

**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  
#

\_\_\_\_\_ Geraniums 10" pot    \$12.00  
#

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed



**Schwarzwald Lutheran Church**

Serving and Loving Christ since 1737

The people of Schwarzwald - Ministers  
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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER    MAY 18, 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** *Pachabel's Canon in D Major . . . . .* setting by John Carter

**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.**

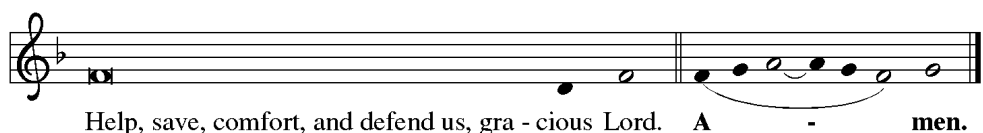
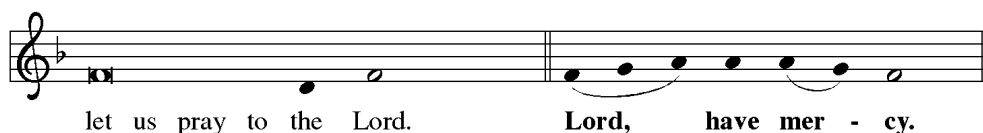
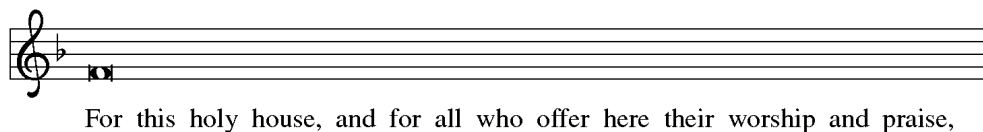
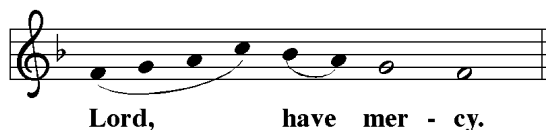
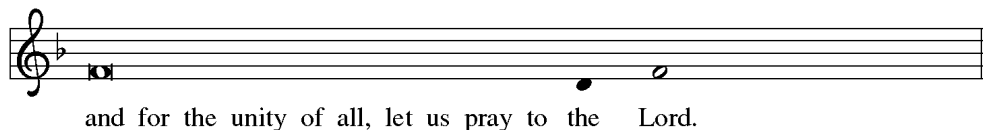
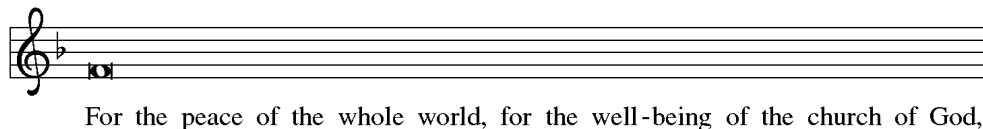
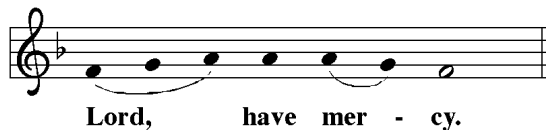
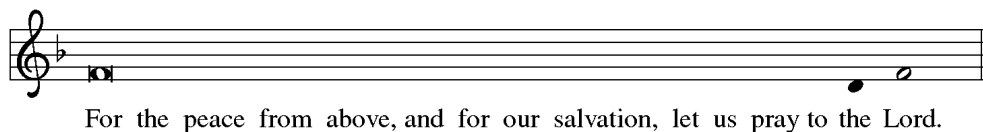
**GATHERING HYMN** #389 *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

## 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



# V.B.S. 2025

## Living Water

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

Monday, June 9 –Friday, June 13

6:00-8:00 PM

Dinner available each evening  
at 5:30 PM

←  
Register by completing the form or by calling  
the Church office at 610-779-3480.

### 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!



# V.B.S. 2025 Living Water

Monday, June 9-Friday, June 13

## Registration Form

NAMES OF CHILDREN ATTENDING

AGE/GRADE COMPLETED

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT NAME/NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

WILL PARENTS BE HELPING AT V.B.S.? \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT (IF PARENT CANNOT BE REACHED)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ALLERGIES OR MEDICAL CONDITIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_

ANY OTHER SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

THIS FORM CAN BE SUBMITTED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE OR EMAILED TO: [administrator@schwarzwaldlutheran.org](mailto:administrator@schwarzwaldlutheran.org).

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

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.**

*Please be seated.*

**CHILDREN'S CIRCLE** . . . . . The Rev. David Blitch

### 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."

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 148** *read responsively* Kailey Batzel . . . . . Psalm Reader

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

<sup>2</sup>**Praise him, all his angels;**

**praise him, all his host!**

<sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars!  
<sup>4</sup>**Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!**  
<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for he commanded and they were created.  
<sup>6</sup>**He established them forever and ever;  
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**  
<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps,  
<sup>8</sup>**fire and hail, snow and frost,  
stormy wind fulfilling his command!**  
<sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!  
<sup>10</sup>**Wild animals and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds!**  
<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!  
<sup>12</sup>**Young men and women alike,  
old and young together!**  
<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup>**He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his faithful,  
for the people of Israel who are close to him.  
Praise the LORD!**

#### 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.”

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



# 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**



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## 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!

*Please stand.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

### HOLY 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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

SERMON . . . . . The Rev. David Blitch

*Please stand.*

HYMN OF THE DAY #452 *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

### 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 Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people without exceptions, especially those often overlooked in our communities. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to preservation of wild places. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing illness, especially:

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

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

(Silent prayers)

Wipe away every tear. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Abide with all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, sexuality, or ability. Destroy all forms of systemic oppression, and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective body in this community and beyond. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love. Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal home. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

SERVING AT WORSHIP

Jesse Gibney . . . . .	Assisting Minister
Kevin Kennedy . . . . .	Usher Team Captain
Mark Hoover, Doris Jaeger, Susan Johns . . . . .	Communion Assistants
Kailey Batzel . . . . .	Psalm Reader
Charlie and Miles Brumbaugh . . . . .	Acolytes
Ian Carr . . . . .	Carillonneur
Carolyn Woodford . . . . .	Zoom Master

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome The Rev. David Blitch, our Visitation Pastor, to the pulpit this morning. We welcome Peg Gumpert as our supply pianist.

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 Charles and Anita Heydt for the blessing of family, and 2) by Marcia Holbrook to the glory of God.

The bulletins are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by Greg and JoAnn Lott in memory of loved ones.

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 May 25 and all of June. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION AND CLASS

Interested in joining SLC?!

There will be an orientation  
on Sunday, June 1, at 9:45 a.m.  
in the Parlor Coffee Café  
AND  
following worship that day,  
the new member class will be held with  
Pastor Jim in Fellowship Hall.

(Members will be received during worship on Sunday, June 15.)

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 return to your seat by way of the side ramps.  
It is no longer necessary to fill out a communion card.

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 #625 Come, We That Love the Lord

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 Psalm 19 . . . . . Marcello

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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.

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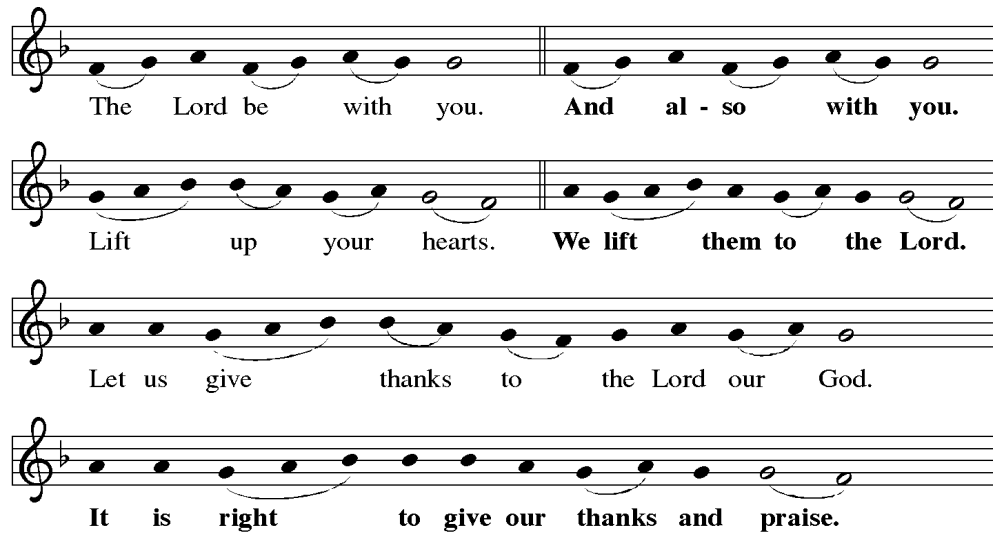
SR. CHOIR ANTHEM Praise to You, Giver of Life. . . . . Bible

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.

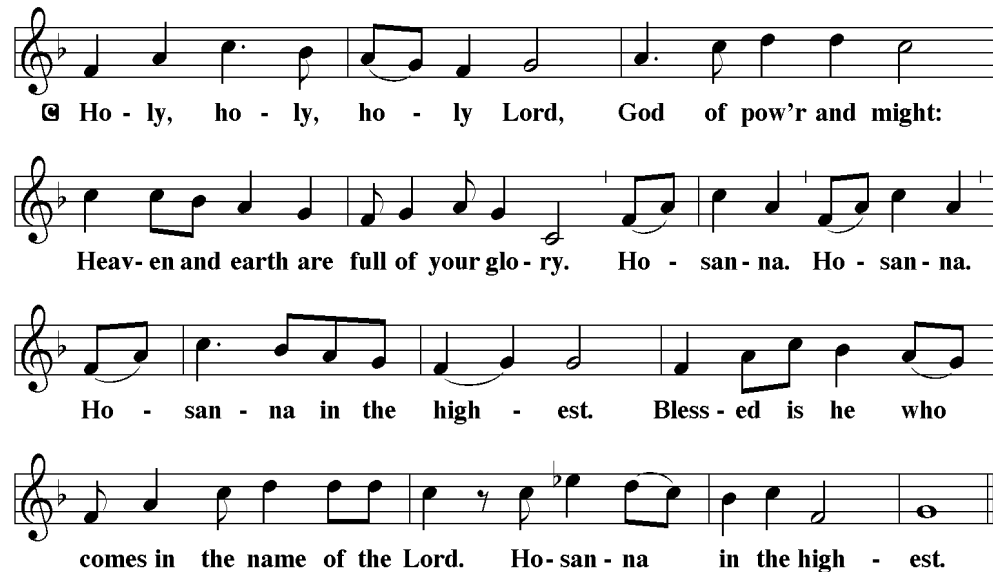
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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.

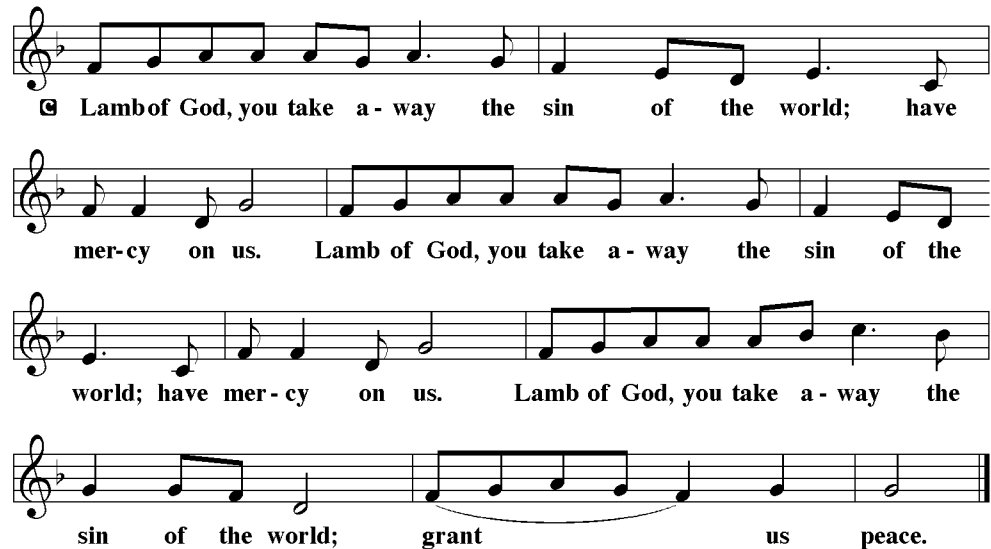
## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.*