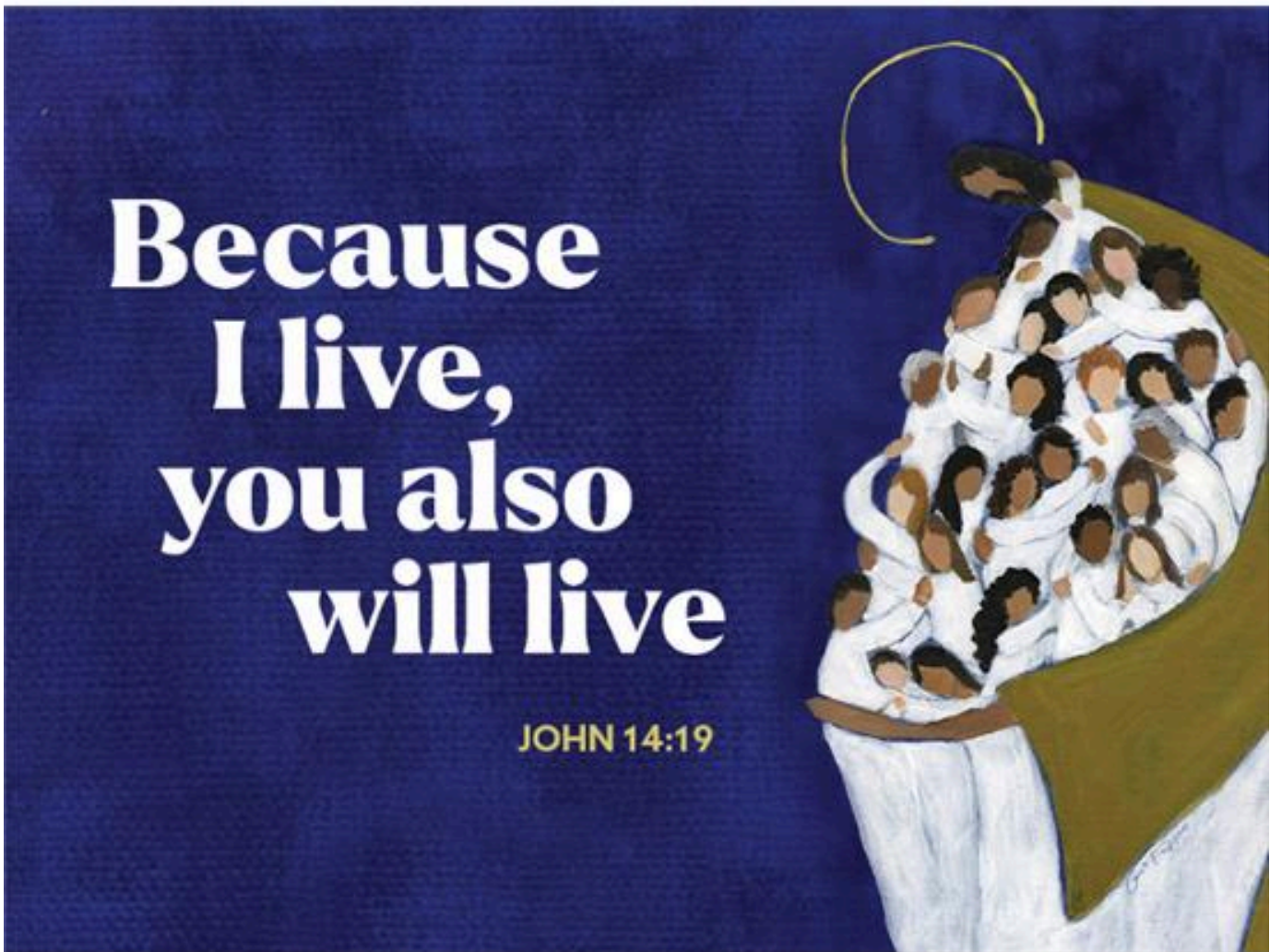


**Faith Lutheran Church | Worship and Communion
May 10, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Sixth Sunday of Easter**



Christ is Risen! Welcome! We are a family of faith and so glad you are here! Our worship this month turns to **Setting Three** of the ELW Hymnal, beginning on pg 138, but all you need is printed in this bulletin with Congregation responses in bold.

Children's Bulletins are available in the narthex (entrance area), providing activities on today's scripture readings. Please enjoy.

God is present in **Holy Communion** and welcomes all who are hungry. You are welcome to the table. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing. Let an usher know if you would like communion at your seat.

Our **Candle Lighting station** is available during worship if you are moved to light a candle as a part of your prayer for someone or something, or in the thanksgiving or sorrows of your heart. You're welcome during communion as we sing and pray.

In Our Worship on the Sixth Sunday of Easter: Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world

Serving Today: Greeter: Richard S **Reader:** Sigrun C **Asst Minister/Cantor:**

Usher: Sam S **Altar Guild:** Annette & Diane **Tech Support:** Eric W

Musicians: Juliana C, Heinz D, Ben Holstead **Counters:** Alissa & Sigrun

Pastor: Shaun O'Reilly **Coffee Hour:**

-GATHERING-

PRELUDE

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

instrumental ELW #366

ANNOUNCEMENTS

moment of centering

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

please rise in body and/or Spirit and face the font

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

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain,
roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us: Lake Tahoe and Pyramid Lake, the Truckee, Carson, and Walker Rivers. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

ELW #363

**1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness!
God has brought forth Israel
into joy from sadness,
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.**

**2 'Tis the spring of souls today:
Christ has burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun has risen.
All the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from the Light to whom we give
laud and praise undying.**

**3 Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts
comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strain
Jesus' resurrection!**

**4 Neither could the gates of death,
nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal
hold you as a mortal:
but today, among your own,
you appear, bestowing
your deep peace, which evermore
passes human knowing.**

**5 Alleluia! now we cry
to our Lord immortal,
who triumphant burst the bars
of the tomb's dark portal;
Alleluia! with the Son
God the Father praising;
Alleluia! yet again
to the Spirit raising.**

GREETING

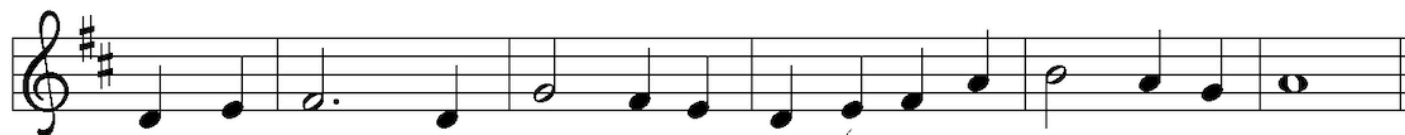
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Refrain

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



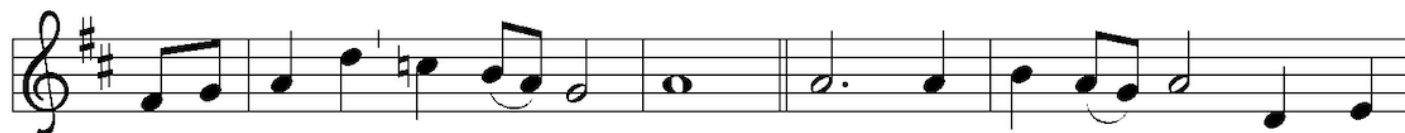
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



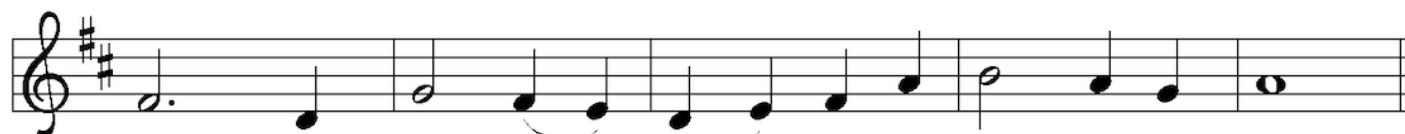
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

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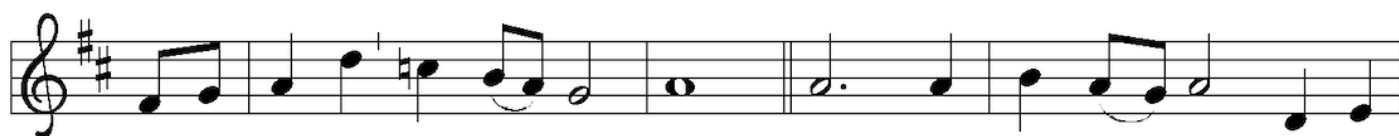
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



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

Refrain

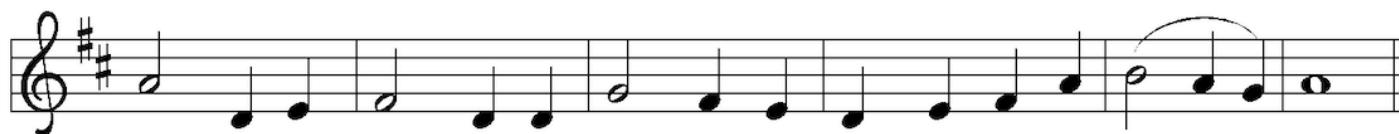
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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



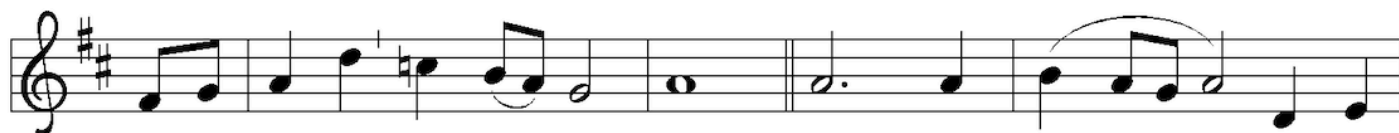
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



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



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



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

-WORD-

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

“Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALMODY: Psalm 66:8-20

⁸Bless our ¹ God, you peoples;
let the sound of ¹ praise be heard.

**Our God has kept us a- ¹ mong the living
and has not allowed our ¹ feet to slip.**

For you, O God, have ^l tested us;
 you have tried us just as sil- ^l ver is tried.

**You brought us in- ^l to the net;
 you laid heavy burdens up- ^l on our backs.**

You let people ride over our heads; we went through ^l fire and water,
 but you brought us out into a place ^l of refreshment.

**I will enter your house ^l with burnt offerings
 and will pay ^l you my vows—**

those that I promised ^l with my lips
 and spoke with my mouth when I ^l was in trouble.

**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the ^l smoke of rams;
 I will give you ox- ^l en and goats.**

Come and listen, all you ^l who believe,
 and I will tell you what God has ^l done for me.

**I called out to God ^l with my mouth,
 and praised the Lord ^l with my tongue.**

If I had cherished evil ^l in my heart,
 the Lord would ^l not have heard me;
**but in truth ^l God has heard me
 and has attended to the sound ^l of my prayer.**

Blessed be God, who has not reject- ^l ed my prayer,
 nor withheld unfailing ^l love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for

doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

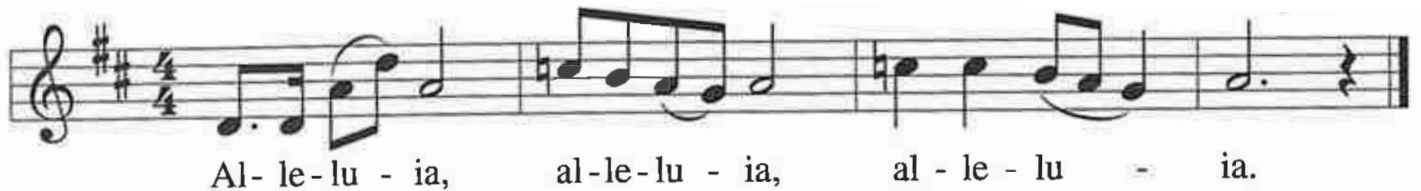
Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

please stand as you are able



Leader: *Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.*



The Holy Gospel according to John the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON*Love In and Out***Pastor Shaun O'Reilly****HYMN OF THE DAY***Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart***ELW #800**

- 1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.**
- 2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.**
- 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!**
- 4 Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame:
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.**

RESPONSE OF FAITH**Nicene Creed****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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.****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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Risen Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

PEACE

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

- MEAL -

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PRESENTATION HYMN

ELW #182

*Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of Blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.*

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

also found (with music tones) on ELW pg. 144

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

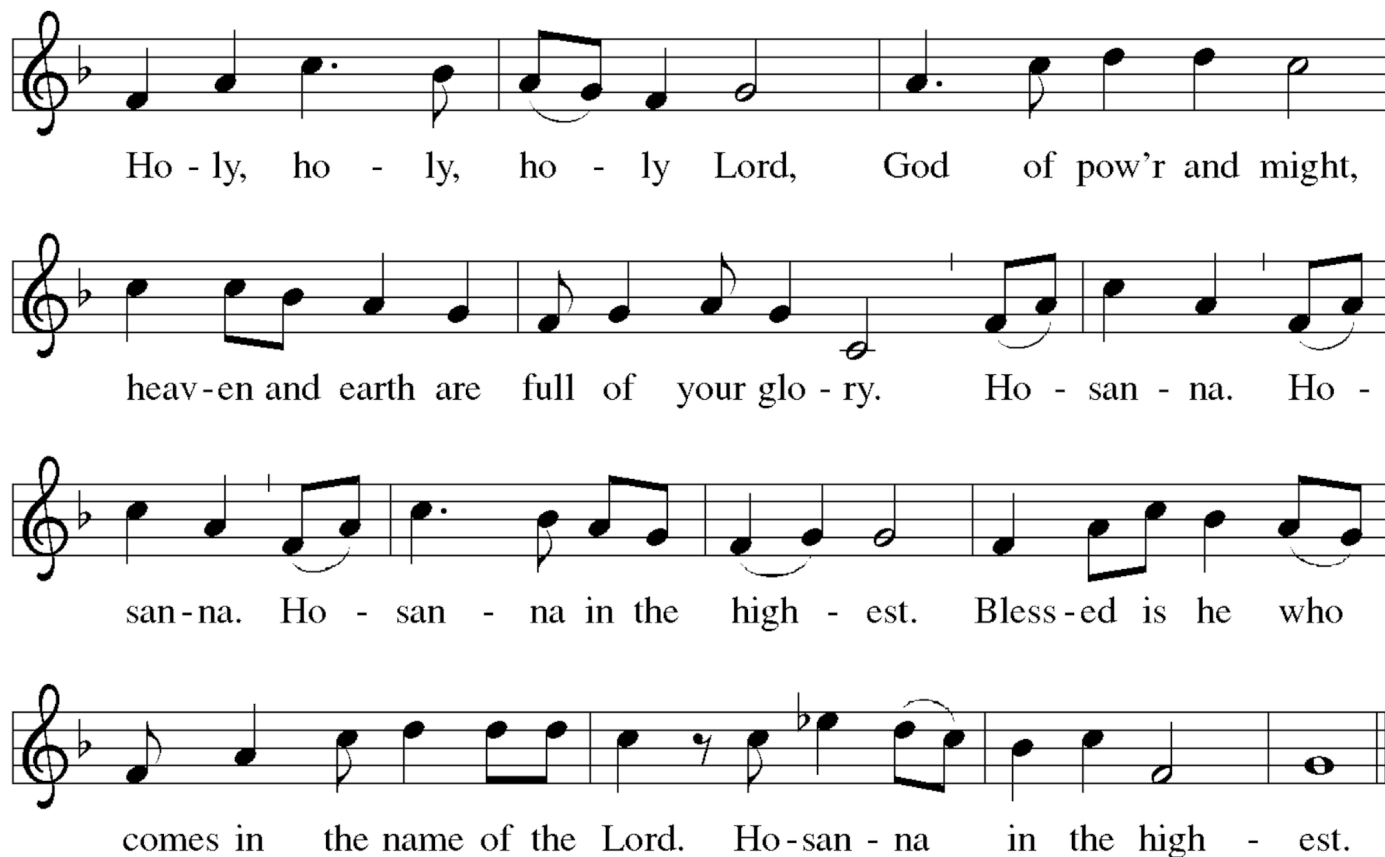
And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE 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.

COMMUNION & HYMNS

SANCTUS

ELW pg. 146

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

We are One in the Spirit

**We are on in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.**

***Refrain* *And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

**We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. *Refrain***

**We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride. *Refrain***

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. *Refrain***

Children of the Heavenly Father**ELW #781**

**1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.**

**3 Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**2 God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.**

**4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy**

Nada te Turbe / Nothing Can Trouble

Taize Community

Not-*ing* can trou-*ble*; noth-*ing* can fright-*en*. Those who seek God shall nev-*er* go want-*ing*.
Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne na - da le fal - ta.

Noth-*ing* can trou - *ble*; noth-*ing* can fright - *en*. God a - lone fills us.
Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. So - lo Dios bas - ta.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION*please stand as you are able***- SENDING -****BLESSING**

Eternal God, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN***Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!*****ELW #377, vs. 1-4****1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!****Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

Refrain

*Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

**2 Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.**

Refrain

**3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me.**

Refrain

**4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent: death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open! Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain**

DISMISSAL

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

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! **Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

May Worship Schedule 2026					
Task	3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st
Greeter	Richard S	Richard S	Kathy W	Judy C	Debbie H
Reader	Davyann S	Sigrun C	Kristine S	Pam S	Linda Z
*Asst. Minister	Sharon S	Todd M	Judi H	Erica W	Sam S
*Cantor	Sharon S	Todd M	Wes G	Juliana C	Matthew R
Usher	Tom L	Sam S	Eileen W	Debbie H	Amanda O
*Altar Guild	Eileen Kathy	Annette Diane	O'Reillys	Sophia G	Annette
Tech Support	Alex K	Eric W	Alex K	Eric W	Alex K
Musicians	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K	Heinz D Olivia K	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K
*Counters	Davyann Theresa	Alissa Sigrun	Sigrun Davyann	Linda Alissa	Theresa Sigrun
Coffee after Worship	Birthday Cake	Mother's Day	Sandmeier	Worship Team	Zimmermans

Activities at Faith

~ Join the Adult Forum following worship! The **Hebrew Scriptures** come to assert that the people are being related to a God who is not just “one of the Gods” (others). How did that understanding come to be, through the scriptures? **How do modern scholars generally view the Hebrew Scriptures — the Old Testament?** Come explore this foundational, helpful trajectory together today!

~ Every Tuesday **Bible Readers** meet at 1:30pm here at Faith . We read and go over the lectionary for the following Sunday. *We offer zoom or in person.* This is a good way to dig deeper, share ideas and prepare yourself for Sundays.

~**Faith's Supper Club:** May 21st at 4:30 pm at Casa Grande Mexican Restaurant. Please see the sign-up sheet in Narthex. Hope to see you there! Jean C.

~ **Attention!** Changes coming to volunteers in worship for the summer beginning on **June 7th. Please see the newsletter for further details.** See Sharon S for questions.

Our Giving and Tithes:

Monthly church budget for 2026 is: **\$17,169.17**

Recent giving for the month of **April 2026** was **\$15,833.00**

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