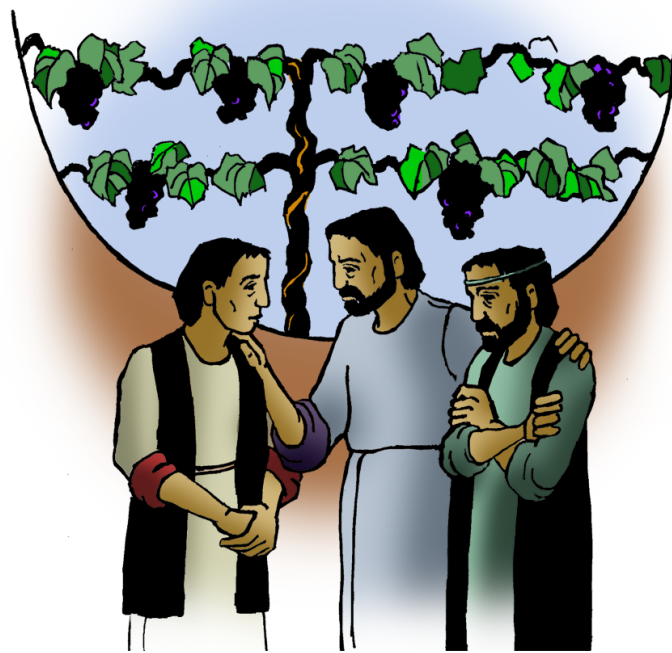


Windsor Heights Lutheran Church
5th Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 28 ~ 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.



This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

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Prelude, *The Choice* - Anthony Holborne - Windsor Brass

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, fountain of living water,
source of mercy, tender and mighty,
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.
Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through water,
satisfying the thirst of all living things,
sustaining life in this community,
nourishing and delighting us.

We bless you for these gifts of water:

Local waters may be named.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through water,
a sign of your saving power:

Noah and the animals survive the flood,
Hagar discovers your well.

The Israelites escape through the sea,
and they drink from your gushing rock.

Naaman washes his leprosy away,
and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through the water of baptism
joined to your life-giving Word:
your well of mercy and cleansing flood,
your sea of deliverance from death into life,
your healing river washing sin away,
your living water springing up to eternal life.
Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Shower us with your Holy Spirit.
Fill us with your love.
Clothe us and all your people with grace.
Embolden us to do justice.
Bless us to love mercy.
Guide us to walk humbly with you,
whom we thank and praise, through Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Gathering Hymn, *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!* - ELW 377

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

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

Prayer of the Day *response after the prayer Amen.*

First Reading - Acts 8:26-40

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:25-31

²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,**

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
who rules o- | ver the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

Second Reading - 1 John 4:7-21

Word of God, word of life. **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.

Gospel, John 15:1-8

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

Children's Time

Sermon - The Rev. Chris Olkiewicz

Hymn of the Day, *We Know That Christ is Raised*, ELW 449

Nicene Creed

**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 Intercession

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering, *May Jesus Christ Be Praised* - James Curnow - Windsor Brass

Offering Prayer *response after the prayer* Amen

Dialogue

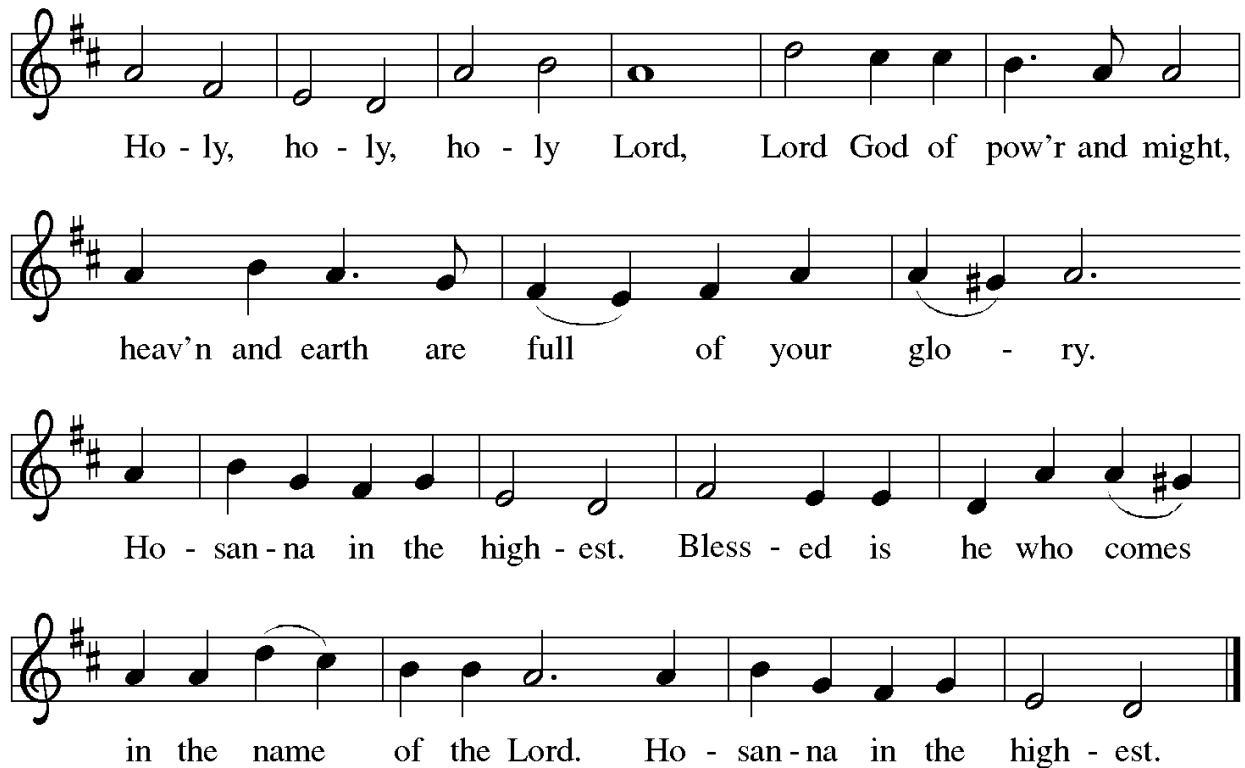
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day; the assembly responds:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, O God of the universe... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life... Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

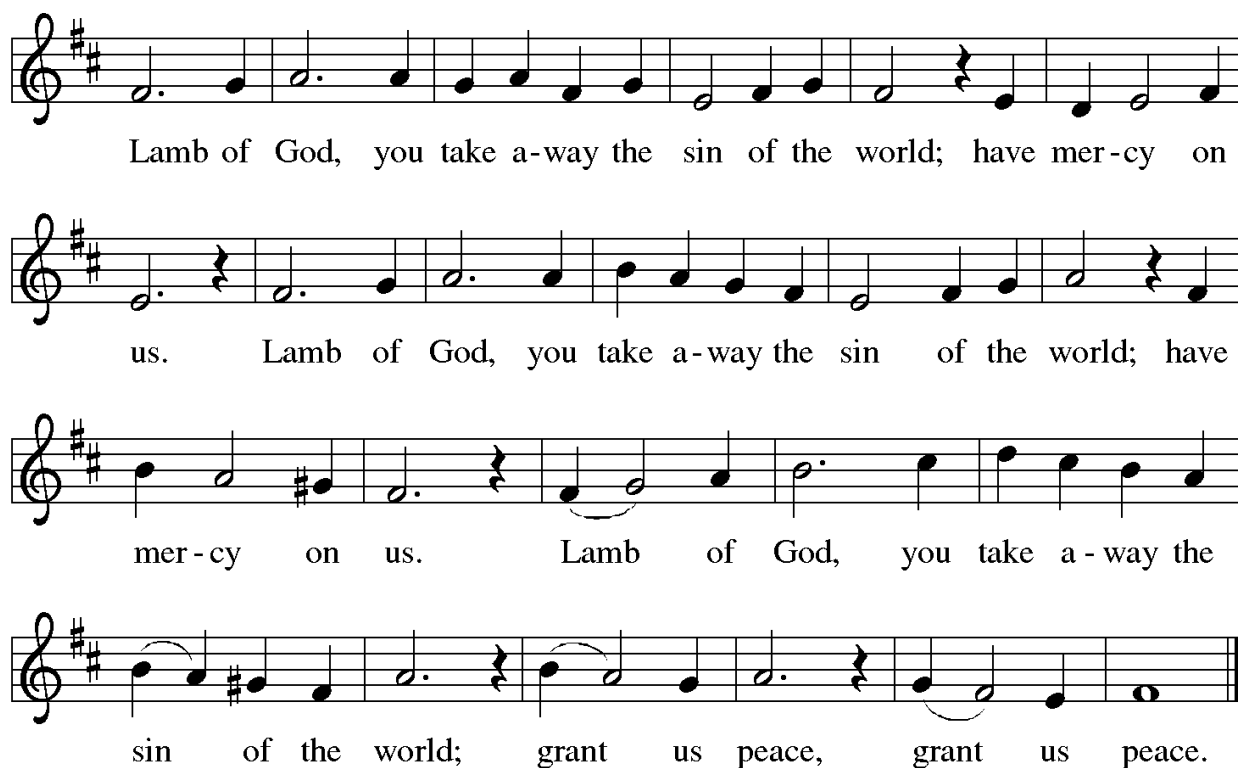
With your holy ones of all time and places... now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The congregation is seated.



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 Hymns - ELW 359, 881

Communion Prayer *response after the prayer Amen*

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!** The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn - *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* - ELW 367

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God.**

Sending Music - *The Marie* - Golde - Anthony Holborne - Windsor Brass

We keep in our prayers:



Ross Curnow
Marilyn Deavers
Edna Eakins
Marvin Kister
Dean Paulsen
Teresa Powers
Ann Stoen
Ellie Swale
Jerry Toft

Altar Flowers:



Altar flowers are given by
Mike & Georgann Johnson.

Sympathy



Sympathy to the friends and
family of Vivien Wells, who
died Saturday, April 13.
Her funeral will be at WHLC
on Thursday, May 16,
at 11 a.m.,
with a luncheon following.





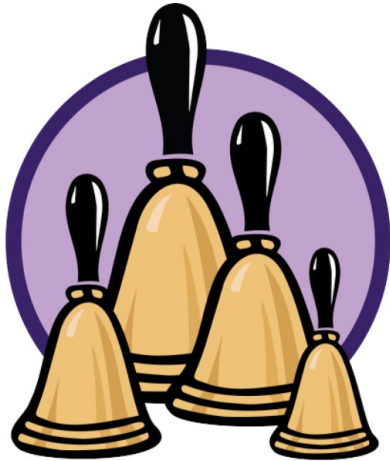
We couldn't be more excited to prep for this awesome week in July! Like previous years, we are going to go all-out with decor; we'll be transforming the church into the ultimate summer camp forest, decorating all three floors to exchange the experience for the students.

Like previous years, we need your help in collecting some of the supplies to decorate the entire church! This year, we're looking for donations of a couple key items: Camping equipment you don't need anymore (tents, sleeping bags, bug nets, chairs, electric lanterns, etc.), GREEN disposable tablecloths, wooden pallets and cardboard boxes. We'd gladly take any of these items if you got them!

It'll take us quite some time to decorate the whole church, so be on the lookout for decor starting to spring up here pretty soon!



WHLC VBS 2024
July 8th - 11th
9:00am - 3:30pm
Info & Registrations at
www.whlc.org



ELDERBERRIES
BELLES QUARTET

The Elderberries will gather on Thursday, May 2, at 11:30 a.m. in Crabtree Parish Hall. Following the always bountiful buffet and delectable dessert offering, Marilyn Harvey and her Belles Quartet will treat us to the heavenly music of the bells. A special treat for the ears and soul alike! Please bring a casserole or salad to share with the group.



Thanks
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WITH US