



**May 21, 2023**  
**Ascension Sunday**  
*8:00 Worship Service with Communion*  
*& 10:30 a.m. Worship Service*  
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*In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.*

## BELL

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE:** (8:00) *Holy God, Holy and Glorious* -by Robert Buckley Farlee, arr. Anne Krentz Organ  
(10:30) *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* -arr. Linda Lamb  
-Friendship Ringers

*All who are able are invited to stand*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

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

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

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

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: *Rejoice, for Christ Is King!* p. 17**

## GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**Christ is Risen indeed!**

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

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

## NOW THE FEAST

### Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,

all of cre - a - tion sings for joy

to the God of life and love and

free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -

er - more!

**Verse 1***Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
God. *to Refrain*

**Verse 2***Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and  
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ  
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

**Verse 3***Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
make us peo - ple of God; to make  
all things new. *to Refrain*

## SALUTATION



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.  
All may be seated*

## FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

*Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.*

[Luke writes:] <sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." *The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 47** (read responsively – congregation reads bold)

*God has gone up with a shout. (Ps. 47:5)*

<sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, <sup>1</sup> all you peoples;  
shout to God with a <sup>1</sup> joyful sound.

<sup>2</sup>**For the LORD Most High is <sup>1</sup> to be feared:**  
**a great king over <sup>1</sup> all the earth,**

<sup>3</sup>who subdues the <sup>1</sup> peoples under us,  
and the nations un- <sup>1</sup> der our feet;

<sup>4</sup>**who chooses our inheri- <sup>1</sup> tance for us,**  
**the pride of Jacob, <sup>1</sup> whom God loves.**

<sup>5</sup>God has gone up <sup>1</sup> with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound <sup>1</sup> of the ram's horn.

<sup>6</sup>**Sing praises to <sup>1</sup> God, sing praises;**  
**sing praises to our <sup>1</sup> king, sing praises.**

<sup>7</sup>For God is king of <sup>1</sup> all the earth;  
sing praises <sup>1</sup> with a song.

<sup>8</sup>**God reigns o- <sup>1</sup> ver the nations;**  
**God is en- <sup>1</sup> throned on high.**

<sup>9</sup>The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the <sup>1</sup> God of Abraham.  
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- <sup>1</sup> ly exalted.

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23**

*The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we are given the wisdom to know the power of the risen Christ and the empowering hope that the knowledge of this inheritance provides.*

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*All who are able are invited to stand*

## THE GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:

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

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

*On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*All may be seated*

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Stephanie Derstine

## SERMON

## TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION *(remain seated)*

*All who are able are invited to stand*



**HYMN: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing p. 18**

**NICENE CREED**

*The Creed is professed by all in unison:*

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

*A brief silence.*

Ever-present God, root your church firmly in you. Let us neither become entranced staring up into the heavens, nor distraught by the suffering of the world. Teach us to see you in every face, every place, and every moment. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of the cosmos, you cradle creation in your loving arms and anoint it with signs of your presence. In the budding of flowers, the birth of a baby, and the formations of the land and sky, reveal your abundant life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Eternal God, your reign is above us, around us, beneath us, and beside us. As you rule the cosmos with justice and mercy, pour out your Spirit upon those in authority, that they serve humbly and justly. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Immanent God, in you we live, move, and have our being. Draw us closer to you and clothe us in your power. Encourage those preparing for baptism, those affirming their baptism, and all who are assuming new roles in this congregation's ministries. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of welcome, you call us to feast at your eternal banquet. We give thanks for those who came before us whose lives witnessed to your love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of companionship, provide clarity and direction for those experiencing life transitions—in births and deaths, new employment and new relationships, divorces and departures. We pray for those receiving new diagnoses or undergoing treatment for injury or illness, *especially Helen, Susan, Gladys, Rachelle, Kim, Vanessa, Tammy, Dean, Lester, Nat, Hinata, Bob, Lori, Lisa, Olive, Anna, Herb, Carol, Linda.* Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For those celebrating birthdays this week. May they continue to grow in faith as they grow in years, *especially Dylan, Julia, Veda, Scott, Ken, Samantha, Terri, Amanda, Dalton, Brittany, Laura, Keely, Jackson.* Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For those celebrating anniversaries this week. May they be bound together by your love, now and forever, *especially Kristin & Matthew, Raymond & Jane, Tammy & Mark.* Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for our sisters and brothers in Christ in neighboring congregations. May your light shine brightly for all, sharing in your love and your peace that surpasses all understanding. We pray especially for the staff and residents of Luther Crest, Allentown. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

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.

**Amen.**

**THE PEACE**— *Please share the peace in any manner comfortable to you.*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## THE OFFERTORY

**OFFERTORY:** (8:00) *Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus* -arr. Richard Hillert  
(10:30) *Consecrated, Lord, to Thee* -Wayne L. Wold  
-The Jordan Chorale

## OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

*After the offering is gathered, all who are able are invited to stand.*

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.  
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you,

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

[The 10:30 service (non-communion) continues on page 13 with The Lord's Prayer]

## THE MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*All may be seated*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score for the Great Thanksgiving is written on five staves in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. 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. It is right to give God thanks and praise." The score is divided into sections for the Presider and the Congregation. The Presider's parts are on the first, third, and fifth staves, while the Congregation's parts are on the second, fourth, and fifth staves. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical notes.

## 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; who, enthroned forever at your right hand, intercedes for us as our great high priest.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray as our Lord 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.**

**[The 10:30 (non-communion) service continues on p. 16 with The Sending]**

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

*All may be seated*

## COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say "The body of Christ, given for you." "The blood of Christ, shed for you." And each person may respond "Amen."

## LAMB OF GOD

Congregation:                      Congregation or Assistant:

Lamb of God,          you take a - way the sin of the  
                                 \* you broke the bonds of sin and of  
                                 you are the way of jus - tice and  
                                 you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:

world:                      have mer - cy on us,          mer - cy on us,  
death:                      have mer - cy on us,          mer - cy on us,  
peace:                      have mer - cy on us,          mer - cy on us,  
love:                      have mer - cy on us,          mer - cy on us,

Congregation:                      Congregation or Assistant:

mer - cy on us.                      Lamb of God,          you

Congregation:

take a - way the sins of the world:          grant us peace,

grant us peace,          grant us peace.

## THE DISTRIBUTION (Intinction Distribution)

**Communion Hymn: *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd p. 19***

***O Christ, Our Hope p. 20***

After all have returned to their places

*All who are able are invited to stand*

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### SONG AFTER COMMUNION



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -  
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:  
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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



## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### BLESSING

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

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:** *Crown Him With Many Crowns p. 21*

### DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** *Now Thank We All Our God*

-Georg Friederich Kaufmann



*We would love for you to join us in the Memory Room following worship to enjoy the blessing of Christian fellowship through conversation and tasty snacks! Fellowship will end for the summer months (last one is May 28<sup>th</sup>) and we'll resume again after Labor Day.*



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Beginning June 5<sup>th</sup> through September 1<sup>st</sup>, the church office will be switching to a summer schedule. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the office will open one hour earlier, at 8:00 a.m., and close one hour earlier, at 3:00 p.m. On Fridays, the office will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 2:00 p.m.

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# Rejoice, for Christ Is King!

1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;  
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;  
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit

re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:  
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:  
and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

*Refrain*

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -

joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.  
Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849-1936

## A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall  
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives  
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, “Why stand and gaze up - on the  
 4 “You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals of the  
 5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
 stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - low - ers  
 sky?” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! “This is the Sav - ior!” thus they  
 sky.” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! “Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall  
 cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.  
 see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.  
 say, “this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty.”  
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



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

Text: Bede, 673–735; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
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# You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



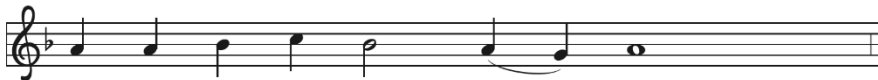
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.  
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,  
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,  
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
 stripped of might up - on the cross,  
 sit in pow - er at God's side.  
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



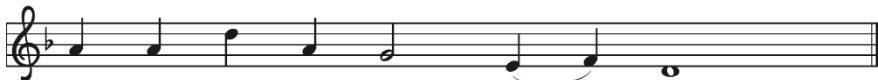
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er  
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,  
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.  
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,  
 have a love that reach - es wide.  
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.  
 you, who are both gift and cost.  
 you, who are our pil - grim guide.  
 you, who are our death and life.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993  
 Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.  
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## O Christ, Our Hope

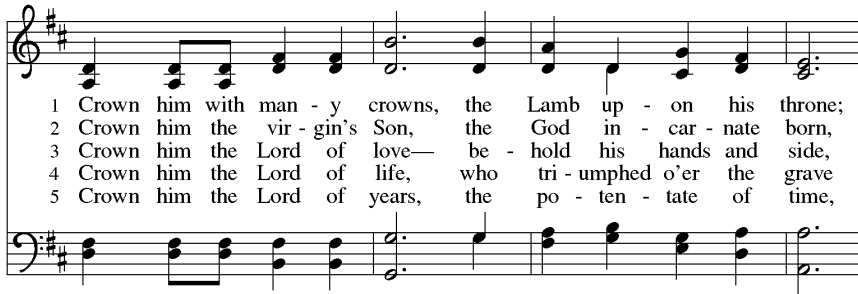
1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's  
 2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den  
 3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som  
 4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us  
 5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry

might - y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by  
 of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death, to  
 has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in  
 of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by  
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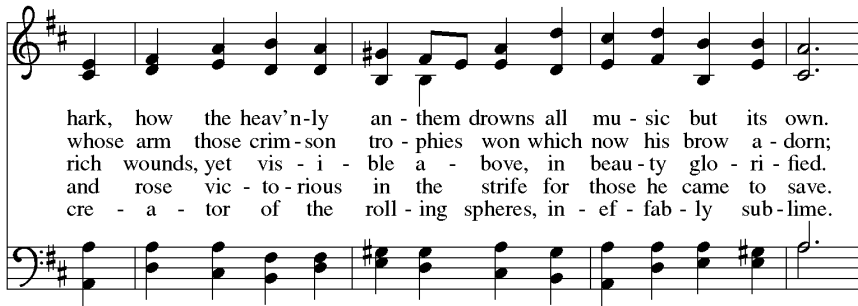
ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:  
 make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.  
 robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.  
 mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.  
 all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt.  
 Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

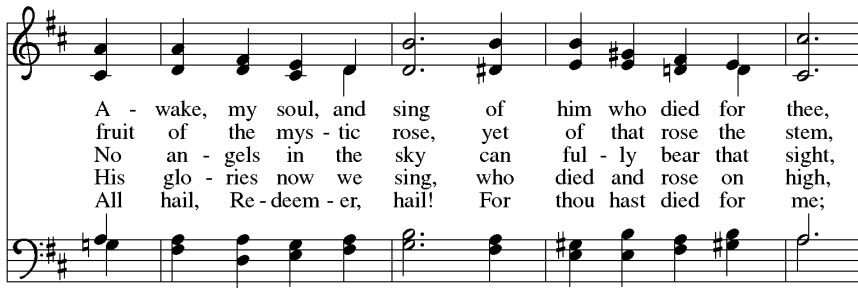
## Crown Him with Many Crowns



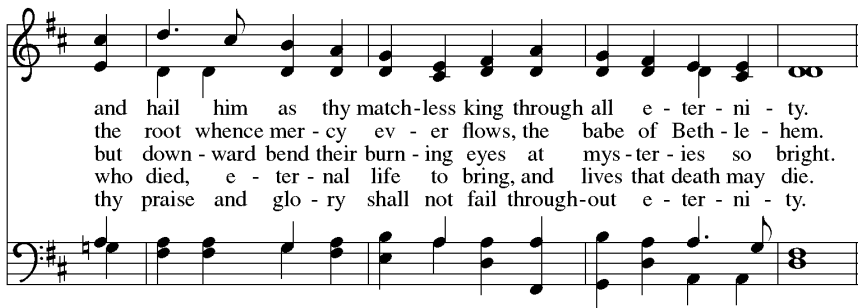
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4  
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

**THIS WEEK (May 21 – 27)**

**TODAY (21)**

-9:15am, Sunday School (*last*)  
 -9:30am, Chorale  
 -6:30pm, AA Meeting, Social Hall

**MON (22)**

-7:00pm, Boy Scouts Ct. of Honor, Memory Rm.  
 -8:00pm, Allentown Band, Family Ctr.

**TUES (23)**

-6:30pm, Bible Study, Rm. 8  
 -7:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

**WED (24)**

-9:00am, Prayer Shawl  
 -5:30pm, Jr. Gyros  
 -6:15pm, Friendship Ringers  
 -6:30pm, Canon Choir  
 -7:00pm, Badminton, Family Ctr.

**THU (25)**

-7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

**FRI (26)**

-7:00pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.  
 -9:30pm, Volleyball, Family Ctr.

- **Don't forget! Next Sunday's Pentecost and Confirmation Service is at 9:15 (one service only). Remember to wear red!**
- **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, is the 4-F Celebration/Outdoor Worship at Lone Lane Park at 10:30 (one service only).**
- **Beginning June 11<sup>th</sup> through September 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be worshipping together at one service at 9:15.**

*Say a Prayer ☞ Send a Card ☞ Pay a Visit*

**Fellowship Community:** Florence Roth, Lillian Semmel, Donald Laudenslager

**Topton:** Clint Trumbauer

**Lehigh Commons:** Janet Stettler

**Sacred Heart:** Dale Gogel **Lehigh Ctr:** Barbara Diehl

**Parkland Manor:** Paulette Bassler, Shirley Wertman

**Heather Glen:** Sonny Laudenslager, Herb Bieber

**Lehigh Center:** Anna Bieber

**Home:** Margaret Smith, Olive Wood, Reed Klotz

**Please keep these people in your prayers:** Helen Shollenberger, Susan Mancino, Gladys Harkins, Rachelle Shollenberger, Kim Demarest, Vanessa Mace, Tammy Harding, Dean Shollenberger, Lester Knipe, Nat Haber, Hinata Grant, Bob Pellen, Lori Kocher, Lisa Williams, Olive Wood, Anna Bieber (St. Luke-A), Herb Bieber (St.Luke-A), Carol Ludwig (LVH), Linda Kressley

**Birthdays this week:** Dylan Krueger, Julia Krueger, Veda Friday, Scott Gaugler, Ken Gross, Samantha McNemar, Terri Smoyer, Amanda Keinert, Dalton Schaad, Brittany Hamm, Laura Sandrock, Keely Schofield, Jackson Turkos

**Anniversaries this week:** Kristin & Matthew Hlay (25), Raymond & Jane Suhocki (21), Tammy & Mark Krueger (28)

**Attendance**  
**Sunday, 5/14/23**  
**8:00 - 40 10:30 - 77**

**Sponsors**  
**Altar Flowers** are given in honor of our son-in-law, Justin William's birthday by the Wagaman family. (T)

<b>Found in the Literature Racks This Week</b>	
<i>Last week's bulletins</i>	<i>This month's newsletter</i>
<i>2022 Annual Reports</i>	<i>Endowment Request Forms</i>
<i>Event posters/info</i>	<i>Last Month's Treasurer's Report</i>

## Worship Assistants

DATE	5/21	5/28	6/4	6/11
<b>Altar Guild</b>	8:00-L Daniels 10:30-L Stettler	9:15-S Wagaman, J Grim	9:15-	9:15-
<b>Lector</b>	8:00-M Peters 10:30-K Boardman	9:15-I Martz	9:15-	9:15-
<b>Acolyte</b>	8:00-L Epting 10:30-O Wozniak	9:15-G Schuler	9:15-	9:15-
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00-B Lutterschmidt, J Laudenslager 10:30-Boscia family	9:15-B Lutterschmidt, J Laudenslager	9:15-	9:15-
<b>Bell Toller</b>	8:00-D Stark 10:30-B Stettler	9:15-S Hamil	9:15-	9:15-
<b>SAT</b>	8:00- 10:30-	9:15-	9:15-	9:15-
<b>Video</b>	10:30-T Daniels	9:15-K Gross	9:15-	9:15-

Please look at the dates we have no one scheduled and give a call to the name listed below for the area(s) you can help with!  
**Altar Guild**/Lynn Daniels [lj2137@aol.com](mailto:lj2137@aol.com) // **Lectors**/Julie Boscia [Julie.boscia@gmail.com](mailto:Julie.boscia@gmail.com) // **Acolytes**/Stephany Heckman [sgarbeglio@yahoo.com](mailto:sgarbeglio@yahoo.com) // **Ushers** /John Weremedic [miner70@ptd.net](mailto:miner70@ptd.net) // **Bell Toller**/Sandie Hamil [hamilsre@gmail.com](mailto:hamilsre@gmail.com) // **SAT**/Doug Clark [d.clark854@gmail.com](mailto:d.clark854@gmail.com) // **Video**/Julie Williams [jbwill02@gmail.com](mailto:jbwill02@gmail.com)

### SPONSORSHIPS

**Altar Flowers:** May 28; June 4, 11, 25; July 9, 16, 23, 30; August 13, 20, 27; Sept. 3  
 Altar flowers may be sponsored for \$40/2 vase, or \*\$20/1 vase\*; Bulletins for \$20.

**HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPONSORSHIPS:** Contact Donna Hahn at 610-295-9148 or [dhahn16@gmail.com](mailto:dhahn16@gmail.com) with your choice of dates(s) and sponsorships(s). Please indicate when reserving your date whether you wish to pick up the flowers after the last service or want them taken to shut-ins. If no preference is given, flowers will be taken to shut-ins. Checks may be made payable to JELC and either mailed or dropped in the offering plate.

**SPONSORSHIP POLICY:** Flowers and other sponsorships may be reserved no earlier than one year from the chosen date. If you wish to reserve the same weekend for the following year, you may do so the day after the current year's sponsorship. No dates will be held; the first request for a date (within the one year limit) will be taken regardless of the previous year's sponsor.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2023				
	Month	YTD	Budget Amounts	
			Month	YTD
<b>Income:</b>				
Operating Income	\$ 33,294.90	\$ 142,829.45	\$ 29,360.01	\$ 127,400.03
Benevolence	\$ 1,067.00	\$ 2,854.00	\$ 1,333.33	\$ 5,333.32
Property	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 4,993.00	\$ 2,083.33	\$ 8,333.32
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 35,831.90</b>	<b>\$ 150,676.45</b>	<b>\$ 32,776.67</b>	<b>\$ 141,066.67</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Administration	\$ 2,749.15	\$ 8,268.94	\$ 1,554.17	\$ 6,216.68
Benevolence	\$ 1,687.50	\$ 7,250.00	\$ 1,812.50	\$ 7,250.00
Payroll	\$ 21,765.39	\$ 90,598.59	\$ 22,737.56	\$ 90,950.31
Ministries	\$ 1,200.32	\$ 4,414.87	\$ 972.91	\$ 3,891.64
Property-Utilities, grounds, etc	\$ 9,997.41	\$ 37,863.02	\$ 9,124.99	\$ 36,499.96
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 37,399.77</b>	<b>\$ 148,395.42</b>	<b>\$ 36,202.13</b>	<b>\$ 144,808.59</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (1,567.87)</b>	<b>\$ 2,281.03</b>	<b>\$ (3,425.46)</b>	<b>\$ (3,741.92)</b>



## **A Message from Monica**

I will be out of the office on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. A volunteer will be available for a few hours in the morning to take messages. Otherwise, please wait until Tuesday when I am back.

## **SOS (Shout Out to Shut-ins)**

...thanks members for their support to help make this a self-supporting ministry with their generous donations. Currently the group, which sends greeting cards to our homebound members and friends, could use postage stamps, cards for anniversaries, Easter/spring, Valentines Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Thanksgiving.



### **Online Registration for participants and volunteers is now open!**

Go to [www.jordanlutheran.org](http://www.jordanlutheran.org), click on Ministries tab → Faith Formation → VBS, and see the link to sign up online. **VBS takes place June 19 – 23, 9am – 12:00 noon.**

**Early Registration Bonus!** Register during the month of May, and you will receive a free Babylon T-Shirt!!

**The Donation Station** for this year's VBS will be set up in the Memory Room beginning May 7<sup>th</sup>. If you want to contribute to VBS, but can't be here during the week of VBS, this is a great way to make an impact! The needed items will be hanging on the display - simply sign out the tickets that you take on the color coordinated sheets that will be on the table.

**VBS "Called by God" Staff Needed:** Is God calling you to have fun this summer by helping children grow in their faith and knowledge of God? Adults and teens, Grade 6 and up, are needed to staff this year's Vacation Bible School program. If you are interested in helping, please register online or contact Amber Kerschner ([mamjkerschner@yahoo.com](mailto:mamjkerschner@yahoo.com)). Childcare is provided for volunteers with children younger than 3 years of age. **Due to changes in PA Law regarding volunteer screenings, it is important for all volunteers to be identified by June 1<sup>st</sup>.** Clearances must be current. If you have questions regarding clearances, please contact Stephanie Derstine at [jordandff@ptd.net](mailto:jordandff@ptd.net)

**VBS Set-Up Dates:** Set-up will be the week before VBS– watch the bulletin for the specific times. All are welcome to help! We have a lot of fun!

**VBS Leader & Helper Training:** Check your bulletin for date & time announcement of training.





### 4-F Celebration

**Food and Fun** in God’s magnificent outdoors. On **June 4th, 2023, 10:30 AM at Lone Lane Park Pavilion**, we will see your family, friends and YOU at the **4 F Celebration**. Following this special service, you will be served a gourmet luncheon of hot dogs and hamburgers complimented by the sides and desserts you bring to be shared. Please support our Food Pantry by bringing a box of Pancake Mix and/or Syrup to donate. **Look for the sign-up board IN THE NARTHEX to register your attendance.** Clear skies and fresh air have already been reserved. Please bring a tablecloth, board and lawn games for all to enjoy! See you then and there!!

**Who: Jordan Lutheran Church Family & Friends**

**What: 4 F Celebration**

**Where: Lone Lane Park Pavilion (30 Lone Lane, Allentown 18104)**

**When: June 4, 2023, at 10:30 AM** (one service ONLY this day)

**Luncheon: Hot dogs/Hamburgers/Your shared sides**

**Questions: Kay Mancke (484.358.7411)**

### Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday May 28, 2023



Please use a separate form for each plant being sponsored.

No orders will be taken without payment.

Please see that your form is in by Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

All geraniums will be planted on church grounds as living memorials.

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ geraniums x \$9 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (amount enclosed)

For office use only – do not detach

Pentecost Geraniums

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO. or EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ENV. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

## **Jordan's Food Pantry\***

The Food Pantry is available to all residents of the Parkland School District. We depend on the generous donations of church members, other local churches, and the community to do our work.

**If you find you are in need of food**, please call the church office at 610-395-5912. We will ask a few questions to help us better serve you and set up a date/time for you to pick up food. We ask clients to phone ahead for a once per month pick up, scheduled on one of these regular days: first Monday of each month (9-10 am), third Monday of each month (9-10 am), or the first Wednesday of each month (6-7 pm).

**Want to donate?** We gladly accept donations. Having a holiday / birthday / anniversary party but don't want gifts? Please consider collecting either food items or cash donations for Jordan's Food Pantry. Simply call the church office if you need suggestions of needed items, or see the list below.

*\*Jordan partners with Second Harvest of the Lehigh Valley & N. E. Pennsylvania to distribute food to those in need.*

### Current Wish List Items:

- Pudding and fruit cups
- Strawberry and Grape Jelly
- Baby Diapers, Baby Wipes, Baby Shampoo
- Cleaning and Disinfecting Supplies
- Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap
- Toilet Paper, Paper Towels
- Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Deodorant, Bar Soap, Shampoo, Razors, Body Wash
- Feminine products (cleansing wipes, tampons, & pads)
- Grocery Store Gift Cards

## ***Choral Opportunity for Summer***

Sacred Voices is an ecumenical choir that rehearses only during the summer months: Thursdays 7 p.m.-9 p.m., June 22 through August 24, culminating in a formal September concert on Sunday, September 24. No auditions required. Last summer 49 singers participated in Sacred Voices, and we anticipate an even larger turnout this summer!

This year's concert theme, "From Lament to Praise: The Psalms," will include unique settings of some of the Bible's most beloved psalms, written from the 18th through the 21st centuries. The centerpiece of the concert will be composer Dan Forrest's "Hallelu Yah: Three Psalms of Praise," written in 2022 and based on the final three psalms (147, 148, and 150). Professional instrumentalists will join us for a unique concert that explores scriptures celebrating God's eternal love, providence and grace. Contact Susan Frickert, Director of Music, Union Evangelical Lutheran Church, [Sfrickert2001@yahoo.com](mailto:Sfrickert2001@yahoo.com) or 484-788-9476 to register or for more information.



The Christian sympathy of the congregation is extended to Dan and Donna Stark on the death of Dan's brother, **Ernest Stark III, 70**, on May 14<sup>th</sup>. A service was held on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Please remember Ernest and his loved ones in your prayers.

## Masks are a PERSONAL PREFERENCE at Jordan

**The Lord's Table** at Jordan Church is an open table. If you are a baptized Christian of any church, believe in the Lord's presence in the sacrament and have received the sacrament before, you are welcome to receive with us. If you are not able to receive, please come forward for a pastoral blessing. To come forward, simply follow the direction of the ushers.

**Distribution method** is noted in the order for worship.

**ALTAR DISTRIBUTION:** As you come forward, please take an empty cup with you to the altar rail. If you choose not to consume wine, grape juice is available. Come to the altar rail without a glass and a communion assistant will offer you the grape juice in a pre-filled glass.

**INTINCTION DISTRIBUTION:** Come forward and receive a wafer. Then dip it into either the wine (the cup in the center of the bread plate) or the grape juice (in the separate cup held by the second assistant). If you want additional time at the altar, please step to center of the altar rail out of the flow of other worshippers. You are invited to kneel if you wish.

**Gluten-free wafers** are available – please indicate your need to the communion assistant.

You are asked to fill out **communion cards** clearly and completely, one card per person. Visitors are asked to fill out the address of their home church (if you identify with one) so we may forward the card there. Take a moment also before leaving to sign our guest book, located in the entrance area.

If it is necessary to **leave the sanctuary** during worship, please refrain, if possible, from doing so during the reading of scripture or the Eucharistic prayers so as not to distract other worshippers.

The use of **electronic devices** during worship is discouraged. Please turn off cell phones or set to vibrate before the start of the service.

**Hearing assistance** is available for members and visitors to Jordan. Please see an usher to arrange to use a receiver.

A Koala Bear **baby changing station** is located in the handicapped restroom across from the church offices (in the new section). Children's welcome bags and bulletins are located in the narthex. Please ask ushers for help.

**Restrooms** are located through the left side doors of the chancel; then left through the french doors; restrooms located in the foyer on the right.

**Children in grade 9 and younger** are asked to remain in the Memory Room when consuming refreshments during the fellowship hours.

**Please be sensitive** to the fact that many people are allergic to or bothered by **strong scents** (perfume, aftershave, etc.), particularly when many people are gathered closely together, as for **worship services**.

**For Parents of young children:** We are grateful that God has blessed Jordan with so many young children. Worshiping with young children is a special privilege and joy for all of us. We enjoy the sounds of children in our worship. However, if you sense the need for a "calming break" feel free to take him/her to the Memory Room or Nursery (located through the doors on the left side of the altar) where you can continue to hear and be involved in the worship.

If you are interested in **becoming a member of Jordan**, please speak with the pastor following the service or call the church office (610-395-5912).

**Announcements** for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office before 10:00 a.m. on Thursday. Deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.