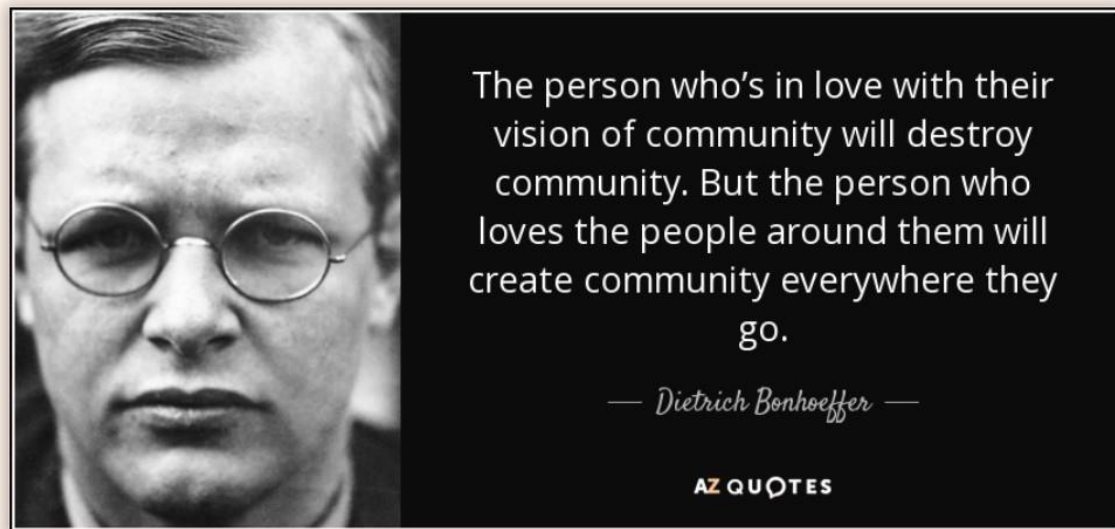


Sixth Sunday of Easter



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May 5, 2024

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.
- Please silence your cell phone.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Please be respectful of people who use this time to prepare for worship.

Prelude

Processional of Joy, Hal H. Hopson

Welcome



Hymn Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.
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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 - 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. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Detailed description: This block contains the first part of the hymn. It starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is written on a single staff. The first line is the refrain: 'This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -'. The second line continues the refrain: 'lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'. The third line begins the first verse: '1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us'. The fourth line continues the verse: 'free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and'. The fifth line concludes the verse: 'strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and a final cadence.

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 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.

Detailed description: This block contains the second part of the hymn. It starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first line is the refrain: 'This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -'. The second line continues the refrain: 'lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'. The third line begins the second verse: '2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the'. The fourth line continues the verse: 'hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and'. The fifth line concludes the verse: 'might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and a final cadence.

Final refrain

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, al - le - lu - ia.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

1 John 5:1-8 (New Revised Standard Version)

A reading from the St. John's first letter to the early church

Every person who believes that Jesus is, in fact, the Messiah, is God-born.

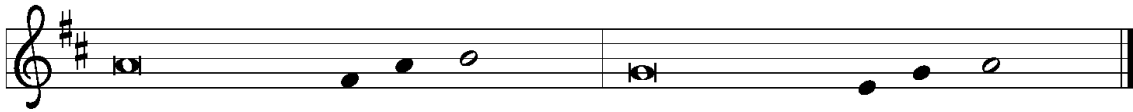
If we love the One who conceives the child, we'll surely love the child who was conceived. The reality test on whether or not we love God's children is this: Do we love God? Do we keep his commands? The proof that we love God comes when we keep his commandments and they are not at all troublesome.

Every God-born person conquers the world's ways. The conquering power that brings the world to its knees is our faith. The person who wins out over the world's ways is simply the one who believes Jesus is the Son of God.

Jesus—the Divine Christ! He experienced a life-giving birth and a death-killing death. Not only birth from the womb, but baptismal birth of his ministry and sacrificial death. And all the while the Spirit is confirming the truth, the reality of God's presence at Jesus' baptism and crucifixion, bringing those occasions alive for us. A triple testimony: the Spirit, the Baptism, the Crucifixion. And the three in perfect agreement.

May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Amen.**

Psalm 98



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Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.**

Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.

**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**

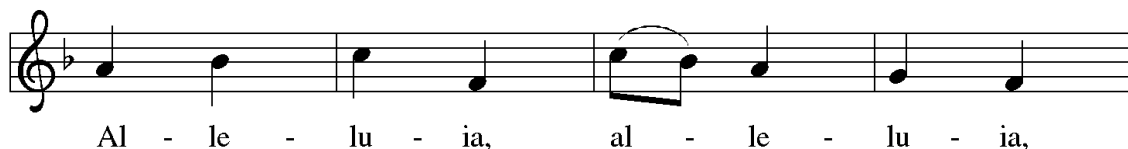
Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.

**Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes
to | judge the earth.**

The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity.

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel

John 15:9-17 (New Revised Standard Version)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

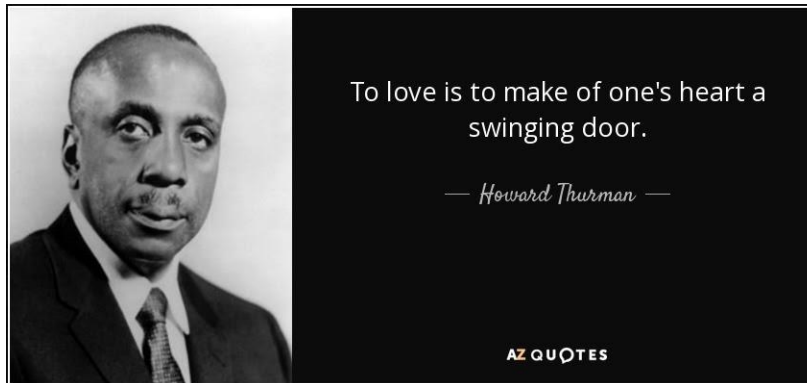
The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message

Love... Is it sentimentality or something we get to DO?



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Musical Reflection

I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me

arr. Lloyd Larson
Senior Choir

Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.

REFRAIN:

Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.
Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.

Did ever you see the like before.
I know the Lord's laid His hand on me.
King Jesus preaching to the poor?
I know the Lord's laid His hands on me. *REFRAIN*

Wasn't that a happy day,
I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.
When Jesus washed my sins away?
I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.
My Lord's done just what he said.
I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.
He's healed the sick and raised the dead! *REFRAIN*

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....

After each petition: "Your mercy is great, O God." **Receive our prayer.**
Amen.

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

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Maddie Sutphin, Skye Andree, Carolyn Moehring, Kris Kauffman, Emily Ott's aunt Kathy Richter, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose, John Kennedy's sister and brother-in-law, Becky & Vic Wolfe, Kathie Ehrich, Elaine Warren, David Williams, Rose Jordan, Mary Watts, Lorien Dana, basketball coach Tom Mitchell, Kandice Hoddinott-Ward, Brittany Amon

For the people of Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Columbus

For Redeemer community members Tamara Wawrosch, Noah and Maddie Gosnell

Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Members are encouraged to move around the sanctuary to greet each with a hearty handshake or a hug.

For those who have special concerns or who do not wish close contact, please offer a sign of blessing to let others know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.

We will continue to take a moment to greet those who are worshipping via livestream before greeting those in the sanctuary.



WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

In body or spirit, please stand

Offertory

You Are Holy

1*



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here




to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* *May be sung in canon.*

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

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Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

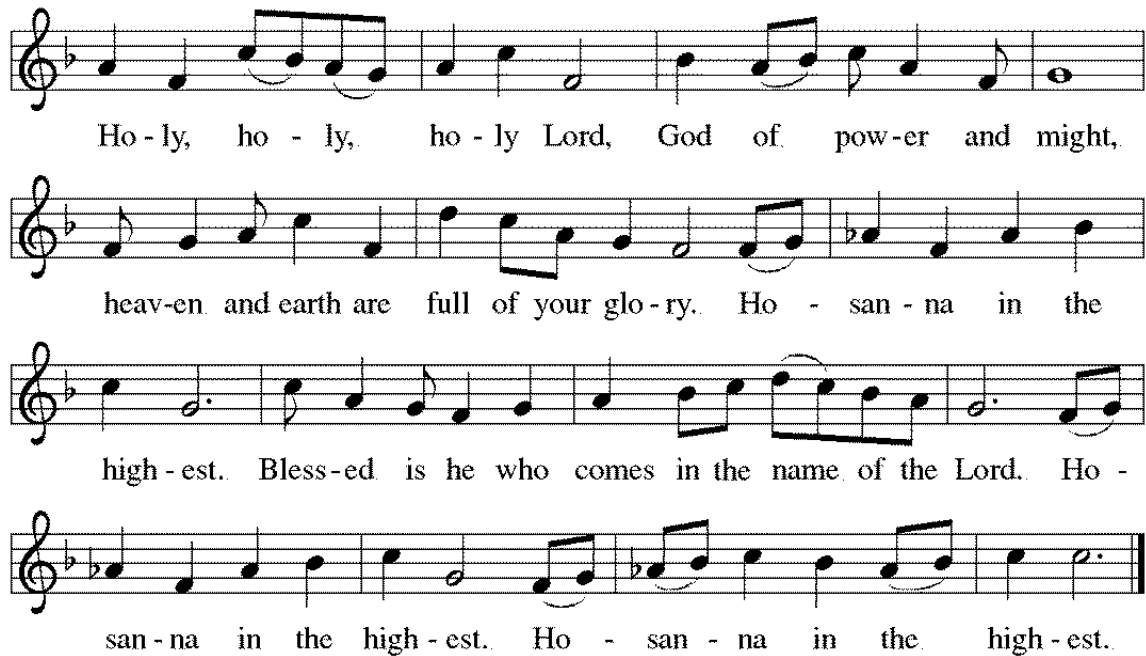
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has one long measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has one long measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The notes are mostly quarter notes with some eighth notes, and there are rests throughout.

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 and ours becoming one. This is the table of the risen Christ – 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. Come 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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. Do this 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 gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.
So do we.

Please be seated

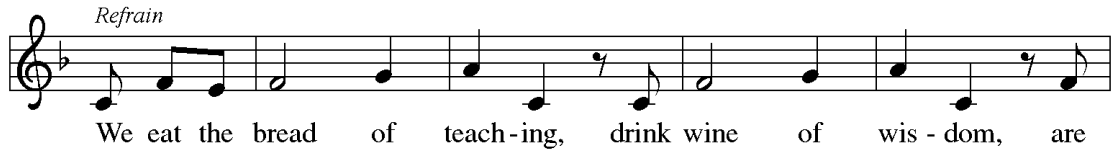
You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available on request, ask Pastor.



Hymn

We Eat the Bread of Teaching

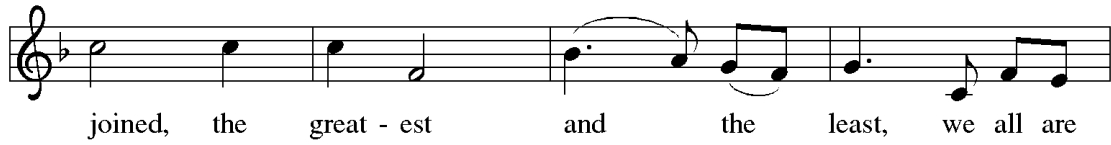
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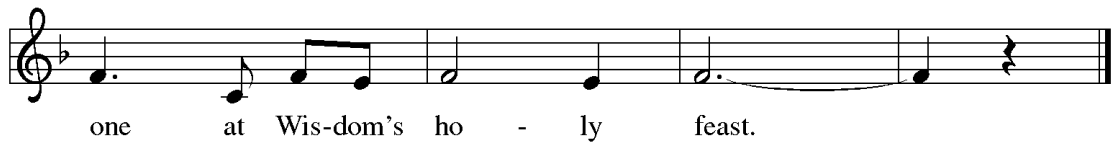
We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are



giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-geth-er



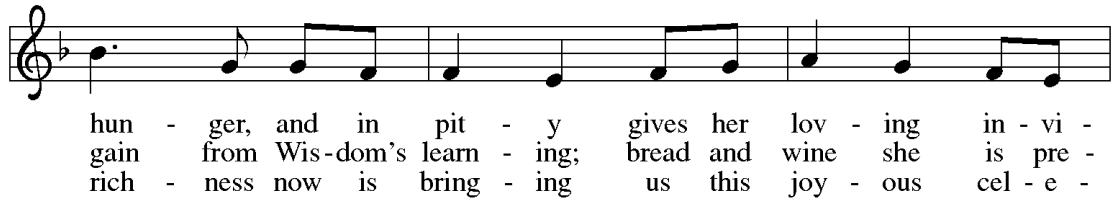
joined, the great-est and the least, we all are



one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.

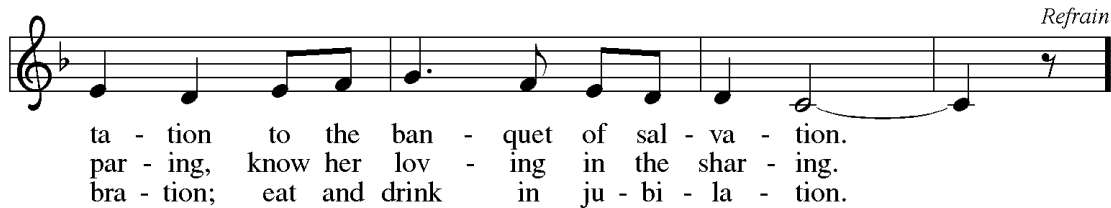


- 1 Wis-dom calls through-out the cit-y, knows our
- 2 Sim-ple ones whose hearts are yearn-ing, come and
- 3 En-ter with de-light and sing-ing, for her



hun-ger, and in pit-y gives her lov-ing in-vi-gain from Wis-dom's learn-ing; bread and wine she is pre-rich-ness now is bring-ing us this joy-ous cel-e

Refrain



ta-tion to the ban-quet of sal-va-tion. par-ing, know her lov-ing in the shar-ing. bra-tion; eat and drink in ju-bi-la-tion.

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Music: WISDOM'S FEAST, Jerry Ray Brubaker, b. 1946
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Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de-spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886
 Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918

Please stand in body or spirit

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.**



Alleluia

WE ARE SENT

Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.

Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude *Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound*, arr. Howard Helvey

Dave Shull on Vacation through May 12

Dave is taking two weeks' vacation, returning to work on Monday, May 13.

If you have an emergency pastoral care need while he is away, please contact the Rev. Julianne Smeck, pastor of Hope Lutheran Church. You can reach her at 734-972-6126.

This morning we welcome Redeemer member Al Rider to preach and preside at the table.

Redeemer member and Trinity Lutheran Seminary student Naomi Morgan will preach on May 12; Larry Trover presides at the table that day.

Adult Ed – May 5, 11:15 am

Sermon Feedback

Pastor Al Rider

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88957366923?pwd=TnV6cFB4ZUpET25USTgzZ0diZlhnQT09>

Meeting ID: 889 5736 6923 = Passcode: 383835

Phone only: 1-312-626-6799



LSS/MidOhio Food Collective

Food Giveaway

Thursday May 16

Extras this month: Soaps

(hand and body soaps, bar, get, foam)

Volunteers always welcome!

Please advise either the Church Office or Sue Watson

(sue.watson@columbus.rr.com or 614-560-4261).

We need an accurate count and appreciate your support!



Monthly Sunday School for all ages!

Sunday, May 12 == 11:15 am



Fans! Fans! and more Fans!

Sister Act is again sponsoring the collection of **box fans** to be distributed at our June 20 food giveaway. The goal for this year is **170 fans**.

You may either donate fans [watch for sales!] or make a monetary contribution for the purchase of fans – just put “fans” in the check memo.

If you have questions, contact Julianne Johnson.



Nehemiah Action
21 May, 6:40pm
Celeste Center
Ohio State Fairgrounds

With joy and thanksgiving you are invited to witness and celebrate

THE ORDINATION OF **Jillanne Disbro**

TO THE MINISTRY OF
WORD AND SACRAMENT

Sunday, May 19th at 4pm

In person at **University Lutheran Chapel**
2425 College Ave, Berkeley, CA 94704

You can also join on Zoom!

RSVP to let us know if you will attend in person or if you'd like the Zoom link:

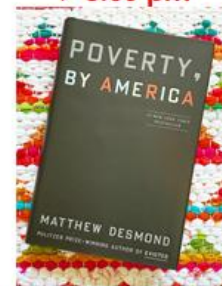
<https://jdordination.eventbrite.com>

Reception with light refreshments to follow the service



Summer Book Study

Wednesdays
June 19 & 26
July 3 & 10
7-8:30 pm



Matthew Desmond's **Poverty, By America**

Join us to discuss a book that begins with the statement:
"The United States, the richest country on earth, has more poverty than any other advanced democracy. Why?"

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	Rev. Al Rider
Assisting Minister	Kay Ernsthause
Reader	Georgene Slagle
Cantor	Heidi Sherer
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Zak Hinkle-Moore, Ruth Murray
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Carol Heacock, Becky Trover
Producers	Toshi Phillips, Sachio Phillips
Hospitality	Michelle Clemence

*Flowers are given by **Laura and Terry Warren** in honor of **our mothers**.
Noisy Offering will go to World Central Kitchen.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MAY 5 – 12

Today	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
Monday	5:00 pm	Zoom Executive Team
Next Sunday	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education



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