

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021

*Protect them
in your name*

JOHN 17:11



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Welcome

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here whether you are here to worship with us as a first time visitor, friend, neighbor, or lifelong member. If you have any questions, concerns, or need pastoral care, Pastor Althea would love to talk with you. Feel free to speak with her after worship or contact her by email or phone at: pastoralthea3@gmail.com .

Mission Statement

Through God's Word and Holy Spirit, Grace Lutheran Church will be...

- Inviting all people to ***belong*** to the church of Jesus Christ,
- Equipping those who ***believe*** as faithful disciples of Jesus, and
- Sending members to ***become*** caring servants of God in the world.

Serving in Worship Today—

Worship Assistant: Linda Rihl

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Sound Technicians: Jim Foreman, Michael Piskun, Shawn Welfield

In Our Hearts and Prayers

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Woodview Estates: Lorraine Moore

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book

Congregation responses in bold print.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Althea Albright

PRELUDE

Cannon

by Johann Pachelbel

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom
no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of
your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your
holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given
ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.
Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live
and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and
made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.
In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God
strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in
your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

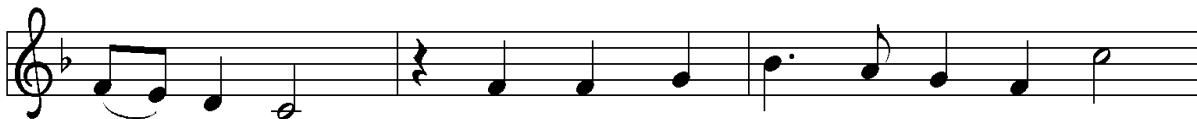
Christ Is The King!

ELW # 662

Verses 1,3, & 5, All; Verse 2, Women; Verse 4, Men



1 Christ is the king! O friends, re - joice; broth - ers and sis - ters,
 2 Oh, mag - ni - fy the Lord, and raise an - thems of joy and
 3 O Chris - tian wom - en, Chris - tian men, all the world o - ver,
 4 Let Love's all - rec - on - cil - ing might your scat - tered com - pa -
 5 So shall the church at last be one; so shall God's will on



with one voice let the world know he is your choice.
 ho - ly praise for Christ's brave saints of an - cient days.
 seek a - gain the Way dis - ci - ples fol - lowed then.
 nies u - nite in ser - vice to the God of light.
 earth be done, new lamps be lit, new tasks be - gun.



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

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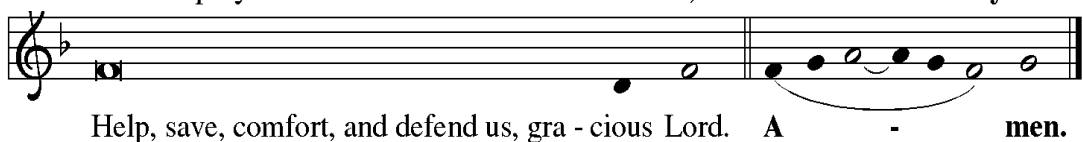
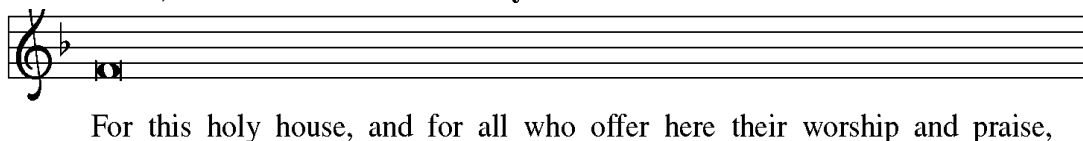
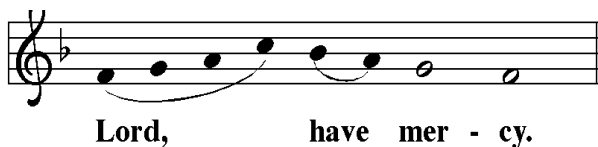
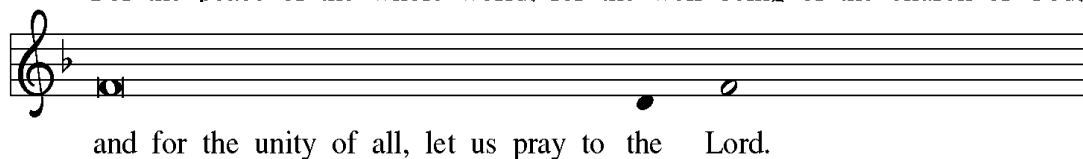
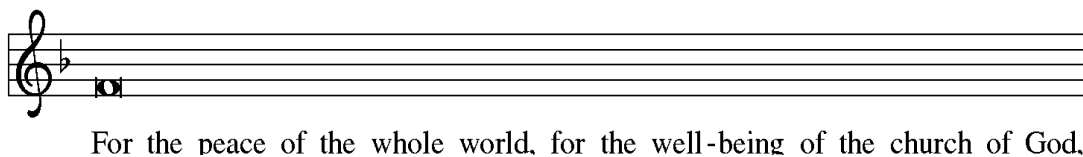
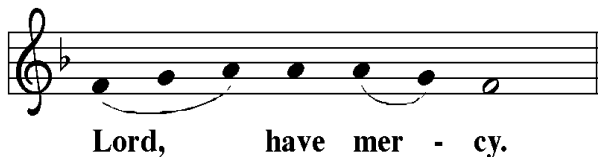
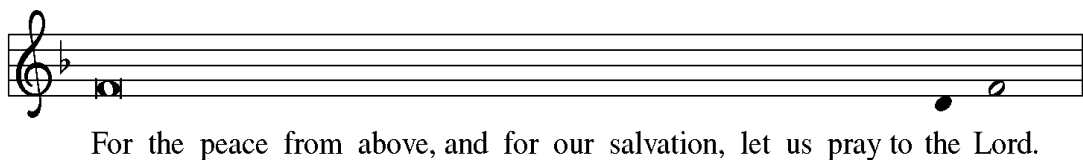
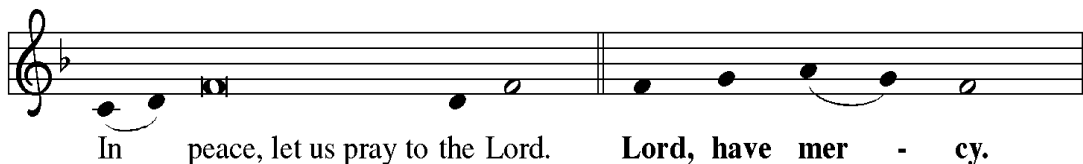
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GREETING

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

KYRIE



THIS IS THE FEAST

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,

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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

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.

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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

brief silence

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Jaxon Gage Declet

Born: November 22, 2020 **✝ Baptized:** May 16, 2021

Pastor: Rev. Althea Albright

Mother: Lindsey Marie Faust Declet

Father: Christopher John Declet

Sponsors:

Todd David

Jacqueline Patrice Carty

WELCOME TO BAPTISM

Pastor: Dear friends in Christ, we gather today with the family of Jaxon Gage Declet who have brought him to be baptized.

Together, let us welcome them to this community of faith in Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Let us pray... **O God, again and again in ages past you showed your mercy and grace to children. You saved the infant Moses from death with the help of his mother and sister. As you blessed Joseph and Mary and the child Jesus, bless also the families, that they may care for this child entrusted to them, bring them to baptism and to the bread and cup of blessing, and help them mature in faith through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: God brings you in peace and joy to fullness of life in Christ and calls you to the waters of baptism.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

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.

Family: We present Jaxon for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Jaxon baptized into Christ? **I do.**

As you bring Jaxon, 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 him hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that your child 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.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life? **I do.**

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Jaxon in the Christian faith as you
are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of
baptism and in communion with the church? **I do.**

People of God, do you promise to support *name* and pray for *him/her* in *him/her*
new life in Christ? **We do.**

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises? **I do**

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

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

Do you believe in God, the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Pastor: God brings you in peace and joy to fullness of life in Christ and calls you to the
waters of baptism.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

BAPTISM

Jaxon, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

Let us pray together.... **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.**

Sustain Jaxon 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. Amen.

Jaxon, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

WELCOME

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

**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.**



WORD

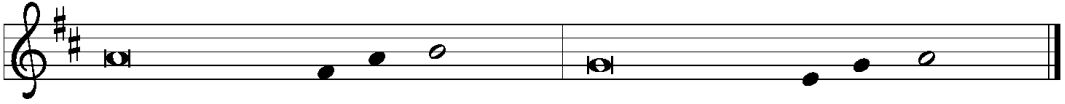
FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

A reading from Acts.

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM: Psalm 1

- ¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!
- ²**Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,**
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.
- ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that | do not wither;
everything they | do shall prosper.
- ⁴**It is not so | with the wicked;**
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.
- ⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.
- ⁶**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,**
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.

SECOND READING: First John 5:9-16

A reading from First John.

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

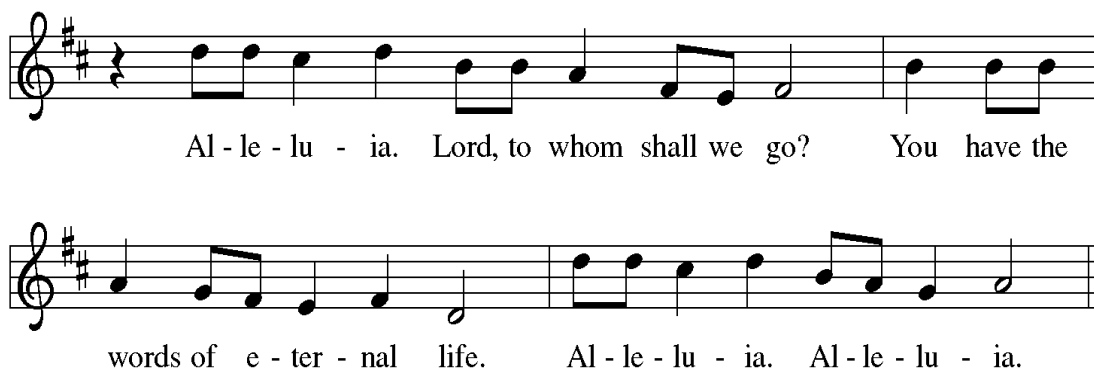
⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING: John 17:6-19

The holy gospel according to St John, the 17th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost

except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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

Please be seated

SERMON

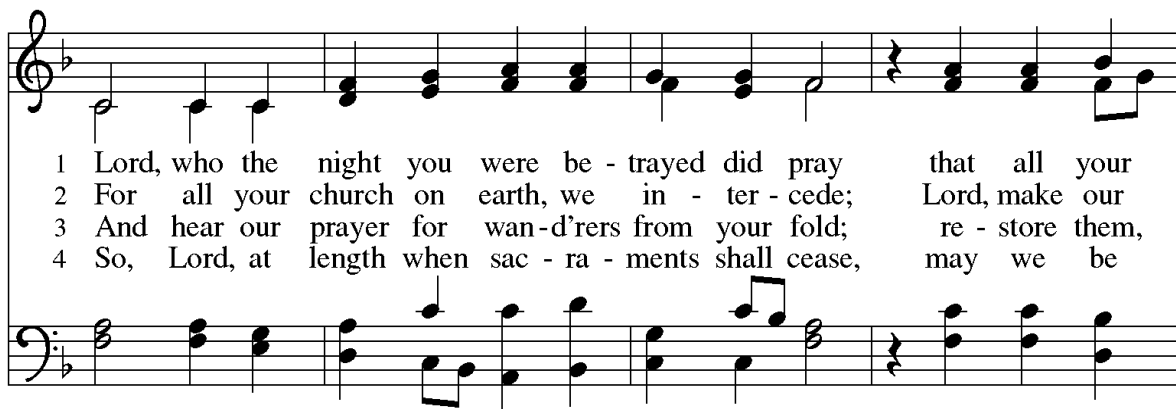
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SANCTIFY
THEM
IN THE
TRUTH;
**YOUR
WORD
IS TRUTH.**
JOHN 17:17

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed

ELW # 463



1 Lord, who the night you were be - trayed did pray that all your
 2 For all your church on earth, we in - ter - cede; Lord, make our
 3 And hear our prayer for wan-d'ers from your fold; re - store them,
 4 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease, may we be



church might be for - ev - er one: help us at
 sad di - vi - sions soon to cease; draw us all
 too, Good Shep - herd of the sheep, back to the
 one with all your church a - bove— one with your



ev - 'ry eu - cha - rist to say with will - ing heart and
 clos - er, each to each, we plead, by draw - ing all to
 faith your saints con-fessed of old, and to the church still
 saints in one un - bro - ken peace, one with your saints in

soul, "Your will be done." Oh, may we all one bread, one
 you, O Prince of peace; thus may we all one bread, one
 pledged that faith to keep. Soon may we all one bread, one
 one un - bound - ed love; more bless - ed still, in peace and

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 bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
 love to be one with the Trin - i - ty in u - ni - ty.

Text: William H. Turton, 1856–1938, alt.
 Music: SONG 1, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

WEEKLY OFFERING

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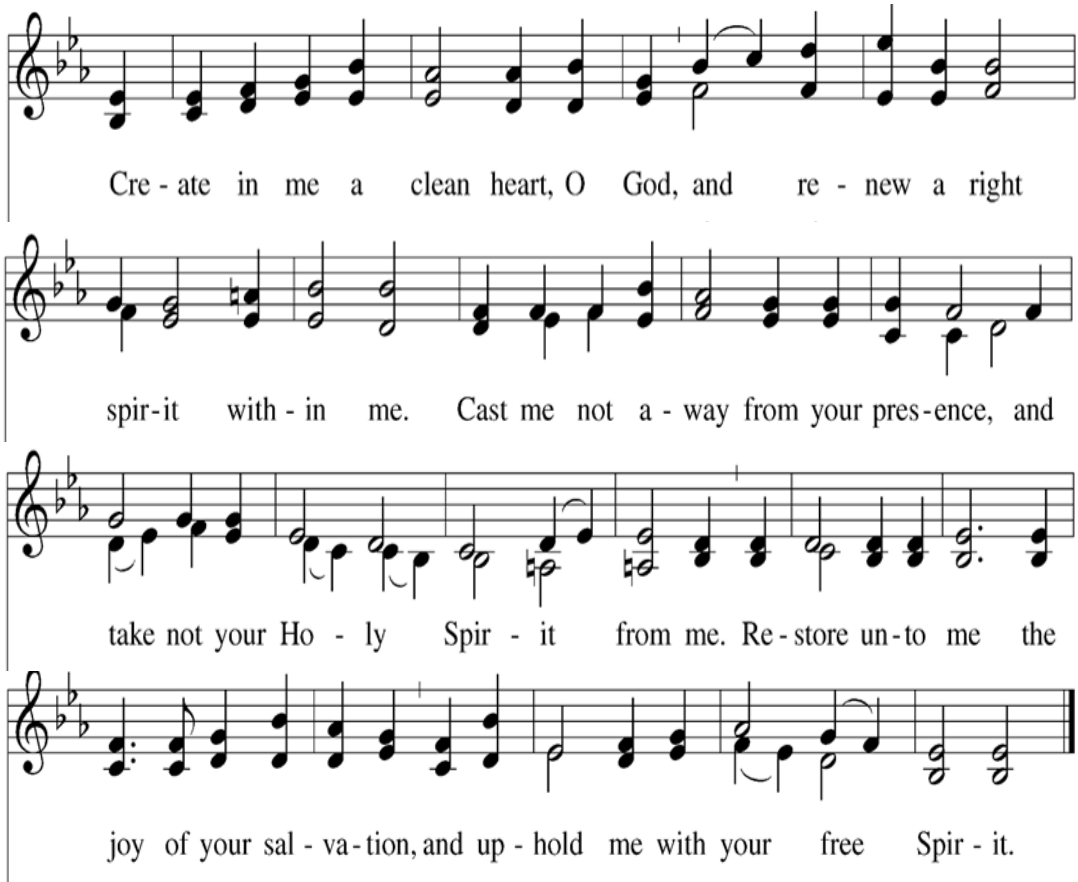
OFFERTORY

Blessed is the Man

by Jane M. Marshall

Please stand as your are able

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and

take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un-to me the

joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray...**Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Pastor: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Brief silence.

Leader: Holy God, in Christ Jesus the joy of the church is made complete. Root the church in your Word and unify us as Christ's body. Send us into the world as your loving people, ready to testify to your Spirit at work. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Leader: Mighty God, the world is your handiwork, displaying your creative impulse. Seas are filled with life, forests reach up to praise you, and the mystery of life lies deep in the earth's soil. Guard and keep this world for the well-being of all your creatures. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Leader: Gracious Sovereign, those who follow your ways are like trees planted near streams of water. Establish the leaders of nations and all in authority in your grace and truth. Strengthen them, so that the people they serve will have abundant and peaceful life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Generous Savior, you befriend those who are sick, suffering, poor, lonely, outcast, rejected, or sick. Grant healing and love to all in need *especially* all those we name now or in our hearts... Give them tangible signs of your kindness and love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Leader: Creator God, here in this community we share the gift of praying, learning, and supporting one another. Give us thankful hearts as we claim the gifts that are unique to us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pastor: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G-clef and F-sharp key signature. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure. The lyrics are: '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.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

PREFACE

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,

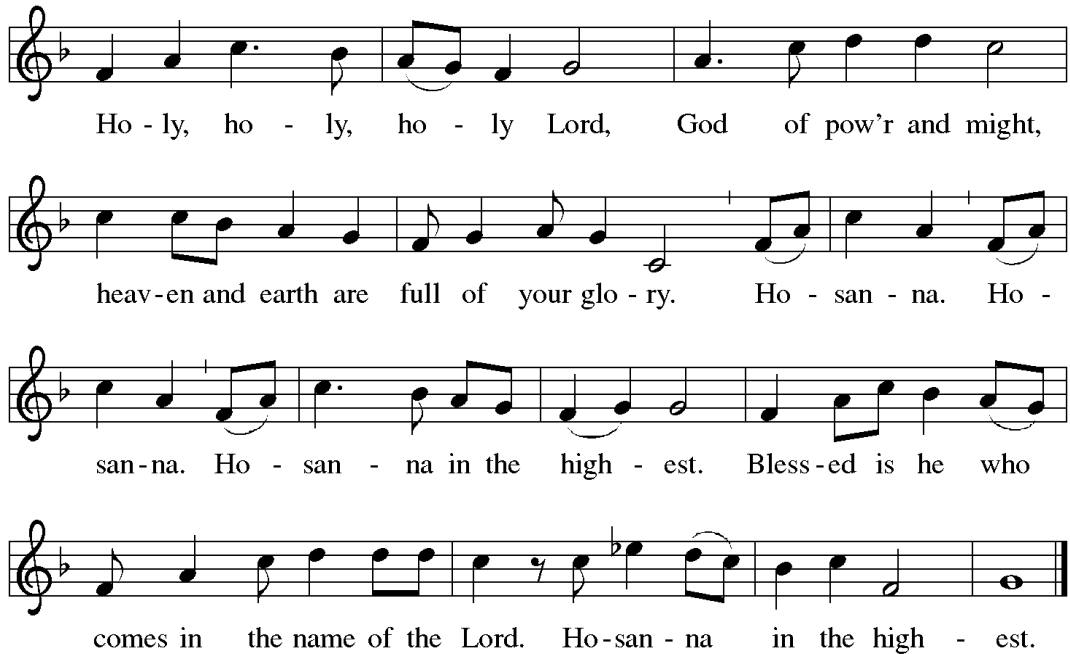
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

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:



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 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 Jesus' coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

On 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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

May all blessing, praise, and thanks be to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, and by your Life-giving Spirit. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

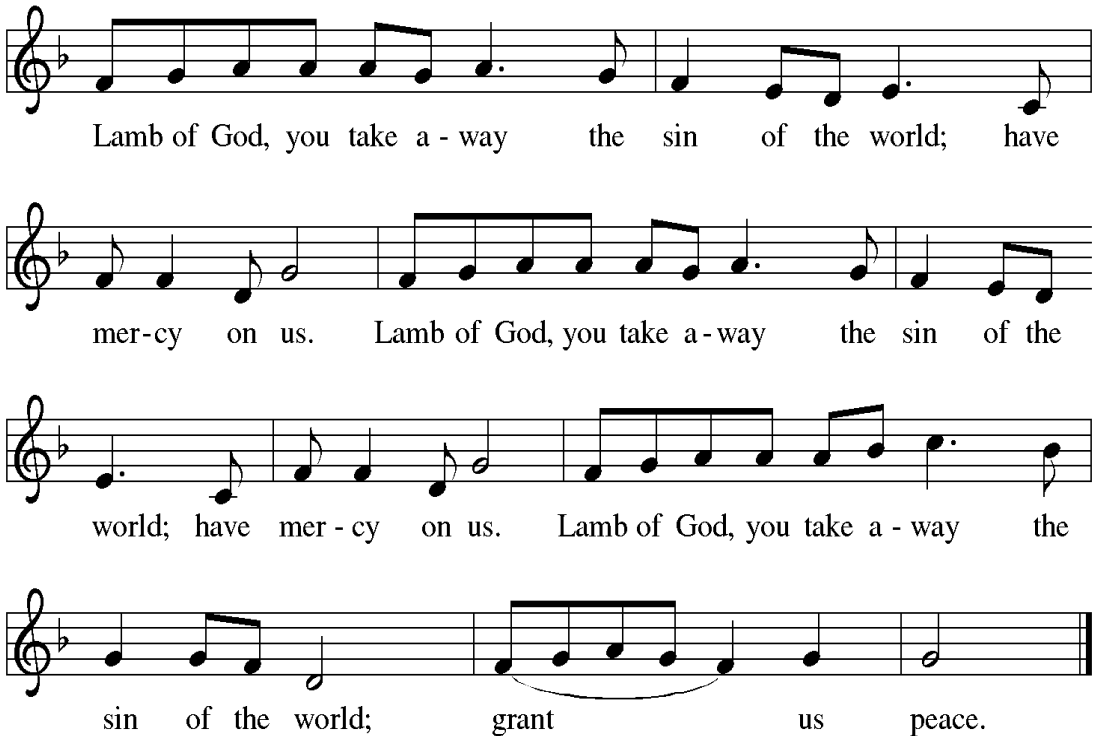
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

Come to us, Lord Jesus.

COMMUNION HYMN



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.

*We will partake of the bread and grape juice together.
Wait for direction from the pastor.*

Taste and see that the Lord is good. **God's love endures forever.**

Let us now commune with the Lord together.

This is the body of Christ given for you. **Amen.** *(brief silence)*

This is the blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.** *(brief silence)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing
Music on next page

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Please be seated for the postlude.

Take this time to listen to the music and contemplate the message presented today.

POSTLUDE

Toccata In E Minor

by Johann Pachelbel

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

SENDING HYMN Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

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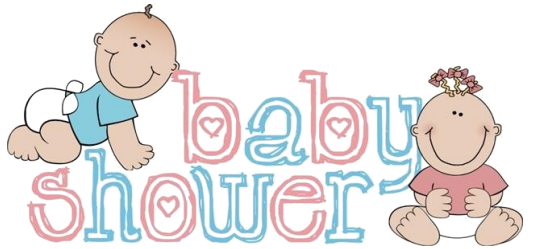
Verses 1, 3, & 5, All; Verse 2, Women; Verse 4, Men

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

15th Annual



FOR
SHORE MEDICAL CENTER
WEDNESDAY August, 11th @ 12 o'clock noon
 Hosted by
Grace Lutheran Church Women



SHOWER GIFT IDEAS!

NEWBORN to SIZE 2 Outfits - Receiving Blankets
Hand Crocheted or Knitted Items
Onesies - Bibs - Diapers
Wash Cloths and Towels

Unwrapped gifts for **NEWBORNS through SIZE 2** can be brought to the Church Office or left in the box located in the Narthex (Lobby) by Sunday, August 8th.

The Lutheran Church Women will set-up and display all of the gifts on **Monday, August 9th at 12 noon**

Representatives from Shore Memorial Hospital will join us to accept the gifts, then take them to the hospital for distribution.

These items will be given to disadvantaged mothers when they take their babies home.

The entire congregation is encouraged to participate.



RSVP by Friday, August 6th.
Contact: Bettie Cross 646-4495





BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

Join us for **dinner at 6:00 pm** on the Thursday's listed on the below for

Food, Family, & Faith.

We will share a meal together and of course, dessert.

Pastor Althea will lead us in discussion following a short film or have a conversation on current topics.

Sign-up today!

**Please RSVP with the form on the left.
Place in the offering plate.
Thank you.**



May 20 - June 3 - June 17 - July 22
August 5 - August 19



Tear along perforation and place in the offering plate. Thank you!

Food, Family & Faith
Thursday, May 20, 2021

RSVP needed for catered dinner by May 16, 2021.



Name (s) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Number of adults _____

Free Will Offering

26 Number of children _____

I will bring dessert _____



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The items needed are

- ⇒ mayonnaise
- ⇒ Ketchup
- ⇒ Mustard
- ⇒ crackers

- ⇒ Chef Boyardee cans
- ⇒ Beets, Spinach
- ⇒ pudding cups
- ⇒ brownie mix
- ⇒ cake mix & frosting
- ⇒ Bread
- ⇒ dairy products
- ⇒ Eggs
- ⇒ brown gravy
- ⇒ juice.



GRACE PLACE FOOD PANTRY—OPEN

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday from 9:00 am until 11:30 am.

Pantry is closed the first full week of every month.

Food Pantry Volunteers

Dedicated helpers are wanted to work in the Food Pantry.

Contact Jim Cordery during Food Pantry hours @ 609-927-9982 for more information.

³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

Matthew 25:35

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SIGN-UP

There are open dates for Worship Assistants on Sunday mornings. Open dates are:

May 30, June 6, June 13, June 20, June 27, July 4, July 11, July 18, & July 25,

as well as the rest of the year. Contact Diana McArdle in the Church Office @ 609-927-3082 to add your name to a specific



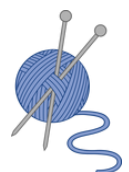
Grace Stitchers



Grace Stitchers meet on Friday mornings at 10:30 am until noon in the Lounge.

New to knitting and crocheting? Or a veteran at knitting or crocheting? Join this group to have conversation, friendship, and fellowship.

Donations of yarn is always appreciated.



Installation of Church Council



Church Council

2021 Church Council,

On Sunday,
May 23, 2021,
Pastor Althea
will install the
Officers and
Members of the

Officers:

Stephen Gring—President
Ellie Granieri—Vice President
Kevin Thomas—Secretary

Members:

Jim Merce
Corinne Rhodes
Aud Suckiel
Jane Thompson
Jill Welfield

Events This Week - May 16 -23, 2021

Sunday 5/16 Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 am—Spoken Service - Lounge

10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service

Holy Communion

Baptism: Jaxon Gage Declet

Monday 5/17

9:00 am - 11:30 am - Food Pantry

7:00 pm - AA Meeting - Social Hall

Tuesday 5/18

9:00 am - 11:30 am - Food Pantry

6:30 pm - NA

7:00 pm - Church Council

Wednesday 5/19

9:00 am - 11:30 am - Food Pantry

7:00 pm—NA Meeting - Social Hall

Thursday 5/20

5:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

6:00 pm - Food, Family, & Faith.

6:00 pm - Antique Collectors Board Mtg.-
Lounge

Friday 5/21

10:30 am - Grace Stitchers

Saturday 5/22

Sunday 5/23 **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

8:00 am—Spoken Service - Lounge

10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service

Holy Communion

**Pentecost Sunday, wear
something red!**



2021 FLOWER CHART is posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. Available for weekly dedications are Candles, Sanctuary Flowers, Bulletins, Wine & Anthems. Please sign your name next to the date and item on the chart you wish to have dedicated in the bulletin.

Be sure to fill out the payment envelope with all the information for the bulletin, a week before (or sooner) your desired date, place it in the Offering plate or bring to the church office. Thank you, Diana

Available Dedications on the Flower Chart

5/23 - Candles, Bulletins, Music

5/30 - Bulletins, Wine, Music

6/6 - Bulletins, Wine, Music

6/13 - Candles, Bulletins, Wine, Music

6/20 - Candles, Bulletins. Wine, Music

6/27 - Candles, Bulletins, Music

Dedications

SANCTUARY FLOWERS
Happy Heavenly Birthday Daddy,
Walter R. Wopatek
Love, Kathy