

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024
Cinco de Mayo Celebration of Food Ingathering

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Mission Statement: God calls us to unite in Christ, grow in faith, serve in love, and share the good news.

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Virginia McCurdy, Cathleen Burkins, Ellen Marsheck

PRELUDE:

*GATHERING

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

P. In the name of the Father, and of the

Holy Spirit.

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. **Amen.**

P. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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.

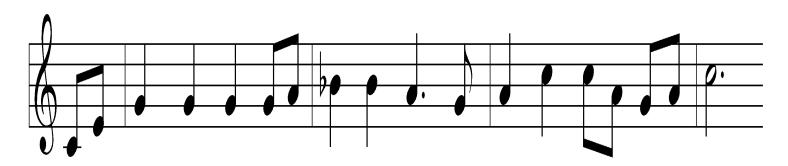
Amen.

P. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

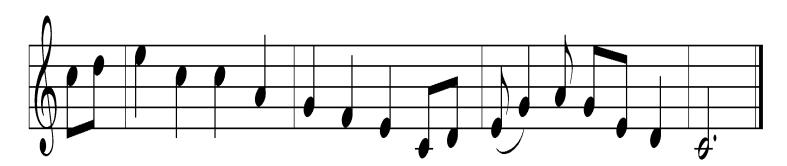
Amen.

*GATHERING SONG (LBW 359)

In Christ There Is No East or West



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com mu nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis ci ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



one com-mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.

his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.

All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure - ly kin to me.

Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941

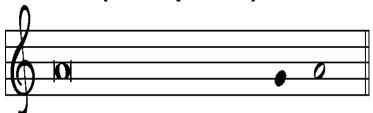
Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

*GREETING

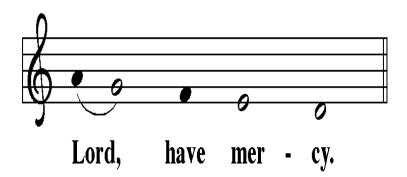
P. The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*KYRIE (ELW p. 147)

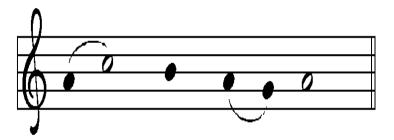


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

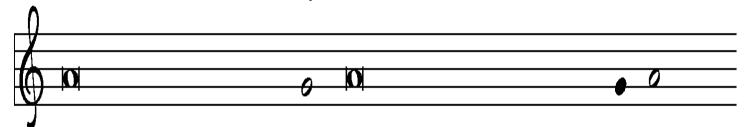




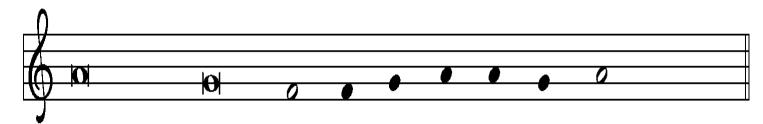
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



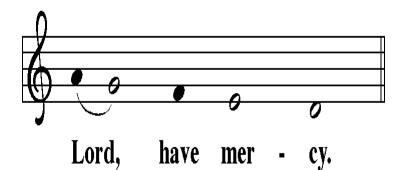
Lord, have mer - cy.

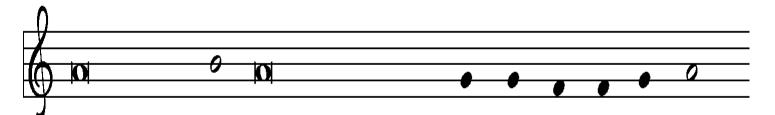


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

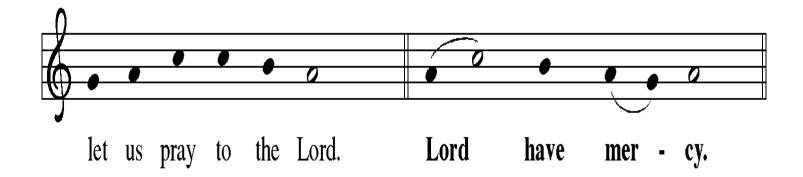


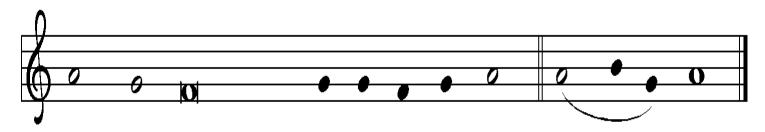
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.





For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,





Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*THIS IS THE FEAST (p. 149)





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



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God.

Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



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





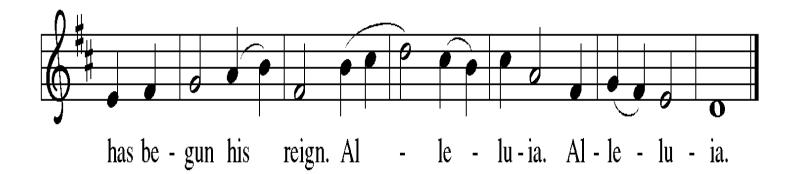
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev-er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

A. Let us pray.

Amen.

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.

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

A reading from Acts.

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

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. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ^I marvelous things,

whose right hand and holy arm have I won the victory.

²O LORD, you have made | known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the I house of Israel:

all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ^I of our God.

⁴Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹ all you lands; lift up your voice, re- ¹ joice, and sing. ⁵Sing to the LORD ¹ with the harp,

with the harp and the I voice of song.

⁶With trumpets and the sound | of the horn shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.

⁷Let the sea roar, and ^I all that fills it, the world and those who ^I dwell therein.

⁸Let the rivers | clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge the earth.

⁹The LORD will judge the ^I world with righteousness and the peo- ^I ples with equity.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

A reading from 1 John.

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)





*GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

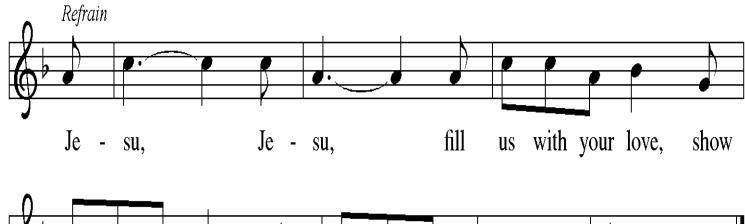
[Jesus said:] ⁹"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

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." The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW 708) Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love





us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
- 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor,
- 3 These are the ones we will serve,
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,

si - lent-ly wash-es their feet, var - ied in col - or and race, these are the ones we will love; si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:



Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Due to the length of the Athanasian Creed, you may stay seated.

ATHANASIAN CREED

uncreated is the Son;

A. We celebrate Bishop Athanasia on May 2[,] 373 C.E. and to honor him, just once a year, let us say the Lutheran Athanasian Creed, which is fully based in Scripture.

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. Now this is the catholic faith: We worship one God in trinity and the trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being. For the Father is one person, the Son is another. and the Spirit is still another. 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. Uncreated is the Father;

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uncreated is the Spirit.
The Father is infinite:
the Son is infinite:
the Holy Spirit is infinite.
Eternal is the Father:
eternal is the Son:
eternal is the Spirit:
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.
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.
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Thus the Father is God;
the Son is God;
the Holy Spirit is God:
And yet there are not three gods,
but one God.
Thus the Father is Lord;
the Son is Lord:
the Holy Spirit is Lord:
And yet there are not three lords,
but one Lord.
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.
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The Father was neither made

nor created nor begotten;

The Son was neither made nor created,

but was alone begotten of the Father;

The spirit was neither made nor created,

but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.

Thus there is one Father, not three fathers;

one Son, not three sons;

one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

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.

It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe

that our Lord Jesus became flesh.

For this is the true faith that we believe and confess:

that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's son,

is both God and man.

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,

and fully as man

with a rational soul and a human body;

Equal to the Father in divinity,

subordinate to the Father in humanity.

Although he is God and man,

he is not divided,

but is one Christ.

He is united because God

has taken humanity into himself;

He does not transform deity into humanity.

He is completely one in the unity of his person,

without confusing his natures.

For as the rational soul and body are one person,

so the one Christ is God and man.

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.

This is the catholic faith.

One cannot be saved

without believing this firmly and faithfully.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- **P.** Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.
- A. Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding

hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace, hear our prayer.

- **A.** You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**
- **A.** Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**
- **A.** Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. We especially pray for those on our parish prayer list.... And others we name before you..... God of grace,

hear our prayer.

A. Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, especially our youth ministry, Christian education, confirmation, Vacation Bible School; the music ministry, Victor's Vittles, and fellowship events to bring in the community. May we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

A. Your blessed saints now rest in you. We are grateful for our loved ones and sisters and brothers in Christ who have joined our crowd of witnesses. We especially name before you our long-time member Nancy Kohlman. Be with us this this coming Thursday as we celebrate and remember her life

and gifts to our church and nation, at her memorial service here. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

A. There is so much joy to celebrate this coming week, including the birthdays of Jack Zimmerman, Samantha Duncan, and Linda Watkinson. Give them abundant joy in the year ahead, blessings of health, peace and hope in a world in conflict, and love from family and friends. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

P. Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING

MUSICAL MEDITATION:

*OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *DIALOGUE (ELW p. 152)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

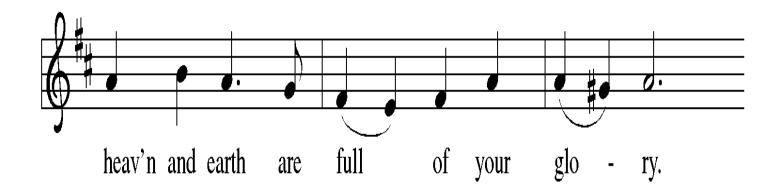
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

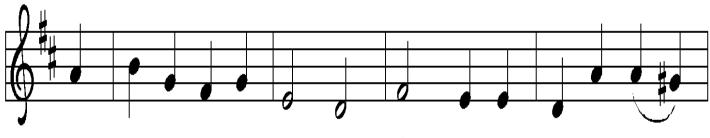
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***SANCTUS (ELW p. 153)**

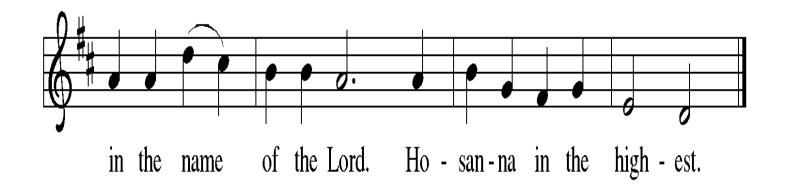


Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,





Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



*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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION

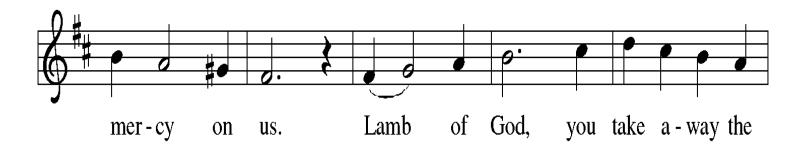
COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 154)

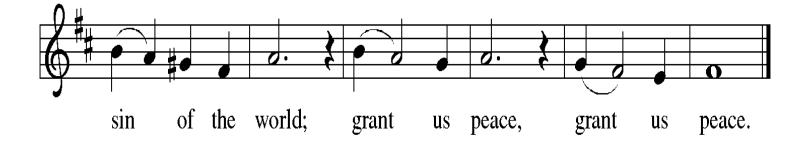


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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





COMMUNION HYMN (WOV 752)

Here I Am, Lord



- 1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
- 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
- 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I have heard my peo - ple cry.

I have borne my peo-ple's pain.

I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin I have wept for love of them. I will set a feast for them.

my hand will save.
They turn a - way.
My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will break their hearts of stone, Fin-est bread I will pro-vide

I will make their dark-ness bright. give them hearts for love a - lone. till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them?
I will speak my word to them.
I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send?"
Whom shall I send?"
Whom shall I send?"







Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A. Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

*SENDING

*BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG (ELW 836)

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



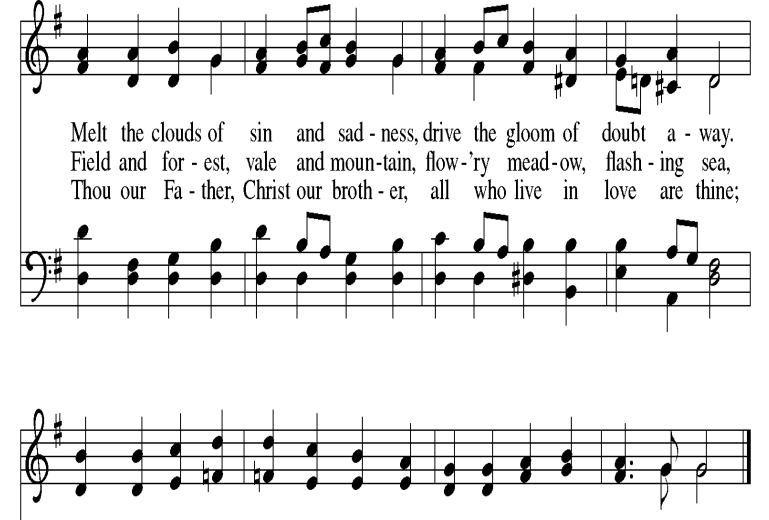
- 1 Joy ful, joy ful we a dore thee, God of glo ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv ing and for giv ing, ev er bless-ing, ev er blest,





Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, praising thee, their sun a - bove. stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise. well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!





Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day. chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee. teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di-vine!



Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HÝMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Bear fruit in your lives and your community. We will with God's help.

POSTLUDE:

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Care and Concern

Alexis - Friend of Joyce McMahon

JoAnn Bakie – Health Issues (Daughter of Bea Walshinsky, Mother of Angela Meyers)

Bette- Please pray for her new round of cancer medication to work so that she goes into remission. (Friend of Joyce McMahon).

Jane Bowie - Pray for healing of a broken leg.

Greg Bryant – Son-in-Law of the Stansburys

Kelly Stansbury Bryant – Daughter of the Stansburys

Janet & Tommy Burkhart – Niece & Nephew of the Stansburys

Summer Cieszynski – Pray for healing from very serious complications of a long lupus attack (Family of Phyllis Christopher).

Renee Demski – Friend of Carol & Howard Stansbury **Beth F.** - Pray for strength, peace and healing as her doctors search for an alternative chemotherapy treatment (Friend of Joyce McMahon).

Loretta Gleason – Pray for strength and healing. (Birdie Patrick's sister)

Joe Gordon - Friend of Carol & Howard Stansbury

Roberta Hanna - Friend of Carol & Howard Stansbury

Joe Marsheck* - Pray for healing from cancer.

Meg – Pray for wellness of muscles and nerves and strength to cope with what she is facing (Friend of Joyce McMahon).

Corwin Ogden - Friend of Virginia McCurdy

Connie Petrovich – Daughter-in-law of Len & Sandy Petrovich

Charlotte Pullara – Pray for healing and no need for future surgeries (Mother of Stephanie Vancura).

DebraLee Ruby – health issues (sister-in-law of Irene Ruby) **Erika Scarcella** –Pray for healing and wellness from seizures, that they may be able to discover the cause. (Grandaughter of the McCreas)

Joann Schoenfeld – Friend of Carol & Howard Stansbury Joanne Schaech – Friend of Carol & Howard Stansbury

Terrie Sommers – Health Issues (Niece of Pat Eichner). **Rich Souders** – Pray for rehab to continue to strengthen him and enable him to return home under Carol's care. Pray also for Carol, his loving caretaker.

Harper Struntz – 9-year-old transplant patient, currently with Covid (Friend of the McCreas)

Susan Stygler – Lost everything in a house fire (Friend of the McCreas)

Michele Thompson – Health Issues (Daughter of Bea Walshinsky)

Lisa Triller – Granddaughter of Len & Sandy Petrovich

David Wilford – brother-in-law of Michael and Bette

Schumann, recently diagnosed with cancer. Please pray for strength, comfort and effective treatment.

Laura Young - Niece of Jane Bowie

Members at Home:

Diane Frederick Jeanne George Elsie Peck
Jim Umerley Bea Walshinsky Jack Zimmerman

Attendance: 4/28/2024

Sanctuary/In-Person Worship 10:00AM – 62 Sunday School – 8

Count Our Blessings: 4/28/2024

Weekly Offering - \$2,755.00
Online Giving 4/26/2024 – \$245.00
Victor's Vittles - \$ 390.00
Flea Market - \$50.00
Bridge Relief - \$120.00

Current Balance in the Roof Repair Fund - \$4,659.00

Thank you for your generous support!

Weekly offering needed to sustain our Church: \$4,650.00

^{*}member CVLC

Happy Birthday Wishes: May 5 – Jack Zimmerman, Samantha Duncan; May 10 – Linda Watkinson

Happy Anniversary Wishes: None this week

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, May 5 – Sunday School/Confirmation 9:00AM; 10:00 AM Service

Monday, May 6 - Women's NA Group 7:00PM

Tuesday, May 7 - Christus Comforters 9:30AM

Tuesday, May 7 – Victor's Vittles Volunteers 11:00AM

Tuesday, May 7 - Scouts 6:30PM

Tuesday, May 7 – Chosen Bible Study at St. John's, 8808

Harford Road. 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Wednesday, May 8 - Youth Group 6:00P

Thursday, May 9 – Memorial Service in church for Nancy Kohlman, 11:00 am, with catered luncheon to follow in the Fellowship Hall, around noon. All are invited to come.

Thursday, May 9 - NA Meeting 7:30PM

Friday, May 10 - New Beginnings 7:00PM

Saturday, May 11 - Victor's Vittles 9:00-11:00AM

Wednesday, May 15 - Oakleaf Articles Due

Wednesday, May 15 - LMS Pick-Up

Wednesday, May 15 – Kindness Rock Painting 6PM-8PM

Saturday, May 18 – Outdoor Cleanup Day 10AM-1PM

Saturday, May 18 - Victor's Vittles 9:00-11:00AM

Saturday, June 22 – Flea Market & Craft Sale 9-2

<u>Memorial Service to Honor Nancy Kohlman – Thursday,</u> <u>May 9th, 11:00AM, here at Christus Victor.</u>

As many of you know, Nancy Kohlman was one of our longest-time members, and a loving fixture for our choir, faithful in church attendance, active in women's ministries, and Christus Comforters. We would love to have a great many of our congregation members and friends come to honor this amazing woman, a career-long nurse, a Navy nurse,

honorably serving in our military, and a dear friend to so many. Our church was her life!

Please plan to come and meet her loving family, sing her favorite hymns with the choir, hear musical tributes by her talented family and our beloved Music Ministry, share memories, and then enjoy the fellowship of a delicious lunch, where you can peruse photographs, church albums, and more beautiful memories.

Her family desires to meet all her church family. That's us. Please come and take part.

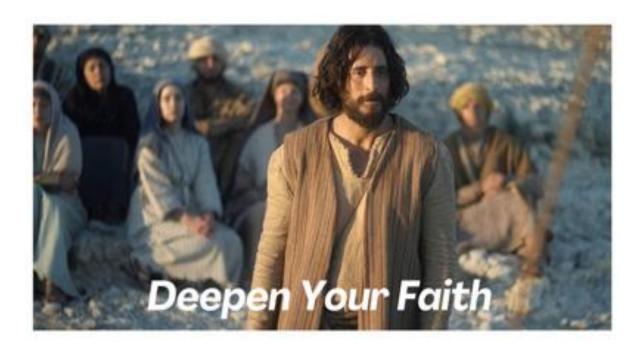
Memorial Day Service Honors

We have so many veterans and members in the Armed Forces, and we honor their service always. On Sunday, May 26, we would like to honor our friends and relatives who gave their lives while in the service AND those veterans who have passed to the Kingdom. We still have the pictures from last year but would love to have more photos to display as we light candles in memorial to them. Please either email or text them to Pastor Ellen or bring copies to the office to be scanned. Thank you! Please send them in by Wednesday, May 22nd.

Please join your Christus Victor family and friends for upcoming events:

The Chosen Discipleship Series

Sponsored by CLAIM & Partner Churches



A powerful story about Jesus and his disciples in an 8 week episodic series. Join other local churches for fellowship.

WHEN / WHERE

Tues, April 16 & April 23 @ St Luke, 7001 Harford Rd, Baltimore Tues, April 30 & May 7 @ St. John, 8808 Harford Rd, Parkville Tues, May 14 & May 21 @ People's Community, 6200 Loch Raven Blvd. Baltimore

Tues, May 28 & June 4 @ Christus Victor, 9833 Harford Road, Carney

TIME 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

You are invited to watch and discuss "The Chosen" as Note that the group will join us at Christus Victor on Tuesday, May 28 and Tuesday, June 4. If you would like to help provide a supper for about 40 people and welcome our guests, please call the church office. We need you!!

June 2nd is a BIG DAY!

New members being introduced. Celebrating the last day of Sunday School for the summer. Beautiful outdoor worship in nature and luscious picnic afterwards with games for the kids. Write this date BIG on your calendar. It's going to be great!

<u>Mould you like to join in our campus connection</u> <u>ministry?</u> Call Stephanie Vancura if you want to help. It's so rewarding to be involved in the celebrations of our college-age kids, including their high school graduations, birthdays, holidays, exam care packages and more! There is a box in the narthex where you can leave small gifts and contributions toward creative packaging and postage.

Church Clean-Up and Fellowship Fun — Who could have thought that cleaning would be so much fun? On Saturday, May 18th, we invite you to meet with your Christus Victor family members and friends from 10 AM — 1 PM for a Spring-Cleaning Fling, indoors and out! Refreshments, food, and fellowship provided. Call Howard Stansbury (410.529.3010 for more details. On another note, have you noticed the spriffy and clean red carpets in our church?? The Property Committee is on a roll!

Flea Market and Craft Sale: Saturday, June 22nd, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Reserve your spot today. You may contact Sharon in the office to reserve a table or outside space. So far, we have vendors selling diamond art, jewelry, cards, original photography, and much more. Plus, the flea marketers we have so far are selling brand new clothing, vintage items and more. Don't forget: plant and flower sale, individual bake goods, and so much more! Spread the word!

VICTOR'S VITTLES:

Today we officially kick-off our Cinco de Mayo Food Drive with a special Mexican feast for our First Sunday Social and a bag collection for necessary foods for VV. Especially needed are: cereal, pasta, canned fruit, peanut butter and jelly, noodle meals like Hamburger Helper and canned meats and seafood. Please grab a bag from the narthex. The challenge is 5 food/toilet items per week. The challenge will last every week until it culminates at the June 2nd picnic!

May 11th – Ellen Marsheck, Linda Meyer Driver Pick-up May 10th – David Burkins Drivers are needed to help with pick-ups. If you can help, please call Howard Stansbury or the church office.

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