



A Congregation of the  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN  
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We are a *Reconciling in Christ*  
congregation, affirming the  
diversity of God's children



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## Seventh Sunday of EASTER



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**May 16, 2021**  
**10:00 am**

**Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...**  
*an adventure for life!*

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

## In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.

## Pandemic Safety Protocols

- Please spread yourselves out in the sanctuary. Leave the first two rows of pews for worship leaders.
- Please remain seated throughout the service.
- You can sing the hymns softly with your mask on.
- Individual communion elements are available to pick up at the front door.
- If you wish to use one of the first-floor bathrooms, please follow instructions in the bathroom about disinfecting it after your use.
- We will want everyone out of the building by 10 minutes after the service ends.

# WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Let Us Break Bread Together, arr. Dale Wood

Welcome

Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp). It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains the first three verses of the hymn. The second system contains the continuation of the verses. The third system is the refrain, marked 'Refrain' above the staff. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:

*Refrain*  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.  
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. 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. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and

*Refrain*



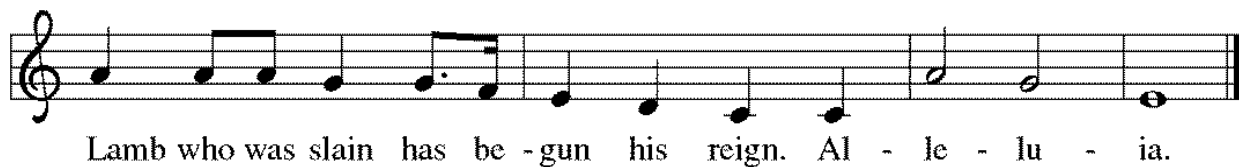
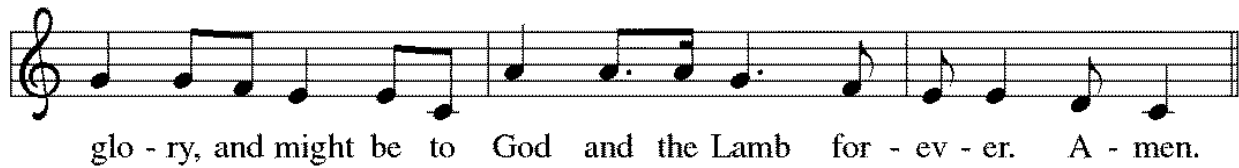
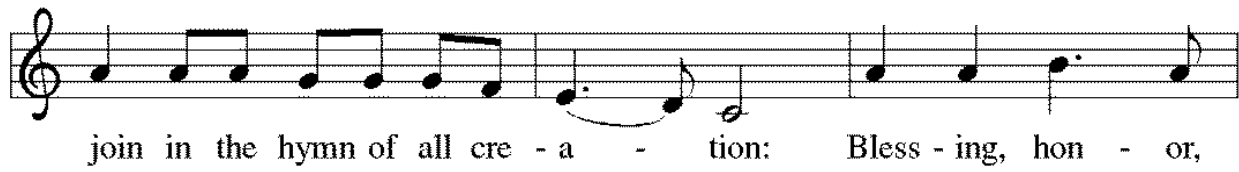
hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-



le-lu-ia. 2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and



### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

#### Reading

I John 5:13-15 (The Message)

A reading from the first letter of John

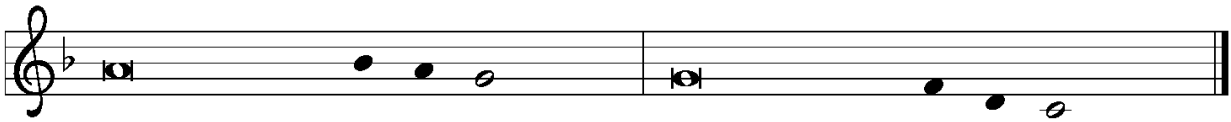
My purpose in writing is simply this: that you who believe in God's Son will know beyond the shadow of a doubt that you have eternal life, the reality and not the illusion. And how bold and free we then become in Christ's presence, freely asking according to his will, sure that he's listening. And if we're confident that he's listening, we know that what we've asked for is as good as ours.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.



## Psalm 1



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Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that | do not wither;  
everything they | do shall prosper.

**It is not so | with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

**For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.**

## Gospel

**John 17:1-19** (The Message, altered)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As his friends listen, Jesus prays,

“Abba, it’s time.

Display the bright splendor of your Son  
so the Son in turn may show your bright splendor.

You put him in charge of everything human  
so he might give real and eternal life to all in his care.

And this is the real and eternal life:  
that they know you, the one and only true God,  
and Jesus Christ, whom you sent.

I glorified you on earth by completing down to the last detail  
what you assigned me to do.

And now, glorify me with your very own splendor,  
the very splendor I had in your presence  
before there was a world.

I spelled out your character in detail  
to the men and women you gave me.

They were yours in the first place; then you gave them to me,  
And they have now done what you said.

They know now, beyond the shadow of a doubt,



that everything you gave me is firsthand from you,  
for the message you gave me, I gave them;  
and they took it, and were convinced that I came from you.  
They believed that you sent me.  
I pray for them.  
I'm not praying for the God-rejecting world  
but for those you gave me, for they are yours by right.  
Everything mine is yours, and yours mine,  
and my life is on display in them.  
For I'm no longer going to be visible in the world;  
they'll continue in the world while I return to you.  
Holy Abba, guard them as they pursue this life  
that you conferred as a gift through me,  
so they can be one heart and mind as we are one heart and mind.  
As long as I was with them, I guarded them  
in the pursuit of the life you gave through me;  
I even posted a lookout.  
And not one of them got away,  
except for the rebel bent on destruction  
(the exception that proved the rule of Scripture).  
Now I'm returning to you.  
I'm saying these things in the world's hearing  
so my people can experience my joy completed in them.  
I gave them your word;  
The godless world hated them because of it,  
because they didn't join the world's ways,  
just as I didn't join the world's ways.  
I'm not asking that you take them out of the world  
but that you guard them from the Evil One.  
They are no more defined by the world  
than I am defined by the world.  
Make them holy—consecrated—with the truth;  
your word is consecrating truth.  
In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world,  
I give them a mission in the world.  
I'm consecrating myself for their sakes  
so they'll be truth-consecrated in their mission."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Message**

***EVERYTHING IS SPIRITUAL***

## Ministry of Music

### *Something for Thee*

arr. Craig Courtney  
Jennifer Young

Savior, Thy dying love Thou gavest me  
Nothing should I withhold dear Lord, from Thee.  
In love my soul would bow, my heart fulfill its vow  
Some offering bring Thee now, Something for Thee.

Give me a faithful heart guided by Thee  
That each departing day henceforth may see  
Some work of love begun, some deed of kindness done  
Some wanderer sought and won, Something for Thee.

All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free,  
Ever in joy or grief, my Lord, for Thee.  
And when Thy face I see my ransomed soul shall be  
Through all eternity, Something for Thee.

## Apostles Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**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.**

## Community Prayers

Let us pray....

**Amen.**

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker and Cathy Oldham, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their niece and sister-in-law, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's friend MaryAnn, Shirley and Jack Miller, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Barbara and David Hairston, Grace and Ken Jones, Dora Pinder and family, Heidi Sherer's Aunt Mary and family on the death of her Uncle Joel Sherer, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Kris Kauffman, Terry Warren, Karen Kent and Kathy Rapp's cousin Beatrice Watts Young

## Children's Time

### Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.

## WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

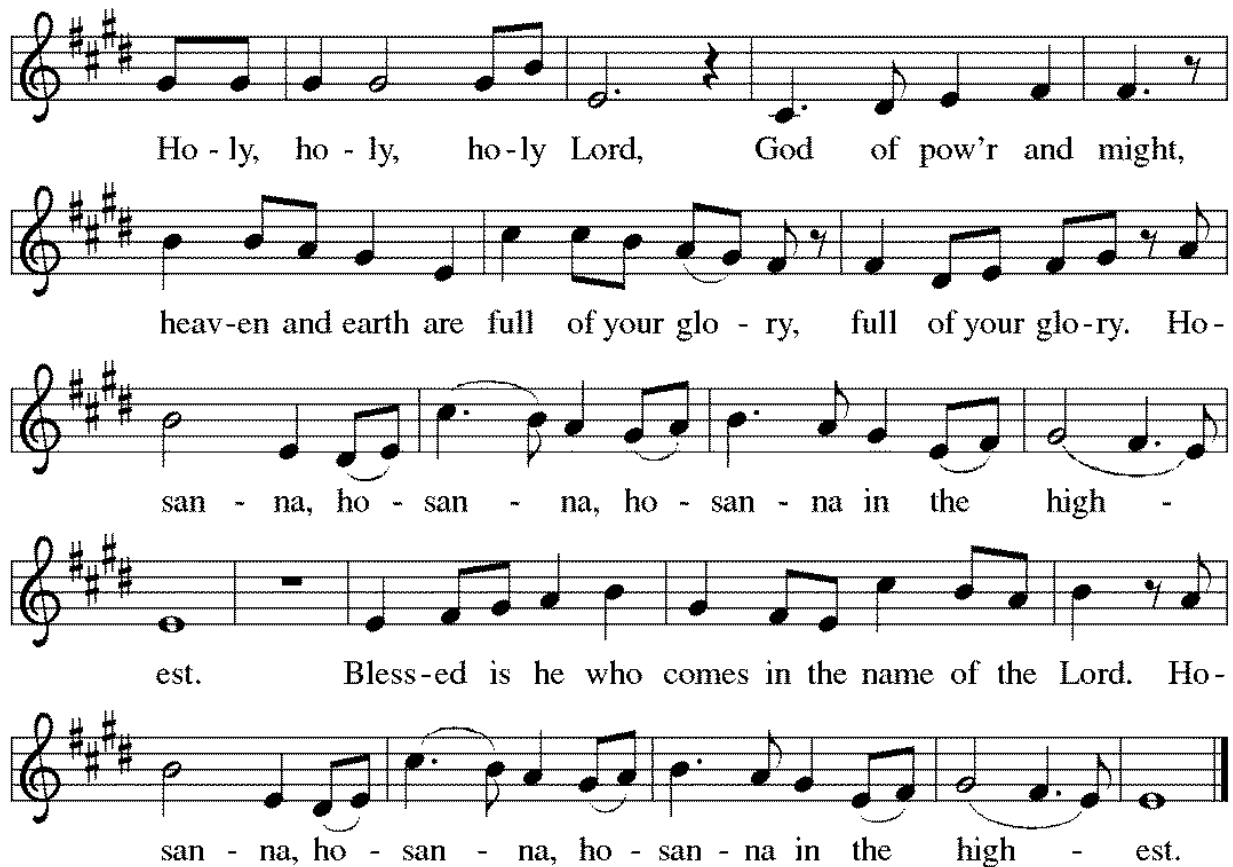
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We stand in the resurrection garden of God – a place filled and shaped by love and ripe with all it might become when we are open to the Spirit's life joining ours. This is the table of the risen Jesus – a place fashioned and furnished by love and rich with its promises. So come – whether you have seen and believed, or are dubious and doubting still, whether you confess confidently, or come to this meal with a fragile, fearful heart. Come and share these gifts of grace, encounter Christ, and be healed by Love and transformed by Life.

We remember with wonder and joy that Love, though broken on a cross, was not defeated. We rejoice that Love, though swallowed by death, was not silenced. Neither defeated nor silenced, Love lives and speaks words of welcome, healing and hope to all. In awe of all you have done and all you are doing through us, we join our voices with that of Creation and with all those who bear witness across the world and throughout the ages to the eternal power of your Love and Life:





Before the bright dawn in the garden in which Love was resurrected; before the cold silence of the tomb by which Love was swallowed; before the brutal horror of the cross on which Love was broken; before the bitter struggle of the Gethsemane garden through which Love affirmed its choices – Jesus ate a final supper with his friends.

He took bread, blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take this, and eat! This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me." After supper, he took a cup of wine and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me."

And so we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
 now and forever. Amen.**

Recalling that meal and honoring that life, eating this bread and drinking this cup, we thank you, God, for making us part of the ongoing story of your Love and Life. Now, we pray, send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that we may once again encounter Christ's Love and be transformed by Christ's Life.



### **Sharing the Meal**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. This is Jesus' table: he welcomed everyone, and so do we.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We give you thanks, Holy God, that in this meal, Jesus Christ, Love resurrected, has met us once again in this garden and touched and transformed us with Life. May the peace of the Resurrected One – the challenging peace of committed life, the liberating peace of selfless love, the vibrant peace of new possibility – recall us to radical living, empower us for rich loving, and transform us with radiant joy. Alleluia! **Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT

### Hymn

### We Are an Offering (Sing twice)

The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef, 3/4 time. It includes lyrics for the hymn 'We Are an Offering'. The melody features several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes). The lyrics are: 'We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.'

We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

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Music: Dwight Liles  
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### Blessing

**Amen.**

### Sending Announcements

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude

***In Christ There is no East or West***, arr. Dale Wood

Our first act of love is to greet those standing near us and around us.

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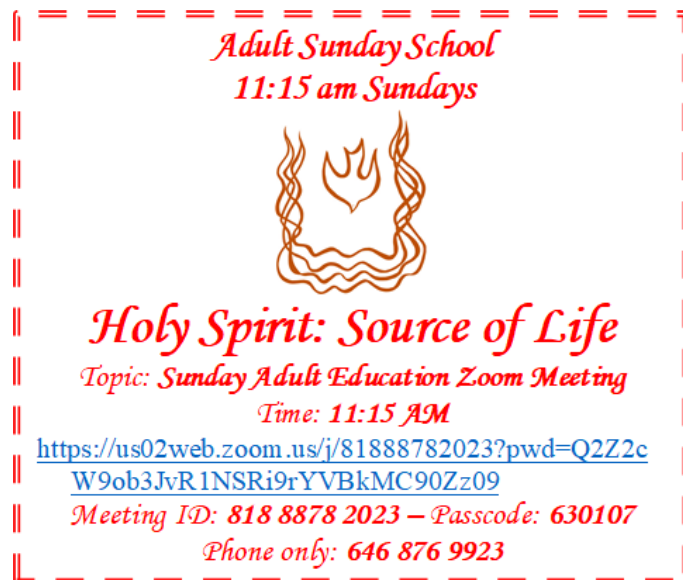
## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Shull, Pastor
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Michelle Clemence
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Bryan Neal
<b>Reader</b>	Michelle Clemence
<b>Cantor</b>	Wendy Stoica
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chimes Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Verger</b>	Wendy Stoica
<b>Producer</b>	Michele Disbro, Scott Steiner

*Noisy Offering will go to ELCA Disaster Relief.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MAY 16 - 23

<b>Today</b>	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education
	2-4:00 pm	Confirmation Class
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00 pm	ZOOM Congregation Council
<b>Wednesday</b>	11:00 am	IN-PERSON Coffee and Conversation
	4:00 pm	ZOOM Education Team
<b>Thursday</b>	3:00 pm	LSS / MidOhio Food Giveaway
<b>Next Sunday</b>	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education
	2:00 pm	Memorial service for Pamela Reed





**Exploring the Psalms**  
We'd love to have you join us!

**Tuesdays – 1:00 pm**  
**Hybrid Sessions**  
**In Person – Room 2**  
**Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87137366983?pwd=T0NoUU5ORmNYNlYrajhpZ2hGR09pdz09>  
**Meeting ID: 871 3736 6983**  
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***Coffee and Conversation***

**Third Wednesdays**  
**11:00 AM-12:30 PM**  
**In Person – Room 2**

**Honest exploration of questions about faith and life**



**LSS/MidOhio Food Bank**  
**Produce Giveaway**

**Thursday**  
**May 20**

**Volunteers always welcome!**

**Please advise either the Church Office or Sue Watson**  
**([sue.watson@columbus.rr.com](mailto:sue.watson@columbus.rr.com) or 614-560-4261).**

**We need an accurate count and appreciate your support!**