

Worship Bulletin

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

May 12, 2024

Christ the King Lutheran Church

8:30 & 11:00

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHRIST THE KING CHURCH!

We are delighted to have you join us in worshipping God and the life Christ makes possible for us through his life. Our God is the best gift giver of all as we receive the gift of Christ who lives with us and walks with us and knows us.

The following is to give a little guidance to help you navigate. If you have questions please ask your neighbor, they may be able to help or point you to someone who can assist you.

Face Coverings: You are welcome to wear face coverings, but you may also notice that some are no longer choosing face coverings. Please take that into consideration as to how you participate in worship. Remember that we come to worship from different levels of potential exposure to illness.

AudioFetch: For those who need additional help hearing the service use AudioFetch. To use the system, download the AudioFetch app through the GooglePlay store or the Apple App store on any smart phone or tablet. Join the CTK Wifi with the password heisrisen325! You can send the sound signal directly to any Bluetooth device (like many hearing aids) or through any other system your device can connect with.

Holy Communion: Communion may be received while remaining at your seat with the pre-filled communion cups. Collect a cup off a tray on the usher's table at the beginning of worship. Prefilled grape juice with wafer and wine with wafer are available. Please request gluten free/ grape juice

prefilled from Pastor Connie or Richard Tiegs, as we store this in a different area so as not to confuse or get mixed up with the other options.

Communion may be received by circling around the altar. Follow the usher's directions. Pastor Connie will distribute the bread and gluten free wafers. If you desire gluten free wafer indicate by placing your hand palm down and then turn your palm to receive the wafer.

The communion assistant will offer the tray of individual cups. Please select the nearest cup. Grape juice is in the center ring of the tray. An acolyte will collect your empty cup.

Communion will be in one direction, always beginning in the back of the most south section (piano/organ side) and returning to your seat through the north aisle. An usher will indicate when to move forward for communion.

You may request communion to be brought to you by asking the pastor.

Offering: We will pass the offering plate but if you prefer you may place your offering in the wooden plate on the Ushers table. See the back of the bulletin or our web page for electronic giving options.

Communion Card: Please fill out a communion card or scan QR code on back page or usher's table.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

** Please stand as you are able*

SECOND GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

On the day of Christ's resurrection, God gathers us in Christian assembly. We confess our sin and hear God's word of forgiveness.

The assembly stands and faces baptismal font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

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Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

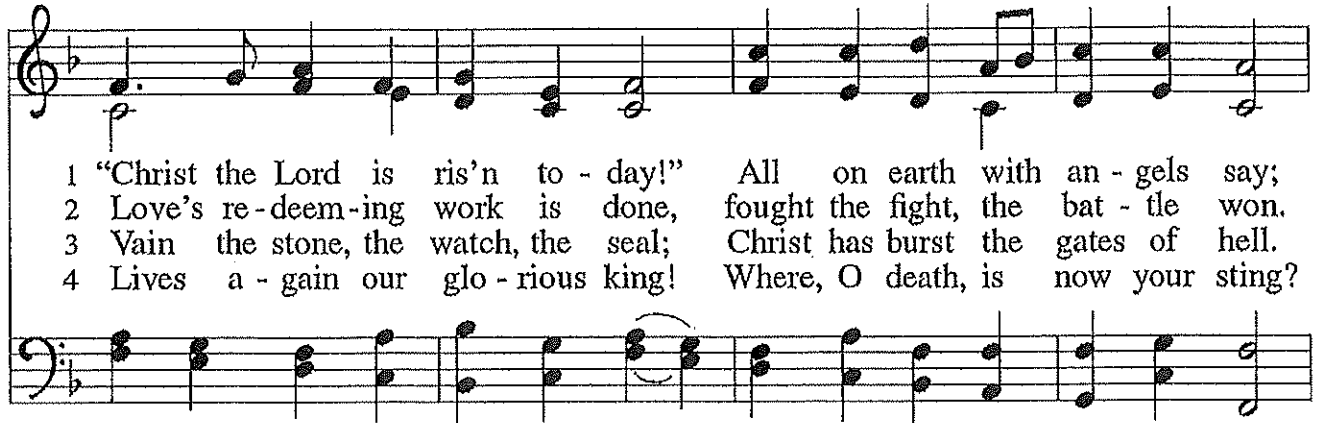
Amen.

Look, here is water!
Here is our water of life! Alleluia!
Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the
flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people
passed through the sea into freedom's land.
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

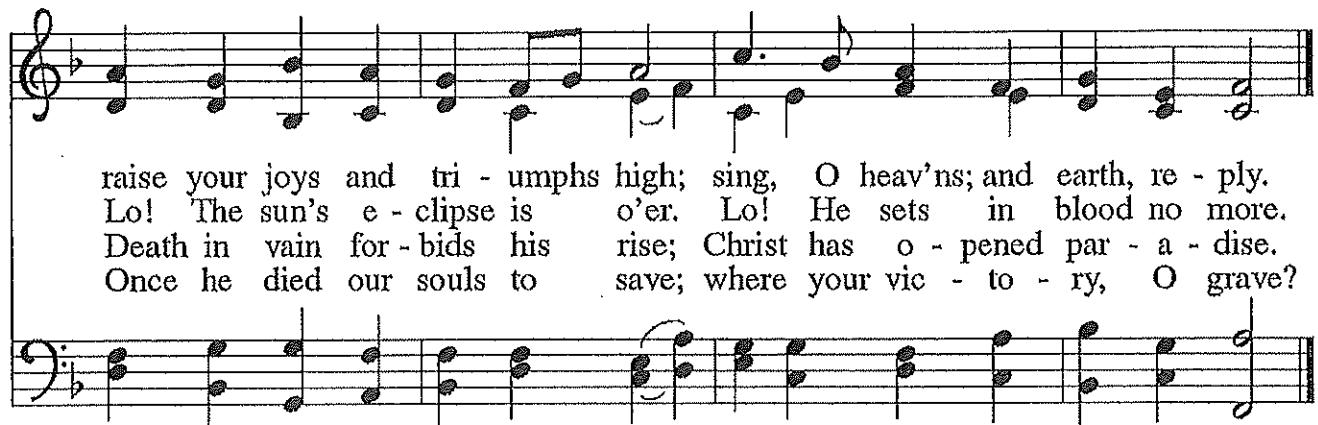
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At the river your beloved Son
was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates
of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.
We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ,
our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.
Amen.

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Here is our water of life! Alleluia!



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" All on earth with an - gels say;
 2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
 4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, re - ply.
 Lo! The sun's e - clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.
 Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n.
 Thee we greet triumphant now;
 hail, the resurrection, thou!

6 King of glory, soul of bliss,
 everlasting life is this:
 thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,
 thus to sing, and thus to love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Music: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS, Pierre de Corbeil, d. 1222, arr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

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GREETING *We greet each other in the name of the triune God.*

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

A prayer for God's mercy to fill the church and the world.

Assistant: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord. **(Refrain)**

Assistant: *Congregation:*

(Let us pray - to the) Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have
mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

Assistant: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world. For the unity of all,

Assistant: *Congregation:*

(Let us pray - to the) Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have
mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise for the strength to live your Word,

Assistant: *Congregation:*

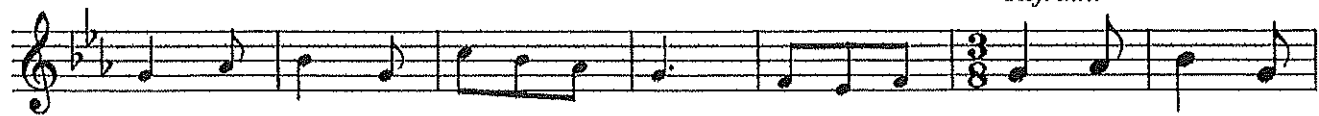
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Assistant: *Congregation:*

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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *A Song of praise to God's glory revealed in Jesus Christ.*

Refrain:



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: 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: Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ _____ for - ev - er. _____ *to Refrain*



Verse 3: For God has come to dwell with us, _____ to make us



peo-ple of God; to make all things new. _____ *to Refrain*

SALUTATION



Let us pray.

**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.**

CHOIR ANTHEM (11:00)

Set Me As a Seal

setting: René Clausen

WORD

God Speaks to us in a scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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' treachery and death.

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

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

To respond to the first reading, we read the instructional Psalm 1. Judas is like the chaff, while we join with Matthias to be like the fruitful trees. The frontispiece of the Psalms section in Evangelical Lutheran Worship (p. 339) depicts the church in praise as this fruitful tree. Christians see themselves as nourished by the pool of baptism, the "streams of water" of which the psalmist speaks.

PSALM: Psalm 1 (Read responsively between Lector and congregation)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel¹ of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats¹ of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law¹ of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching¹ day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that¹ do not wither;

everything they¹ do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so¹ with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind¹ blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when¹ judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council¹ of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way¹ of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall¹ be destroyed.**

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.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13

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

Stand

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We acclaim the living Word, Jesus Christ, present in the gospel reading.

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!

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.

The holy gospel according to John the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: *John 17:6-19*

[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.

THE SERMON

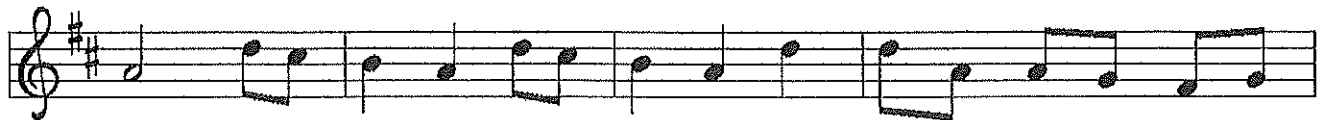
Preaching brings God's word of law and gospel into our time and place to awaken and nourish faith.

***THE HYMN OF THE DAY** **A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!**
God's word is further proclaimed as we sing.

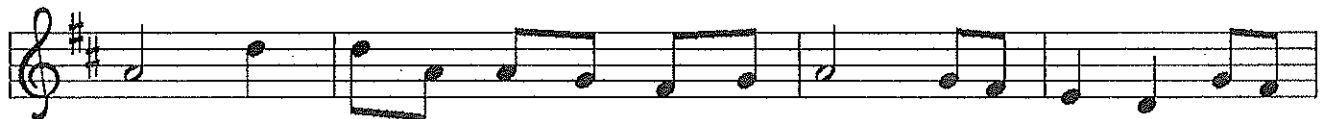
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1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
 4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing 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-l'wers
 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!

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NICENE CREED

We confess our faith with the whole church.

**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.**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

....after each petition....

**God of grace,
hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

**The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The OFFERING is received.

A collection of material goods for the church's mission, including the care of those in need, is a sign of the giving our whole selves in grateful response for all God's gifts. The table is set with bread and wine.

***OFFERING RESPONSE**

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain:

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you. you.
As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst, —
Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you. *to Refrain*

1 & 2 to Verses 3 Fine

Let us pray:

Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here

be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy,
gracious and merciful God;
everything is filled with your glory.

We give you thanks
for your promise and presence
which have sustained
the faithful
in this and every generation.
Above all,
we give you thanks for Jesus,
born of Mary,
who in word and deed
announced your gentle rule
of justice, reconciliation
and peace.

On the night of his betrayal
our Lord Jesus took bread
and gave thanks; broke it and

gave to his disciples saying:
Take and eat; this is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

Remembering his command
to love one another,
his life and death,
his resurrection and his ascension,
we pray for his coming again,
even as we cry:

A - men. Come, Lord
Je - sus; A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.

A - men. Come, Ho - ly
Spir - it; A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, O God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

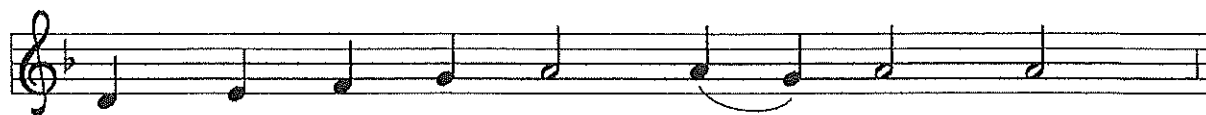
The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

COMMUNION

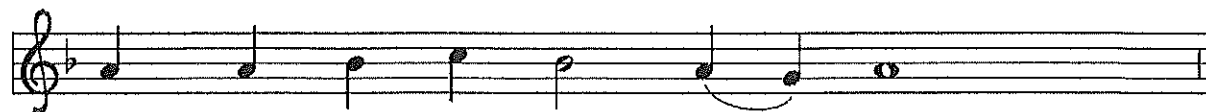
In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission. We sing as the bread is broken and as the meal is shared. We ask God to send us in witness to the world.

Those who choose to commune by prefilled cups will commune first together. While Lamb of God is sung, servers will prepare for distribution. When servers are in position come forward for communion.

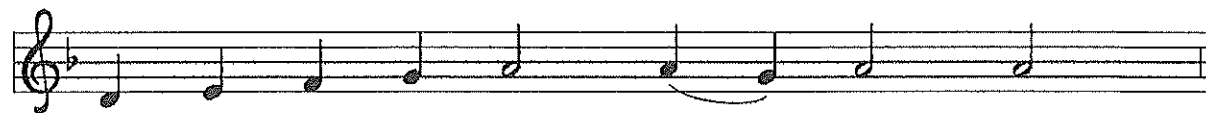
Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the world:
have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.



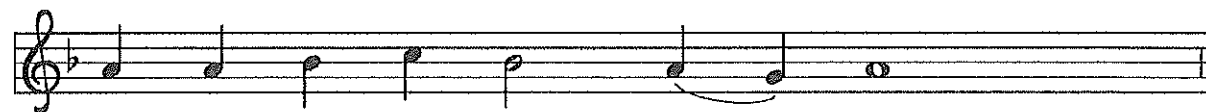
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



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!



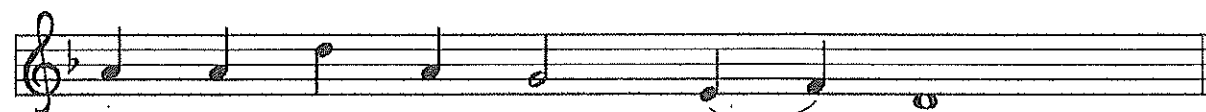
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



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.

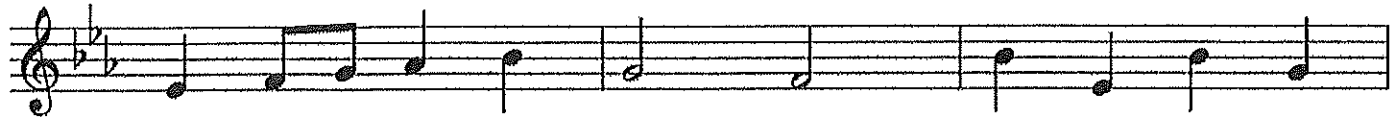
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POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thanks Be To You



Praise to you, O God of mer - cy,
From of old you loved and sought us,



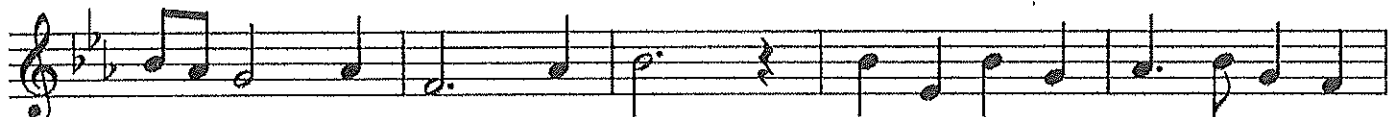
thanks be to you for - ev - er! Rais - ing high the
thanks be to you for - ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



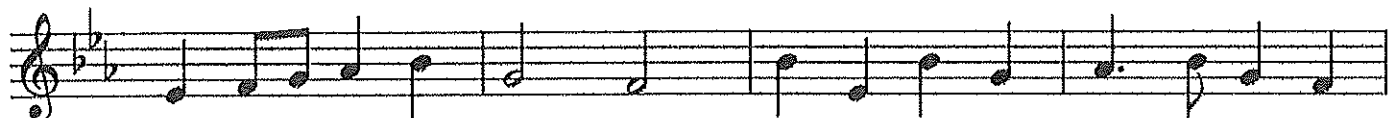
weak and low - ly: thanks be to you for - ev - er!
you have taught us: thanks be to you for - ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re - mem - b'ring your



cov-e-nant of life with us. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy,



thanks be to you for - ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.
Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

SENDING

<i>God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.</i>

BLESSING

With the blessing of God, we go out to live as Christ's body in the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
† bless you now and always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG:

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW #434

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
 Music: DUKE STREBT, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

PRAYER REQUESTS

You are invited to write your prayer requests in the Prayer Register located in the narthex.

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY

Communion Assistants:

8:30: Kay Scheetz

11:00: Mary Wanek

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11:00: Gerhard Ströhmer

Acolytes: 8:30: Emily Rothfuss

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THANK YOU

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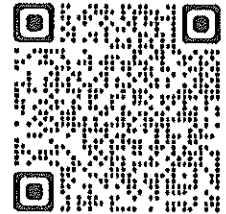
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UNITED IN CHRIST

The concept of the Trinity, one God, three in one, one in three, can be a little hard, sometimes, to get ahold of. But perhaps what scripture's witness to the Trinity boils down to is this: Jesus is in constant communication, continual, active relationship with the Father. The Father is in constant communication, continual, active relationship with the Son. And the Spirit is in and with and between both, always its own presence, but always, nonetheless, one in active relationship, one in ceaseless communication, with both the Father and the Son. Jesus prays that we may be "one" in the same fashion.

Conflict happens in the body of Christ all the time. Sometimes it is over matters of great significance: how we read scripture, how we are to conduct our lives, how the church is to think and act as it comes head-to-head with the constant pull and tug of the culture within and around it. Sometimes the conflict is personal. We resist the neighbor, and worse, out of hurt, anger, and anxiety. Sometimes the conflict can seem to be over a matter of pure nonsense: which way pickles should be sliced, and why they should be sliced that way.

Where and how, then, is our hope of being "one," as our Lord has so prayed? It is in this: whatever our conflict, we belong to one another. Whatever our conflict, we are called to work at staying in active relationship, honest communication. We are not one, finally, when the issues between us wane, or cease. We are one because the Lord of life holds us together in the promise of his love even when powerful forces, at one and the same time, pull us apart. We are one because the body and blood of Christ have been given to each of us, and all of us.

COMMEMORATIONS

Matthias, Apostle Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.

Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, died 1160 Saturday, May 18, 2024

Erik is considered the patron saint of Sweden. As king of that nation, he tried to bring peace in the region, and to spread Christianity in Scandinavia. He was also known for his attempts to make fair laws and to protect those who were poor or sick.

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