



**Ascension of Our Lord  
Mother's Day  
May 12, 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**

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

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

**Amen.**

**P.** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

Gracious God,

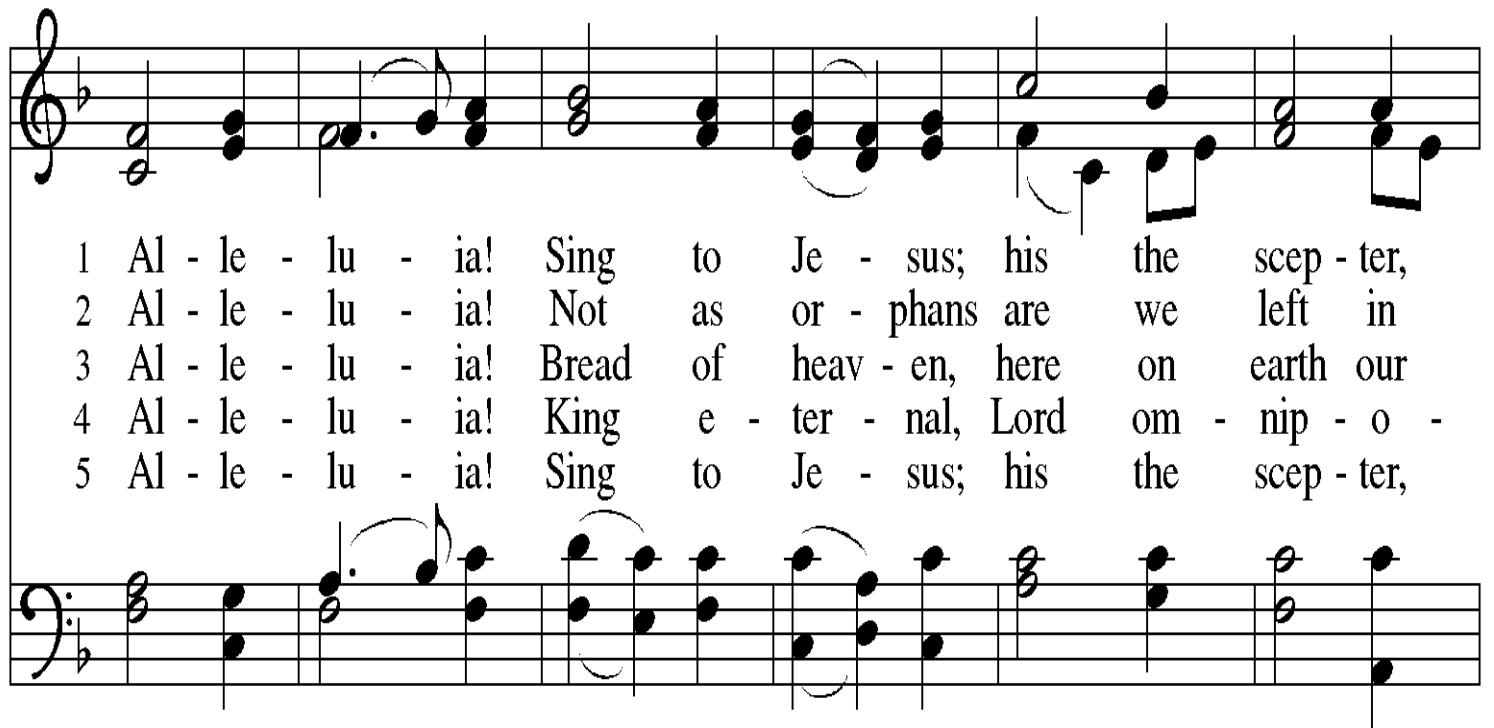
**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**P.** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life.

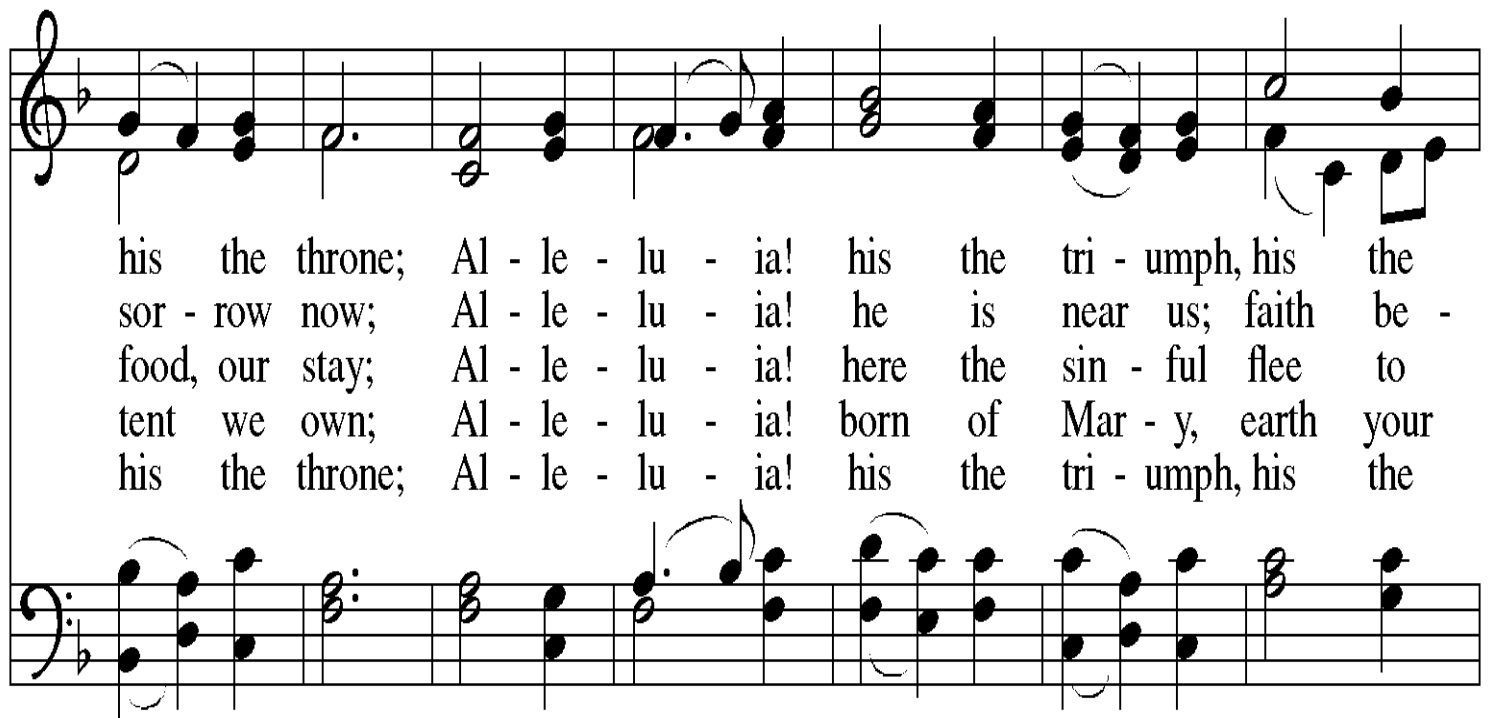
**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG (ELW 392)**

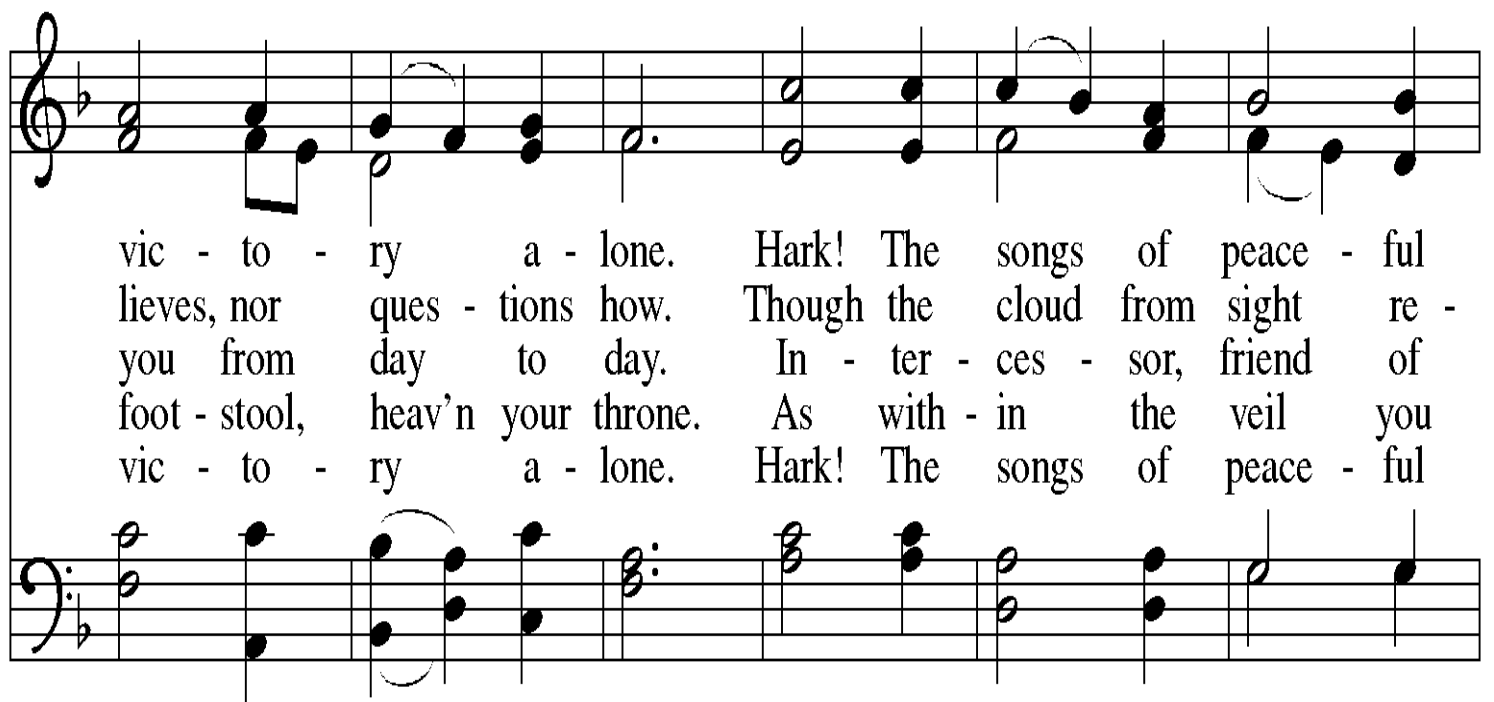
**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

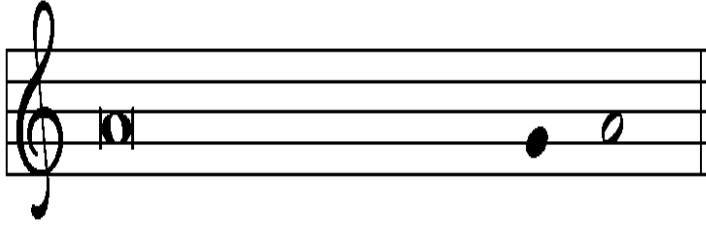
out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.  
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

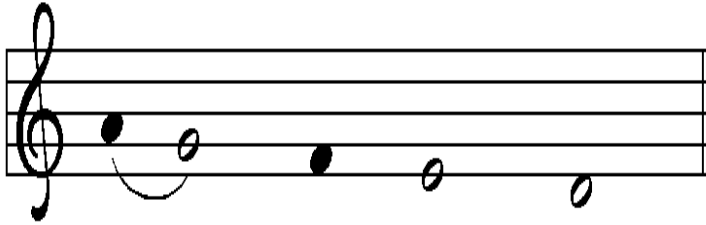
**\*GREETING**

**P.** The grace of our 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.



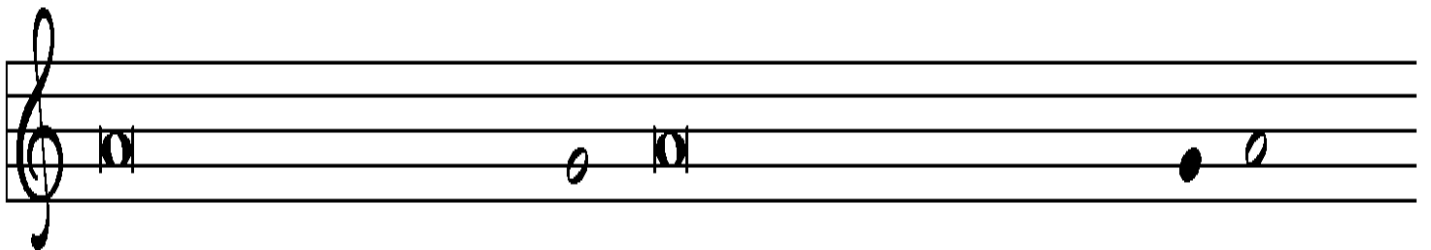
Lord, have mer - cy.



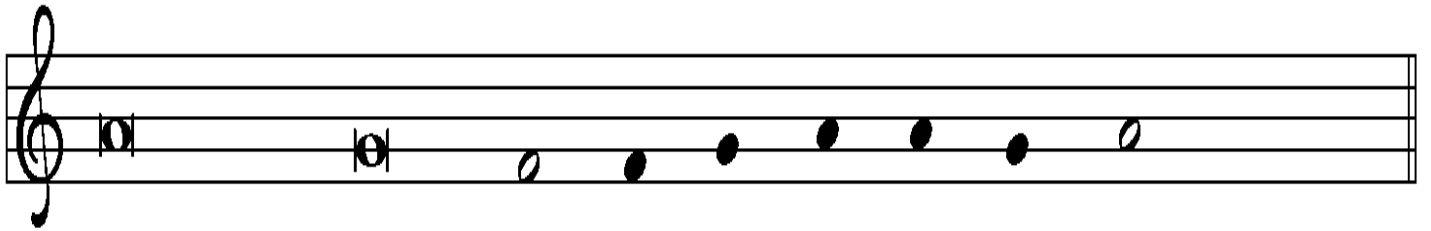
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



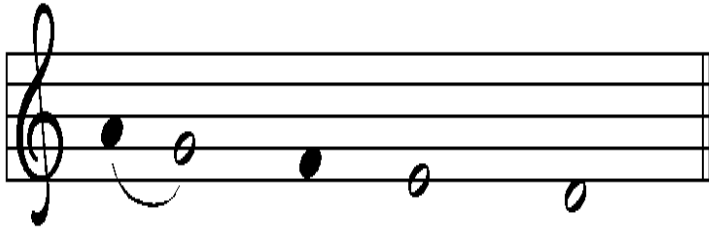
Lord, have mer - cy.



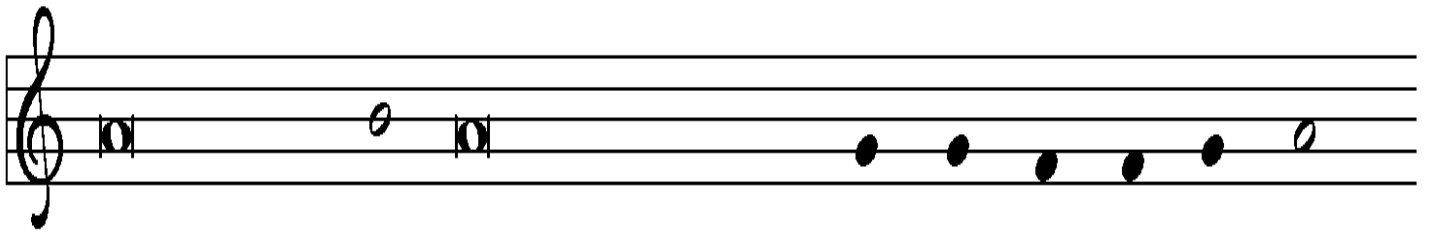
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



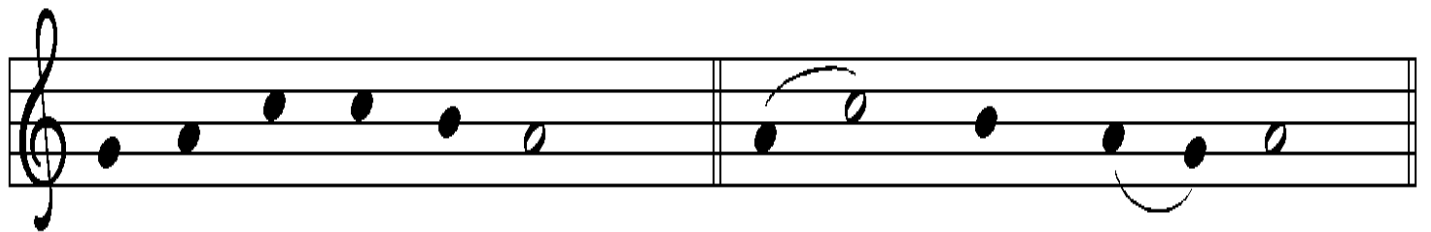
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



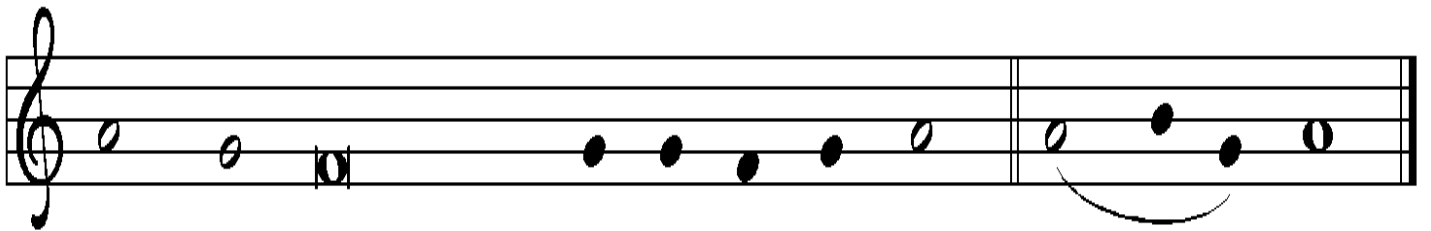
Lord, have mer - cy.



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-ty 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.

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

A reading from Acts.

*Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world, and that the disciples will be accompanied and empowered by the Holy Spirit. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.*

[Luke writes:] <sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 47

<sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, | all you peoples;  
shout to God with a | joyful sound.

<sup>2</sup>**For the LORD Most High is | to be feared:  
a great king over | all the earth,**

<sup>3</sup>who subdues the | peoples under us,  
and the nations un- | der our feet;

<sup>4</sup>**who chooses our inheri- | tance for us,  
the pride of Jacob, | whom God loves.**

<sup>5</sup>God has gone up | with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound | of the ram's horn.

<sup>6</sup>**Sing praises to | God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our | king, sing praises.**

<sup>7</sup>For God is king of | all the earth;  
sing praises | with a song.

<sup>8</sup>**God reigns o- | ver the nations;  
God is en- | throned on high.**

<sup>9</sup>The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of  
the | God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- | ly  
exalted.

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

A reading from Ephesians.

*The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe.  
The author of Ephesians prays that we are given the wisdom  
to know the power of the risen Christ and the empowering  
hope that the knowledge of this inheritance provides.*

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love  
toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to  
give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I  
pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of  
glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you  
come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart  
enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has

called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

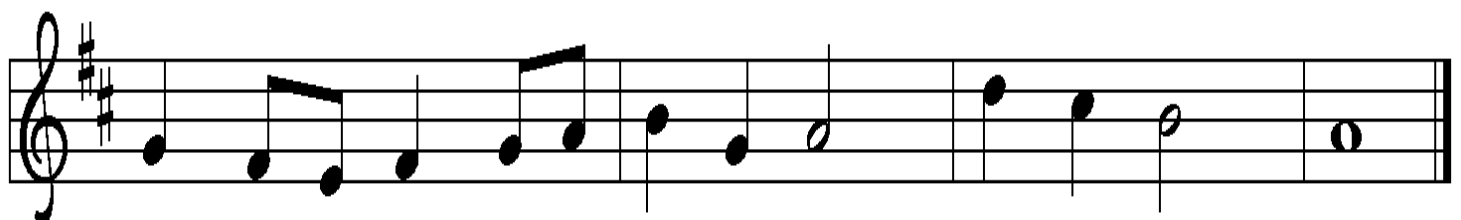
The word of the Lord.

**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: Luke 24:44-53**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the

prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

<sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

# HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW 658)

## O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of  
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to  
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our  
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -  
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -  
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you  
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.  
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.  
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.  
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808-1887, alt.  
Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON & NOISY CHANGE OFFERING**

### **\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**A.** Gathered into one Holy Spirit, in unity let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

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

**I 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.**

**I 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 BLESSING OF MOTHERS**

**P:** Spiritual moms, surrogate moms, biological moms, adopted moms, relatives who stand in for moms, grand moms, foster moms, aunts who care for their nieces and nephews, caregivers who mother people in need, ..... Well you get the picture. Please stand.

**A:** From Proverbs 31: 24-28: "She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks

with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her."

**P:** Let us pray:

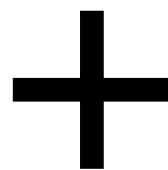
Dear Lord, today our hearts are full. Our Father in Heaven, as mothers we know our particular situations and challenges are not lost on you. God, you are aware of every minute detail in our lives. You know every single person who is without a mother, either by choice or some other misfortune. This Mother's Day, we pray for all of us imperfect mothers.

Lord, bless us to forgive ourselves for times we regret not being there for our children as we would have desired; help us to shower great unconditional love on all the children in our families and to reach out to be there when any of them need a mother's touch.

Bless us with comfort and strength as we desire to serve you first and foremost. Give us wings of eagles to make it through each day, whether we are working or retired, giving care to others who need us, or running the errands this busy life necessitates.

Always focus our eyes on you. You are the supreme mother of all creation. Even your Son likened his own love for us to a mother's love.

**A:** Jesus says, "How often I have longed to gather [you] together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings."



**P:** And so now, blessings to all mothers:

May you always dwell in the shelter of the Most High

And rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

May you always confess, "God is my refuge and my fortress,



my God, in whom I trust.”

And may God cover you with his feathers,

and under his wings may you find refuge;

as God’s faithfulness continues to be your shield and fortification.

**And all Mothers said, “Amen. Let it be so.”**

**P:** You may be seated, as we continue to pray.

**A:** God, be with all on our parish prayer list, as we name them before you for healing..... And be with others whom we lift up to you in our hearts and aloud.....

God of mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**A:** Thank you for the beautiful memorial service we had for our beloved Nancy Kohlman last Thursday. May she and all our dearly departed sisters and brothers in Christ rest joyfully in your arms and look down upon us to encourage and comfort us. God in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**A:** We praise you for the beautiful witness of the marriage of Irene and John Ruby, as they celebrate 35 years together. May they continue to support each other in love through health challenges for themselves and their families. God, give them wellness and joy to celebrate the love that you have gifted to them, the togetherness, and the comfort they give one another. God of mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**P:** We commend our prayers to you, as we trust that you will answer them for our greater good, and we joyfully shout...

**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.**

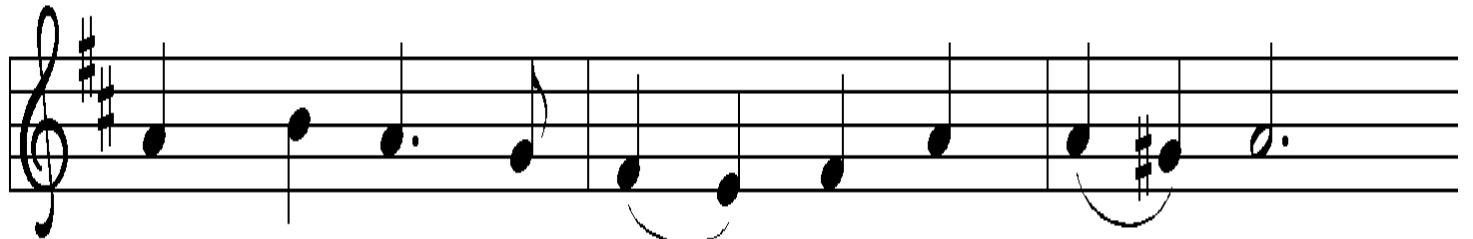
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

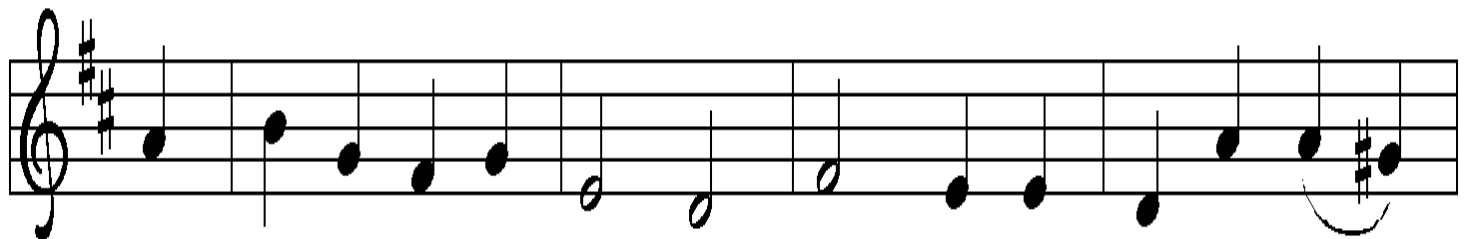
**\*SANCTUS (ELW p. 153)**



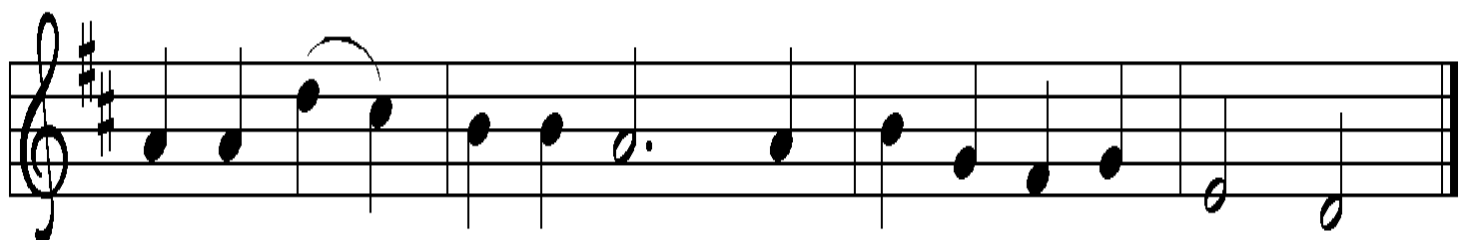
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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.**

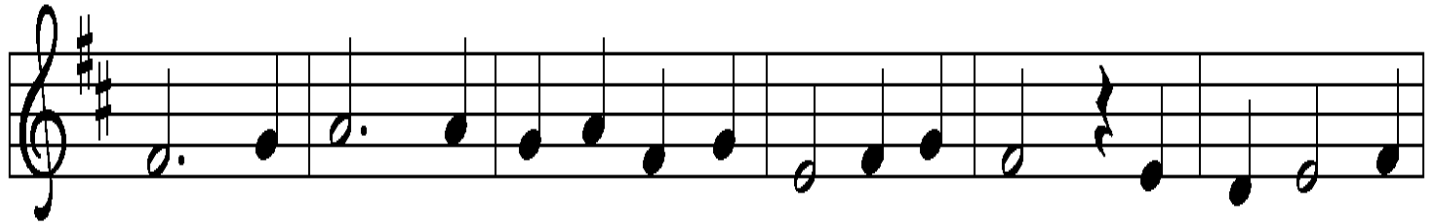
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

# 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



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.



## **\*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 ascended Lord.

**Amen.**

## **\*SENDING**

### **\*BLESSING**

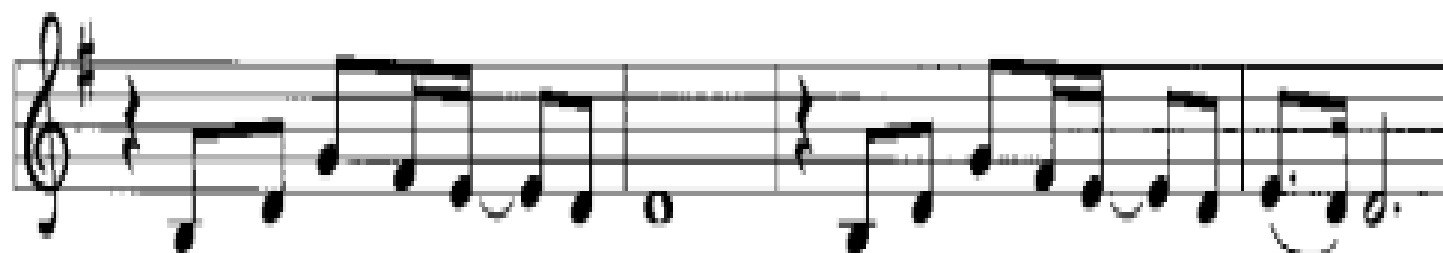
Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

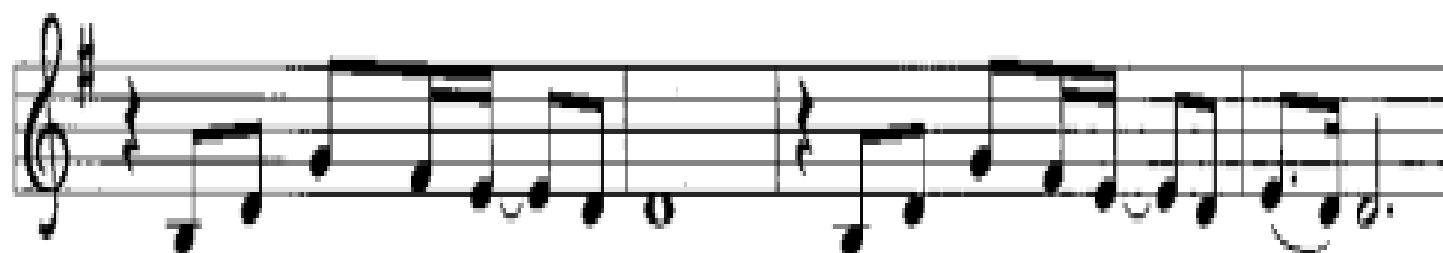
**\*SENDING SONG (ELW 857)**

# Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

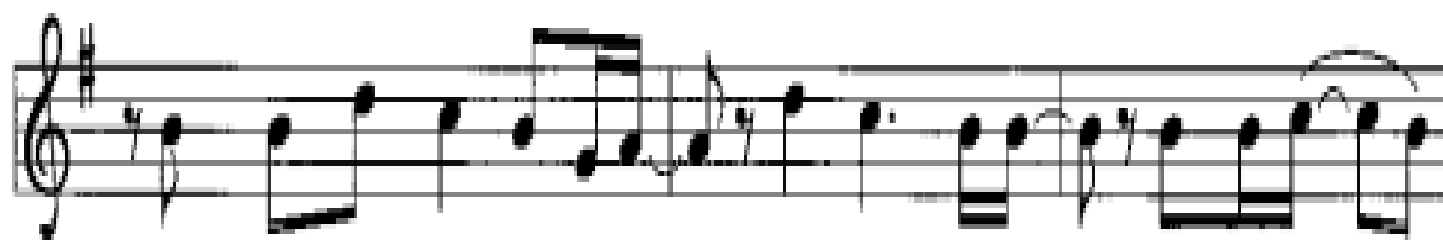
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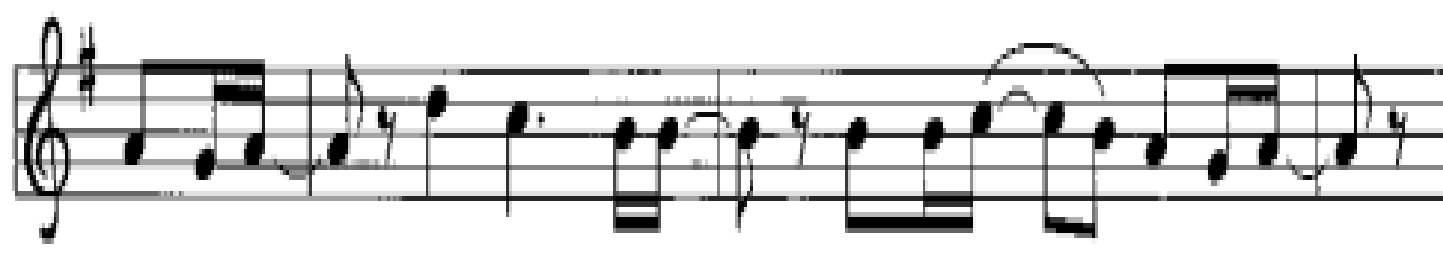
Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.



I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.



You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth



to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,



from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

Text: Rick Founds, b. 1954

Music: Rick Founds

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LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME

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## **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and may God bless us everyone.

**Amen.**

## **POSTLUDE:**

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### **Care and Concern**

**Alexis** – Friend of Joyce McMahon

**Brett Apple** - recovering from multiple extreme injuries from motorcycle accident (Husband of Julie Apple, who makes our banners and signs)

**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 strength and healing as she is cared for in Stella Maris Rehabilitation.

**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).

**Beth F.** - Pray for healing, and that her new treatment will be successful (Friend of Joyce McMahon).

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

**Joe Gordon** – Friend of Carol & Howard Stansbury

**Tim Harberts** - Recently diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer (Childhood friend of Linda Meyer)

**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).

**Fred Meyer** – Serious health concerns



**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** – Pray for healing from stage 4 cancer, that the chemotherapy works well, and that she find peace and hope within herself (Sister-in-law of Irene Ruby).

**Erika Scarcella** – Pray for healing and wellness from seizures, that doctors may discover a procedure to help heal her (Grandaughter of the McCreas).

**Terrie Sommers** – Health Issues (Niece of Pat Eichner).

**Rich Souders** – Pray for him and Carol as they adjust to his healing journey at their own home.

**Sally Steadman** – Pray for healing from the removal of her parathyroid and wellness. (Jim Steadman's wife).

**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.

**Carol Wilhelm** – Pray for healing from complications of a hip replacement and upcoming surgery. Pray for peace (Melissa Wilgis' mother and Riley's grandmother).

**Laura Young** – Niece of Jane Bowie

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Members at Home:

Diane Frederick  
Jim Umerley

Jeanne George  
Bea Walshinsky

Elsie Peck  
Jack Zimmerman

**Attendance: 5/5/2024**

Sanctuary/In-Person Worship 10:00AM – 84  
Sunday School – 22

**Count Our Blessings: 5/5/2024**

Weekly Offering - \$2,289.00  
Online Giving 5/3/2024 – \$1,000.00  
Victor's Vittles - \$1,190.00  
Flea Market - \$70.00

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:** None This Week

**Happy Anniversary Wishes:** May 13 - Irene & John Ruby

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Sunday, May 12** – Sunday School/Confirmation 9:00AM;  
10:00 AM Service celebrating Ascension and Mother's Day  
Delicious Mother's Day Brunch after the Service.

**Monday, May 13** – Council 7:00PM

**Monday, May 13** - Women's NA Group 7:00PM

**Tuesday, May 14** – Christus Comforters 9:30AM

**Tuesday, May 14** – Victor's Vittles Volunteers 11:00AM

**Tuesday, May 14** – Scouts 6:30PM

**Tuesday, May 14** – Chosen Bible Study at People's  
Community, 6200 Loch Raven Blvd., 5:30 – 7:00 PM

**Wednesday, May 15** – Oakleaf Articles Due

**Wednesday, May 15** – LMS Pick-Up

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

**Thursday, May 16** – NA Meeting 7:30PM

**Friday, May 17** – New Beginnings 7:00PM

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

**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**

### **Men's Bible Study**

We are so excited to announce that we are in the process of hopefully starting a Men's Bible Study, since we've had so many requests. Charlie Leight has graciously offered to lead the group. He is trying to figure out who is interested, what topics to cover, and the best day and time to meet. Please take a minute to chat with Charlie or sign up in the narthex for more information.

### **Next week is Pentecost.**

In order to celebrate Pentecost, please wear red next week, but even more importantly, please consider saying the Lord's Prayer in your native language or a language you have studied and know.

### **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 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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

## A Rock Garden in the Making

Please join FFF on Wednesday, May 15, from 6-8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, as we gather to personalize some beautiful and colorful rocks, for a small rock garden in front of our side entrance under the tree where no grass will grow.

We provide the rocks, the paints, the snacks, and the drinks. No artist skills needed! All you need is a desire to give some joy to those who use the side entrance to our church for visiting, deliveries, and pick-ups!

# **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 2 at Outdoor Worship and a Scrumptious Picnic!**

On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will celebrate a lot: our new members, our Sunday School students who are on hiatus for the summer, nature and our gardens; and of course all of us!

There will be a beautiful worship service under tents with cooling devices; music and communion; and afterwards a magnificent outdoor barbecue and buffet. There will also be games for the kids, including water fun.

Please come and bring family and friends!!!!

**Would you like to join in our youth 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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, cookout food, and fellowship provided. Call Howard Stansbury (410.529.3010 for more details.

**Flea Market and Craft Sale: Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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!

### **Our Food Ministry**

As you know, we are still in the excitement of collecting the special bags of food for Victor's Vittles. Bags big and small are available for filling from the narthex.

Also, we are collecting your annoying noisy change that aggravates you when it weighs down your purse or pocket. It can be put to beautiful us as it helps us fund our ELCA Local Hunger Task Force which just recently gave our VV a \$1,000 grant. ELCA's Hunger Task Force is celebrating 50 years of feeding locally, nationally, and even globally. Please contribute as much as you can. We'll be collecting up until we drop it off at the Synod Assembly the first weekend in June.

### **VICTOR'S VITTLES:**

**May 18<sup>th</sup> – Angela Myers, Carol Stansbury**

**Driver Pick-up May 17th – Linda McMahon, Phyllis Christopher**

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

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