

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 4/6 8:00 WORSHIP
9:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30 YOUNG AT HEART BREAKFAST IN THE FELLOW. HALL
10:45 WORSHIP WITH DEAF INTERPRETER
12:00 FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION
6:00PM DINNER CHURCH

MONDAY, 4/7 6:00 PRAYER GROUP
7:00 BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY, 4/8 7:00 MEN'S GROUP

WEDNESDAY, 4/9 7:00 COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, 4/10 NOON BIBLE STUDY
6:30 PRACTICE FOR PALM SUNDAY
7:00PM CHOIR REHEARSAL

FRIDAY, 4/11

SATURDAY, 4/12 8:00AM MEN'S BREAKFAST AT PAINTERTOWN
9:00AM FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

SUNDAY, 4/13 8:00 WORSHIP
9:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 EASTER EGG HUNT
10:45 WORSHIP



Join us for Easter Breakfast
Sunday, April 20th
Fellowship Hall...
9:15am until 11:00am
Stop by to enjoy great food &
wonderful fellowship!

Maundy Thursdayservices at Noon and at 7:00PM
7:00PM with First Communion

Good Friday..... Walk of the Cross in Irwin: Noon
(Holy Trinity is the 2nd stop on the Walk)
Worship Service at 7:00PM

Welcome Members and Visitors today !

Palm Sunday April 13, **before each service**
we will gather at Bell Park (on Main St., in front of the
Irwin Fire Hall) and then **process to Church**. If you are
able to process, please join us at Bell Park

Palm Sunday we will have an Easter Egg Hunt at
10:00am. We will gather together to hear the
Holy Week Story then hunt for eggs! Join us!

Sunday School classeswill be singing at 10:45 on
Easter Sunday. Rehearsals during Sunday School.

Young at Heart BreakfastToday at 9:30AM

Property Work PartyAll are very welcome to join
us for a work party on the church property on April 11th
at 9:00am. Coffee and donuts provided.

Bible StudiesMonday night Bible Study will focus
on the villains of Lent.
Thursday Bible at Noon continues each week.
We meet in the Miller Parlor.
Attend when you can! Join us as your schedule allows.

Womens' Faith & Friendship....Meeting April 23rd at 7:00PM.

First Communion Instructionwill take place TODAY
from Noon until 2:00pm in the Miller Parlor.
Please see Pastor Sarah if your child would like to attend.

OUR MISSION
Worship God, Grow in Faith, Serve with Love

“It's You I Like”

We all seek the unconditional love which God offers us, young and old, with and without disabilities. These words, sung by Fred Rogers, are the inspiration for a special event here at Holy Trinity April 15th, 5:00 pm in the Parlor.

Rachel Faulkner will discuss how her nutritional needs have impacted her everyday activities. She will be a mentor for a family whose young daughter has recently been adapted with a “G” feeding tube.

Additional expenses will accompany their future. Thrivent Financial will give financial support to them, and you may join an Action Team adding to their financial support. If you have questions for Rachel about her Feeding Tube, or if you wish to encourage the care giving family of their daughter, please join our Action Team's support on April 15th.

Anne Coiner is the Action Team leader and will accept any questions or donations. All are welcome!

April Community Meal.....The next Community Meal is Mon., April 21st - Doors open at 5:00, dinner is served at 6:00PM. No sign up is needed to attend the dinner.

Dinner Church.....TODAY, at 6:00PM.
 Join us in the Fellowship Hall! All are welcome!

Mens' Breakfast Meeting ...Saturday, April 12th at 8:00am at Paintertown Lutheran. Sign up in the Narthex!

Annual Good Friday Prayer Breakfast.....The annual Good Friday Breakfast will be held April 18 at 7:00 AM at Stratigos Banquet Centre. The Guest speaker is Jeff Struecker who offers a story on his experience during the *Black Hawk Down* mission, and how his faith is woven into his life's journey. Please sign the list on the bulletin board in the Narthex or see Pastor John.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

	8:15	10:45
Assisting Minister	Heather Newell	Jodi Waugaman
Communion Assistants	Melissa Fox Connie Berg	Diane Kowalski Jeffrey Horvath
Lector	Donna Yusko	Bob Cessna
Acolyte	Daila Goodman	Sean Keiser
Greeters		Marcia Kramer and Susan Kramer
Altar Guild		

Set-up Saturday, April 5		Debbie Kunkle and Julie Kuhn
Sunday, April 6	8:15	Julie Kuhn and Glenda Wendling
	10:45	Debbie Kunkle
Set-up Saturday, April 12		Diane Kowalski and Sandy Tomko
Sunday, March 13	8:15	Cindy McCune and Mauritta Moyer
	10:45	Diane Kowalski and Sandy Tomko

Food Pantry

2025 Distribution Dates:
 April 12, June 21, August 9, October 11, Dec. 13

Items needed for the April distribution:

Canned ham	Canned pineapple rings	Scallop potato mix
Egg coloring	Easter candy	Paper towels
Shampoo and conditioner		Yellow cake mix
Maraschino cherries (small jar)		

Items always requested:

Mac & cheese/pasta	Applesauce	Baked beans	Cake/muffin/
brownie mix	Canned fruit	Canned tuna	Cereal
Granola bars	Pasta Sauce	Oatmeal	Paper towels
Peanut butter & Jelly	Potato/rice mix		Pudding Cups

Many thanks for the generous donations to date! If you would like to donate money, please mark “food pantry” in the subject line on your check or you may use one of the pew envelopes. Food pantry contact: Jodi Waugaman at 724-516-9680 or waugawoman86@comast.net

Worship Plan for Sunday, April 6, 2025

5 Lent

Fifth Sunday in Lent

ELW Holy Communion Setting One

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Introduction to the day

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.

We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the generous hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home.

In ✝ Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

***GATHERING SONG *Lord, Your Hands Have Formed* #554**

Lord, Your Hands Have Formed



1 Lord, your hands have formed this world, ev - 'ry part is shaped by
2 Yours the soil that holds the seed, you give warmth and mois - ture,
3 Like a mat you roll out land, space to build for us and



you— wa - ter tum - bling o - ver rocks, air, and sun - light:
too. Sprout-ing blos - soms, crops and buds, trees and plants: the
you earth - ly homes and, bet - ter still, homes for Christ: the



each day's signs that you make all things new.
sea - son's signs that you make all things new.
tru - est sign that you make all things new.

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Music: GAYOM NI HIGAMI, Ikalahan (Philippines) traditional
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*GREETING *Pastor*

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

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*The **presiding minister** leads the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 126

¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."**

³ The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

⁴ **Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

⁵ Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

⁶ **Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

*GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

The holy gospel according to



Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The gospel of the Lord.

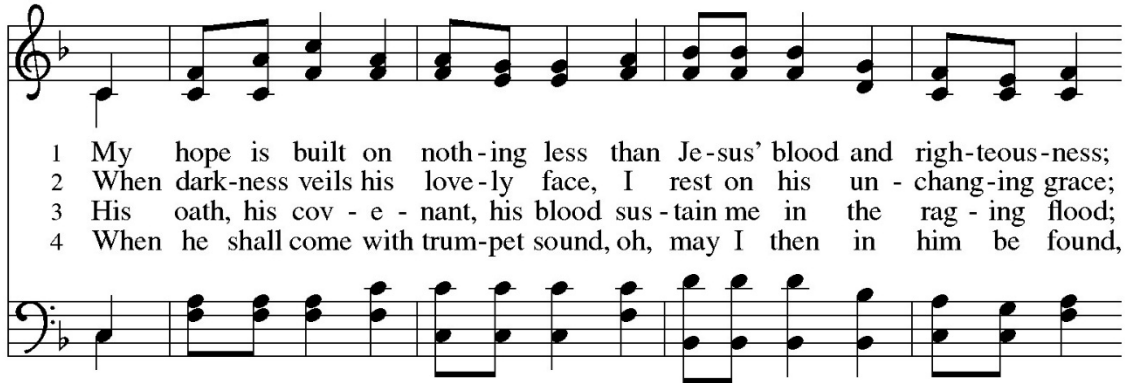


CHILDRENS' SERMON

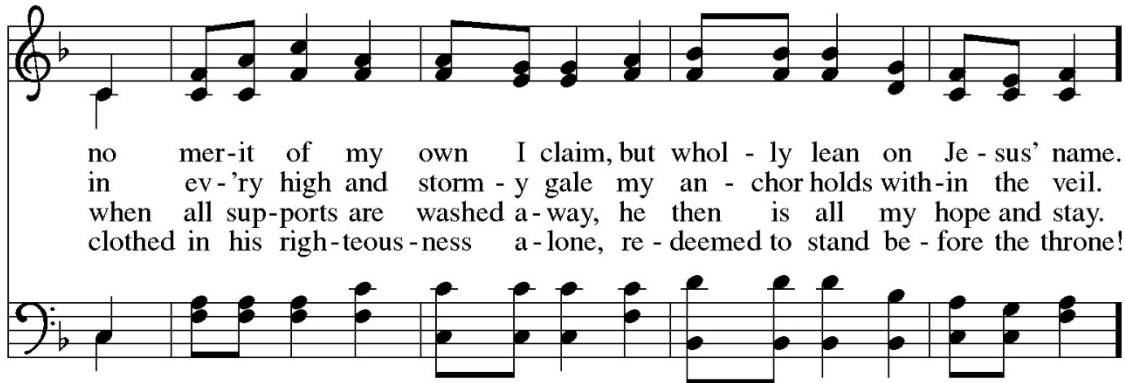
Sermon

*Hymn of the Day *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* #596

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

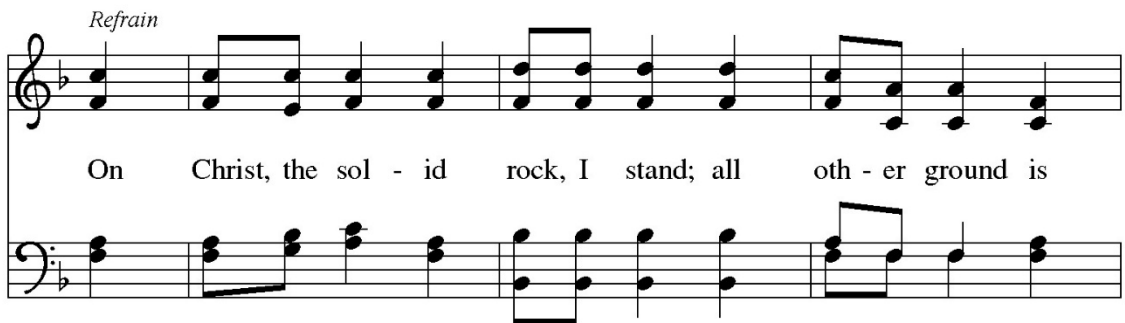


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

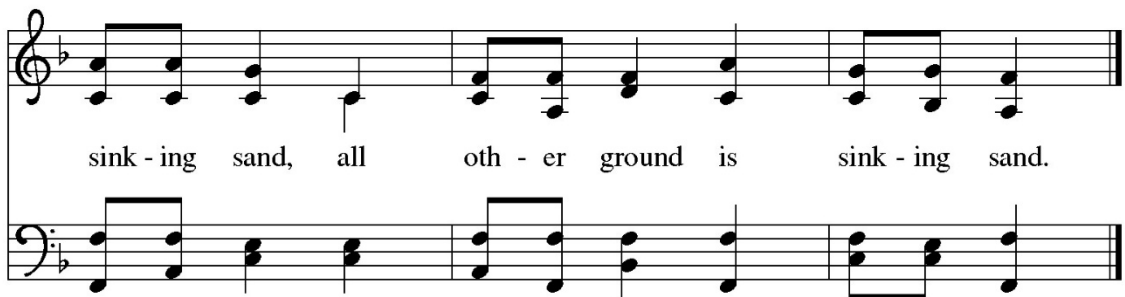


no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

*** *Apostles' Creed***

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 *assisting minister

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

The church declares your praise, O God. Guide us in the example of Isaiah's imagination, Paul's transformed identity, and Mary's faith and devotion; that our lives, too, may be poured out in love as we trust in your promises. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The nations declare your praise, O God. Guide interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide communities. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The people declare your praise, O God. Restore those whose hope has been dampened through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death. Bring healing to those in need (*especially*). God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The gifts of the Spirit declare your praise, O God. We thank you for artists who proclaim the gospel. Inspire music, poetry, and images that proclaim the new thing you are doing. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

The communion of saints declares your praise, O God. Giving thanks for those who have died, we trust in the one who has made them his own: Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Pastor

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.


***PEACE**

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

OFFERING

Choir Anthem: *Gracefully Broken*

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERING PRAYER *assisting minister*

Let us pray.

Gracious Provider,

you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.

As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

***DIALOGUE Pastor**

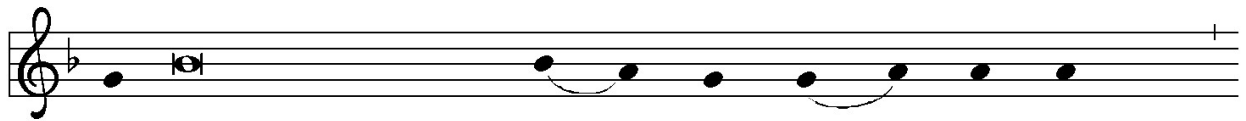
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

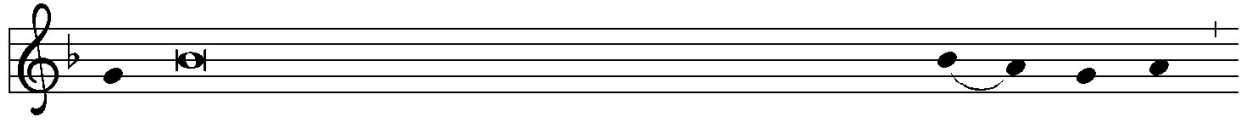
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**



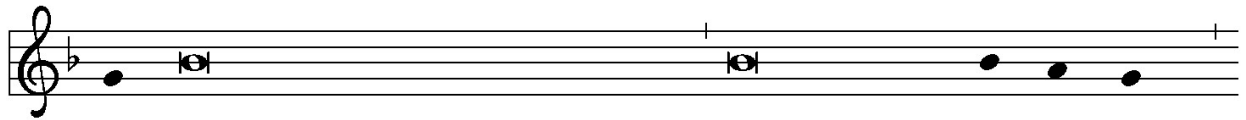
It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.



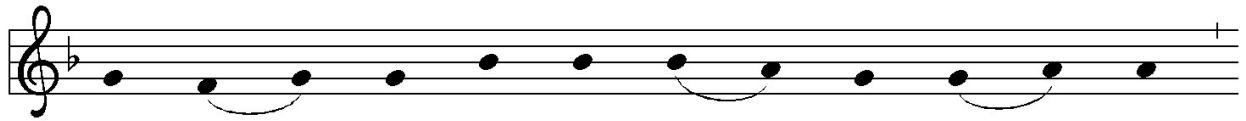
You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the



pas - chal feast, that re - newed in the gift of bap - tism,



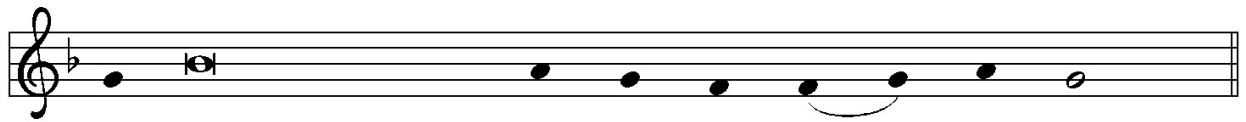
we may come to the full - ness of your grace.



And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,



with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,



we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

***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. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases marked with slurs. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever. **Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER** Pastor

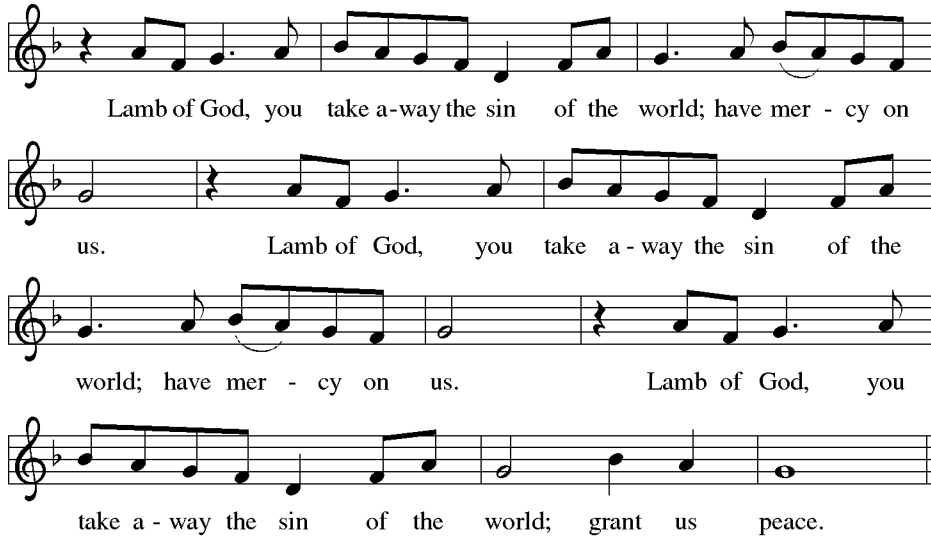
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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** Pastor

All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.

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.

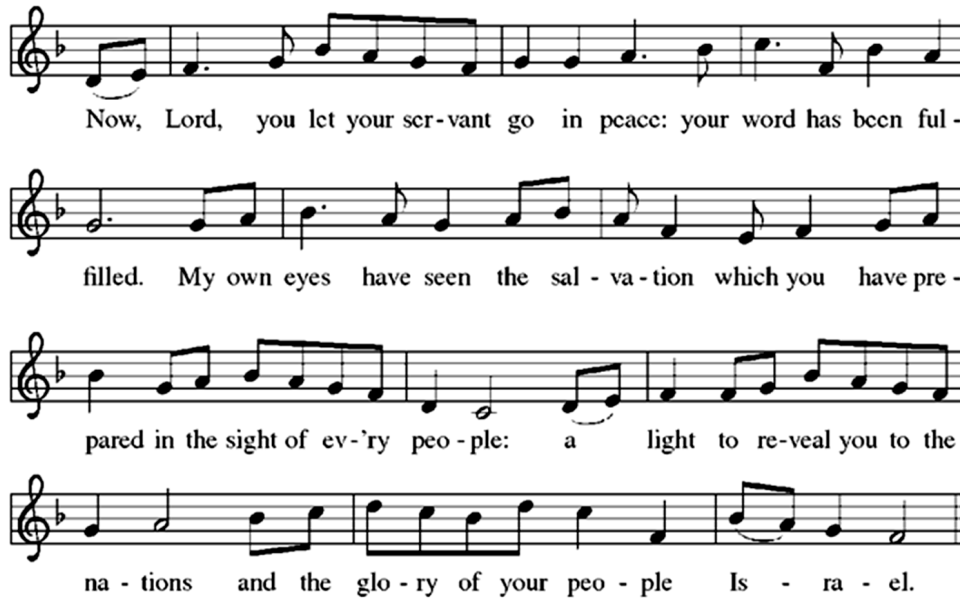
Communion

Hymn During Communion: ***In The Singing #466***

***COMMUNION BLESSING** Pastor

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

*SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -
pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *assisting minister*

Let us pray.

Generous Host,

you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,

that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,

in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*BENEDICTION: **Pastor**

God our tender parent,

God the crucified one,

God the reconciling Spirit,

✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

*Recessional Hymn: *As the Sun with Longer Journey* #329

As the Sun with Longer Journey



1 As the sun with long - er jour - ney melts the win - ter's snow and ice,
2 Through the days of wait - ing, watch - ing, in the des - ert of our sin,
3 Praise be giv - en to the mak - er of the sea - sons' year - ly round:



with its slow - ly grow - ing ra - diance warms the seed be - neath the earth,
search - ing on the far ho - ri - zon for a sign of cloud or wind,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it—Source, Sus - tain - er, Lord of life,



may the sun of Christ's up - ris - ing gent - ly bring our hearts to life.
we a - wait the heal - ing wa - ters of our Sav - ior's vic - to - ry.
as the ev - er turn - ing a - ges roll to their e - ter - nal rest.

Text: John Patrick Earls, OSB, b. 1935

Music: NAGEL, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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***DISMISSAL** *assisting minister*

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **Thanks be to God!**