel (Sue Althof's cousin), Judy Bly King (Sue Althof's sister), Denny King (Sue Althof's brother-in-law), Dave Bly (Sue Althof's brother).

Prayers will be listed for at least 6 weeks unless told otherwise. If you would like a prayer concern listed in the bulletin, please fill out a Prayer Request at the Usher's table or contact the Church Office at office@htelc.com.

NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

LECTIONARY

This Week: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20;
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Next Week: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35;
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician(s): Jon Bock & Ken Galle

Choir Director: Ken Galle

Sound System: Franklyn Vosburg & Mark Donahue

Counters: Phyllis & Barry Philbrick

Liturgical Deacon: Yvonne Topping

Altar Guild: Pam Shaw

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, May 17

9:30 AM: Bible Study

THURSDAY, May 18

8:30 AM: Property Team

SATURDAY, May 20

7:00 PM: New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus

SUNDAY, May 21

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

10:45 AM: Confirmation Class

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

Sunday, April 30:	100 (In-Person) + 27 (Online) = 127	Offering: \$3,948.45
Sunday, May 7:	80 (In-Person) + 25 (Online) = 105	Offering: \$5,342.90

Announcements

Baptized into Christ this morning is Hunter James Schleicher, son of Emilie and Matthew Schleicher.

Happy Mother's Day: We wish all mothers a blessed Happy Mother's Day. Thank you for your kindness, your love, your hard work, and your support. We hope your children and your family give you a much needed day of relaxation and chocolate.



Very Short Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 4 to approve Glenn Oswald and Kristen Crawford to go to the New England Synod Assembly on June 9 & 10. This meeting will be held after worship. We will need at least 40 people for a quorum.

The New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus will be at Holy Trinity for a concert on Saturday, May 20 at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$20 per adult, and available to purchase at NHGMC.com. See the back cover for more information.

Pastor Luther's Book of Sermons: "God with Us" is available to borrow in the Library. This is a written collection of his sermons preached at Emmanuel Church from 2012-2019. Currently, we have only one copy, and it's not sold on Amazon. If you wish to purchase your own copy, please let the church office know, and we will try to get copies for you.

Semi-Annual Meeting & Church Picnic will be on Sunday, June 11 after the 9:30 AM worship service. The picnic will be the same as before with a potluck and we'll be grilling meats. We need your help to set up for the Church Picnic on Saturday, June 10 at 1pm. See Tom Bernth for more information on the Church Picnic.

Graduation Sunday will be celebrated in June. If you know someone from Holy Trinity who will graduate from High School, College, Grad School, or another school this year and would like to be recognized, please speak with the Church Office or Helen Goransson.

The Faith Formation Team cannot wait for the summer faith growing fun with everyone. VBS and Camp Calumet are filled with the joy of the Lord! Vacation Bible School dates will be announced at the end of May. The signup is in the gathering area. The deadline for submitting names for Camp Calumet scholarships is June 1st. We already have four campers! We are looking forward to the Confirmation service on Pentecost (May 28th), when two of our youth affirm their baptism. We are grateful to Pastor Larson for leading us in worship on such a special occasion. Please pray for our youth and join us in the celebration!

Contact our Pastors: Pastor Larsen, who is here from now until Labor Day, can be reached at InterimPastor@htelc.com. Pastor Luther's official HTELC email address is PastorLuther@htelc.com.

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Sixth Sunday of Easter – Sunday, May 14, 2023—9:30 a.m.

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

ELW 391

—Please remain standing—

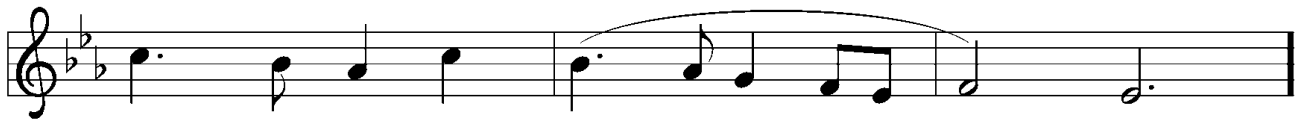
This Joyful Eastertide



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - row.
wake the dead in num - - ber.
pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

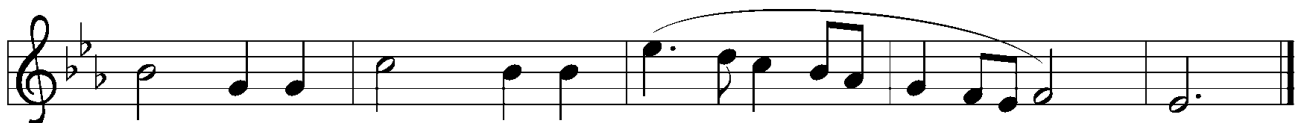
Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our



faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

Greeting

P: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

C: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Sing my tongue, the glorious battle; tell the triumph far and wide.

C: **We tell aloud the wondrous story, of the cross, of Christ crucified.**

P: We tell of the bonds that could not hold him, the linens from which he was set free;

C: **We tell of his rising from death, the Resurrection; we celebrate Christ's victory!**

Canticle of Praise -

ELW pg 140


Refrain



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 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.


Refrain



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



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.

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

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

The remaining lessons appointed for use on this Sunday are located in the announcements of this worship booklet. You are invited to read them during the collection of offerings or Communion. You are also invited to take this booklet home with you and read the lessons and prayers as part of family worship or individual devotions.

First Reading

—Please be seated—

L: A reading from Acts 17:22-31

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we

live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

L: Word of God, word of life

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: Psalm 66:8-20

L: ⁸Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.

**C: ⁹Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

L: ¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

**C: ¹¹You brought us into the net;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

L: ¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

**C: ¹³I will enter your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows—**

L: ¹⁴those that I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

**C: ¹⁵I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.**

L: ¹⁶Come and listen, all you who believe,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.

**C: ¹⁷I called out to God with my mouth,
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

L: ¹⁸If I had cherished evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;

**C: ¹⁹but in truth God has heard me
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

L: ²⁰Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

Second Reading

L: A reading from 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits

in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

The children are invited to come forward to join the Pastor at the Chancel for a message.

Gospel Acclamation

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— Please stand as able—

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

Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, Chapter 14:15-21

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

— Please be seated—

We Know That Christ Is Raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932
 Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924
 Text © John B. Geyer.

The Baptism

—Please be seated—

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the

gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

P: Emilie & Matthew, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Hunter James Schleicher baptized into Christ? If so, answer I do.

Response: **I do.**

P: As you bring Hunter James to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,

bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,

teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,

place in his hands the holy scriptures,

and nurture him in faith and prayer,

so that all your children may learn to trust God,

proclaim Christ through word and deed,

care for others and the world God made,

and work for justice and peace.

Emilie and Matthew, do you promise to help Hunter James grow in the Christian faith and life? If so, answer, I do.

Response: **I do.**

The presiding minister addresses sponsors

P: Thomas and Keri-Ann, do you promise to nurture Hunter James in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him

live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? If so, answer, I do.

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the congregation.

P: People of God, do you pledge to help pass faith to Hunter James and to support and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C: **We do.**

Profession of Faith

— Please stand as able—

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The congregation joins in the responses.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the congregation.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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

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

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into those who are here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The assembly may be seated. The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. The candidate is immersed into the water, or water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

P: Hunter James, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

LD: Hunter James, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

LD: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:

P: Sustain Hunter James with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

P: Hunter James, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: **Amen.**

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

LD: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly.

LD: Let us welcome our newly baptized brother – Hunter James Schleicher.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Prayers of the People

LD: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

— A brief silence—

LD: God our faithful companion, you promise to never leave us and to send your Spirit to guide us in wisdom and truth. Send your people into the world to serve as mirrors that reflect and magnify your love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

LD: All the earth sings praises to you. Grant your care to the creatures, plants, and places that are suffering, and equip us to respond to their song. Make us agents of restoration and refreshment for all your beloved creation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

LD: You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to all who are oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

LD: Nurturing Lord, you sent your Spirit to grant us peace. Make your presence known to those who feel abandoned or alone, and to all who are sick or grieving. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. — **A brief silence**— Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

LD: We pray for our partners in mission and ministry: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Bishop James Hazelwood and the New England Synod, Pastor Livingstone Msungu and the Isimani congregation in Tanzania, Fundaninos Orphanage in Guatemala, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Congregation, Ascentria Care Alliance and Camp Calumet. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

LD: You hold us in your loving care. We pray for mothers and mother figures. Console all who long to be mothers, children estranged from their mothers, anyone grieving the death of a mother, and mothers who have lost a child. Support all for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

LD: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

The Sharing of God's Peace

P: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

The congregation is invited to exchange expressions of peace with those near them.

MEAL

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.

Choir Anthem

Offertory Song

ELW 885

—Please stand as able—

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost."

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

Offertory Prayer

LD: 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.

C: Amen

The Celebration of Holy Communion

As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood. There will be a single communion station around the altar. You will receive a wafer (gluten free wafers are available). Next you may take a pre-filled glass of wine. Please put the glass in the basket by the baptismal font or the lectern. Pre-filled Communion Cups are still available for anyone uncomfortable coming forward to the altar. If you would like to receive communion from the Pastor, but you are unable to come forward, please ask someone to talk to the ushers and we will bring communion to you.

Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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 our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

—To the tune hymn Holy, Holy, Holy—

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory and Your grace.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who

Comes in the name of the Lord God most high.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: 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 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:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P: 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.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: 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.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Feel free to use the version of the Lord's Prayer you are most comfortable with.

**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.**

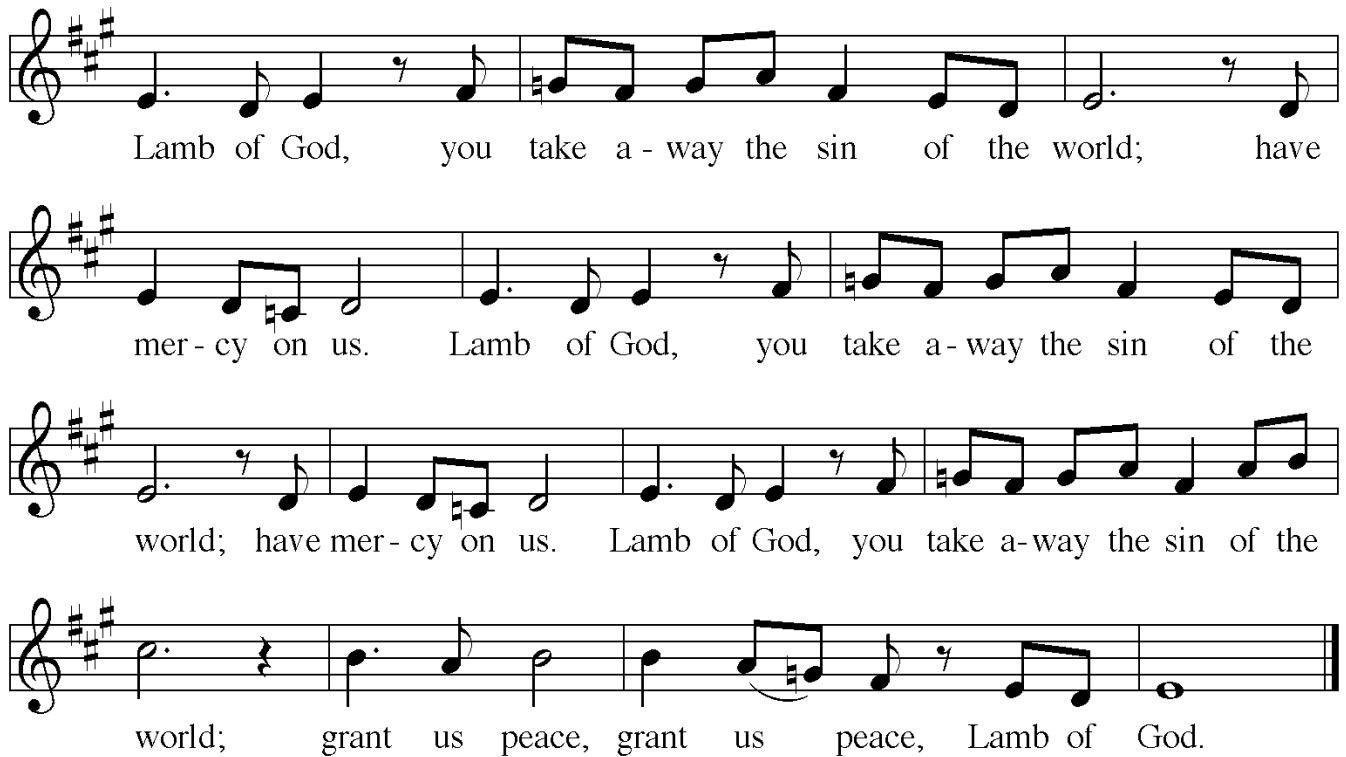
Invitation to Communion

P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

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

Communion

— Please be seated—



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

Communion Hymns

While others are communing, you are invited to sing a communion hymn or to meditate on the readings and prayers for the day. To follow along with the Communion Hymns, please locate the cranberry Hymnal under your seats.

ELW 613 – Thy Holy Wngs.

ELW 462 – Now We Join in Celebration.

ELW 464 – Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal.

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Communion Blessing

— Please stand as able—

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray.

C: **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.

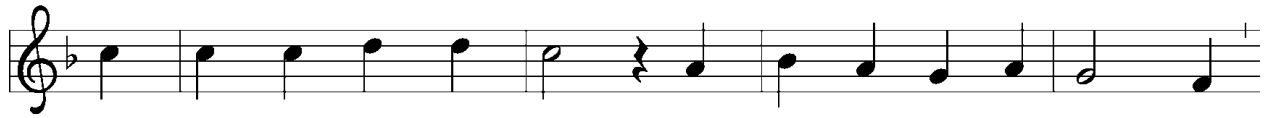
SENDING

Rites of Passage and Announcements

—Please be seated—

The congregation is invited to share birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events in the life of its members. Subsequently, brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the congregation's participation in God's mission in the world.

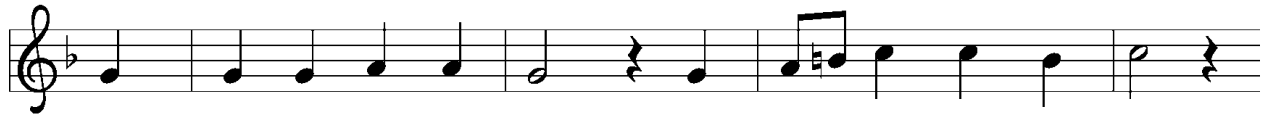
Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
 2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinckhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Blessing

—Please stand as able—

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

—Please remain standing—

LD: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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