



**Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024
Baptisms of Benelli, Brantley, and Elyse**

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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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PRELUDE:

***GATHERING**

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)**

P. In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

P. On this fourth Sunday of Easter, we are still basking in resurrection joy and power and preparing to expand the Church of Christ through three beautiful baptisms. We try to live in obedience, and yet we continually do what we do not want to do and don't do what we want to do, to live in your will. As it is, it is no longer we ourselves who do it, but it is sin living in us. We bring that problem of temptation and sin to you and ask for help and pardon.

P. It is good to bring our sins to light in our hearts and name them in confession to our forgiving God and in the presence of forgiving Christians.

Silence for reflection.

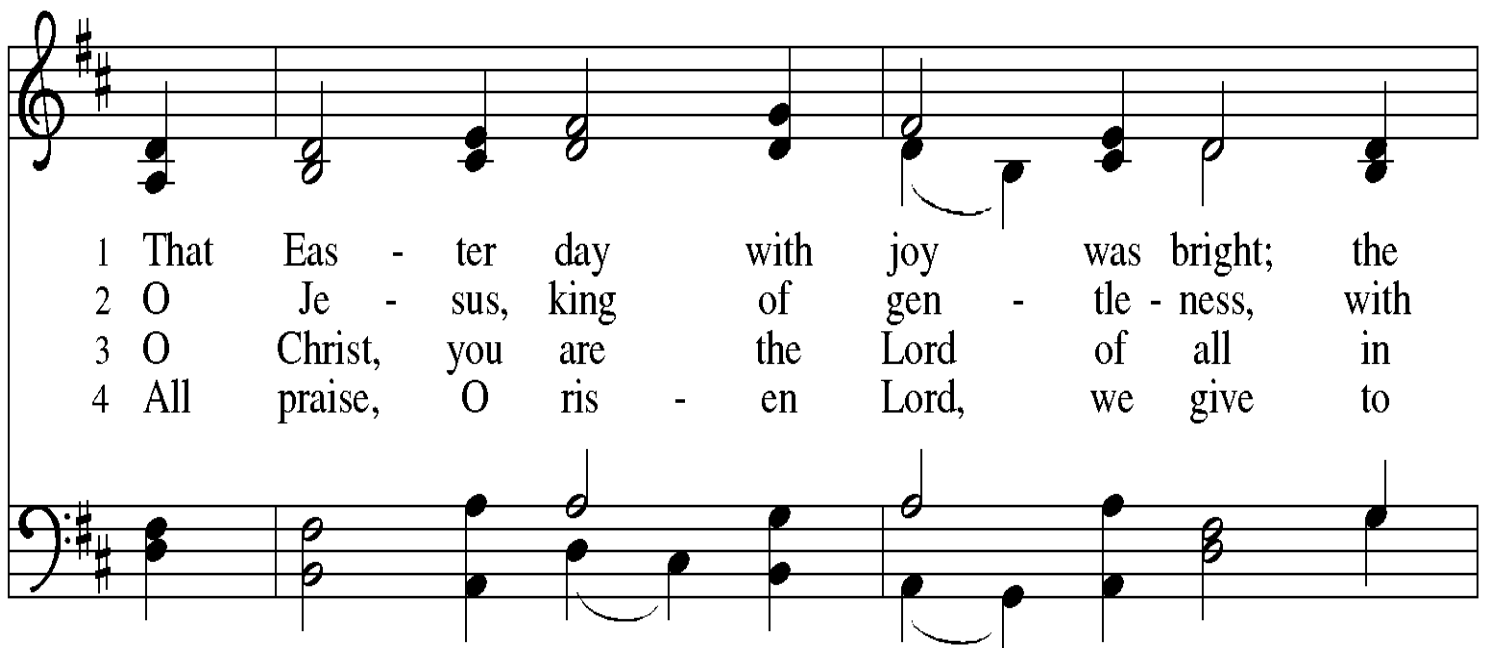
**P. Most merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**P. Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Glory to God.**

**P. As forgiven and reconciled people, let us go forward in peace, love, freedom and joy.
Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG (ELW 384)**

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

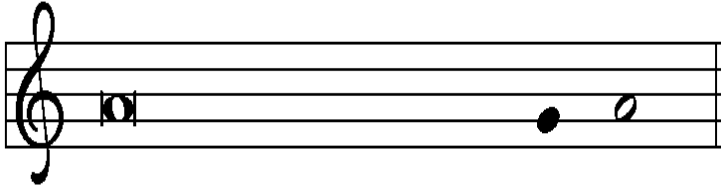
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Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

***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.

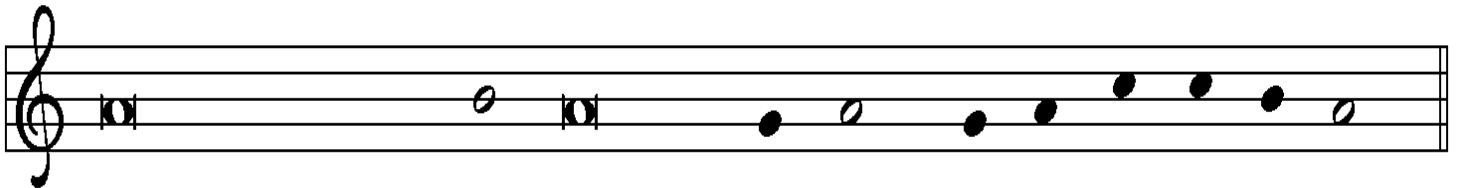
***KYRIE (ELW p. 147)**



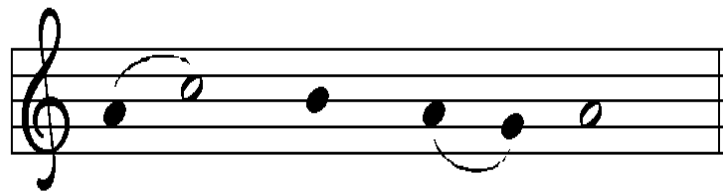
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



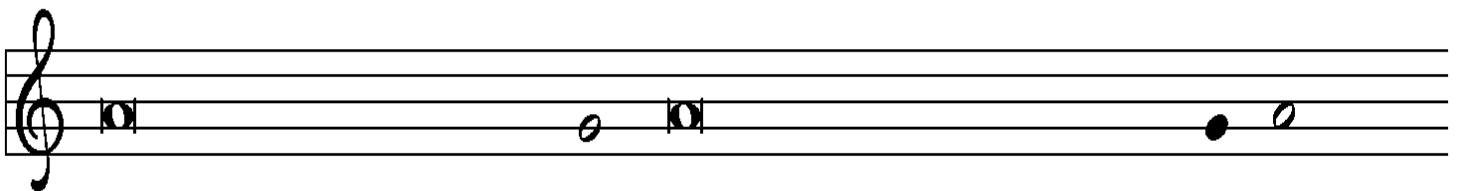
Lord, have mer - cy.



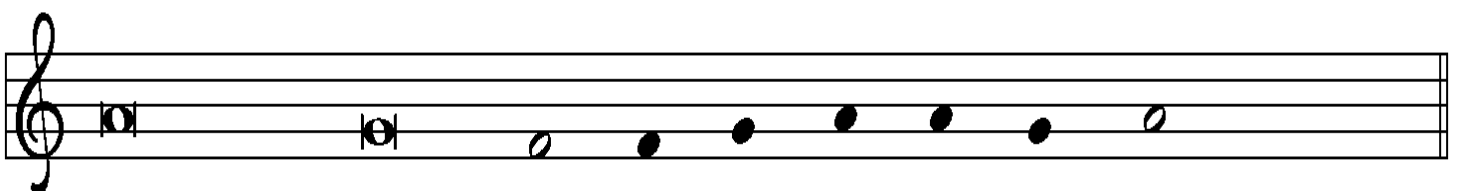
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



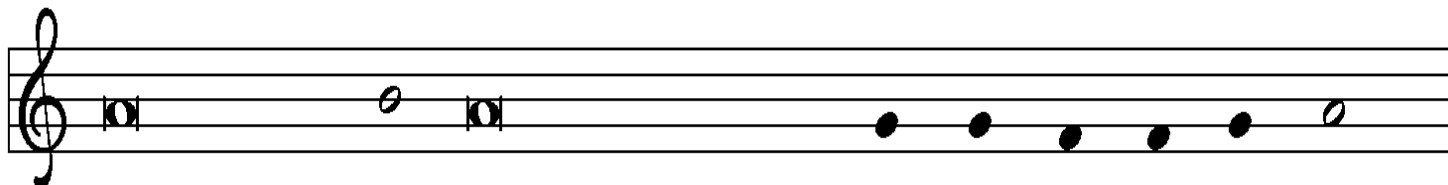
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



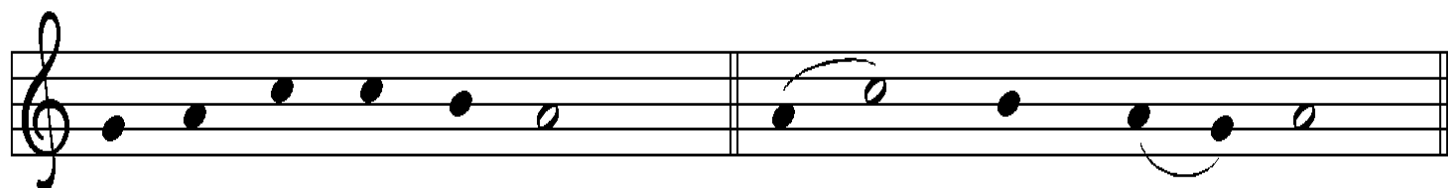
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



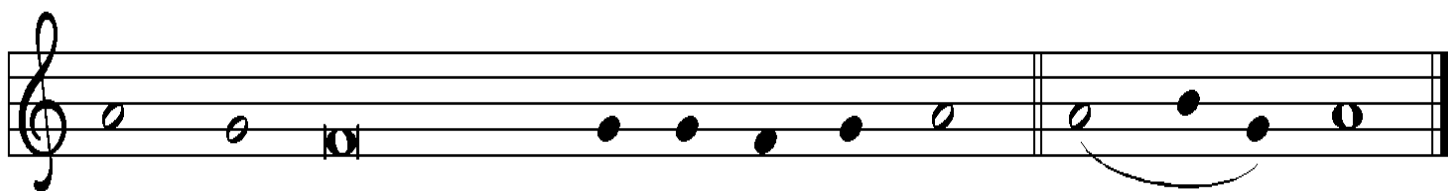
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

***THIS IS THE FEAST (p. 149)**

Refrain

Assisting minister



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

All



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.

Refrain



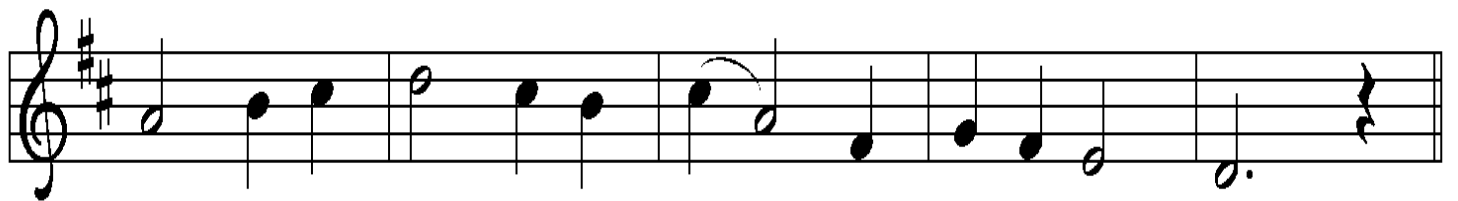
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



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.

Final refrain



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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A. Let us pray.

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptisms



Benelli Rose Erline



Brantley William Erline



Elyse Genevieve Everhart

The families come forward.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Mark 10:13-16

(From The Message Bible)

Reading by Godmother Chloe Krich

The people brought children to Jesus, hoping he might touch them. The disciples shooed them off. But Jesus was irate and let them know it: “Don’t push these children away. Don’t ever get between them and me. These children are at the very center of life in the kingdom. Mark this: Unless you accept God’s kingdom in the simplicity of a child, you’ll never get in.” Then, gathering the children up in his arms, he laid his hands of blessing on them.

P: O God, again and again in ages past you showed your mercy and grace to children. You snatched the infant Moses from death with the help of his mother and sister. You called Samuel when he was yet a toddler, and Hannah his mother sang for joy. You raised the daughter of Jairus from the dead and made a child an example of faith to your disciples. As you blessed Mary and Joseph and the child Jesus, also bless these families, that they may care for these precious children, entrusted to them. We thank and praise you for their love for their families; and we trust in you, knowing that with the help of the Holy Spirit, Benelli, Brantley, and Ellie will grow and mature in households of faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord, and we ask that you enable us as their church family to support and love them on their journeys.

In I Peter 2:2, it reads, “Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation.” We all can learn the lesson of innocence, acceptance and unconditional love, faith, and trust from little children like these.

PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM

God of new birth, you make us your own through the waters of baptism. Guide parents and godparents, by your Holy Spirit that, living in the covenant of their baptism, they may nurture Benelli, Brantley, and Elyse in the Christian faith and help them live in the covenant of their baptisms and in communion with your church, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P. *(addressing the parents and godparents of Benelli:* Sierra and John Erline, Sara Wisomierski, and Zachary Everhart, as we gather on the fourth Sunday of Easter....

Response: We Present Benelli Rose Erline for Baptism.

P. (addressing the parents and godparents of Brantley):
Sierra and John Erline, Chloe Krich, and William L.S. Erline,
Jr., welcome to the font of baptismal waters where...

Response: We present Brantley William Erline for baptism.

P: (addressing the parents and godmother of Elyse) Brittany and Zachary Everhart, and Shelby Ronco, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are here with us today as....

Response: We present Elyse Genevieve Everhart for baptism.

As you bring Benelli, Brantley and Elyse 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 they 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 among all people.

Do you promise to help Benelli, Brantley, and Ellie grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: WE DO.

Do you promise to nurture them in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, in communion with the church?

Response: WE DO.

Pastor: (addressing the beloved community who have gathered as witnesses):

People of God, do you promise to support these families and our new brother and sisters in Christ and to pray for them as

image-bearers of our Lord God to continue in earnest faith and communion with our Lord Jesus Christ?

Response: We do.

Beloved people, do you promise to pray for and be available for these families, so special and loved by God and beloved members of the Kingdom of God, to support their children in Christian education, telling and showing them how much God loves them and how Christ died for them?

Response: We do.

RENUNCIATION OF EVIL

I ask everyone here, in unity, to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

All respond: We renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

All respond: We renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All respond: We renounce them.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

We 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

We 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

THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF NEW BIRTH IN THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

The font is cleansed with holy water, and the baptismal water is poured by Godmother Chloe Krich and blessed.

By the authority of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and as set-apart clergy for the Church of Christ, I ask the Holy Spirit to hover above this water for baptism and bless it with power, holiness, and love.

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give 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. **Amen.**

Benelli Rose:

Just as Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River, Benelli Rose Erline, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. You belong to Christ in whom you have been baptized. **Amen.**

Anointing:

Benelli Rose, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Brantley William:

Just as Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River, Brantley William Erline, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. You belong to Christ in whom you have been baptized. **Amen.**

Anointing:

Brantley William, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Elyse Genevieve:

Just as Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River, Elyse Genevieve Everhart, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. You belong to Christ in whom you have been baptized. **Amen.**

Anointing:

Elyse Genevieve, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen**

Lord, sustain these children with the gift of your Holy Spirit: The spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of

the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen**

PRESENTATION OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST AND OTHER GIFTS

Received by the parents.

Christ is the light of the world. Benelli, Brantley, and Elyse have been invited into that light and are fully children of the light of Christ. This candle is lit from the Paschal Candle of Christ, symbolizing that these precious children in God's family will, in their brilliant lives, reflect the light of Christ, showing the love, caring, faith and joy that is given to them by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit through baptism.

Each year, on the date of their new birth, April 21st, please light these candles to celebrate this important milestone in their lives.

GREETING OUR NEW BROTHER AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

Now, as their families walk their newly baptized children down our aisle, please greet them in Christ with love, gratitude, and joy. Let us welcome our newly baptized Benelli, Brantley, and Elyse.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WELCOME

We welcome you, little ones, into the body of Christ and the mission we share: Join us in bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Thanks be to God for you.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND APPLAUSE

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;

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

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.

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

Refrain

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

The refrain section begins with the word "Refrain" in italics. It features a treble and bass staff in G major. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

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

The second part of the refrain continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

The families return to their seats.

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

A reading from Acts.

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.

⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

¹The LORD ^l is my shepherd;
I shall not ^l be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down ^l in green pastures
and leads me be- ^l side still waters.**

³You restore my ^l soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways ^l for your name's
sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I shall ^l fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they ^l comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence ^l of my
enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is ^l running
over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days ^l of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the ^l LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

A reading from 1 John.

*Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of
divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not
just through our words but especially through our deeds. In
sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.*

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life
for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's
goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses
help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in
truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from
the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever
our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts,
and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not
condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we
receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his

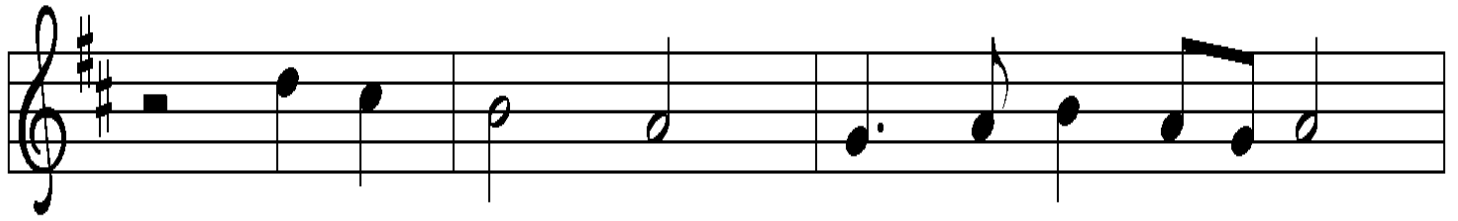
commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL: John 10:11-18**

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know

me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW 502)

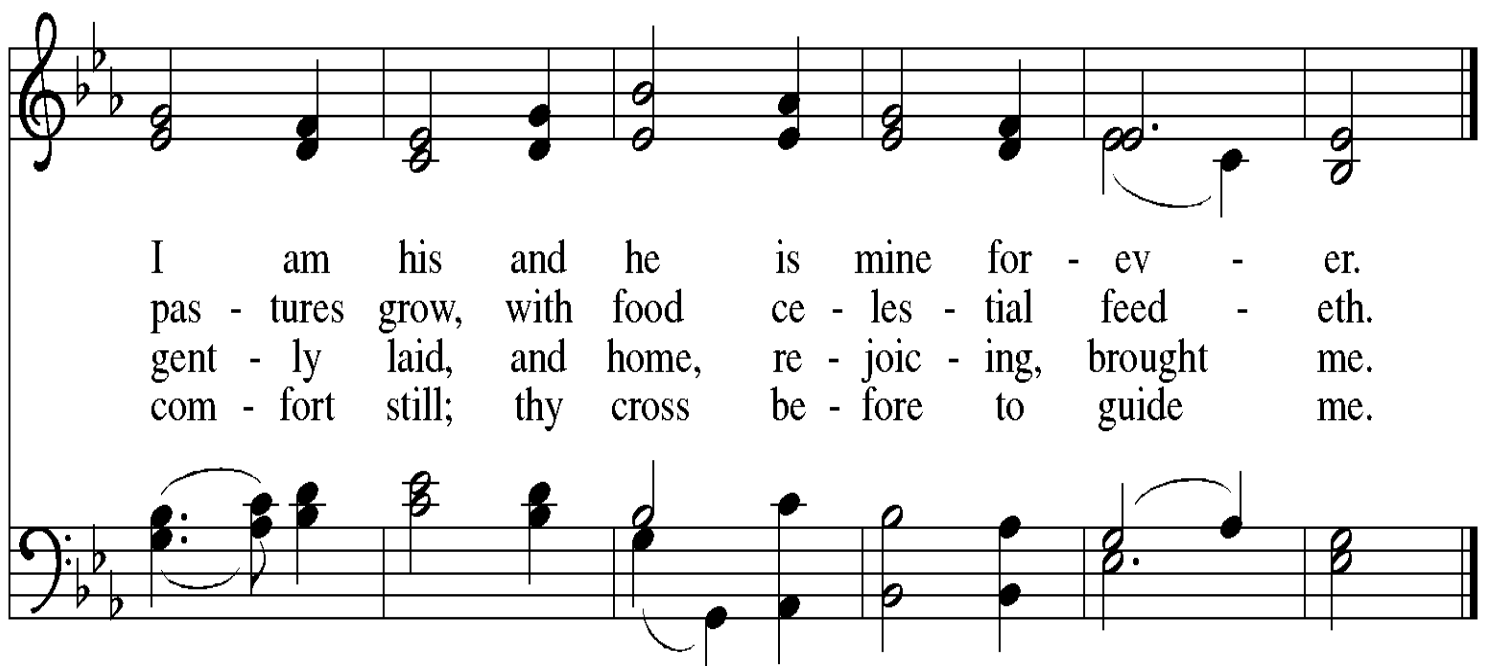
The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877
Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

CHILDREN'S SERMON

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

***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. Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. Today, we are grateful to be witnesses of the baptisms of your beloved and protected children, to see how you are growing your church so that all may be comforted and strengthened in you, throughout the challenges of a fallen world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A. Nurturing God, preserve the health of creation through our good efforts and advocacy. Please enable us as gardeners to nurture the soil to bring food for your hungry

people, here and around the world. Help us to be reminded of your power, just as your mastery of the light and darkness of the solar eclipse reminds us of the darkness on the day our Savior died, and the returning sun reminds us of our own resurrection power that the Lord gave us at Easter. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A. Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God, help us to work for peace, justice, and relief for all who are victims of war, crime, abuse, and disasters. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A. Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. We name aloud those on our prayer list..... and those who are on our hearts this day..... God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A. Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. We praise you for all the saints of Christus Victor who have come to live with you in the Kingdom, especially our beloved Nancy Kohlman. Keep us, her friends and family, in perfect peace and comfort. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A. Abundantly giving God, we have so much to celebrate this week, three blessed baptisms, and joyful birthday wishes to Seth Gail; Sharon Ruthke; Colson Hawkins; and Kelly Ruby. Bless every day of their new year with purpose, joy, and love from family and friends. Be with Charlie and

Arlene as they commemorate their 46th wedding anniversary. Let their joyful togetherness and evident love and care for one another inspire us all. Keep them healthy and well and bless them in ever strengthening a beautiful relationship that brings them closer to each other and closer to you. 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.

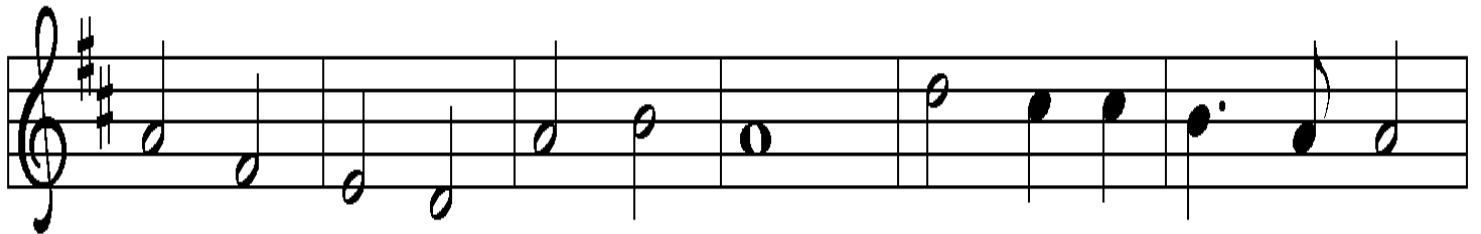
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

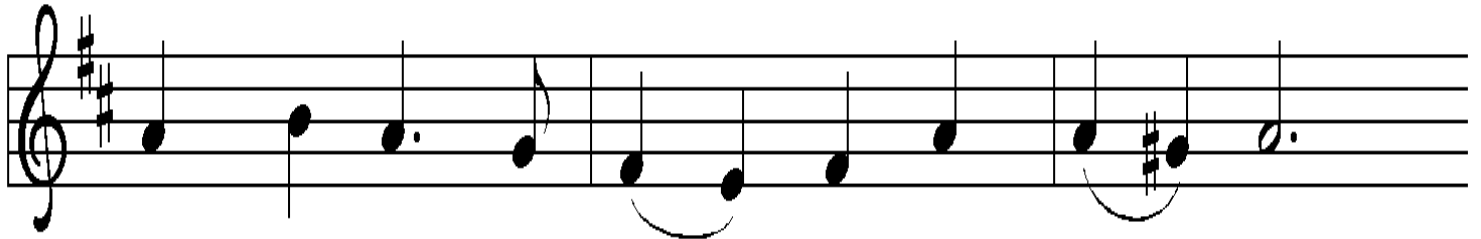
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

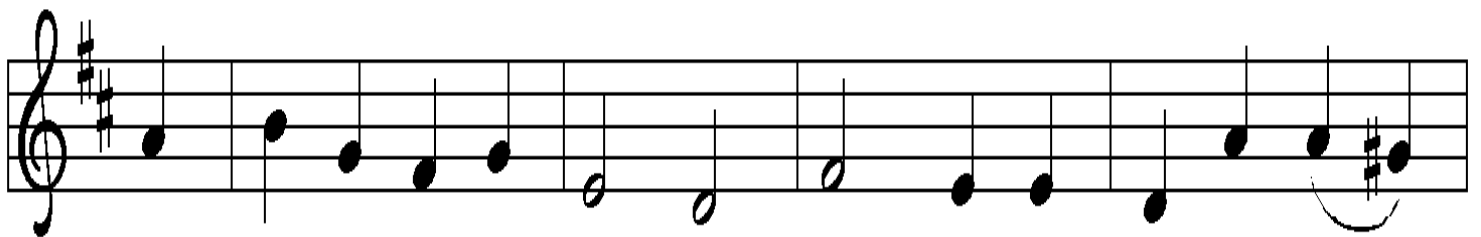
***SANCTUS (ELW p. 153)**



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



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

***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.

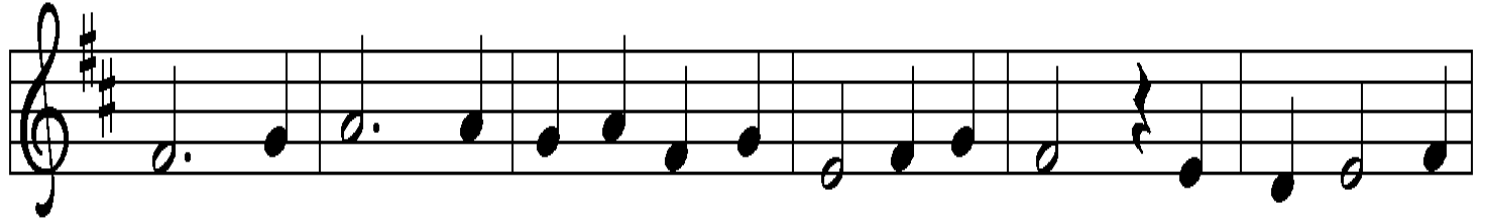
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION

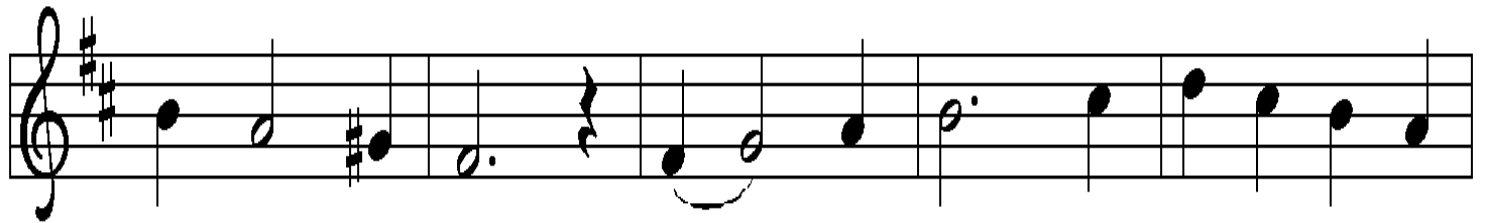
COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 154)



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



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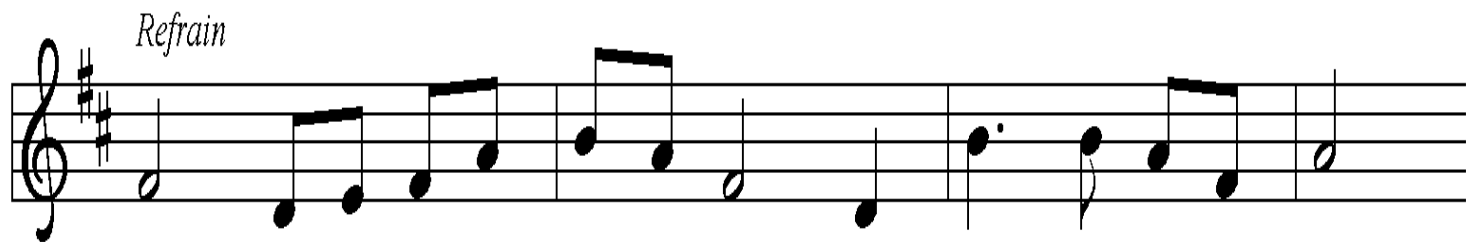


sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN (ELW 484)

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Gift of Finest Wheat



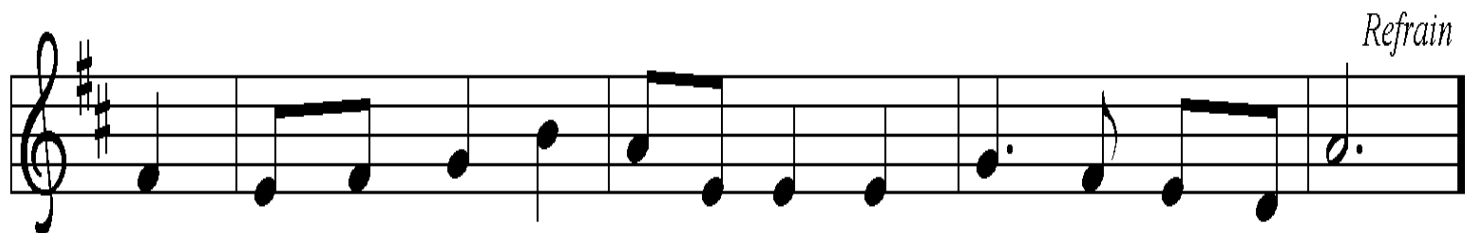
You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997

Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996

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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 536)**

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,

with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain
Till we meet, till we meet, till we
till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we

till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

meet a - gain,

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904
 Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833-1896

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Continue to celebrate Easter with hope and wonder.

Christ is risen. Hallelujah!

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).

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

Debra Hopple – Undergoing chemo for breast cancer. Pray for continued success in her cancer treatments and for full healing. (Daughter-in-law of Diane Hopple)

Family & Friends of Nancy Kohlman* – Pray for peace, comfort and all good memories.

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).

Pat – Pray for healing from double breast cancer (Stepdaughter of Barbara Francis, Bible study member).

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

*member CVLC

Members at Home:

Diane Frederick

Jeanne George

Elsie Peck

Jim Umerley

Bea Walshinsky

Jack Zimmerman

Attendance: 4/14/2024

Sanctuary/In-Person Worship 10:00AM – 74

Sunday School - 19

Facebook Video Views – 72

Count Our Blessings: 4/14/2024

Weekly Offering - \$1,720.00
Online Giving 4/12/2024 – \$590.00
Victor’s Vittles - \$170.00
Bridge Relief Fund - \$375.00
Fellowship - \$420.00
Fellowship Hall Usage - \$190.00
Flea Market/Craft - \$50.00

Current Balance in the Roof Repair Fund - \$4,549.00

Thank you for your generous support!

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

Happy Birthday Wishes: April 21 – Seth Gail; April 25 – Colson Hawkins and Sharon Ruthke; April 26 – Kelly Ruby

Happy Anniversary Wishes: April 23 – Arlene & Charlie Leight

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, Apr. 21 – Sunday School/Confirmation 9:00AM;
10:00 AM Service
Monday, Apr. 22- Women’s NA Group 7:00PM
Tuesday, Apr. 23 – Christus Comforters 9:30AM
Tuesday, Apr. 23 – Victor’s Vittles Volunteers 11:00AM
Tuesday, Apr. 23 – PCRC 7:00PM
Wednesday, Apr. 24 – Youth Group 6:00PM
Thursday, Apr. 25 – NA Meeting 7:30PM
Friday, Apr. 26 – New Beginnings 7:00PM
Saturday, Apr. 27 – Victor’s Vittles 9:00-11:00AM
Saturday, June 22 – Flea Market & Craft Sale 9:00-2:00

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 Christus Victor embarks on a transformative journey with our sister churches. There'll be a light dinner at 5:30. We will watch an episode of the series together and then we'll have a lively discussion. Please join us for this wonderful fellowship opportunity. All the events are free.

Note that the program will be held at Christus Victor at the end of the series in May and June. We will be making plans for the light supper that we will provide in our fellowship hall. We'd love your help. Please call the Office for more information.

New Members are joyously welcomed!

Several of our visitors have requested to become members of Christus Victor. You cannot imagine what great joy that brings to us! We want to have a special service and reception to welcome you into our family. Please contact Pastor Ellen or the church office if you are interested in becoming a member, whether through transfer or membership classes (if you haven't belonged to any other church or belonged to a church of a different denomination and have questions). Pastor Ellen would be excited to meet with you and discuss our Lutheran faith and activities at Christus Victor, at your convenience.

Would you like to join in our campus connection ministry? 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.

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. There's lots of interest, so call soon, and pass the word to your friends and neighbors to save the date!

Victor's Vittles needs you.

Please help by bringing in the following:

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| Canned tuna & chicken | Mac & cheese |
| Oatmeal | Fruit |
| Spaghetti sauce | Pancake mix & syrup |
| Peanut butter | Cereal |
| Jelly | Toiletries of all kinds! |

VICTOR'S VITTLES:

April 27th – Renee Norman & Nancy Yeager

Driver Pick-up April 26th – Zahirskys

Drivers are needed to help with pick-ups. If you can help, please call Howard Stansbury or the church office.

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