

# Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

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## The Sixth Sunday of Easter



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Pastor

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Organist/Choirmaster

### WELCOME/GATHERING

**PRELUDE:** *Prelude in Classic Style* ..... Young

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**C Amen.**

P Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

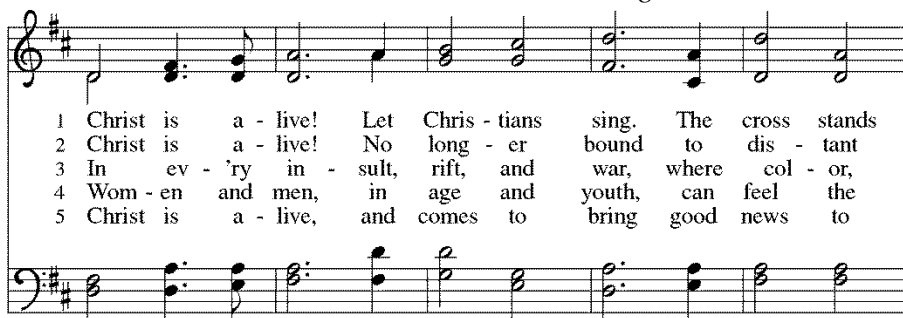
P God of grace and glory,

**C you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

P Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and ☩ frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

**C Amen.**

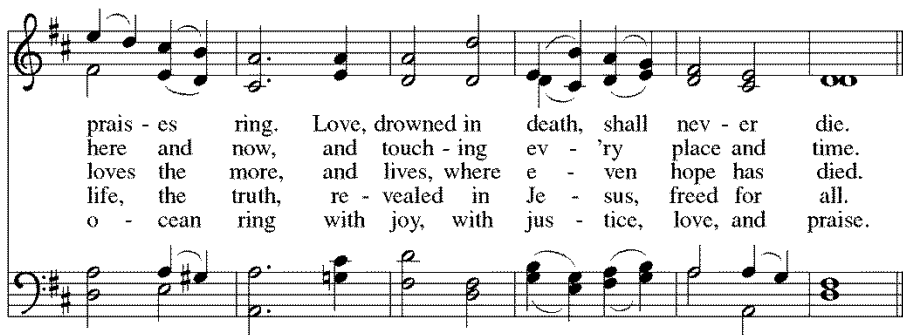
## GATHERING SONG: *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing . . . . . All Stand & Sing*



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

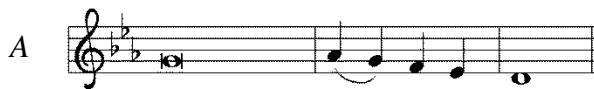
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## GREETING

**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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



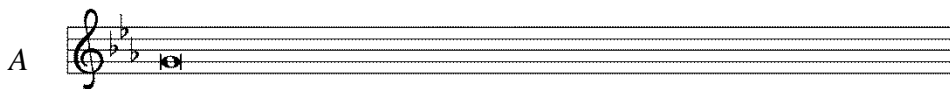
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



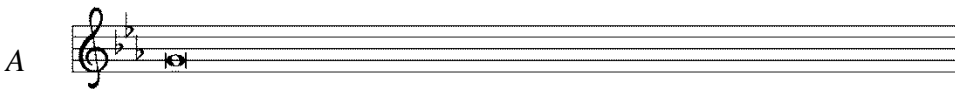
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



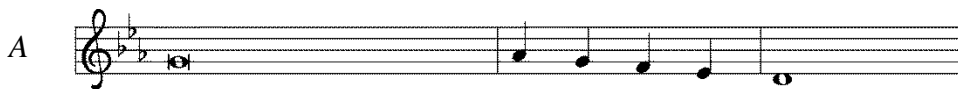
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

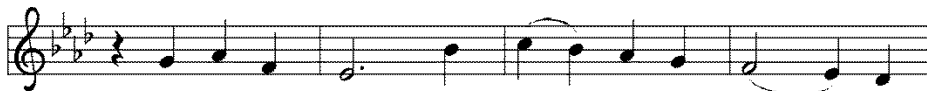
## CANTICLE OF PRAISE ..... All Sing



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



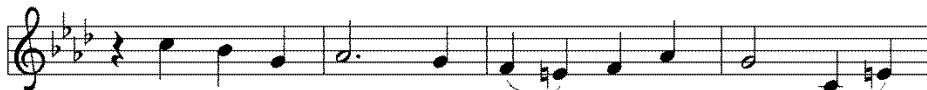
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

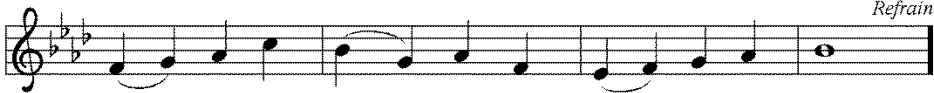


blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:




Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

*Refrain*

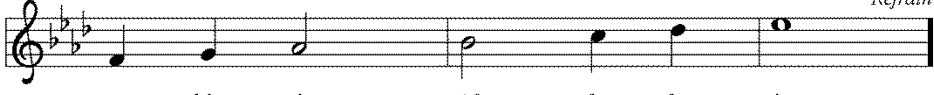


hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

*Refrain*



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Congregation is Seated and are invited to **sing “Jesus Loves Me”**  
as the children come forward.*

## CHILDREN’S TIME

**Children ages 4 to 8 years-old** are invited to go to the Education building for a 20-minute (or so) time together **immediately after the Children’s sermon.** *Children will return to their parents during the hymn of the day.* Children **birth through 3 years-old** are invited to join others their age **in the nurseries.**

## FIRST READING

**Acts 16:9–15**

A reading from the tenth chapter of Acts.

*A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to*

*receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.*

<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.



A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

**Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

A reading from the twenty-first & twenty-second chapters of Revelation.

*John’s vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God’s past actions. Yet in this new city, God’s presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplant sun and moon.*

<sup>10</sup>And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

<sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But

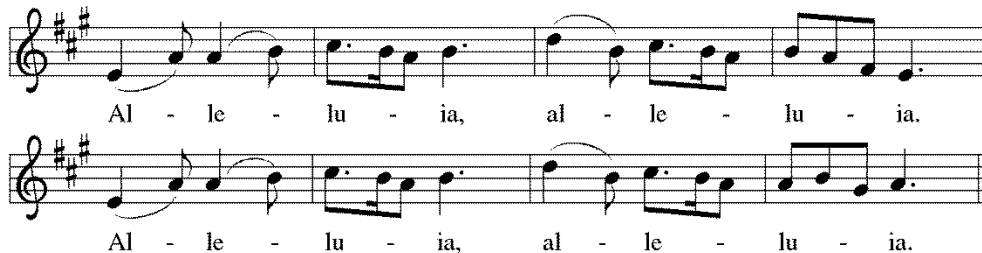
nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

<sup>22:1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL VERSE



## GOSPEL

**John 14:23–29**

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

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

*As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.*

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and

remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

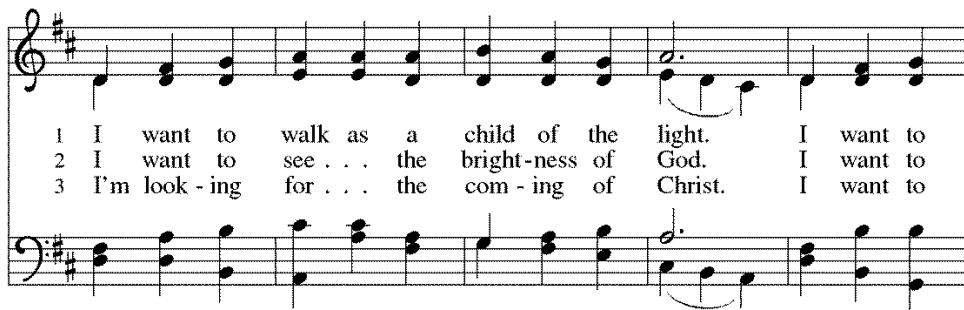
**P** The gospel of the Lord.

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

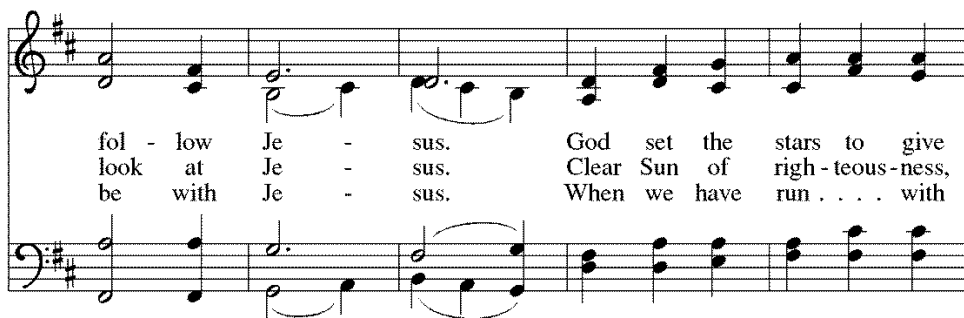
*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON** ..... Pastor Micah

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* ..... All Stand & Sing  
(Members of the Children’s Ensemble come to the balcony during the singing of the hymn)




1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



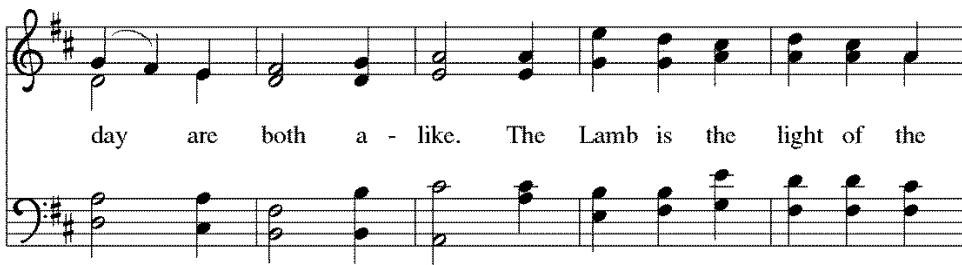


light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.


*Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934  
Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson  
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## **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**

Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, ruler of the nations, renew your call to all people. Raise up leaders who are eager to follow you into justice, love, and truth. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Nourish all lands through springs, rivers, lakes, pools, and irrigation systems. Produce abundant food by the flowing of your Spirit throughout creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Help us to extend your hospitality and inspire us to share the grace of Christ in places near and far. Use even small interactions to usher in peace for all people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Send compassionate servants to those who live with health concerns in body, mind, or spirit. Deliver your healing and peace to all in need (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bear the burdens of people who long to work, yet remain unemployed or underemployed.  
Give them dignity when they seek help, and place them where their gifts may be used.  
Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You have given blessed salvation to all your saints. Thank you for writing our names also  
in the book of life. Make us Christ's presence for others while we await his coming. Hear  
us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in the work of your Holy Spirit to bring  
all things into the risen life of Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **OFFERING**



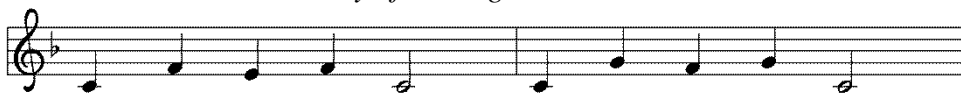
**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *Sing Your Praise . . . . .* Children's Ensemble &  
Church Choir

(The Congregation is invited to participate in this familiar tune.

Text by Daniel Hannemann.)

Sing your praise, Oh sing unto the Lord,  
Sing your praise by morning, noon, and night;  
Sing, sing to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit now and always.

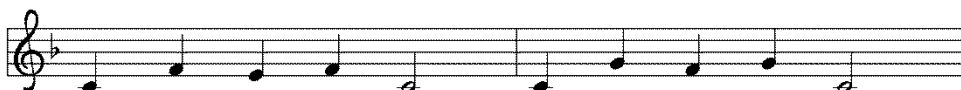
## OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Day of Arising* ..... All Stand & Sing



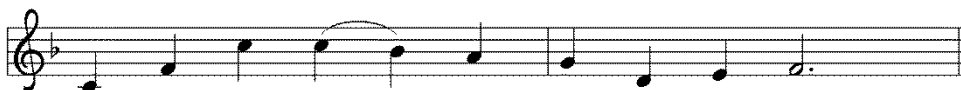
1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,  
 2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,  
 3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.  
 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.  
 blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,  
 This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:  
 bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,  
 yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing  
 when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,  
 Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.  
 our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.  
 there Christ is with us in bread and wine.  
 that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953  
 Music: RAABE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929  
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## OFFERING PRAYER

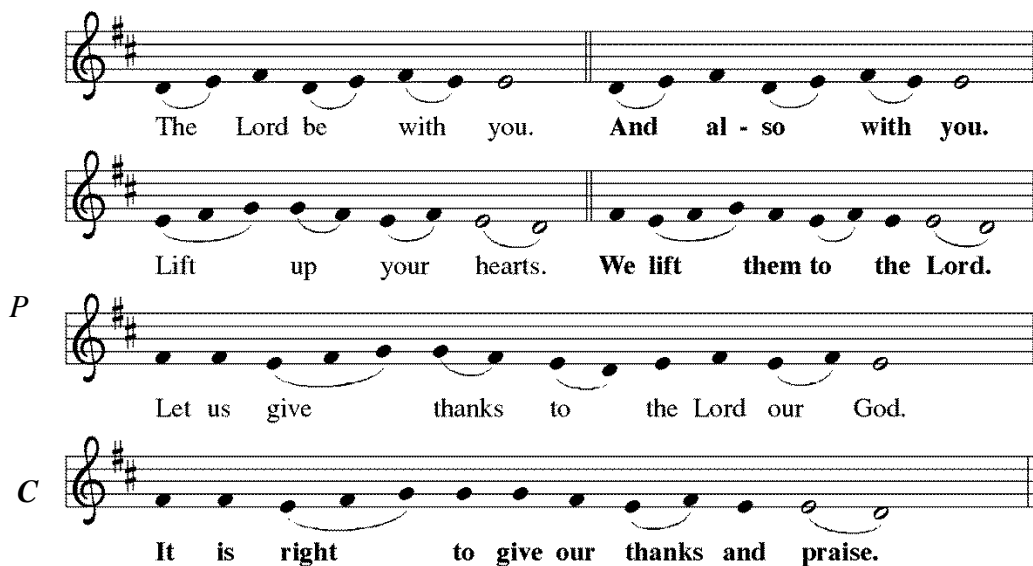
**A** Let us pray.

**C** Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## DIALOGUE

*Presider*

*Congregation*



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

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

*P* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

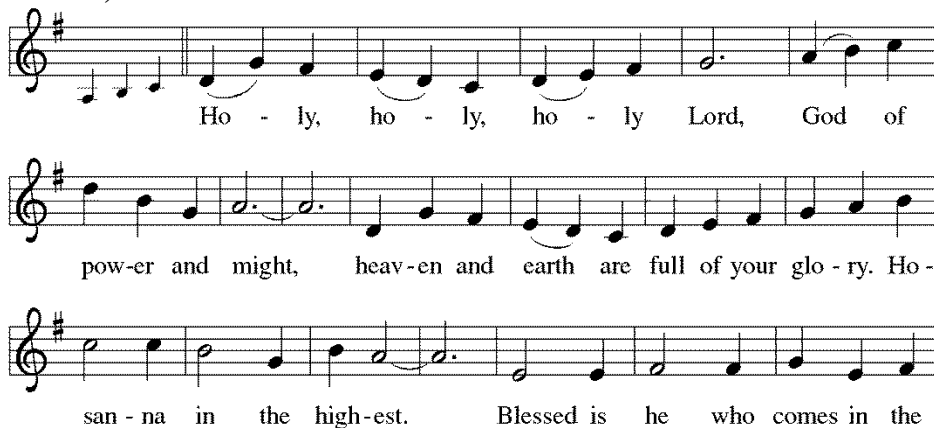
*C* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### PREFACE

*P* ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### 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.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

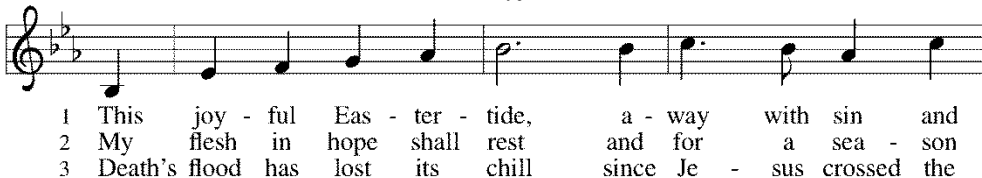
**P** The table of life is spread before you. Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.  
**C** Thanks be to God.



### COMMUNION

*A cordial invitation is extended to all persons to participate in the celebration of the real presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:** *This Joyful Eastertide* . . . . . All Sing





sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall  
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - row.  
wake the dead in num - - ber.  
pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

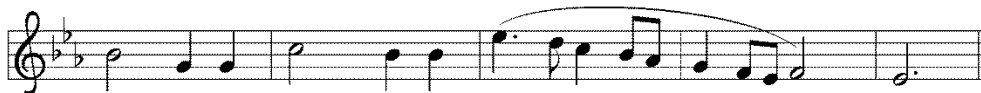
*Refrain*



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our



faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934

Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

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

## SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let  
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.  
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** Let us pray.

**C** We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## BLESSING

**P** The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of ☩ Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.

**C** **Amen.**



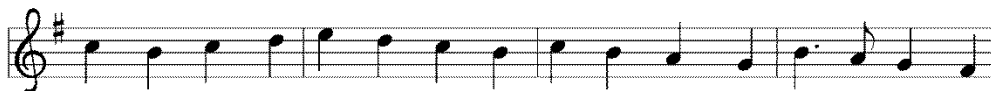
# SENDING SONG: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* . . . . . All Stand & Sing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.  
 Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional  
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## DISMISSAL

**A** Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news.

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

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**A CORDIAL WELCOME** is extended to all of our visitors on this **The Sixth Sunday of Easter**. We pray that you will find a warm fellowship while you are among us and that you will return home with a renewed sense of dedication to Jesus Christ. Please sign our guest register or a visitor's card so that we can become acquainted with you. If you are without a church home, we invite you to investigate membership in this family of God.

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**CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP.** Jesus said, "let the children come to me!" Parents are encouraged to utilize the Kids Worship Kits found in the Narthex for older toddlers through early elementary age. Nurseries for children **(infants through 3 years old)** are located in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance.



**KIDS' WORSHIP CENTER:** Pick up kits as you enter for worship! **Please return the tote bag** with the plastic bag of crayons, scratch pads, and pencils to the stand in the narthex. The children may take any papers home with them.

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**PRAYER REQUESTS:** A notebook has been placed in the narthex for your prayer requests during the week. The book will be in the narthex on Sundays and in the church office during the week. **If you wish a name to be added to our prayer board, please fill out a form from the prayer book or fill in the online form at [www.holyc.org](http://www.holyc.org).**

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**THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY** are given to the glory of God by Mark & Rebecca Yount, Luke & Alec Via in memory of Betty "G" King; and by Mark & Rebecca and Luke celebrating God for the blessing of Alec Via.

**Those who have placed flowers on the altar** may use the containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church.

***Carmen Buell, Worship & Music***

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**Offering and Attendance Report for April 24, 2016:**

Attendance: 125

**Budget Report**

	<b><u>April 24, 2016</u></b>
Current Offering Received	\$ 3,607.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$ 5,019.46
Offering, Year-To-Date	\$ 89,863.25
Offering less Actual Expenses Incurred, YTD	\$ 9,599.86
Offering less Expenses Year-To-Date	\$ 7,406.56

**ASSISTING MINISTERS:**

**LECTOR:** Billy Joye

**ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS:**

Volunteers

**ALTAR GUILD:** (Team 1)

Bev & Charles Mauney, Co-Captains

Carmen De Nicholas

Deb Williams

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** (Team A)

Shelia Kelly

Jack Tench

Jo Singleton

Volunteer

**EUCHARIST PRESENTERS:** Volunteers

**GREETER:** Kathy Graves

**TELLERS:** Courtney Gatlin

Bill Hollar

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:**

Maria Carr

**USHERS:** Need Volunteers

**NURSERY:** (9:30-11:45 am)

*Infants:* Staff

*Toddlers:* Lorry Caldwell

**BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK: May 1-7**

Today, May 1 Katie Kessen

May 2 Lucy Bocchino

May 3 Sonja Kreitzer

May 4 Dariel Rogers

May 5 Thomas Bocchino

May 7 Dianne Lail

Alec Via

**THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:****Today, May 1**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:10 am Church Choir prep

10:30 am Worship Service with  
Holy Communion

4:00 pm Children's Ensemble

6:00 pm Church Choir

**Tuesday, May 3**

7:00 pm Chamber Choir

Property Committee

Nar-Anon

**Wednesday, May 4**

6:45 pm Women's Bible Study

**Thursday, May 5**

6:00 pm Stewardship Committee

**Saturday, May 7**

10:45 am **HCY** meets at the church to  
go to *Faith Farm* in Dallas for a

**Day of Service!**

Bring a bag lunch. Drinks  
provided. Parents welcome.

7:00 pm ***Staying Connected***

Meets at the church to plan  
for upcoming projects &  
events.

# SAVE THE DATE! **VBS** Mark Your Calendars!

## Vacation Bible School 2016

DATE: June 26-29th ● 6:00-7:45 pm

This summer, Holy Comforter is providing kids an adventure like no other, deep within the mysterious sea. Our Vacation Bible School program will allow children to submerge themselves in God's Word. They will discover that Jesus didn't just see what's on the outside of people. He looked deep down on the inside. So grab your goggles, step into your flippers, and prepare to register your kids for diving below the surface to find the truth!



A quick meal will be provided, then the children rotate through activities of play, studying scripture, singing, and art. Parents are welcome to stay or take this time for themselves. Information about registering will be coming soon. If you are interested in helping with the program, you would be welcomed, whether it's providing a meal or assisting with one of the activity stations. **More formal guidance and materials will be provided for all volunteers.** Contact Melissa Bocchino at [Melissa.bocchino@pwc.com](mailto:Melissa.bocchino@pwc.com).



Holy Comforter is hosting **Camp Agape** the week of July 18-22. Agape is a day camp for rising 1<sup>st</sup> to rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders and is sponsored by Kure Beach Ministries.

This year we will again include 6<sup>th</sup>-rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The kids in this age group will participate in service projects throughout the week at Holy Comforter as well as off-site. **We must have a minimum of 6 middle school aged kids in order to offer this expanded camp.**

Registration forms are available in the narthex or from Misty Koehler. The cost is **\$130 per camper and is due at the time of registration.** There is only room for 20 campers, so register soon. The spaces will be filled on a "first come, first served" basis. Contact Misty if you have any questions about camp.

**Misty Koehler, Camp Coordinator**



**BCO item for the month:**  
Spaghetti Sauce





## PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Louise Austin  
Brenda Dabrowski  
Shawn De Nicholas  
Ardean Ewing  
Dot Holland  
Zack Hullander

Tom Irwin  
Chase Lineberger  
Holly Peche  
Sherry Perry  
Marguerite Shive  
Mark Reese

Beverley Reynolds  
Anna Spikes  
Jack Tench & Family  
Kevin Washle

## GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Richard Abernethy  
Harriett Ange  
Paige Beaver  
Jenny Beer  
Barbara Bingham  
Graham Brezler  
Libby Byrum  
Father Frank Cancro  
Tina Capwell  
Clell Davis  
J. Don Devine  
Zachary Evans  
Jamey Gardner  
Poss Garrett  
Ronnie Garrison  
Tammy Gordon

Brian Hedrick  
Sam Holloway  
Stacy Hunsucker  
Dennis Jordan  
Steven Keating  
Marshall Kinley  
Jennifer Lineberger  
Terry Mahaffey  
Al McCoy  
Clay McCoy  
Gene McRorie  
Don Moore  
Jean Peters  
Jim Poag  
Taylor Propst & Family  
David Prouty

Julio Quiros  
Dan Robinson and  
Daughters Breanna & Mikayla  
Anna Rudder  
Tangie Shingler  
Megan Sigler  
E. Taylor & Family  
Carson Thomas  
Sally Vanhoy  
Pat Via  
Gloria Ward  
Pastor Gary Weant  
Olivia Wilcox  
Jeff Wiles  
Bruce Zander

## OUR SERVICEMEN

Beau Carroll  
Matt Cisek  
Jason Gardner

Dillon Kasmer  
Leo Kasmer  
Tom Kasmer

Mike Kelso  
Jeremy Shaver



Please remember these people in your prayers.

If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list, please inform Kathy Graves.

The sign-up prayer forms are located in the narthex and online at [www.holyc.org](http://www.holyc.org).



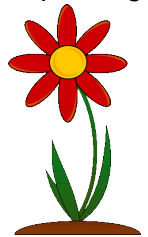
### Sunday School Attendance April 24, 2016

	<u>Children</u>	<u>Adults</u>
Nursery	0	2
Pre-School	3	1
Lower Elem.	3	1
Upper Elem.	6	1
Middle School	2	1
High School		
Seekers		5
Adult Bible Class		13
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>24</b>

### Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, our HCY will join the youth from Good Shepherd for a ***Day of Service!***

Our youth will meet at the church at 10:45 am to depart for *Faith Farm* in Dallas, a transitional housing program for female Veterans run by Lutheran Services Carolinas. During the day we will help spruce up the exterior of the home...pulling weeds, planting flowers, and trimming bushes ...just a few things on the agenda. This will be

a great chance for our youth to give back and learn about an important program for Veterans provided by our Lutheran Church! *Parents are welcome and encouraged* to attend. Please bring a bag lunch. Drinks will be provided. We should finish and return to the church around 2:15 pm.



### **Pentecost Picnic!**

Saturday, May 14 ● 4:00 pm-7:00 pm ● at the church

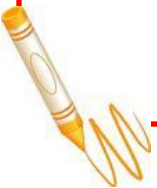


All food provided.  
Bring a dessert. Bring a friend.  
Bouncy slide for children.



If you would like to help set up, contact Tom Bocchino at  
[Tbocchino@hotmail.com](mailto:Tbocchino@hotmail.com) or 704-616-3049

# Holy Doodles





PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY & HOPE

*Are offered to*

*Jack Tench & Family*

*On the death of his mother, Mrs. Bonnie Tench*

**The 2016 Flower Chart is available in the narthex.**

There are still some Sundays available for you to provide altar flowers.

Please *print your name* at the date you wish to furnish the altar vases (1 vase or both).

**If you wish to purchase both vases, please sign your name on both lines.**

**Holy Comforter Lutheran Church**

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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am The Service**  
**Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am — 3:00 pm**

Micah Kearney, Pastor email: [MicahKearney@gmail.com](mailto:MicahKearney@gmail.com)

Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster

Kristen Williams, HCY Advisor

Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager