



**Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024**

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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**

P. CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

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

Amen.

P. On this fifth Sunday of Easter, we are still basking in resurrection joy and power. This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

P. Every branch that does not bear fruit, God as the Master Gardener prunes so that it will become beautiful and bear fruit again. Let us contemplate the ways in which we need to be pruned as we confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

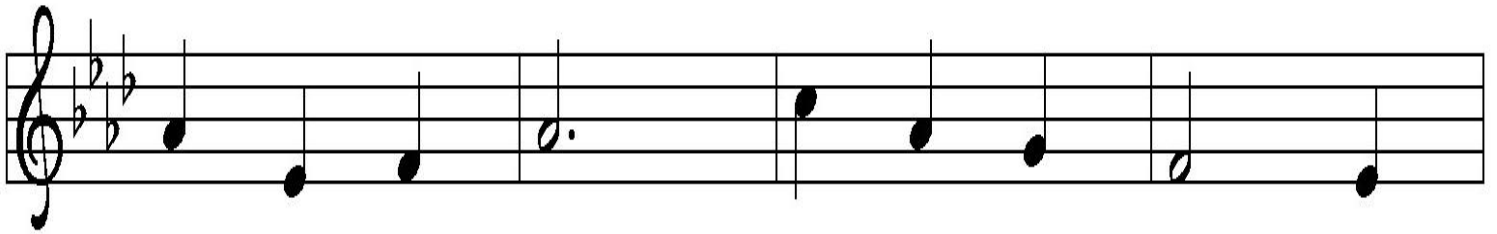
Time for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have not always been fruitful branches in doing your will, even though your will is always for our own good. We often break the most important commandment to love you with all our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for envy, anger, bitterness, and fears that keep us from love.

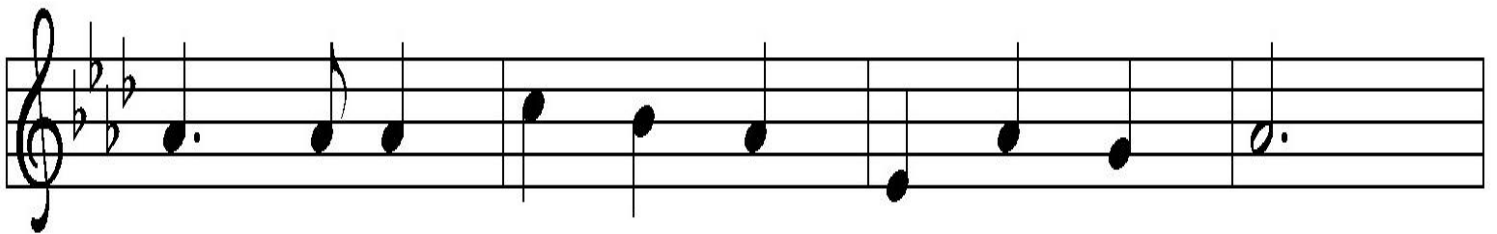
P: Hear these words from Martin Luther: In this Christian church, we find forgiveness of sins, a kingdom of grace, and true pardon. For here we come for the Gospel, baptism, and the holy meal at the altar, where forgiveness of sins is offered, obtained, and received by us all. We are grateful that the forgiveness of sins is not only offered at one time but as frequently as we need it, till death. **Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG (ELW 377)**

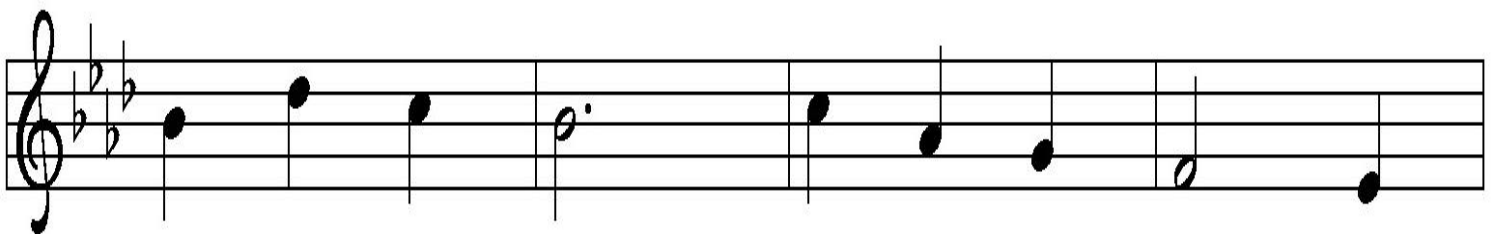
Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



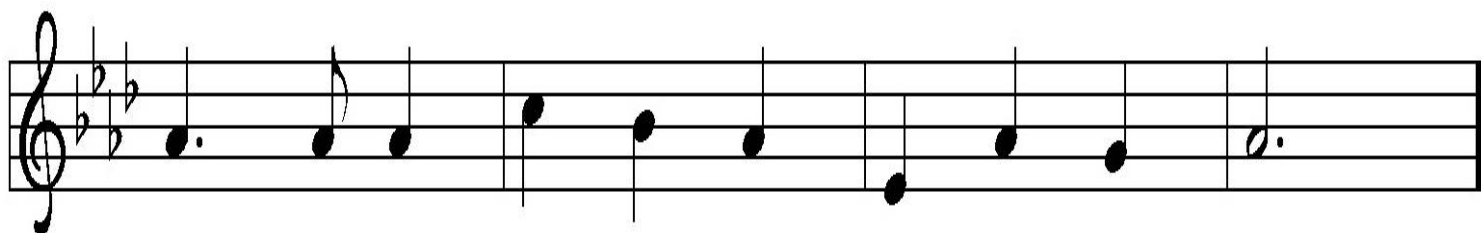
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



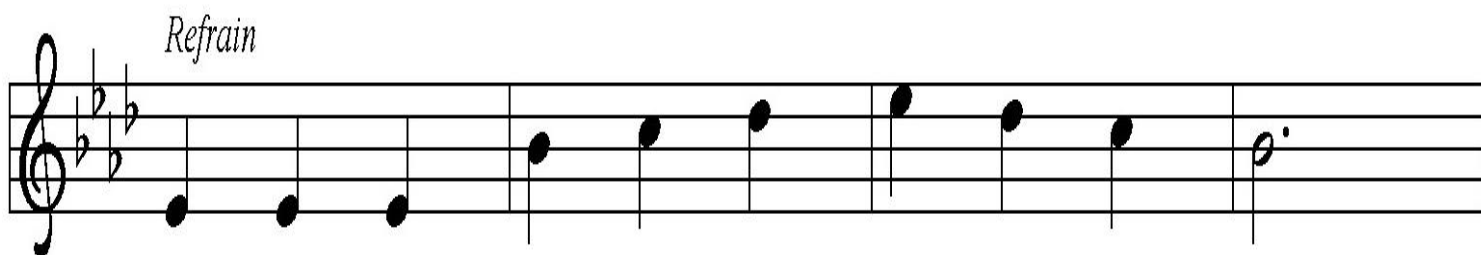
Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



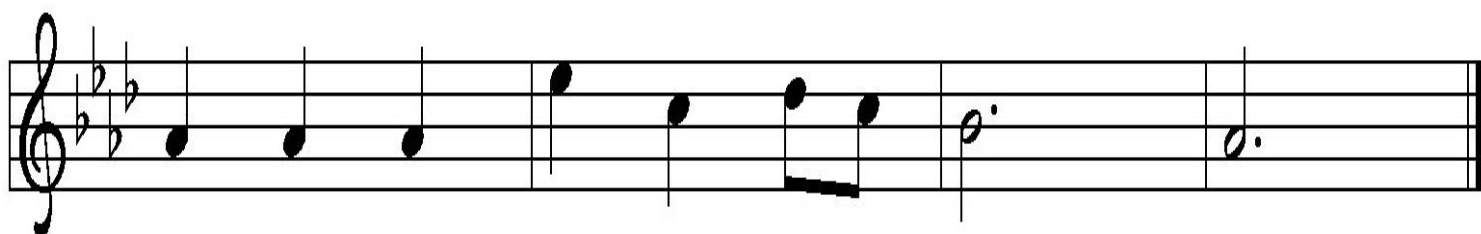
Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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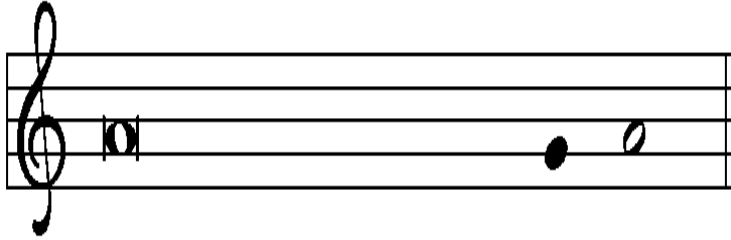
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*GREETING

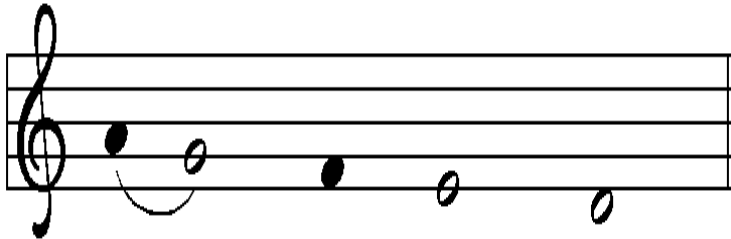
P. The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



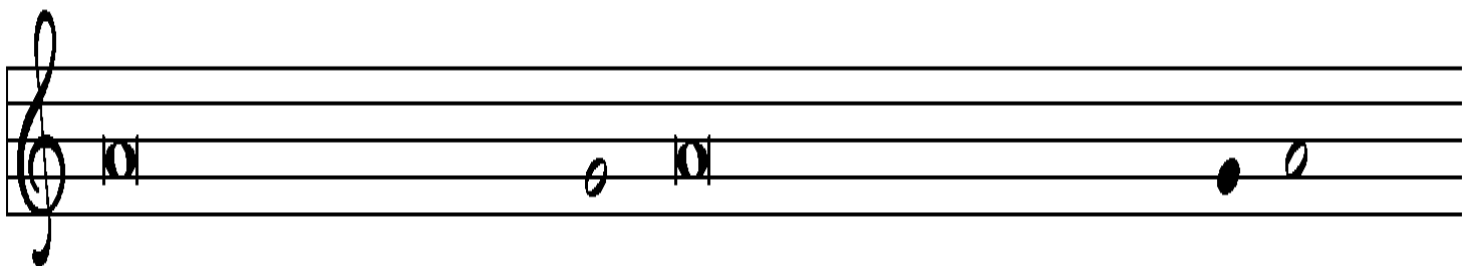
Lord, have mer - cy.



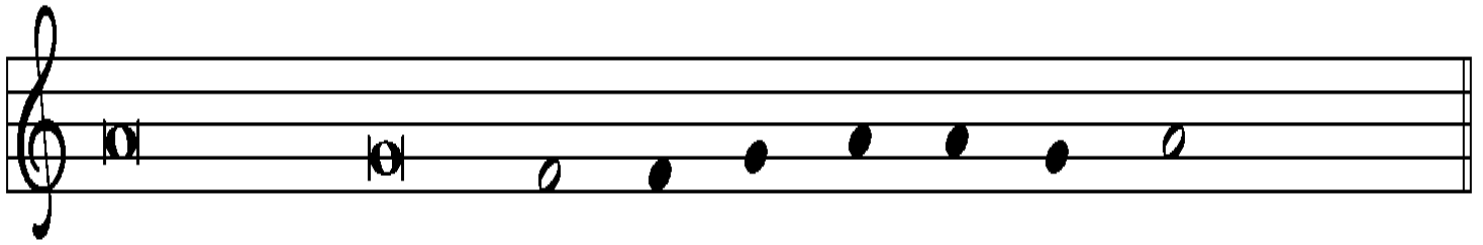
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



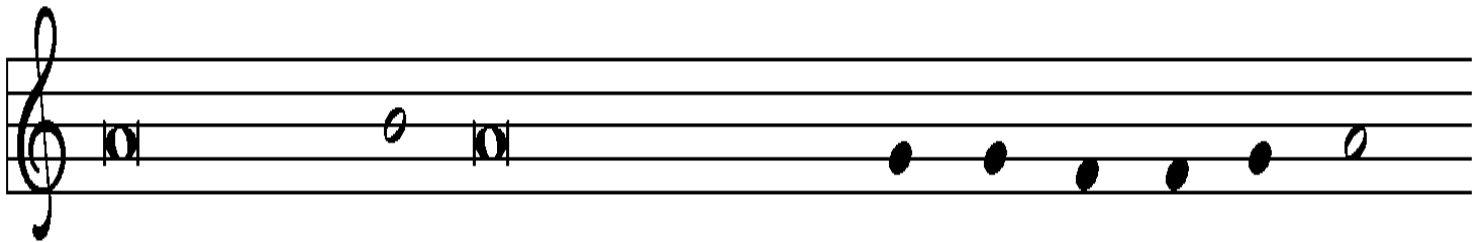
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



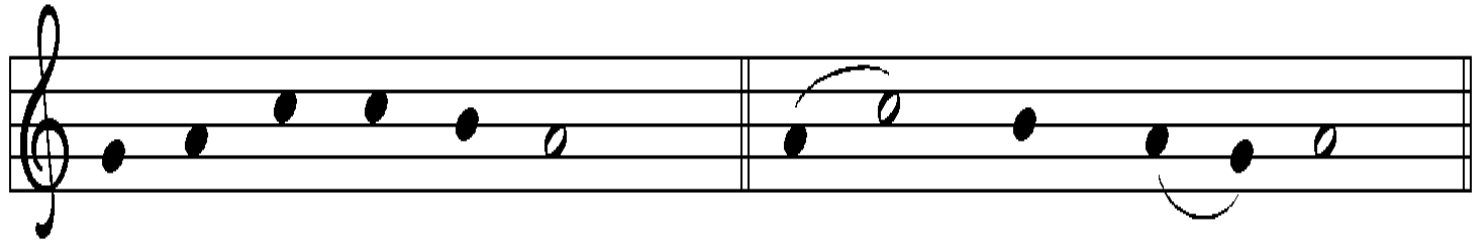
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

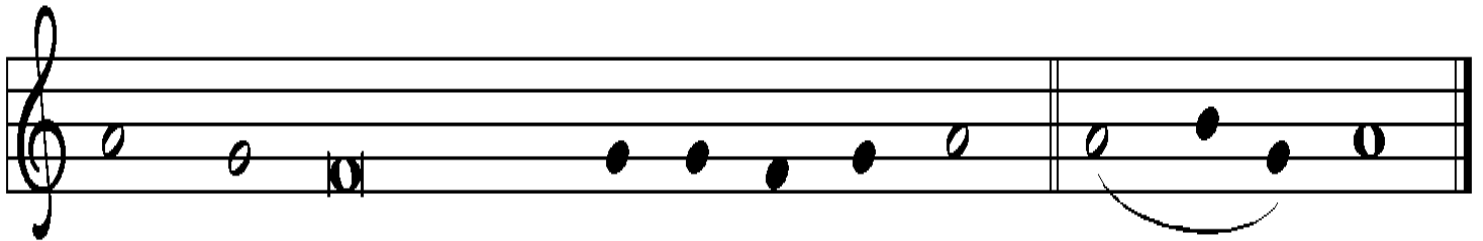


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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

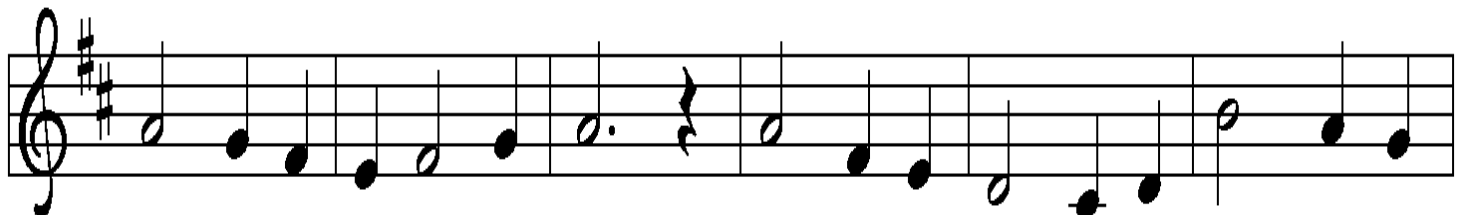


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

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.

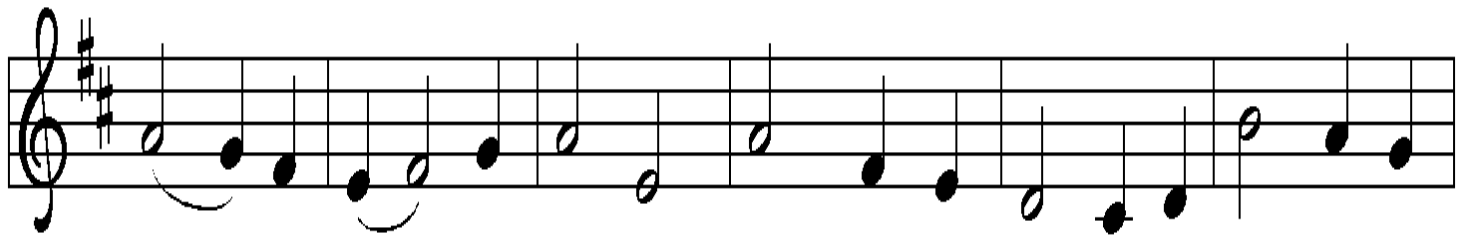
Refrain



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



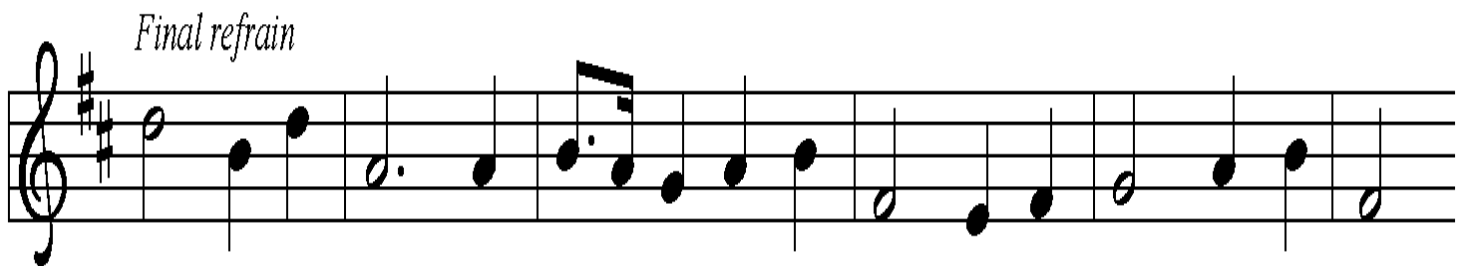
2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



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.



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 God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our lives in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 8: 26-40

A reading from Acts.

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When

they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:25-31

²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear
the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your
hearts | live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to
the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
who rules o- | ver the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in
worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall
kneel be- | fore the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet
unborn,
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

A reading from 1 John.

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.



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 15:1-8**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

[Jesus said:] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

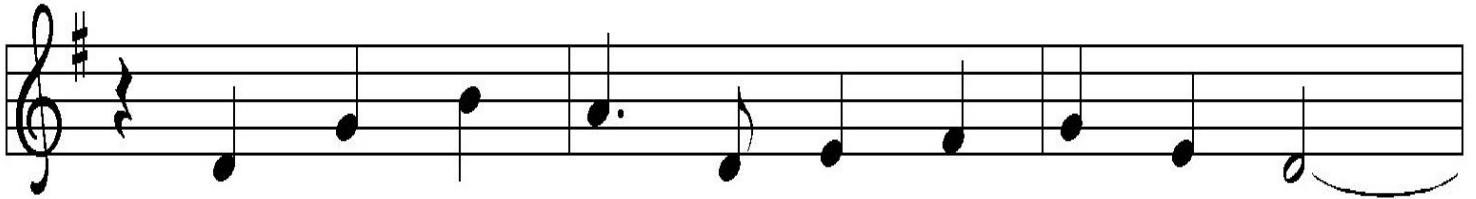
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

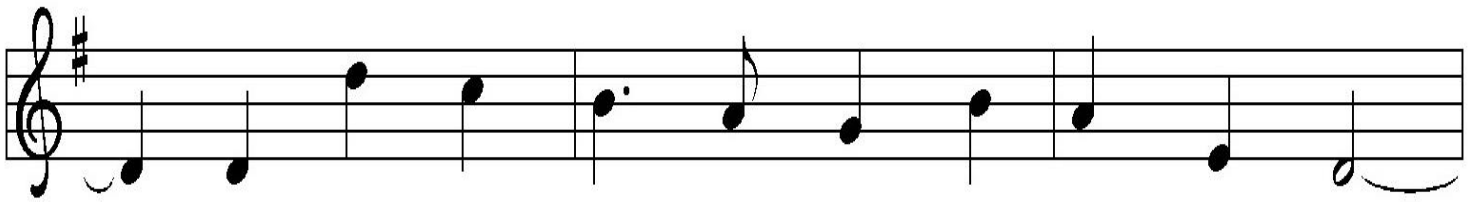
SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW 449)

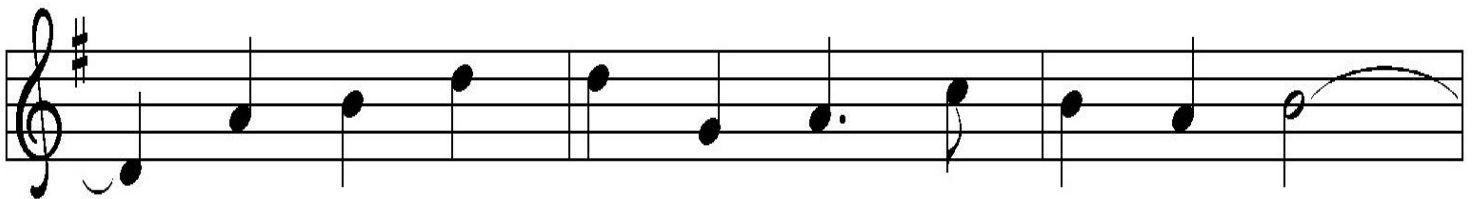
We Know That Christ Is Raised



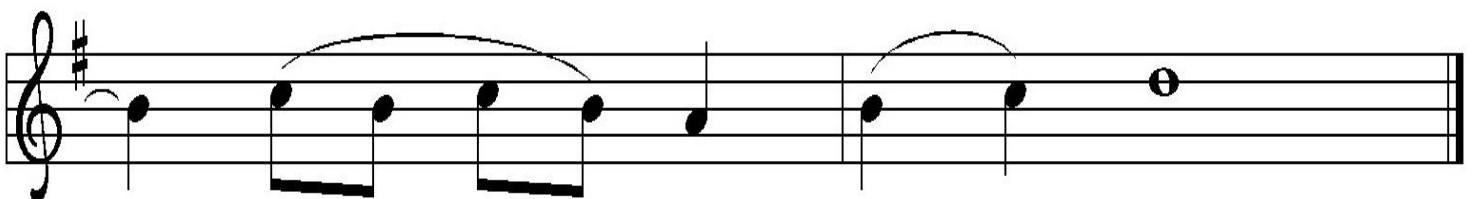
1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

***NICENE CREED**

A. Gathered together into one Holy Spirit, in unity let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed to commemorate the Council of Nicea, which began on the first of May 325 C.E.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P. Rejoicing that Jesus has risen, and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A. We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care and help us to involve them in worship and fellowship. We ask that you cleanse our hearts with your word and help us here at Christus Victor to abide in you always and to be abundantly fruitful. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A. For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters, especially the Patapsco River where the remnants of the Key Bridge are blocking shipping channels and washing up at people's homes. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A. For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign, especially in areas of war, genocide,

repressive governments, and national corruption. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A. For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering especially those on our parish prayer list..... and others whom we name before you now..... God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A. For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the community around us. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A. With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors that we name before you.... Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A. We end our prayers with joyous celebration, as we thank you for Dane Krich, Marcus Collins, and Wayne Spath, all three of them dear men who minister with us, Dane with music, Marcus with alcolyting, and Wayne with gardening. Enliven their spirits with joy at the celebration of their birthdays, keep them healthy and well in their ministries, and grant them abundant blessings beyond all earthly expectation. 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.

Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here

be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

*DIALOGUE (ELW p. 152)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

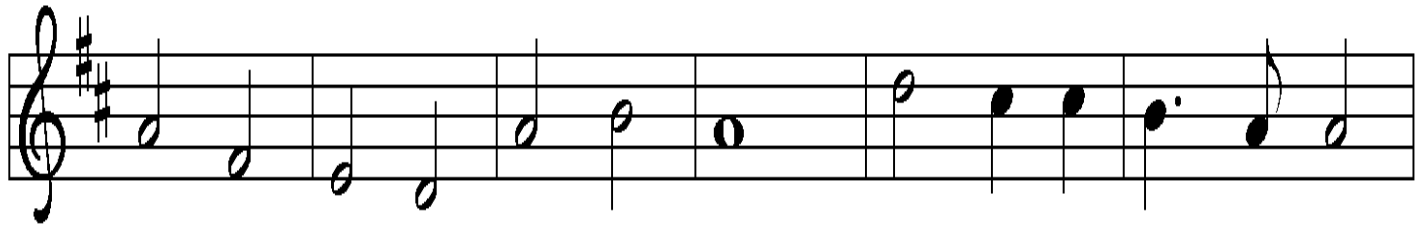
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

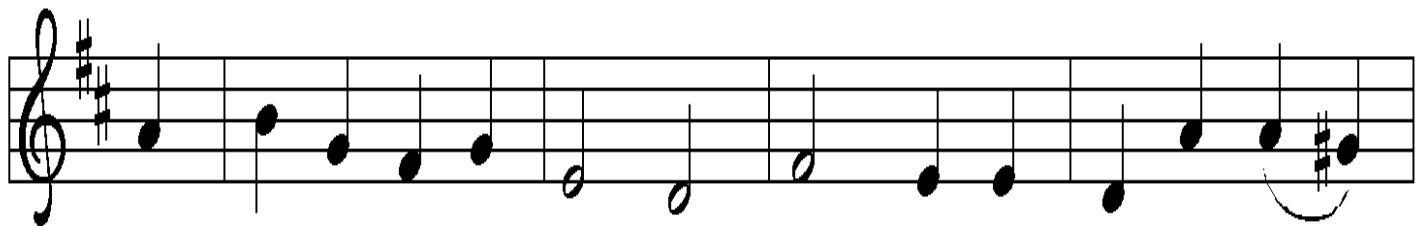
***SANCTUS (ELW p. 153)**



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.

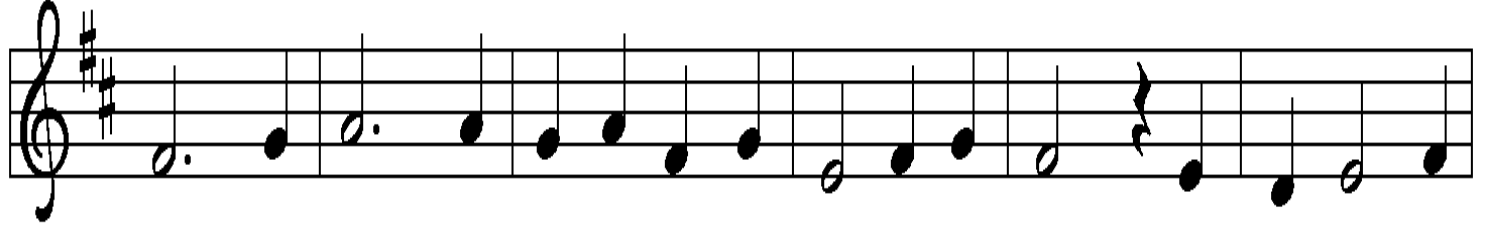
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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



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



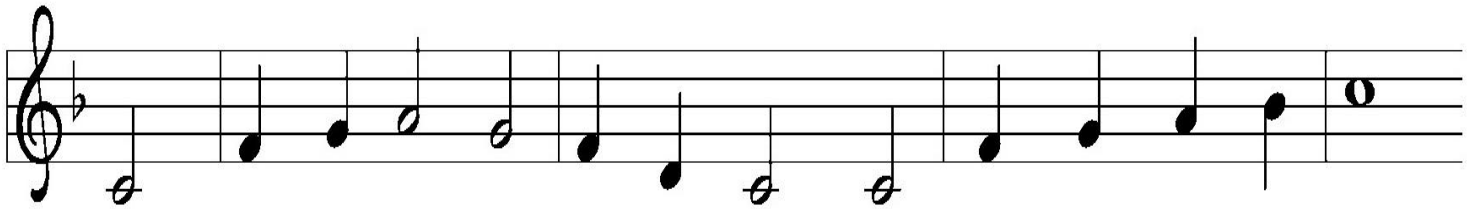
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



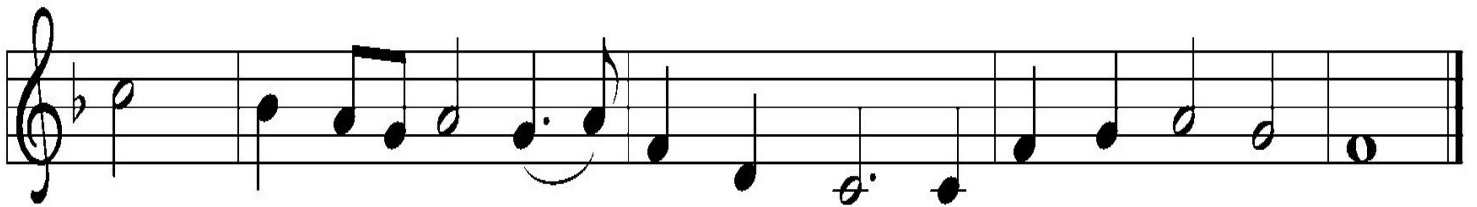
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN (ELW 359)

Where Charity and Love Prevail



- 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
- 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
- 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A. Let us pray.

Abundantly providing God, thank you for the refreshing gift of communion with you that reassures us as Jesus said that “you are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.” We ask you to prune us as necessary though it might feel hard at the time, but keep us bearing fruit in abundant living.

Amen.

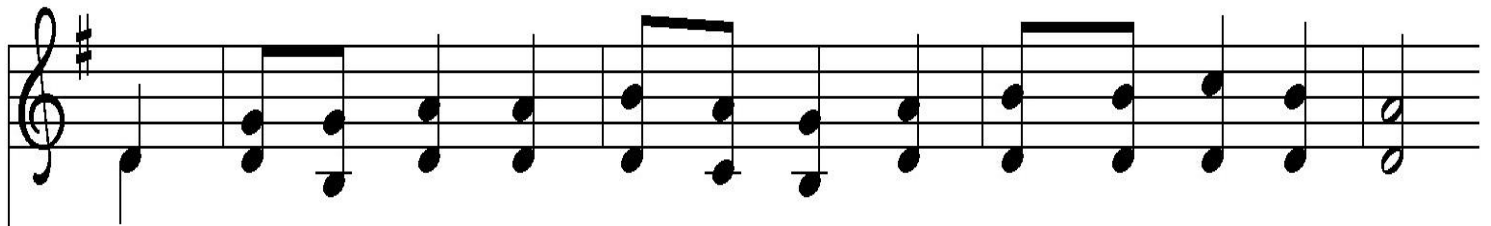
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*BLESSING

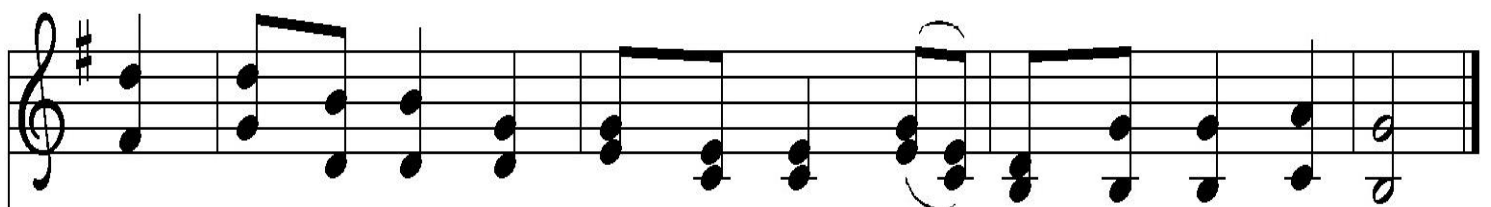
Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG (ELW 452)

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.



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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 McMahan

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 McMahan).

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 McMahan).

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)

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 McMahan).

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: 4/21/2024

Sanctuary/In-Person Worship 10:00AM – 81

Sunday School – 10

Facebook Live - 81

Count Our Blessings: 4/21/2024
Weekly Offering - \$ 1,780.00
Online Giving 4/19/2024 – \$ 710.00
Victor's Vittles - \$ 115.00
Bridge Relief - \$1,670.00

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

Happy Birthday Wishes: April 28 – Dane Krich, Marcus Collins; May 2 – Wayne Spath.

Happy Anniversary Wishes: None this week.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, April 28– Sunday School/Confirmation 9:00AM;
10:00 AM Service

Monday, April 29 - Women's NA Group 7:00PM

Tuesday, April 30 – Christus Comforters 9:30AM

Tuesday, April 30 – Victor's Vittles Volunteers 11:00AM

Tuesday, April 30 – NCRP 7:00 PM

Tuesday, April 30 – Chosen Bible Study at St. John's, 8808 Harford Road. 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Wednesday, May 1 – Pub Theology at the Bowman, 6:30 PM. All welcome. Topic: Temptation.

Thursday, May 2 – NA Meeting 7:30PM

Friday, May 3 – New Beginnings 7:00PM

Saturday, May 4 – Victor's Vittles 9:00-11:00AM

Sunday, May 5 – Sunday School/Confirmation 9:00AM;
10:00 AM Service followed by a Cinco de Mayo Sunday Social.

Wednesday, May 15 – Oakleaf Articles Due

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

Last Chance To Help the families of the Key Bridge disaster victims through our church offering. There are envelopes available for this collection in the basket as you enter the church. Make checks payable to Christus Victor and put your offering number on the check to get tax credit. Cash and Venmo to the church are also welcome.

We’ll make sure the Synod gets the offering and they will pass it on to where they are most needed at the Port of Baltimore and among our many relief ministries there. We promise 100% of your gift will go directly to those in need.

Of course, you can continue to give any time after this collection by going to the Delaware Maryland Synod website: <https://demdsynod.org/> and hit the link Donate Now to give a direct contribute. If you arrow down on that link, Key Bridge Relief is one of the many options. God bless you for giving.

We need a lot more White Socks!!!

There is another great need at the Port which our missions for stranded seafarers are aware of. White cotton, athletic, or tube socks in adult male sizes are a deeply appreciate comfort for all the Port ministries.

We will be collecting these socks through May 1st. Pastor Joe Skillman has offered to help with this sock-raiser. If you bring in 250 pairs of white socks, then Pastor Joe will shave off his beautiful long beard and also, cut his silky locks short. In other words, no ponytail! So please bring in lots of new white socks to vote. Thank you for being such a good sport, Pastor Joe!

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 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 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!!

New Members will be joyously welcomed on June 2nd!

On June 2nd, we will have a very special service to welcome and celebrate our new members and give you a chance to get to know them. If you would like to become a member, please call Pastor Ellen on her cell: 410-236-9115 for more information.

Just Announced: Date Change for the Outdoor Service and Picnic

The same day that we welcome our new members is the last day of Sunday School for the summer, SO..... we really want to celebrate. We are moving our outdoor service and big picnic blast to Sunday, June 2nd, when it will be cooler than later in the summer. Please plan to come join this special service! (The first Sunday Social will be moved to help us celebrate Father's Day.) More details to come, but please save the date.

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.

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

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:

May 4th – Carol & Howard Stansbury
Driver Pick-up May 3rd – Howard Stansbury
Drivers are needed to help with pick-ups. If you can help, please call Howard Stansbury or the church office.

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