

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.

TODAY is the deadline to order.

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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
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\$ _____ Total amount enclosed



Schwarzwald Lutheran Church

Serving and Loving Christ since 1737

The people of Schwarzwald - Ministers
The Rev. Jim Farnsworth, Designated Pastor
The Rev. David Blitch, Visitation Pastor
Mrs. Kathy Snyder - Director of Music
Ms. Diane V. Hafer - Office Administrator
Mrs. Crystal Jordan - Christian Ed. Director
Mrs. Melissa Kerber—Sexton

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER JUNE 1, 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 *Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord* 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.

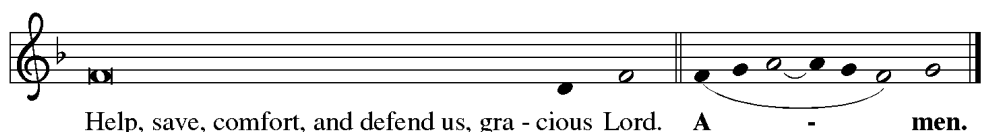
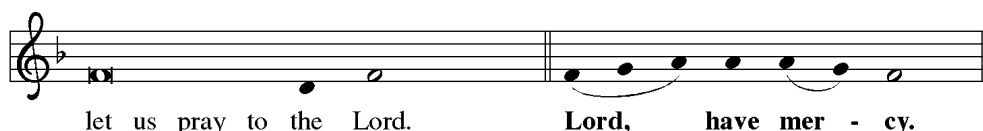
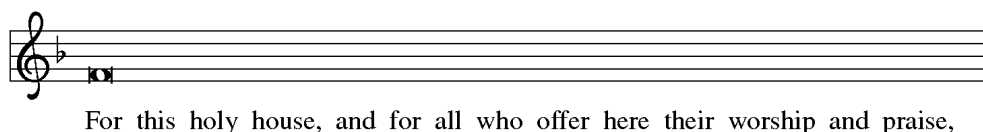
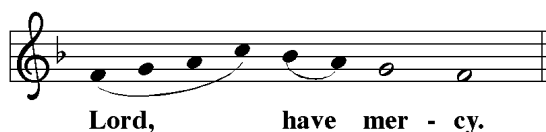
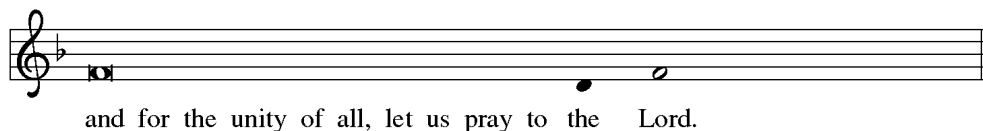
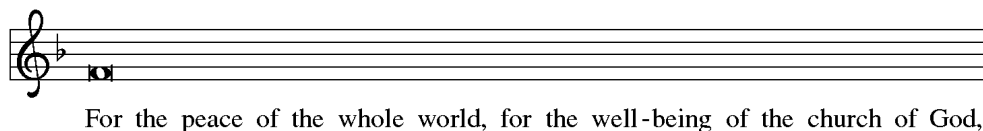
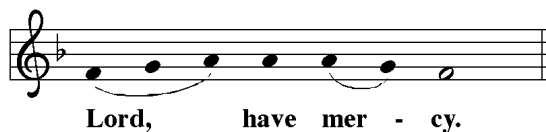
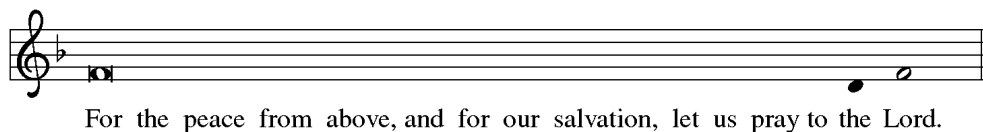
GATHERING HYMN #392 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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



At Home Mission Trip

Grades 6-12

July 14-16

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.

Schwarzwald youth who will be first or second year Confirmation students in the fall should make this event a part of their summer learning. It can serve to satisfy one of the Confirmation requirements (attend a mission trip, attend Bear Creek Camp, attend a Mini-Mission Trip, or do an approved service project).

Last year’s event was so much fun! Our kids really enjoyed it. Call the church office at (610-779-3480) or Pastor Farnsworth (610-246-4278) with any questions you may have. We plan to send a group from SLC. Won’t you please join us?



SOCIAL MINISTRY

GIVING TREE

for JUNE and JULY



The Exeter Area Food Pantry is requesting donations of school supplies to distribute to its families in August:

**backpacks, binders, pencils,
boxes of 24 crayons, glue sticks,
2-pocket folders, 1-subject notebooks,
highlighters, rubber erasers,
and colored pencils.**

Please place your donations in the
bin in the narthex by **July 27**.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S CIRCLEThe Rev. Jim Farnsworth

FIRST READING Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 97 *read responsively*

¹The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!

²**Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice
are the foundation of his throne.**

³Fire goes before him,
and consumes his adversaries on every side.

⁴**His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.**

⁵The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the LORD of all the earth.

⁶**The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.**

⁷All worshipers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.

⁸**Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O God.**

⁹For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰**The LORD loves those who hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

¹¹Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.

¹²**Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!**

SECOND READING Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

¹²“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.**



DONATE BLOOD AND SAVE LIVES!

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

JOIN US TO DONATE BLOOD
JUNE 2ND - 14TH

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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Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Gospel according to John.

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

HOLY GOSPEL John 17:20-26

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

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

#393 *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!*

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.

Welcoming God, you invite all people to come and encounter your love. Give your church open hearts and minds to embrace all who seek your presence. Increase the capacity for cooperation between denominations and congregations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, your might is seen in storms and in silence. Where drought threatens, bring rain. Where waters flood, ease them back. Where fire, earthquake, hurricane, or tornado destroy, shelter your people and restore your land. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Discerning God, fill the hearts of leaders with your passion for justice and mercy. Call the nations of this world to tables of peace and collaboration. Encourage governments to seek avenues of collective benefit and joy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.



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: _____ ZIPCODE: _____

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.



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 on the next page and placing it in the offering plate, 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!

Abiding God, all people are held in your care. Accompany survivors of abuse, trauma, and exploitation. Strengthen our resolve to listen and advocate on behalf of all who are unnoticed. Hear our prayers for those close to our heart especially:

Ken Bryant	Cindy Fliegel	Barbara Hafer
Marlene Harlow	Barry Hecker	Ruth Hoover
Walt & Janice Smithson	Mary Phillips	Pastor Don Simmons
Fay Weaver	Sarah Blatt	Tom Bowersox
Melissa Cerasoli	Irene Kane	Jayne Phillips
Tracy Rohrbach	Marsha Springle	Jim & Lauri Walker
The family and friends of Ted Whitehead in their grief		

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

Silent prayers

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing God, be with this congregation as summer begins in the northern hemisphere. Keep travelers safe. Keep the vulnerable cool. Invigorate summer ministry efforts in our community, and support the well-being of children and young people at VBS and summer camp. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving God, the beginning and the end, you are with us throughout our lives. In gratitude for the saints who have died, we look toward your coming again among us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

SR. CHOIR ANTHEM *One Day At a Time.* Wilkin/Kristofferson
Patty Schmeer, soloist

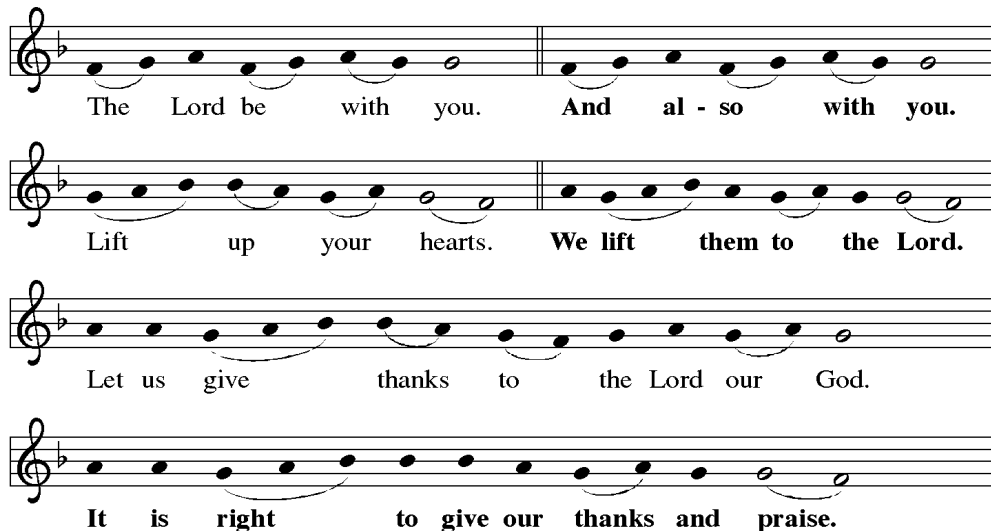
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OFFERTORY RESPONSE



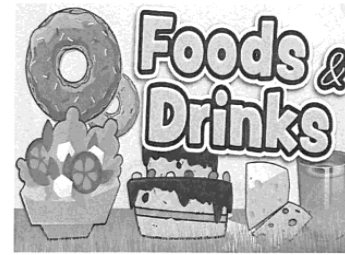
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your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

"GATHERINGS"



Before Church in the Parlor!

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.

SEE YOU THERE!

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.

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SERVING AT WORSHIP

Peg Gumpert Assisting Minister
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Peg Gumpert, Judy McLain, Terry Jenkins Communion Assistants
Trevor Seidel. Acolyte
Sally Kennedy, Judy Ney, Ian Carr Carillonneur
Bob Rutherford 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 by Stephanie and Tyler Shaak in proud celebration of Kenton and Tenley's First Holy Communion. Congratulations and blessings to all the First Communicants!

The **bulletins** are presented to the glory of God and sponsored by Jennifer Reinert in honor of Jack Murphy's 10th birthday.

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) and **Bulletin sponsors** (\$14) for the remainder of June. Please use the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

The **June Pulpit and Pew** is available for pick up in the Narthex.

The adult **Handbell Choir** will rehearse on Thursday, June 5, at 6:30 p.m.

The **BREAKFAST BUNCH** will meet on Thursday, June 12, at 9:00 a.m. at the Breakfast Hut Restaurant on Perkiomen Avenue. All are welcome! Please join us!

There are 8 **free R-Phils tickets** in the Narthex for the game on Friday, June 13, 7:00 p.m. Please help yourself. First come, first served.

"Finding Jesus in Schwarzwald"

At the conclusion of VBS on June 13, the kids will be hiding tiny Jesus figures throughout the sanctuary. This will initiate a summer activity for not only the children of the congregation but everyone. All 50 figures will be distributed by the children of VBS throughout the sanctuary. As congregants attend summer worship, they may find one of the mini Jesus' and take the Jesus home and have Jesus with them throughout the week. When they return the following Sunday, they should re-hide Jesus for someone else to find. We will see at the end of summer how many tiny Jesus' are still throughout the church versus how many are missing.

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.

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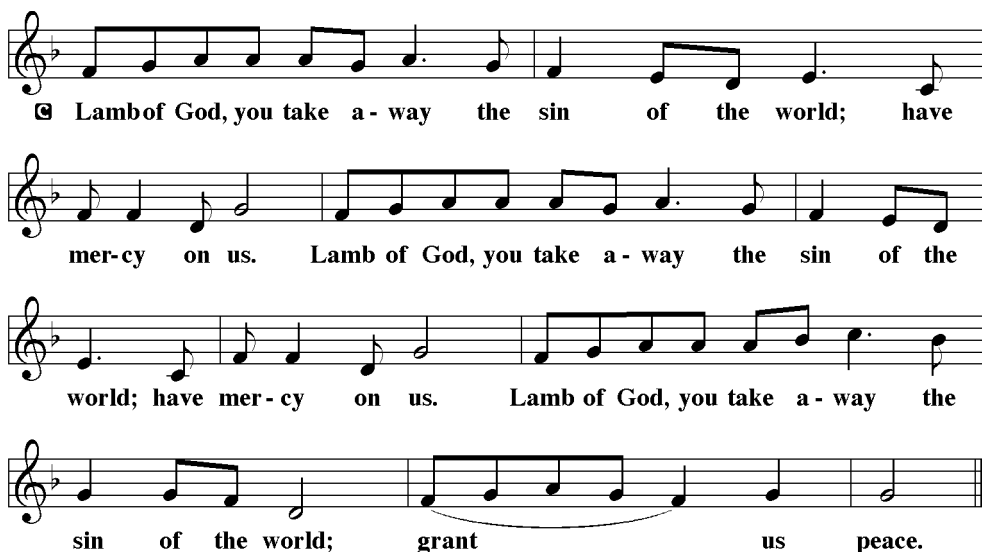
P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION - Receiving First Communion this morning are:

Maverick Centeno	Kenton Shaak
Ophelia Centeno	Tenley Shaak
Codey Fayewicz	Annalynne Thompson
Jane Houston	Tyler Thompson
Tenley Oldham	Zachary Werner
Karley Seidel	

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Continuous Communion
Grape juice is available at the top of the steps.
For gluten free wafers, please ask the Communion Assistant.
After receiving communion, please return to your seat by way of the side ramps.
If you are unable to come to the altar for communion, the Pastor will bring communion to you in your pew.
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 #855 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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 *Andantino* Hook

Following worship, please join the First Communicants and their families in the Narthex for refreshments.

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