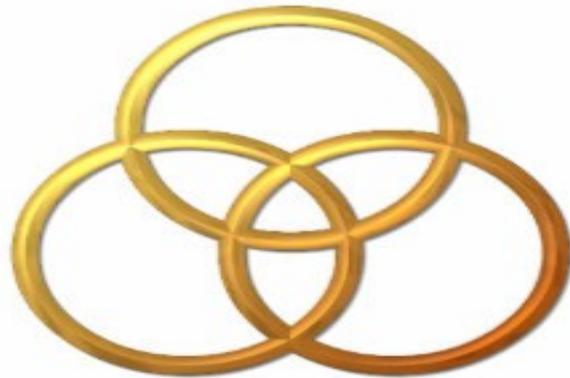


HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

St. John 3:16



St. Matthew 28:16-20

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

May 30, 2021

Holy Communion 11:00 am

Prelude *Once To Every Man and Nation* arr. M, Hayes

*The Processional Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* (ELW) No. 413

*The Confession and Forgiveness (ELW) page 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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.

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*The Apostolic Greeting (ELW) page 138

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.

*The Kyrie (*sung response*) (ELW) page 138

P:, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: O God, You taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending to them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us, by the same Spirit, to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Anthem

From the Day You Were Born

(Adult Choir)

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

I Come With Joy

(Bell Choir)

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His Name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁸The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

⁹And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as King forevermore.

¹¹The Lord shall give strength to His people; the Lord shall give His people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(ELW) page 142

**C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words
of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

* The Gospel

John 3:1-17

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (*sung after announcement of the Gospel*)

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (*sung after conclusion of the Gospel*)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

*The Hymn of the Day

Baptized in Water

(ELW) No. 456

Sacrament of Baptism for Ryan David Mayer

(ELW) page 227 to 231

*The Athanasian Creed

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*The Prayers of the Church (response)

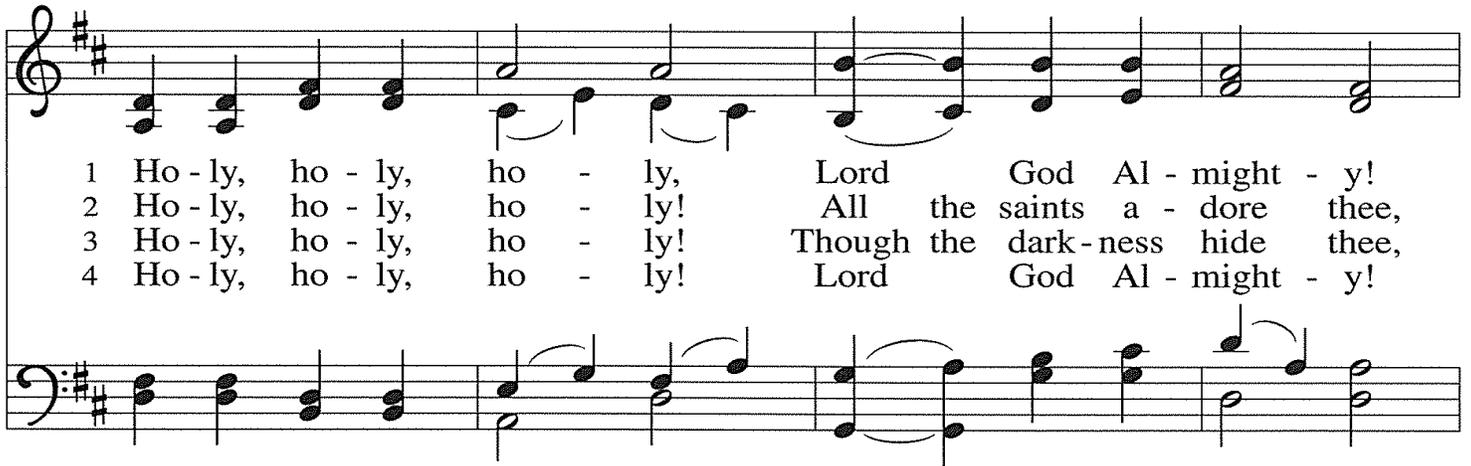
P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

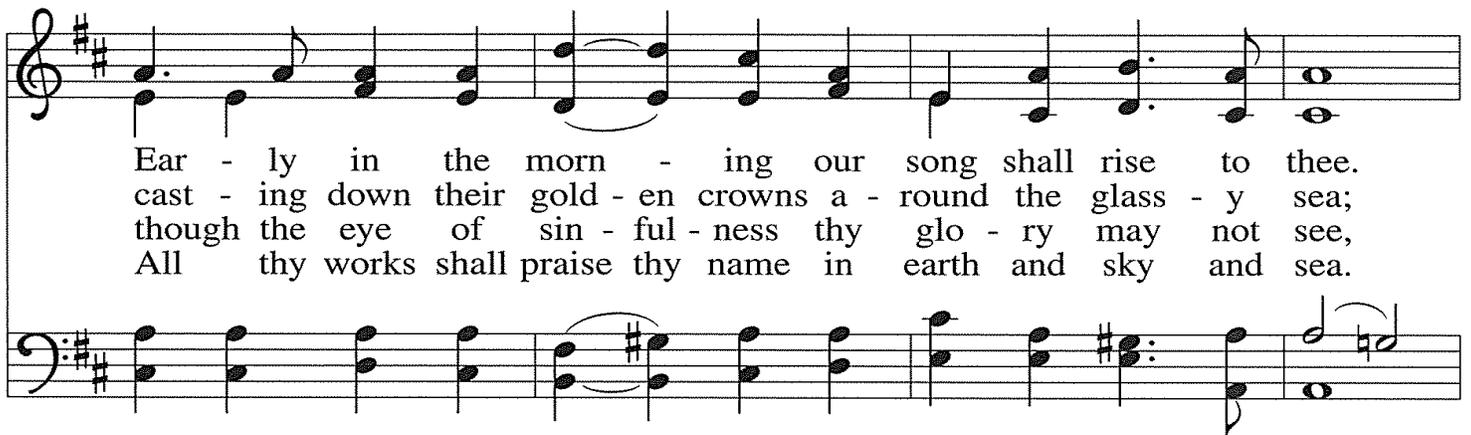
*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering	<i>Trusting Jesus</i>	arr. M. Wilson
*The Offertory	<i>Create in Me a Clean Heart</i>	(ELW) No. 188
* The Great Thanksgiving		(ELW) page 144
*The Lord's Prayer		
<p>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.</p>		
Lamb of God		(ELW) page 146
The Distribution		
Communion Hymn	<i>Now We Join in Celebration</i>	(ELW) No. 462
	<i>For the Bread Which You Have Broken</i>	(ELW) No. 494
Prayer/Blessing		
Announcements		
*The Benediction (<i>sung response</i>)		
<p>C: Amen, Amen, Amen.</p>		
*The Recessional Hymn	<i>He Leadeth Me</i>	(SBH) No. 478
*The Dismissal (<i>response</i>)		
<p>C: Thanks be to God.</p>		
*FLC Sending Hymn	<i>Be The Love of Christ</i>	arr. Michael Showalter Roger Thornhill
Postlude	<i>My Country 'Tis of Thee—Thesaurus Musicus</i>	S. F. Smith

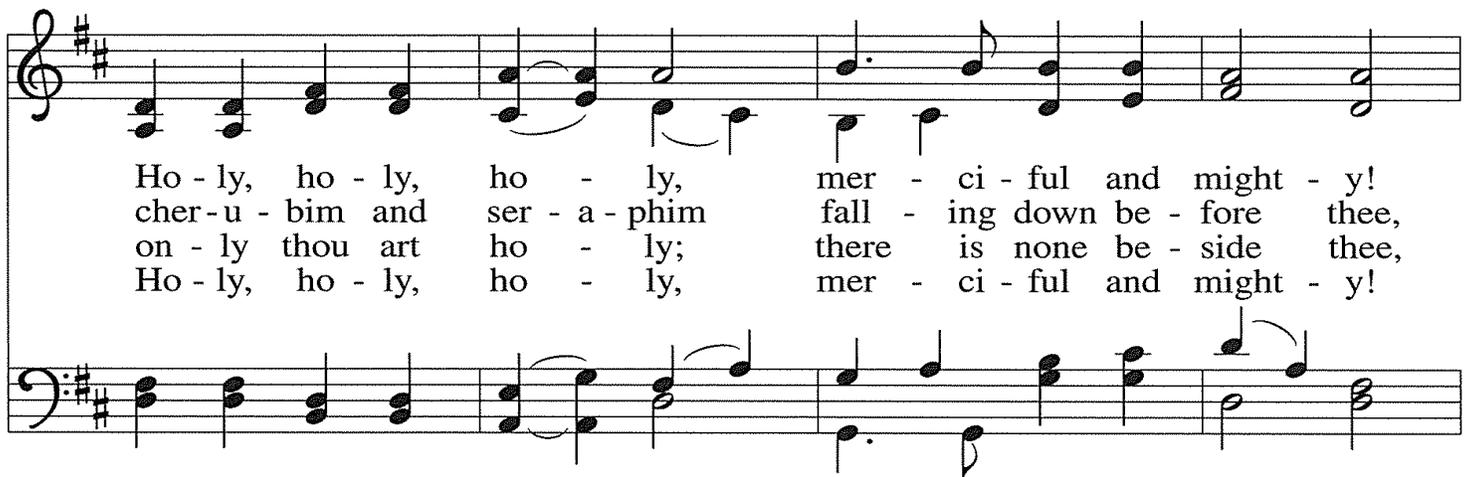
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



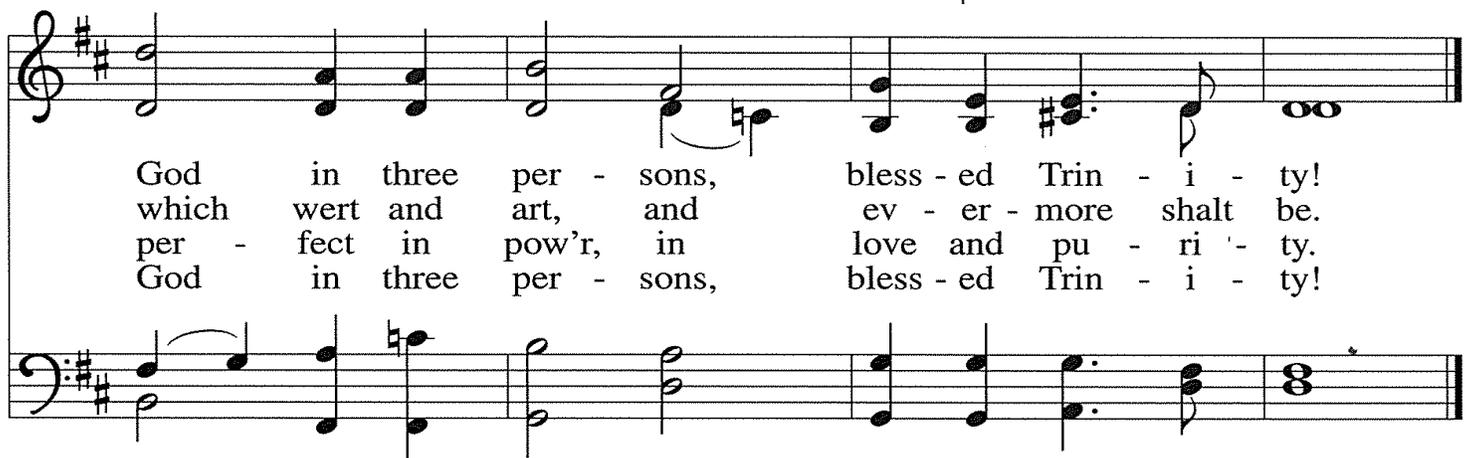
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



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

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

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God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



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

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



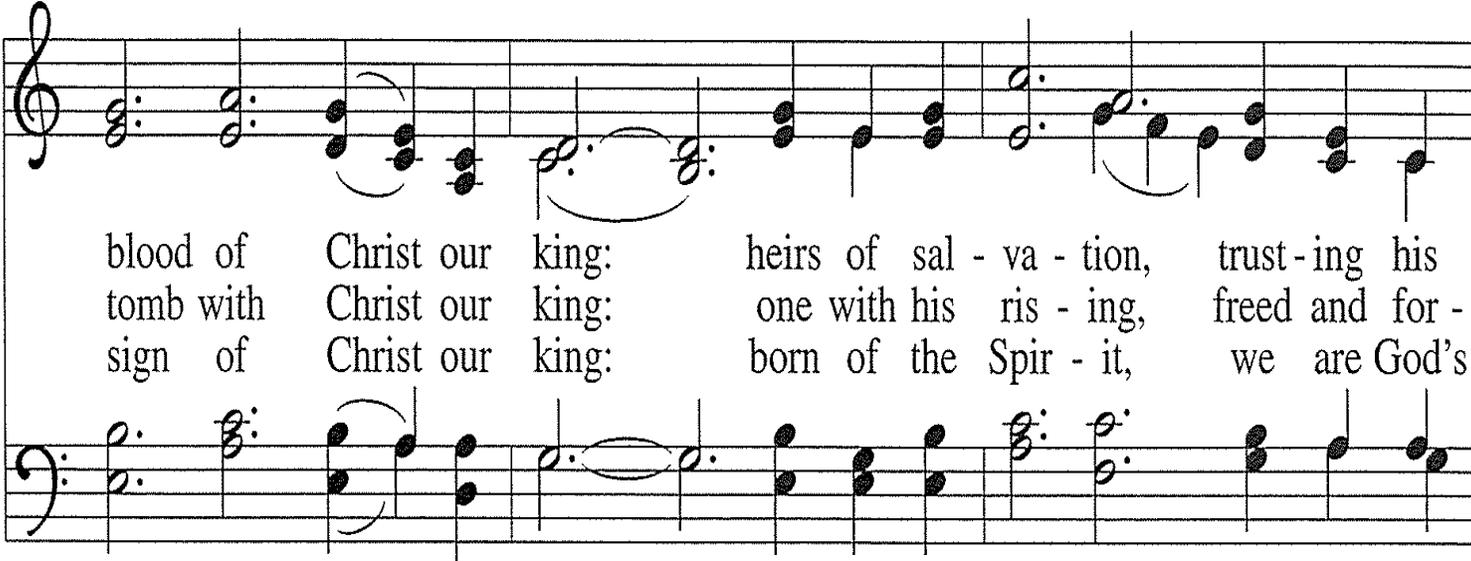
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Baptized in Water

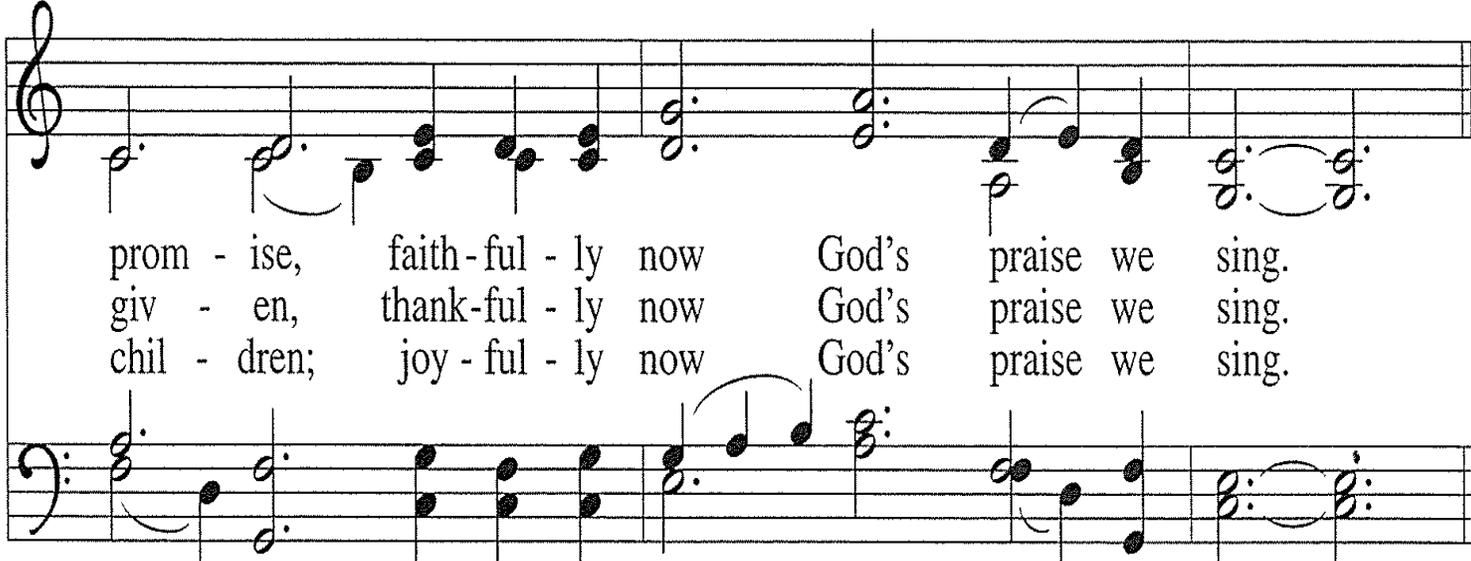
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1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

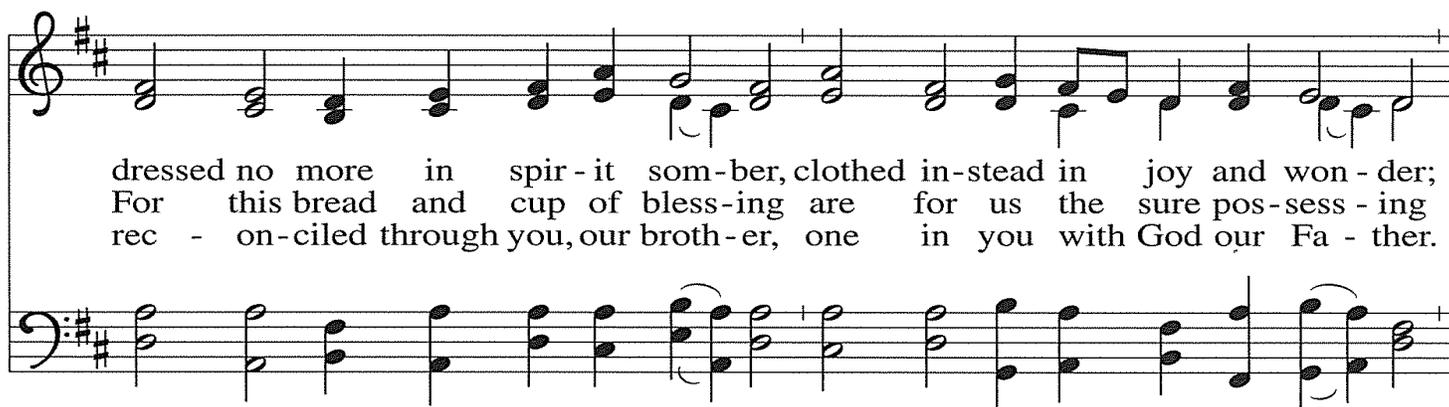
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Now We Join in Celebration

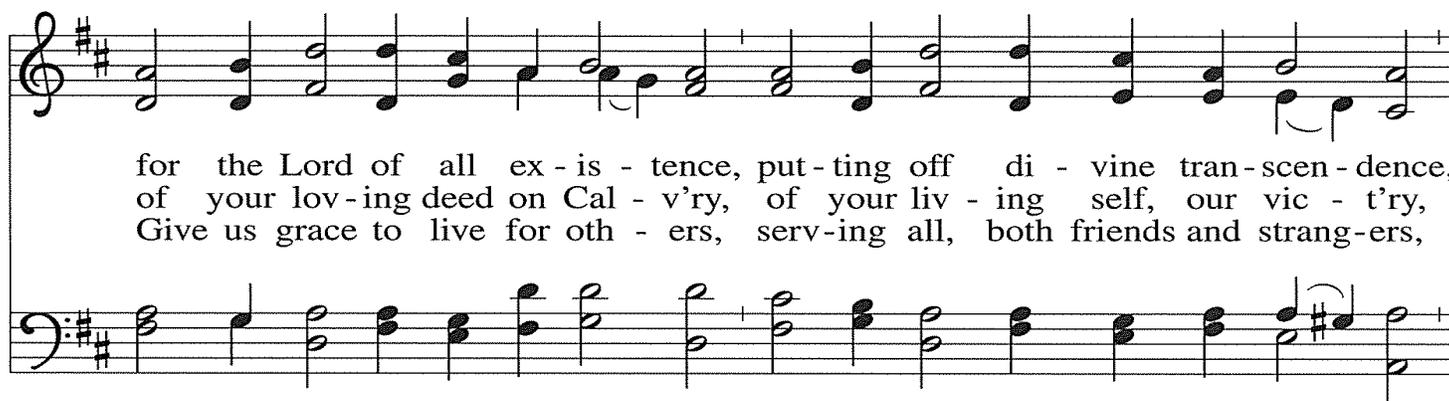
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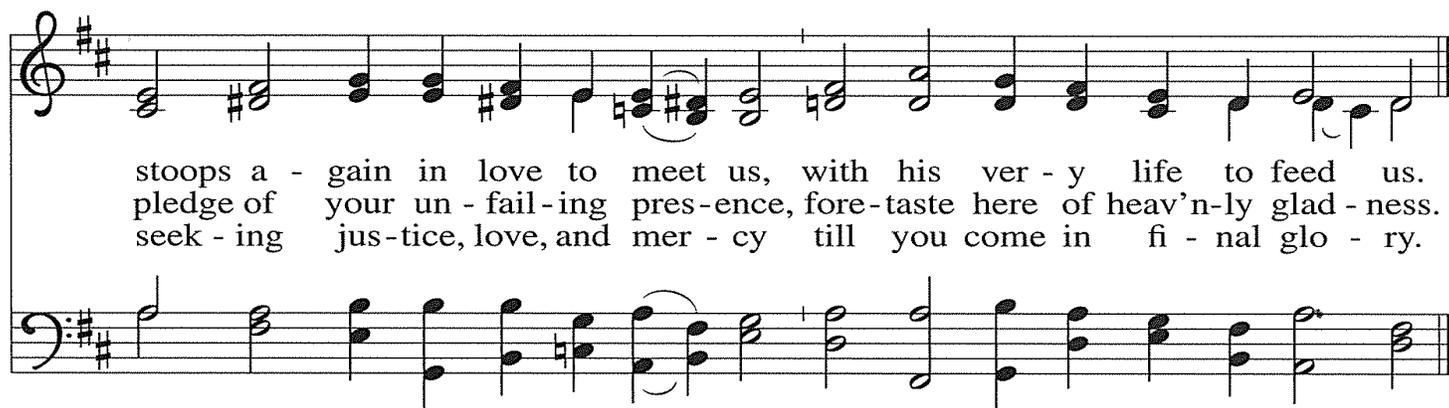
1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

The Inner Life

1. He lead - eth me: O bless - ed thought! O words with heav - en - ly com - fort fraught!
 2. Some - times mid scenes of deep - est gloom, Some - times where E - den's bow - ers bloom,

What - e'er I do, wher - e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 By wa - ters calm, o'er trou - bled sea, Still 'tis his hand that lead - eth me.

Refrain

He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me; By his own hand he lead - eth me:

His faith - ful fol - lower I would be, For by his hand he lead - eth me.

3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
 Nor ever murmur nor repine;
 Content, whatever lot I see,
 Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

4 And when my task on earth is done,
 When by thy grace the victory's won,
 E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
 Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

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The Flowers on the Chancel are given to the glory of God for all those that made the ultimate sacrifice. This Memorial weekend I would like to dedicate these flowers from the Sarver family to these individuals and a gift to the roof fund.

The Lay Reader is Heather Quedenfeld.

Counters/Greeters today are J. Black and K. Lukeich.

Welcome to our Visitors! The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church? Please contact Pastor Grewe.

Nursery: We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs for infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

Bell Choir Practice on Sunday from 1-2 & Thursday from 7-8 PM.

The Flower Chart for 2021 is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2021. Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2021. Please sign up.

Please remember to continue contributing donations to our girls in Ethiopia.
Please consider this as a call to help others in need.

Please pray for those in need of healing:

Betty Johnson, Janet Burke, Maureen Curry, Eveline Reihner, Rocky and Carol, Leah, Shari Kienzle, Joanne Reck, Chiquita, Patricia Zablotny, Stacy Carroll, Byron Christian, Tillie Shawin, Billie Sue Serbak, Susan Westott, Fred Dupas, little Karson, Pastor Bruce and Marie Kreutzer, Melissa McCabe, baby Isaac Christian, Barbara Mounts, Sandy Hebrank, Rachel Rogers, Lynn Hudak, Allan Zimmerman, Donna O., the Pollana family, Iva Romano, Frank Kubichar, Ashley McCartney, Amy Verderber, Sylvia Sunstrum, David & Theresa Lacko, Linda Lacko, Kevin Ryan, Diane & Megan, Loretta & Paul, Alice & Delores, Deb & Norma Price, Cpt. Allen, Aaron Rogers, Owen Miller, Cameron, Kathryn Rush, Dominic & Pam Thorp, Marty Mowl, Amy Buel, Bob Cable, Maxine Banko, Rena, Caroline Wright, Ryan David Mayer, Danielle Pinkerton, Mary Kay McDonald, Dennis Schmidt, Fritz Group, Kevin Daniels, Sherm Marker, Amy, Lucy Mehaffey, Stephanie Kennedy, and Jessi.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS
FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

PA Mental health support and referral line

1-855-284-2494

WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

1-877-225-3567

WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE

724-228-6832

SCOTT BERRY DIRECT LINE

724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)

FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

Church Offering Change: In order to keep everyone safe we have changed how we collect the Sunday Offering. We do not have our ushers pass the plates around. Instead, we have one offering plate located by the last pew and one by the choir loft. Please place your offering in one of those plates. Feel free to place your offering in the plates during our Offertory if you did not do so on the way in.

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Holy Trinity Sunday — May 30, 2021

“...in order that the world might be saved through him.” (John 3:17)

It is a shame that the Gospel of John does not get its own year in the common lectionary. The passages are poetic, beautiful, and full of emotion. What John writes is meaningful and appropriate for today's world.

Nicodemus is a religious leader. He knows scripture and is intelligent and devout. If anyone knows all about salvation, it's him. Yet, he goes to Jesus with questions under cover of night because approaching Jesus in the daytime would be too risky. He sneaks around to find Jesus and he presents his spiritual predicament to him. “Rabbi,” he says, “we know that you are a teacher come from God.” A statement, rather than a question, begins the dialogue with Jesus who says, “You must be born again.” Nicodemus takes all of what Jesus says literally. “How can than these things be?” We too wonder “how” all these things can be.

Jesus ends the conversation with Nicodemus with that very famous memory verse, John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” Many times, that verse has an unintended consequence and it can seem to imply that we can simply be saved by forcing ourselves to believe in Jesus Christ. Salvation does not come from what you do or think. It's a result of what God has done to us and for us. Salvation comes from Christ and from him alone.

Nicodemus encounters Jesus while trying to find his own path toward salvation. He discovers that salvation is not something to be grasped or earned but something that is given to us freely by God. Our understanding of hope, love, and salvation begins and ends with Christ.

Like Nicodemus, we discover that our salvation is not rooted in ourselves. Our salvation is found in the light that dares darkness to stand before it. Our salvation is found in the person of Jesus Christ, who came to earth to tell us God so loved the world (and us!) that nothing would separate us from his love. Salvation isn't obtained because we mustered up a little mental ability. Instead, salvation is ours because God so loved the world that God came to our rescue. And because of that love, nothing can ever be the same again. That is our salvation and our greatest hope. Amen .