FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2025 at 8:45am & 11:15am

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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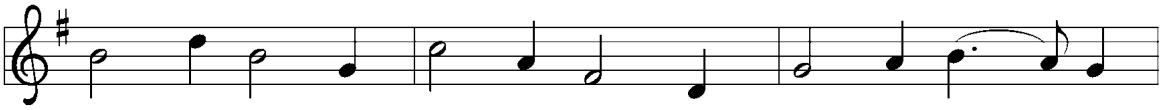
As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

THE GATHERING

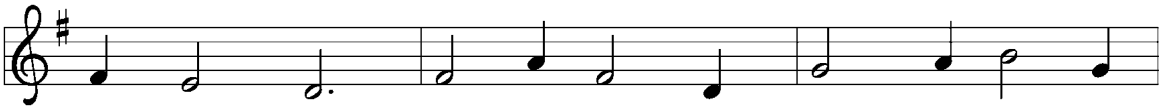
PRELUDE — Spirit of God
arr. Don Hustad (1918-2013)

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN — ELW 645 – Christ is Made the Sure Foundation



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
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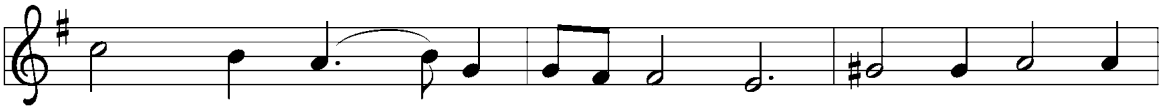
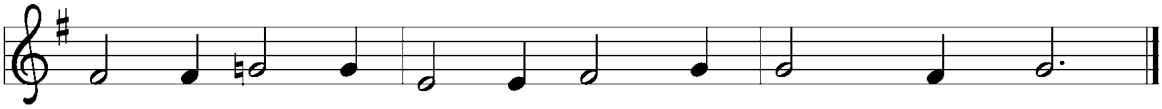
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

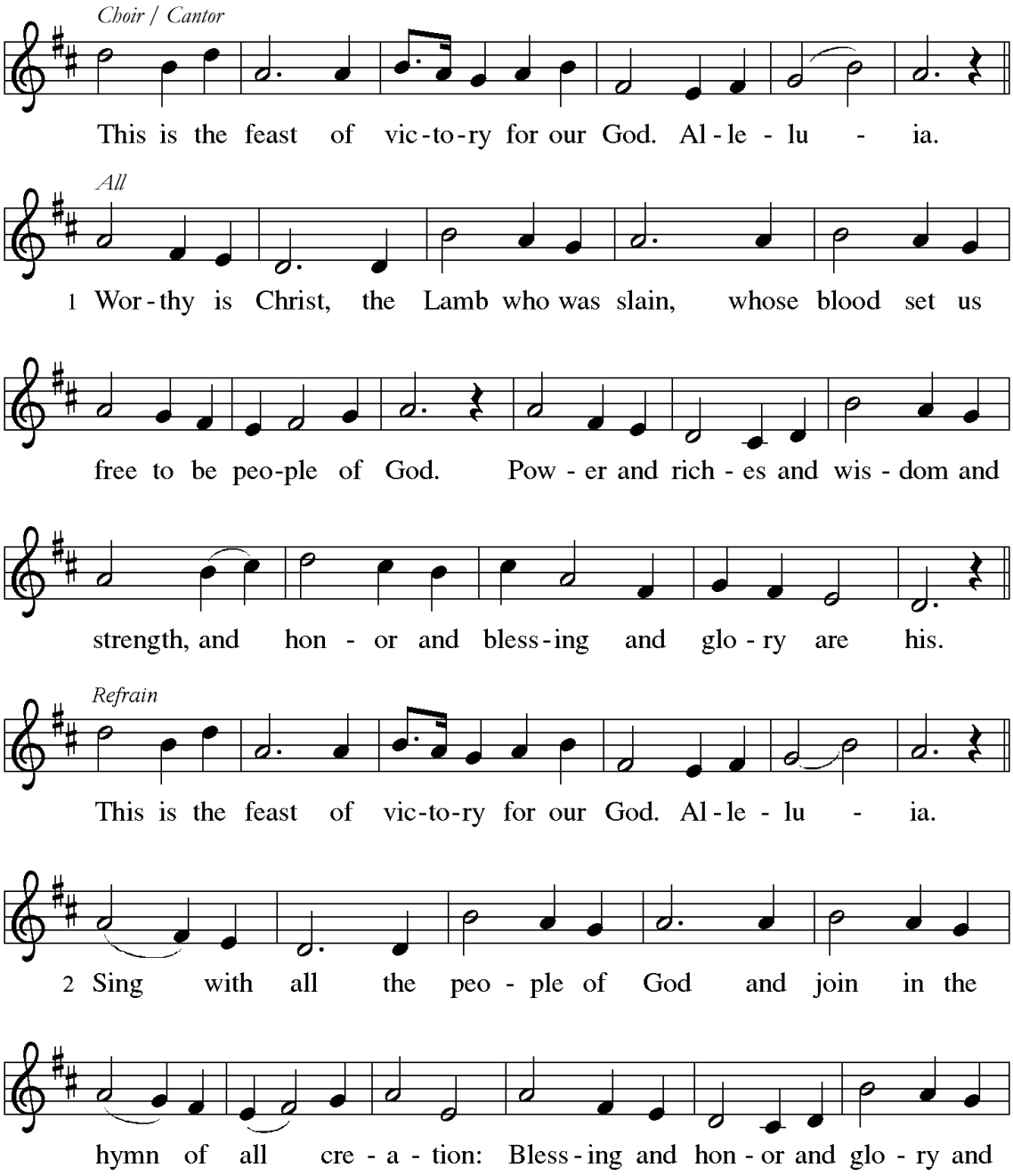
GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Setting Four



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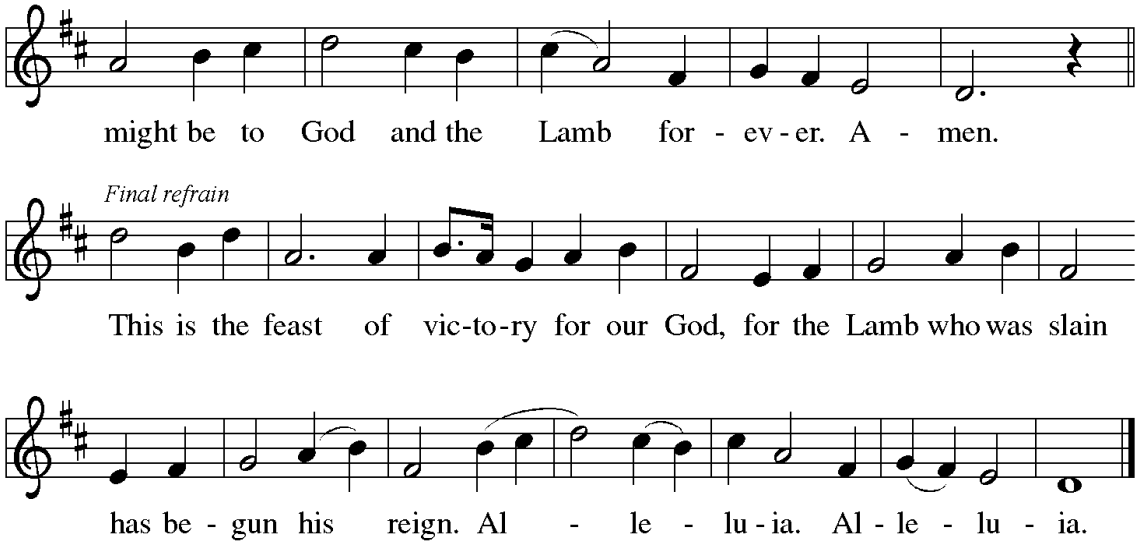


PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his Preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALTER Psalm 31: 1-5. 15-16

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
2 Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.
3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.
4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.
5 Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.
15 My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
16 Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:2-10

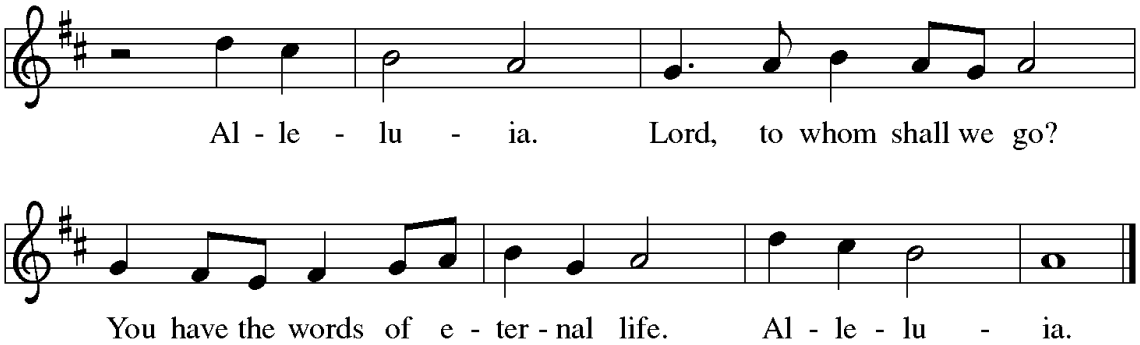
Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW Setting Four



GOSPEL READING John 14:1-14

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

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

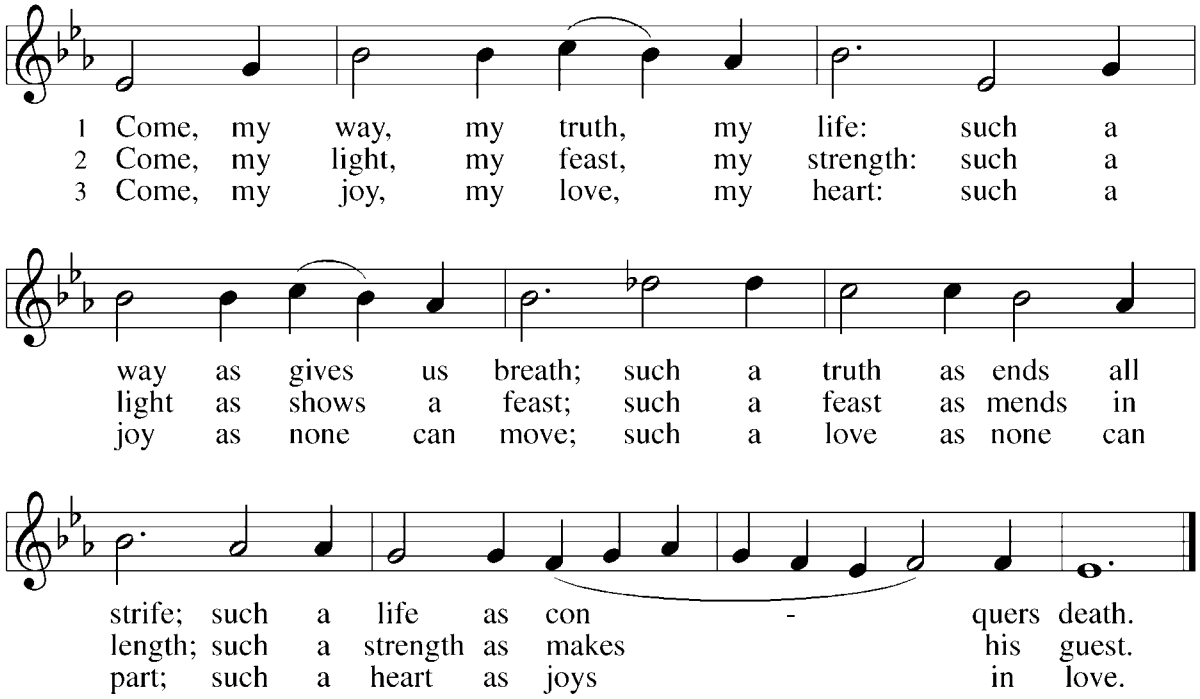
[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

SERMON Pastor Miller

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY LBW 513 – Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life



APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

God of life,
receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The risen Christ stood among the disciples and said, "Peace be with you."
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

All may share a sign of Peace.
Please be seated.

THE MEAL

OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us or place it in the offering plate, or use this QR code with your device to securely give your Offering.

You may also mail your checks to:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church
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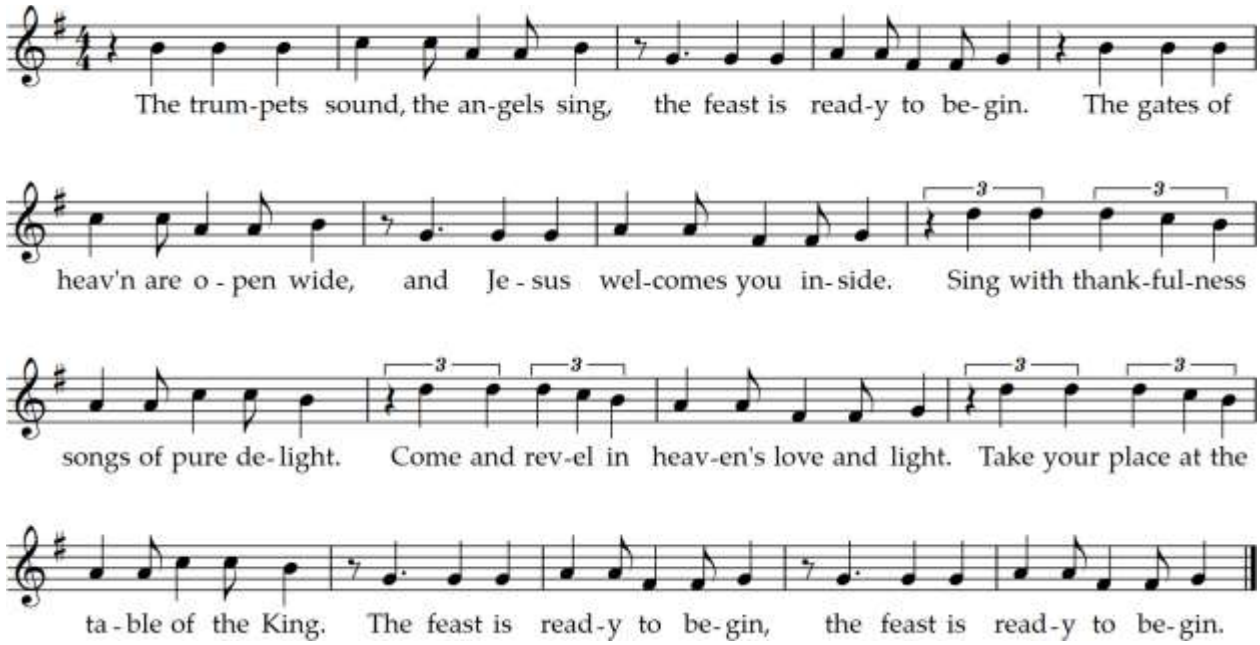
OFFERTORY ANTHEM (8:45AM) How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place
Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

OFFERTORY MUSIC (11:15AM) O Jesus, I Have Promised
arr. Kenneth Lowenberg (b. 1939)

The offering is received and is presented at the altar. Please stand.

OFFERING HYMN ELW 531 – The Trumpets Sound



OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.
Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, 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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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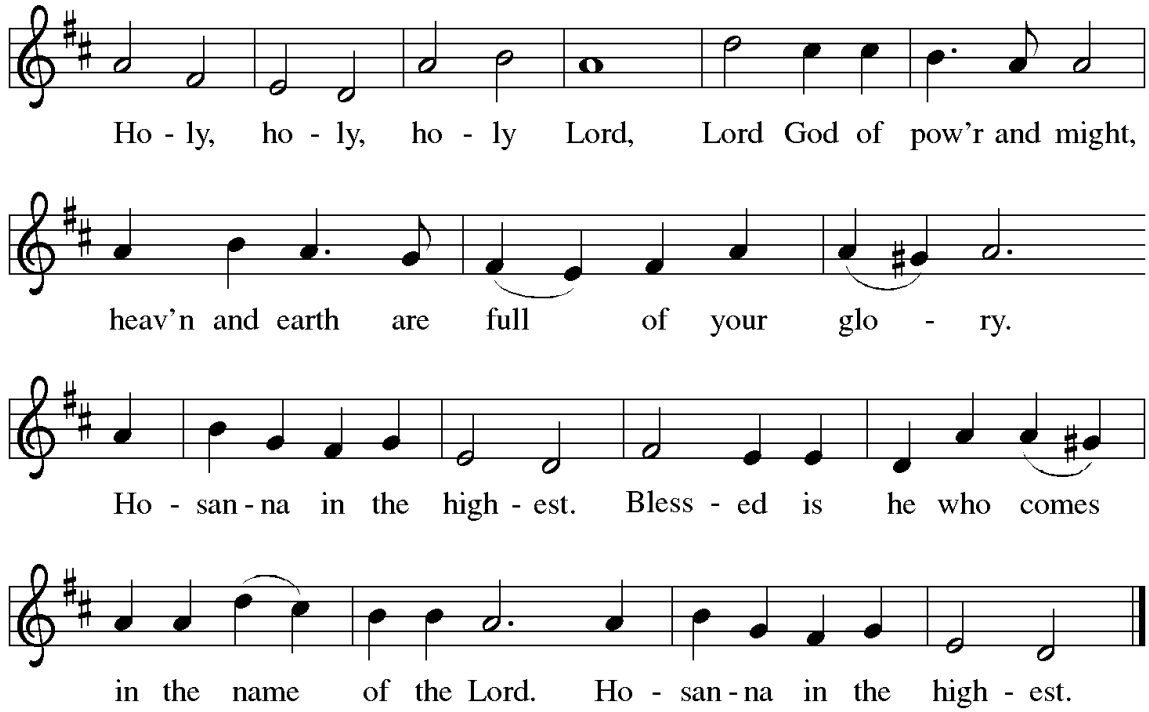
SANCTUS Setting Four



Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Please pray in your own preferred language.

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.

Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga a nosostros tu reino,
hagase tu voluntad,
asi en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia;
perdona nuestras ofensas,
como nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden;
y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion,
mas libranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder, y la gloria,
por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the feast of victory for our God!
Alleluia, alleluia!

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are stations at the foot of the chancel steps. Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ. (Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server)

Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew, please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:
The body of Christ, given for you. / The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say:
Amen.

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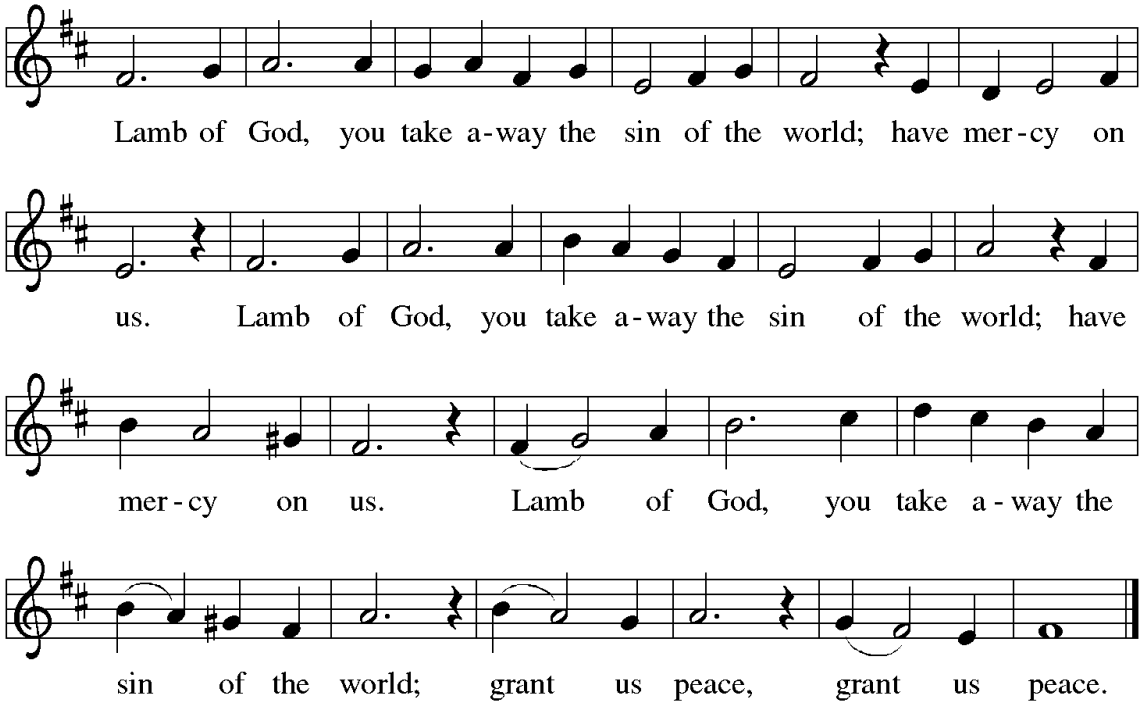
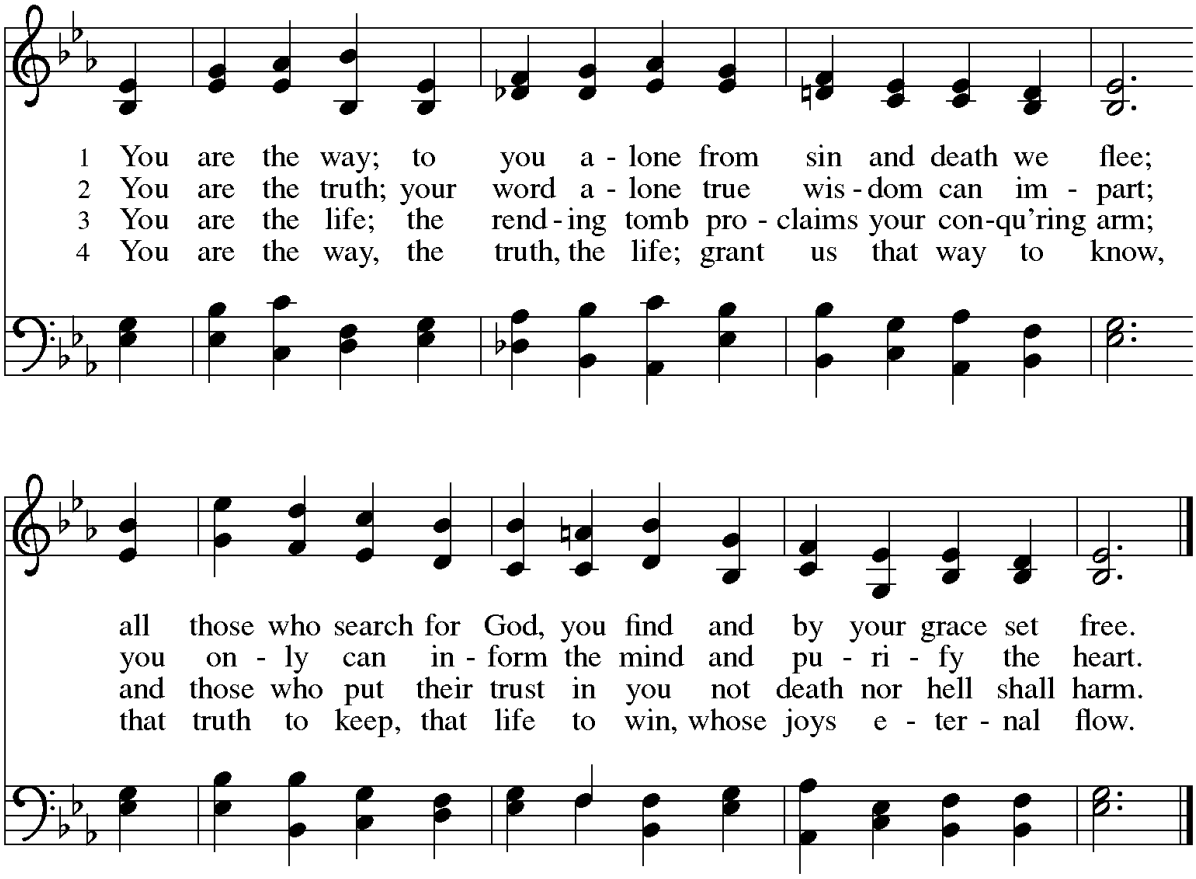


COMMUNION HYMN ELW 758 – You Are the Way



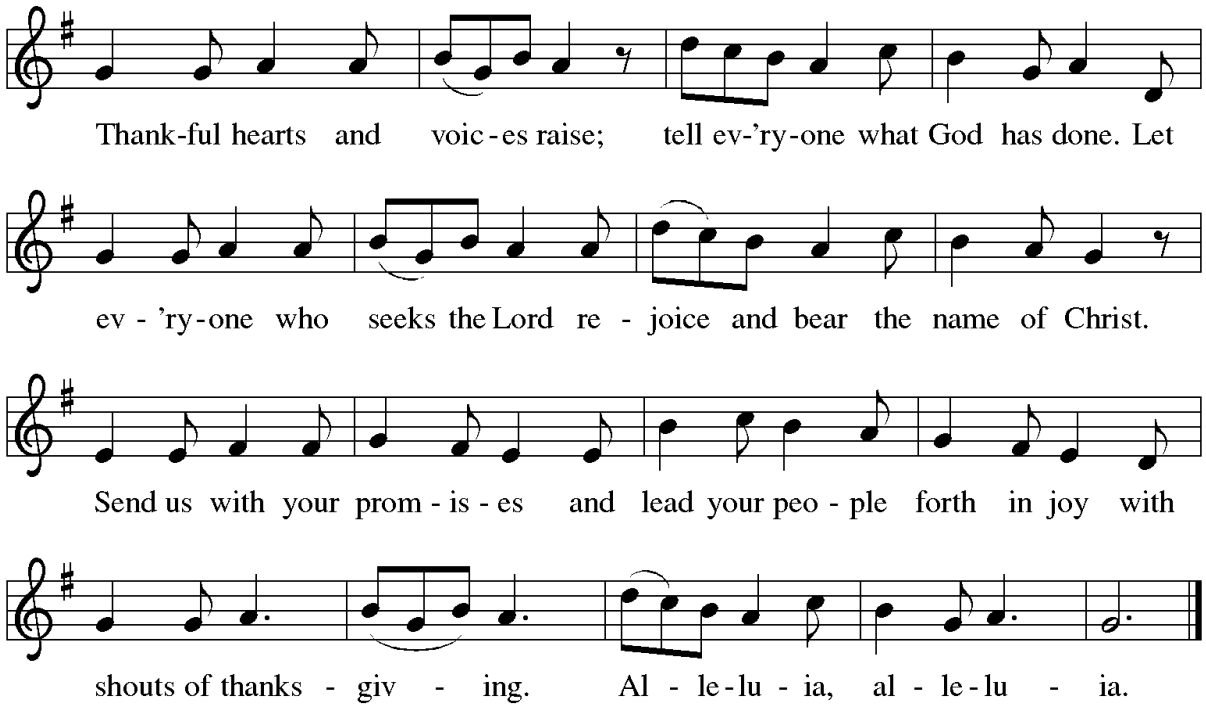
POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as you are able.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you,
and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

ELW 207–Thankful Hearts & Voices Raise



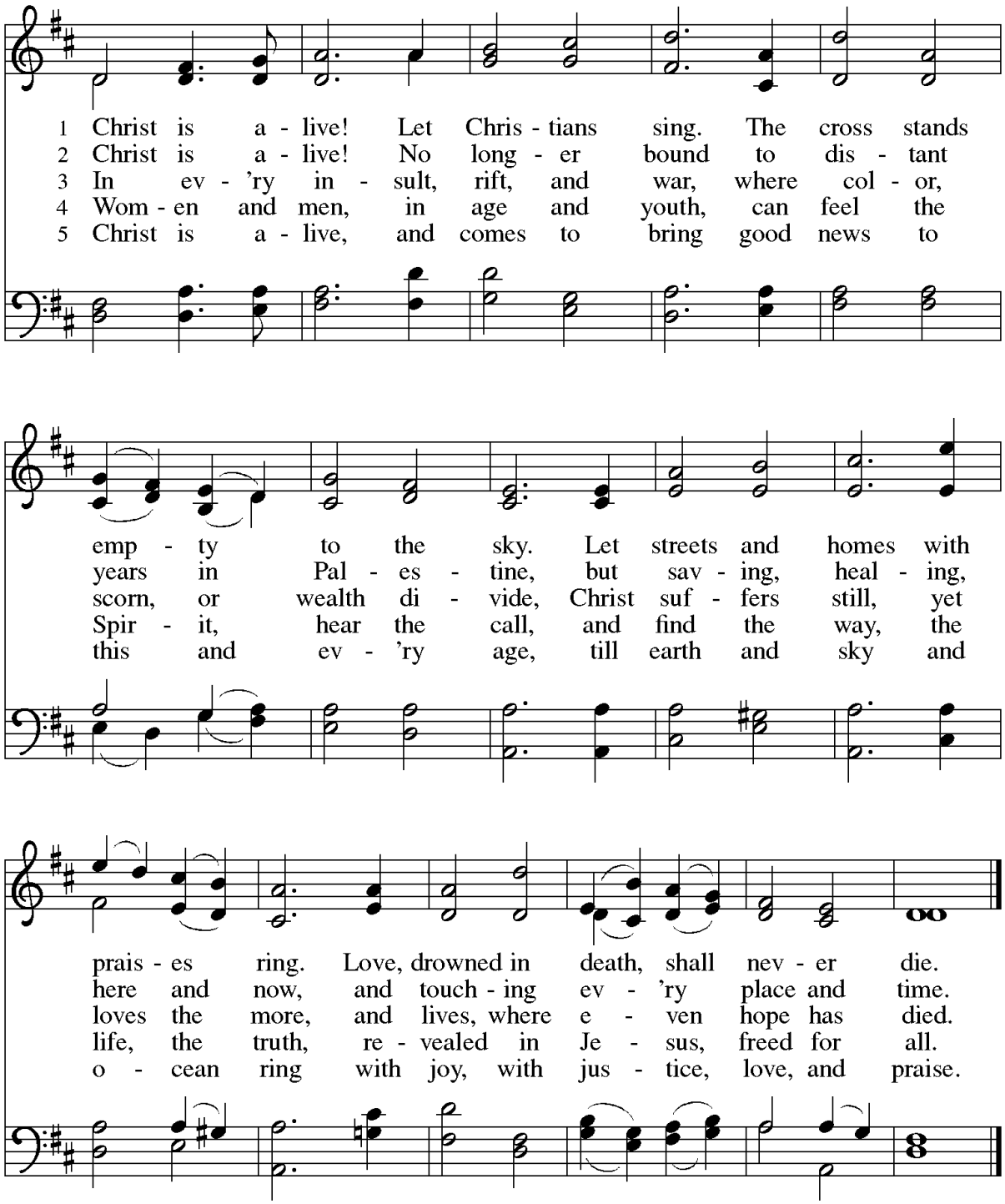
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 389 – Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE A Trumpet Fancy
Leon Nelson (1942-2022)

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WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTERS
The Rev. Connie A. Miller
Senior Pastor

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski (8:45)
Confirmation Pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER
Deacon Kyle Warfield
Director of Discipleship and High School Ministries

CRUCIFER
William Leader (8:45)

READERS
Aled Greville (8:45)
Sarah Aderholdt (11:15)

MUSICIANS
Adam Scott Graham
Director of Music

Schola Cantorum (8:45)

Rob Grace (8:45)
Carillon Guild

WELCOME! CHRIST IS RISEN! When Christ was crucified, humanity died with him on Calvary. But as Easter dawned, a new world was born; a new age began. Easter, the paschal mystery, accomplished our salvation – the salvation of all human beings of every time. Jesus Christ is risen today! Yes, the risen Christ is here and now. Easter is just not one day but a week of weeks, 7 weeks. We pray God's blessing on you as you join in worship, praise, on this Fifth Sunday of Easter. He is risen, indeed!

THE FLOWERS ABOUT THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Elizabeth Tremaine in remembrance of her beloved husband, John W. Tremaine.

MIGHT YOU LIKE TO SERVE as a lesson reader during the 8:45 or 11:15 a.m. worship service? Thank you for considering this ministry proclaiming the word of God. If you can serve, email stluke@saintluke.us and also note which service. Thank you.

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, May 10 *Our Call During these Challenging Times*
Special Guest, Former ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson

Monday noon – Wednesday noon, May 11-13
Just Where is God? Folly of the Cross retreat, Hallowood
Special Guests: Bishop Richard Graham, Dr. Paul Wee

Sunday, May 24 Summer Morning Worship Schedule Begins
One Sunday Morning Worship Service begins 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 31, 10:00 a.m. Affirmation of Baptism

Sunday, June 7, 11:00 a.m. Saint Luke Annual Meeting

TODAY'S MUSIC

ELW 645
Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
Music: Henry Purcell, 1659-1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802-1868
Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

LBW 513
Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life
Text: George Herbert, 1593-1632
Music: R. Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958
Tune: THE CALL

ELW 531
The Trumpets Sound
Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950
Music: Graham Kendrick
Tune: THE FEAST IS READY

ELW 758
You Are the Way
Text: George W. Doane, 1799-1859, alt.
Music: Psalter, Edinburgh, 1615
Tune: DUNDEE

ELW 207
Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise
Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
Text and Music: ©1978, 1995 Augsburg Fortress

ELW 389
Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing
Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936
Music: T. Williams, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789
Tune: TRURO

Just Where Is God?

Featuring three untold stories in the global ministry of the church shedding light on the meaning of the cross of Jesus Christ for life in today's world.

Have you ever wondered in troubled times, just where is God?

How might the church deal with the growing phenomena of Christian nationalism, White supremacy and anti-Semitism today?

Can God redeem countries as well as individuals?

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Dr. Paul Wee

Storyteller

Pastor Connie A. Miller

Moderator

Bishop Emeritus

Richard Graham

Chaplain

Our Call In These Challenging Times

Bishop Mark Hanson

We welcome former Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson, ELCA, to share first-hand experiences and our call to justice. We will explore what it means to be followers of Jesus in solidarity with those who are experiencing state sanctioned violence from Minneapolis to Palestine. The ICE metro surge in Minnesota and the continuing ethnic cleansing of Palestinians calls us to be a movement of resistance and restorative justice. What does it mean to be in solidarity with those experiencing injustice? What are stories that embody hope and give us courage?

The Rev. Dr. Mark Hanson, is a former Presiding Bishop of the ELCA. Bishop Hanson also served as the President of the Lutheran World Federation, a global communion of Lutheran church bodies in 99 countries. He has traveled widely throughout the world sharing a confident hope in God's promises and a vision of the joyful freedom in Christian community and mission.

Saint Luke Lutheran Church
Silver Spring, MD
Sunday, May 10

10:00 a.m. Worship: Bishop Mark Hanson, Guest Preacher
(Note: One morning worship service)
11:15 a.m. Brunch
12:15 p.m. Presentation and Discussion

Dr. Paul Wee

Dr. Paul Wee will share the new website Reclaiming the Heritage, including the Declaration, *Democracy at Risk: A Response of the Faith Community.* He will share this as a response to these critical and challenging times.

We welcome Representative Jamie Raskin, who will stop in to share some brief remarks.

Representative Jamie Raskin

THIS WEEK AT SAINT LUKE

SUNDAY, May 3–Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30am Tech Rehearsal
8:00am Schola Cantorum
8:45am Worship (Hybrid)
10:00am The Gathering
10:00am Sunday School
10:00am Affirmation of Baptism Class
10:00am Up for Discussion (Hybrid)
10:10am LET'S TALK
11:15am Worship (Hybrid)
1:00pm Worship (Spanish)
2:00pm The Gathering

MONDAY, May 4

9:00am CDS Classes
10:00am CDS Playful Poses & Movement
10:00am Fire Drill
1:30pm CDS Aftercare
7:00pm Nominating Committee (Zoom)

TUESDAY, May 5

9:00am CDS Classes
10:00am CDS Music
11:00am John Tremaine Memorial Service
12:00pm John Tremaine Reception
1:30pm CDS Aftercare
5:00pm Piano Lessons
7:00pm Reformation Bells

WEDNESDAY, May 6

7:00am Faith Connections (Zoom)
9:00am CDS Classes
10:00am CDS Chapel
10:00am Women in Community
1:30pm CDS Aftercare
3:45pm La Sagrada Familia Tutoring
7:30pm Schola Cantorum

THURSDAY, May 7

7:00am CDS Conferences
9:00am CDS Classes
10:00am CDS Playful Poses & Movement
1:30pm CDS Aftercare
2:55pm La Sagrada Familia Tutoring
7:30pm Centering Prayer (Zoom)

FRIDAY, May 8

9:00am CDS Classes
3:00pm La Sagrada Familia Music
6:00pm AA

SATURDAY, May 9

8:30am Men's Group
9:30am AA

SUNDAY, May 10–Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30am Tech Rehearsal
9:00am Schola Cantorum
10:00am Worship (Hybrid)
11:15am Luncheon
12:15pm Bishop Hanson Presentation

CHRIST IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN, INDEED!

ALLELUIA!