

WELCOME!

We are glad to welcome you today as we gather together to worship God! Please be sure you complete the salmon insert inside your bulletin and turn it in to the usher at the time of communion.

This bulletin will assist you in participating in worship. All parts spoken by the congregation are listed in **bold print and preceded by "C:"**

There are also instructions printed in *italics* that will indicate other helpful descriptions of the service. Large Print Hymns are available. Please see an usher.

Thank you for turning off your cell phones or putting them on "silent" during the service.



We are committed to ***invite*** and ***welcome*** all to Jesus Christ, to ***equip*** all with an active faith that works in real life, and together go into the world to ***serve*** in Jesus' name.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: The Good Shepherd by Dale Wood

The prelude is by American composer Dale Wood (1934-2003). His musical career was launched at age 13 when he won a hymn-writing contest sponsored by the American Lutheran Church. He eventually gained a world-wide reputation as a composer of organ and choral music, publishing hundreds of pieces.

Please stand

INVOCATION, CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

[Silence for reflection and self-examination]

P: Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN 452 "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Glo-ry to God _____ in__ the high -
est, and__ peace to God's peo-ple on earth. _____ Glo-ry to
God _____ in__ the high - est, and__ peace to God's
peo-ple on earth. _____ Lord__ God, heav-en - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we _____
praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord _____
God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have _____
mer - cy on _____ us; you sit at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re -

Refrain

ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God

in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and

peace to God's peo-ple on earth. For you a-lone are the

Ho-ly One, you are the Lord, you are the Most High, Je-sus

Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-

ther.

Final refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-

est. A-men, a-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' 9 But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride

adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the tabernacle of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

P: The Holy Gospel according to the 13th chapter of John.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

ANTHEM

8:15am Men's Chorale "I Shall Not Be Moved"

arr. by Alice Parker

11am Chancel Choir "Go Not Far from Me" by Niccolo Zingarelli (1752-1837)

Lyrics: Go not far from me, O God; cast me not away on the time of need; forsake me not when my strength faileth me. O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise, that I may sing of Thy glory and honor all the day long.

SERMON

Pastor Patti Morlock

HYMN 623 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 THE CHURCH

Response: P: ...Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

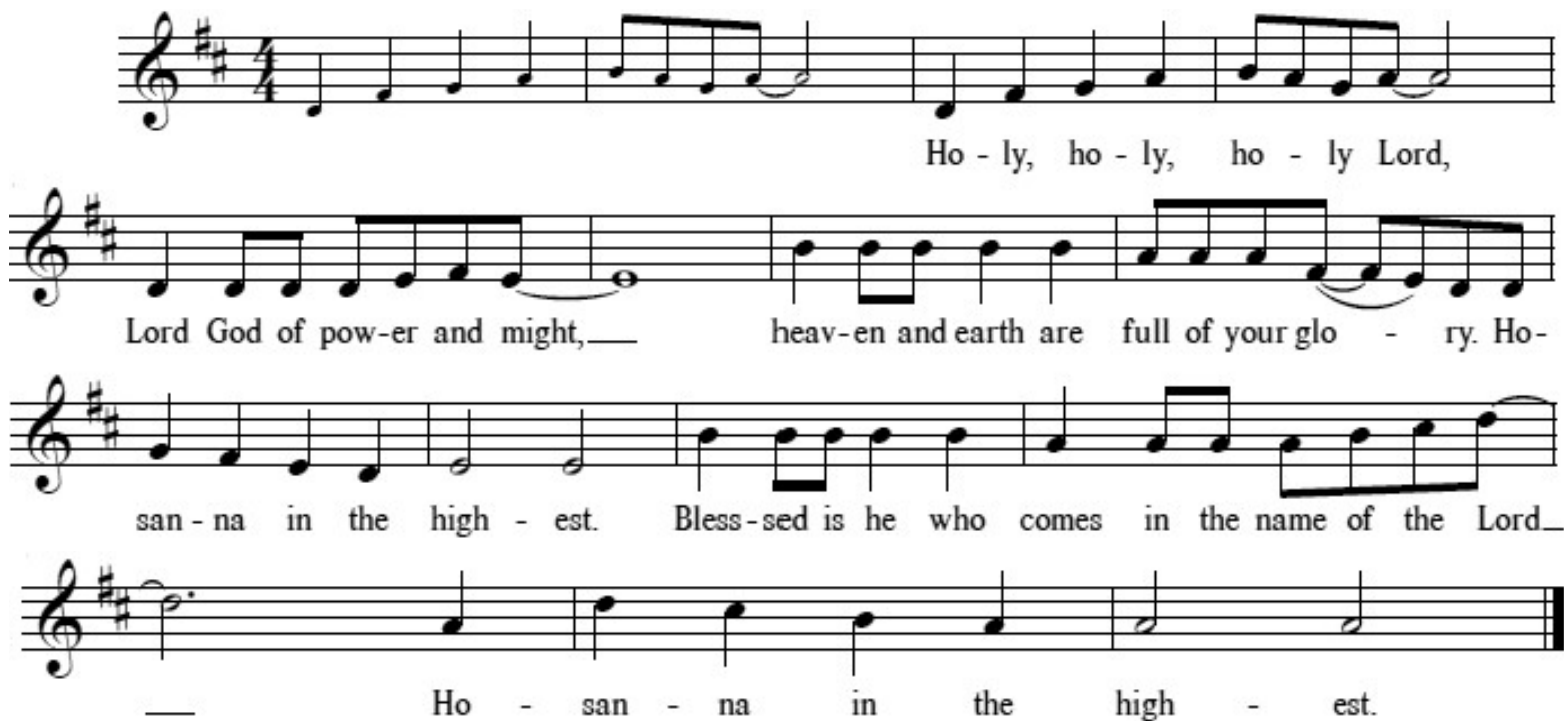
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy... ..we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
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-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

- ◆ *Persons who know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and believe in his real presence in the sacrament are invited to commune. Grape juice is available in the center of the tray.*

- ◆ *Children not yet communing may come forward with their parents to receive a blessing.*
- ◆ *Adults who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Please indicate you desire a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.*
- ◆ *If you are not able to come forward to receive communion, please let the pastor know by raising your hand as he/she scans the congregation. The pastor will come to you.*

BLESSING, PRAYER and BENEDICTION

HYMN 367 “Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound”

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord!

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: Crowned with Honor

by Tom Birchwood

**PRAISE THE LORD!
PRAISE THE LORD FROM THE HEAVENS;
PRAISE HIM IN THE HEIGHTS!
PRAISE HIM, ALL HIS ANGELS;
PRAISE HIM, ALL HIS HOSTS!
PRAISE HIM, SUN AND MOON;
PRAISE HIM, ALL YOU STARS OF LIGHT!
PRAISE HIM,
YOU HEAVENS OF HEAVENS,
AND YOU WATERS ABOVE THE HEAVENS!
PSALM 148:1-4**

PSALM 148:5-15

Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for at his command they were created,
and he established them for ever and ever—
he issued a decree that will never pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,
lightning and hail, snow and clouds,
stormy winds that do his bidding,
you mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,
wild animals and all cattle,
small creatures and flying birds,
kings of the earth and all nations,
you princes and all rulers on earth,
young men and women,
old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.
And he has raised up for his people a horn,
the praise of all his faithful servants,
of Israel, the people close to his heart.

Praise the Lord!

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 15, 2022

*“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
“Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them,
and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.”
- Revelation 21:3 -*

This awe-inspiring verse proclaims the fulfillment of God's greatest desire for humanity. Scripture tells us that, in the beginning, God created the magnificent universe in which we live. He created the heavens, the world, and all the beautiful flora and fauna within it. He created people, and then, “God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good” (Gen. 1:31). God then walked among his creation in the garden with Adam and Eve (see Gen. 3:8). There, they enjoyed unbroken, loving relationship, just as God desired from the start. There, Adam and Eve enjoyed the manifest presence of God and the fullness of his beauty and love. We can only imagine the delight and bliss they must have experienced in the presence of their loving God.

Catastrophically for all creation, Adam and Eve chose to mistrust and, consequently, to disobey God. As a result, God forced them to leave the garden (see Gen. 3). God, in his wisdom, love, and goodness simply would not allow Adam and Eve to eat from the Tree of Life and live forever in their fallen, sinful state. (see Gen. 3:22-24).

No, from before the foundation of the world, God had much bigger and better plans for them and for all humanity (see Eph. 1:4-8). He had plans for freedom from the bondage of sin, death, and suffering. He had plans for salvation through Jesus Christ for all who chose to repent and follow him. He had plans for not only a new and gloriously perfect creation, but also for a new and gloriously perfect humanity in Christ. He had plans for once again walking arm-in-arm in sweet communion with all who believe and follow him.

How beautifully Scripture, from Genesis through Revelation, reveals the love story of God's ceaseless, ardent desire for unbroken, eternal relationship with us. One day God will completely fulfill this love story, and we who remain faithful to him will dwell with him and he with us, just as Revelation 21:3 promises. We will be his and he will be ours forever. What a beautiful culmination to the most exquisite love story ever told.