



Ascension of Our Lord

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

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**Church Services are held on Sundays at 9:00 am.
Saturdays 5:30 pm May 29 – August 28, 2021**

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WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to sign our guest book and/or complete a visitor card to help us remember you. Please let us know if we can serve you in any way. Everyone is welcome to Holy Communion at Shepherd of the Lakes. Come forward as ushers direct, receive the wafer in your hand and move to the wine which is served in individual portions. We offer grape juice as an alternative to wine. Gluten-free wafers are also available at your request from communion servers when you partake.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit and rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are a loving community that follows Jesus & seeks to hear the Word of God and practice it in our daily lives.

Recorded Services:

All Sunday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are recorded and put on You Tube. Go to the Church website at

www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org

and look for the  symbol.

Click on this symbol to take you to the Church's YouTube site.

Readings for May 23, 2021:

First Reading Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Second Reading Romans 8:22-27
Holy Gospel John 15:26-27,
16:4b-15



Move In Day

Each fall is the perennial move-in day on or near college campuses. Legions of parents descend with carloads that include tiny refrigerators, Ikea furniture, electronics, area rugs, and posters. They unload the one they have birthed, raised, nursed, instructed, and reprovved for eighteen or so, to prepare him or her for independence. Then, just like that, the parents are gone, perhaps wiping away tears. Perhaps their final words were ones they hoped would stick. “Study well.” “Make good choices.” “Watch your time.” “Don’t stay up too late.” But in every parental heart is a simple prayer: “O God, be with them.” In the final portion of Jesus’ great prayer for the disciples (John 17:6-19), he entreats the Father to love and protect the disciples as a parent who knows their time for direct supervision is coming to an end. In this preparation we hear his pleading like a loving parent who wants the best for the ones he has sheltered, taught, loved, reprovved, and sent. Jesus begs for God to hold them in the truth that is to do as they have been taught, to follow the model established for them. Jesus asked for the disciples to be protected and surrounded so that they may not be lost. He prays for the disciples to have their joy completed, and to live what they have seen and understood from their rabbi. May we, like the disciples, live in the truth of the gospel, love as we have been loved, have our joy complete, and, above all, know that God is with us.

CHURCH SERVICES:

Regular Sunday morning services at 9:00 am. Saturdays 5:30 pm May 29 – August 28, 2021. Masks, while not required, however are greatly encouraged in the sanctuary for the services. All are welcome. The Sunday service will be live-streamed and recorded and available for viewing on YouTube later in the day.

FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH:

The second Sunday of each month will be our regular fellowship brunch. Bring a dish to pass as you can.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Flowers on the altar today are in honor of Barb & Will Maines’ 50th wedding anniversary on May 22, 2021.



PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please note: "Current issue" listings remain in the bulletin for three weeks and then are removed unless instructions are received to move that listing to the "ongoing health issues" list.)

Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Larry, Rich, Gus, Dee, Ray, Joan, Lois, Lyn, Mike, and Tom & Carol.

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

Jeff, Brian, Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Noah, and Zachary.

Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Mel & Barb and Elisabeth.

Pray for the families of those who have passed:

Family of Joanie

Family of Dan

Please email Bill Wendorf at pastor@SOTLsayner.com or text to 715-617-6477 or email Jean Maines at secretary@SOTLsayner.com or text to 715-542-3344 if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list. Prayer requests are sent out via email.

***If anyone is interested in being the contact person for the prayer chain,
please contact Bill Wendorf or Bill Sima.***

SEASON OF EASTER

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

May 16, 2021

Prelude

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

We begin our worship this day in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.
To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" ELW 843

(Please Stand as you are comfortable)

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;

praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

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Greeting

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

And also with you.

Kyrie

- 1) *Leader:* In peace, in peace . . .
- 2) *Leader:* For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . .
- 3) *Leader:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, . . .
- 4) *Leader:* Help, save, and defend us, O God. . . .

Lord, have mer - cy,

Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

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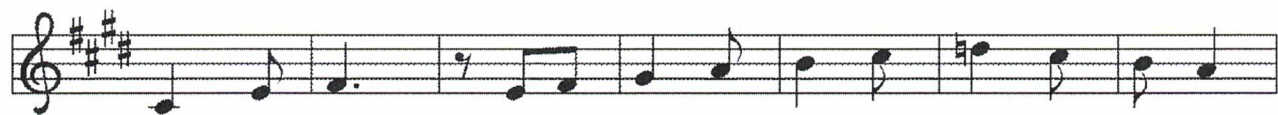
Optional segue to "Now the Feast" or "Glory to God" men.

Hymn of Praise

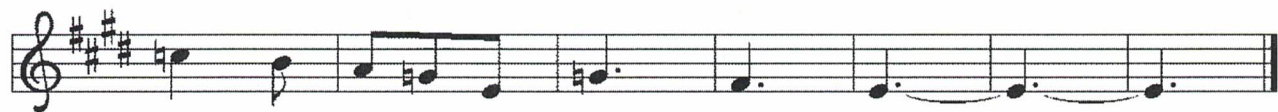
Now the Feast and Celebration



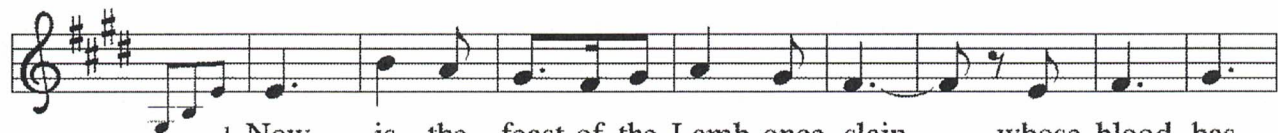
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



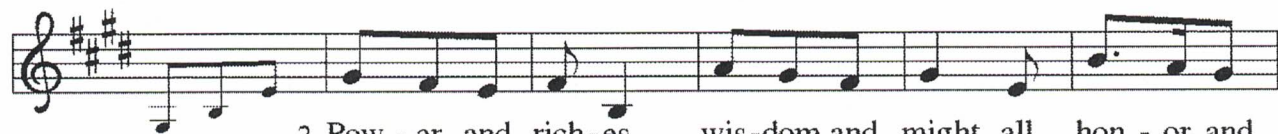
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



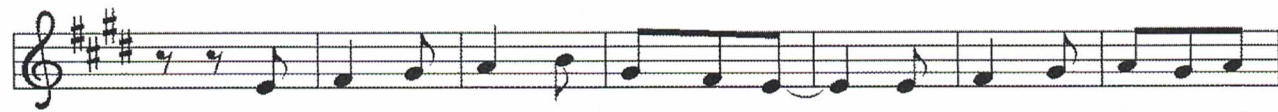
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



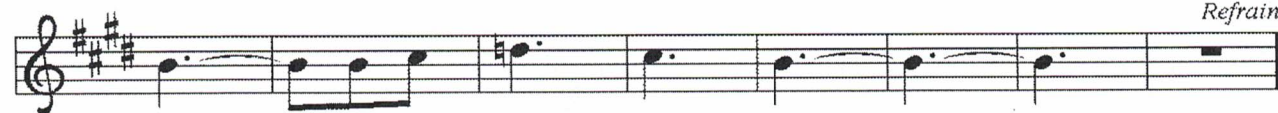
2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



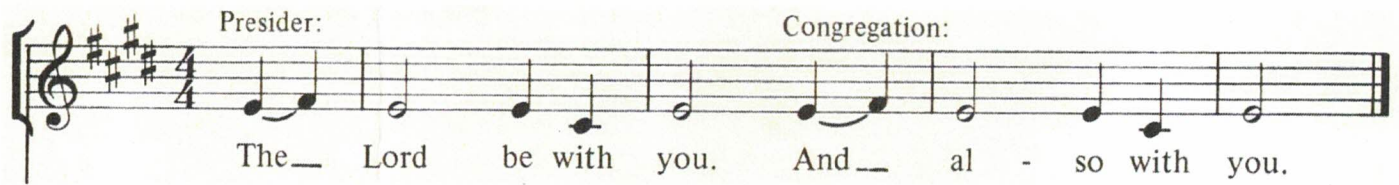
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.



Prayer of the Day

(Please be seated following the prayer)

Scripture Readings

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Psalm 47

- ¹Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a joyful sound.
- ²**For the LORD Most High is to be feared:
a great king over all the earth,**
- ³who subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet;
- ⁴**who chooses our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**

⁵God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of the ram's horn.

⁶**Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

⁷For God is king of all the earth;
sing praises with a song.

⁸**God reigns over the nations;
God is enthroned on high.**

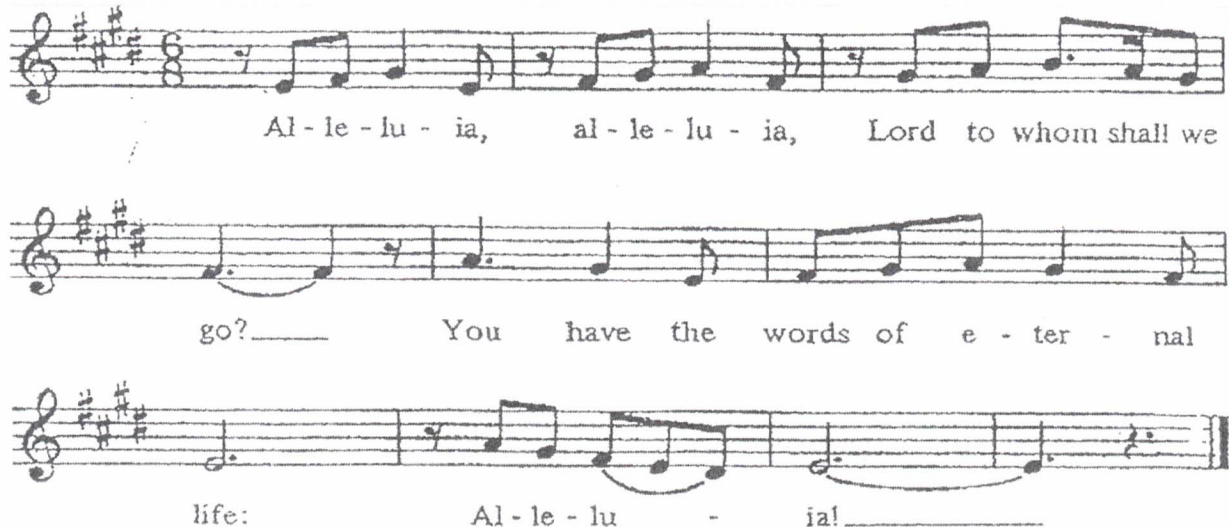
⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

(Please stand as you are comfortable for the Gospel Acclamation)

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we
go? _____ You have the words of e - ter - nal
life: Al - le - lu - ia! _____

Reading of the Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel According to....

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

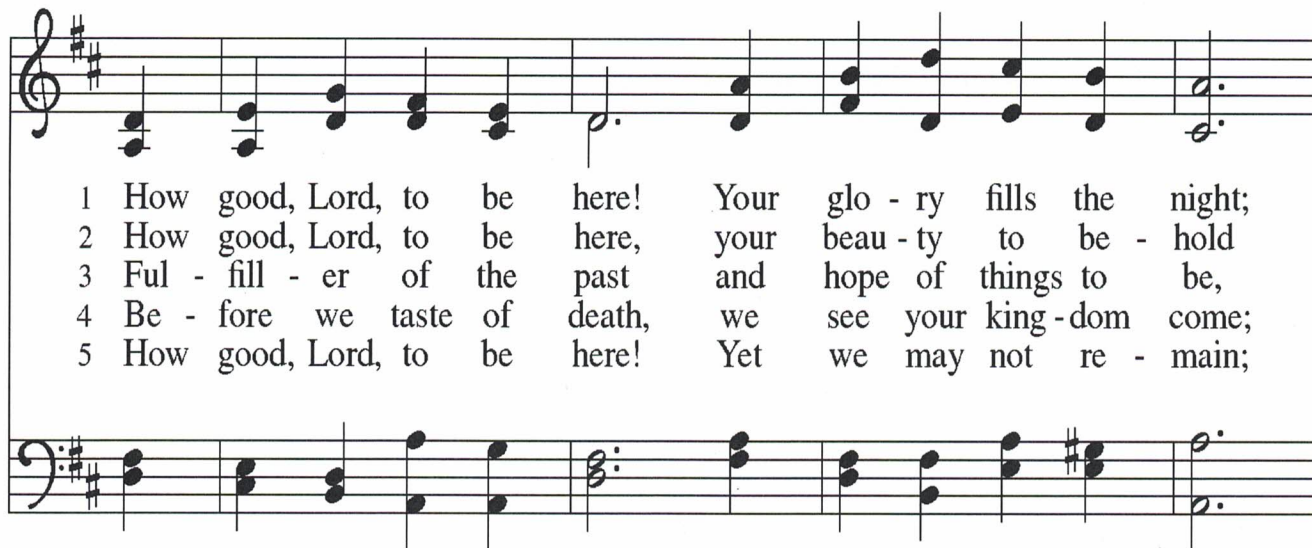
Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

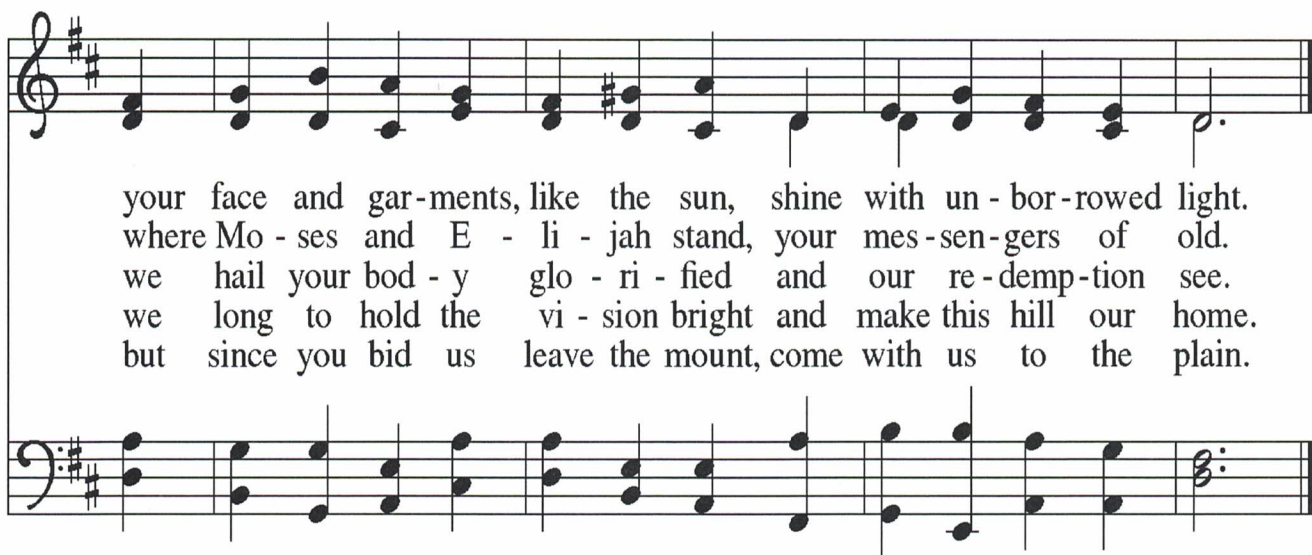
Sermon

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
 we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
 we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
 but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

Apostles Creed

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

**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.**

**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 People

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

(Please greet your neighbor from where you are standing, and then be seated)

Offering

“Due to these extraordinary times, our offering is no longer received in the traditional manner. For those of you worshipping in church, as you enter or leave the sanctuary, you will find an offering plate located at each entrance. If you wish, you may place your offering there.”

For those of you worshipping with us at home -

You can mail your donations to:

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Or on the church website www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org

You can donate through our PayPal account.

“Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together.”

As the Lord's table is prepared, please join in singing:

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" ELW 752

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The musical score is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;" and "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace."

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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Prayer

Holy God,

gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: Congregation:

The_ Lord be with you. And_ al- so with you.

Presider: Congregation: Presider:

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation:

thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy,....

....praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Introduction when preface is spoken.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly are you, God of pow-er and

might; — Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your

name. — Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Eucharistic Prayer

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

On the night in which he was betrayed . . .

Remembering his command to love one another, his life and his glorious resurrection, we pray:

Presider sings first time, Congregation sings second time:

Presider:
A - men, Come, Lord Je-sus, A - men, Come, Lord Je -sus.

Congregation:
A - men, Come, Lord Je-sus; A - men. Come, Lord Je -sus. —

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation. Empower us by that same Spirit, to love and forgive that our lives may anticipate that day when you will make all things new. We pray:

Presider sings first time, Congregation sings second time:

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

Congregation:
A - men. Come, Ho-ly Spir -it; A - men. Come, Ho-ly Spir -it. —

This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and friend.

Amen

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is
yours, O God, (Lord,) now and for - ev - er,
A - men.
A - men.

Lord Jesus, remember us in your Kingdom, and teach us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer

**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

*As the ushers direct people to communion, please be seated.
All are Welcome*

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION:

“Lamb of God”

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

Lord, Be Glorified

1	In	my	life,	Lord,	be	glo-ri-fied,	be	glo-ri-fied;
2	In	our	song,	Lord,	be	glo-ri-fied,	be	glo-ri-fied;
3	In	your	church,	Lord,	be	glo-ri-fied,	be	glo-ri-fied;
4	In	your	world,	Lord,	be	glo-ri-fied,	be	glo-ri-fied;

in	my	life,	Lord,	be	glo-ri-fied	to-day.
in	our	song,	Lord,	be	glo-ri-fied	to-day.
in	your	church,	Lord,	be	glo-ri-fied	to-day.
in	your	world,	Lord,	be	glo-ri-fied	to-day.

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Eat This Bread

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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Come and Fill Our Hearts

Confitemini Domino

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

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1* F Gm C F 2 Gm

1 Fa - ther,
2 Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be -
3 Spir - it,

C F 3 Gm C F

fore you; how I love you.

(Please stand as you are able for the remainder of the service.)

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which you have now received, strengthen and keep you in his grace.

Amen

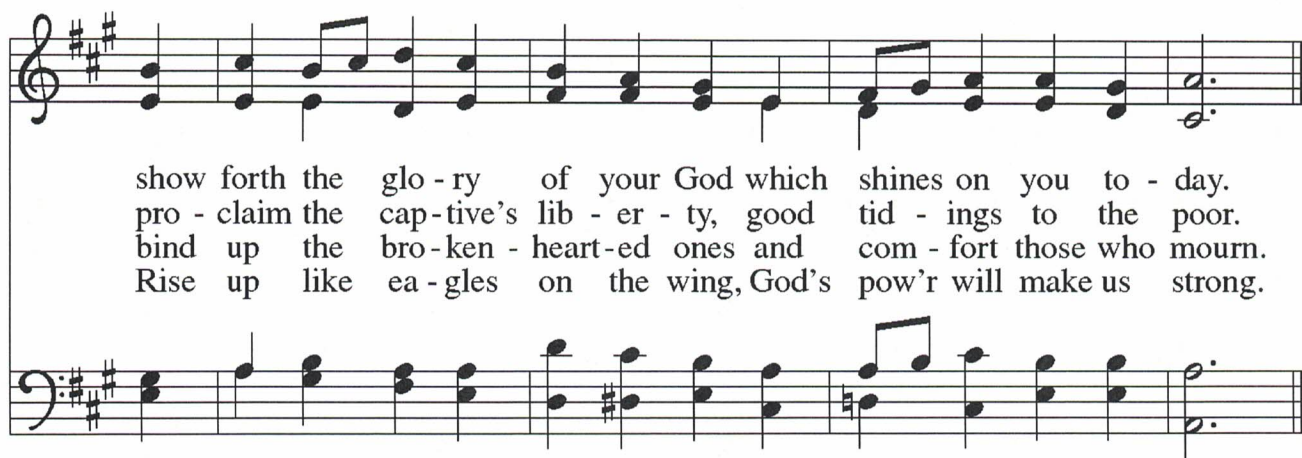
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Arise, Your Light Has Come!



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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Sending

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

*Please be sure to join us for coffee and fellowship after the service
in the community room.*

*Due to the upcoming landscaping project, our church sign will be removed and replaced with
an electronic sign. During the time that we are without a sign, please be sure to check this
space in the worship guide and the church website for worship times and events.*

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