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Ascension of the Lord

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Anna Patterson

Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion.

If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number. We are delighted to have you.

Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.
Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

An AED (defibrillator) is located on the wall in the Fellowship Hall in case of an emergency. The device is designed to deliver calm, clear voice instructions precisely timed to the responder's actions, guiding the responder every step of the way. When the door is open an alarm goes off to alert others that there is an emergency.

–ORDER OF WORSHIP –
WOV Setting 6

PRELUDE

(A time for prayer and reflection)

Karen Niemeier

Announcements & Community Concerns

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Just as God's work of creation never ends,
 so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day.
 Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life:
 for water to bathe in, water to drink,
 for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder,
 for water that gives life to our planet.

C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place:
 for water from our tap, for rain ,

C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

L: We give you thanks for your salvation through water:
 for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters,
 for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom,
 for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought,
 for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land,
 for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

C: We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

L: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized,
 and for all who gather here;

for godparents and baptismal sponsors,
 for children and grandchildren,
 for our brothers and sisters in Christ

whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

C: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

L: We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit:
 for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters,
 for our new birth into a life of freedom and service,
 for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

C: We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing (*Verses 1 & 2*)

ELW#393



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
 4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the
 5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers
 sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav-ior!" thus they
 sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
 cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
 see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty.
 say, "this is his glo-rious tri-umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
 see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

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

Lord Have Mercy (*Verses 1 & 2*)

WOV#602

1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
 1, 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
 2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 Chris - te e - le - i - son.
 Lord, have mer - cy.
 Christ, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

A: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

*Please be seated*L: **FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11**

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 47 (please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively)

¹Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.

²**For the LORD Most High is to be feared; he is the great king over all the earth.**

³He subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.

⁴**He chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

⁵God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of the ram's horn.

⁶**Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

⁷For God is King of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.

⁸**God reigns over the nations; God sits upon his holy throne.**

⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.

¹⁰**The rulers of the earth belong to God, and he is highly exalted.**

L: SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

WOV#612

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The lyrics are: Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics. The second system covers the next two lines. The third system covers the final line of lyrics. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Luke 24:44-53 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: The gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

Please be seated

SERMON

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

HYMN OF THE DAY Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (*Verses 1, 3 & 5*)

ELW#392



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

NICENE CREED

A: With the whole church, let us 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition: WA: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

WA: Lord most high, Lord most holy, you sent your Son to redeem all creation. Enlighten and expand the witness of the church universal. Ground us in the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Ruler of all the earth, you formed the creatures of the deep and the birds of the air. Give us wonder and wisdom to care for them as you commanded. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Healer of our every ill, you know our deepest pains and sorrows. Replenish those who are depressed, bereaved, or exhausted. Mend the brokenhearted. Restore the sick and all who live with cancer. Embrace with your healing touch, especially *Bob Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Ethel Lobdell, Tena Rackow, Gene Hesselbacher, Kayla Runkle, Verl Price, Lois Paulson, Laura Derr, Donna Euler, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Justin, Jean, Jon Forsythe, Meghan, Sharon Peska, Tom Pye, Jean, Pam, Bruce, Diane, Darren, Jerilyn Strohecker, Sylvia, Sandy Groezinger and Bruce Johnson.* Strengthen and encourage *Fern Harnish* and *Carol Wybourn.* Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Good Shepherd, you feed us. As we digest the word shared today and feast at the table, satisfy our hunger. Fill us with the hope to which we are called. Make us bread for the world. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: Eternal One, your faithfulness endures in every age. Thank you for the witness of the first apostles. Thank you for all the saints who have traveled with us on this disciple road. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you**OFFERING**

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord's service and dedicate our lives to God's work in the world.

OFFERING HYMN

Come Away to the Skies

WOV#669*(Choir will sing verses 1 & 2, and congregation will join verses 3 & 4)*

1 Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re -
 2 For thy glo - ry we were first cre - at - ed to share both the
 3 We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love which has
 4 Hal - le - lu - jah we sing to our Fa - ther and King, and our



joice in the day you were born: on this fes - ti - val day,
 na - ture and king - dom di - vine; now cre - at - ed a - gain,
 joined us to Je - sus'. . . name; so u - nit - ed in heart,
 rap - tur - ous prais - es re - peat: to the Lamb that was slain,



come ex - ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn.
 that our lives may re - main through - out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine.
 let us nev - er - more part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.
 hal - le - lu - jah a - gain; sing, all heav - en, and fall at his feet.

*Please stand***OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray. **C: Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.**

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

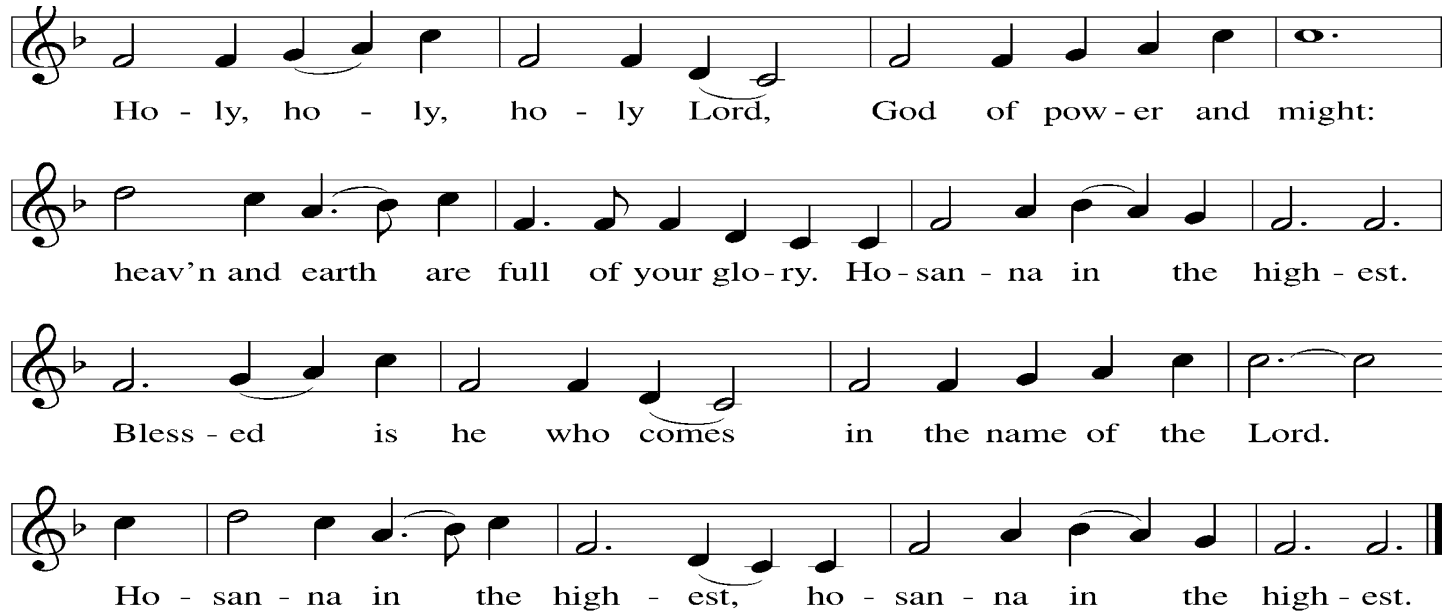
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

WOV#616



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might:
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: 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**

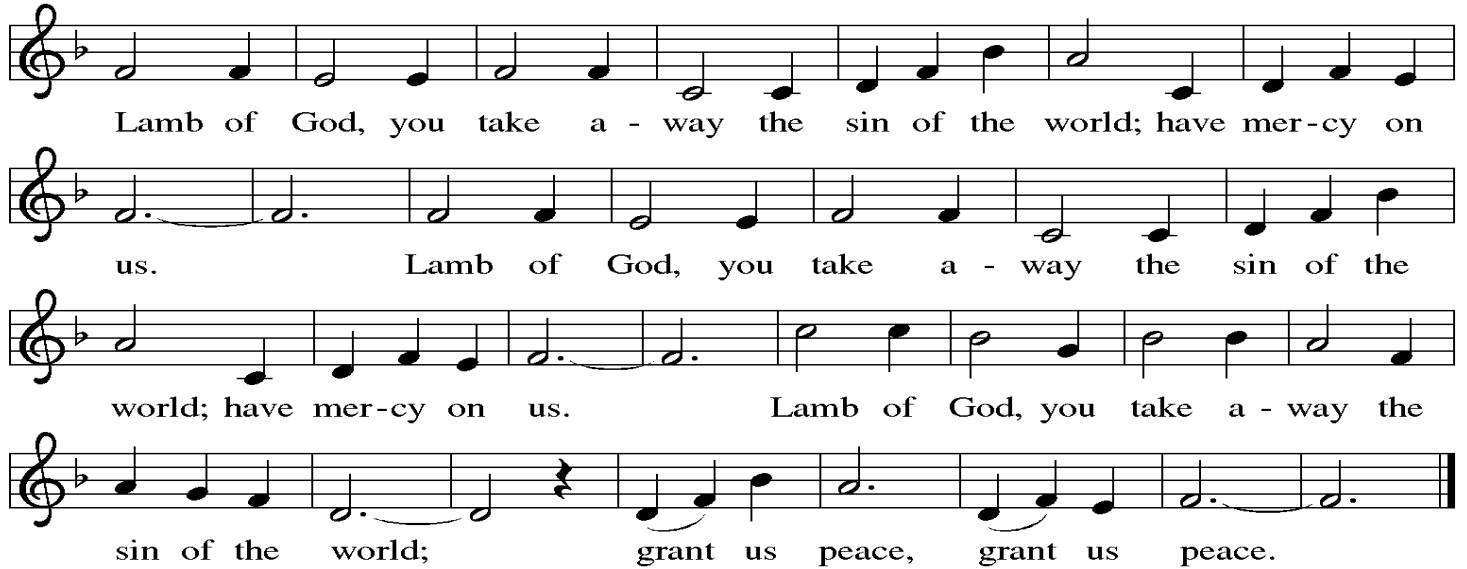
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We practice open Communion —Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction you will dip the bread into the chalice. The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.



Lamb of God

ELW#195

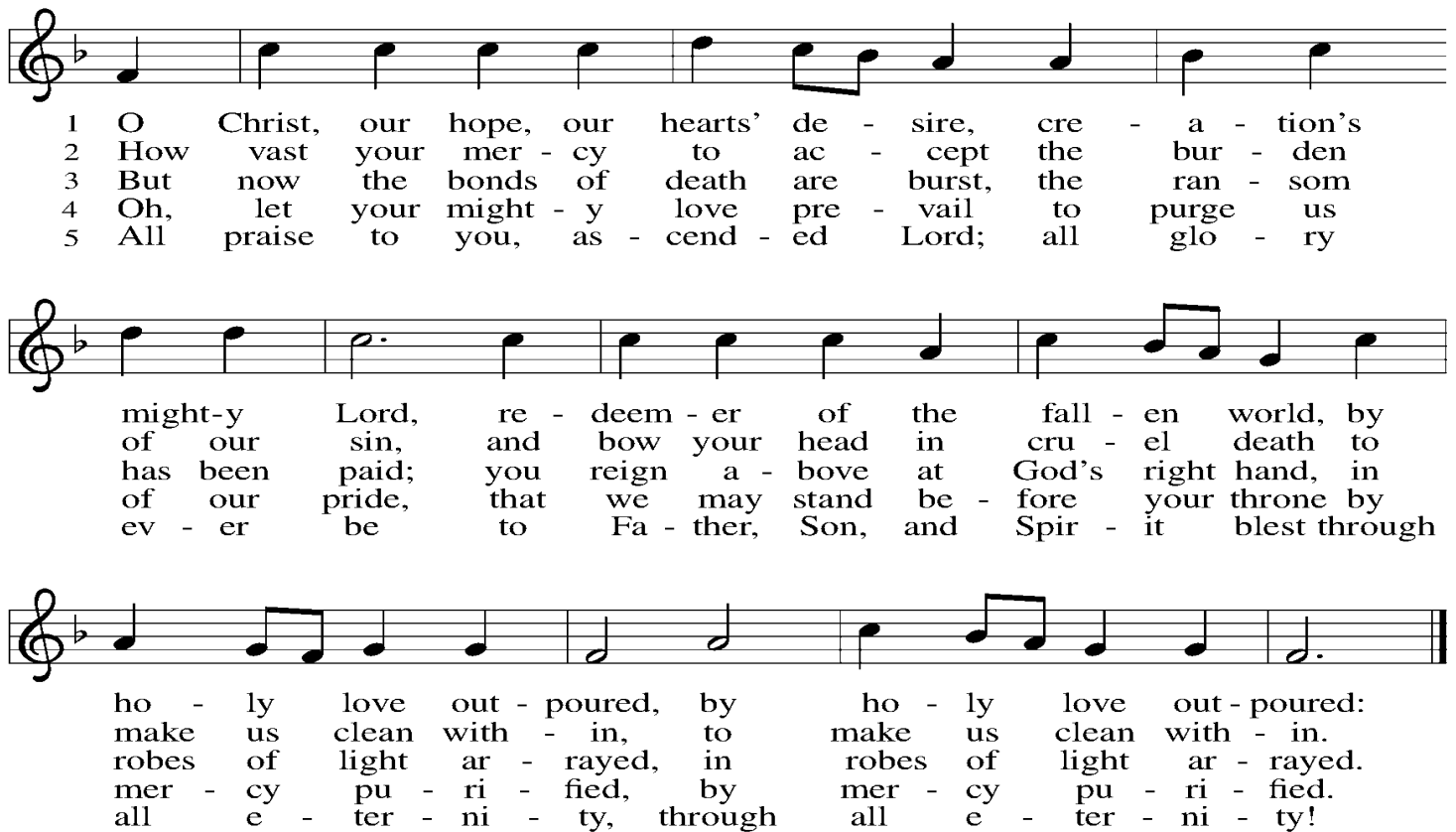


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG:

O Christ, Our Hope

ELW#604



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's
2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som
4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us
5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry
might-y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in
of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by
ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through
ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.
all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **C: Amen**

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing (*Verses 3-5*)**ELW#393**

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lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL (*from the back*)

A: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE**Karen Niemeier**

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Ushers: Virgil and Joanne Martin, Gary and Cynthia Boeke

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**May 13th thru May 19th 2018**

Today	Worship Service –with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
Monday	Pr. Miho at FCTE, Trinity, Harvard	10:00am-2:00pm
	Parkinson Support Group Meeting	6:30 pm
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
Thursday	Good Shepherd at Friendship Center Devotions and Desert	1:00 pm
Friday-Saturday	Youth OWL Night	5:30pm-10am
Next Sunday	Worship Service—Pentecost Sunday	9:30 am
	Fellowship and potluck luncheon	10:30 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am

Attendance April 29th 55

Total Offering 04/29/2018 - \$1596.50 Amount needed \$2815.00

Children’s Worship Bulletin is Available

Children’s bulletin follows Sunday lessons with coloring page, word search, and crossword puzzle.

They are available at the both entrances.

Lena Living Center

The Lena Living Center residents are having a social hour, Thursday, May 17th at 2pm to thank everyone for everything you to for us.

Youth OWL Night May 18th 5:30pm-19th 10am

All 5th grade and older are invited to come, play games, do service projects, watching movies, snacking all night, and have fun evening at the church. Door is open all night.

If you have any questions, please talk to Kristy or Pr. Miho.

We also need adult volunteers to come in for 2 hour shifts. Thanks.

Vacation Bible School

Theme: All Aboard! Gospel Express

This year’s VBS will be June 18th-21st 5pm-8pm at Lena UMC. Registration forms and volunteer forms are available at the church office. If you have any questions, talk to Kristy or Pr. Miho

Good Shepherd Window Cling-on

Stewardship committee is working on making Good Shepherd Lutheran Church window cling-ons. These cling-ons will be a way to share the love of Christ with the community. We will have the blessings of the GSLC cling-ons on May 20th during the service. Bring your car and bring your friends. There will be a potluck luncheon

New Church Secretary

Please welcome our new church secretary Betty Allen. She has been training with Darlene who has given seven years of service with us. If you get a chance, please stop by the office and welcome Betty.

Let Us Know

If youth or adults in Good Shepherd family are involved in activities which the public is invited, please provide a schedule to the church office by Tuesday morning so that we can include in the following Sunday's bulletin.

Sign up your slot for the Pictorial Church Directory

Get your smiles ready for the new Pictorial Directory. We will start to pick out times to come to the church and get your photos taken. Pictures will be taken on June 21st 2pm-9pm, 22nd 2pm-9pm, and 23rd 10am-5pm. Every family will receive a new directory and an 8"x10" photo. Sign up your slot today! Any questions please contact Denny Luke at church or call him at 815-985-5552.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

For Mothers

*A day set aside for mothers,
New mothers, established mothers, and mothers-yet-to-be...
But, today is much more than than just a calendar tribute time,
A Hallmark "reason-to-send-a-card-or-call" day
A day of flowers and candy-grams
Of festive foods and heart-felt hugs.
A day for new mothers nestling sleeping babies
And great-grandmothers humming in rocking chairs
A day of blooming bouquets and artistic displays
From violets held in grubby fingers to roses in a cut glass vase,
From a Picasso print to a kindergarten crayon masterpiece
From crystal wine goblets to mason-jar lemonade
A day filled with the warmth and glow of beaming May sunshine
Or soothing drops of softly falling spring rain;
A day filled with places to go and people to see,
Of family and friends, of relatives and nearby neighbors
Of words like "I love you," and "You're such a special mother."
"Thanks!" and "I couldn't have done this without you, Mom."
All these things mingling together in this lifelong treasure-time
In a day set aside for God's most precious earth angel . . .*

The angel we call "Mother"

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Happy Mother's Day!

With love to my own special angel-mother