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Caring, Witnessing, Serving

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter      10:15 a.m.      May 15, 2022**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ELW - SETTING 3**

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**INTRODUCTION**

*Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love..*

P: = *Pastor*      W: = *Worship Assistant*      A: = *All in Attendance*  
\**indicates congregation should stand if able.*

**PRELUDE:** *What Wondrous Love Is This* - Samuel Barber

*Please remember that our Organ Preludes provide times for silent personal reflection and prayer. Please refrain from talking during these times to be respectful of those around you.*

**GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

P: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship:

*(time for silent reflection)*

**PRELUDE:** Improvisation on "Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing"

## **\*ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**A: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

P: Most Merciful God,

**A: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**A: Amen.**

*(During the procession and recession please turn to face the Processional Cross and follow its movements to and from the Altar).*

\* **GATHERING HYMN** ELW #385

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!” *Gelobt Sei Gott*

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our king!  
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's mighty stone is rolled away;  
let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life, which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord,  
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872-1955, alt.

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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.

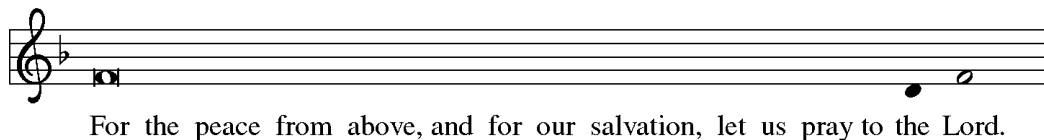
**A:** **And also, with you.**



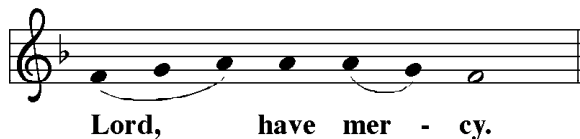
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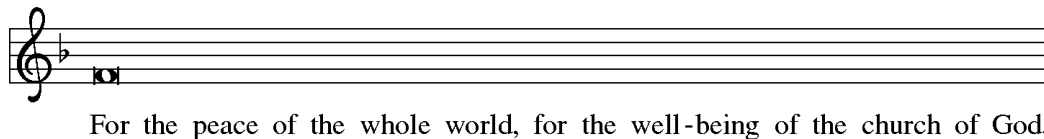
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



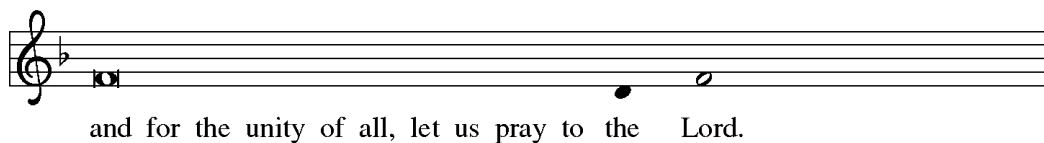
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



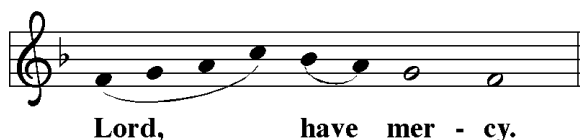
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



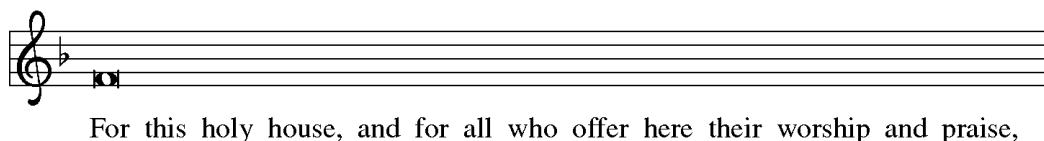
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



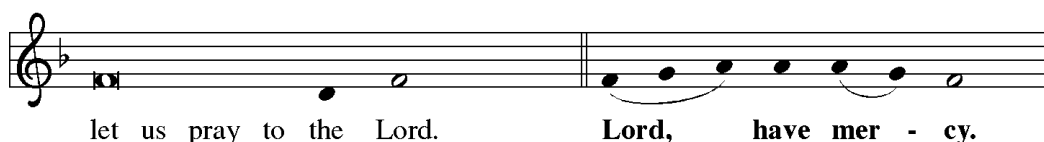
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



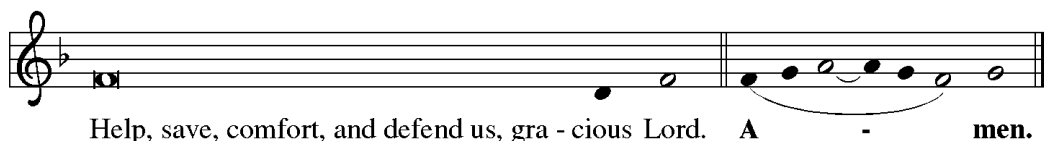
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE This is the Feast ELW pg. 140

*Refrain*

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

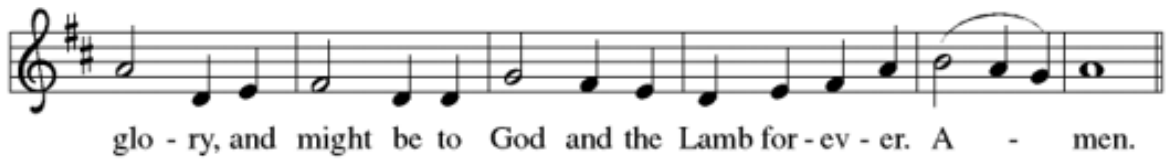
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**A: Amen.**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18**

*In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.*

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised

believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup>But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

A: **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 148**

*The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven. (Ps. 148:13)*

W: <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD<sup>1</sup> from the heavens;  
praise God<sup>1</sup> in the heights.

A: <sup>2</sup>**Praise the LORD, <sup>1</sup>all you angels;  
sing praise, all you <sup>1</sup>hosts of heaven.**

W: <sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD, <sup>1</sup>sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you <sup>1</sup>shining stars.

A: <sup>4</sup>**Praise the LORD, heav- <sup>1</sup>en of heavens,  
and you waters a- <sup>1</sup>bove the heavens.**

W: <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name<sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they<sup>1</sup> were created,

A: <sup>6</sup>**who made them stand fast forev- <sup>1</sup>er and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not <sup>1</sup>pass away.**

W: <sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD<sup>1</sup> from the earth,  
you sea monsters <sup>1</sup> and all deeps;

A: <sup>8</sup>**fire and hail, <sup>1</sup> snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, do- <sup>1</sup>ing God's will;**

W: <sup>9</sup>mountains <sup>1</sup> and all hills,  
fruit trees <sup>1</sup> and all cedars;

A: <sup>10</sup>**wild beasts <sup>1</sup> and all cattle,  
creeping things and <sup>1</sup> flying birds;**

W: <sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth <sup>1</sup> and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers <sup>1</sup> of the world;

A: <sup>12</sup>**young <sup>1</sup> men and maidens,  
old and <sup>1</sup> young together.**

W: <sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over <sup>1</sup> earth and heaven.

A: <sup>14</sup>**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all <sup>1</sup> faithful  
servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!**

## **SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6**

*John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.*

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”



L: The Word of the Lord.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**A: Alleluia. Everyone will know that you are <sup>1</sup> my disciples\* if you have love for <sup>1</sup> one another. Alleluia. (John 13:35)**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the thirteenth chapter.

**A: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*GOSPEL: John 13:31-35**

*After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.*

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**A: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #373**

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

*Orientis Partifus*

- 1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!" All on earth with angels say;  
raise your joys and triumphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, reply.
- 2 Love's redeeming work is done, fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo! The sun's eclipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.
- 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.  
Death in vain forbids his rise; Christ has opened paradise.

- 4 Lives again our glorious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?  
Once he died our souls to save; where your victory, O grave?
- 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to thee by both be giv'n.  
Thee we greet triumphant now: hail, the resurrection, thou!
- 6 King of glory, soul of bliss, everlasting life is this:  
thee to know, thy pow'r to prove, thus to sing, and thus to love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

### **\*THE NICENE CREED**

**P:** Let us now confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

**A: 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**

W: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

W: Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. God, in your mercy,

**A: hear our prayer.**

W: Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us. Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy,

**A: hear our prayer.**

W: Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. God, in your mercy,

**A: hear our prayer.**

W: Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress (*especially: Linda Halcousis, Raymond D. Smith, Marilyn Veselack, Braden Hoburg, Gail Cadwell, Pastor Frederick Zikeli, Rebecca Stand, for the people of Ukraine & Russia and all those who witness and experience violence, and all those we name in our hearts before you.*) As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in your mercy,

**A: hear our prayer.**

W: Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. God, in your mercy,

**A: hear our prayer.**

W: Give us a place in the diverse company of your beloved saints. Teach us the value of each person's identity, and bless us with a shared identity as your children, kindred of Christ. God, in your mercy,

**A: hear our prayer.**

P: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**A: Amen.**

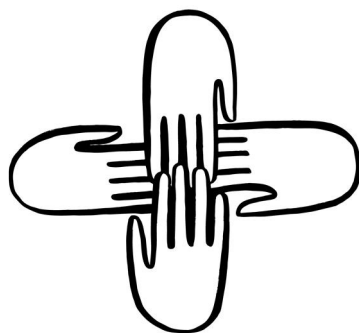
**\*PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**A: And also, with you.**

**Choir Anthem:** *What Wondrous Love is This* [with Appalachian Dulcimer]

The choir anthem today uses the Appalachian Dulcimer as its accompaniment. The instrument is unique to Southern Folk Hymnody of which *What Wondrous Love* is just one example.



*We do not pass around the offering plate during worship. The plate is on a table near the organ to place your offering in before the service.*

**\*OFFERTORY** ELW #182 “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

*Offering Song*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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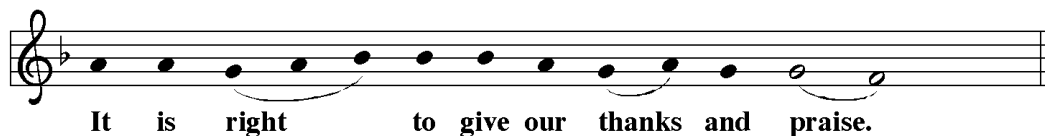
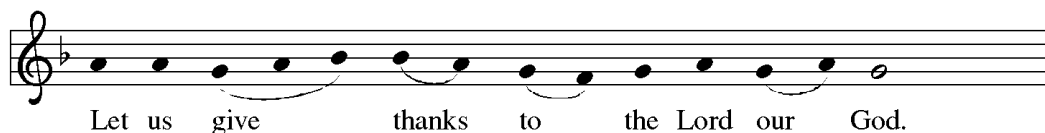
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**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**W:** Living God,

**A:** You gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign,  
and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal,  
and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW Page 144



## \*THE PREFACE

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 ELW Page 144



## **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**A: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**A: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**A: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**A: Amen.**

## \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

A: **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.**

\***THE PRESENTATION:** The risen Christ dwells with us here. The gifts of God, for the people of God. Come for all is now ready.

## LAMB OF GOD ELW Page 146

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.

## COMMUNION

*(Please inform Pastor at the Communion rail if you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer for Holy Communion. If you wish to commune in your seat, please inform the Usher when your row is dismissed.)*



**TABLE HYMN: ELW #363**

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

*Gaudeamus Pariter*

- 1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,  
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;  
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.
- 2 'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst his prison,  
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has risen.  
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying  
from the Light to whom we give laud and praise undying.
- 3 Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,  
with the royal feast of feasts comes its joy to render;  
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection  
welcomes in unwearied strain Jesus' resurrection!
- 4 Neither could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,  
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold you as a mortal:  
but today, among your own, you appear, bestowing  
your deep peace, which evermore passes human knowing.
- 5 Alleluia! now we cry to our Lord immortal,  
who triumphant burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal;  
Alleluia! with the Son God the Father praising;  
Alleluia! yet again to the Spirit raising.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

**\* TABLE BLESSING**

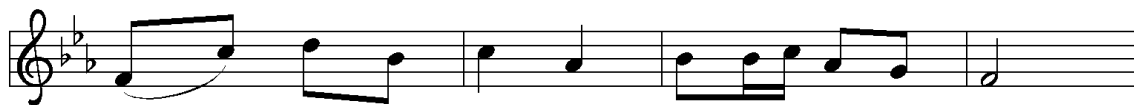
**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**A: Amen**

**\*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: ELW #379** 1<sup>st</sup> Stanza Only  
**Now the Green Blade Rises**



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958  
 Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol  
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**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**W:** We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

**A: Amen.**

**\*THE BLESSING**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**A: Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN** ELW #378

“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”

*Auf, Auf, Mein Herz*

- 1 Awake, my heart, with gladness, see what today is done;  
now, after gloom and sadness, comes forth the glorious sun.  
My Savior there was laid where our bed must be made  
when, as on wings in flight, we soar to realms of light.
- 2 Now hell, its prince, the devil, of all their pow'r are shorn;  
now I am safe from evil, and sin I laugh to scorn.  
For Christ again is free; in glorious victory  
he who is strong to save has triumphed o'er the grave.
- 3 This is a sight that gladdens what peace it does impart!  
Now nothing ever saddens the joy within my heart.  
No gloom shall ever shake, no foe shall ever take,  
the hope which God's own Son in love for me has won.
- 4 Now I will cling forever, to Christ, my Savior true;  
my Lord will leave me never, whate'er he passes through.  
He rends death's iron chain; he breaks through sin and pain;  
he shatters hell's grim thrall; I follow him through all.
- 5 Christ brings me to the portal that leads to bliss untold,  
whereon this rhyme immortal is found in script of gold:  
“Who there my cross has shared finds here a crown prepared;  
who there with me has died shall here be glorified.”

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676; tr. John Kelly, 1833-1890, alt.

**\*DISMISSAL**

W: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**A: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

W: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Prelude and Fugue in C Major* [BWV 553]

- Johann Sebastian Bach

*Feel free to remain seated for the playing of the postlude. We are all so excited to talk to each other, so at the postlude's conclusion just move to the Narthex for conversation.*

**Congratulations** to Mae Davis on the birth of her granddaughter, Olivia Jane!

**Southwest Pennsylvania Synod Assembly** will be held online via Zoom on Thursday June 16, 6-9:30pm and Saturday June 18, 9am-5:30pm. There will be choices for in person worship services and zoom on Friday June 17 at 7pm. If you are interested in being a voting member or have questions about doing so, please talk to Pastor Jen. Registration deadline is May 18.

**June 11:** The Social Ministry Committee will be hosting a grocery collection at Kuhns Family Market on Ferguson Road, to be donated to the North Hills Community Outreach's food pantry. Volunteers will be needed to help with the collection. Please see Jim Kiefer if you can volunteer and hour or so that day.

**Need to contact the church secretary?** If you need to reach the church secretary or send us newsletter or bulletin information, please use the church's email address: [info@nativitylutheranchurch15101.org](mailto:info@nativitylutheranchurch15101.org) . Of course you can always call and leave a message on the church answering machine at (412) 487-1071.

**Worship Volunteers** We welcome anyone who would like to volunteer to assist in our worship services. Usher, Greeter, Lector, Crucifer and Videographer are all needed. Go to the Nativity Website: <https://nativitylutheranchurch15101.org> and then select SIGN UP



### **Ukraine Crisis Response**

For those wondering on how you can help with humanitarian efforts in Ukraine, here are two Lutheran organizations sending aid:

**Lutheran World Relief** - You may find more information on how to donate here: [lwr.org/match](http://lwr.org/match) or talk to Pastor Jen

**Lutheran Disaster Response** - Learn more about giving to LDR how to donate by going to [elca.org](http://elca.org) or talk to Pastor Jen.

As with other ELCA appeals like World Hunger, you may also contribute to the crisis by simply marking your envelope "Ukraine Crisis" and your donations will be directed to the LDR through the SWPA Synod.



**NHCO Spring Cleaning Collection**

The next Sharing Project is the Spring Cleaning collection. These products are also not eligible for purchase with SNAP [food stamp] benefits. The requested items include:

- Laundry Detergent 100oz. or less
- Anti Bacterial Wipes
- All-Purpose Cleaner
- Dish Detergent
- Pack of Sponges
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Canvas Shopping Bags

This project will continue through June 5.

**Updated mask policy:** Masks are optional while in the building with others. If you have symptoms, or have had exposure to someone with Covid 19, we ask that you wear a mask. Please continue to monitor any symptoms you may have, and stay home if you're feeling unwell.



**Flowers:** Due to the generosity of Z Florist, the cost of altar flowers will return to \$27/vase. Thank you to those who provide flowers for everyone to enjoy.

The Rev. Jennifer Soltis, Pastor  
The Rev. Cyril Hurnyak, Kantor

Worship Assistant: Cheryl Kilbert  
 Lector: Linda Ryan  
 Usher: Carol Banks  
 Greeter: Ed Banks  
 Acolyte: Quentin Romero-Lauro  
 Videographer: Heather & ILO  
 Altar Guild: Carol Huffman & Linda Ryan  
 Offering Tellers: Jim Kiefer & Bonnie Varley

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The flowers in the chancel this morning are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Eric Bryan Bish by his father, Pastor Kirk Bish

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Office Hours for May 15-21, 2022

Tuesday: 11 - 2

Wednesday: 2:30 – 5:30

Thursday: 11 - 2

To contact pastor Jen... [pastorjennifersoltis@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjennifersoltis@gmail.com) (570) 401-1764

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Sunday, May 8, 2022

Offering: Attendance: In-Person: 45 On-Line: 23

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What's happening at Nativity for the Week of May 15 - 21, 2022

<u>TODAY</u>	Coffee Hour ( <i>Communications &amp; W.E.L.C.A.</i> )
<u>MONDAY</u>	AA meeting – 8:00 pm
<u>TUESDAY</u>	WELCA Mtg – 10:00 am (Bible Study)
	Confirmation Class – 6:00 pm
	Abernethy Lay Estate Planning – 6:00 pm
<u>THURSDAY</u>	Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 pm
<u>FRIDAY</u>	NA meeting – 7:00 pm