

This Thursday, May 9 is the celebration of the Ascension of Our Lord. A service to celebrate this festival will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 162 S Raccoon Rd in Austintown at 7 pm. All are invited to attend.

A memorial service for Peppy Theodore will be held here at Lord of Life on Saturday May 11. Calling hours will be held here at the church from 9:30—10:45 with the service beginning at 11.

Daily readings for May 6 - May 11, 2024

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu Ascension	Fri	Sat
Psalm 93	Psalm 93	Psalm 93	Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47	Psalm 47	Psalm 47
Deuteronomy 7: 1-11	Deuteronomy 11: 1-17	Deuteronomy 11: 18-21	Ephesians 1: 15-23	Exodus 24:15-18	Deuteronomy 34: 1-7
1 Timothy 6: 11-12	1 Timothy 6: 13-16	Mark 16: 19-20	Luke 24: 44-53	Revelation 1: 9-18	John 16: 4-11

Serving in worship in May

	5/5/24	5/12/24	5/19/24	5/26/24	
Greeter	Bob Soles	Woody Gingery	Gabe West	Jeff Dombroski	
Usher	Bob Soles	Woody Gingery	Gabe West	Jeff Dombroski	
Lector	Judy McCartney	Bob Allen	Larry Cohol	Norma Thomas	
Counters	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	
Altar Guild	Diana Williams	Diana Williams	Norma Thomas	Norma Thomas	
Crucifer	Larry Cohol	Art Thomas	Chris Eash	Art Thomas	

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

***A Serving Community
God's work, our hands!***

**Rev. Rebecca Zielke, Pastor
Tim L. Elder, CAGO, Director of Music**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 5, 2024
10:15 a.m.



This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

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GATHER

Announcements

Prelude

Trumpet Voluntary

John Travers

Please stand.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.
Amen

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your
reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.
We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen
Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and
forever.

Amen

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn

In Christ There Is No East or West

ELW 650

Communion Blessing

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

C **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

P Let us pray,

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with
your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share
the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836

Blessing

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of
Easter hope + bless you now and always.

C **Amen.**

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

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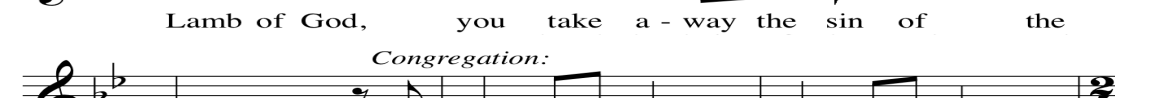
Lamb of God

Congregation:

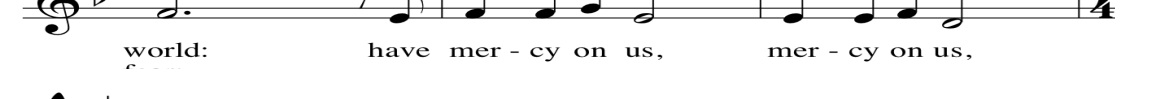


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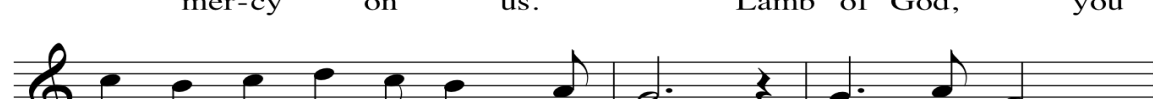
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated

Communion

Follow the usher's direction to come forward to receive the bread from the Pastor and take a glass of wine from the tray. Dispose of the cup in the basket provided on the railing and return to your seat by the side aisle.

Communion Distribution

Beautiful Savior

ELW 838

Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

Lord of Life Sanctuary Choir


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.**


Kyrie

Refrain

Assistant:




Congregation:



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,

to Verses




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

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

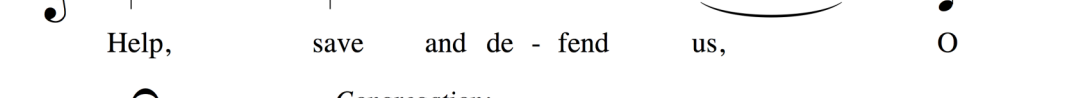
Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant:



Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:



God. A - men.

Now the Feast

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of
God.

to Refrain

Eucharistic Prayer

- P Blessed are you.....as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
C **Christ had died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
P O God of resurrection.....Grace our table with your presence.
C **Come, Holy Spirit.**
P Reveal yourself to us.....burning with justice peace and love.
C **Come, Holy Spirit.**
P With your holy ones.....we praise you, O God, blessed and Holy Trinity,
now and forever.
C **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us,
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.**

Invitation to Communion

- P This risen Christ is made know to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and
eat at God's table.

*This invitation is extended to all who receive Communion in any Christian
denomination. All are welcome!*

Dialogue

- 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.**

Preface

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

Holy, Holy,

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Verse 2 *Congregation*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
to Refrain
for ev - er.

Verse 3 *Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to
make us peo - ple of God; to make
to Refrain
all things new.

Prayer of the Day

- P O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Please be seated.

WORD

First Reading

Acts 10: 44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

P Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

The antiphon below is to be sung twice each time. First by the song leader, then by the people.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands.

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. It contains the melody for the antiphon. The bottom staff is a bass clef with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature, containing a simple accompaniment line.

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ¹marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have ¹won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made ¹known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight ¹of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the ¹house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹all you lands;
lift up your voice, re-¹joice, and sing. R**

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The offering plate is located on the table as you enter/exit the worship space.

MEAL

Offertory Response

Refrain

Congregation:

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in - to one in you.

The image shows four staves of musical notation for the refrain. Each staff is a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Verses

1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

to Refrain

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the verses. Each staff is a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Please stand.

Offering Prayer

P Let us pray,
Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through
Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C **Amen.**

P Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another, especially those we name out loud or in our hearts

Bernadette Allen, Martha Baluck, Don Beinke, Wayne Booher, Barb Drotleff, Madolyn Elder, Marlene Gabig, Chris Hunnicutt, Devon Kirtley, Todd Kirtley, Mallory Kuchum, Daryl Kurtz, Joye Lange, Joe Markovitch, Sr., Ron McIlvaine, Ashley Miner, Jonathan Miner, Molly Nicholas, Marge Pancher, Jodi Frank Rice, Pastor Bob Schmalzle, Kellie Streb, Bob Titus, Christine Titus, David and Marcia Titus, Jennifer Titus, Dave and Pearl Torrance, Loretta Underhill, and Jim Vasbinder. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us. At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C **Amen**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the
earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity. **R**

Second Reading

1 John 5: 1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

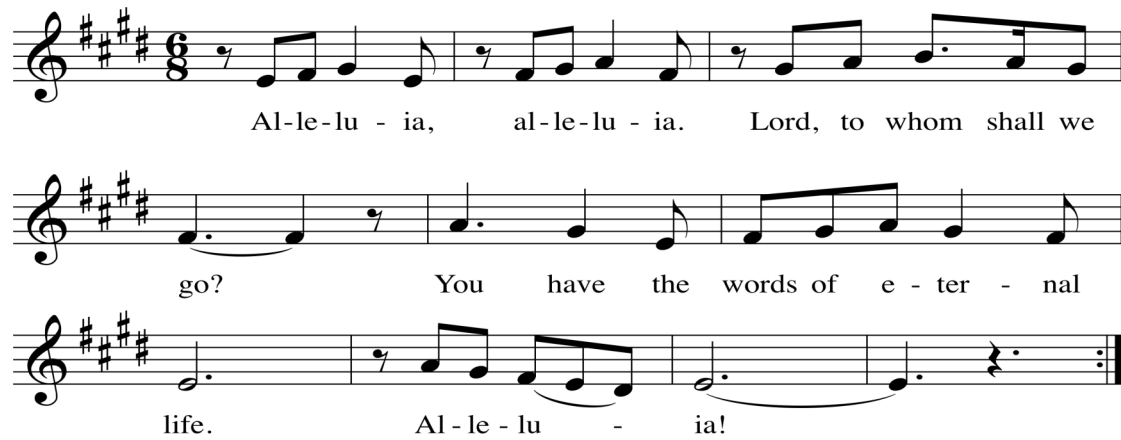
¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

The song leader will introduce the Gospel acclamation, the people will then repeat.



Al-le-lu - ia, 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 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

P The holy gospel according to John.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

Please be seated

Children’s Message

Sermon

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day

I Come With Joy

ELW 482

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 life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

P Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Your Holy Spirit fall upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**