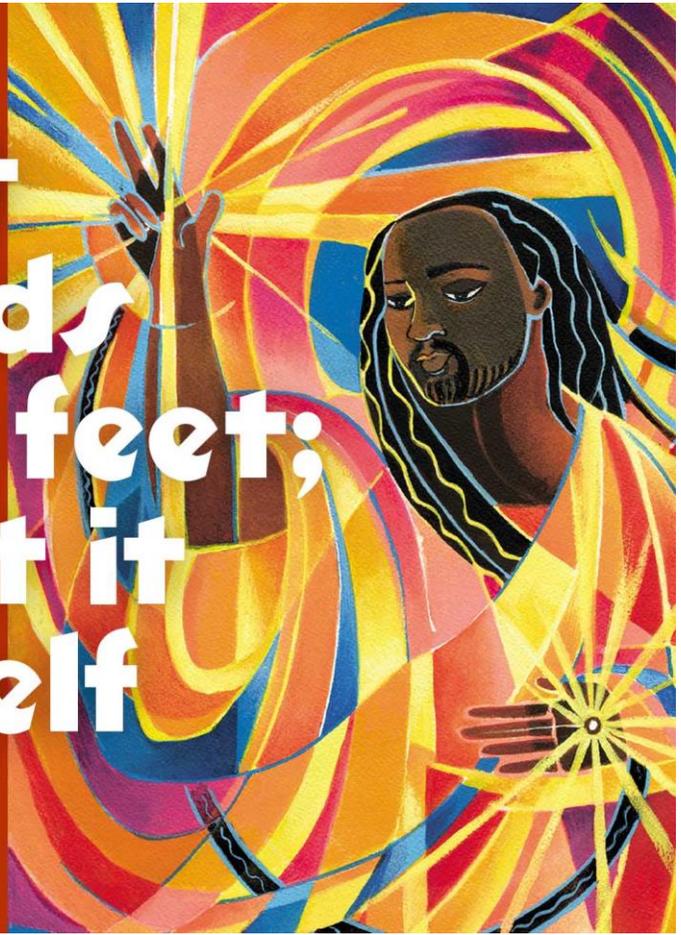


**Look at
my hands
and my feet;
see that it
is I myself**

LUKE 24:39



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Third Sunday of Easter
April 15, 2018
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to the day

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord's day. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Joyful Celebration* Sharon Elliott Cheek
Zion Bell Choir

Please stand.

(8:00) Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life: for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: for water from our tap, for rain and snow, for Sandusky Bay and Lake Erie.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here; for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, for those newly baptized at the Easter Vigil and in this holy season; for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

HOLY BAPTISM

The assembly is seated.

Presentation



In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:
I present name for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses candidates who are able to answer for themselves:

Name, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Each candidate responds: I do.

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your children* baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring *your children* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

- ❖ to live with *them* among God's faithful people,
- ❖ teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
- ❖ place in *their* hands the holy scriptures,
- ❖ and nurture *them* in faith and prayer,
- ❖ so that *your children* may learn to trust God,
- ❖ proclaim Christ through word and deed,
- ❖ care for others and the world God made,
- ❖ and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *your children* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *these persons* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support name/s and pray for *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

We do.

The assembly stands.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

Baptism

Name, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.

al - le - lu - ia.

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

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain name with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Name, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Welcome

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative
and redeeming word to all the world.**

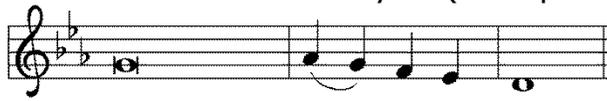
Gathering Song: *Now all the Vault of Heaven Resounds* (**ELW 367**)

Greeting

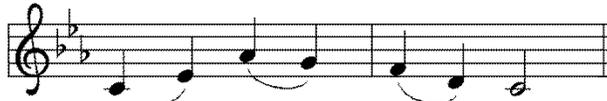
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie (ELW p. 98)



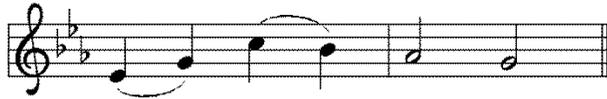
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



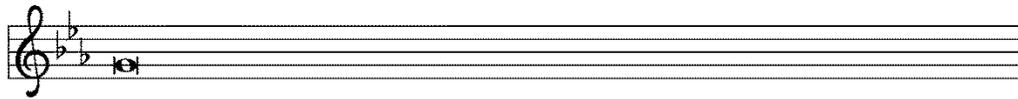
Lord, have mer - cy.



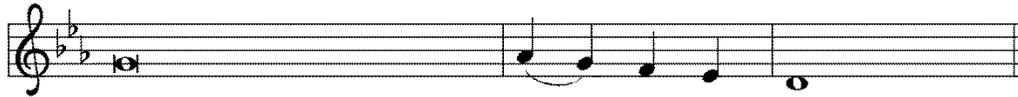
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



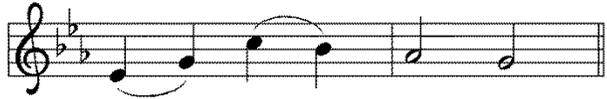
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



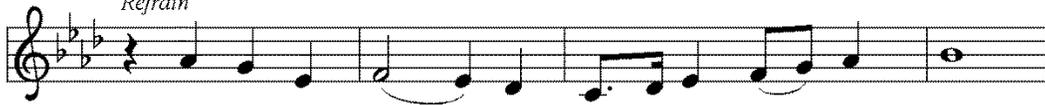
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

Canticle of Praise

Refrain



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



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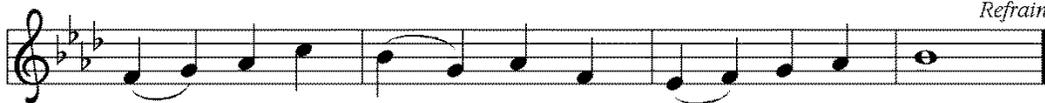
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



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

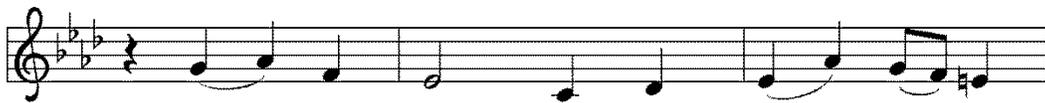


Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



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

Refrain



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Refrain

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

(8:00) Choir Anthem: *What Shall I Render* Allen Pote

Children's Message

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

After healing a crippled man, Peter preaches to the people how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

A reading from Acts:

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4



- ¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender ¹ of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and ¹ hear my prayer.
- ²"You mortals, how long will you dishon- ¹ or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek ¹ after lies?" **R**
- ³Know that the LORD does wonders ¹ for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me ¹ when I call.
- ⁴Tremble, then, and ¹ do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- ¹ on your bed. **R**
- ⁵Offer the appointed ¹ sacrifices,
and put your trust ¹ in the LORD.
- ⁶Many are saying, "Who will show us ¹ any good?"
Let the light of your face shine upon ¹ us, O LORD. **R**
- ⁷You have put gladness ¹ in my heart,
more than when grain and ¹ wine abound.
- ⁸In peace, I will lie ¹ down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me ¹ rest secure. **R**

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

A reading from 1 John:

- ¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.
- ⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Our hearts | burn within us
while you open to | us the scriptures.

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

The holy gospel according to Luke:
Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon. The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

Hymn of the Day: *By Your Hand You Feed Your People* (ELW #469)

(8:00)

Apostles' Creed

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.

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition ends:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. The assembly is seated.

MEAL

Offering: *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* Lyle K. Neff

Offering Hymn: *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* (ELW #362, verse 3)

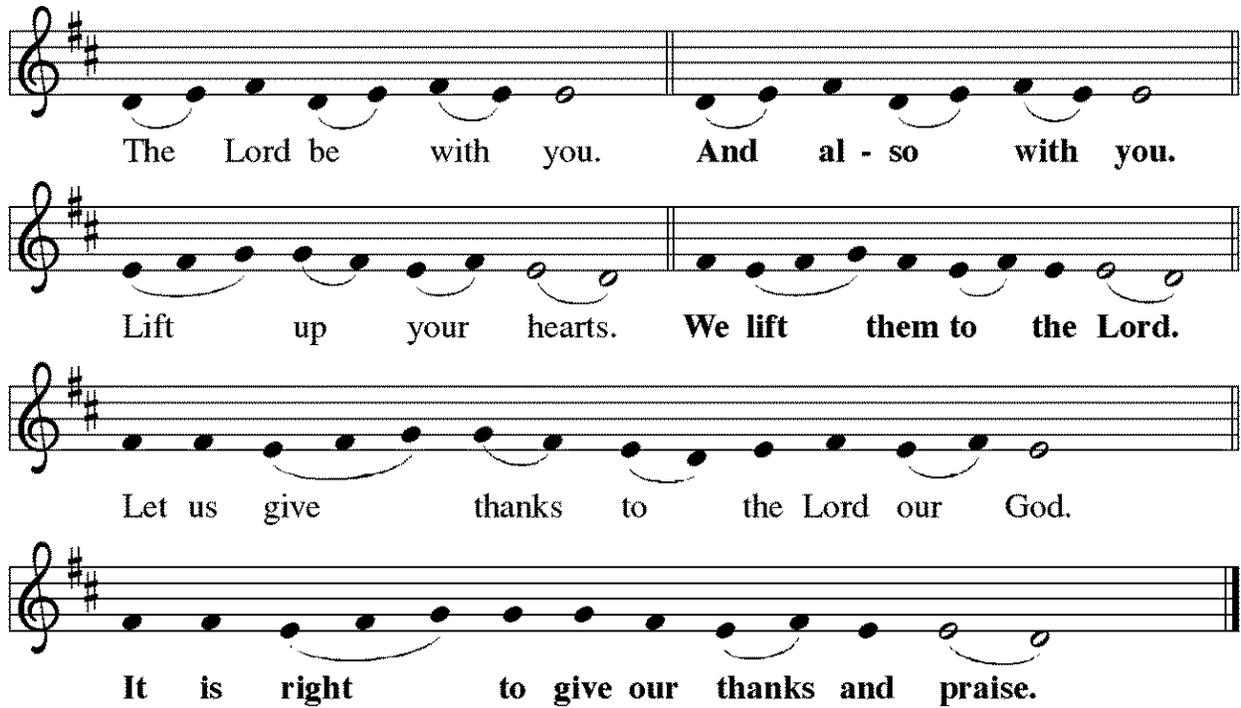
Offering Prayer

Let us pray Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue



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

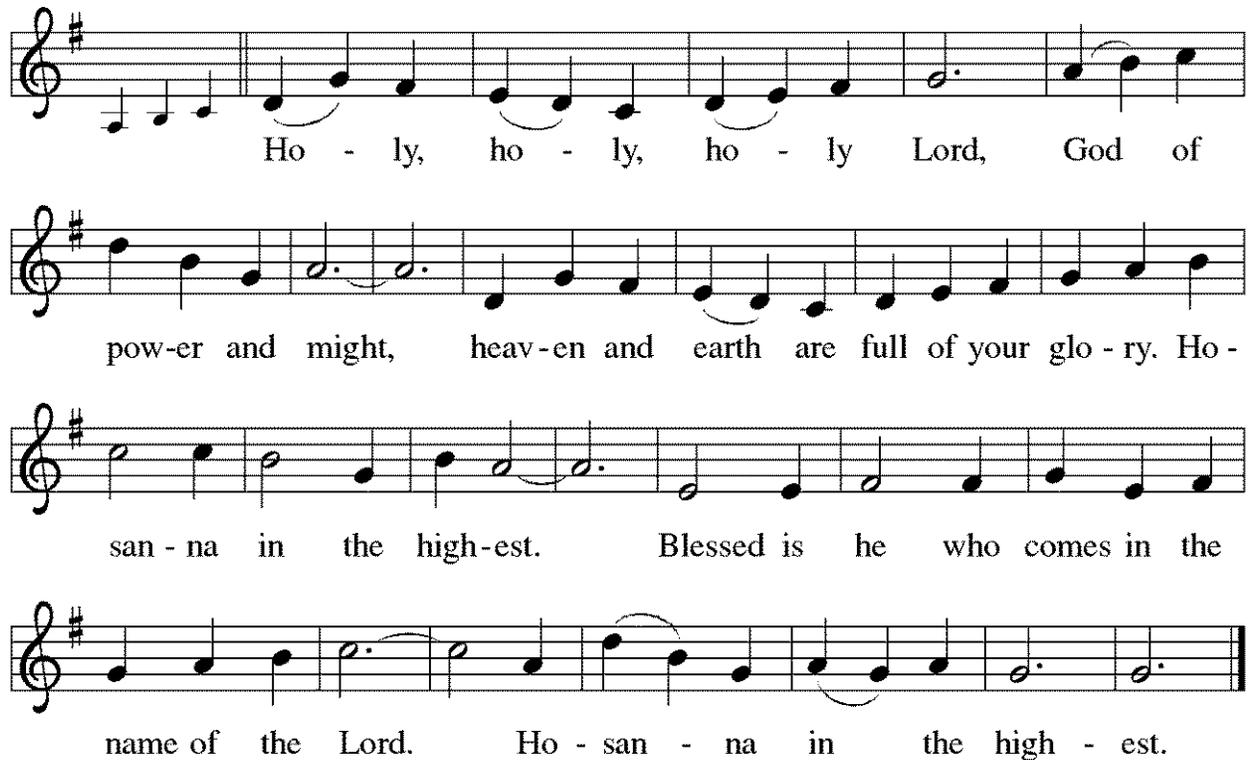
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

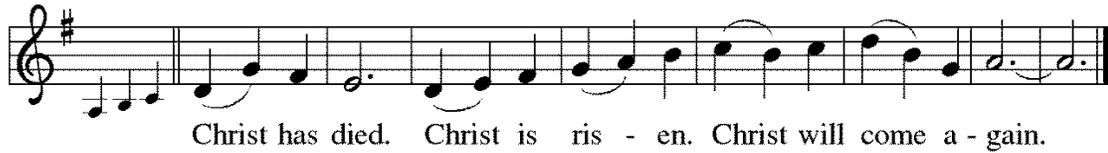
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

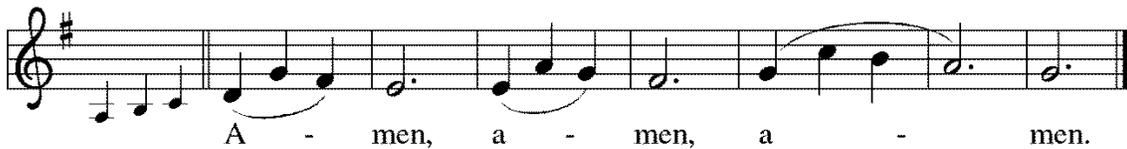
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

You are indeed holy... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command... To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



Lord's Prayer

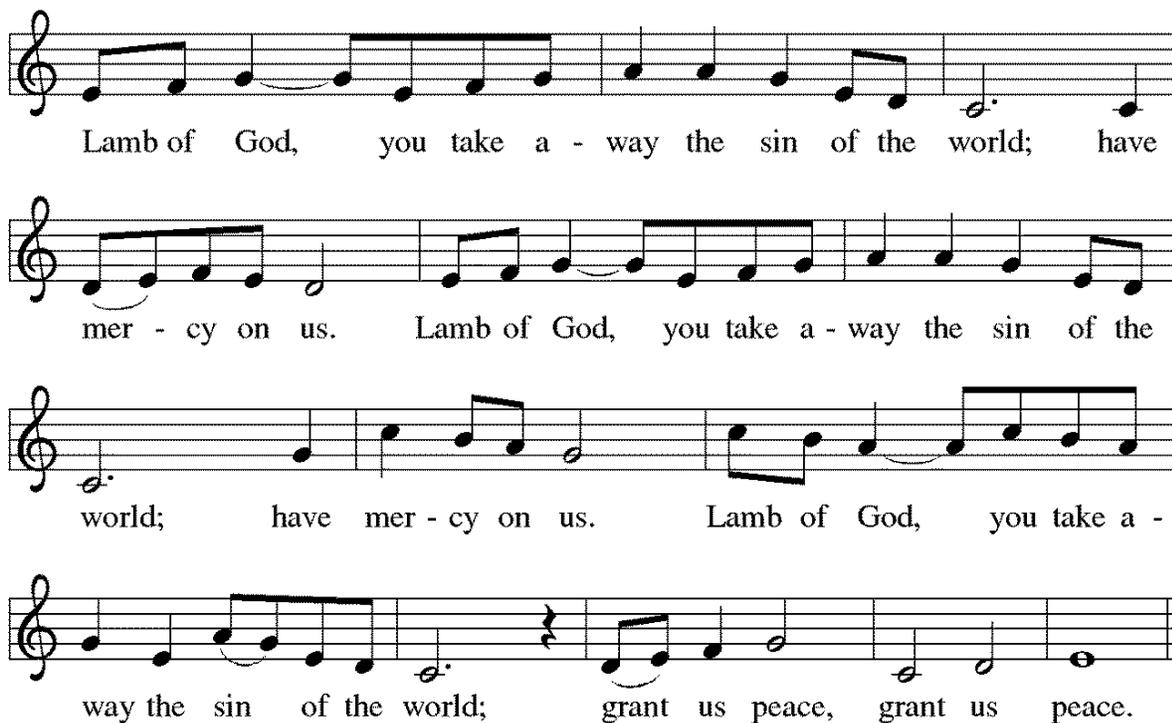
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Communion Distribution

The belief of this congregation is that participation in the Lord's Supper is the reception of "the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink" (Luther's Small Catechism, ELW p. 1166). We believe that "a person who has faith in these words, 'given for you' and 'shed for you for the forgiveness of sin,' is really worthy and well prepared. However, a person who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, because the words 'for you' require truly believing hearts" (Luther's Small Catechism, ELW p. 1166).

Communion Song



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: *Come, Let Us Eat* (ELW #491)

Please stand.

Post-Communion Canticle: *Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus* (ELW #501)

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

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

Amen.

Sending Song: *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* (ELW #366)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Recessional on "Lasst uns erfeuen"* Alan Smith

Worship leaders today are:

Presiding Minister: Rev. Dr. Eric L. Bodenstab

Assisting Minister: Carolyn Steinfeldt, ELCA Deacon

Organist: Ron Borchardt

Senior Choir/Bell Choir Director: Ron Albert

Lector: Dale Cerny

Children's Message: Dale Cerny

Prayers of the People: Doris Suman

Serving Bread: Carolyn Steinfeldt, ELCA Deacon

Communion Assistants: (8:00) Kris Stradtman & Andrew Castello
(10:30) Dan Willey & Ron Dahs

Sound Board: (8:00) Janet Stradtman (10:30) Tim Kostel

Ushers: (8:00) Bill Wood, Chris Antel, Bill Biehl, Andy Castello, John Castello,
and Terry Pearston

(10:30) Bill Bossetti, Earl & Bea Rosen, and Walter & Deb Kaufmann

Gathering Hosts: (8:00) Bill & Barb Biehl

(10:30) Wendy Schonhardt & Sue Pomerson

Greeter: Sue Pomerson

Altar Guild: Cindy Schwab



Attendance/Offering

April 14-15th (178) General Fund Offering received **\$5,411.00**

Midweek General Fund Offering received **\$2,503.00**

Weekly budgeted amount **\$7,480.77** - Total General Fund amount received **\$7,914.00**



One side vase is given by *Phyllis Tucker* in loving memory of loved ones. One side vase is given by *Denny & Kathy Joiner* in honor of their new great-grandson, *Dylin R. Hice*. The center vase is given by *Bob Butler* "in honor of the wedding anniversary of *Bob & Sarah Butler*, from Dad".



At the 10:30 worship service, Zion welcomes into the family of faith through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism: **Bronx Madden Harvey**, son of Cameron Harvey and Tia Marie Valliant. Bronx's baptismal sponsors are Devon Yontz, Terrvonis Valliant, and Cordell Irby.



This week in Ministry:

Sunday, April 15

8:00/10:30 a.m. Worship/Baptism
9:15 a.m. Sunday School Hour
Children of Zion – Basement
Pastor's Adult Forum – Library

Monday, April 16

Noon – Pastor's Small Group - Library
5:30 p.m. Temple Care Takers – Library
6:30 p.m. Quilters - Basement
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts – Basement
7:00 p.m. Firelands Chorus – Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. FLAME Board Mtg. – St. John's

Tuesday, April 17

9:00 a.m. Quilters - Basement
1:00 p.m. Lectionary Study @ Mr. Smith's



Wednesday, April 18

7:30 a.m. Lectionary Study – Library
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday, April 19

Pastor Eric at Synod Office
2:00 p.m. Rostered Leaders Mtg. – Mr. Smith's
5:30 p.m. Cherub Choir - Sanctuary
6:15 p.m. Bell Choir – Bell Choir Loft
7:00 p.m. Senior Choir Practice - Basement

Friday, April 20

Care & Share Volunteers: Jim & Jeannie Johnson and Roger & Barb Newton

Zionews Deadline

Saturday, April 21

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Eastern Conference of WELCA Spring Assembly – St. John's in Fremont
6:00 p.m. Worship

If you, a family member, or a friend is in need of Pastoral care, or is hospitalized, please call Pastor Eric 419-503-5288 or the church office at 419-625-2112.

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