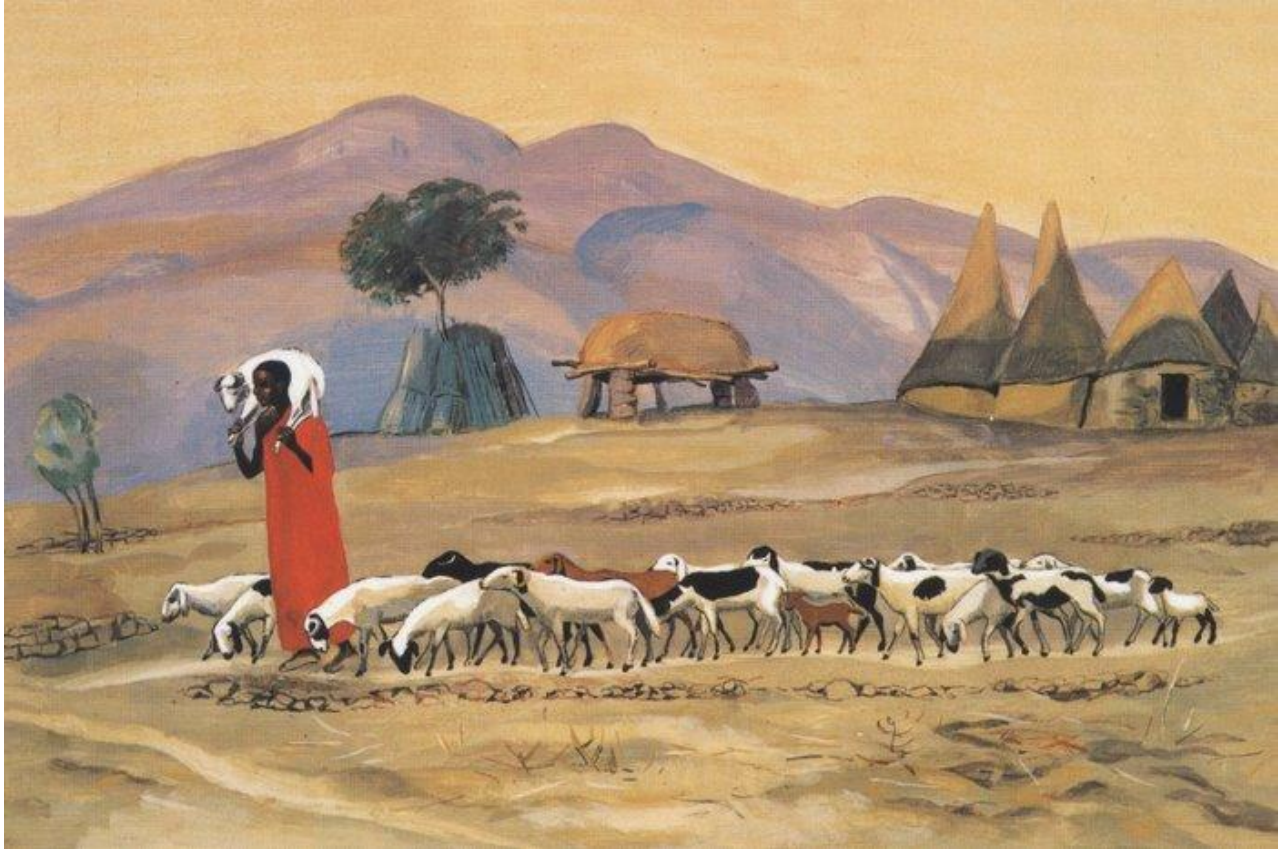


Zion

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

May 11, 2025

9:15 am Worship

Live streamed on Zion's facebook page

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Order for Worship

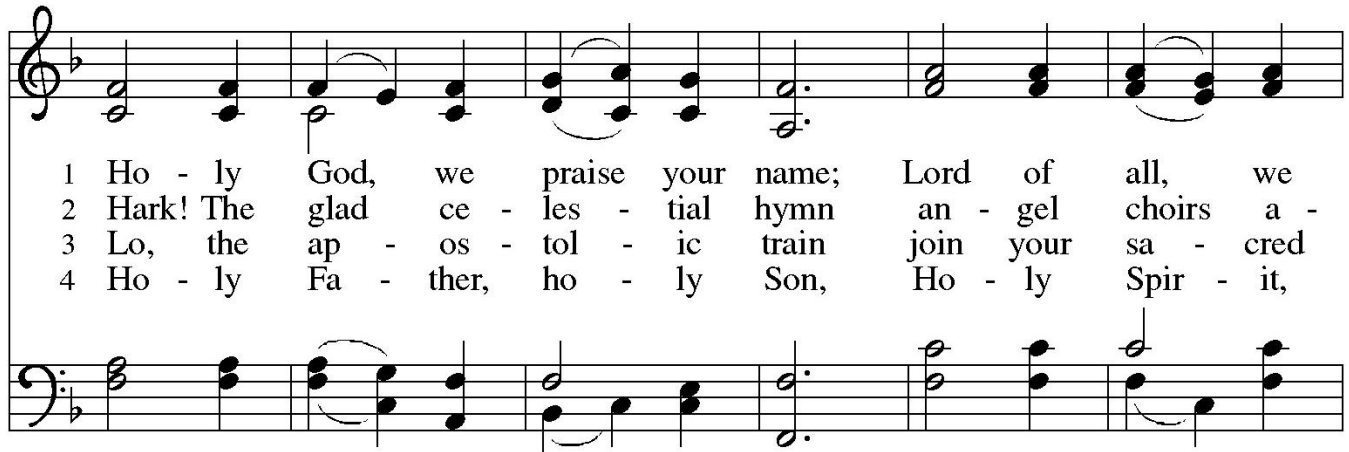
PRELUDE "Sheep May Safely Graze"

J. S. Bach

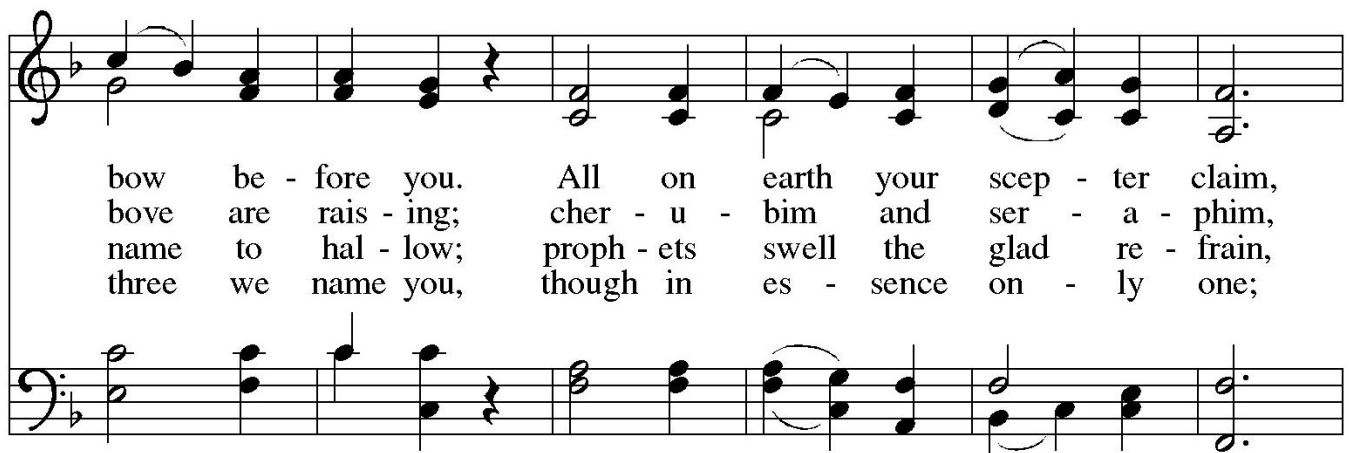
Mary Welliver, French horn

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

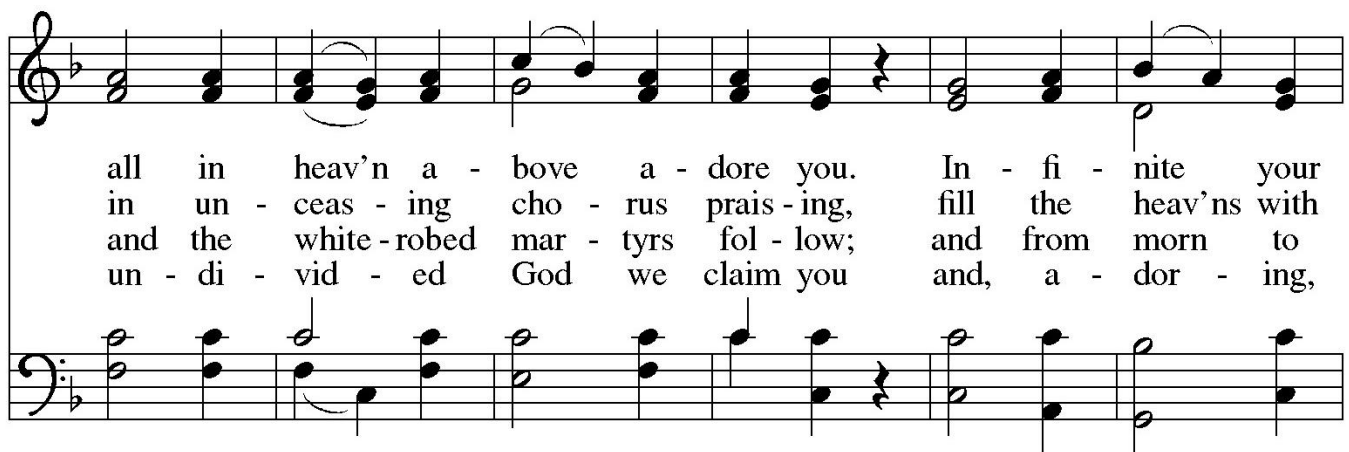
*GATHERING HYMN "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
 and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,
 we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
 waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness,
 and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

Make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
 waters that strengthen believers
 and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
 waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
 waters that open the hearts of believers
 and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
 waters that set your people on a new path,
 rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
 Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
 that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
Amen.

***GREETING!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Green Book page 60

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

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

1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

refrain

2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his.

refrain

3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

refrain

4 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

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

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the words "This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God." The second staff contains the melody for "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

³⁶ 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. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ 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.” ³⁹ 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. ⁴⁰ 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. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 **Sung by Francesca McClure**

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
- ² The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
- ³ You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no
evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

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

¹¹ 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, ¹² singing,

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

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ 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.

¹⁵ 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.

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

¹⁷ 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.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Kate Warn

*HYMN OF THE DAY "Good Shepherd, We Are Not Alone"

Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillete

Tune: Puer Nobis Nascitur

Good Shep - herd we are not a - lone, For
A - noth - er shep - herd might turn back and
A thief may well de - stroy and steal, but
You gath - er sheep from far and wide From

you pro - tect and love your own. And we re - spond - ing
flee at dan - ger's first at - tack; But you laid down your
you, Good Shep - herd, save and heal. You lead your sheep to
folds we know and from out - side. One flock, one Shep - herd

know your voice; We hear you call - ing and re - jice.
ver - y life A lov - ing Shep - herd's sac - ri - fice.
past - ure land, To life a - bun - dant, by your hand.
there will be, A lov - ing, blest com - mun - i - ty.

***NICENE CREED**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Each petition ends God of new life,
and the congregation responds **hear our prayer.***

***SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

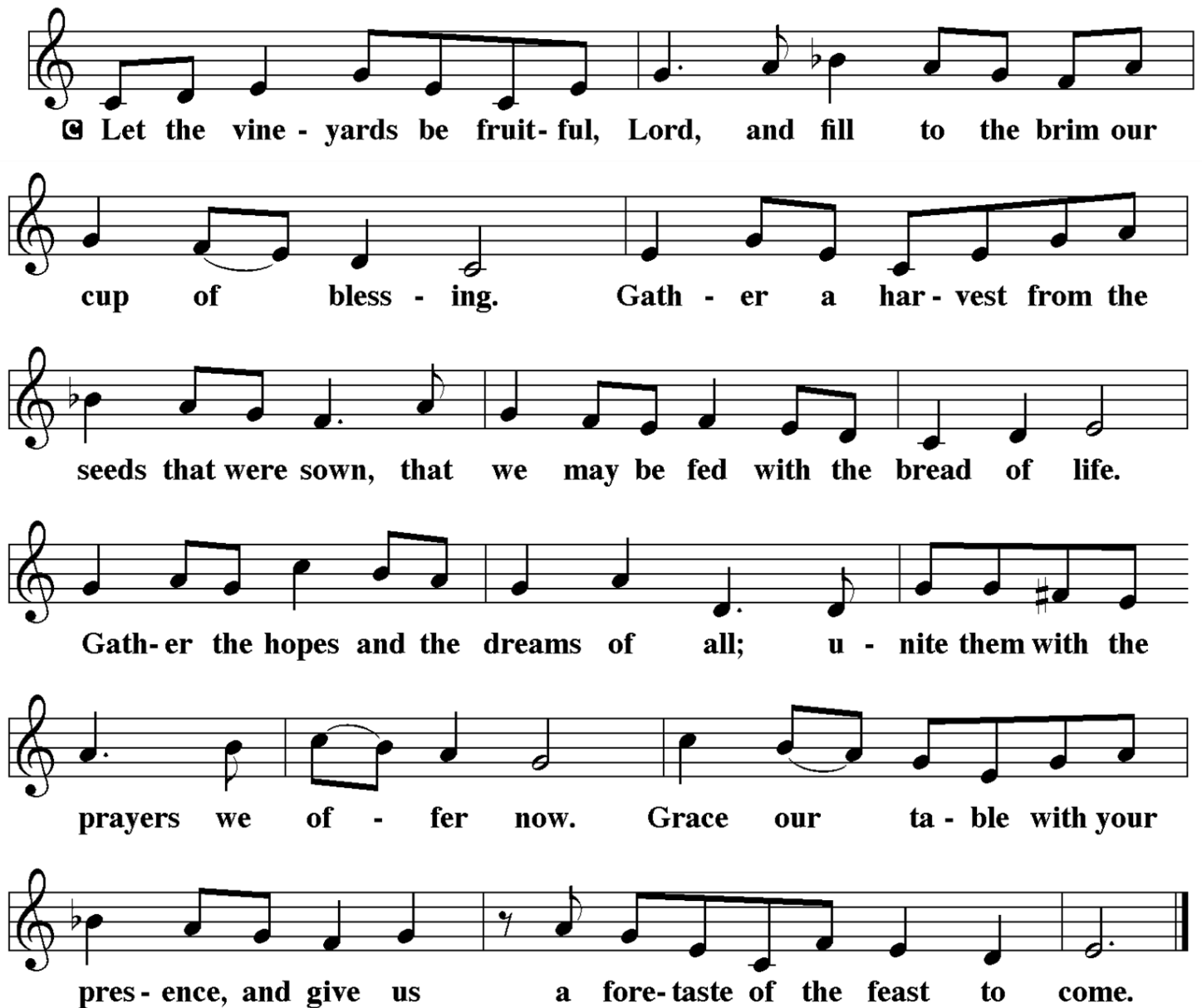
SPECIAL MUSIC “Christ is Arisen, Indeed!”

Natalie Sleeth

Sanctuary Choir

A stewardship note: Offering plates have been placed near the entrance to receive your gifts. An additional offering plate is on the stand near the organ. If you miss the chance to drop off your offering when you arrive, you are welcome to place your offering in the plate at the close of the service.

OFFERTORY CANTICLE (*remain seated*)



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.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
Risen One,
**you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.**
**Come among us again, breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.**
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION and DISTRIBUTION

We gather at the Lord's Table and all are welcome. Communion will be distributed by continuous progression at the front of the sanctuary, and you are welcome to come forward by side, as directed by the pastor. In addition to the pre-poured cups of wine, grape juice (darker in color) is available in the center of each tray, and gluten free wafers are available upon request. You are welcome to kneel at the rail for prayer after receiving the elements. The communion cups may be placed in the small baskets near the end of the pews as you return to your seat.

COMMUNION HYMNS



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - jice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,

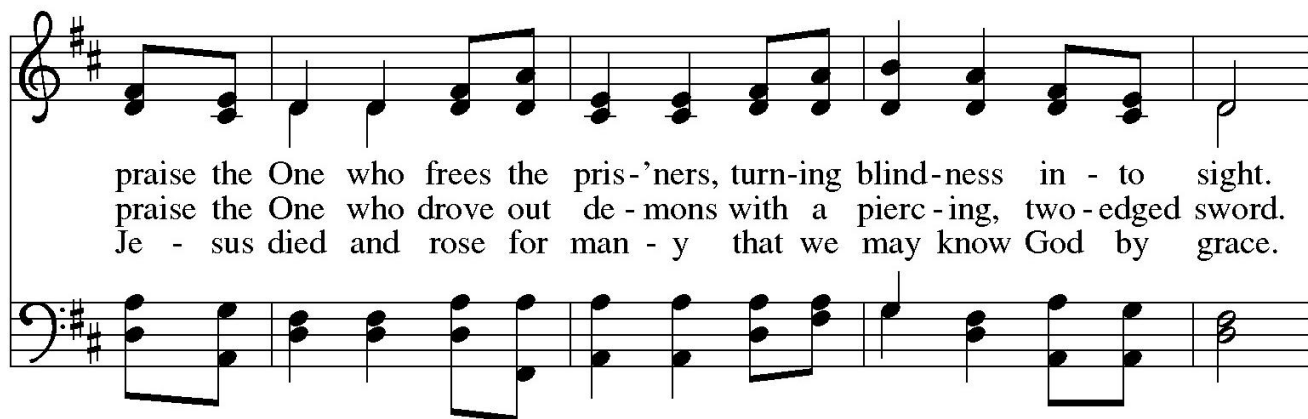
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

*THE BLESSING

*CLOSING HYMN "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"



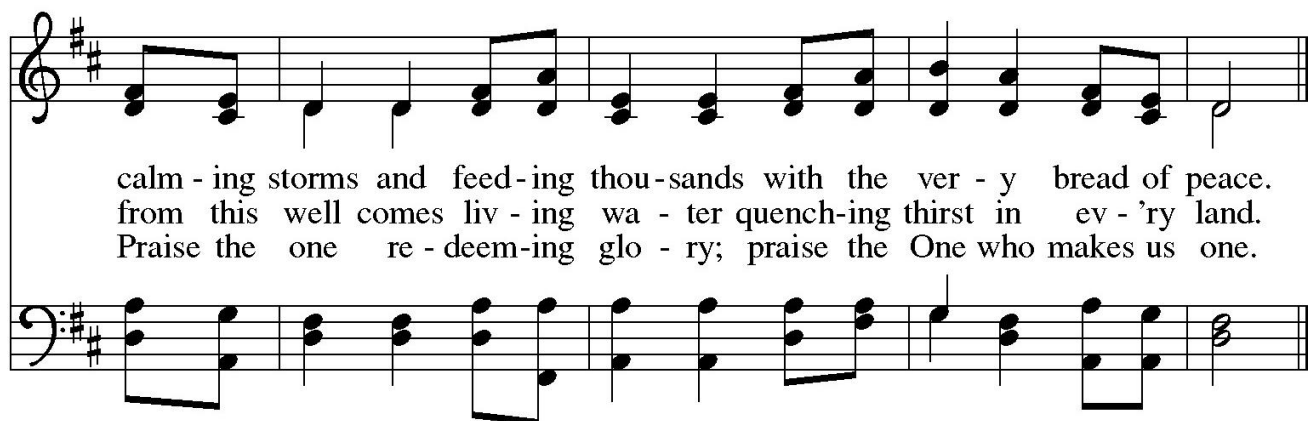
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Announcements

The Lord's Prayer: Study and conversation continue this week following worship. We meet at the table in the Rose Parlor following worship.

The Tuesday small group meets on Tuesdays at 1:30pm. For the month of May we are reading "Girl Meets God," by Lauren Winner.

Zion's Council has decided to change the current process of counting the weekly offering. We want to have two people count it after the worship service on Sundays, then place it in the locked filing cabinet in the back room until Donna comes in on Monday morning to record it and make the bank deposit. Training will be provided. We would like to begin this practice sometime in late May. If you are interested in helping, please contact Donna in the church office or call 717-665-5880.

We will hold an organizational meeting for the Summer Lunch Program on Thursday, May 15th at 11:00am. We will look at the schedule and menus for the summer, and make sure we have enough support to offer the lunches again this year. If you are interested in helping with the summer lunches and cannot attend, please let Pastor Kate know.

Pastor Kate is interested in creating a team of Zion members who are interested and willing to serve as eucharistic ministers and visitors for our homebound members. We would pair each visitor (or visiting couple) with one member of the congregation, so that each visitor is responsible for one visitation on a regular basis. We are looking to start with 10 visitation assignments – either with individual visitors or a couple. An important element of this will be sharing the eucharist. Pastor Kate will offer training in lay eucharistic ministry. If you are interested in volunteering, or interested in learning more, talk to Pastor Kate.

The Food Pantry is looking for cream of mushroom soup, pasta sides, cereal, egg noodles, rice sides, crackers, canned pineapple, and shampoo. (No used or opened items; no out-of-date items). Monetary donations may also be sent to the MC Food Pantry, c/o Salem United Methodist Church, 140 N. Penn St., Manheim. Please make sure any food items you may be donating are not out of date. Put donations in the cart outside the church office or drop them off in the box on the porch of the food pantry at 334 W. Gramby St., Manheim.