

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 21, 2023
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion



“And now, Father,
GLORIFY ME IN YOUR PRESENCE WITH THE GLORY
I HAD WITH YOU BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN.”
JOHN 17:5, NIV

“Be and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ”

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

In Holy Communion our Lord Jesus graciously invites those who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to repent of all that separates us from God, and to receive His sacred and real presence for the forgiveness of sins.

In addition to wine, grape juice is also offered.

Children who do not yet receive Communion may come for a blessing.

Holy Communion will be offered as you kneel at the chancel rail.

Please take a moment to fill out the “Attendance & Communion” Registration Cards (located in the pew racks). Pass your card to the end of your pew.

P - Presiding Minister

A - Assisting minister

C - Congregation

* - PLEASE STAND

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PRELUDE: ***“Good Christians All Rejoice & Sing”*** ***(arr. by: Paxton)***

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

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:

C **Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Please kneel or sit as you are able.

P Most merciful God,
C **we confess that we are in bondage 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 Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.**

***SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE:**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

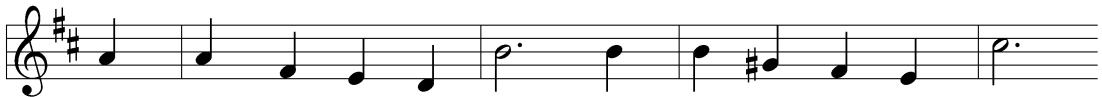
***GATHERING HYMN: “Crown Him With Many Crowns” vs. 1-4
(LBW 170)**



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



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.



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,



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.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey 1816–1893

***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.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P Blessed Trinity, in Jesus you have made us all one. Grant that his prayer that all his disciples be one as you are one be manifest in our lives for the sake of your mission in the world;

C **through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Acts 1:12-26

A A reading from Acts:

¹²Then {the disciples} returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. ¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰"For it is written in the Book of Psalms, 'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and 'Let another take his office.' 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 men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show 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 numbered with the eleven apostles.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 68:1-10

A ¹Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.

C **²Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

A ³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

C **⁴Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; YAHWEH is his name, rejoice before him!**

A ⁵Father of orphans, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation!

C **⁶God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in dry places.**

A ⁷O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

C **⁸The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

A ⁹You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; you refreshed the land when it was weary.

C **¹⁰Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11

A A Reading from First Peter:

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an

evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” ¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

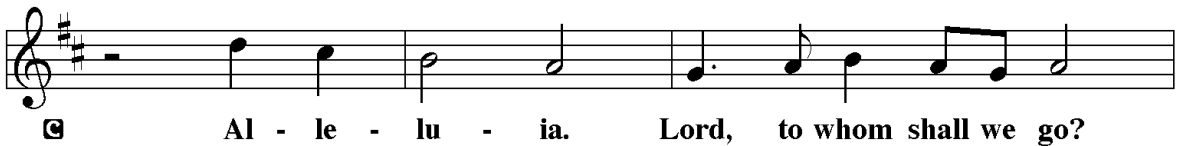
¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

A The Word of the Lord.

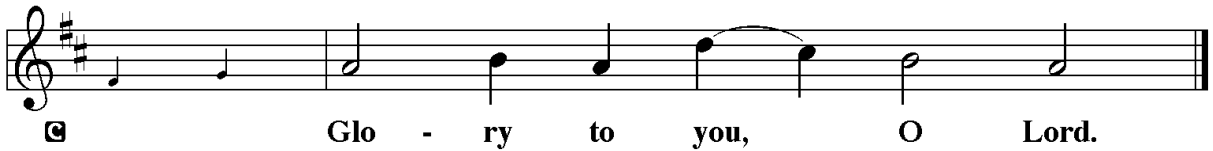
C **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL VERSE:**



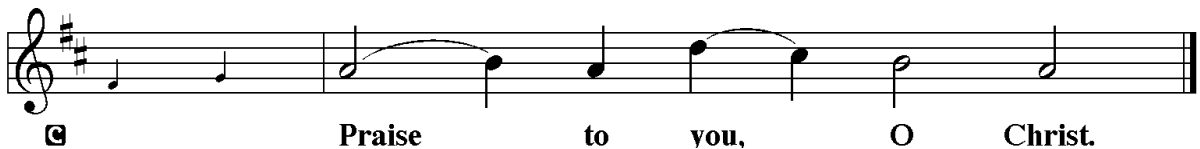
*GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.



¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. ⁶I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

What do we mean by the word “glory”? ... When Jesus said that he glorified the Heavenly Father on earth, what do you think that meant? That he threw everyone down and became the king of the hill? Or that he laid down his life and died for sinners out on a lonely hill? That was God’s glory, because it’s through Jesus that we return to a good relationship with the Father. This world often gets glory wrong. Jesus got it

right. Let's pray...

SERMON: Pastor Dwight Hanson:

Holy Father

Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. In the Gospel for today, Jesus looked up to Heaven and spoke directly to his “*Father*.” His time of greatest glory was at hand, fulfilling the will of God.

When we read from John 17, we're in the middle of a moment that's painfully tender. The Shepherd and his flock are about to part ways. The sheep will be scattered. The Shepherd must become the Lamb and bear the cross. But even though the flock will be scattered, they'll never be abandoned. Mighty hands will once more bless the tie that binds, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Confidence will return, power from on high. All that is good will come to their aid for the vital task ahead. This is the powerful prayer that Jesus prayed for his own.

Did you know that you, too, were included in this ancient prayer? It was offered in a way that was open to the future, on behalf of all who would belong to Jesus in the history of the world. “*And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one*” (John 17:11). We are in this passage!

God's name is a shelter that *keeps* and protects his people (vs. 11), and God's people are those who *keep* his Word in their hearts and minds (vs. 6). The keeping is covenantal. The Father *keeps* his people. The children *keep* the word of the Father. And this great unity is made possible by Jesus, himself, who with his own body bridged the gap between us. Only in Christ do we have such peace.

It's certainly not found in the world. Many have realized that there's power in dividing people up, with groups of all kinds accentuating differences and grievances, nurturing antagonism, forgetting about common decency and our common humanity under God. Other worldly minds do seek a kind of unity, but according to worldly standards, and in a forced manner. “Uniformity” is probably a better word for it. *Get with the program or we'll ruin you!*

Christ is clear that we are not to submit to such people and the destructive power that stands behind them. If cultural consensus runs counter to the heart of

God's Word, then stick with the Word no matter what. Just don't expect the world to applaud you for doing so. As Peter put it, *"Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you"* (1 Peter 4:12). *"Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good"* (1 Peter 4:19). "While doing good...", that's important. Fighting worldliness with more worldliness does not advance the Kingdom of Heaven. It's a different kind of glory entirely.

All of this brings us to an important and fascinating question: **What does it mean to be kept in God's name?** Jesus said, *"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world"* (17:6a). To which name does he refer? Do we have a bit of a biblical mystery on our hands? We'll need our thinking caps on and fastened securely for a few minutes.

My first inclination when considering God's name is to go back to Exodus, back to Moses at the burning bush, where he received his call to return to Egypt and set his people free. It was a daunting task to say the least, going up against the greatest empire of the time. Here's what Moses said to the Almighty: *If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you'"* (Exodus 3:13-14; ESV).

Fast forward centuries to the Gospel of John. Jesus lets us know, again and again, that he, too, bears the divine name. *I Am...* the Good Shepherd, the bread of life, the Light of the world. These "I Am" proclamations bridge the gap between Heaven and earth, full divinity tied to an earthly manifestation—shepherd, bread, light—all of it joined in the person of Jesus. It's one of the most unique features of John's witness. Jesus emphasized it at key moments. *"Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am"* (John 8:58).

Or how about that crucial scene where the armed guards arrived at the Garden of Gethsemane? *"Then Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen, went forward and asked them, 'Who are you looking for?' They answered him, 'Jesus from Nazareth.' Jesus told them, 'I AM.' Judas, the man who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus told them, 'I AM,' they backed away*

and fell to the ground” (John 18:4-6; International Standard Version). There’s power in the name of God.

Who among us can claim such power? There was a song about a man who tried to make such a claim. It was from 1971, by Neil Diamond, titled, “I Am...I Said”. I suppose it’s considered an oldie. It’s fascinating nonetheless, underscoring the desire, maybe even the need, for a human being to feel important. It also underscores the futility of insisting that we can force it to be so, since we’re not God. Here are some of the lyrics:

"I am"... I said
To no one there
And no one heard at all
Not even the chair
"I am"... I cried
"I am"... said I
And I am lost and I can't
Even say why
Leavin' me lonely still

(Source: Lyricfind; Universal Music Publishing Group)

I don’t know if he was trying to be theological, but he was. Only God can say, “I Am.” Only God is the beginning and the end of all things. And ultimate meaning is found only in relationship to our Maker.

When fallen human beings try to claim God’s power, it backfires. There’s an example of this in the Old Testament. God had allowed the Babylonians to conquer a faithless Jerusalem. The Babylonians were glad to claim the glory, letting it go to their heads. So, God had a few words for them: *“You felt secure in your wickedness; you said, ‘No one sees me’; your wisdom and your knowledge led you astray, and you said in your heart, ‘I am, and there is no one besides me.’ But... ruin shall come upon you suddenly, of which you know nothing”* (Isaiah 47:10-11).

It’s important to see glory-grasping for what it is. Turn from it and honor God as God. Believe in Jesus as the Son of the Father, and seek refuge in his

Word amid a troubled world. Then the Holy Name protects you, for you seek to honor it and use it properly. Our unity is when we do this together. When we come to the end of our days, we have the privilege of holding onto the promises of God, revealed to us in Scripture. We entrust our frail, mortal selves into the everlasting arms of the great I Am. Though all else falls away, God's will remains.

The disciples learned this lesson while out on the Sea of Galilee, battered by the wind and waves beyond hope. Jesus walked toward them and spoke these words, *"I Am, do not be afraid"* (John 6:20; literal translation from the *Greek New Testament*). When this life tosses you around, hold onto the Name and the Word.

So far, we've made a solid case for the mystery of the name of God. It must be the great "I Am." Imagine my surprise, then, when I dug into a respectable commentary on John 17, reading from two scholars who were quite definite that the name of God being talked about here is actually *"Father."* Sure enough, as I looked again, Jesus spoke it everywhere. *"Father, the hour has come..."* (vs. 1). *"And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence..."* (vs. 5). *"Holy Father, keep them in your name..."* (vs. 11). Does that mean that all the work we just did around the name, "I Am," was pointless? Hang in there for a few minutes more, and it will resolve itself.

It dawned on me that everything we learn about God from the Gospel of John comes together in the address, *"Holy Father."* First, take those two words separately. Then put them back together again. The "Holy" part reminds us that this is no mere earthly father. Holiness radiates from the great "I Am." Exodus 3:5, *"Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground"* (Exodus 3:5). The holiness highlights the transcendence of God. And when Jesus claims the "I Am" as essential to his identity, he's letting us know that he's no mere teacher from Galilee, but that the grandeur of God has come down to walk the earth and to bear the sins of the world. That thought should make us tremble, even as it becomes our greatest comfort.

Now add "Father" to it, and all the majesty and power takes on the face of one who cares for us and protects us. "Holy Father." It's perfect. Jesus brings us to the holy heart of Almighty God. And he tells us that we can talk to God just

as a child speaks to a caring father. “Holy” retains the majesty, while “Father” gathers us into the tenderness that makes us one family in God.

Such a relationship becomes the source of unity for the Christian Church—
“...*that they may be one, as we are one*” (vs. 11). Unity is not a product of human tradition. It’s not accomplished by force. It comes by faith, through the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus, praying to our “Holy Father.” So it is, so it has been, so it shall ever be. Amen.

***HYMN OF THE DAY: “Son of God, Eternal Savior” (LBW 364)**



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedes en Contradansen*, 1710

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of
the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and
was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again.

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

A Let us pray: Heavenly Father, in relationship to you, alone, do we have eternal life. And this great promise comes to us because of Jesus, who manifested the holy name on earth. Hold us with your mighty hand, firm in faith by the power of the Holy Spirit. Draw us to your throne of grace, where peacefulness and praise come together, so that we may be better witnesses to the glory of your Kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A We pray, O Lord, for the Christian Church: Strengthen us and unify us in Christ for mission in the world. Teach us to pray, casting all our cares on you, resisting evil, and glorifying the name of Jesus, even when the world rejects us for it. Remind us that faithfulness is precious in your eyes, and that no suffering can separate us from the love of Christ. Bless Grace Lutheran Church with the wisdom to seek your will for our life together. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A We pray, O Lord, for the needs of the world: For our civic leaders, that they would seek your holy guidance for their difficult work. We pray for those who honorably stand in harm's way on behalf of others. Protect them and their families. We lift up all who face war and disaster. And we ask your blessing on Seniors and their families in this season of graduation. Guide them through this time of transition. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

A We pray on behalf of all who need healing in any way: *Paula Connerley, Holly Ernst, Ruth Hardin, Carmen Hasdorff, Tim Lanthrop, Kimberly Long, Clarice Scherier, Dave Stevenson, Isaac Wilson*, as well as those whom we name in our hearts (pause for additional names). Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,

C **Trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OFFERING

ANTHEM: *“Before the Throne of God Above” Choir*

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *“Create In Me” (LBW pg. 96)*

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir - it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it."

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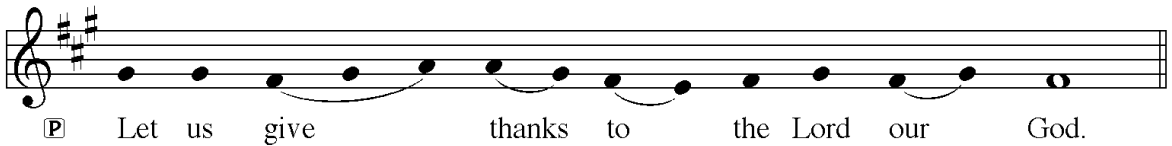
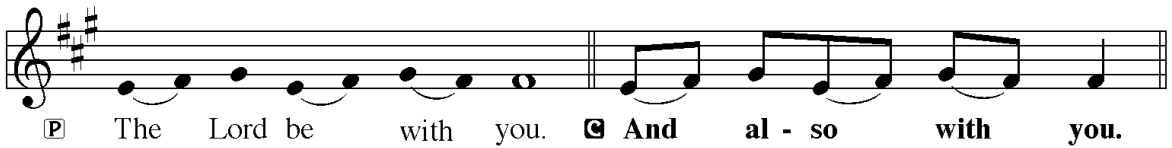
P Let us pray.

P Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.

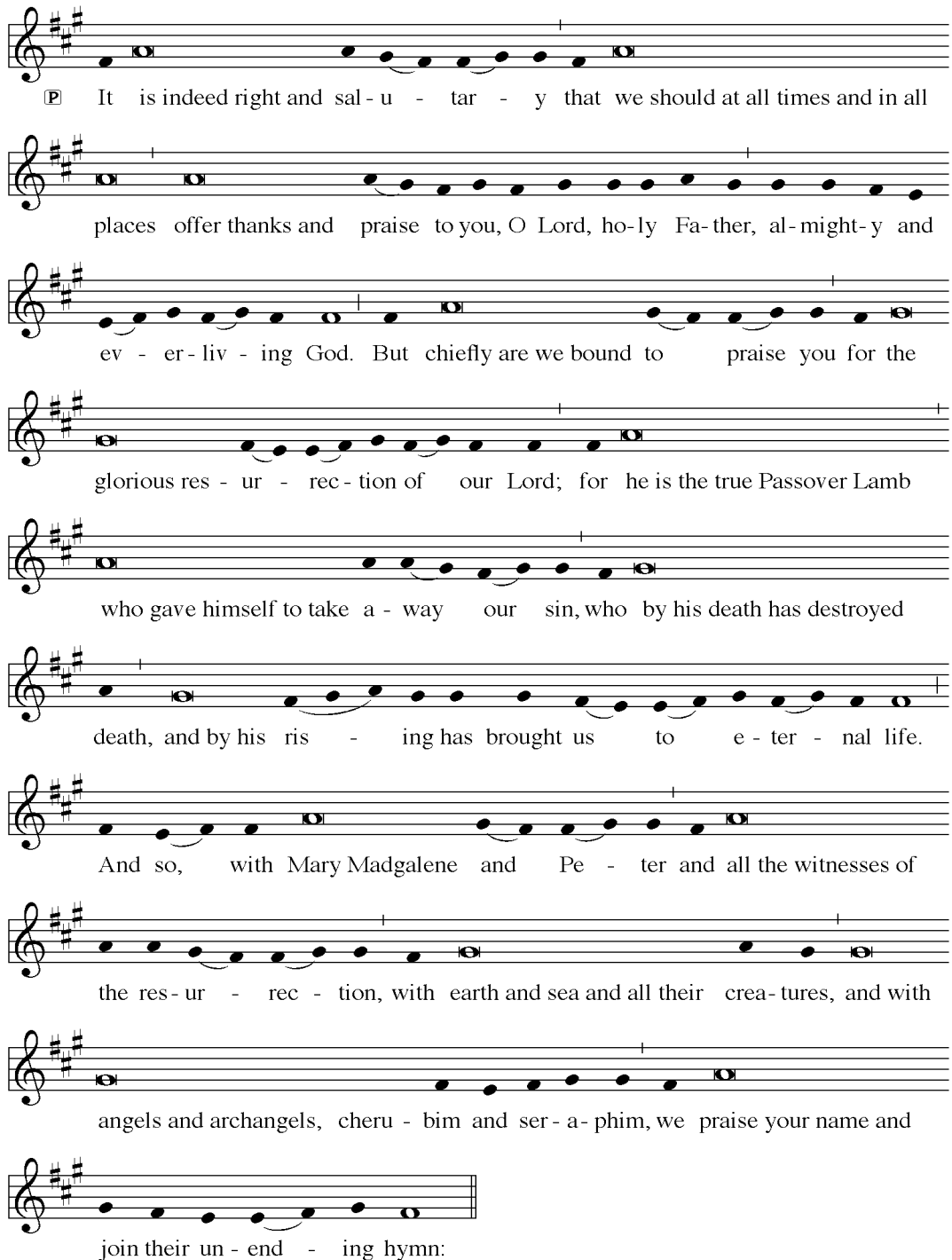
C **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HOLY COMMUNION:**

***PREFACE:**

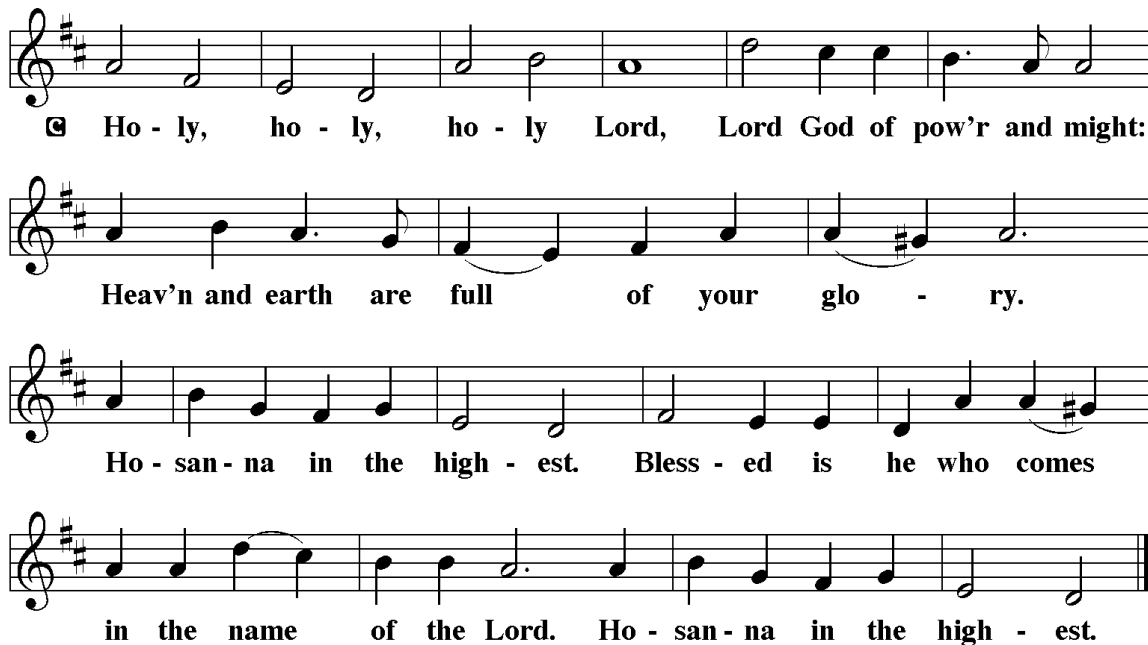


*THE PROPER PREFACE:



It is indeed right and sal - u - tar - y that we should at all times and in all
places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, ho - ly Fa - ther, al - might - y and
ev - er - liv - ing God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the
glorious res - ur - rec - tion of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb
who gave himself to take a - way our sin, who by his death has destroyed
death, and by his ris - ing has brought us to e - ter - nal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of
the res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and sea and all their crea - tures, and with
angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim, we praise your name and
join their un - end - ing hymn:

***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:**

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:**

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION AND BLESSING OF CHILDREN

COMMUNION HYMNS: “*Lamb of God*”



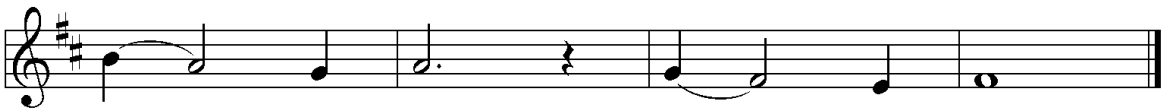
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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grant us peace, grant us peace.

“Blest Be The Tie that Binds” (LBW 370)



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

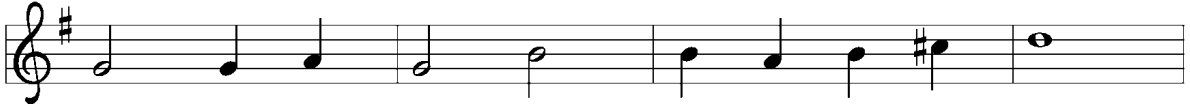
Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1774–1836, adapt.

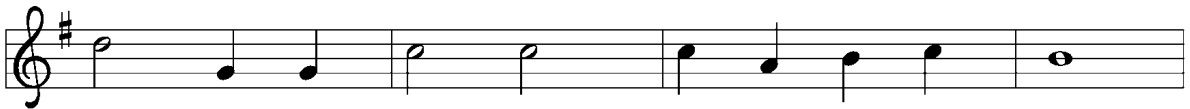
“Savior Again to Your Dear Name” (LBW 328)



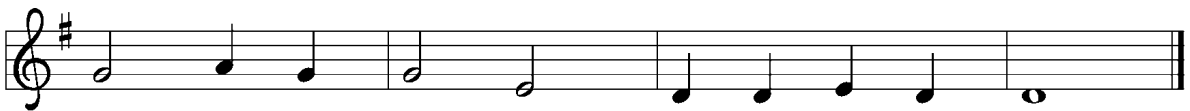
1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise
 2 Grant us your peace up - on our home - ward way;
 3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
 4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,



with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
 with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;
 for us trans - form its dark - ness in - to light.
 our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;



once more we bless you ere our wor - ship cease,
 guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 Keep us from harm and dan - ger till the dawn;
 then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



then, low - ly bend - ing, wait your word of peace.
 that in this house have called up - on your name.
 your eve - ning pres - ence prom - ise to your own.
 call us, O Lord, to your e - ter - nal peace.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826–1893, alt.

Music: ELLERS, Edward J. Hopkins, 1818–1901

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:**

P Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

*THE BLESSING:

P Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C Amen

*SENDING HYMN: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” vs. 1,3,5,7 (LBW 328)



1 All hail the pow’r of Je - sus’ name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall:
3 O seed of Is - rael’s cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne’er for get the worm - wood and the gall,
7 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.
We’ll join the ev - er la - sting song and crown him Lord of all.



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Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.
We’ll join the ev - er la - sting song and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–5; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 6–7
Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

*DISMISSAL:

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This morning is the Semi-Annual Congregational meeting at
9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

The Board of Elders invites you to a *Dayton Dragons ballgame* at Day Air Ballpark on **Tuesday, May 30th, at 7p.m. Travel arrangements will be made when the number of attendees is known. Tickets are \$8.00. The sign-up sheet in the narthex asks for name and number planning to attend.**

Opportunities for Prayer and Bible Study:

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 between services, or after worship if only One Service. We study the lessons of the day when there is no theme study.

All are Welcome.

Youth Sunday School Corner: May, 2023

Here's what is coming up next in Grace Lutheran Youth Sunday School:

TODAY! May 21 is our End of the Year Party! This will be our last Sunday School class for this school year.

[Sunday School Questions?](#) Feel free to talk to Kelly Hanson or Kelly Coffman. All kids are welcome, and parents are invited to sit in on classes or participate in our events.

Looking ahead: VBS is coming!! Mark your calendars now for **June 25-29!** Questions? Please talk to Tina Ebright.

Adult Bible Studies

- ♦ **The Phoebe Women's Small Group Bible Study.** They meet at 7:00 p.m. on the **2nd Monday of each month**. Contact Kelly Mt. Castle (937-336-1223 or email: Kelly.mtcastle@gmail.com).
- ♦ On the **Second and the Fourth Tuesdays of the Month, Wine & the Word** and the **NEW Bible Study "Lakeside Fellowship"** (at the home of Karen & Dan Schultz—in Lakengren).

Wine & The Word meets at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Carol Perry. If you would like to join a study of ***Hebrews***, please contact Carol at 937-456-6683 or cbperry122@embarqmail.com

Lakeside Fellowship (at the Lakengren home of Dan & Karen Schultz) begins at 7:00 p.m. They are studying ***The Miracle of Mercy***. If you would like to join this study, please contact Karen/Dan Schultz at 419-890-7965 or dkschultz52@yahoo.com.

- ♦ **The Wednesday Morning Prayer & Bible Study** meets at 9:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room off of the Fellowship Hall. They are currently studying the Book of ***Ecclesiastes***. Contact: Judy Hacker (937-456-6823).

These studies are open to any member and our friends. No prior Bible study background is needed. Please bring your Bible.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GRACE IN MAY

Sunday, May 28
Pentecost Sunday

Monday, May 29
OFFICE CLOSED in Observance of Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 30
Grace Goes to the Dayton Dragon's Game
7:00 p.m.

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OFFICE HOURS:
Monday -Friday: 10—1, 2—5

TODAY May 21— Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School End of Year Party
10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Monday May 22

Pastor's Day off
6:30 p.m. Men's Disciple Group (Schamel's)

Tuesday May 23—Homeless Shelter Meal Provided by: Phoebe Group

3:00 p.m. TOPS (Catechism Room)
6:00 p.m. Men's Disciple Group
6:00 p.m. Wine & The Word (Carol Perry's)
7:00 p.m. Lakeside Fellowship (Dan & Karen Schultz's)

Wed. May 24

9:00 a.m. Bible Study (FH)
6:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday May 25

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)

Friday May 26— PRODUCTION DAY

7:00 p.m. Family Movie Night — "King's Faith"

Saturday May 27

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild for May: Amy Jackson, Barb Myers
Offering Counter for May: Juli Troutman

Sunday, May 21— Easter 7

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Greeter: John Barnes

Dean & Mary Shetter

Usher: John Barnes

Jeff Kiracofe

Lector: John Barnes

Mary Shetter

Communion: Janice & Patty Barnes
Tiffany Ingram, Barb Myers

Sunday, May 28 — The Day of Pentecost

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Gary Pemberton

Linda Lambert

Usher: Gary Pemberton

John Kiracofe

Lector: Nancy Childs

Kelly Coffman

Communion Carolyn Pollitt
Jane Coggin

Kelly Coffman,
Dorothy Stoltz

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Great Commission Outreach Partners:

World Mission Prayer League—Chris & Emily and family, Lutheran Military Veterans and Families, Allison— Campus Outreach, Abundant Grace, West Chester

Grace Lutheran Mission Endowment Fund: The purpose of this fund is to extend the ministry of Grace Lutheran Church, apart from the general operation of the congregation. To learn more about our Mission Endowment Fund, please contact the church office and we'll give your question to the appropriate person.

IN OUR PRAYERS

After 4 weeks we will remove names from this list. If you would like to keep someone on the list, please note their name on the back of the “Attendance & Communion Registration” form.

URGENT PRAYER LIST:

HEALING: (In Alphabetical Order)

Paula Connerley: (Friend of Jonathan Winter—diagnosed with cancer)

Holly Ernst: (Sister of Schamel’s—She has been diagnosed with breast cancer.)

Ruth Hardin: (She was released to Greenbriar for rehabilitation)

Carmen Hasdorff: (Sister of Rob Dell)

Tim Lanthrop: (Brother of family friend of Mt. Castle’s)

Kimberly Long: (Friend of Linda Lambert and family)

Clarice Scherier: (Friend of Schamel’s—diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma several places in her body)

Dave Stevenson

Isaac Wilson: (Friend of Paula Murray—Prayers for healing after dog attack)

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST ... Debbie Creamer, Ruth Meyer, Mary Jane Seim, Martha Grimme, Jan Spitler, Tom Schamel, Amanda & Shayla Dell, Susan Root, Fran Kester, Teddi Watkins, Ruth & Larry Hardin, Jenifer Combs, Jean Bailey, Doug Davis, Pastor Dean & Sandy Haferman, Dave Brumbaugh, Scot Emig, Barbara Worley, Carolyn MacFadyen, Travis Howard, Judy Jay, Will Suggs, Earl House, Barbara Lakes, Becky Hoskins, Kayli Johnson, Joe McHenry, Tom Barnes: and those serving in the military: Capt. Love Hartman; Capt. John Kettelman; SPC Brandon Mann; Brad Newkirk; 1st Lt. Nicholas Webb, Lt. Col. Kyle Hundley, Brandon Leonard.

Next Sunday . . .

May 28, 2023

THE FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST

**8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
with Holy Communion**

Wear your red!