

**ST. JOHN
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

**7:45AM &
10:30AM**

MAY 5, 2024



**Making the
Love of
Christ
Known**

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Prelude

Welcome /Announcements

Sharing of the Peace *

Gathering Hymn *

ELW 634

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
- 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
- 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
- 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6
Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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*Please stand as you are able
Bold print=the whole congregation replies.

Confession and Forgiveness*

In the name of the Father, and of the (cross symbol here) Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what
we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not
loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors
as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy
on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight
in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy
name. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead to
sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By the grace you
have been saved. In the name of (cross symbol here) Jesus
Christ, your sins are forgiven. May our loving God strengthen
you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in
your hearts through faith. Amen.

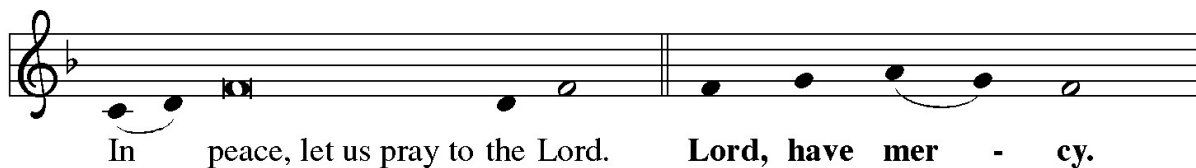


Kyrie*

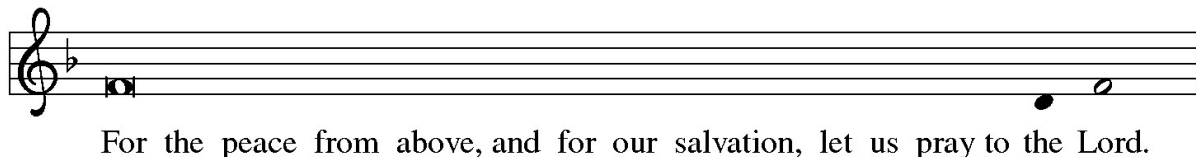
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God.

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

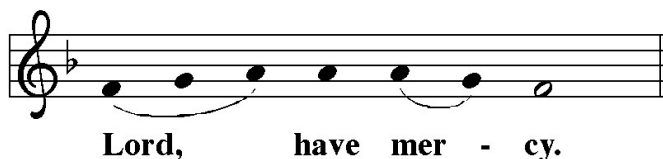
And also with you.



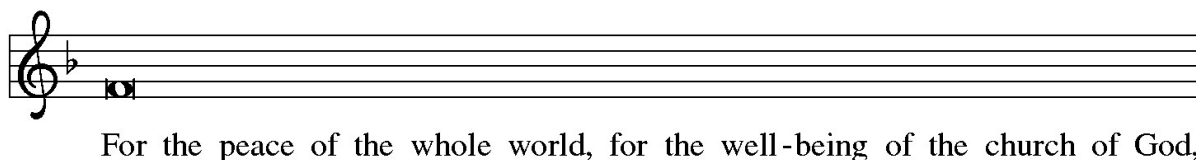
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



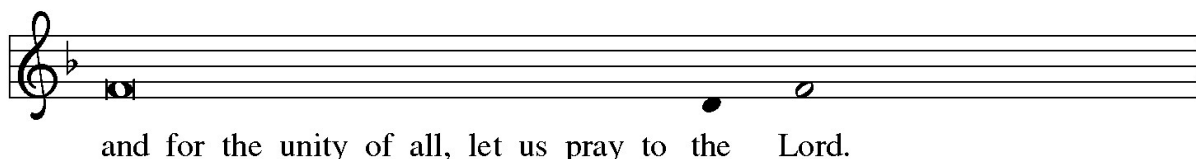
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



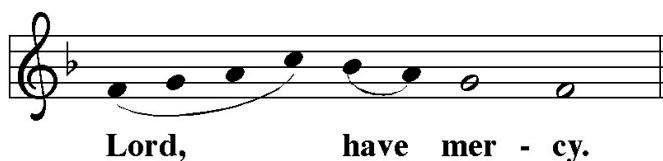
Lord, have mer - cy.



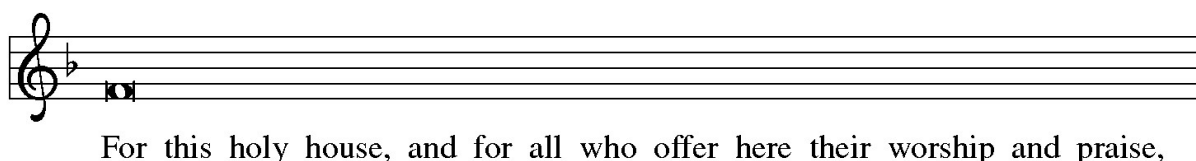
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



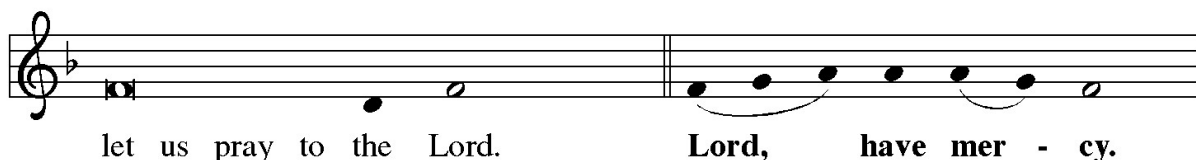
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



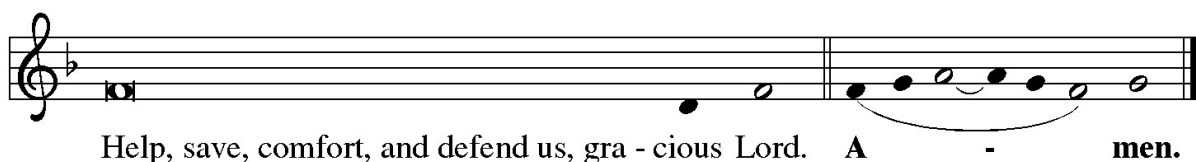
Lord, have mer - cy.



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 defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**



Children's Moment

Kids' Praise (10:30) *At this time children age 3 - grade 4 are now dismissed, at the parent's discretion, to the Octagon.*

First Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The reading is concluded:
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98: A Litany

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Let us sing and shout with joy!

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 15th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day*

ELW661

I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.



Prayers of Intercession

Standing in awe of your unfathomable grace, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Silent Prayer

God of justification, even while we were still walking in sin, Jesus chose to die for us. We are humbled by your extravagant love and offer our unabashed gratitude and praise. God of life, **You hear our prayer.**

When one in your creation suffers, all creation suffers. Help us to be caretakers and comforters of all that you have made, healing instead of harming this world. God of life, **You hear our prayer.**

We uplift to you all those who are persecuted for any reason by unjust governments and corrupt systems. Give them strength to endure their suffering and give us passion to hold leaders accountable for the well-being of all people. God of life, **You hear our prayer.**

Healing happens when we open ourselves to receive your grace. Open us. O God, and heal us in body, mind, or spirit according to your will. God of life, **You hear our prayer.**

We lift up all the saints who have gone before us, who have suffered until endurance produced hope. God of life, **You hear our prayer.**

Confident in the promise of resurrection, we lift all these prayers to you, Life-Giving God, in the name of Jesus who offers us new life with every breath we take. **Amen.**

Offering Invitation

Dedicating our Gifts to God*

ELW674

Please stand and sing as the offering is brought forward:

Kids' Praise children return to families.

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925-1980

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Offering Prayer*

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 Friend. Amen.



Invitation to the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, O God our Strength and our Redeemer, and to give you thanks, for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light in accessible from before time and forever. Fountain of all life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you might and day, and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and given voice to every creature under heaven, we glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy God, you are mighty in power and yet abounding in mercy. While our world was marred with sin, so much so that we had no hope of redemption, you made a covenant with your people. You promised to renew your creation. You promised to give hope amid the sorrow, healing in place of sickness, and wholeness in place of emptiness.

You stepped into our darkness in the person of Jesus Christ. Our

Lord and Savior lived among us. He willingly came to live at a specific place in a specific time. He quietly came to a young, unwed mother through the power of your Holy Spirit. He experienced our human joys and sorrows. The Lord of the universe became a helpless boy. He ate, drank, he grew. He was like us, but without sin.

Then the King of kings showed us how to live. He healed the sick, cared for the least of society, and took time for children. He forgave sins and performed miracles. He loved and he served. He gave up his very life for his friends. He died the excruciating, disgraceful death of a criminal for us. Yet, you raised him out of the tomb. He triumphed over death so that we, too, may live.

So, loving God, we do, in obedience to your command, eat the bread and drink from the cup. As we do, we remember with awe and gratitude the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of all, Savior, Anointed One.

We rejoice that your great love through our Redeemer's sacrifice has set us free and given us hope for a future with you. With joy in our hearts and upon our lips, we pray together as Jesus taught us:

Lord's Prayer*

Words of Institution



Sharing the Joyful Feast of the People of God

Communion Hymn

ELW482

I Come with Joy

Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts; you have satisfied our hunger with this glorious feast. In giving all, you have not withheld from us your own dear Son.

How can we withhold anything from you, O Lord? Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit, that we may give ourselves completely to your service and walk with joy in the footsteps of the risen Christ. Amen.

Benediction*

Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do.

We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.

Let us bless our Lord.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Sending Hymn*

ELW717

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude



Let Justice Flow like Streams



- 1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-king wa - ter, pure,
- 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per-vade this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

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