

**PRELUDE**

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**    *LBW 143*    *"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resound"*

## GREETING

Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

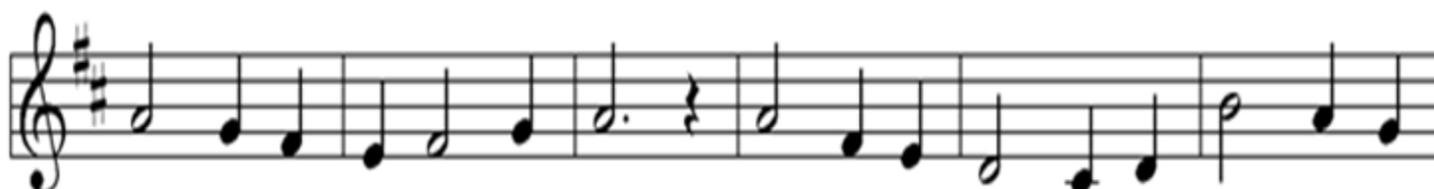
## HYMN OF PRAISE



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



**B** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

## **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**

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>“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. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup>But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever

entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>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.’ <sup>17</sup>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?” <sup>18</sup>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.”

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 148**

*(Refrain: The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven.*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

**C   <sup>2</sup>Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

<sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

**C   <sup>4</sup>Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

**C   <sup>6</sup>who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away. *(Refrain)***

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

**C   <sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

<sup>9</sup>mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

**C <sup>10</sup>wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

<sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

**C <sup>12</sup>young men and maidens, old and young together. (Refrain)**

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

**C <sup>14</sup>The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah! (Refrain)**

*(Refrain: The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven.*

## **SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new

Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>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." <sup>5</sup>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." <sup>6</sup>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."

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

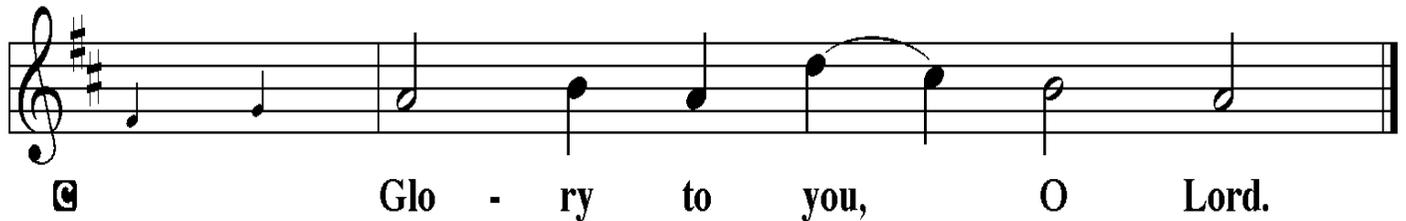


**Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**



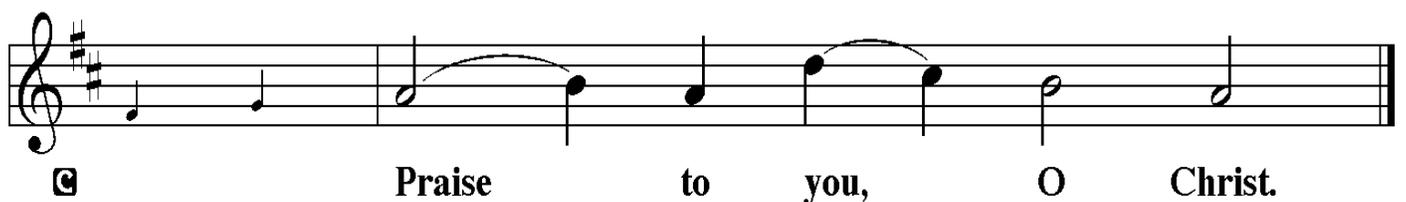
**You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.**

## GOSPEL: John 13:31-35



<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>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.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.



## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**SERMON**      *Pastor Timothy Holt*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *WOV 674*    *“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen”*

## **APOSTLE’S 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 INTERCESSION**

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us. Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress. *(We pray especially for Kenneth Cave, Jane Harris, Carla Knies Hoffman, Paul Howell, Eugene Keller, Luanna Meyer, Madeline Myrick, Sue Neukam, Terry Noble, Kayden Parker, Glen Schmitt, Leroy Seitz, Dana Senninger, Eli and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)* As Christ enters our deepest

suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. *(We pray especially for Luke Himsel, Joshua Hoffman and Nathan Humbert.)* God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. God, in your mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION**

*All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received instruction about Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. As you approach the communion assistant, the first will hand you the bread. Take and eat it. Then take a communion cup from the nearby tray. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.*

## **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

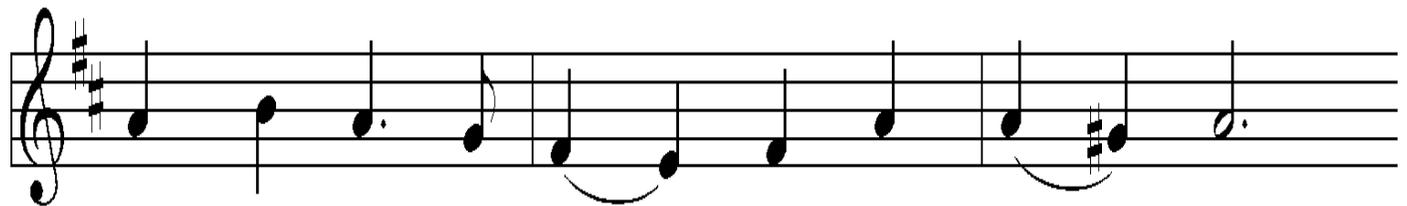
## PREFACE

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 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 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, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



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

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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

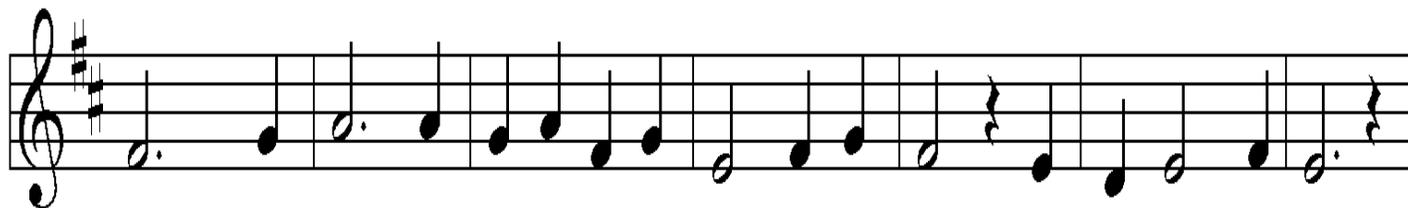
**C** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine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

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

## LAMB OF GOD



**C** 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.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

WOV 651 *“Shine, Jesus, Shine”*

WOV 705 *“As the Grains of Wheat”*

LBW 126 *“Where Charity and Love Prevail”*

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

**C 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.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**C** We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

## BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**SENDING HYMN**

*WOV 721*

*“Go, My Children,  
With My Blessing”*

**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

***Mission Statement: Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship,  
Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.***

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# THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

**Greeters:** Keith & Lori Keller  
**Comm. Asst:** Beth Buchta  
**Video:** Jeff Schmitt  
**Organist:** Arlene Vonderheide  
**Lay Reader:** Donna Rasche/Brandie Beck  
**Audio:** Bryan Buchta  
**Acolyte:** Parker Brinkman & Gabe Neukam  
**Altar Guild:** Mary Bauer & Mary Sendelweck

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 167**

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF May 15<sup>th</sup> – May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

Sun. May 15 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 AM	Church Council Meeting
	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service
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Thurs. May 19 <sup>th</sup>	5:15 PM	Worship & Music Meeting
Sun. May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service

## ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Senior Spotlights are due Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.** If you have a high school or college senior graduating in 2022, please submit a small article with a picture by Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please bring them to the church office or email them to Jen at: [secretaryst.paul@frontier.com](mailto:secretaryst.paul@frontier.com)

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The Women of the ELCA would like to thank Thrivent Financial for the Action Team Start-up money for two of our projects. We received \$250.00 for batting and other supplies for the baby quilts that are made. We also received \$250.00 for the personal care kit project. With your donations and the start-up money from Thrivent we will be able to ship 47 personal care kits to Lutheran World Relief. These kits will bring smiles to so many people. Thank you all for your support!

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Jenny Begle's church office hours have changed to Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, through the summer. The office will be closed on Friday. Jen's schedule will revert back to three days a week this fall.

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## **In Service to Our Country**

AM-1 Luke Himsel

Joshua Hoffman

Maj. Nathan Humbert

Virginia Beach, VA

Washington (*State*)

West Point, NY