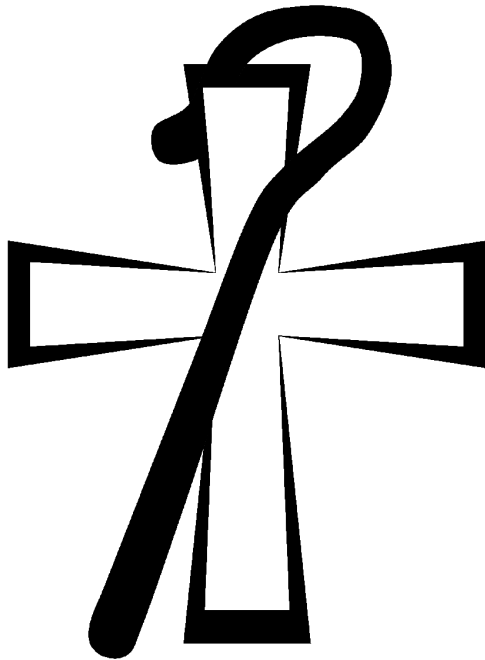


Worship and Installation



May 6, 2023

3:00 pm

Worship and Installation

PRELUDE

Jeff Daubenmire

Please stand and face the baptismal font.

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: 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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful Father,

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.**

GATHERING HYMN

“In Christ Called to Baptize”

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

The Gathering

INVOCATION

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!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This Feast of Gladness”

(sung to tune for “In Thee is Gladness”/In dir ist freude)

*This feast of gladness triumphs o'er sadness:
Jesus, Lord, the victor now.
The Lamb once slain now lives again,
Ev'ry knee to him shall bow.
Joy in full flower! Blessing and power,
Honor and praises all heaven raises,
And earth shall echo: Alleluia.
Sing of his glory, for Christ is worthy
Of adoration; and our salvation
In love he won for us: Alleluia!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.

C **And al - so with you.**

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

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Word

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶Look, he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

Psalm 15

L ¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?
C ²**Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,
who speaks the truth from his heart,**
L ³there is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend;
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
C ⁴**In his sight the wicked is rejected,
but he honors those who fear the LORD.**
L ⁵He has sworn to do no wrong
and does not take back his word.
C ⁶**He does not give his money in hope of gain,
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**
L ⁷Whoever does these things
shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
⁶For it stands in scripture:
"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."
⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,
"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"
⁸and
"A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."
They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.
⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
¹⁰Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

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

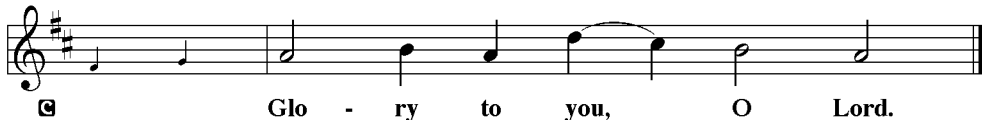
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C **Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

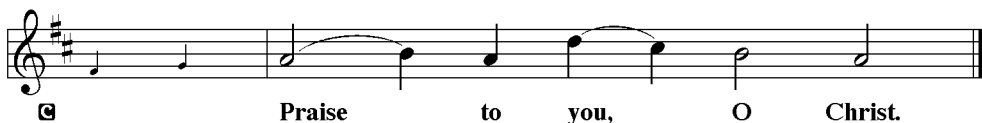
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.



[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

P The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Amy Little

Please stand as you are able.

NICENE CREED

A We confess our Christian faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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 man.**

**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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"You are the Way"



1 You are the way; through you a - lone can we the Fa - ther find;
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



in you, O Christ, has God re - vealed his heart, his will, his mind!
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.



INSTALLATION OF DEANS AND OTHER OFFICERS

Officers names and office are announced and persons to be installed come forward.

L St. Paul says: Just as each of our bodies has several parts and each part has a separate function, so all of us, in union with Christ, form one body, and as parts of it we belong to each other. Our gifts differ according to the grace given us. If your gift is prophecy, then use it as your faith suggest; if administration, then use it for administration; if teaching, then use it for teaching. Let the preaches deliver sermons, the almsgivers give freely, the officials be diligent, and those who do works of mercy do them cheerfully. (*Rom. 12:4-8*)

L Will you assume the office to which you have been *elected/appointed*, and will you endeavor to discharge its duties faithfully, to the glory of Christ our Lord and in service to his holy Church?

R *I will, and I ask God to help me.*

L And you, people of God, will you support and pray for _____ in this work?

C We will.

L The office of _____ is committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

L Let us pray.

Gracious Father, you call your people to service and give them varied tasks in the world and in your Church. Grant _____ grace and strength, that *he/she* may serve you faithfully to the glory of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

L The God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever.

C Amen.

Please stand.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence

After each petition:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through 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.

OFFERING

The offering will go to Grace Lutheran Tanzanian Fund, aka Home of Peace.

OFFERING HYMN “For the Gifts Which You Have Given”

(sung to the tune for “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”/Nettleton)

*For the gifts which you have given, generous, gracious, lavish Lord,
We give thanks and prayers and offerings: tokens of your love outpoured.
Use our talents and our treasures; use our heart and mind and hand.
Hallow all for loving service to your folk in every land.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray you, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**


Please stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING


PREFACE



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

(Sung to the tune for “Now the Green Blade Rises”/Noel Nouvelet)

*Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might.
Heav’n and earth are glorious with your splendid light.
“Hosanna!” angels cry; “Hosanna!” we reply.
All creation sings, “Hosanna in the heights!”*

*Blessed be our Savior, bearing God’s own name.
Coming to redeem us from our guilt and shame.
Joyous, we shall stand and see him face to face,
Shouting our hosannas, saved by his dear grace.*

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

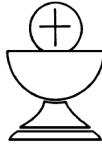
“Lord Jesus Christ, God’s Blessed Lamb”

(Sung to the tune of “You Are the Way”/Dundee)

*Lord Jesus Christ, God’s blessed Lamb, true man, yet great I AM.
Our sins you take, slain for our sake: Have mercy, Lord, on us.*

*O risen Christ, our Lamb and Lord, by heav’n and earth adored,
Your living breath o’ercomes our death: Have mercy, Christ, on us.*

*Lord Christ, our Lamb and Priest and King, forgiveness to us bring.
Let hatred cease; let love increase: Grant mercy, Lord, and peace.*



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.
The receiving of the wine or grape juice will be by intinction.*

*(A station with gluten-free hosts is available with wine and grape juice
to the side of the altar.)*

COMMUNION MUSIC

Musical selections by Jeff Daubenmire

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 HYMN "Lord, Let Your Servant Go in Peace"

(see pdf. Words by Rev. Cathy Ammlung; tune "Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord"/Mendon)

*Lord, let your servant go in peace; your faithful Word has been fulfilled.
This Word made flesh I now embrace: the sure salvation you have willed.*

*With my own eyes, I see the lamp of glory given to Israel;
The light to nations lost; the peace that makes your wounded people well.*

*Glory and praise, blest Trinity, dear Father, Holy Spirit, Son.
Your light no darkness overtakes while endless ages ever run!*

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

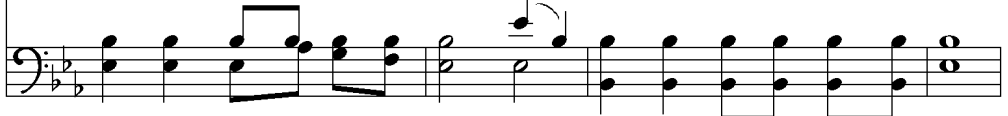
- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ grant you peace.
- C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"



1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Jeff Daubenmire

Serving Today

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