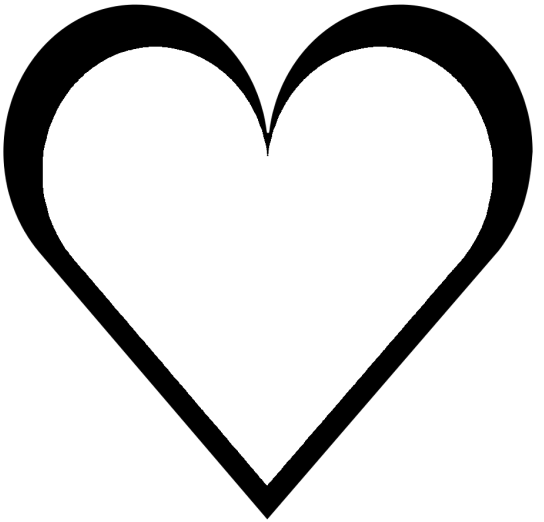
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Baptism



May 14, 2023
11:00 am

Welcome to Grace

We give thanks that you have come to Grace to worship in God's house.

To our guests — We invite you to worship with us often and consider our family of faith yours.

Everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin. Large Print Bulletins and Quiet Books (for our very young worshipers) are available from the ushers.

Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system to accommodate hearing difficulties. Please ask the sound technician for a receiver.

Please turn off or silence your personal communication device.
We also ask that you not bring food or drink into our worship space.

We are a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). The NALC embraces four core values: Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded and Congregationally Focused. The NALC is focused on living out Christ's Great Commission to go and make disciples in North America and around the globe. We invite you to learn more about our congregation and the NALC.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The theme of following Christ in truth and love abounds on this Sunday. Paul is faced with foreign gods, Peter teaches that suffering is bound to come, and Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them the Holy Spirit to accompany them as they continue his work in the world God loves. Obedience to the Lord's commands means nothing less than the sacrificial love showed the world on the cross.

PRELUDE **Linda Hoch**

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" - *arr. David M. Cherwien*
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" - *arr. David M. Cherwien*

Parish Concerns
- Blessing Clothes for Africa

Please stand as you are able and face the Baptismal Font.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

PRESENTATION

P In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

S I present Emily Michele Ellis to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P Emily do you wish to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism?

R Yes, I desire to be baptized in Jesus' name.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R I renounce them.

To All the Assembly.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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.

To the congregation.

LM The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

LM Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

LM We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

C Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

LM At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

C By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

LM Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word,
that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life.
To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

BAPTISM

P Emily Michele Ellis I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

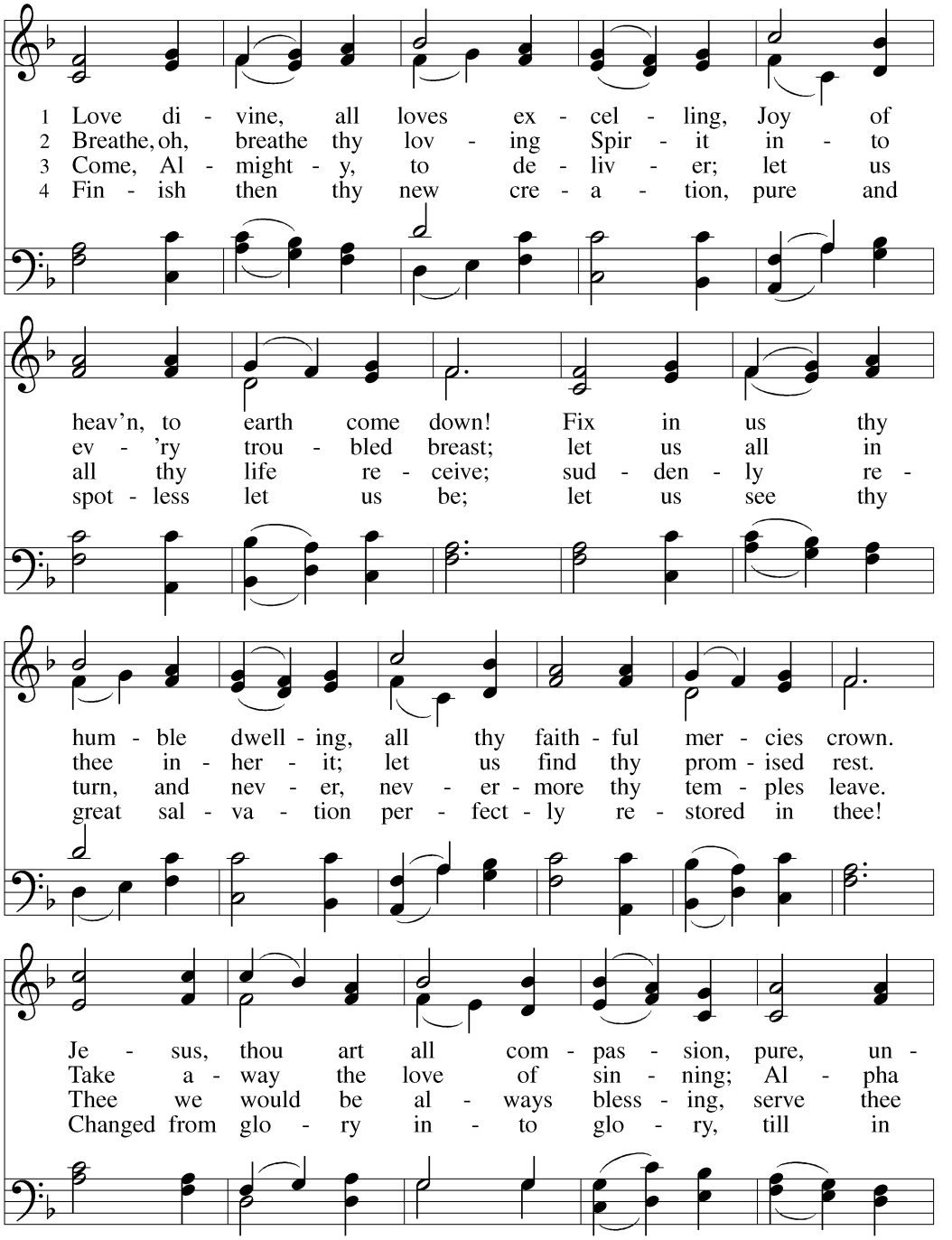
P Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit
you give your daughters and sons new birth,
cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.
Sustain those whom we baptize with the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

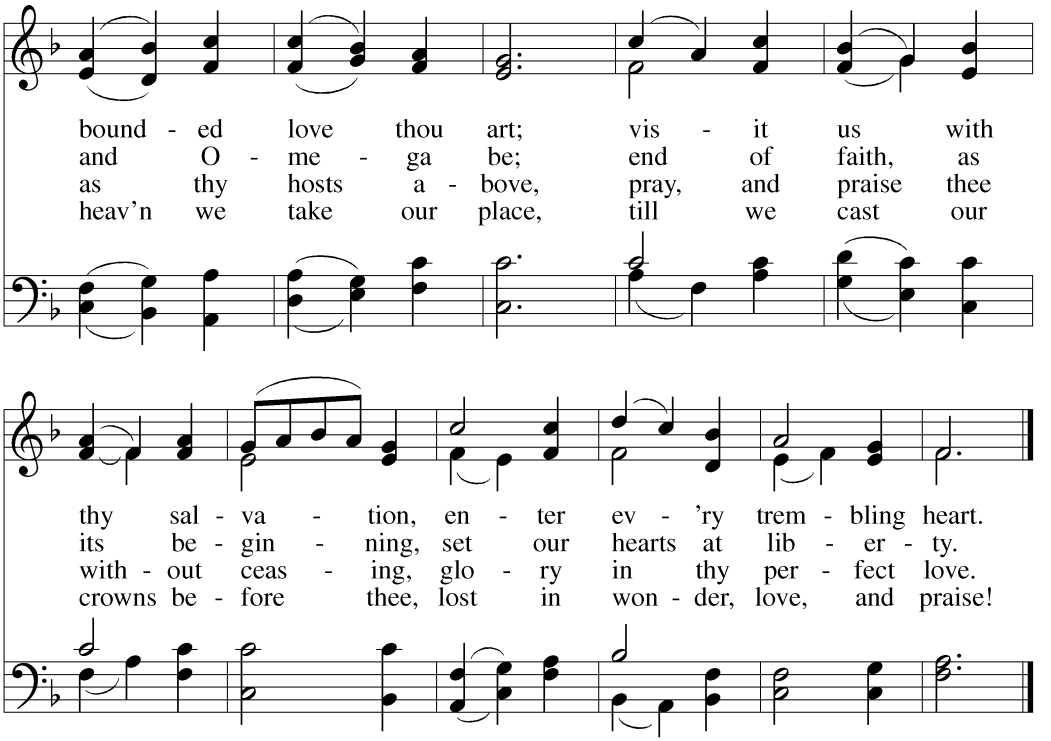
C **Amen.**

P Emily Michele Ellis, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C **Amen. We welcome you into the body of Christ**
and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

GATHERING HYMN **"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**





The Gathering

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!

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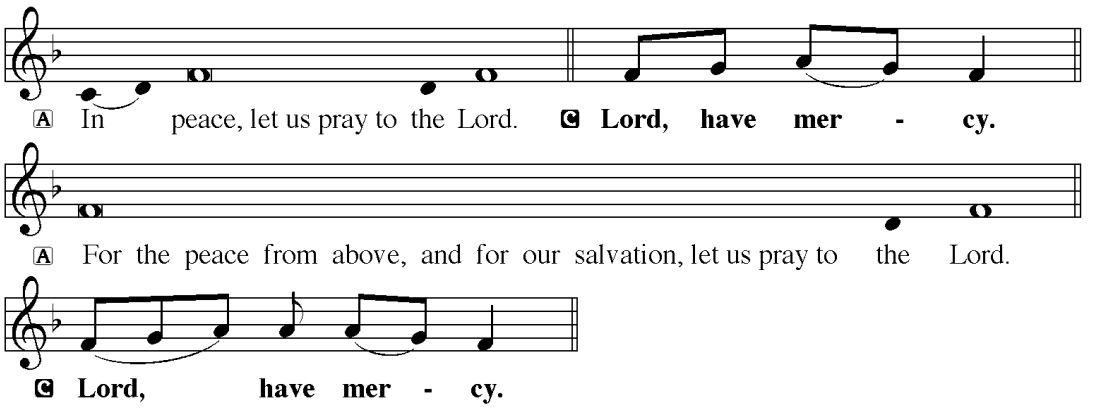

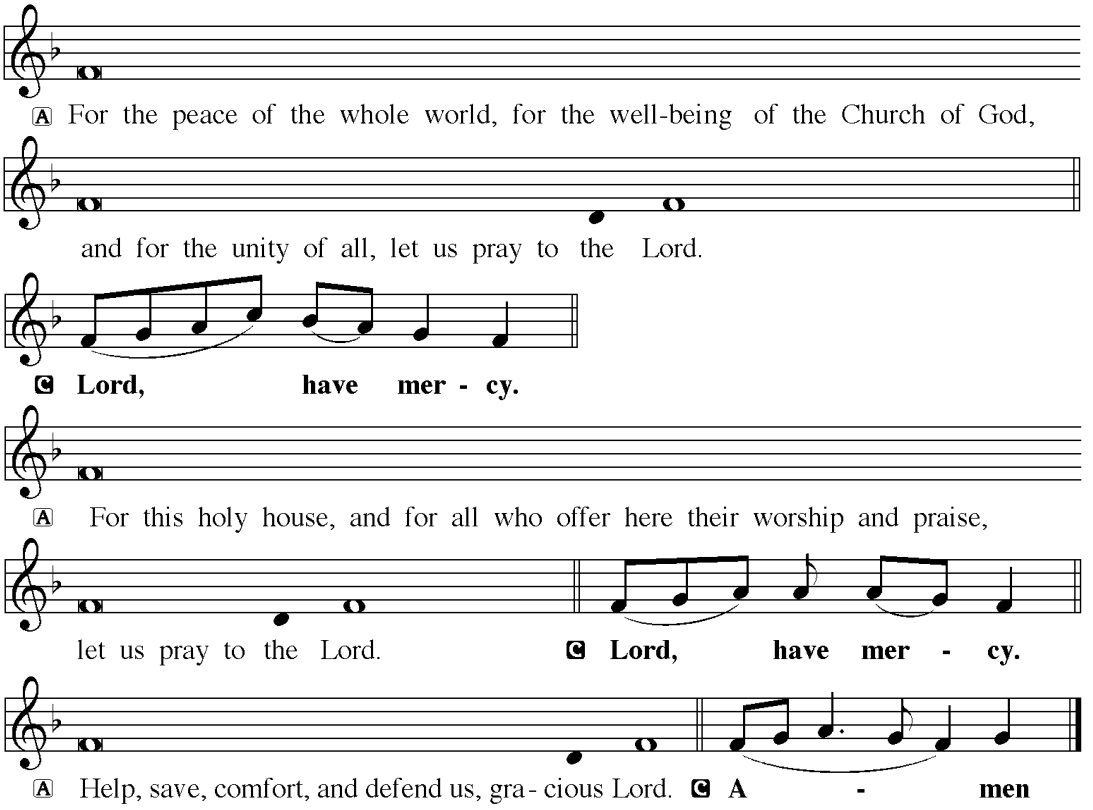

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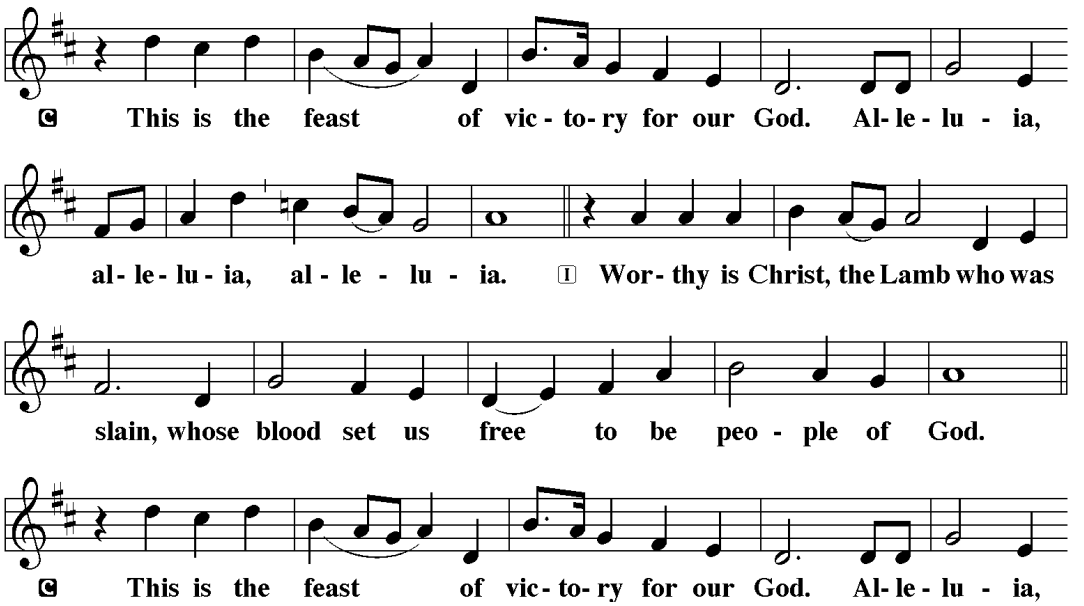

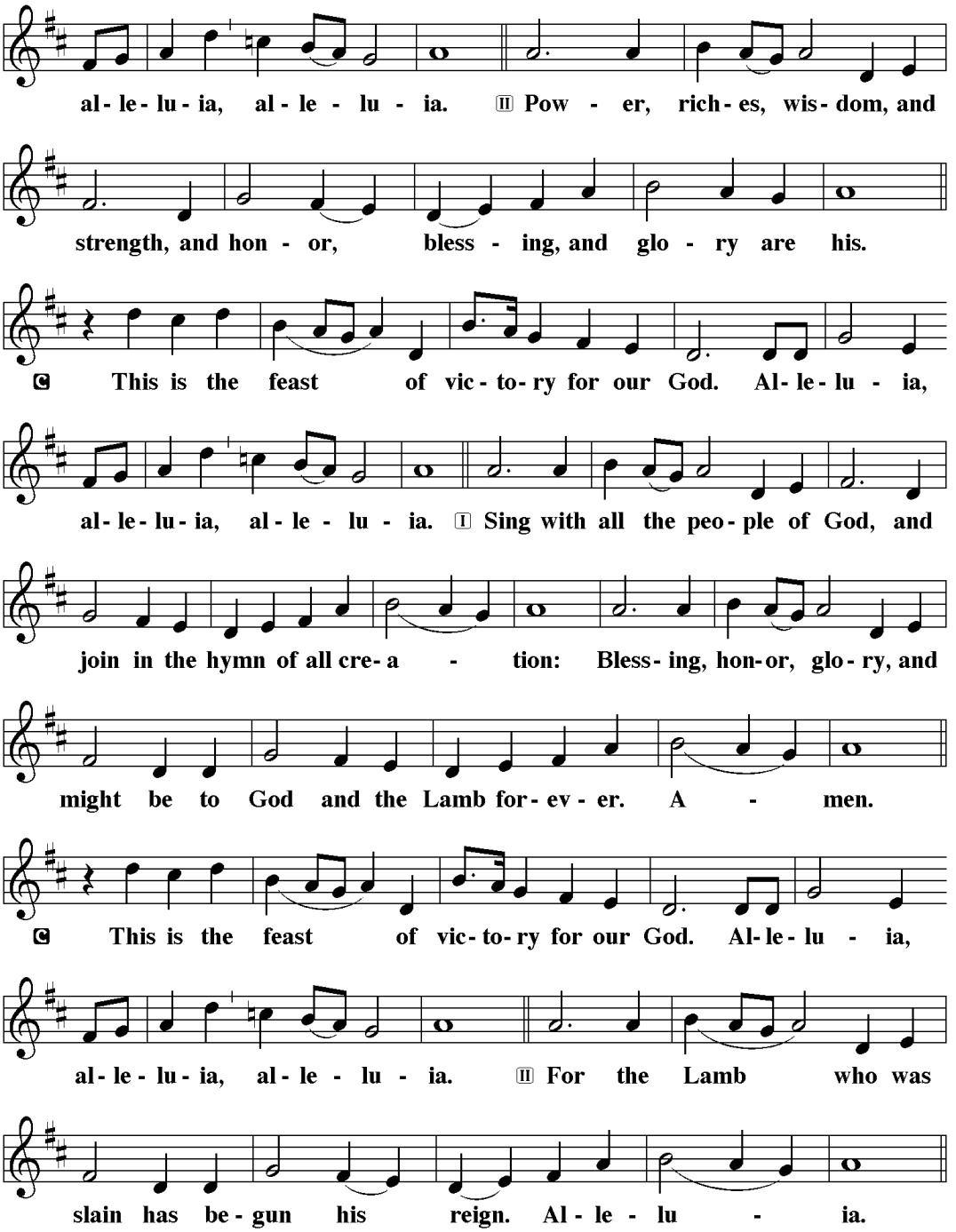
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. II Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
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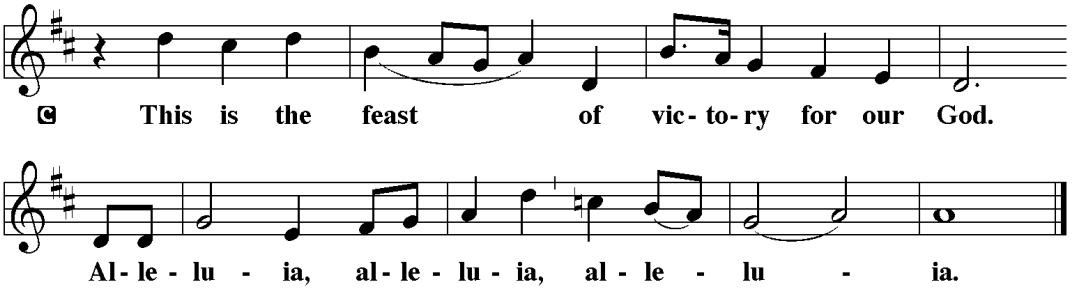
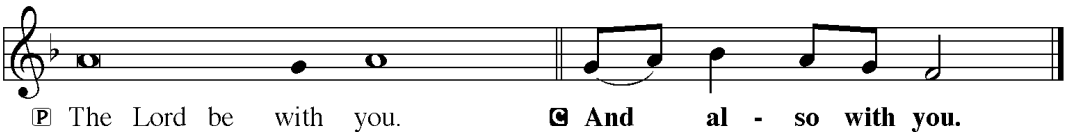


PRAYER OF THE DAY



P Let us pray.

C O God, all good things can come from you alone; generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true and direct us to accomplish what is right; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

The Word

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

As Paul continues his missionary journey in the city of Athens, he is confronted with idol worshippers who wonder what his message is really about. Paul proclaims the Good News of the living God to all those who worship stones and statues.

22 Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely
religious you are in every way. 23 For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the
objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an
unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The
God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does
not live in shrines made by human hands, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though
he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all
things. 26 From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he
allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would
live, 27 so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—
though indeed he is not far from each one of us. 28 For 'In him we live and move and have
our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

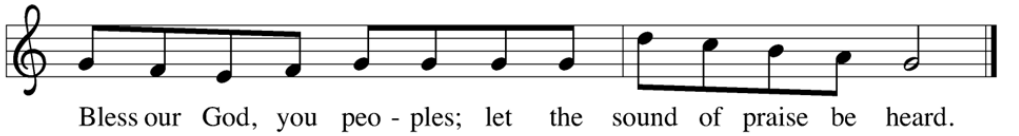
29 Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver,
or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. 30 While God has

overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, [31]because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

L The word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:8-20

Refrain



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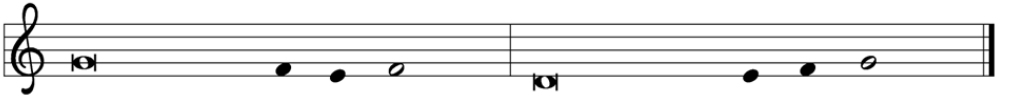


L Bless our | God, you peoples;
let the sound of | praise be heard.
**C [9]Our God has kept us a- | mong the living
and has not allowed our | feet to slip. Refrain**
L [10]For you, O God, have | tested us;
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.
**C [11]You brought us in- | to the net;
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**
L [12]You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.
**C [13]I will enter your house | with burnt offerings
and will pay | you my vows—**
L [14]those that I promised | with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.
**C [15]I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke of rams;
I will give you ox- | en and goats. Refrain**
L [16]Come and listen, all you | who believe,
and I will tell you what God has | done for me.
**C [17]I called out to God | with my mouth,
and praised the Lord | with my tongue.**
L [18]If I had cherished evil | in my heart,
the Lord would | not have heard me;
**C [19]but in truth | God has heard me
and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.**
L [20]Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing | love from me. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

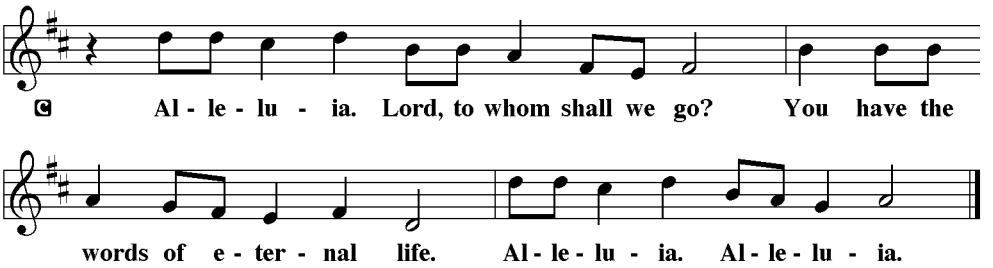
Peter continues his teaching by encouraging the faithful not to fear if they should encounter suffering for the sake of their faith in Christ. He urges them to be ready to give a sure defense of their faith when anyone questions them. He assures them that their good behavior and obedience to the Lord's command will put to shame those who want to harm. Even though they suffered for Christ, they will be blessed.

[13]Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? [14]But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, [15]but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; [16]yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. [17]For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. [18]For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, [19]in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, [20]who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. [21]And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, [22]who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L The word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

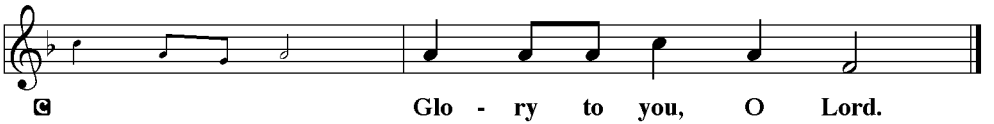


HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

Jesus indicates to the disciples that to love him with the fullness of their hearts means they will keep his commandments. In order to help them when he is absent from them, he promises to send an Advocate who will guide them, encourage them, and never leave them

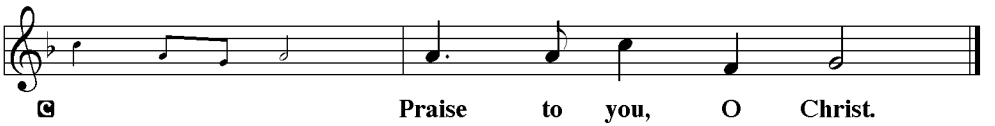
alone. This helper is the Holy Spirit of God who will dwell in them when they can no longer see their Master in the flesh.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.



[Jesus said to the disciples:] [15]"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. [16]And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. [17]This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.
[18]"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. [19]In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. [20]On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. [21]They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

P The gospel of the Lord.

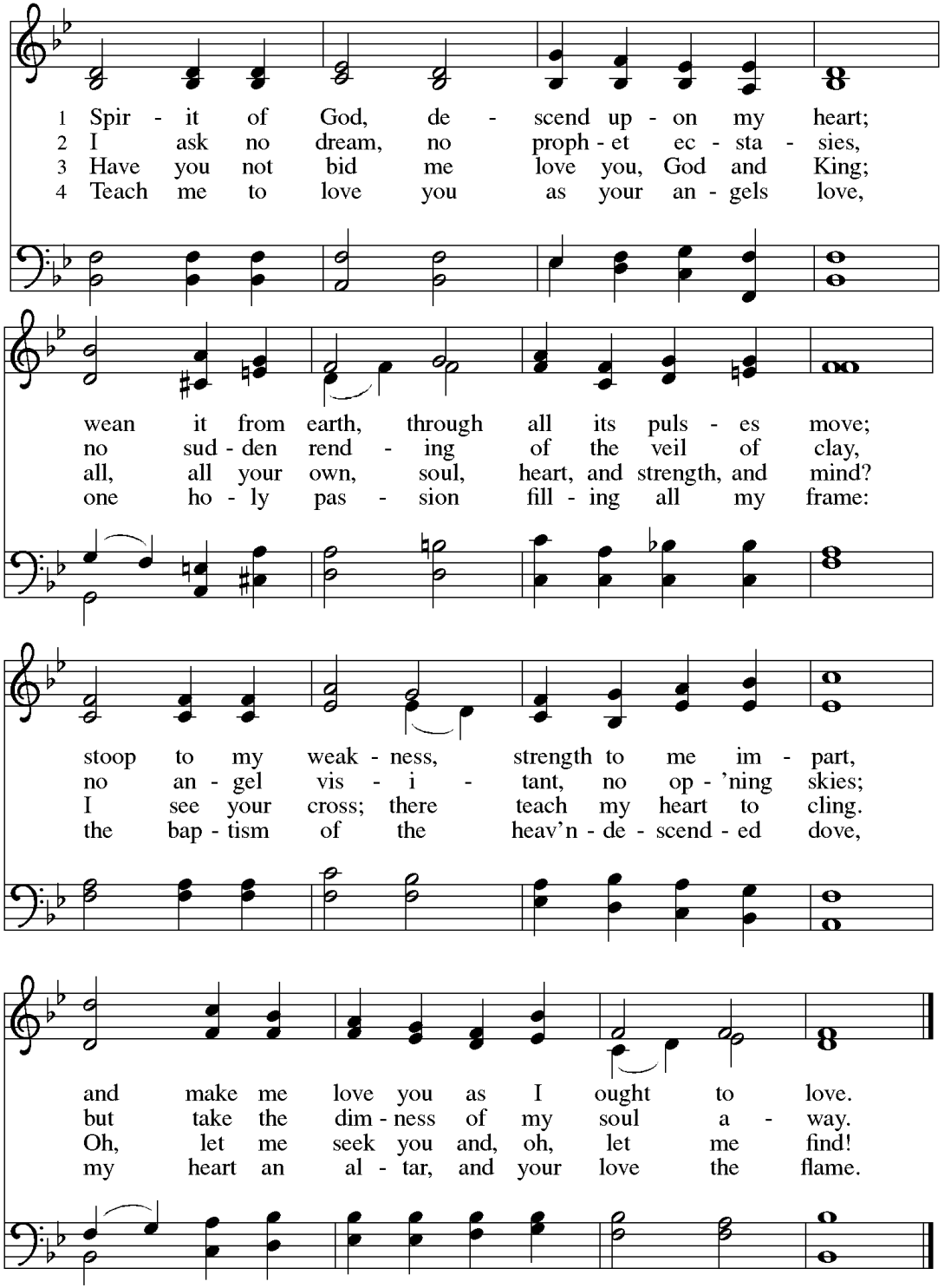


Please be seated.

MESSAGE **Pastor Matt Cox**

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"



THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Let us pray to our risen Savior on behalf of the church, the world, and all people according to their need
A brief silence

After each petition:

A Lord, in your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

A Into your hands, gracious Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C And also with you.

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

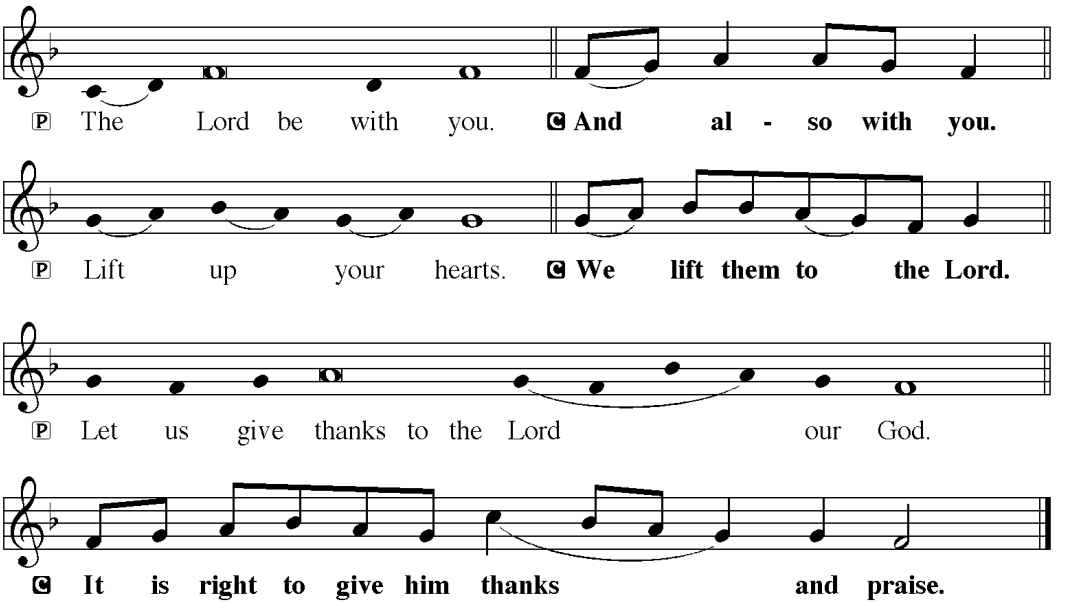
Please be seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC **Grace Singers Chancel Choir**

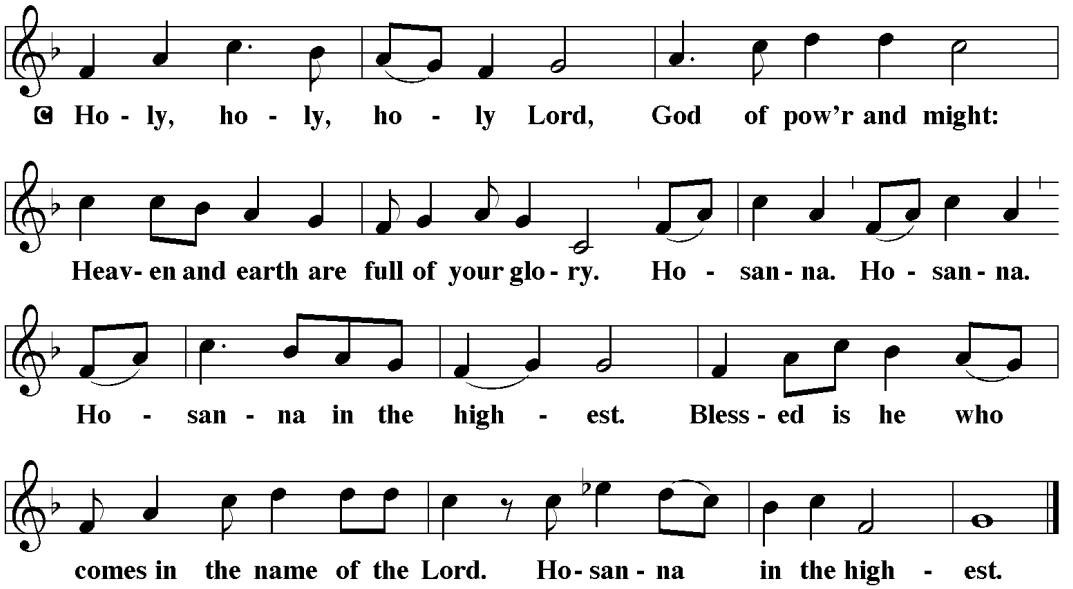
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" - *arr. Mary McDonald*

Please stand.

PREFACE



P It is indeed right and salutary . . . *The Presider continues with the preface, concluding:*...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he also took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and said, "Take and drink it all of you. This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

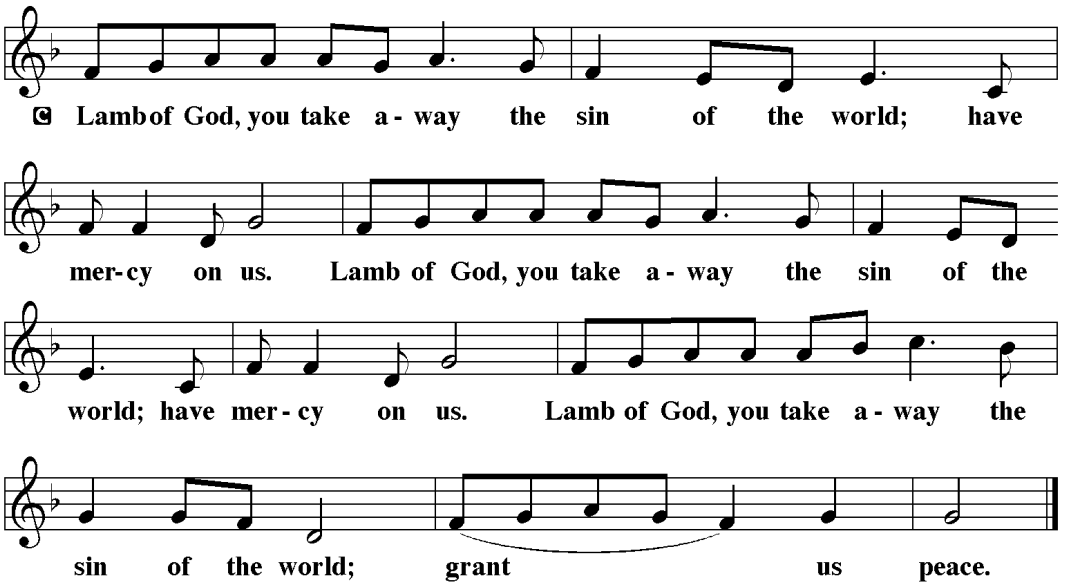
LORD'S PRAYER

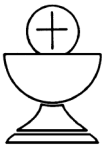
P Together we pray.

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.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD





All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

Children who do not commune are invited forward to receive a blessing.
You may receive the Communion Wine by taking a communion glass from the tray as it is offered to you.
As always, the common cup is offered for those who desire to use it, everyone is also welcome to use the individual cups. If you desire the common cup, please point to it as the individual cups pass by you.
Grape juice is available in the center of the communion tray.
After you have received, please place the empty communion glass in the basket provided
(Gluten-free hosts are available by telling the person giving the host)

COMMUNION MUSIC **Linda Hoch**

"Pastorale No. 1" - *arr. Christopher Uehlein*
"Lydian Song" - *arr. Christopher Uehlein*

After communion is finished, please stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

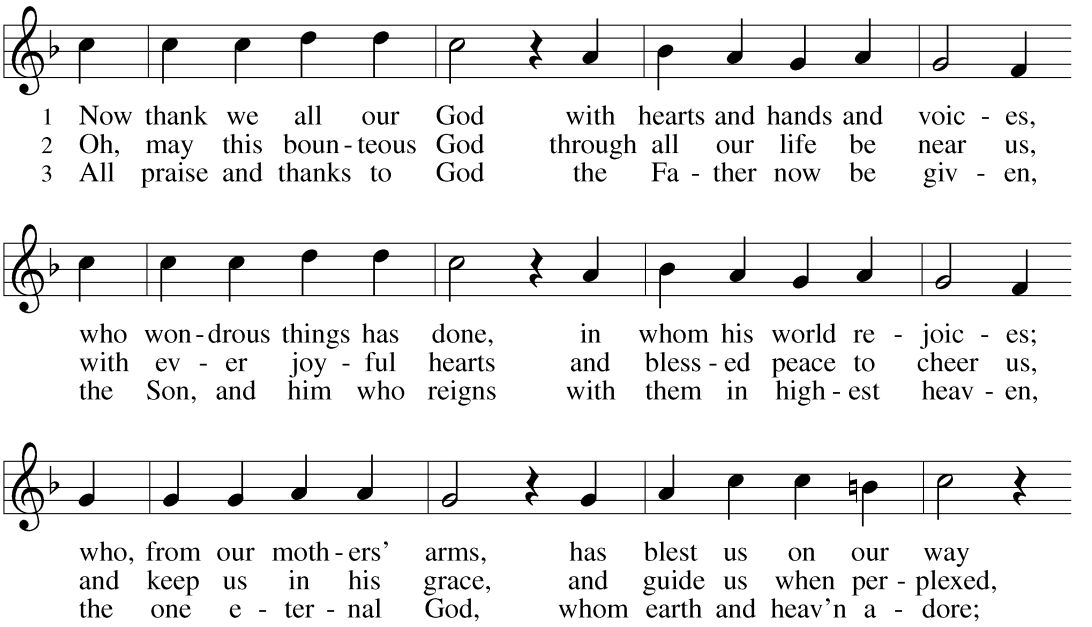
The Sending

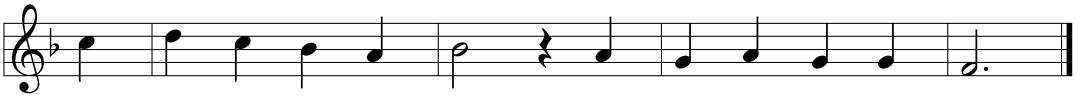
BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ grant you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God"





with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

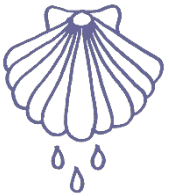
DISMISSAL

Children Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE **Linda Hoch**

"Festive Processional on *Now Thank We All Our God*" - *arr. Michael Burkhardt*

Offering: A basket will be placed by the baptismal font for offering. Offerings can be placed in the basket before or after the service.



Today we celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Emily Michele Ellis daughter of Brent Ellis and Karen (Zimmermann) Ellis and granddaughter of Margery Zimmermann. This child of God are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross for Christ forever.

Flowers are given by…
Chris and Linda Hoch in celebration of Benny's 12th birthday.

Remember in our prayers… *Call Committee, future senior pastor, Don Slemmer, Quanta Brown, John Moffett, Bob Bower, Stephanie Foos, Barbara Muller, Shawn Turnbull, Mary Ross, Clarence Clapham, Janice Hardick, Joan Hassler, Donna and Charles Dettmann*

Notes & News

WELCOME, GUESTS! *We welcome you as our guest in our church home and invite you to continue to worship with us. We invite guests to take a welcome bag at the Welcome Desk to learn more about Grace and sign the Pew Pad to let us know you were worshipping with us today.*

Service Recording: The recorded 8:30am service will be available at www.grace43081.org around 11am.

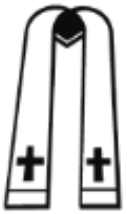
NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY AT GRACE Pass the word, we are moving forward! Watch for a Sign-up/Registration table to be set up in the Gathering Space following the 8:30a and 11:00a Sunday morning services on consecutive weeks, on May 21 and 28. All

Grace Members and their families are encouraged to sign-up to participate in this directory.
5 Photo sessions will be scheduled over a 2 week period, on weekday evenings from

- 6:00p – 8:00p on Tuesday, May 30 and Thursday, June 1,
- 5:00p – 7:00p on Monday, June 5; Wednesday, June 7, and
- 10:00a – noon on Saturday, June 10.

10 minutes will be allotted for each individual or group sitting.
This will be an "In-House" project and will not involve any outside contractors. To ensure personal security, only "Hard Copy" directories will be distributed, not accessible on-line. There will be no cost for this directory, however a suggested donation of $10 would be appreciated to cover the cost of printing. A digital download of each photo will be available by email or link. This directory may provide an opportunity to put a name to those faces you see each week, but are too embarrassed to ask their names for the umpteenth time! Questions: Nelson Grover, Charlotte Schaller, Eric Bush

The Call Committee Update: The Call Committee would like to thank the congregation for their continuing



prayers and support as we seek God's will in the Call of our new Sr Pastor. At our last meeting, we reviewed the NALC instructions to the committee and found comfort that the process is in God's hands and time. We would like to share some quotes that may answer some questions we have we received from the congregation and offer comfort that God is at work!
"...the call process is a spiritual process of discernment led by the Holy Spirit. It is God's process, not the congregation's. It will take whatever time God intends, so there will be no rushing to judgement. For example, what may seem like an inordinate delay to some may indeed be the Holy Spirit working the process and in a particular pastor's life so that he/she is available and open to call by the congregation. The goal is to allow God's will to unfold in such a way that the call committee, council, and congregation recognize and receive the pastor whom God is calling to be their next pastor. The call process is about the revealing of God's will, not the completing of the process."
"… the call committee will not be making regular announcements of pastors with whom they are in conversation, as some may be local congregations and not wishing to announce they are open to a call until and unless they receive another call." "At the appropriate time, full name and information will be shared with the council."
We ask your continued prayers for the pastor being called and the discernment of the committee, and support of the congregation, as we continue our process.
Call Committee Members: Karen Bale, Chris Hoch, Regina Place, Gregg Rearick, Abby Reynolds, Vanessa Stewart

Dear Grace Member, Do you have a child or grandchild who is graduating this year? Grace would like to recognize 2022-2023 high school and college graduates in the June Voice and Sunday, June 11th bulletin. Please email Molly

King (m.king@grace43081. org), Tom Seamon (seatom5853@gmail.com), or office@grace43081.org with the graduate's name, degree received, major and where he or she graduated from, along with a photograph. If there are future plans you would like to share, something about their activities; extracurricular activities, interests, honors and awards, we would love to include those as well. **The deadline to be included is Saturday, May 27.**

Christian Growth Announcements

Vision Statement: To nurture Youth and Family in Christ through Bible based teaching, music, activities and community outreach.

Come join us for VBS July 23-26, 5:30 to 8:00pm. The theme this year is "Stellar, Shine Jesus' Light." VBS is for Preschool to rising 6th graders. Registration is open on our website www.grace43081.org. If you are interested in volunteering you can sign up at the Welcome Center. Any questions contact Molly King, m.king@grace43081.org or Sarah Odum, office@grace43081.org. **We need volunteers! Sign-up in the Gathering Space.**

Upcoming Events

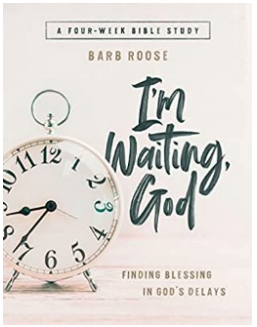
May 21	• Music Sunday • Last Day of Sunday School • Joyful Noise Concert: Flute and Guitar Concert • Connect Youth Group meeting at Buckeye Raceway. More information to come.
May 28	Confirmation ceremony at the 11:00 service.
May 31	Youth and Family event: Faith and Family Night at the Columbus Crew.
June 11	OWL reveal (More information to come) and Graduation Sunday
July 23-26	VBS (Registration NOW open)

OWL **Save the date for the OWL Reunion** Come and meet your OWL, Older Wiser Lutheran, June 11th after the 11:00 service in the Fellowship Hall. We will reveal who the OWLs are and have lunch together. More information to come!

Adult Learning Opportunity – That the World May Know, Volume 10, entitled; With All Your Heart, is the current study. We will meet in the fellowship hall during the Sunday School hour. This volume deals with learning how to live together the way God intends. Discover how God teaches the Israelites what it means to be part of a community that loves him and the lessons we can begin to live out in our lives today. Join us each Sunday

9:45am in the fellowship hall for the next installment of That the World May Know!

The Women's Bible Study: "I'm Waiting, God : Finding Blessing in God's Delays" By Barb Roose Do you ever feel like God is taking too long to answer your prayers? Have you ever taken matters into your own hands, only to discover that you've made the situation worse?



Waiting on God challenges our faith when the bills are stacking up, our families are falling apart, or our dreams feel like they won't come true. We know that God hears our prayers, but it's hard when the clock is ticking yet He hasn't shown us the answer.

In this four-week Women's Bible study, Barb Roose invites us to explore the stories of women in the Bible who had to wait on God— women such as Hannah, Ruth, Martha, and the unnamed woman who suffered for over a decade with a painful medical condition. If you've felt anxious, angry, discouraged or depressed because God isn't giving you what you want, their stories will breathe fresh hope and practical next steps in your life. As a reforming control lover, Barb mixes in her personal stories of learning how to wait for God during long seasons of unanswered prayers, family difficulties, and challenging times in ministry. Together we will discover that there is goodness and blessing to be found in times of waiting, including a closer relationship with God than we've ever dared to dream.

The Bible study starts Wednesday, May 3 at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Email Molly King, m.king@grace43081.org if you are interested.

Intercessory Prayer Team Starting Intercessory prayer is coming to God on the behalf of others, "standing in the gap", linking God's mercy with human needs. Prayer is the foundation of our faith, a way of developing intimacy with God.

* Do you have a desire and passion to pray for the sick and those in need?
* When you're praying for others, do you receive insight for them?
* Do you feel love and compassion for people who are hurting?
* Are you convinced God moves in direct response to the fervent prayers of His people?

Those asking for prayer will fill out a prayer request form and put it in the locked Prayer Chest. As a member of the IPT you will receive a copy of the prayer(s) either to your personal email or by postal mail (your choice). As a IPT member, you would pledge daily prayers for the requested need with complete confidentiality.

Please pray about becoming an Intercessor Prayer Team member. If you come to the meeting, there is no obligation to join. Come and see if this group is a "fit" for you.

The date for our organizational meeting is June 14, 2023, at 6:30 pm at Grace Church.

If you have questions, contact: Joanne Figge at jcfigge@gmail.com or call her at 614 -207- 1061 - or - Donna Dettmann at donnadett@aol.com or call her at 703-447-7760.

New Women's Bible Study's First Meeting by Denise Reynard Thank you to those who showed an interest in beginning this new evening group. Our first meeting will be on May 16, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. for about an hour or an hour and a half. We will be discussing which Tuesday evening is the best to meet and what time works for most of us, plus some other business items and we will have a little time to get to know each other. We will meet at the church, though I am not sure where yet. I will get that information to you. If you would please let me know if you are planning on attending this meeting via my email at denise.reynard@rocketmail.com or call me at 614800-1725. If I do not answer, please leave a message. Also, please feel free to contact me

if you have any questions or need further information. Please feel free to join us, even if you did not sign up. The more the merrier.

GRACE BOOK CLUB: The Grace book club has decided to meet again on Wednesday May 24th after the Women's Bible study. Bring your lunch and enjoy a thoughtful discussion about the Book Woman's Daughter by Kim Michele Richardson. If you have questions contact Karen Bale or Shirley Hodek.

THE MEN OF GRACE - M.O.G. (Loaves and Fishes Cafe') Unforeseen circumstances prevented M.O.G. from meeting on April 15th. The next meeting is May 20 at 8:00 a.m. in the Loaves & Fishes Cafe. In session 5 we left the story of Gideon on a high note—he has earned the respect of Israel. He defeated the Midianite army with a band of only 300 men. But as we'll learn in session 6, Gideon doesn't continue to follow God. When leaders don't submit to God, it can have devastating consequences. Join us for breakfast, fellowship and study.

Grace Singers Chancel Choir Rehearsal are Wednesdays beginning at around 7:30 PM after mid-week Lenten services in the sanctuary. Contact Jeff Daubenmire, Director of Music Ministries.

Grace Ringers Bell Choir meets on Wednesday for rehearsals from 6:00– 6:45 PM during Lent in the sanctuary. Contact Maria Laderman.

Grace Youth Choir: We welcome grades 1-8 and hope you will also consider having them participate in Sunday School immediately following rehearsal. The group will sing every few weeks for the 11:00 service. This is a meaningful musical experience for young people and we hope you consider supporting your children in this effort. Join us for rehearsals, Sunday at 9:30am. If you have any questions, contact Jeff Daubenmire.

Outreach Announcements

FIRST FRUITS SUNDAYS ***Let all that you do be done in love". (1 Corinthians 16:14)***

WARM Westerville Area Resource Ministry

May Grocery List:

Applesauce Unsweetened; Broth, Beef;Coffee, Regular and Decaf; Crackers, Saltine Cream of Wheat; Dishwasher Detergent; Fabric Softener; Glass Cleaner; Juices-Apple, Cranberry, Grape, Pineapple, Tomato; Mandarin Oranges; Manwich; Mixed Fruit Cocktail, Mixed Vegetables; Mushrooms, Canned; Olives; Pam Spray; Pears-Canned, Pineapple-Canned; Raisins; Razors.

Plastic shopping bags are needed as well. *We cannot accept food that has reached its expiration date. Any fresh produce, baked goods and dairy products take directly to WARM. Make C*hecks Payable to: Grace Lutheran Church, memo notation for WARM.

Blessings to all who are making this a part of your regular tithes and offerings.

MONTHLY FOOD/HYGIENE=655 lbs.; YEAR TO DATE FOOD/HYGIENE=1,776 lbs.

MONTHLY MONETARY= $1,560.00; YEAR TO DATE MONETARY= $4,836.00

Blood Drive - SAVE the DATE: Grace is hosting our next Red Cross Blood Drive on May 16th, 2023, 12 noon -6 pm. Appointments are appreciated and walk-ins are welcome! Please consider giving to be sure the blood supply is available during the busy summer travel season. For questions or help making an appointment please contact Vanessa Stewart 614-588-2712 or vschpn55@gmail.com. Thank you for giving this gift of life!

YARN MATTERS Please join us to learn to crochet or knit on Tuesday, May 23rd at 6:30 in Rose Garden 1. We have been busy with prayer cloths and gifts for our OWLs, and would love to share our love of yarn and fellowship with you! Supplies to learn will be provided, so come with an open heart and empty hands. Contact Jodie Arreguin (jodielmoffett@ yahoo.com) with any questions.

Westerville Habitat Partnership: Save the DATE: You are invited to join us for the 2023 wall build at **Otterbein University's The Point on Saturday, August 19.** The build is in the morning, beginning at 7 a.m. and is usually wrapped up by Noon. Sign-up information will be posted as the event gets closer, but mark your calendars now.

Hospitality Announcements

Grace Supper Club enjoyed its dinner outing at P.F. Chang's last month. For May, we have a reservation at BRU Burger Bar on Thursday, May 18 at 6:15 p.m. BRU Burger is located at 691 North Cleveland Avenue, Westerville 43082. A sign up sheet is at the Welcome Center Desk. EVERYONE WELCOME! Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Any questions, please see either Bev Grubb or Tami Stone.

Next meeting of the Care Team: Wednesday, May 17 at 3:30 pm. If anyone would like to join us and see if it is something you would like to be a part of, you are welcome. We serve communion to shut ins, send out grief material, have cancer information, and promote the use of the Care Notes, found at the Welcome Center. You can also help us by letting us know if someone may need our visits or services. You can call the church office. You may also call the office if you feel you would like to receive communion at home, long term or short term, planning on a hospitalization, etc.

NURSERY is open! The Nursery is open Sunday mornings during both services and the Sunday School hour. Trained, professional sitters are present every week to care for your children, ages 6 and younger. Questions? Molly King, 614-882-3026 or m.king@grace43081.org

Loaves and Fishes café is OPEN! Please stop in between services for a drink and a snack! There is a sign-up sheet in the café if you are interested in helping. Please call Regina Place, 614-623-1452 or Vanessa Stewart, 614-588-2712 with any questions or concerns.

Flowers for 2023: Flowers at Grace can honor a special event, remember a loved one or simply give glory to God. You may sign up at the welcome center, on-line or call the

office. The actual cost of flowers has increased to $75.00 a Sunday. The suggested donation will now be $30. Since that does not cover the cost, this donation is not to purchase flowers for your own, but contribute for the enjoyment of all. After the service, the arrangement is moved to the welcome center for the following week to enhance our space even longer.

Music Notes

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" – arr. David M. Cherwien
This hymn by a London clergyman, George Croly (1780-1860), is based on Galatians 5:25 ("If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit"). The text is a very intense and personal prayer for God's Spirit to take over our life, purify it, and fill it with the pure love of angels.

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" – arr. David M. Cherwien
The idea for this hymn by Charles Wesley (1707-1788) was taken from a popular song by the poet Dryden, "Fairest isle, all isles excelling." Its theme is the great thread of divine love which runs through all of Wesley's hymns. After a prayer is addressed to Christ to dwell within our lives, the hymn turns to the theme of sanctification – God's "great salvation" is sufficient to deliver a Christian from the power as well as from the guilt of sin (2 Corinthians 5:17). Thus we are "going on to perfection," being "changed from glory into glory" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" – arr. Mary McDonald
According to Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960), there were no special circumstances which caused him to write the text for this hymn – just his experience and Bible truth. Chisholm, a Methodist minister, gives the "faithfulness of God" as the main theme, and the promise of an unchanging God who assures us of pardon, peace and presence. The hymn first appeared in *Songs of Salvation and Service* (1923), complied by William M. Runyan.

"Pastoral No. 1" and "Lydian Song" - arr. Christopher Uehlein
Christopher Uehlein, O.S.B. is a monk of Blue Cloud Abbey located in Marvin, South Dakota. These two pieces are from his collection of pieces *Blue Cloud Abbey Organ Book*.

"Festive Processional on *Now Thank We All Our God*"
Beginning "Nun danket alle Gott," the first two stanzas of this hymn were written by Martin Rinkart (1586-1649) as a table grace for his family during the time of the Thirty Years' War in 17th century Germany. The hymn was first published in Rinkart's *Jesu Hertz-Büchlein* (1636) and was sung at the conclusion of the Peace of Westphalia, ending that devastating war.

Thrivent Choice From Debbie Yoho, Financial Manager In April Grace received $110.00 from the Thrivent Choice program. This is in addition to the $94.00 received in March. A big THANK YOU to those of you who are Thrivent members and directed your Thrivent Choice dollars to Grace. Remember that if you are an eligible Thrivent member, you can choose where Thrivent distributes a portion of its funding each year. Last month the VOG ran an article on how to Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to Grace. It can be done online (Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or over the phone (Call 800-847-4836).

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Financial Update: If you would like a copy of the full monthly Treasurer's report as presented to Council, please reach out to the Treasurer, Melissa Hodek, at melissa.hodek@gmail.com and it will be emailed to you.

Weekly Worship Attendance:
5th Sunday of Easter: 8:30am: 62, 11:00am: 129, Total: 191

Serving Today

OFFICIATING/ PREACHER	Pastor Matt Cox
ASSISTING MINISTER	Molly King, Commissioned Lay Minister
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Jeff Daubenmire
ORGANIST	Linda Hoch
SACRISTAN	Fred Pfanz
CANTOR	Fred Pfanz
LECTOR	Andy Laderman
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Eric Bush
ACOLYTE	Benny Hoch
GREETER	Sue Taylor
USHERS	Tom Moser, Andy Laderman, Michael King
ALTAR GUILD *Team 1*	Linda Seamon, Cheryl Bush, Andrea Bush, Jean Claflin, Dorothy Crain, Cheryl Leiss, Twyla Ridder, Lou Swanson, Barbara Muller
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Chris Banks, Dan George, Paul Grant, Eric Bush
NUSERY ATTENDANTS	Michelle Ulrich, Alma Lovins

This Week at Grace: May 14-21, 2023

May 14	**6th Sunday of Easter/Blessing Clothes for Africa/Baptism**	
	Pr. Matt Cox	
	8:30 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 am	Adult Learning and Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service and Baptism
MON		
TUES	12:00 pm	Blood Drive (Gathering Space)
	6:30 pm	New Bible Study
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
WED.	3:30 pm	Grace CareTeam Meeting
	6:00 pm	Grace Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
	7:00 pm	Grace Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
THURS	6:30 pm	Supper Club
FRI.	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
SAT	8:00 am	Men of Grace
	9:30 am	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	2:00 pm	Buchan Recital (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
May 21	**7th Sunday of Easter/Music Sunday**	
	Pr. Matt Cox	
	8:30 am	Worship Service
	9:30 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 am	Adult Learning and Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	12:15 pm	Joyful Noise: Flute and Classical Guitar “Sibling Synergy”
	1:00 pm	Connect Youth Group: Go Carts
	Last Day of Youth Sunday School	

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Mission Statement: Our mission is to reach out with the love of Jesus to grow disciples and serve our community.