

**Windsor Heights Lutheran Church  
6th Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, May 5 ~ 8:30 a.m.**



**This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.**

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**Prelude, *Beautiful Savior* - setting John A. Behnke**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

We gather at this font, O God,  
creator of oceans and rivers, rain and snow.  
We praise you for local bodies of water,  
and for the water you provide us each day.

We praise your Spirit, hovering over this font.  
We bless you for this cleansing water of rebirth,  
this flood of endless mercy,  
and for all the baptized around this blue planet.

We ask you, almighty Provider,  
to give us the water we need,  
and we praise you for the sustenance you grant at this font.  
By the water of our baptism empower us  
to pour out ourselves for others  
and to safeguard the waters of your earth.

To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Sea of holiness, Spring of salvation, Cloud of mystery,  
be all praise and thanksgiving,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn, *O God beyond All Praising* - ELW 880**

**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.*

**Choir Anthem-** *Abide With Me* - arr. Gilbert M. Martin - Alleluia Choir

**First Reading - Acts 10:44-48**

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

**Psalm 98**

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the  
nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of  
Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;  
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD | with the harp,  
with the harp and the | voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound | of the horn  
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,  
the world and those who | dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers | clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes  
to | judge the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness  
and the peo- | ples with equity.

**Second Reading - 1 John 5:1-6**

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 15:9-17

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, *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*, ELW 800

## 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.**

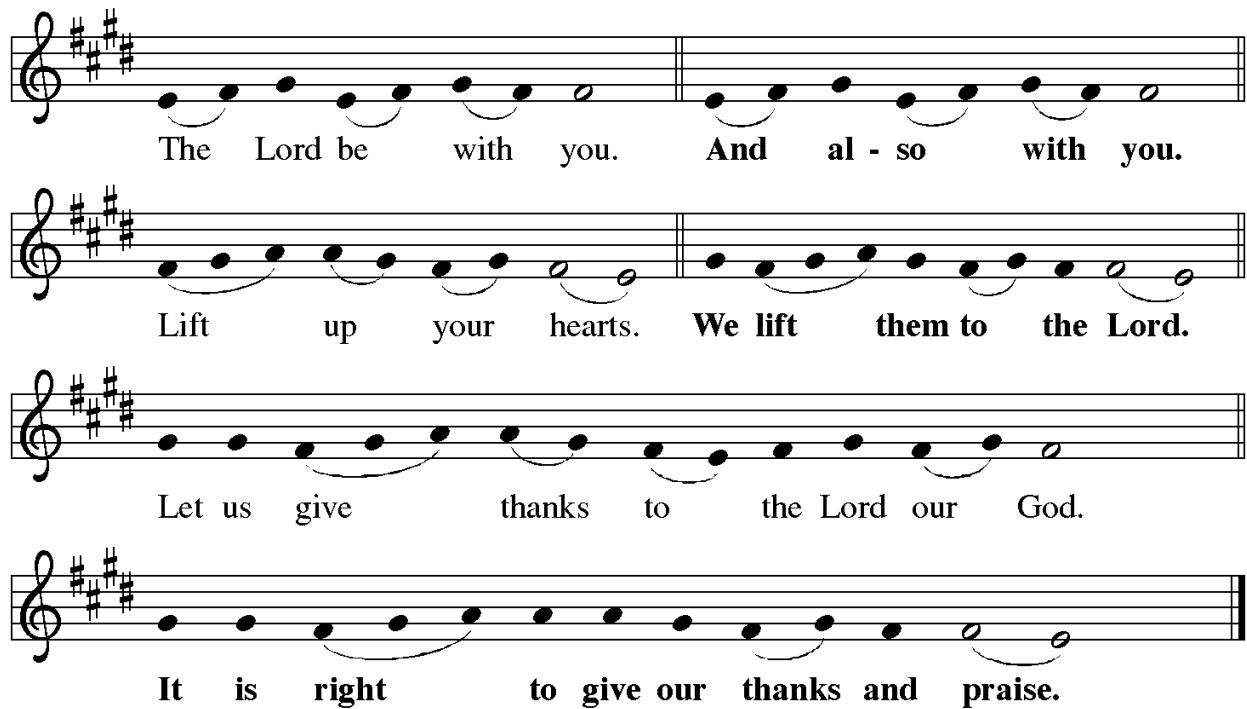
### **Sharing of the Peace**

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

**Offering, *All Creatures of Our God and King* - arr. Valerie Roth Roubos**

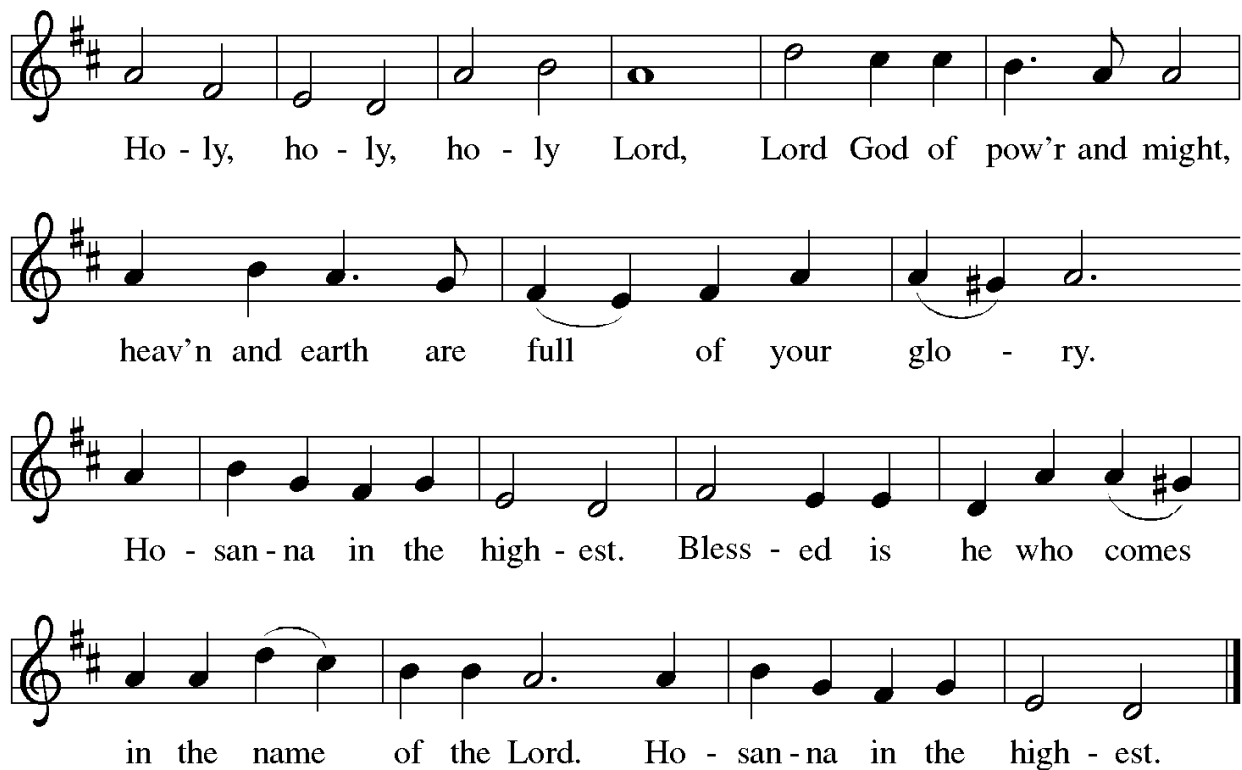
**Offering Prayer *response after the prayer* Amen**

## 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.

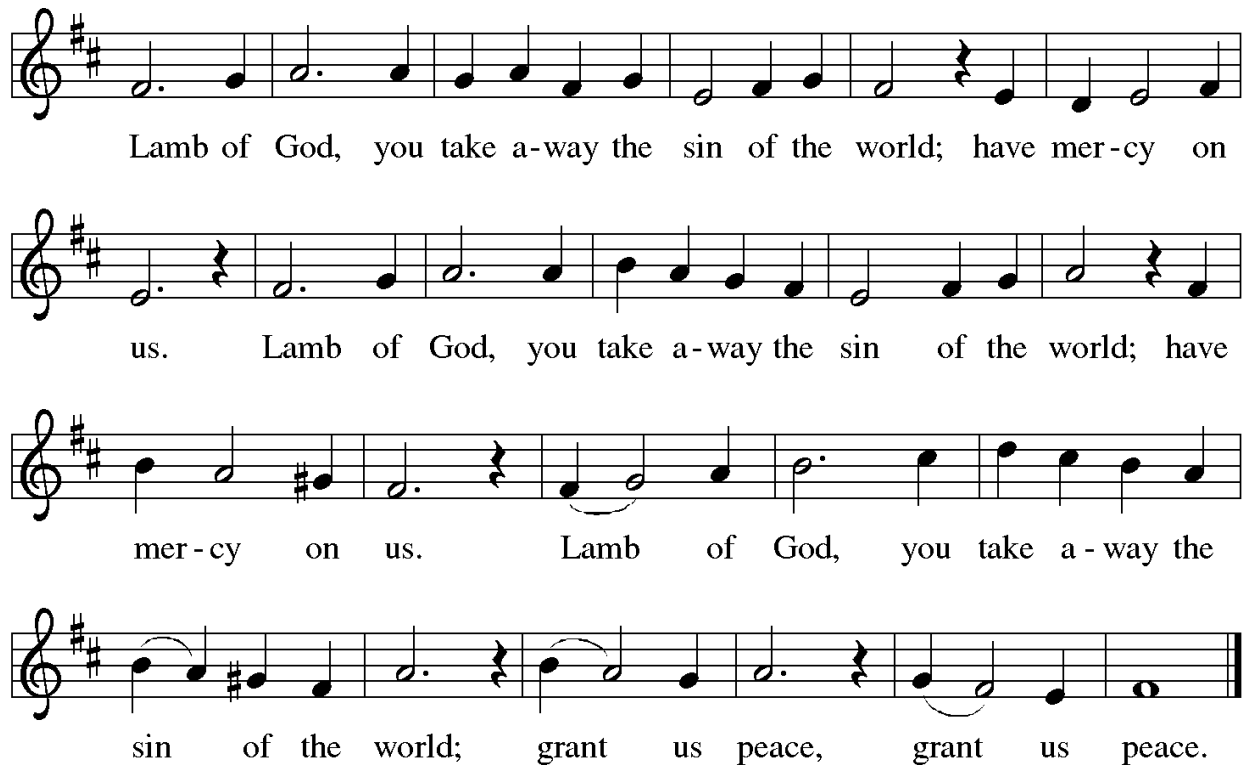
**Amen.**

## **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 482, 708

**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** - *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* - ELW 389

**Dismissal**

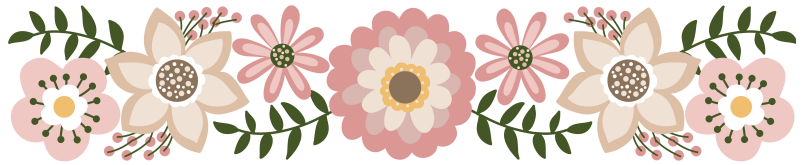
Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sending Music** - *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* - arr. Anne A. Davis

**We keep in our prayers:**

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

**Altar Flowers:**



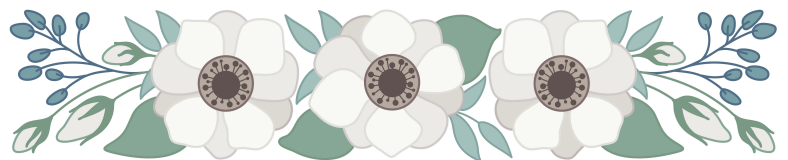
Altar flowers are given by  
Ralph & Betty Johnson in celebration of  
their 60th wedding anniversary.  
Happy Anniversary, Ralph and Betty!



Altar flowers are given by  
Barb & Joel Waymire in celebration of  
their grandson, Everett's, 8th birthday.  
Happy Birthday, Everett!



**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!



**The Monday quilting group** completed their 1,000th quilt the week following the spring shipment! Proudly holding the quilt is Jeri Spizale, LaVon Heston and Kathy Safris. Delores Koch does a great job of sewing the outside edges so she has put a few miles on her machine, used a lot of thread and broke a few needles!

Come join the quilters on Mondays from 9:30-12!