



House of Prayer Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Easter, Year B/Music Sunday

(The “+” insignia indicates where the congregation should stand)

Prelude: *Sound of Music*
Pilgrims Chorus

arr. Nathan Orcutt
Wagner/Bullock

HOP Winds

Welcome and Gathering

Announcements

Ring of the Bell (*please remain seated*)

Processional

HOP Handbell Choir



+Gathering Hymn: *ELW 362 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (vv. 1-2, 7-8)*

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
you have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.
Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

+Greeting

L: 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.**

+Call to Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness

L: We gather as people on a journey.

C: We believe, and we have doubts; we do good, and we sin.

We are imperfect humans, and still beloved by God.

L: Love and grace. Hope and faith. These are the essence of the one we call God.

C: We seek forgiveness and grace from God and from those we've harmed.

Silence for self-reflection

L: Almighty God,

C: Creator of the heavens and earth, we confess that we do not always live into the message of hope and salvation, the promise of eternal life. We live in ways that make the here and now more important than the future. We live in ways that put ourselves and our own success first over the needs of others and the long-term needs of the world.

Forgive us for our selfish ways and call us into the path of Christ, who humbled himself and gave himself up for us on the cross, so that death might be no more and that all can share in the joy of salvation and eternal life, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

L: Open your hearts to receive the good news. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Assured of that grace, prepare to grow in Christ's love.

C: We yearn for a new way, a new perspective, and a clear path.

L: Though we are full of trust and full of doubt, we are here. Speak to us, God! Continue creating us!

C: Inspire our hearts. Enlighten our minds. Guide our actions. Amen.

+Prayer of the Day

L: Holy God,

C: we are friends to one another, not because we are so lovable and endearing, or because we choose to be with people who are like ourselves, but because you want us, as your children, to reach out with the best for other people, whoever they are and whatever their characteristics. Thank you for showing us how to love others in the example of Jesus Christ, our savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

You may be seated

Special Music: For Everyone Born

Brian Mann/Shirley Erena Murray
arr. Tom Trenney

HOP & Woodlake Combined Choirs

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
For everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born, a star overhead,*

Refrain: *and God will delight when we are creators of justice,
And joy, compassion and peace;
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy!*

*For young and for old, a place at the table,
A voice to be heard, a part in the song,
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
For young and for old, the right to belong,*

Refrain

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For everyone born, the right to be free,*

Refrain

Word

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Psalm 150

John Harper

HOP & Woodlake Combined Choirs; Tom Garvin, trumpet

*Alleluya, Alleluya, Praise God in his holy place, Praise him in his mighty heav'ns,
Praise him for his powerful deeds, Praise his surpassing greatness.*

*Alleluya, Alleluya, O Praise him with sound of trumpet, Praise him with lute and harp,
Praise him with timbrel and dance, Praise him with strings and pipe.*

*Alleluya, Alleluya, O Praise him with resounding cymbals, Praise him with clashing of cymbals,
Let everything that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord.
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya.*

Second 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.

L: Word of God, Word of Life: **C: 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. Al - le - lu - ia.

+Gospel: John 15:9-17

L: The Gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As 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.

¹²“This 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.”

L: The Good News of God. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be seated

Sermon: Go – Abide in Christ’s Love!



Hymn: *How Shall I Sing That Majesty*

J.R. Daniels/ arr. Mark Sedio

HOP Brass/HOP Handbells/HOP & Woodlake Combined Choirs & Congregation

v. 1 –ALL

v. 2- lower voices/higher voices

v. 3 –choir only

v. 4- ALL

How Shall I Sing that Majesty

1. How shall I sing that ma - jes - ty which an - gels
lower voices: 2. Thy bright - ness un - to them ap - pears; Whilst I Thy
choir: 3. En - light - en with faith's light my heart, In - flame it
 4. How great a be - ing, Lord, is thine, which doth all

do ad - mire? Let dust in dust and si - lence
 foot - steps trace, A sound of God comes to my
 with love's fire; Then shall I sing and bear a
 be - ings keep! Thy know - ledge is the on - ly

lie; Sing, sing, ye heav'n - ly choir. Thou - sands of
 ears, But they be - hold Thy face. *higher:* They sing be -
part with that ce - lest - ial choir: I shall, I
 line to sound so vast a deep. Thou art a

thou - sands stand a - round Thy throne, O God most
 cause Thou art their sun; Lord, send a beam on
 fear be dark and cold, with all my fire and
 sea with - out a shore, A sun with - out a

high; Ten thou - sand times ten thou - sand
 me: For where heav'n is but once be -
light: Yet, when thou dost ac - cept their
 sphere; Thy time is now and ev - er -

sound Thy praise; but who am I?
 gun, There al - le - lu - ias be.
 gold, Lord, trea - sure up my mite.
 more, Thy place is ev - 'ry where.

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+Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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.**

You may be seated

Prayers of Intercession

L: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Spoken Response: L: God of Grace, **C: Receive our Prayer.**

prayers end with: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen.

Peace: L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

You are invited to share the peace with those around you as you feel comfortable.

Meal

Offering: *Song and Dance*

Richard Saucedo

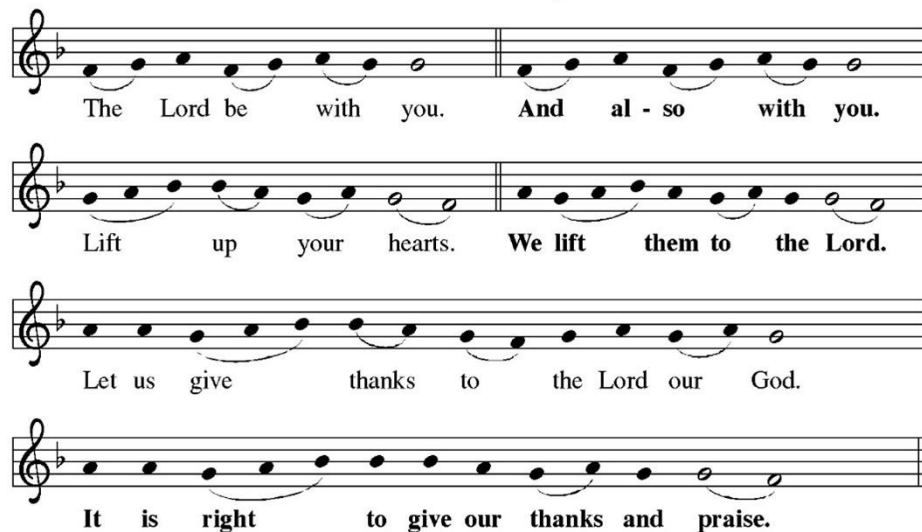
HOP Winds

Offering Prayer

L: Generous and surprising God, when we thought death had claimed your beloved Son, you amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to your love. We lay our offerings at your feet, O God, knowing that you will use us to embody the gospel. In Jesus' name, we pray,

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



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.

Preface

L: 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...we **stand** to praise your name and join their unending hymn... (*please stand*)

+Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

+Words of Institution

+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.**

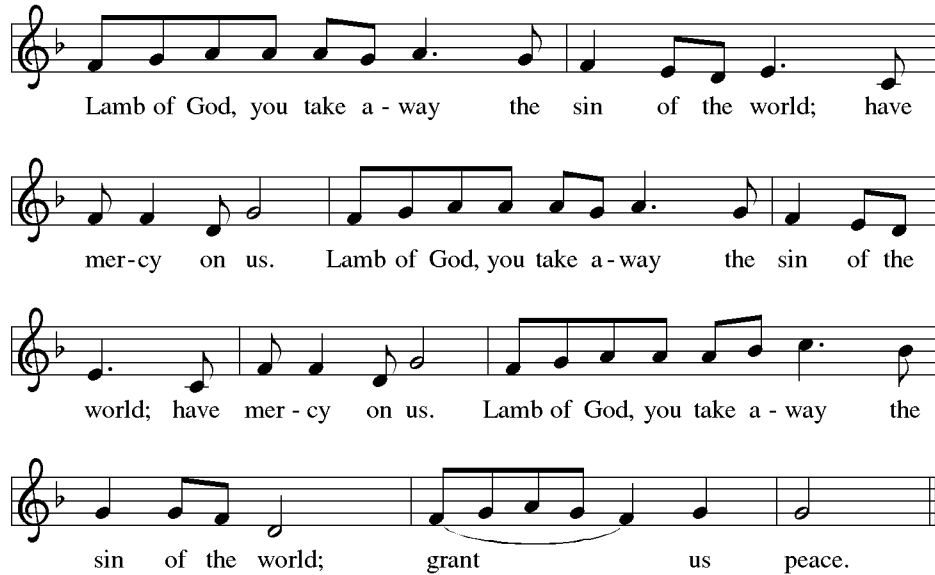
**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

+Invitation to Communion

L: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

(You may be seated)

Communion



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.

Music during Distribution: *Beach Spring*

arr. Kevin McChesney

HOP Handbell Choir

+Prayer after Communion

L: Holy, gracious, God,

Here at this table your promise of life is made tangible.

We have rested in the depth of your love and tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence;

Together, at this table, you have offered us life and by your grace, we accept the life you offer.

We give you thanks in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

C: Amen.

Sending

+Blessing *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Peter Lutkin

HOP & Woodlake Combined Choirs

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift his countenance upon you; and give you peace,

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. Amen.

Hymn: ELW 385 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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+Ringing of the Bell

+Dismissal

L: Go in peace, seeking Christ in one another,

C: We will, by the grace of God.

Postlude: *St. Thomas*

Sonny Rollins/Brown

HOP Winds

Worship Participants

Presider:	Pastor Korla Masters
Preacher:	Pastor Eric Luedtke
Musicians:	Roselyn Hanson Weber, Director of Liturgical Worship; Andy Pokel, Director of Music and Worship, Woodlake Lutheran Church Jon Kietzer, Organ; HOP Winds Director Nathan Orcutt, HOP Assistant Director
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