

## HOLY COMMUNION

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

8:00 am and 10:30 am

### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

### SILENT PRAYER

**PRELUDE:** *The Trumpet Shall Sound*

Handel, arr. Smith

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

*Stand*

**HYMN:** *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

*Printed on the next page.*

# Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

*Mfurahini, haleluya*

*M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.

*m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.*  
Re - jice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
You look for Je - sus who is not here.

*A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
He who gives life did death un - der - go,  
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.

*m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.*  
e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
and in its con - quest his might did show.  
On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

*Refrain*

Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.  
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.  
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;  
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.  
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

- 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won." *Refrain*
- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain*

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

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

### *Kneel/Stand*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.  
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,

and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you  
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

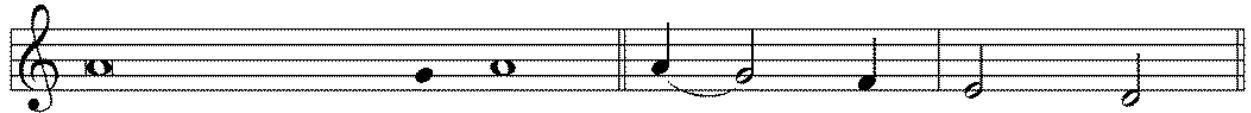
### *Stand*

### GREETING

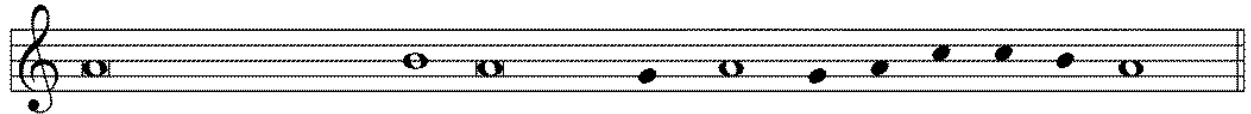
**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

### KYRIE



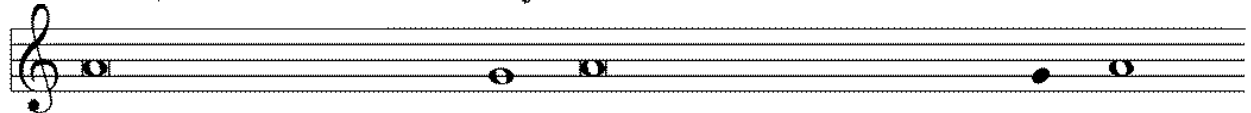
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



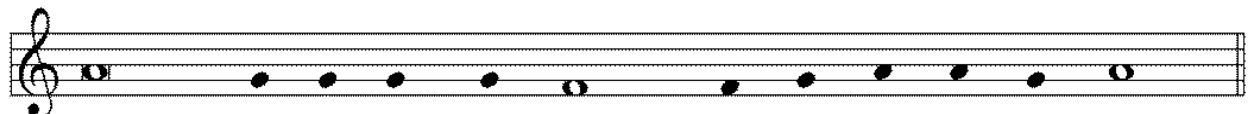
**A** For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



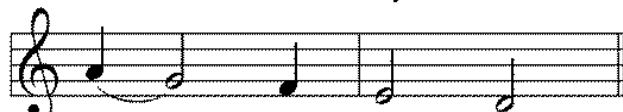
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



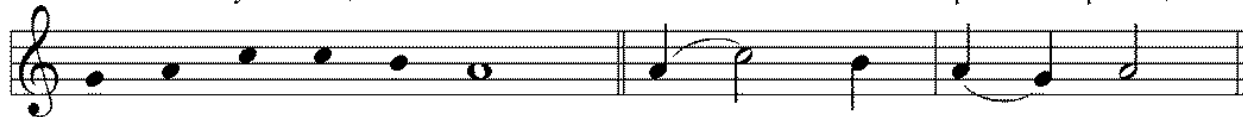
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



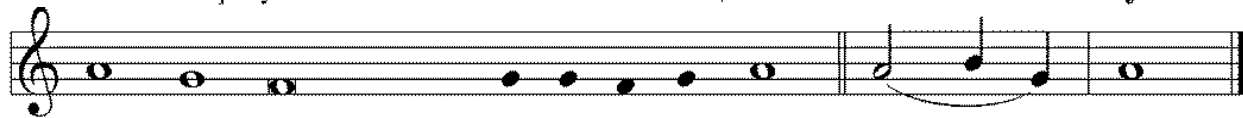
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **B** A - men

### CANTICLE OF PRAISE



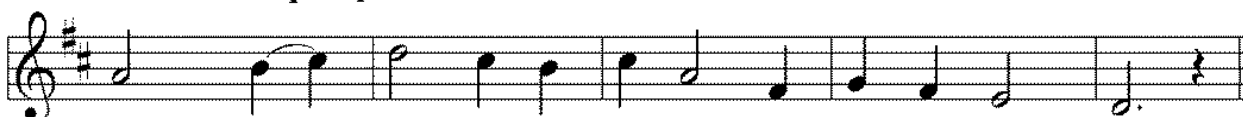
**A** This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



**B** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



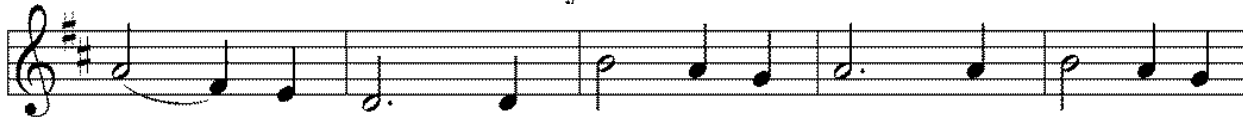
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



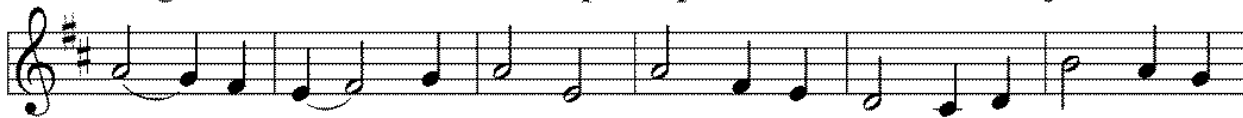
strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



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



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.  
 O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

*Sit*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

*Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.*

**A** A reading from Acts.

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>He replied, “How can I, unless someone

guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Later service only.*

**PSALM 22:25-31** *(The congregation’s verses are printed in bold font.)*

<sup>24</sup>My praise is of him in the | great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who | worship him.

<sup>25</sup>**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the | LORD shall praise him:**

**“May your heart | live forever!”**

<sup>26</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations shall | bow before him.

<sup>27</sup>**For kingship belongs | to the LORD;  
he rules o- | ver the nations.**

<sup>28</sup>To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow | down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust | fall before him.

<sup>29</sup>**My soul shall live for him; my descend- | ants shall serve him;  
they shall be known as the | LORD’s forever.**

<sup>30</sup>They shall come and make known to a people | yet unborn  
the saving deeds that | he has done.



## SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

*We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.*

**A** A reading from First John.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

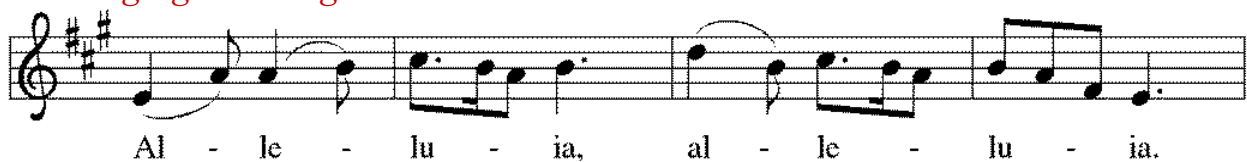
**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## *Stand*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The congregation sings the Acclamation.*



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

*The choir sings the First Verse.*

Christ being raised from the dead will never | die again;  
death no longer has dominion | over him.

*The congregation repeats the Acclamation.*

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

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

*The choir sings the Second Verse.*

Jesus said, I | am the way,  
and the truth, | and the life.

*The congregation repeats the Acclamation.*

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

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

**GOSPEL**

John 15:1-8

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.*

**P** The holy gospel according to John.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

**SERMON**

Pastor Weleck

*Stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!*

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# Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!

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1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap - pall me;  
2 Je - sus lives! To him the throne There a - bove all things is giv - en.  
3 Je - sus lives! For me he died, Hence will I, to Je - sus liv - ing,  
4 Je - sus lives! And I am sure, Nei - ther life nor death shall sev - er

Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave will Christ re - call me.  
I shall go where he is gone, Live and reign with him in heav - en.  
Pure in heart and act a - bide, Praise to him and glo - ry giv - ing.  
Me from him. I shall en - dure In his love, through death, for - ev - er.

Bright - er scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
God is faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
All I need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
God will be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death When I pass its gloomy portal.  
But the gate of life immortal; Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:  
This shall calm my trembling breath Jesus is my confidence!

*The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.*

## **NICENE CREED**

**P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C** **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

- A** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- A** We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, for the newly  
baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our  
growth in grace.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase  
of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and  
among peoples.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of  
war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit,  
for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day  
will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts...  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and  
especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete  
their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C** **Amen.**

*The Offering will be collected in the Narthex as you leave the church.  
The service continues with the Great Thanksgiving.*

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR  
GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:*

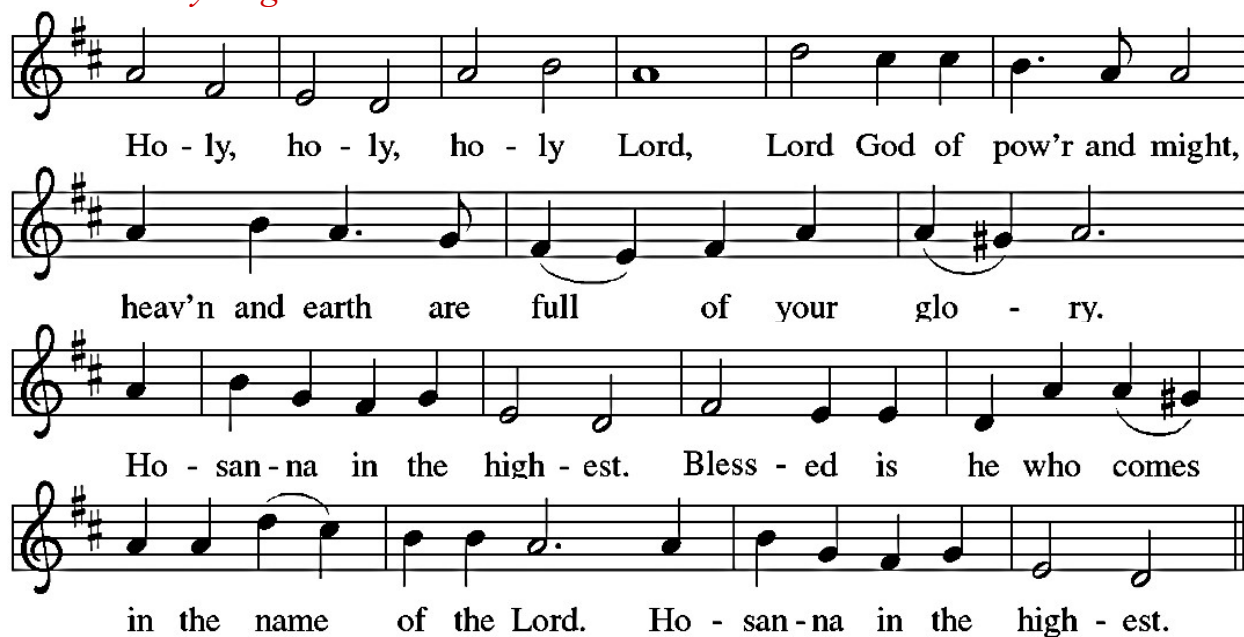


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:*

☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*The assembly sings the SANCTUS:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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.

*The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.*

**P** 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.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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

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

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**C** **Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word  
and my soul shall be healed.**



**Sit**

**COMMUNION**

*When giving the bread, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

*and each person may respond*

**R** Amen.

*We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are “truly and substantially” present “in, with, and under” the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing. At the direction of the ushers, approach the communion station, receive the host in your palm, move to the side and place the host in your mouth, and return to your seat.*

*Music during Communion:*

**LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)**

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take  
a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

**Stand**

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

**P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**G** Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God,  
that you have refreshed us

through the healing power of this gift of life.

In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,  
in faith toward you

and in fervent love toward one another;

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**G** Amen.

## SENDING

### BLESSING (BENEDICTION)



**P** God the Father, who raised Christ from the dead,



open to you the gate of ev - er - last - ing life. **G**A - men.



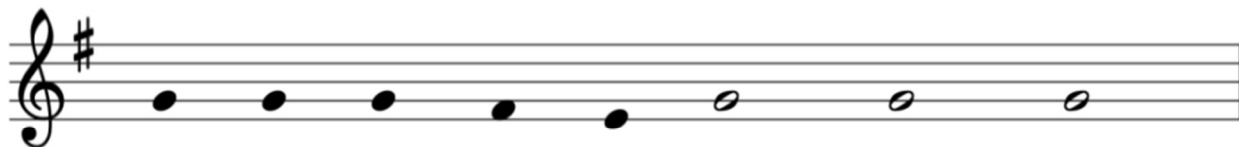
**P** God the Son, who burst forth from the grave,



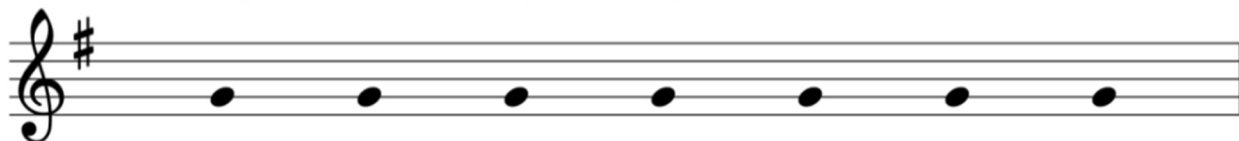
give you joy as you celebrate his re - sur - rection. **G**A - men.



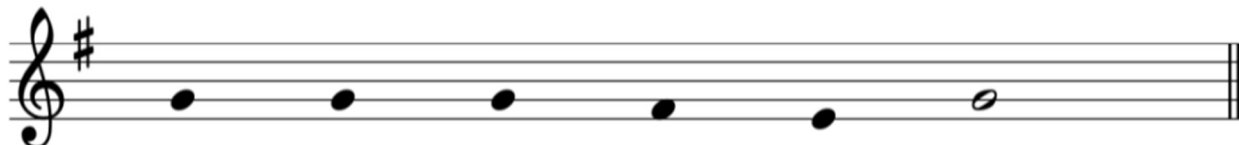
**P** God the Holy Spirit, who brought you to birth in baptism,



fill you with strength and peace. **C**A - men.



Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,



bless you now and for - ever.

**C** A - men, A - men, A - men.

### DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN:** *Thine Is the Glory*

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# Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*

where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

## OFFERING

*The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.*

**POSTLUDE:** *Thine Is the Glory*

Hughes



**The Easter Cycle** celebrates the events surrounding our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the Easter Cycle includes the Lenten season, Holy Week, and the Easter Season. This cycle concludes with the Day of Pentecost, as the culmination of the resurrection through the coming of the Holy Spirit to Christ's followers.

**The Paschal Candle**, symbolic of our Lord's resurrection, is positioned on the Gospel side of the altar and is lighted at all services during the Easter season (up to and including the Day of Pentecost).

**The liturgical color white**, symbolic of purity, joy, and the light of Christ, is used on the festivals of Christ. Gold is a more festive version of white.

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**We're so glad to see you today!**

We hope you are as glad to be back at worship as we are! Please keep in mind that the church, like everywhere else during these careful times, has had to make changes in order to adhere to CDC guidelines. Some of these changes are inconvenient, but we must all do our part to protect ourselves and our church family. Your patience and cooperation are very much appreciated. If you have questions about new policies, please feel free to speak with one of the Vestry ushers.

We will continue to post videos of our services on our web site along with the complete bulletin for those who are unable to join us during this strange time in which we live.

The Church office and all church buildings will remain closed. Please check our web site for opening updates. The Parish Administrator is available during normal office hours via telephone or e-mail.

**We are never alone during this stressful time. Jesus walks alongside us every step of the way.**

### **Augustus Re-Opening Information for Parishioners:**

- Please stay home if you are sick, feel ill, have a fever, or have been exposed to an individual diagnosed with Covid-19 (Coronavirus) within the last 14 days.
- Please stay home if you are at higher risk of severe illness with COVID19. If you are uncertain about your risk status, please consult your doctor.
- Worship will be held at the usual times: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM.
- Before entering the Church, please put on your own facemask or cloth covering. (Facemasks will not be provided by Augustus.) Exceptions to wearing a facemask or other covering are “children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing ... and anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance” (CDC Guidelines).
- Please maintain social distancing guidelines with those people who are not members of your household.
- Due to current restrictions, you will probably not sit in your usual place at worship. Ushers will direct you to your seat, filling the church from the front to back to minimize contact. The only appropriate response to this temporary but necessary change is a patient and loving spirit.
- A complete large print worship bulletin will be given to you by an usher. No hymnals will be used. When leaving the church, please take the bulletin with you or place it in the recycle bin. It cannot be re-used.
- We will sing less than customary at this time. This is an added disappointment for Lutherans, but it is only a temporary restriction.
- Communion will be distributed to you as you come forward at the direction of the ushers. Only the host will be distributed. It will be placed in the palm of your hand. Please keep your mask on and move away from the Pastor. Then remove your mask, place the host in your mouth, and put your mask back on and return to your seat.
- The ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows starting in the back of the church. Please proceed immediately and directly to the exit of the church building.
- The offering will be received as you leave. Please place your offering in one of the receptacles at the door.

### Worship Assistants

Vestry Greeters: Janet Stokes, Sherry Jessee, and Shane Elison

Ushers: Dick Allebach, Scott Halteman, and Mike Taylor

Lectors: 8:00 am: Laurie Mueller      10:30 am: Sonya Sowards

Altar Guild: Linda Romano

Offering Tabulation: Janet Stokes, Sherry Jessee, and Shane Elison

Video Production: Jim Lien

The Flowers that Adorn the Altar in the Brick Church Nave are given to the glory of God by John and Charlotte Wentworth in memory of loved ones.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Rich and Dot Opperman in honor of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wells and family.

Altar Guild Help Wanted: Altar Guild members attend to the altar on Sundays. They change and adjust the paraments, prepare the Holy Communion elements, place and remove the flowers, and a host of other small jobs that are so important to our weekly worship. Are you interested in helping? No experience required! We'll train you! Contact Deb Scholl at [Schollde@aol.com](mailto:Schollde@aol.com).

The Sunday school is planning **two IN-PERSON outdoor events in May.**

- On May 9<sup>th</sup> please gather with us at 9:00 a.m. to chalk messages to our mothers (and fathers) on the walk leading into church. We'll have some fun outdoor activities too!
- On May 23<sup>rd</sup> join us for our end-of-the-year Pentecost party outside at 11:45 a.m. Again, lots of fun activities and a chance to see each other in person!



Also, don't forget to register for **Vacation Bible School** which begins on June 28<sup>th</sup>. This will also be an all outdoor event, which allows us to have some messy fun! Please fill out a different registration for each child. I can't wait to see you all again!



# Geranium Sunday

*Flowers can now be ordered for Pentecost!*

All members of the Congregation are invited to order Red Geranium Plants as a memorial to or in honor of Loved Ones/Friends to decorate the Church Sanctuary in celebration of Pentecost, May 23, 2021. The Women of ELCA will take responsibility for their planting on church grounds. Please include payment with your order. *Make Checks payable to: AUGUSTUS FLOWER FUND*

**Last day to order is May 16, 2021**

*Mail to:* Karen Lachenmayer, 412 Dartmoor Rd., Schwenksville, PA 19473

*Phone:* 610-287-2827    *E-Mail:* [kal412@comcast.net](mailto:kal412@comcast.net)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>\$5.00 each</u>	<u>Total:</u>
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I would like the bulletin acknowledgement to read:

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The goal of our Mission Group is to help families improve their everyday lives by making needed improvements and modifications to their homes. At the same time, teaching the teenagers in the group, valuable skills that they can use throughout their lives. The Mission Group includes teenagers, as young as 8th grade, and adults from three churches. We have come together as one group to share this dream with families in need.

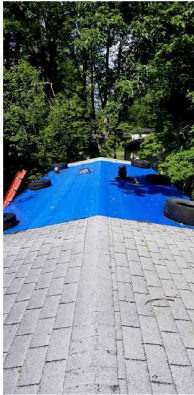


BEFORE

New Ramp

AFTER

BEFORE



Removed old roof and installed new metal roof

AFTER



2019 Mission Group

First United Church of Christ and  
Trinity Lutheran Church—Quakertown, PA  
Augustus Lutheran Church—Trappe, PA



2021  
One Dream  
Mission Team

7th Annual  
Golf Outing

Friday  
June 4, 2021  
1:00 P.M.  
Shot Gun Start

Butter Valley Golf Port  
3243 Gehman Road  
Barto PA

One Dream Mission Team

First UCC &  
Trinity Lutheran  
(Quakertown, PA)  
Augustus Lutheran  
(Trappe, PA)