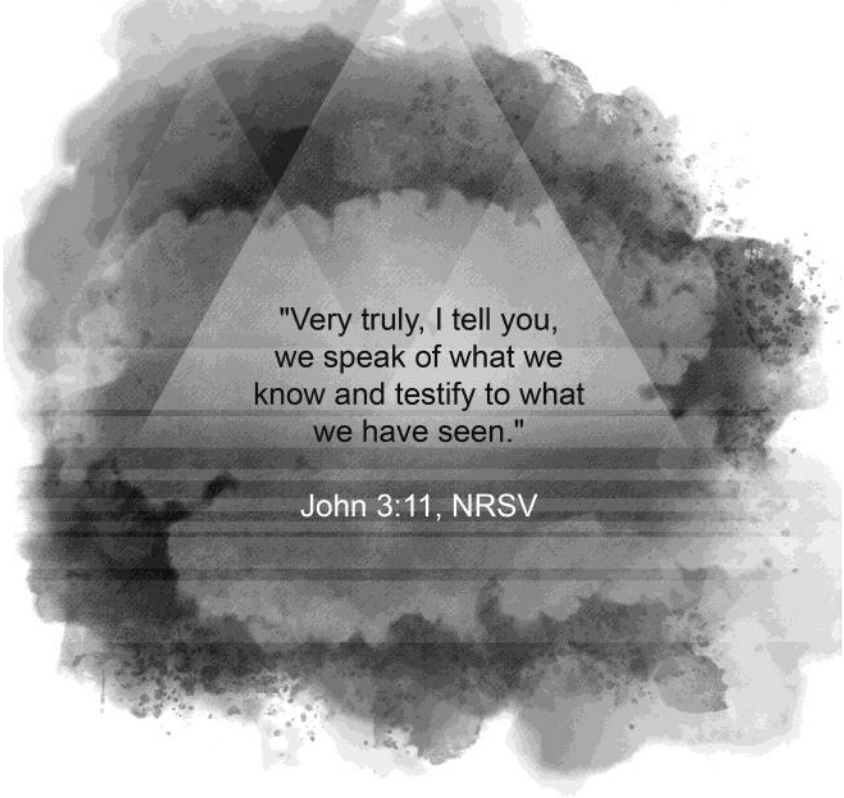


Welcome to:
First Lutheran Church
Tiffin, Ohio

Trinity
SUNDAY



"Very truly, I tell you,
we speak of what we
know and testify to what
we have seen."

John 3:11, NRSV

May 26, 2024
Holy Trinity

WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

PRELUDE

NICAEA

Michael Burkhardt

*Praise and Thanksgiving, Set VIII
III. Holy, Holy, Holy*

Please stand.

LITANY

P: We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Speaker, Word, and Breath of Life:

C: Glory to you forever!

P: Font of Blessing, Living Water, Flowing River:

C: Glory to you forever!

L: Compassionate Mother, Beloved Child, Life-Giving Womb:

C: Glory to you forever!

P: Sun, Light, and Burning Ray:

C: Glory to you forever!

L: Giver, Gift, and Giving:

C: Glory to you forever!

P: Lover, Beloved, and Love itself:

C: Glory to you forever!

L: Rock, Cornerstone, and Temple:

C: Glory to you forever!

P: Consuming Fire, Dividing Sword, Overpowering Storm:

C: Glory to you forever!

L: Rainbow of Promise, Ark of Salvation, Dove of Peace:

C: Glory to you forever!

P: God who was, God who is, God who is to come:

C: Glory to you forever!

P: Almighty and ever-living God, you have given us grace, by our confession of faith, to acknowledge and worship your triune name in the majesty of your unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your eternal glory, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

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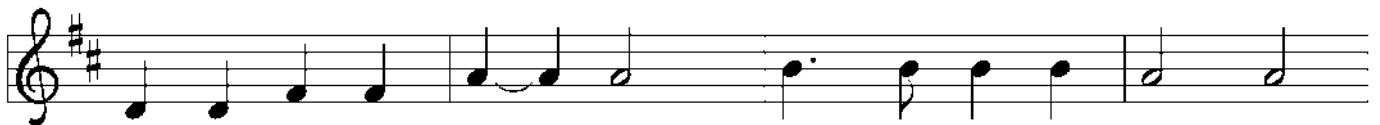
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!



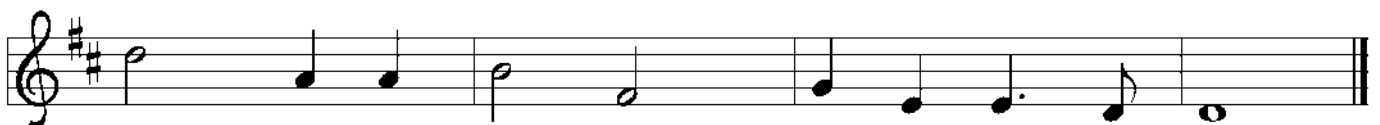
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826. alt.
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together, Almighty Creator and ever-living God:

C: **We worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

Please be seated.

A READING FROM ISAIAH

6:1-8

R: A reading from Isaiah the 6th chapter.

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your

lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.”⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

R: The Word of the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

A READING FROM ROMANS

8:12-17

R: A reading from Romans the 8th chapter.

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

R: The Word of the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

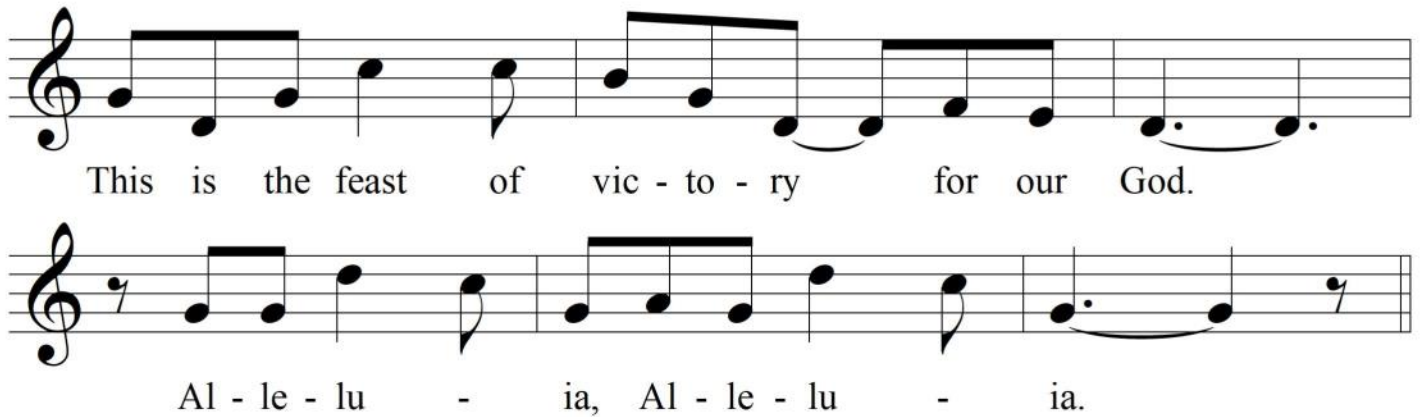
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

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

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

After cantor sings the verse, we respond:



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

A READING FROM JOHN

3:1-6

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. John the 3rd chapter:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

P: ¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound

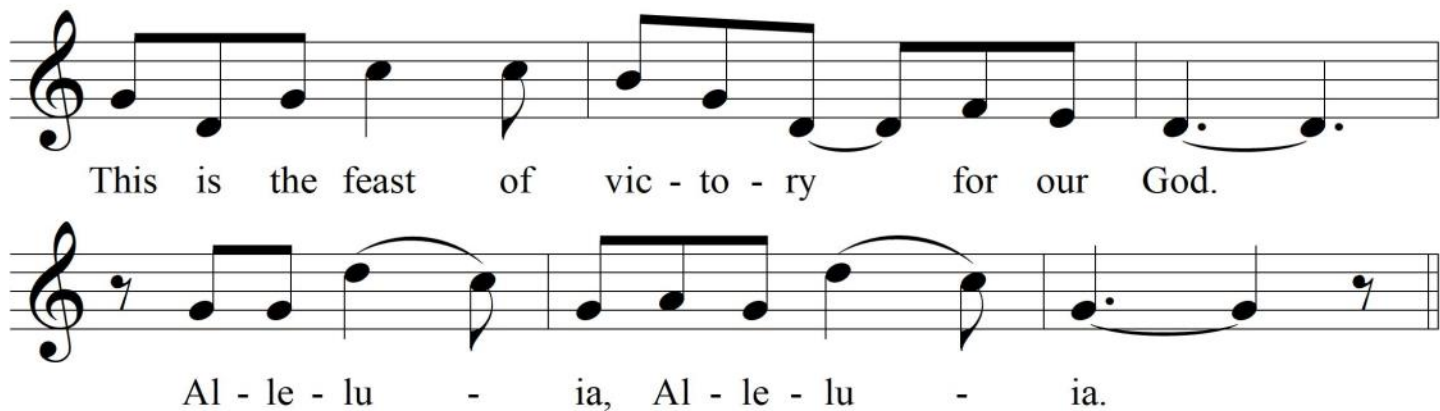
of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel is read.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

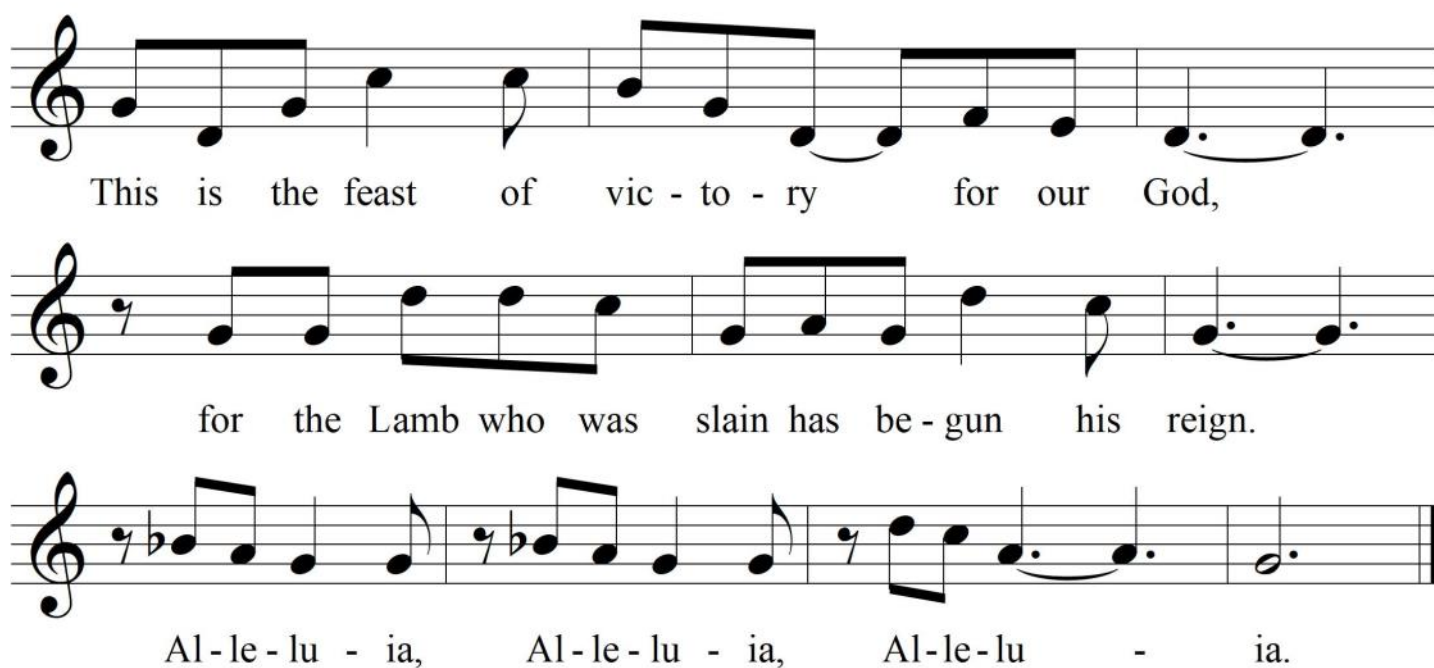
Musical notation for the phrase "Praise to you, O Christ." The notation is on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of the following notes: a whole rest, a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a whole note F#4. The lyrics "Praise to you, O Christ." are written below the staff, with horizontal lines indicating the alignment of the notes with the words: "Praise" under the first note, "to" under the second, "you," under the third, "O" under the fourth, and "Christ." under the eighth note.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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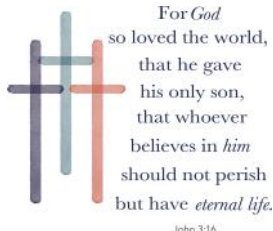


This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Please be seated.

TODAY'S REFLECTION

Pastor C.J. Bailey



Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

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COME, JOIN THE DANCE OF TRINITY



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter-weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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THE ATHANASIAN CREED

P: Pastor

C: All/Congregation

M=Men

W=Women

L=Left sided by the screen

R=Right side by the pulpit

P: Living together in trust in hope we confess our faith in the words of the Athanasian Creed:

C: Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the catholic faith. Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable will doubtless perish eternally.

P: Now this is the catholic faith:

M: We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.

W: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another.

M: But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty. What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit.

W: Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit.

M: The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite.

W: Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit:

P: And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal; as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings, but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

L: Almighty is the Father; almighty is the Son;

almighty is the Spirit: And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.

R: Thus the Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God: And yet there are not three gods, but one God.

L: Thus the Father is Lord; the Son is Lord; the Holy Spirit is Lord: And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.

P: As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.

M: The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten;

W: The Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father;

M: The Spirit was neither made nor created, but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.

W: Thus there is one Father, not three fathers;

M: One Son, not three sons;

W: One Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

P: And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other; but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal; and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons.

Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

R: It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus became flesh.

L: For this is the true faith that we believe and confess: That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

R: He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being

of the Father, and he is man, born in the world from the being of his mother—existing fully as God,

L: And fully as man with a rational soul and a human body;

R: Equal to the Father in divinity, subordinate to the Father in humanity.

L: Although he is God and man, he is not divided, but is one Christ.

R: He is united because God has taken humanity into himself;

L: He does not transform deity into humanity.

R: He is completely one in the unity of his person, without confusing his natures.

P: For as the rational soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and man.

C: He suffered death for our salvation. He descended into hell and rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

At his coming all people shall rise bodily to give an account of their own deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.

P: This is the catholic faith. One cannot be saved without believing this firmly and faithfully.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

Please stand.

OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION

GROSSER GOTT

Michael Burkhardt

Praise and Thanksgiving, Set IV

IV. Holy God, on High, BWV 715

THE PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

L: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

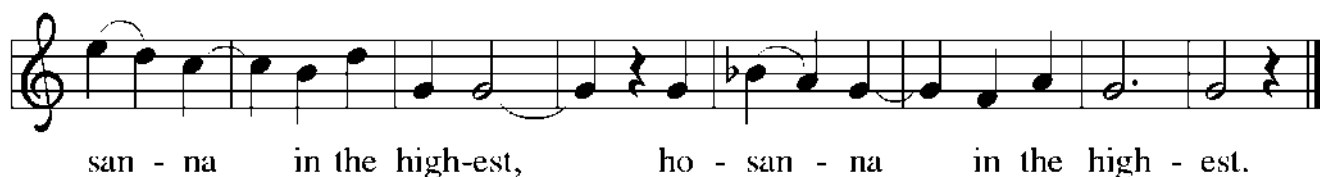
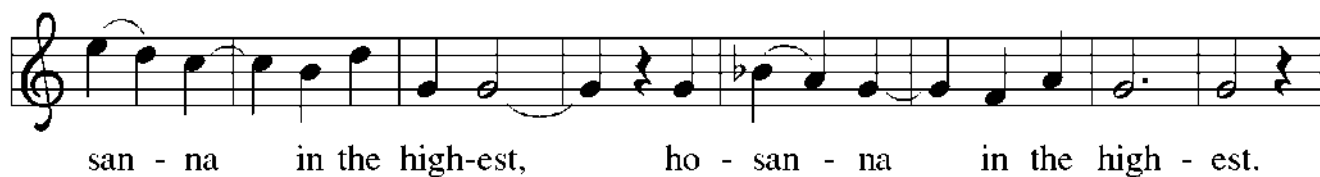
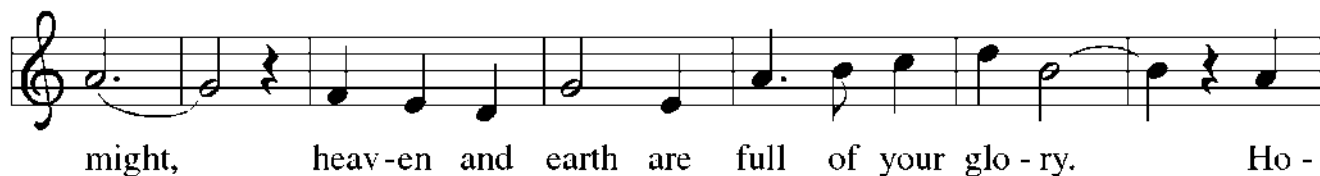
The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with various rests and phrasing slurs.

PROPER PREFACE

P: Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

Before all that is, you were God. Outside all we know, you are God. After all is finished, you will be God. Archangels sound the trumpets, Angels teach us their song, Saints pull us into your presence. And this is our song:

SANCTUS



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

You beyond the galaxies, you under the oceans,
you inside the leaves, you pouring down rain,
you opening the flowers, you feeding the insects,
you giving us your image, you carrying us through the waters,
you holding us in the night;
your smile on Sarah and Abraham,
your hand with Moses and Miriam,
your words through Deborah and Isaiah;

P: You lived as Jesus among us,
healing, teaching, dying, rising, inviting us all to your feast.
In the night in which he was betrayed, he 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 to remember 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.
Holy God, we remember your Son, his life with the humble, his
death among the wretched, his resurrection for us all: Your wisdom
our guide, your justice our strength, your grace our path to rebirth.

P: And so we cry, Mercy:

C: Mercy!

P: And so we cry, Glory:

C: Glory!

P: And so we cry, Blessing:

C: Blessing!

P: Holy God, we beg for your Spirit:

Enliven this bread, awaken this body, pour us out for each other.
Transfigure our minds, ignite your church, nourish the life of the
earth.

Make us, while many, united,
make us, though broken, whole,
make us, despite death, alive.

P: And so we cry, Come, Holy Spirit:

C: Come, Holy Spirit!

P: And so the church shouts, Come, Holy Spirit:

C: Come, Holy Spirit!

P: And so the earth pleads, Come, Holy Spirit:

C: Come, Holy Spirit!

P: You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three,

Our Life, our Mercy, our Might,

Our Table, our Food, our Server,

Our Rainbow, our Ark, our Dove,

Our Light, our Treasure, our Tree,

Our Way, our Truth, our Life.

You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

C: Praise now, praise tomorrow, praise forever.

P: And so we cry, Amen, amen:

C: Amen! Amen!

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.

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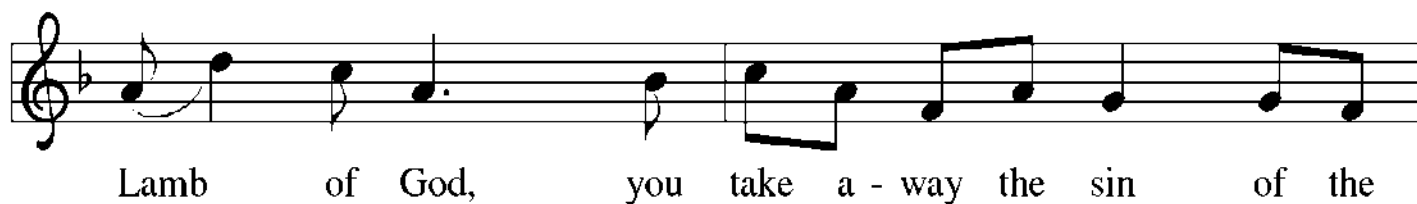
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

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



COMMUNION HYMN

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GOD LOVED THE WORLD



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923. alt.
Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller. 1731–1807, adapt.

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.

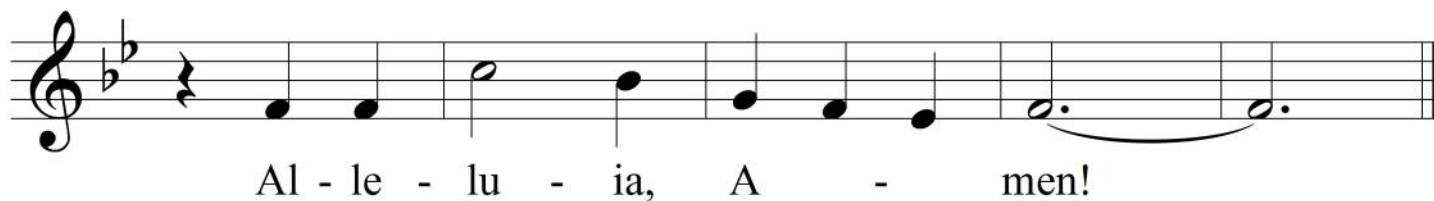
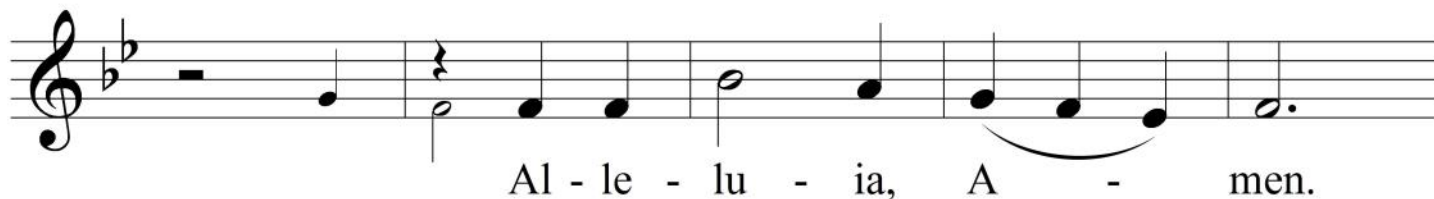
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: May God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be with you now and forever.



SENDING SONG

890

MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on.
while God is march - ing on.

Refrain



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

THE SENDING

- L: Go in peace!
P: You are the body of Christ!
C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH *Johann Sebastian Bach*
All Glory Be to God on High, BWV 715

Today's Worship Leaders

- Cantor:* Jayce Porter
Facebook Camera: Wendy Bailey
Host: Nominee Family
Reader: Beth Margraf
Slide Show Operator: Andrew Bailey
Worship Assistant: Jonathan Nominee



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This Week's Calendar

Sunday May 26
10:00 am Worship on Holy Trinity
Sunday

Monday May 27

OFFICE CLOSED



Wednesday May 29
6:30 pm Worship & Music

Next Sunday June 2
10:00 pm Worship on Pentecost 2/
Graduation Recognition

Directory

We are trying to update our information in order to provide a newer directory. In this month's emailed newsletter, pages were included for you to fill out. If you did not get an emailed version, the same forms can be found throughout the building. Not stopping by? Feel free to call and update your information by phone.

Phone: (419) 447-1323

Please Note

Next Saturday, June 1st, Pastor & Wendy will be attending the Synod Assembly in Bowling Green. Please keep the greater church in your prayers as it gathers in assembly.

Announcements For the Week

**5-6 Volunteers needed
for the Ecumenical Sharing Kitchen
at St. Paul's United Methodist
Church**

June 10th & June 13th

2 Volunteers needed at 10:30 AM
Remaining Volunteers at 11 AM

If you have any questions, please call
Joyce Randell:

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The West Ohio Food Bank will be here



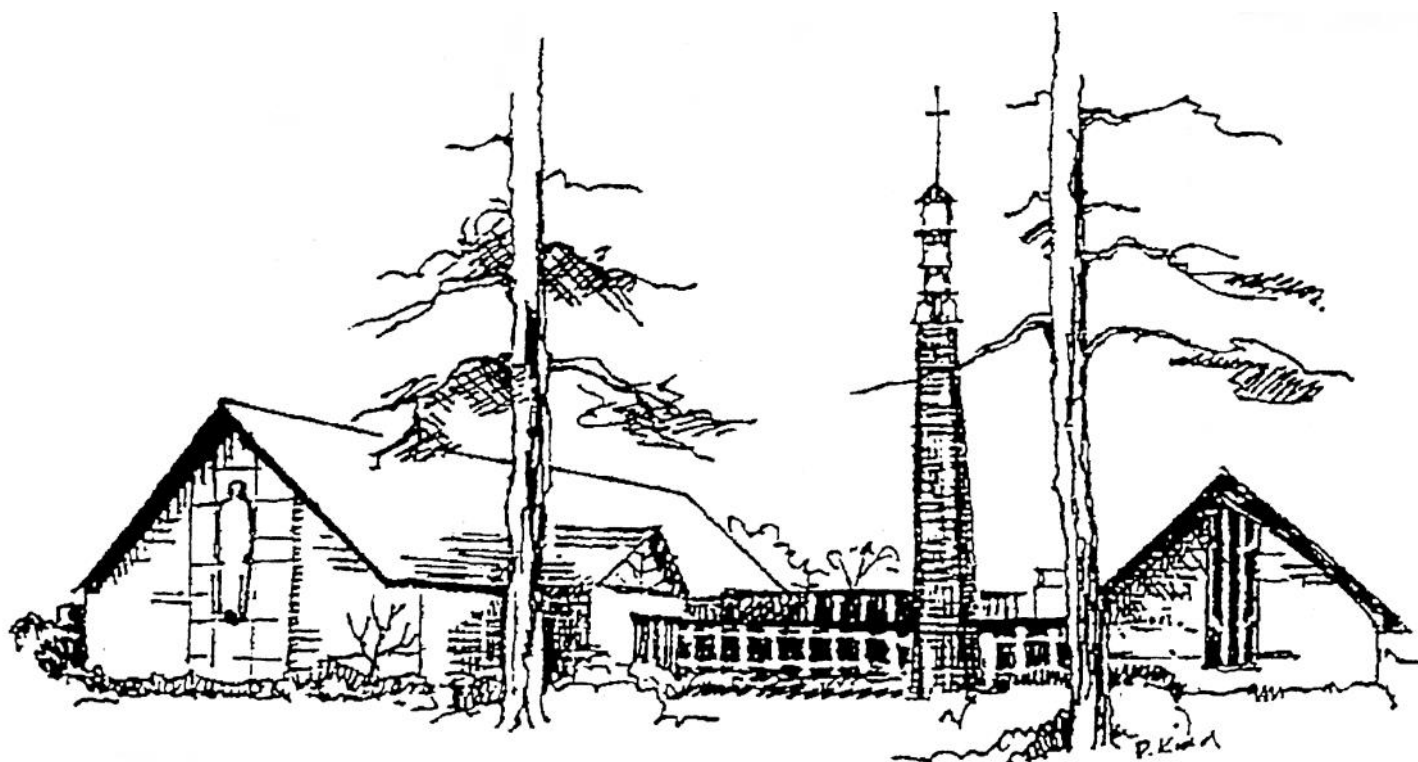
**Thursday, June 27th
Distributing begins at 1 p.m.**

If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance please share the invitation to come and let the WOFB help fill their food pantries.

Giving Tree

Help Beautify the Church Property

We have received an estimate to mulch, spray, and edge the beds around the church. Bushes and grass will be removed and stone will be put under the front windows. The estimate is for \$5000.00. Maybe your knees and back will no longer allow you to help with outside work. There is a way that you can help through the "Giving Tree" in the lobby. You can make a contribution toward this project by taking an envelope from the tree and then placing it in the collection plate or dropping it off in the Office. Each week we will post how much has been given so that you can watch us reach our goal. Thank you for helping to make our church home a beautiful place to come for worship.



Our Mission Statement

“God is among us!”
“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel,
forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”

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