

# SPONSOR RED GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 8

6" pot \$6.50 per plant  
10" pot \$12.00 per plant

Please fill out the form below and place it in one of the pew envelopes or use one of the green envelopes from your envelope packet and mark it “Seasonal Flowers” and place it in the offering plate.

The geraniums may be picked up after the 10:45 AM worship service on June 8.

**Order deadline is June 1.**

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## Geranium Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(As you wish it to appear in the bulletin—names only, please)

Env. # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Geraniums 6" pot \$ 6.50  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Geraniums 10" pot \$12.00  
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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed



# Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

Serving and Loving Christ since 1737

The people of Schwarzwald - Ministers  
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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER      MAY 11, 2025      10:45 A.M.**

**HYMNS ON THE CARILLON**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME** Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made!  
**Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**



**PRELUDE** *You Are My All In All* . . . . . Labenske

**CALL TO WORSHIP—RINGING THE BELLS**

*Please stand.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**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.

**P** 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.

**C 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.**

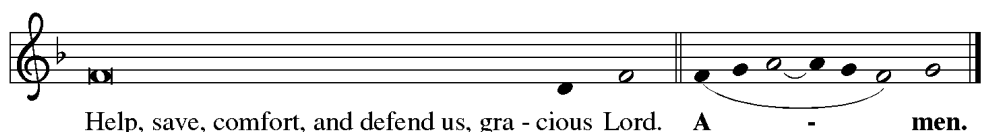
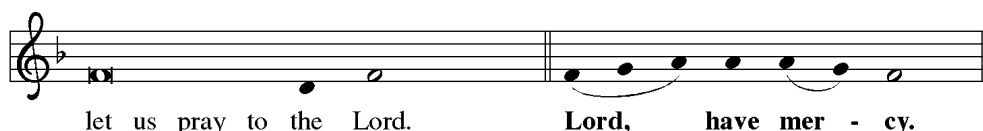
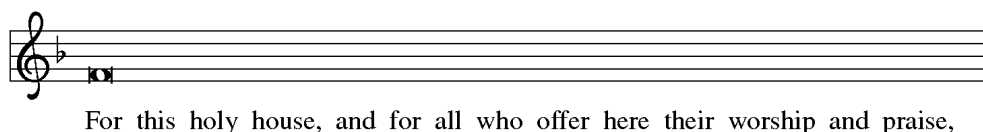
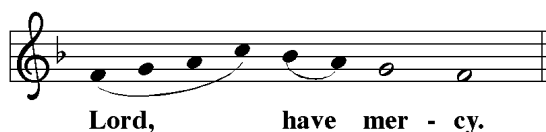
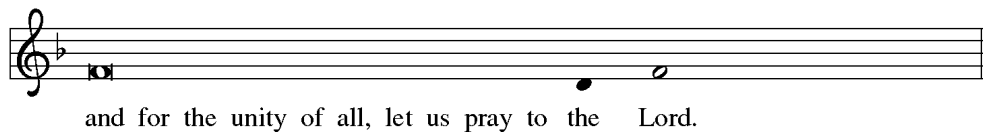
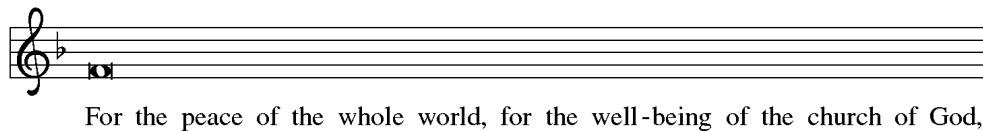
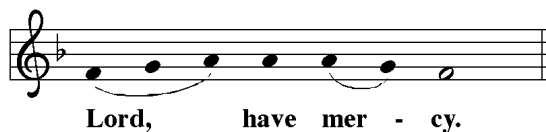
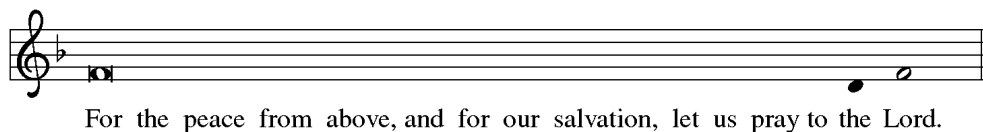
**GATHERING HYMN** #789 *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

## GREETING

A 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



# DONATE BLOOD AND SAVE LIVES!

Schwarzwald Lutheran Church  
is hosting  
a special blood drive to save lives.

JOIN US TO DONATE BLOOD  
JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> - 14<sup>TH</sup>

MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD CENTER  
2745A Leisch's Bridge Road  
Reading, PA

## SCHEDULE YOUR BLOOD DONATION

Please scan the QR Code  
or call **800-223-6667, ext. 2**  
and mention **Group ID 8506**

\*Be sure to include Group #8506 in the note  
section when registering



GIVEaPINT.org | 800-B-A-DONOR



**"GATHERINGS"**

# Before Church in the Parlor!

Beginning Sunday, May 4th, (and all through the summer) the Fellowship

Committee will be providing coffee, drinks and snacks in the Parlor

BEFORE CHURCH.

Please come and socialize with your church family beginning at 10:15!

Church will begin at 10:45, so there is plenty of time to enjoy this new offering.

You can also stop in the Parlor after church!

SEE YOU THERE!

FOR YOUR  
CALENDAR!

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## **SUNDAY, JULY 6TH AT 11:00 AM**

(This will be in place of our regular worship service at Schwarzwald)

**Schwarzwald and St. Mark's will join together  
for this special outdoor service to be held at  
the Daniel Boone Homestead!**

**Parking will be available  
right next to the pavilion.**

**A PICNIC WILL FOLLOW WORSHIP!**

**Please bring chairs, your favorite beverage  
and a covered dish to share.**

**If you have lawn games, please bring them as well.  
This is a great opportunity for our church families  
to get to know each other.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**YOUTH CHORUS ANTHEM** *M-O-T-H-E-R* . . . . . Snyder

**CHILDREN'S CIRCLE** . . . . . The Rev. Jim Farnsworth

### **FIRST READING Acts 9:36-43**

<sup>36</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 23** *read responsively* Emma Dickerson . . . . . Psalm Reader

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd,  
I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;

<sup>3</sup>he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff —  
they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.**

## **SECOND READING Revelation 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

<sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



## **YOUTH OPPORTUNITY - HOME MISSION TRIP**

This summer, West Berks Mission District will be offering an At Home Mission Trip from July 14th-16th for any youth 6th-12th grade. During these three days, youth from around our mission district are invited to spend their day in service, community, and connection, ending each day home with their family. Registration cost is \$20 to help cover a T-shirt and supplies for service activities. Congregations sending youth will be responsible to cover transportation for their youth and provide at least one adult chaperone. Registration opens May 8th!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kristen Kelly  
at [youthd@aelc.org](mailto:youthd@aelc.org).

## **May Collection for Mary's Shelter**

The Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a collection of baby items during the month of May. The following supplies have been requested:

Baby diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5, 6)	Baby wipes
Baby shampoo	Baby wash
Baby lotion	Nasal Aspirators
Baby bottles (plastic 4 oz. & 8 oz.)	Bibs
Teethers	Sippy Cups
Onesies (newborn to 12 months)	Baby nail clippers
Summer sleepers (newborn to 12 months)	

Please place your donations in the collection bin found in the Narthex.

The last day to donate items will be on Sunday, May 25.

Thank you for your support!

## **GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS!**

# **Second Saturday Evenings**

**AN OUTDOOR SERVICE HELD IN THE SCHWARZWALD PAVILION!**

**JUNE 14 — JULY 12 — AUGUST 9**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SERVICE OF WORD**

**AND HOLY COMMUNION**

**ON THE SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH**

**THIS SUMMER, BEGINNING AT 6:00 PM**

**PASTOR JIM WILL LEAD WORSHIP IN THE PAVILION.**

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE ABLE,**

**WE WILL THEN SHARE A MEAL**

**TOGETHER AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT.**

**FOR YOUR  
CALENDAR!**





# V.B.S. 2025

## Living Water

Acceptance of all God's Children and the importance of kindness for everyone.

You can register your child(ren) for VBS by completing the registration form, which can be found in the Narthex and Vestibule entrances, or by calling or emailing the church office.

**Monday, June 9 –Friday, June 13**  
**6:00-8:00 PM**  
**Dinner available each evening**  
**at 5:30 PM**

### LEARN ALL ABOUT

**Noah's Ark—Genesis 6-9**

**Jesus's Baptism—Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:4-11, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

**Jesus Walks on Water—Matthew 14:22-33**

**Women at the Well—John 4:5-42**

**Fruits of the Spirit –Galatians 4:5—42**

**V.B.S. Showcase on Friday, June 13 beginning at 7:00 PM.**

**An Ice Cream Social will complete the evening!**

**We will be collecting socks for Mary's Shelter– Holy Socks & Socks for Souls**

**Come join the fun.....stories, music, crafts, games and food!**

**Ages 4 and up!**



**P** The Gospel according to John.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **HOLY GOSPEL John 10:22-30**

<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON** . . . . . The Rev. Jim Farnsworth

*Please stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY #778** *The Lord's My Shepherd*

### **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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care, especially:

Ken Bryant	Cindy Fliegel	Barbara Hafer
Barry Hecker	Ruth Hoover	Mary Phillips
Walt & Janice Smithson	Ted Whitehead	Tom Bowersox
Jayne Phillips	Tracy Rohrbach	Jim & Lauri Walker

We pray for all those concerns and people we quietly name in our hearts.

(Silent prayers)

Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A This Mother’s Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints, we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

SERVING AT WORSHIP

Denton Quick . . . . .	Assisting Minister
Fred Mohr . . . . .	Usher Team Captain
A. J. Batzel, Jack Murphy . . . . .	Youth Ushers
Denton Quick, Peg Gumpert, Lauren Batzel . . . . .	Communion Assistants
Emma Dickerson . . . . .	Acolyte
Sally Kennedy, Judy Ney, Ian Carr . . . . .	Carillonneurs
Rochelle Chelius . . . . .	Zoom Master

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are a visitor, a special welcome to you, and if you are without a church home, we invite you to join our fellowship. You are also encouraged to sign our guest register with your preferred contact information. If you do not have a Bible at home, please take one from the welcome table. Visitors who are communing members of other Christian congregations are cordially invited to receive the Sacrament with us. Welcome to the Lord’s table where we are one with Christ!

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God and sponsored 1) by Heather Hafer in memory of Betty Galloway and Vera Fisher and in honor of Diane Hafer and Janet Hafer, and 2) by Fred and Cindy Mohr in loving memory of their mothers, Shirley Schaeffer and Nancy Mohr.

The bulletins are presented to the glory of God and sponsored 1) by The Seidel Family in honor of Mother’s Day, and 2) by Mark Hoover in honor on Mother’s Day.

Large print bulletins and hearing receivers are available in the Narthex. Please see an usher for assistance. Children’s toys, games, puzzles and books can be found in the Narthex. Church-time Nursery is available downstairs in the “Parent and Me” room with plenty of toys and books for toddlers and youngsters.

We are in need of ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS (\$25) for all of June, and BULLETIN SPONSORS (\$14) for the remainder of May and all of June. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

Last Sunday’s Current Envelopes Offering:

Budgeted income	\$4,038.00
Actual income	\$2,991.00

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS



First Communion Class

Pastor Jim will hold a 1st Communion Class on Sunday, May 18 at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and dinner will be included as part of the class. Parents who feel their child is ready to participate in Holy Communion and would like to register their child(ren) for the class, please call or email the church office this week.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Continuous Communion

Grape juice is available at the top of the steps.

For gluten free wafers, please ask the Communion Assistant.

If you are unable to come to the altar for communion, the Pastor will bring communion to you in your pew.

After receiving communion, please pick up a communion card at the bottom of the ramp.

Please complete the card and place it in the basket in the Narthex or vestibule after worship.

*Please stand.*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**C Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

**C Amen.**

## BLESSING

P The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always.

**C Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN #825 *You Servants of God*

## DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

A Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE *Dulcis Amica Dei* . . . . . anonymous

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**Please be advised** that all of our worship services are broadcast live via Zoom to anyone who possesses the meeting passcode as well as recorded for subsequent distribution via email to members of the congregation and posted on the church's Facebook page.

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of our Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*Share the peace with one another.*

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

**ANTHEM** *Arms of Love* . . . . . Amy Grant  
Kailey Batzel, vocal solo

*Please stand.*

## 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 -

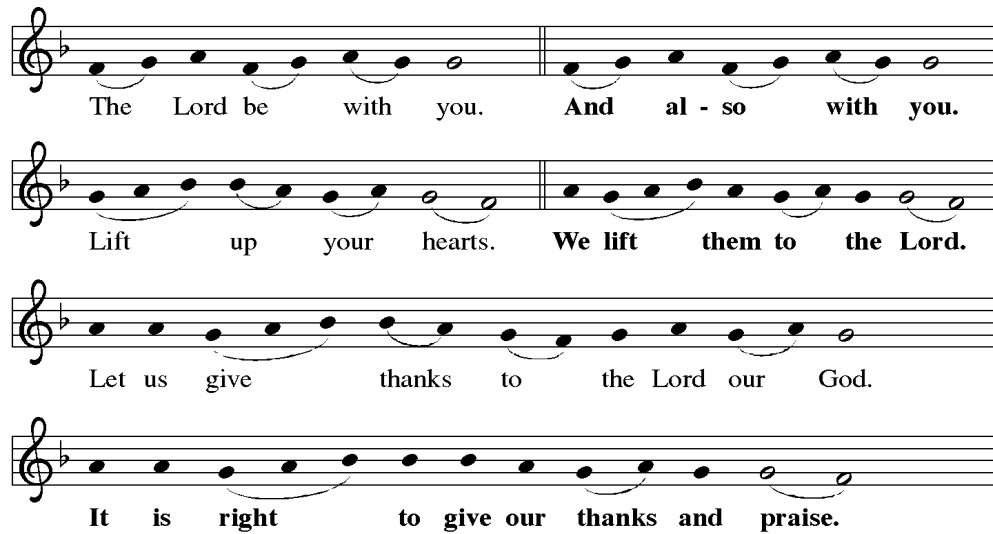


nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

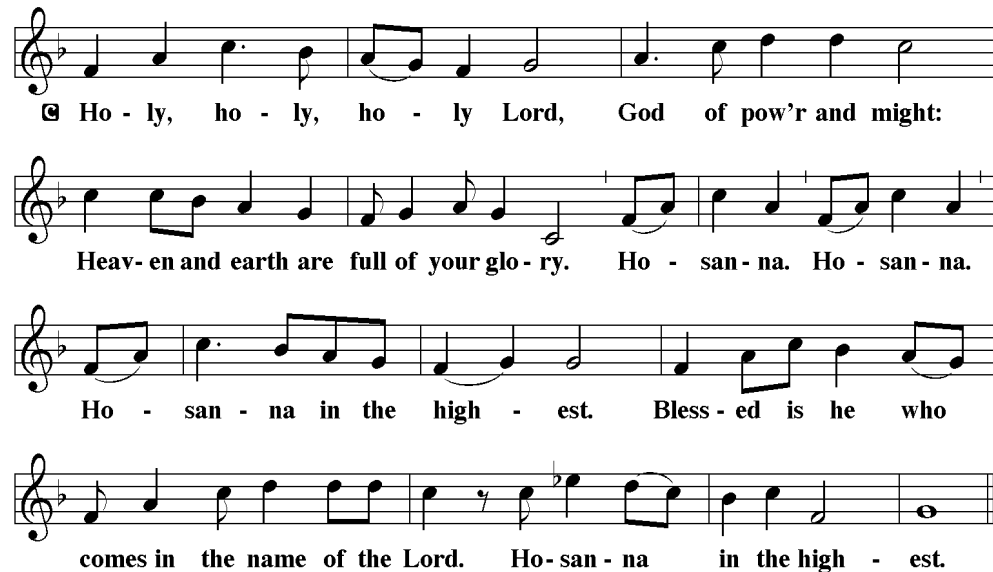
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the 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:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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.

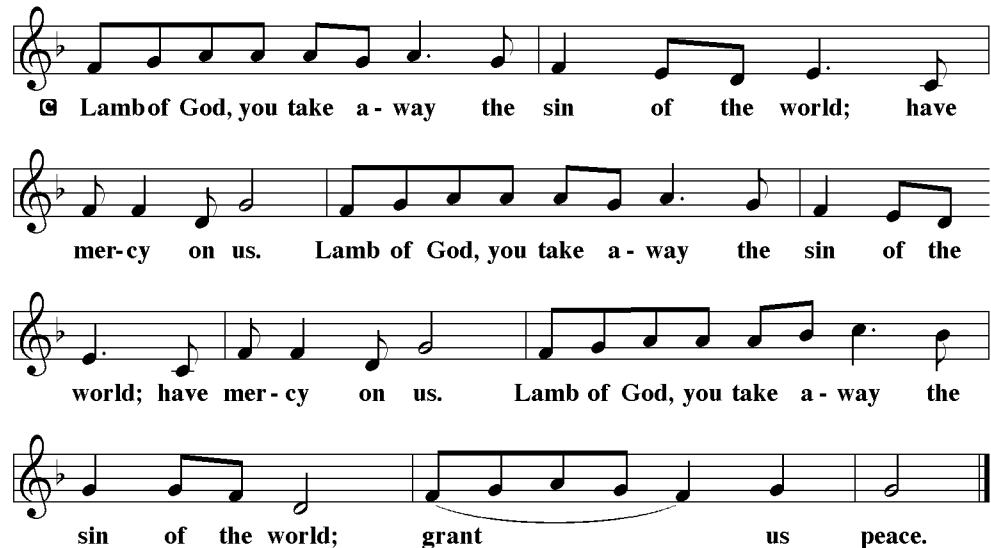
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## LAMB OF GOD



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.

*Please be seated.*