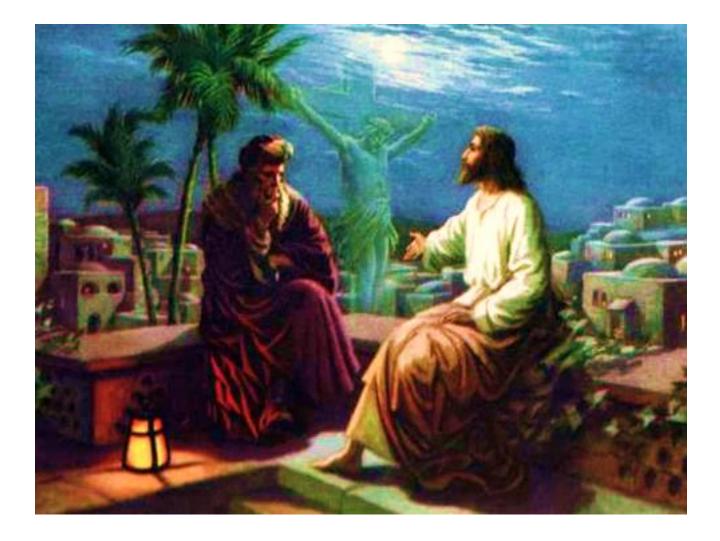
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH *Rooted in God's Word, we serve in God's world.*

★ Fifth Sunday of Easter **★**

April 28, 2024



Inspired by Christ, we are called to be an inclusive community of worship, love and service.



We thank you for celebrating the love of Christ with us this week, and we invite you back again for prayer and worship. May God's grace guide and strengthen you in your daily life.

YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

P: Pastor A: Assistant L: Lectors Communion Servers Ushers Minister of Worship & Music Camera/Sound Children's Chapel Altar Guild Catherine Lemons Kristine Hanson Richard Rakoff, Dale Dannhaus Kristine Hanson, Dale Dannhaus Don Sexauer, Ron Garski Marco Antonio Jimenez Ricardo Evaro, Richard Lemons Judy Dougherty, Naomi Schmidt Judi Roster

All are welcome at our service, including toddlers and squirmy children.

2024 Congregational Council Elected Officers & Members

George Timmerman – President Liaison/Technology Committee

Jack Wagoner – Vice President Liaison/Stewardship Committee

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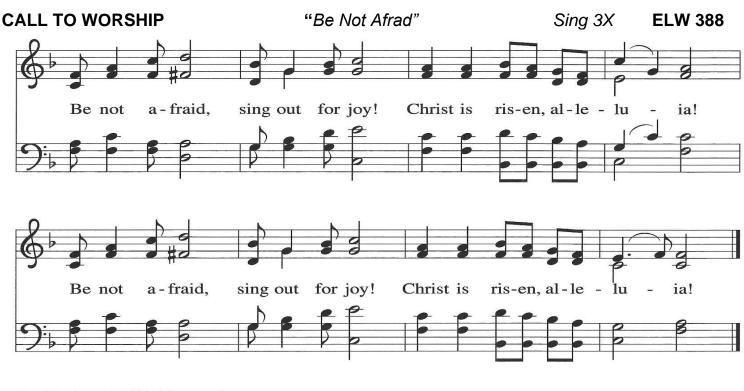
Pat Flores Liaison/God's Work Our Hands

Kris Hanson Wellness

Pr. Catherine Lemons – Chair Pastoral Care & Worship Committees

Kathy Murray Liaison/Worship Committee

PRELUDE



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WELCOME AND ANNOUCMENTS

*** GATHERING ***

All please stand as they desire.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P: Look, here is water! At the river your beloved son was baptized by John and anointed of the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the flood gates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C: Amen

GATHERING SONG

"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"



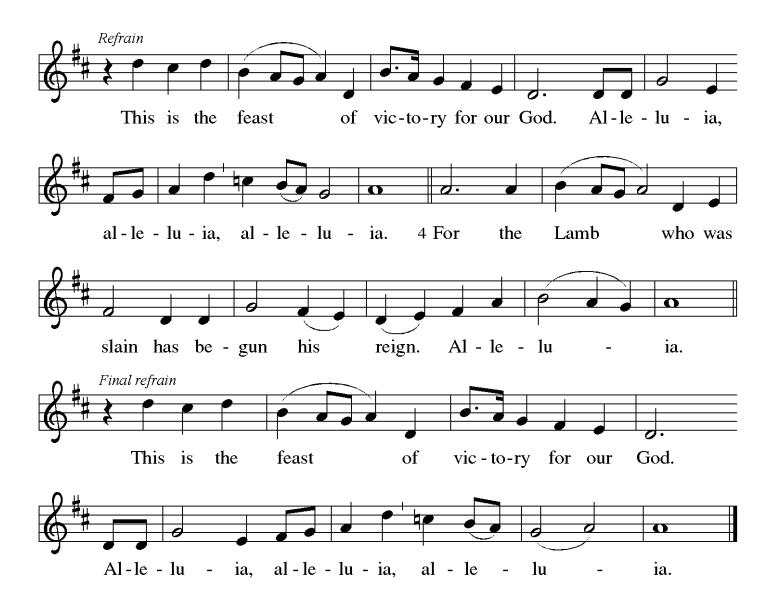
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GREETING

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



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- A: Let us pray.
- C: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life 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.

Please be seated for the Readings.

🗄 Word 🗄

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

L: A reading from Acts.

An 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. So 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 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now 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. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As 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?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When 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. But 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.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 22:25-31

- L: From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.
- C: The poor shall eat and be satisfied, let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!
- L: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- C: For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.
- L: Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.
- C: Their descendants shall serve the Lord, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
- L: They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

L: A reading from the first letter of John.

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

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So 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. Love 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. There 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. We love because he first loved us. Those 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. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

All please stand as they desire.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



Music: Caribbean traditional

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

- P: The holy gospel according to John.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide 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. I 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. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The gospel of the Lord.

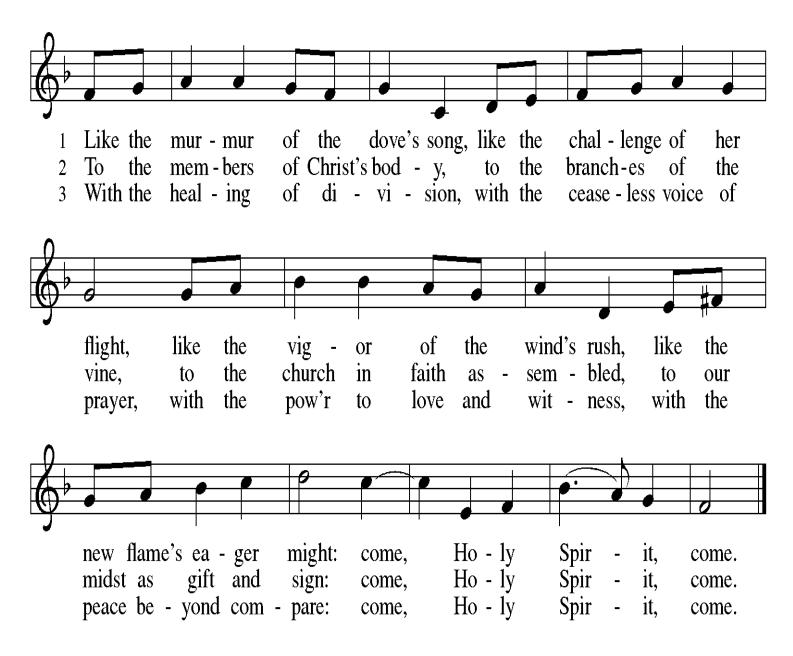
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

All please stand as they desire.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

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APOSTLES' CREED

C: 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.

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 brief silence.

- 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. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace,
- C: 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. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,
- C: 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. God of grace,
- C: 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 Bob and Brenda; Carol; Claire; Dan & Mary; Dennis; Ev; Freda; Jeff; Judie; Linda; Judy; Karen; Pat; Roger; Sid; Stella; and for those we now name silently or aloud... God of grace
- C: 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, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: For our winter visitors: Travel with them on their journey until their safe return next fall. May they feel the love we send them. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors: 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,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: 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.
- C: Amen.

COMFORTING WORDS

P: Hear the Word of God to all who truly listen.

It is the God who said, "Let light shine out of the darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. (2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

PEACE

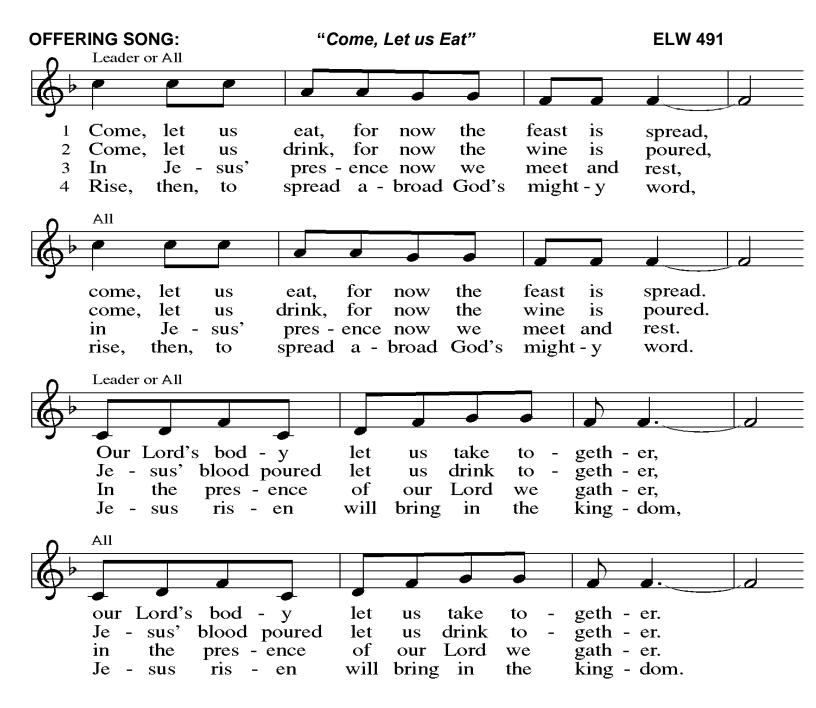
- P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

We extend God's peace to one another. and to those worshipping with us on the internet

₩Offering ₩

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OFFERING PRAYER

- A: Let us pray.
- C: 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.

🛠 MEAL 🛠

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

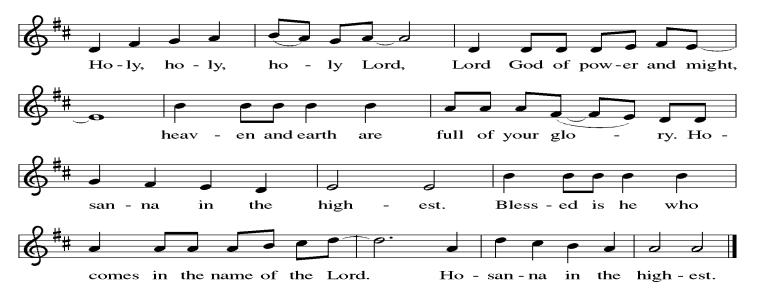
- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

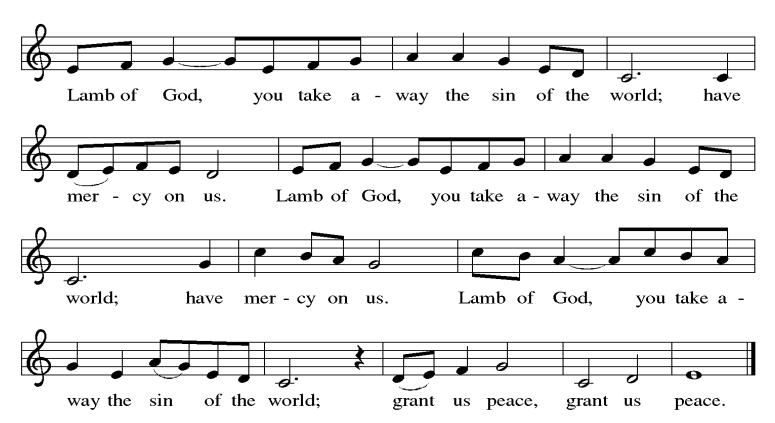
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P: The risen Lord is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
- C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.
- P: Come and eat at God's table.

LAMB OF GOD



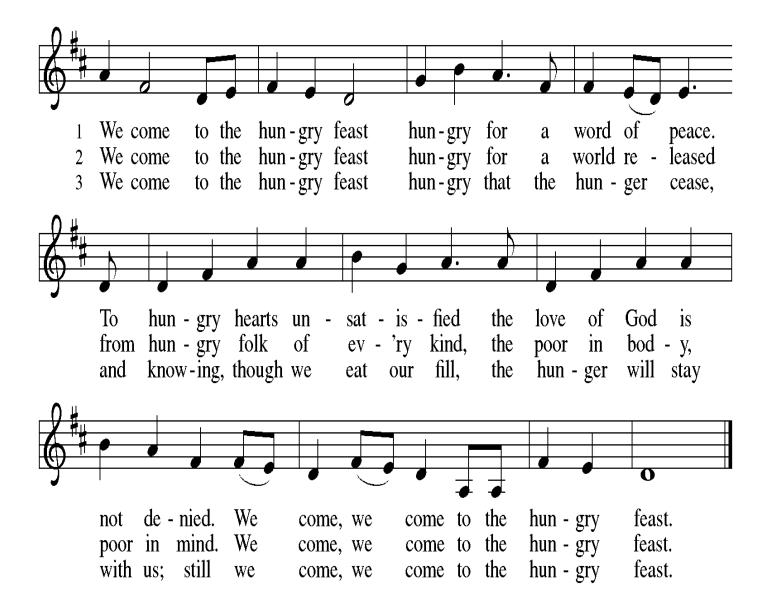
P: The gifts of God for the people of God.

This is the Lord's Table, not our own. Everyone is welcomed at the Lord's Table.

Gluten-free wafers available on request

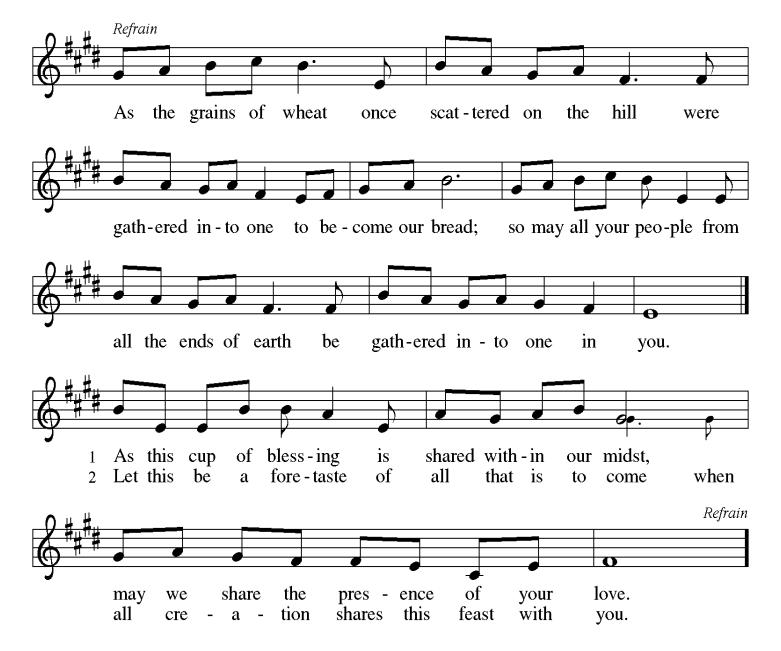
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.





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POST COMMINIOUN BLESSING

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A: Let us pray.
- C: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

*** SENDING ***

SENDING OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

P: Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who *are* sick and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Chrit, our Lord.

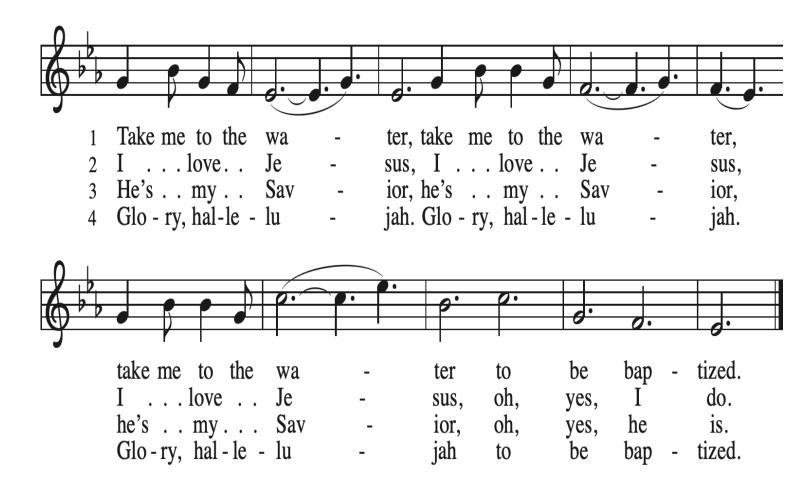
C: Amen.

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BLESSING



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DISMISSAL

- A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Following the postlude, you are invited to coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall.

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Calendar of Events

4/30Helping Hands9:00 AM5/1Stitch in Time10:00 AM5/1Koinonia Bible Study10:00 AM5/4Ladies Tea2:00 PM



Flowers given in thanksgiving for the generosity of our congregation





May 4th - 2:00 PM \$10.00 Contact Tama for tíckets

4/30 Helping Hands Quilting Group 9:00 AM



5/1 Stitch in Time 9:00 AM

Church Humor from "The Joyful Noise letter"

A six-year-old boy told his father one day, "I'm going outdoors and play ball with God." "So how do you play ball with God?" the father asked.
"Oh, it's not hard at all," the boy replied. "I just throw the ball up, and God throws it back down to me."



<u>Koinonia Bible</u> <u>Study</u>

Koinonia Bible Study every Wednesday in the Choir room at 10:00 AM[.]



<u>Gather Bible</u> <u>Study</u>

Gather Bible Study led by Barb Thomas is held in the choir room the fourth Tuesday of every month at 10:00 AM



For the month of April, we collected 132 pounds of cans and earned \$66. So far this year we have earned \$250 for our Sunday School programs. As always, thanks for all of your efforts. George Timmerman

April 2024

| Operating Funds | | Attendance |
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| 4/7 | \$4090.93 | 62 |
| 4/14 | \$4903.84 | 79 |
| 4/21 | \$785.86 | 79 |

Next Week's Worship Team <u>May 5th</u>

| Assistant: Lectors Ushers Altar Guild | Rose Brandenburg Peggy Foster Barb Preston Don Sexauer Ron Garski Please sign up |
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| Children's Chapel | Dyers |
| Sound Tech | Jeramiah Dyer Tim Dougherty |
| Readings | Acts 10:44-48 Ps 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17 |

Please keep these church members in your prayers.

Bob & Brenda Barnett, Judie Bryan, Freda Cheek, Dan & Mary Cosper, Karen Dahmer & Maria Dupre, Linda Eib, Pat Flores, Sid Graft, Stella Jones, Pastor Catherine Lemons, Dennis McCandless, Roger Meyer, Ev Myers, Claire Sims, Carol Swackhammer, Karen Walls, Judy Young and Jeff Zabel

MEMBER FAMILY, FRIENDS & COMMUNITY

Many of our members have friends and family in need of prayer as well.

Candi Barreras (Pat Flores' cousin) George Biggens (Carol Swackhammer's friend) Abram Diaz (Pat Flores' nephew) **Rueben Diaz** (Pat Flores' brother-in-law) **Diane & David** (Carol Swackhammer's friends) **Don Dotson** (TLC Neighbor & Pantry friend) Sara Drake (Leonor Drake's Granddaughter) Judy & Jack (Carol Swackhammer's friends) Michael Ford (friend of the Wagoners) Alfonso Gonzales (Aveny's Great Grandfather) **Bonnie Gonzales** (friend of Barb Thomas) **Peggy Hawbaker** (Rose Brandenburg's friend) **Dennis Kelly** (Claire Sims' friend) Rachel Kerr (Leonor Drake's friend) Zachary Lieberman (Sexauer's friends son) Deborah Leonig (Tim Brown's daughter) Fran Levenberger (C. Swackhammer's friend) Barra MacNeil & family (Karen's & Maria's friends) Marilyn Mott (Jim Cheek's sister) Danny Nunez (Marlene's son) **Kim Penn** (Wagoner's God Daughter) Fran Priebe (Carol Swackhammer's friend) Raylynn (Pat Flores' daughter) Dror Reches (Sid Graft's cousin) Bob Rogalski (Rose Brandenburg's friend) Dennis Schnoeker (Sharon Dearing's brother) **Denny Schnoeker** (Sharon Dearing's nephew) Amahd Shouman (Marjorie's husband) Lanetta Solomon (Carol Swackhammer's friend) Serene Solomon (Carol Swackhammer's daughter) **Tim & Jennie** (McCandless' son & daughter in law) Joel Thompson (Tama Garski's brother) Andrew & Mary Thorson (L. Schwartz's family) Lupe Urieta (Pat Flores' friend) Mason Walker (Carol Swackhammer's friend) Maria Warner (Carol McCandless sister-in-law) Diane Zarate (friend of Mary Kay Wagoner) Dave Zimmerman (Sexauer's friend) Peggy & Larry Zolton (C. Swackhammer's friend)

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