

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 8, 2022

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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GATHERING

PRELUDE “Now All the Vaults of Heaven Resound” L. Larson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Drawn by our joy in the Risen Lord, we gather in the name of the Father, and of the
✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us now confess our sins.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Almighty God,
we cannot free ourselves from our desire to sin. We cannot keep sin out of every part of our lives. We wound our neighbors, our friends, and ourselves by what we do and what we fail to do. For the sake of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, have mercy on us. Cleanse us from our sins. Give us new hearts and minds. And raise us to new and abundant life, so that we never tire of serving in your holy name. Amen.

Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, your sins have been forgiven so that you are free to walk in newness of life. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN “The Day of Resurrection”
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GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

“He Is Lord” (Sing once quietly, then repeat loudly)

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is
Lord! Ev-'ry knee shall bow, ev-'ry tongue con - fess
That Je - sus Christ is Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

A Reading from Acts

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.

⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

(Acts 9:36-43)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 - NRSV (Read Responsively)

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil; for you are with me;

your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

A Reading from Revelation

⁹After 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. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And 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, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I 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.

¹⁵For 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.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for 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.” (Revelation 7:9-17)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

Refrain

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,
²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews
gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If
you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do
not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not
believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know
them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No
one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than
all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰The Father and I are
one.” (John 10:22-30)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

[See back of bulletin]

THE NICENE CREED (Read in Unison)

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.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Gentle Shepherd, enable your church to respond to your voice. Give us unfailing trust to join in the work of renewing all things. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Prepare a safe place for those whose environments are dangerous or unhealthy. Prosper your creation for the sake of every living thing. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Warm the hearts of all who celebrate and all who mourn on Mother's Day. Help us to heal from broken family relationships and open us to receive your nurturing love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bring hope and abundant life to those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We especially pray for everyone on our prayer list and all people who are victims of war and violence. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Inspire liturgists, musicians, and artists who creatively stretch our understanding of your holy word. Help us to use whatever talents you have given us to share the good news of the Gospel with others. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gather us with the multitude of saints from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. Show us your saving grace and lead us to your waters of boundless life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great**

(The Pastor concludes): We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

C. Berry

OFFERTORY HYMN

“At the Lamb’s High Feast”

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Risen Lord, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, reveal yourself to us as you meet us in this simple meal. Nourish us so that we follow you, and feed the hungry, comfort the weary, and share your message of abundant new life. **Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

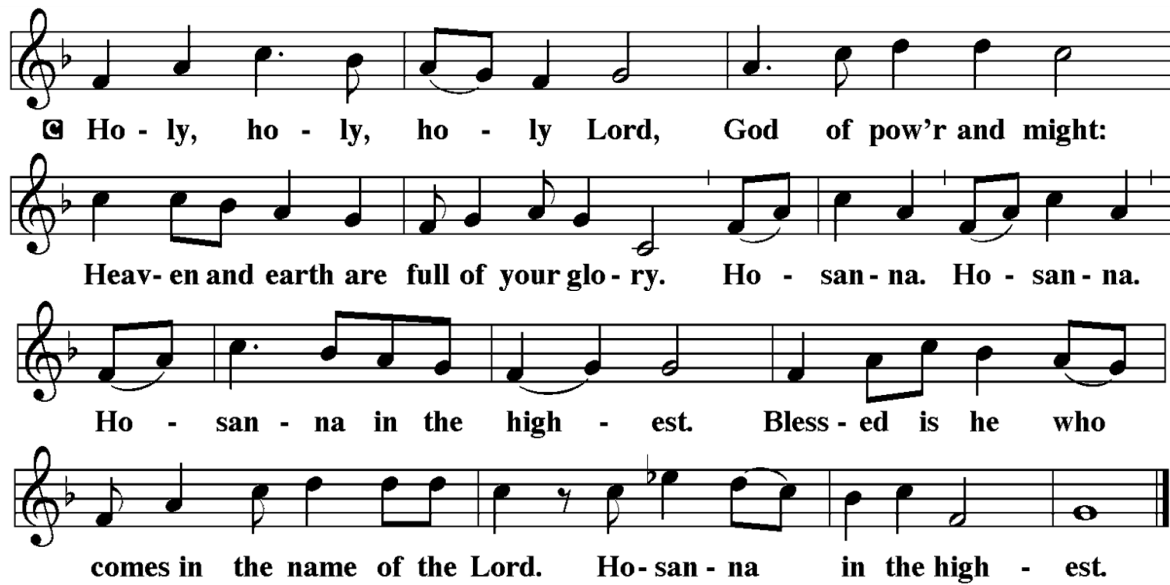
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should in all times and all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his 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:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (read in unison)

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

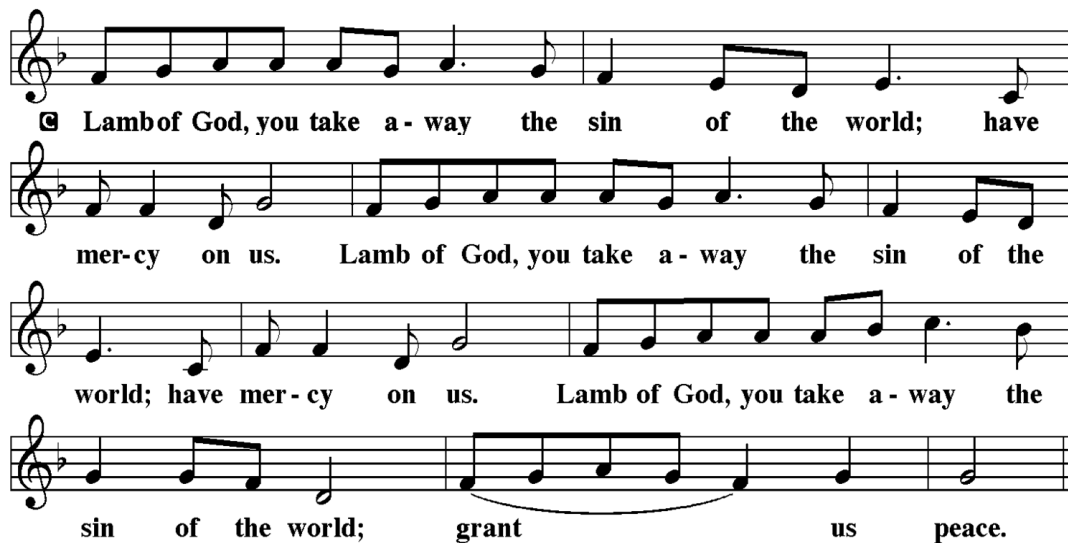
Christ is risen from the dead. All are welcome at his table.

Alleluia! Let us come to the feast.

INSTRUCTIONS

All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ, are welcomed to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We share the Sacrament by intinction, that is, by allowing communicants to dip a wafer of bread (the Body of Christ) into a chalice of wine (the Blood of Christ) before they consume it. Those who are unable to come forward may receive the Sacrament as they sit in their pews. If you (or your child) would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, please come forward and say, "A blessing," or cross your arms over your chest. The pulpit side of the church is communed first.

AGNUS DEI



♩ 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 HYMN "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
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TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for our sake. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN “Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing”

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THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

You are the body of Christ. Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“The Rejoicing”

C. Callahan

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Introduction to the Day: The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Altar flowers are presented in honor of Alexandria Spitler by her parents, Tina and Scott Butler

Chancel flowers are presented in loving memory of our mother Edith Kriner, for her birthday and Mother’s Day by daughters Kathie Franz, Janet Smith, and Cherie Zimmerman, son Phil Kriner, and their families.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY (5/08/22)

8:00 AM

GREETER: TBA; LECTOR: Ruth Ann Withers

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Ruth Ann Withers

10:30 AM

GREETER: Deb Bolinsky; USHER: Tina Butler; LECTOR: Eric Eger

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Wayne Lutsey

ALTAR GUILD: Joyce O'Rourke and Jean Premich

COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Marlene Eidam, and Diane Brobst

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (5/15/22)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Pastor Mike; LECTOR: Amy Dewald

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Amy Dewald

10:30 AM

GREETER: Wayne Lutsey; USHER: Gloria Dierwechter; LECTOR: Wayne Lutsey

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Sur Reier

ALTAR GUILD: Joyce O'Rourke and Jean Premich

COUNTERS: Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter, and Pat Davis

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, May 8	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:30 AM	Sunday School
Monday, May 9	6:30 PM	Council
Tuesday, May 10	6:00 PM	Service Ministry
	6:30 PM	Evangelism
Wednesday, May 11	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Friday, May 13	9:00 AM	STiC SRT Walk in Auburn
Saturday, May 14	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, May 15	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion

WELCOME

Please welcome the Reverend David Rowe of Oley, PA, who is leading our Sunday worship today. Before he retired last year, Reverend Rowe served as pastor at Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Schuylkill Haven, PA.

BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 15, St. Paul's will celebrate "Bring a Friend Sunday." Please plan to invite a friend to worship with us and stay after the 10:30 a.m. service for fellowship and refreshments.

SUNDAY SCHOOL!

We continue to host a Sunday School for children every second Sunday of the month. Children ages 1-10 are invited to join us during the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, May 8, for Bible stories, crafts, a snack, fun, and fellowship. Teenagers are also invited to participate as helpers. Please contact Sarah Eger at 570-394-3522 or swoodring86@hotmail.com.

ESTIMATE OF GIVING FORM 2022

_____ **Option one:** I/we/our family prayerfully estimate(s) our giving to be:

\$_____ for St. Paul's Current Expenses.

\$_____ for the greater church through Mission Support (Benevolence).

\$_____ for special ministry or needs (list here) _____.

I/we/our family will contribute:

_____ weekly _____ monthly _____ quarterly _____ as we are able.

_____ **Option two:** I/we/our family will continue to give to St. Paul's as we are able, however we cannot estimate what our giving will be at this time.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please deposit this form in the offering plate or mail it to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Planned Giving Program, P.O. Box 156, Orwigsburg, PA. 17961 by Sunday, June 5, 2022

GERANIUM ORDER SHEET

We plan to decorate the church with red geraniums on Pentecost Sunday, June 5. The deadline to place an order is **May 22** and the cost of each geranium is \$4.00. Checks may be made payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Please place your order and payment in the basket on the table under the bulletin board in the Gathering Room. Envelopes are available for your use.

Name: _____

If you wish to dedicate your flowers, please fill out the information below:

In honor of:

In memory of:

Total # of Geraniums: _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

GATHERING HYMN

“The Day of Resurrection”

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!

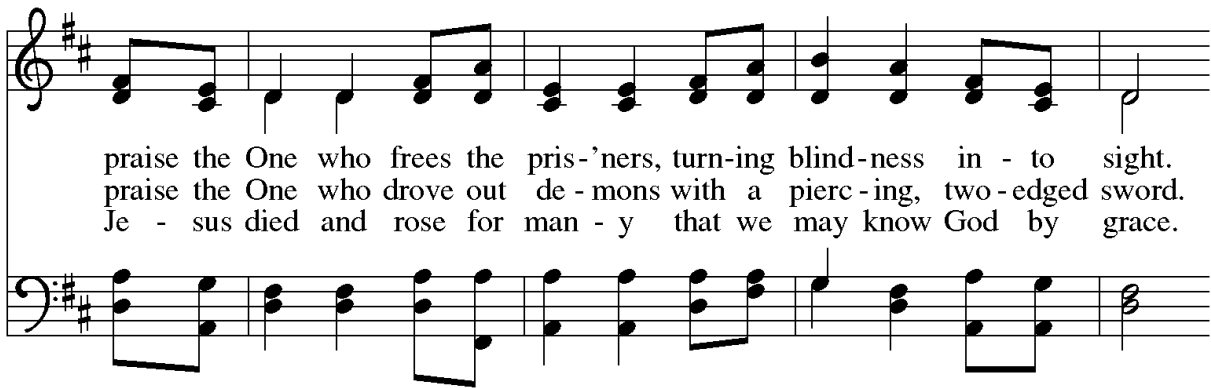
From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own “All hail!” and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

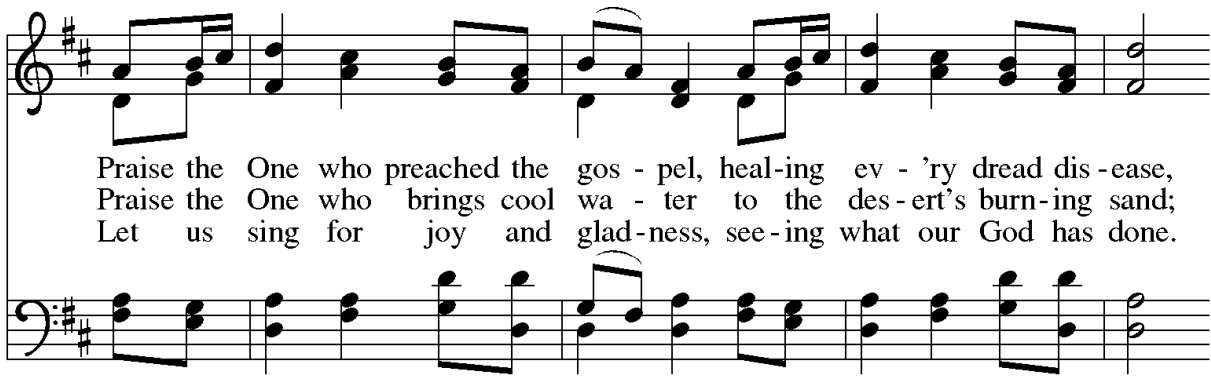
HYMN OF THE DAY "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"



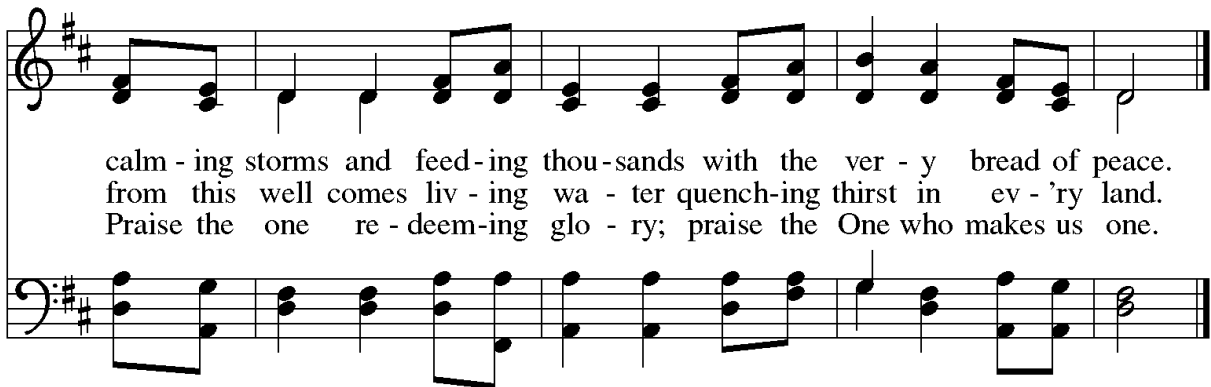
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

COMMUNION HYMN "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

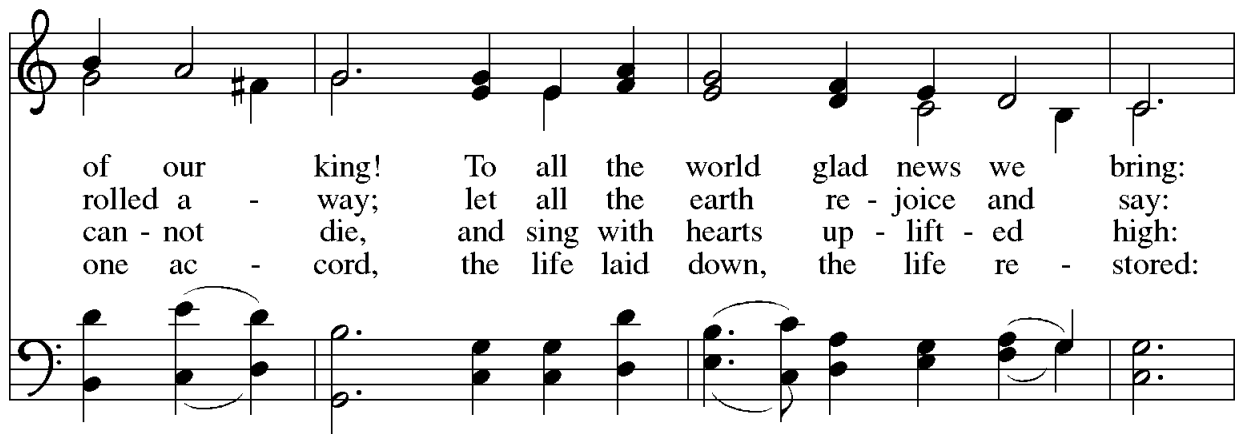
5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

SENDING HYMN "Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing"



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce 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 - joi - ce 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!