

Welcome to:
First Lutheran Church
Tiffin, Ohio



**May 5, 2024
6th Sunday of Easter**

WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

PRELUDE

DOWN AMPNEY

Raymond Haan

Come Down, O Love Divine

Please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Softly spoken.

P: Christ is Risen!

C: **He is Risen, Indeed!**

In a regular voice.

P: Christ is Risen!

C: **He is Risen, Indeed!**

Lifting our voices toward heaven.

P: Christ is Risen!

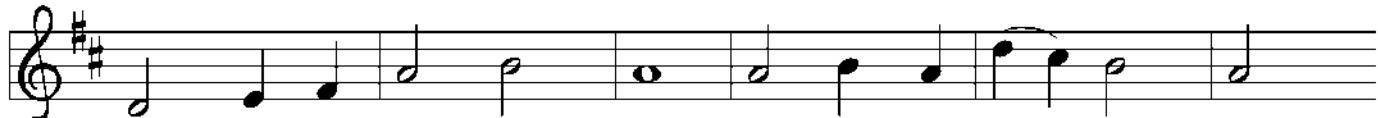
C: **He is Risen, Indeed!**

Alleluia!

GATHERING SONG

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COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and visit it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com-fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833-1890

Music: DOWN AMPNEY, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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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.**

GATHERING LITANY

P: We gather, a community of faith to celebrate.

C: **God is among us.**

P: We gather to celebrate:

C: **That no darkness can extinguish the light.**

P: We gather to celebrate:

C: **That love is more powerful than death.**

P: We gather to celebrate:

C: **That peace is stronger than violence.**

L: Together we celebrate that, we are called:

C: **To go out!**

L: We are called:

C: **To care for all!**

L: We are called:

C: **To share the Gospel!**

L: We are called:

C: **To forgive and reconcile!**

L: We are called:

C: **To trust God for all that we need!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: As a community of faith, celebrating the light, love, and peace of the Risen Christ, Let us pray:

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

A READING FROM ACTS

10:44-48

R: A reading from Acts the 10th chapter.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

R: Word of God! Word of Life!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

A READING FROM 1ST JOHN

5:1-6

R: A reading from 1st John the 5th chapter:

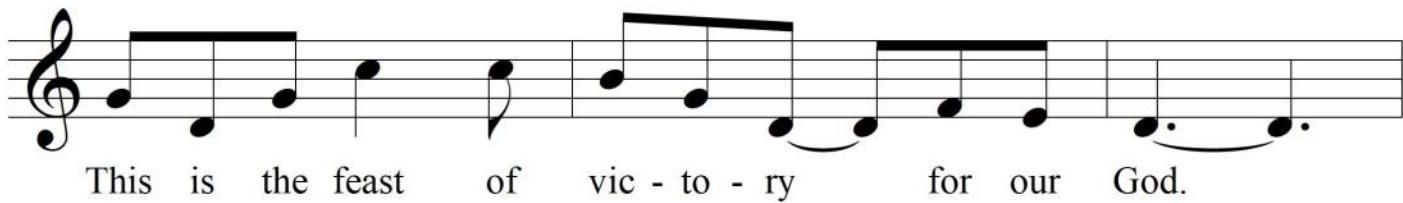
¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of

God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

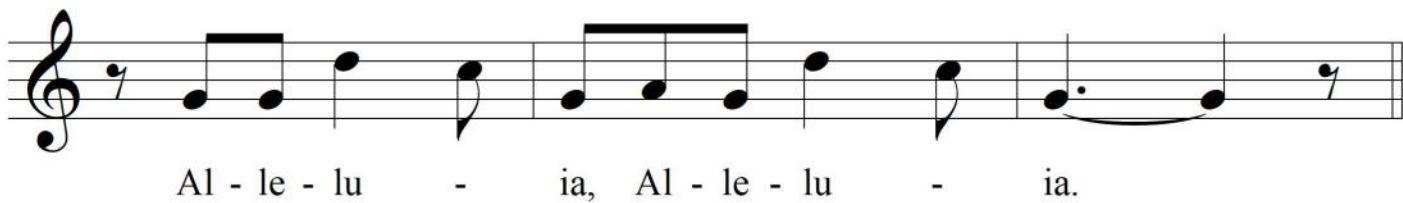
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C: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

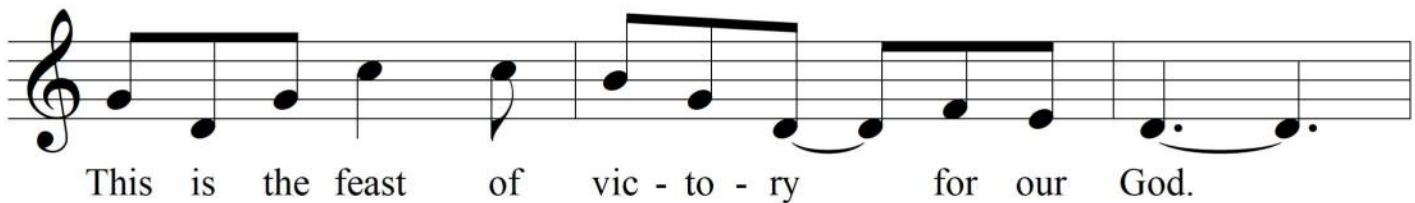


This is the feast of victory for our God.



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

After cantor sings the verse, we respond:



This is the feast of victory for our God.



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

A READING FROM ST. JOHN

15:9-17

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15th chapter:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

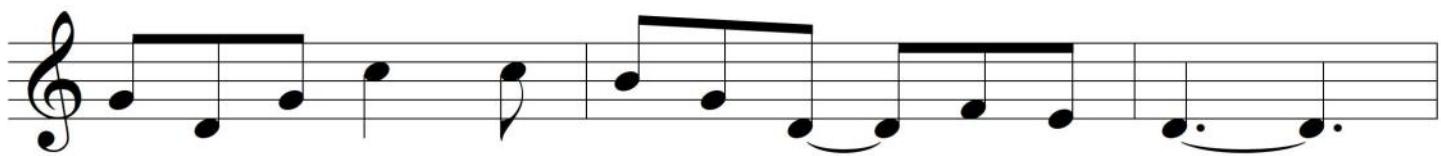
P: [Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!



Praise ____ to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

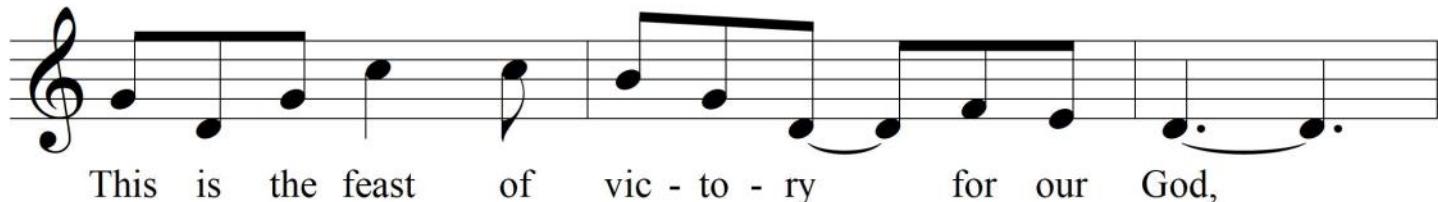


This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

Our Cantor will sing the verse. Then we respond:



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



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

Please be seated.

TODAY'S REFLECTION

Pastor C.J. Bailey



Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY # 595

JESUS LOVES ME!

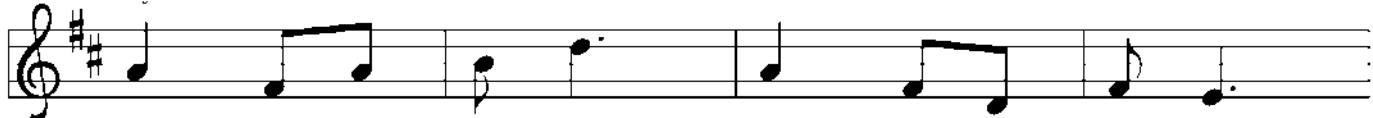


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

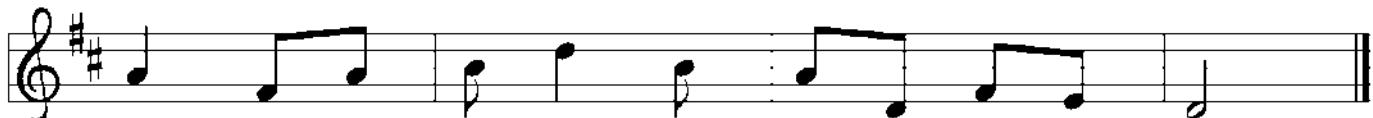


lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me. the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism.

C: **By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ.**

P: We are united with all the baptized into the body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Lila Rae Lee & Lennyn Marie Lee Have been presented for baptism. Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

I: **We do.**

P: As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in their hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your children may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

I: **We do.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support Lila & Lennyn and pray for them in their new life with Christ?

C: **We do.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to be the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

C: Amen.

P: Lila Rae, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Lennyn Marie, 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 Lila & Lennyn with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of council 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: Lila, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit, and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

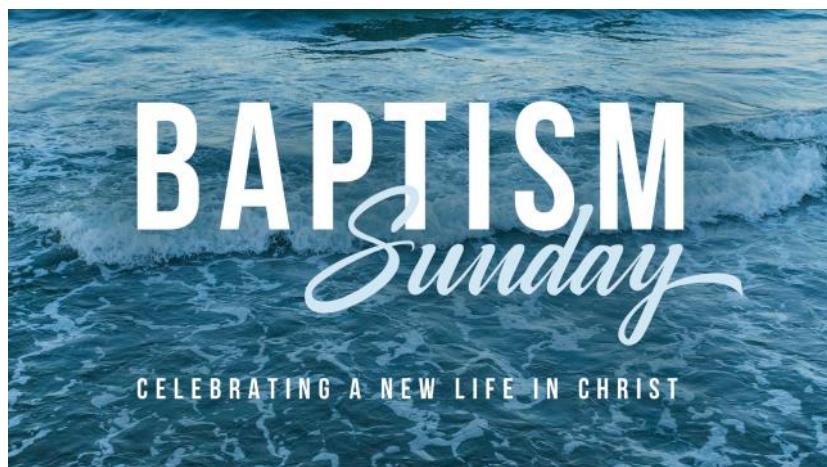
C: **Amen.**

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven. Together, let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: **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.**



THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

You are encouraged to share the Peace of Christ with those around you as you feel comfortable.

OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION

SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

Paul Manz

Beautiful Savior

Please stand.

THE PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

L: Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

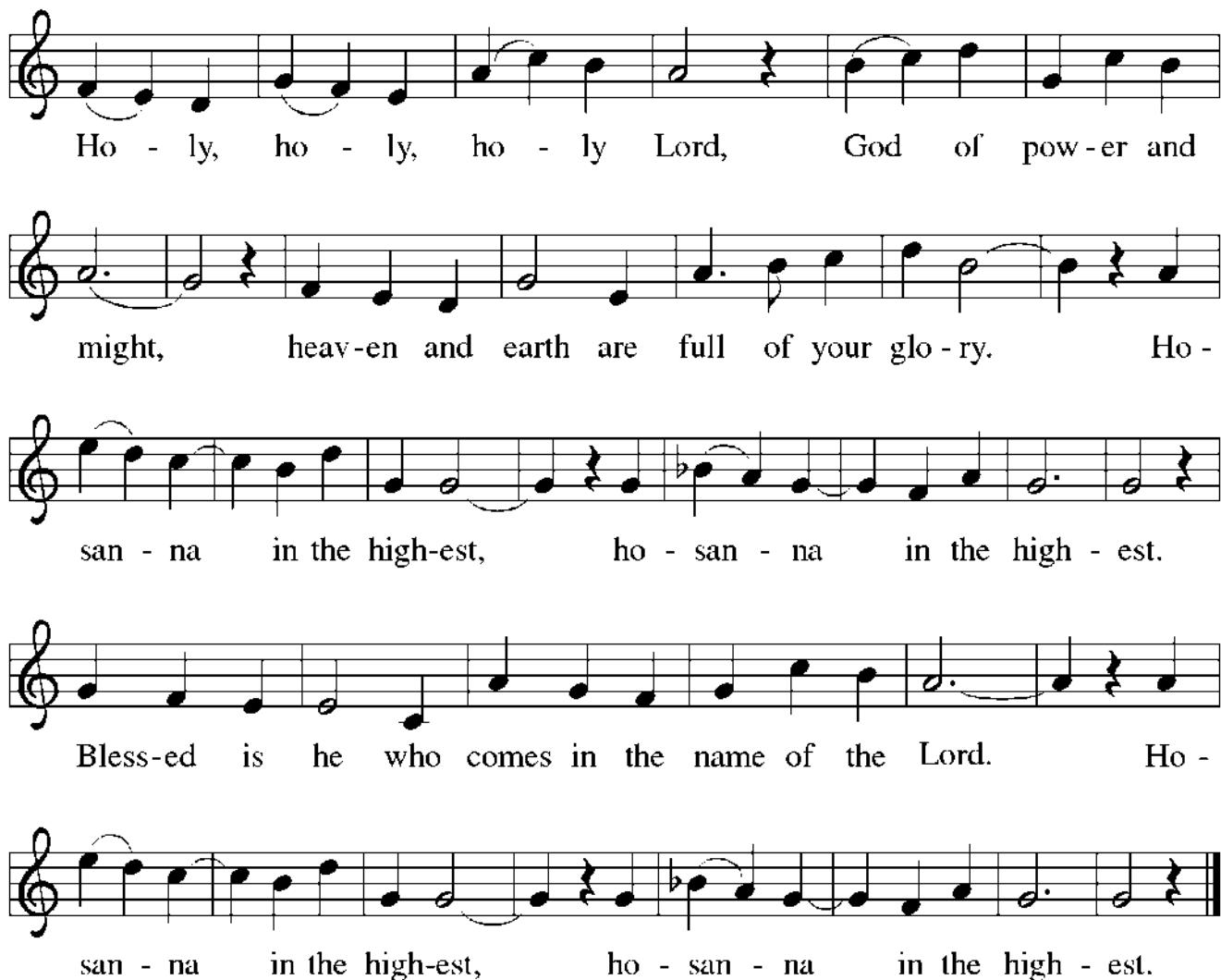
C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BLESSING OF THE MEAL

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to
the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus,
your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C:

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; We ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory
in your holy church, now and forever.

A musical score for the hymn 'Amen'. The key signature is A major (no sharps or flats). The time signature is common time (indicated by a 'C'). The lyrics are: 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, primarily on the A and C strings of a guitar. The first 'A' is on the A string, the first 'men' is on the C string, the first 'a' is on the A string, the second 'men' is on the C string, the second 'a' is on the A string, and the final 'men.' is on the C string. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a slight variation in the second half of the phrase.

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The Risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table!

Communion is distributed in two manners at First Lutheran.

- You may commune in your pews. Individual communion kits are available at the Narthex Doors. Pastor will share a blessing and all communing in place will commune together.
- You may come forward, where you will receive the bread from pastor and a small cup of wine from the worship assistant. Cups can be disposed of in a basket located by our projector.

AGNUS DEI

The musical notation consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text corresponding to a staff. The lyrics are as follows:

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

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

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BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

Please stand.

THE TABLE BLESSING

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

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.

Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

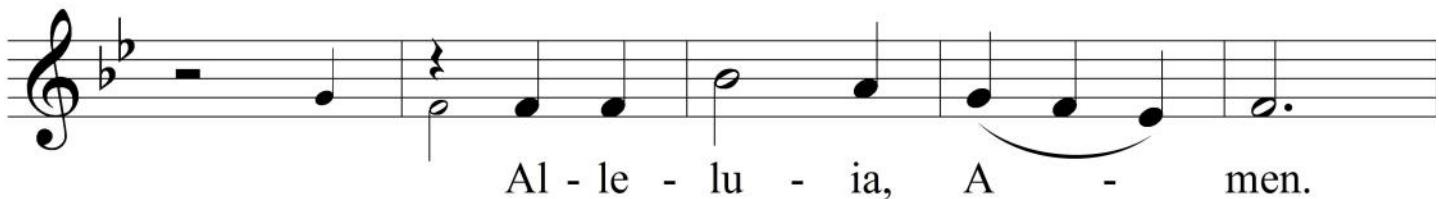
C: **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

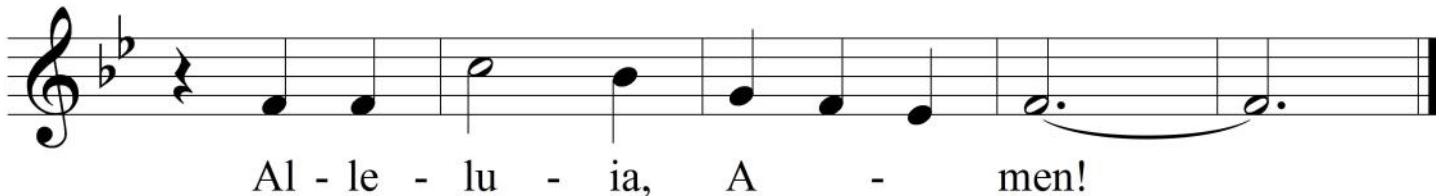
P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: May the God of the resurrection, the Christ of unending joy, the Spirit of Easter hope. Bless you now and always.



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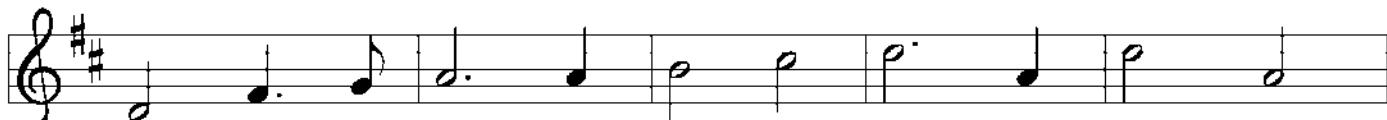


Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!

SENDING SONG

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CHRIST IS ALIVE! LET CHRISTIANS SING



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where c - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams. *Psalmody Evangelica*. 1789

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THE SENDING

L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
C: Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

P: Go in peace!
L: Rejoice and be glad!
C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Truro

Robert J. Powell

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

Today's Worship Leaders

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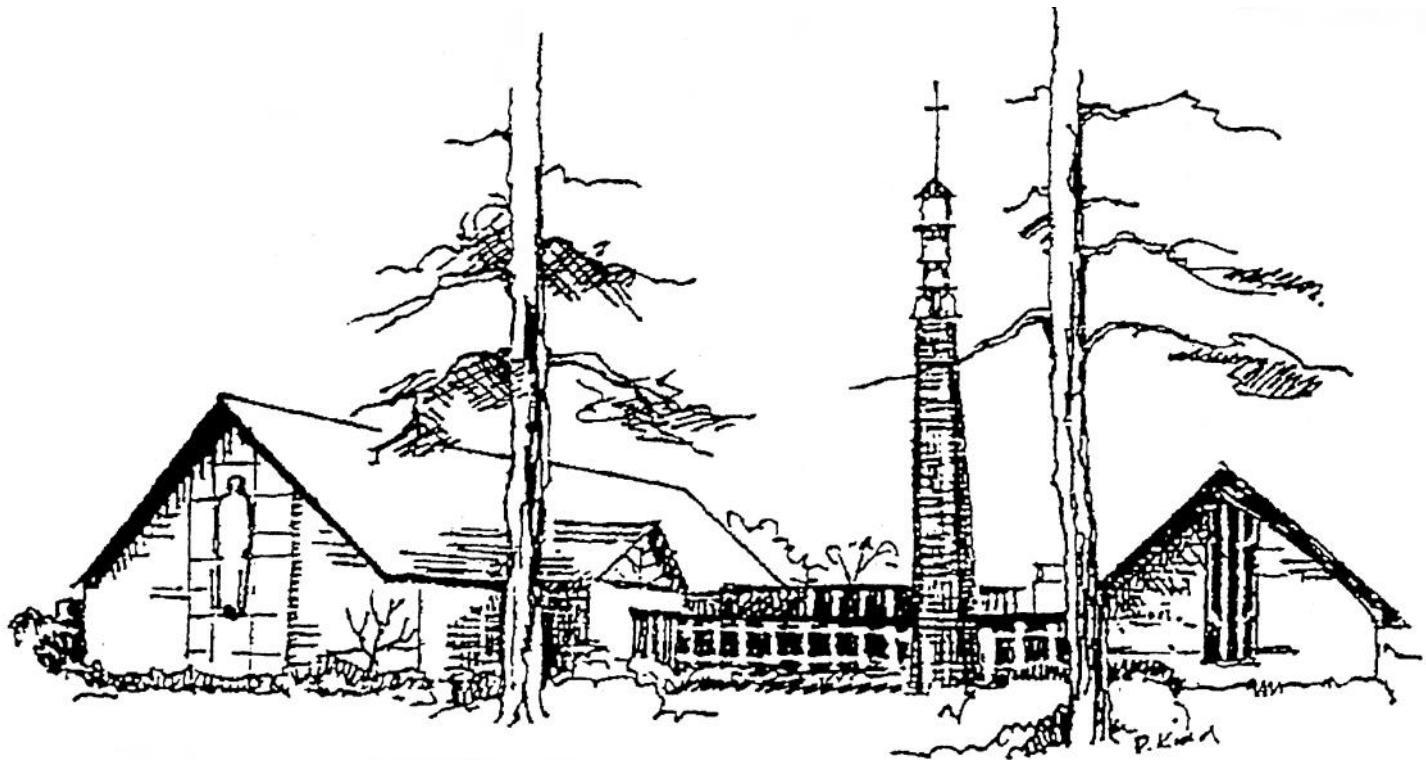
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Evangelical
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Our Mission Statement

“God is among us!”
**“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel,
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