

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love Is This Zach Unke

CALL TO WORSHIP & CONFESSION FOR EASTER

Pastor: Blessed be the God of Resurrection. †

Congregation: Amen.

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

Silence for confession.

P: God of New Life,

C: We confess our lack of faith. We see a glimpse of what we ought to be and we know we fall short of the goal. We desire faith which is solid and unchanging, yet we crumble under the trials and temptations of life. We want to be strong, but we know our own weaknesses. Our sinful condition strips us of any spiritual gain we humanly devise. God, forgive us. Accept us as we are, unworthy for the task, yet gifted for your purposes.

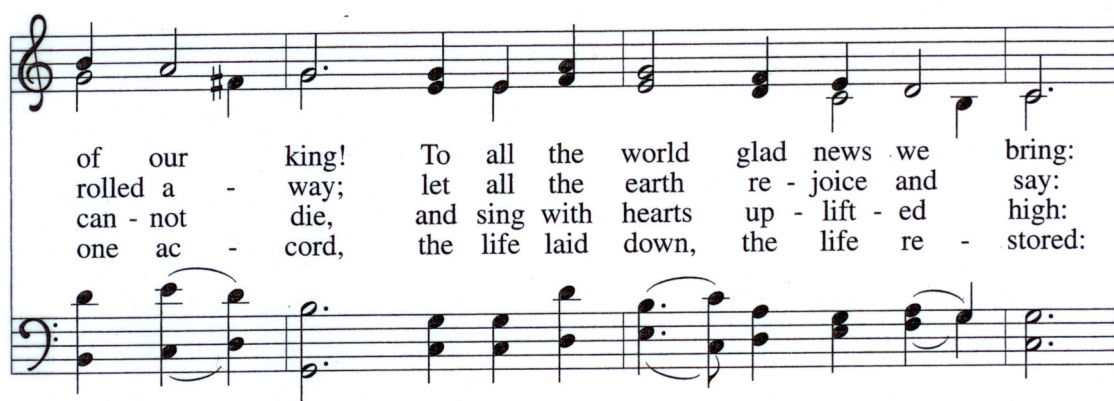
P: Hear the good news of God's forgiveness. Our God is a great God and knows what we need in every area of our life. God knows our weaknesses and our unbelieving hearts. God loves us enough to die on a cross and provide forgiveness for our sin. Today the focus is not on the faith we can muster, but on the great gifts our God gives. God has given us the gift of faith, faith for the moment, faith for every trial, faith for every temptation, faith for every difficult situation. Praise God. †

C: Alleluia and Amen.

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



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

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Assistant: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C: Lord, have mer - cy.

A: 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.

C: Lord, have mer - cy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mer - cy.

A: Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

C: A - men, a - men.

This Is the Feast

Refrain



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



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with You.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray,

Congregation: Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NEWS

FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-6 (7-20) *Pew Bible page 1002*

Meg Corrigan, Lector

Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

PSALM: Psalm 30 *pew Bible page 494*

Lector: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me,

Congregation: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

L: O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

C: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

L: For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

C: As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

L: By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

C: To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:

L: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

C: Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"

L: You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with Joy,

C: so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17 *pew Bible page 1124**John gives us a vision of heaven, a multitude of every nation.*

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

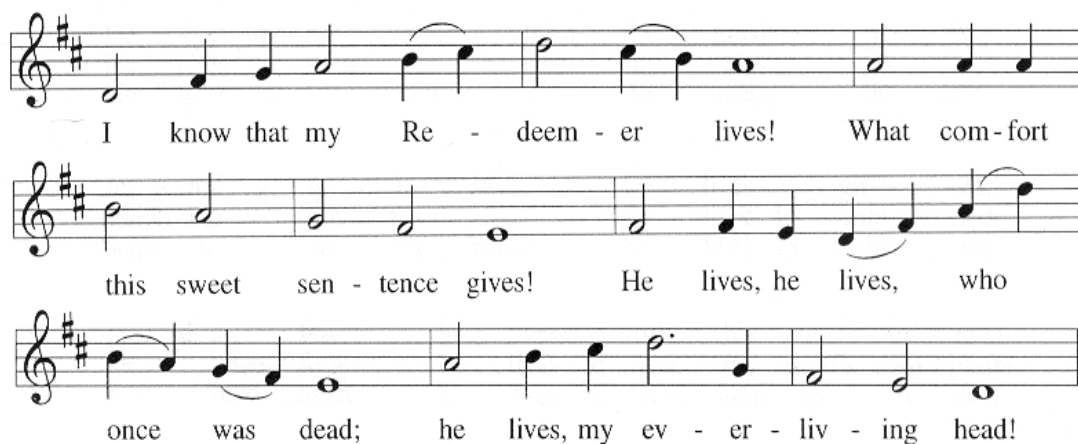
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessings and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR EASTER SEASON *hymn 619 vs 1*

GOSPEL: John 21:1-14 *pew Bible page 991*

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 21st chapter

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord!

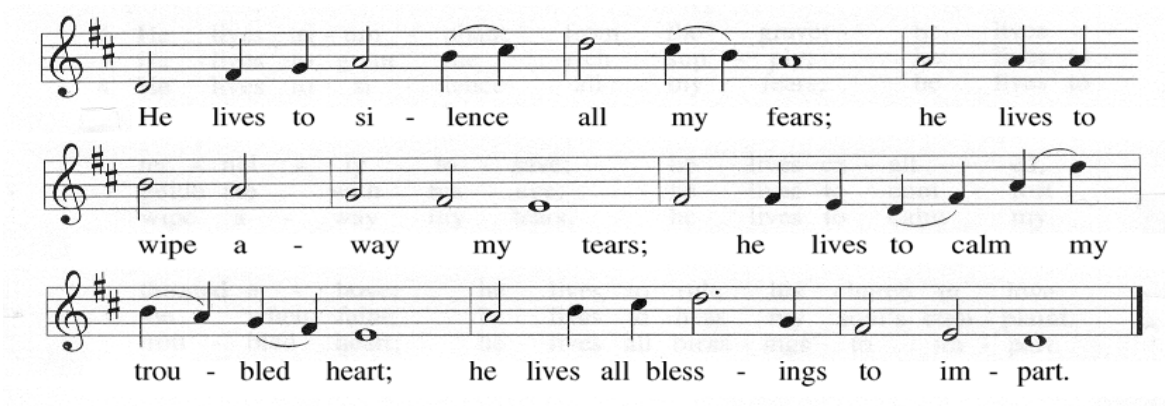
After he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem, Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR EASTER SEASON *hymn 619 vs. 4***SERMON** *Who Are These, Clothed in White?*

Pastor Stelter

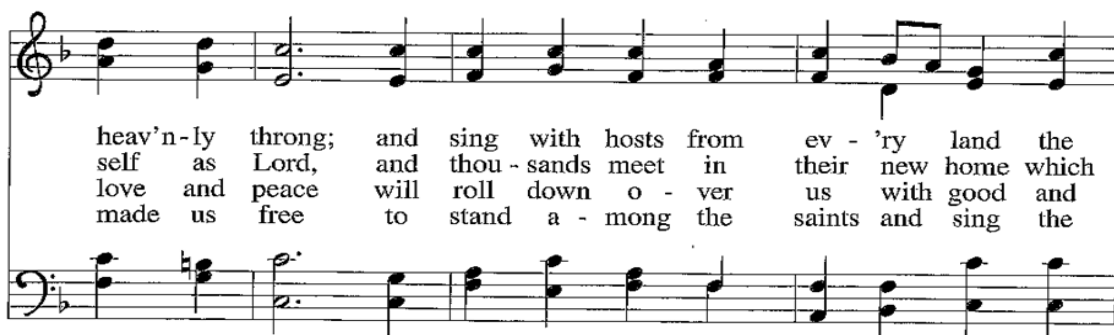
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HYMN OF THE DAY *hymn 441 (stand)*

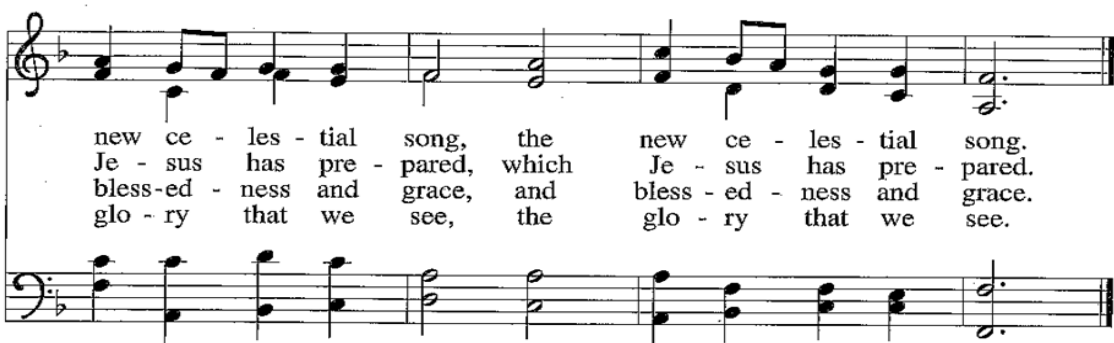
Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand



1 Oh, hap - py day when we shall stand a - mid the
 2 Oh, bless - ed day when Christ shall come and show him -
 3 Oh, what a might - y rush - ing flood of joy and
 4 O Lord, your grace is ev - 'ry - thing; your love has



heav'n - ly throng; and sing with hosts from ev - 'ry land the
 self as Lord, and thou - sands meet in their new home which
 love and peace will roll down o - ver us with good and
 made us free to stand a - mong the saints and sing the



new ce - les - tial song, the new ce - les - tial song.
 Je - sus has pre - pared, which Je - sus has pre - pared.
 bless - ed - ness and grace, and bless - ed - ness and grace.
 glo - ry that we see, the glo - ry that we see.

NICENE CREED FOR EASTER SEASON

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we proclaim our faith.

**All: 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;
 by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from
 the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**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.**

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NICENE CREED FOR EASTER SEASON *(continued)*

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

THE PRAYERS *stand or kneel*

Collin Kasefang, Assisting Minister

Assistant: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

brief silence.

Assistant: Your love sustains the church and its ministries. By that love, equip youth directors, Sunday school teachers, and all who guide formation in the church to nurture vibrant, living faith among your people. Hear us, O God.

Congregation: Your mercy is great.

L: Your abundance is made known throughout creation. Preserve oceans and rivers, lakes and estuaries so that all creatures living in them might flourish. Make us wise stewards of our local watersheds. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Your wisdom guides all who strive for justice and peace. Strengthen the work of grassroots organizers, especially among communities on the frontlines of justice work. Amplify the voices of those most in need, that their leadership guides the way forward. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Your compassion surrounds all who are in need. We pray for all people experiencing poverty and food insecurity, and for all struggling with debt and economic uncertainty. Reassure all who experience hopelessness or need your tender care. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: You invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of radical hospitality where all feel loved and celebrated. Show us how to better welcome visitors and bless the ministries of hospitality in this place. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: We praise you for the witness of your saints of all times and places. May their lives of faith guide us in our own journeys with you, today and every day. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Silence for individual prayer petitions.

Pastor: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Congregation: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TALK

ON THE CASE! 2025 Vacation Bible School Theme Song

words and music by Pastor Bob Stelter, 2025

Chorus:

On the case!
On the case!
We're gathering clues,
We're on the case! *(repeat)*

Verse 1:

Grow, serve, care and love,
We're growing in God's love.
Holy power from above,
We're growing in God's love.

Verse 2:

It's no mystery,
We're growing in God's love.
The clues are all around to see,
We're growing in God's love.

Verse 3:

We like to show how much we care,
We're growing in God's love.
We like to talk to God in prayer,
We're growing in God's love.

THE PEACE

Children: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

OFFERING FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERING ANTHEM *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. Sally DeFord

OFFERTORY *hymn 512*

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o - pen to the seed of your
word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where
love can grow and peace is un - der - stood. When my heart is hard,
break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Merciful God,

Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *hymnal page 107*

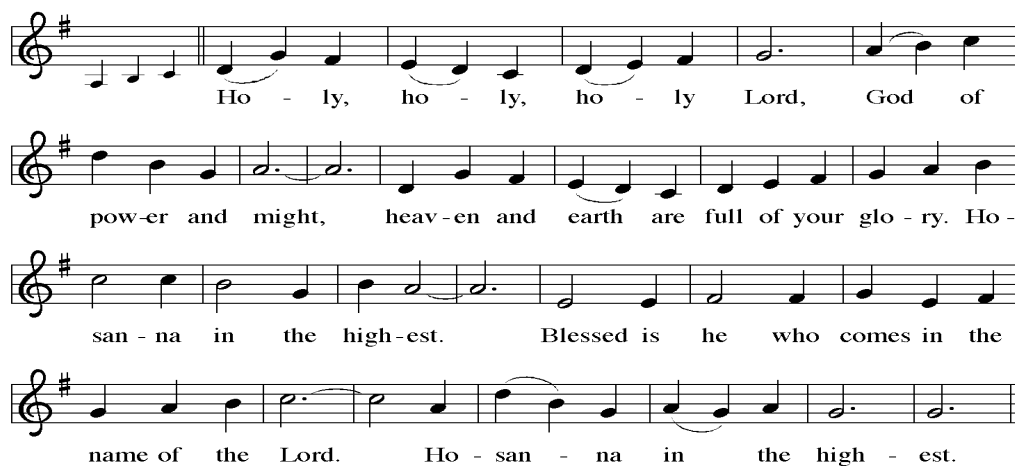
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE FOR EASTER SEASON

Pastor: 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, 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 witness 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:

THE SANCTUS *hymnal, page 108*

Holy, Holy, Holy



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Father: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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."

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

Congregation: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: With one will and one voice, we pray:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION FROM PASTOR STELTER

LAMB OF GOD *hymnal, page 112 (seated)*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *hymn 454*

Remember and Rejoice

1 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.
2 In life, in death, we trust in God's most ho - ly name,
3 We pledge our - selves a - new to flee the lures of hell,
4 God, bless us by your grace; re - mind us of your care.
5 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.

We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.
for - ev - er traced by wa - ter sign, and sealed by Spir - it flame.
to cling to Christ's com - mu - ni - ty, in jus - tice, peace to dwell.
Re - new - ing Spir - it, fill us now, in - spire our work, our prayer.
We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.

COMMUNION BLESSING *stand*

Pastor: Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His Grace.

Congregation: Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray.

Congregation: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go forth in the world as Easter people. Serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; and honor all people rejoicing in the power of the Father, the Son+ and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen

SENDING HYMN *hymn 439 (stand)*

Soon and Very Soon

1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon

soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon

soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon

Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -

jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

SENDING

Assistant: Our mission?

Congregation: Love God, love others, serve.

Assistant: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune in D major C.S. Lang

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

ALTAR GUILD Jen & Dave Ribble	GREETER Jane Dakolios
USHERS Randy Stewart, Steve Dean	
ASSISTING MINISTER Collin Kasefang	LECTOR Meg Corrigan
COMMUNION MINISTERS Jamie & Matt Daut, Marj West, Virginia McKinney,	PROJECTION & LIGHTS Mary Bales

*The flowers on the altar are given by **Nancy & Steve Dean**
in honor of **their grandchildren**.*



Sunday Worship

9am traditional with organ & choir

11:11am contemporary with praise band
in person and on our YouTube livestream

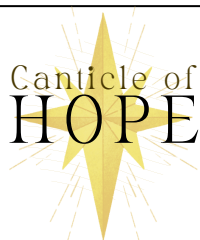
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Welcome!

**Please sign a
Worship Card
and place it in
offering plate.**

As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identities are united here in our mission to love God, Love Others, Serve.



CHOIR & PRAISE BAND CONCERT TODAY!

- Noon Luncheon
- 1pm Concert

Welcome, Bishop Strickland!

Bishop Strickland of our Southeastern Synod
visits us next Sunday, May 11.

The Bishop will preach and
commission Seminarian Sam Sosebee.

May 11 will be Nametag Sunday.



Food Pantry Bag Assembly Needs YOU!

Can you help Wed, May 14, 10am-Noon
assembling summer food bags?

Please sign up with Renée Stone at
shephopepantry@gmail.com



SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Open Mon, May 5, 3-5pm

Current Needs: Jelly (no glass jars)

Boxed Mashed Potato Flakes

Spaghetti Pasta, Ketchup 20-38 oz

Deodorants – male & female



MISSION TRIP INFO MEETING

Sunday, May 11, 10:15am

to discuss plans for July 13-17 trip
to Erwin, Tennessee for Hurricane Recovery
open to teens & adults
(teens must be accompanied by a parent)

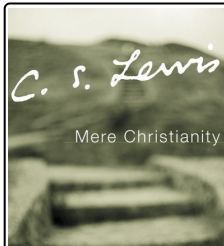
Spirituality Book Club

Join us Tues, May 6, 6:30pm

Mary Bales presents

Mere Christianity

by C.S. Lewis



**3-C
Night**



**Care
Compassion
Community**

Wed, May 7 – the Final 3-C Night

- 6:00-6:30pm – Prayer Group
- 6:30-7:30pm – Dinner & Communion
- 7:30-7:45 – 3-C Evaluation

Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic



Sunday May 25

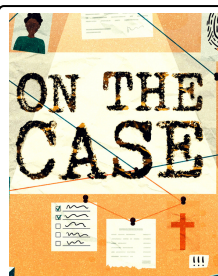
10am Unified Worship

11am Potluck Meal

Burgers, dogs, and drinks provided.

Please bring side or dessert to share.

Anchor Park Picnic Tables, 11730 Turkey Creek Road



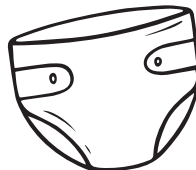
Vacation Bible School

June 2-5, 6:30-8pm

Kids, Helpers, and

Adult Bible Study: register at

faithloves.org/VBS2025



Diaper Drive during May

WELCA is collecting diapers
sizes 4, 5, 6 for Rachel's Day to
benefit guests at Shepherd of
Hope Food Pantry. Let's fill the
crib in the Narthex to overflowing!



WORSHIP THEMES

- † May 4 Third Sunday of Easter - we ponder the question, “Who are these, clothed in white?” and consider what it means to be clothed in Christ.
- † May 11 Bishop Strickland preaches, we recognize our graduates, and we commission our Seminarian, Sam Sosebee.

DIG IN, GROW DEEP, LEARN WITH OTHERS

- † Adult Bible Class: *The Holy Land Revealed*
- † Teen Sunday School for 6th-12th graders
- † Childrens Sunday School Class for 5th grade and younger
- † Tuesday Bible Study open to all, 1:30pm in *The Cup*
- † Vacation Bible School June 2-5 with classes for kids & adults - more info at faithloves.org/VBS2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

- † Have you & your family considered attending summer camp? Visit <https://novusway.org/> to sign up for Lutheridge & Lutherock’s excellent options!
- † Confirmation class for 8th and 9th graders meets on Sunday mornings with Pastor Bob, beginning September 7. Confirmation class allows young believers to gain confidence in their faith. Contact Pastor Stelter if you have an 8th or 9th grader who will attend, pastorbob@faithloves.org
- † English Language Learning Classes are offered at Faith Lutheran Church. You can help as encouragers and assistants. Contact Mildred Fenske, gomer2@hotmail.com
- † Father Bruce Corrigan is certified & available for individual Spiritual Direction at Faith Lutheran Church - helping you discern God’s direction for you - at no-cost. Email bcorrigan99@gmail.com
- † Columbarium Niches are available for \$1,800 (members) and \$2,500 (non-members). Application forms are found in our *Columbarium Booklet* located in the narthex.
- † Handbell Rehearsal, Wed, 5:30pm † Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Wed, 6:30pm
- † Praise Band Rehearsal, Thurs 6pm & Sun 10am

Members of Faith Lutheran Church — Ministers

Rev. Dr. Bob Stelter — Pastor
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PRAYER CONCERNS

Members: Dave Birkholz, Jan Bishop, Mary Blackburn, Rob Blackburn, Myles Cooper, Nancy Dean, Patsy Elmore, Jonas Greenman, Chip Hester, Bonnie Legako, Irene & Deiter Manthey, Lin & Mike McKinley, Harold Peters, Joe Poole, Dr. Ted Primka, Pamela Spaar, Bill Steele, Kali Sullins, Jean Witte, John Woods.

This column will start anew on the first Sunday of each month.

Friends: App family, Judy & Steve Baker, Bill Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Ginger Cameron, Michael Carfi, Nancy Crain, Damico family, Dennis family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Franklin family, Phylis Garrison, Gutelius family, Ann Harkabus, Joy Hymer, Juniper Johnson, Donna Knick, Chris Kresky, Anita & Steve Latham, Loyacano family, Jeff Matthews, Callie McGinley, Donna Paine, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Jennifer Polliette, Shannon Remington, Salles families, Marilyn Savilisky, Scaglione family, Ken Schwall, Jim Shea, Debbie Shinholt, Lynn Siegfried & family, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Barb Weldon, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Martha Woodward, Mitch, Brianne and Lily Wright, Angel, Ben, Cheri, George, Darcy, James, & family, Jodi, Judy & Joe, Rae *and those we name to You.*

Welcome: to new members Sandra Prior and Denise Anderson

Comfort in the midst of death for the family and friends of: Heather Fielden.

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Monna, Austin & Kendra, Cheyanne, Jason, Gary, Rolen, Kayla, Donny, Christy, Ted & Sandra, Kelly & Kristi, Tommy, Carolyn, Jimbo, Bill & Jan, Tom & Rhonda, Sharlene, Daniel, Rich, Dennis & Pattie, Frank, Frank, Janis, Pat, Alexis, Debbie, Chris, Logan, Angie, Adam, Susan & family, Debbie, Mary, Cookie, Tab, Chase, Bruce, Aloecia, Clarence, Tandra & Randal, Dillon, Sharon, Shirley & family, Jose, Shon, Richard & Ann *and those known to God.*

Salvation Army Friends: Derik, Tom, Erick, Ralph, Jordan, John, Gary, Derek, Brandon, Matt, Jared, Erma, Robin, Donetta, Christie, Rebecca, Lacy, Lexy, Tinal, Emma, Lily *and those known to God.*

Concern & Assistance: Those dealing with addiction while incarcerated. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans. Refugees and those living in fear of deportation. The people of Israel, Syria, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia.

Partnerships: Bishop Eaton & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; English Language Learning Classes, Quiet Music Ministry; MomCo; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Women's & Men's Homeless Shelters; Street Hope; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band; Mercy Ships; Lutheran Church & School in Guatemala; AL-ANON; Narcotics Anonymous.

Peace & Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Kyleigh Cole, Nick Corrigan, Anthony Hu, HM, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Sam Thompson, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount, Greg Zager.

Church Council Leadership Team

Stephen Dean, President	Laura Beardsley, Secretary	Connie Rist
David Mabry, Vice President	Carrie Parrott, Treasurer	Dawn Titsworth
Mary Bales	Ritchie Case	Pastor Stelter

NURSERY

Jesus welcomed all - we love kids in church. There are coloring pages near the center doors.

A Staffed Nursery is available on Sundays down the hall near restrooms, with diaper changing station. A Cry Room for parents to sit with kids & participate in worship is through glass wall at back of Sanctuary, with nursing area & diaper changing station.

Giving 4/27/25

Offerings last week: \$ 32,551

Offerings Year-to-Date: \$ 333.965



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Daily Lectionary Readings for this Week

For more information, readings, and special days, visit www.elca.org and search for *Lectionary*

Mon: Ezekiel 1:1-25, Acts 9:19-31, Psalm 121

Tues: Ezekiel 1:26-2:1, Acts 26:1-18, Psalm 121

Wed: Isaiah 6:1-8, Luke 5:1-11, Psalm 121

Thurs: Ezekiel 11:1-25, Revelation 5:1-10, Psalm 23

Fri: Ezekiel 20:39-44, Revelation 6:1-7:4, Psalm 23

Sat: Ezekiel 28:25-26, Luke 12:29-32, Psalm 23

Sun: Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

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Week of May 4-11, 2025

Sunday, May 4 - Third Sunday of Easter

9am Traditional Worship Service

10:15am *The Holy Land Revealed* Adult Sunday School

10:15am Teen Sunday School (grade 6 & up)

10:15am Childrens Sunday School (grade 5 & below)

10:15am English Language Class

11:11am Contemporary Worship Service

Noon Canticle of Hope luncheon & concert

4pm Cello concert

Monday, May 5

9am Sons of Norway

Noon Via de Cristo Reunion Group *Library*

3-5pm Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry open

6:15pm English Language Class

Tuesday, May 6

1:30pm Bible Study *open to all*

6:30pm Spirituality Book Group - *Mere Christianity*

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

Wednesday, May 7

5:30pm Handbell rehearsal

6pm 3-C Night prayer group

6:30pm 3-C Night dinner, Communion, & evaluation

6:30pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, May 8

6pm Praise Band rehearsal

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, May 9

9:30am Cole Center Caregiver Community

7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, May 10

11am AL-ANON meeting

Sunday, May 11 - Fourth Sunday of Easter - visit from Bishop Strickland, recognition of graduates, commissioning our Seminarian Sam Sosebee

9am Traditional Worship Service

10:15am Mission Trip Info Meeting

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10:15am Teen Sunday School (grades 6-12)

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