

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026
8:30am & 11am Worship



Central Lutheran Church
1857 Potter Street
Eugene, OR
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CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

PRELUDE (8:30)

How Good, O Lord, To Be Here
Dan Rinnan

Berkley Guse

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!
Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

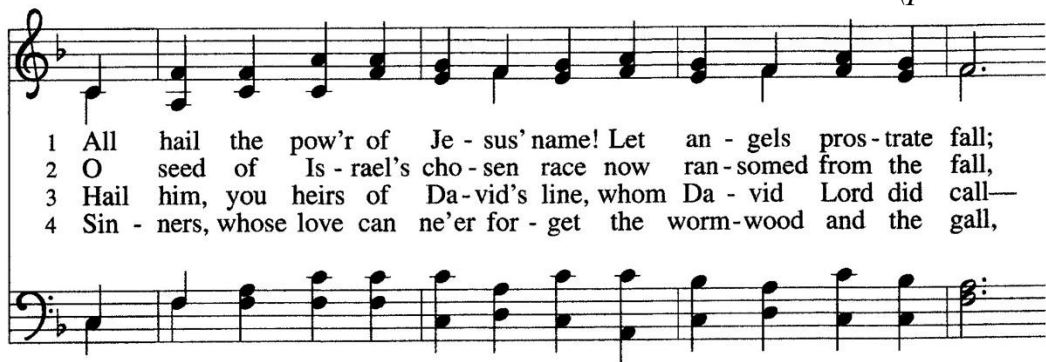
You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

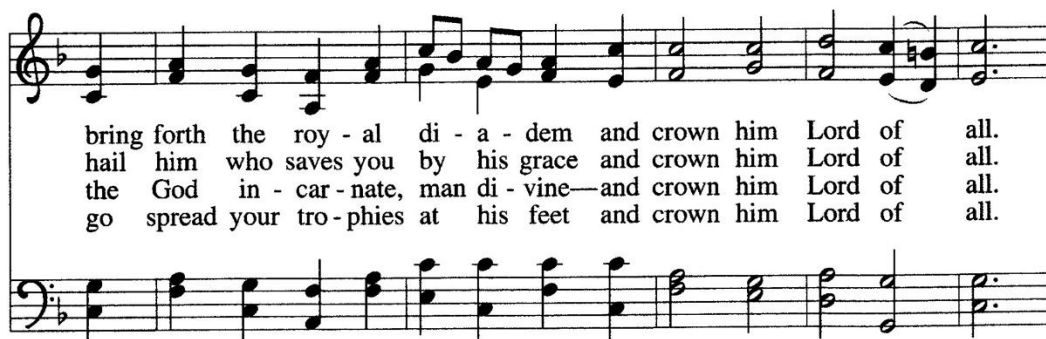
You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

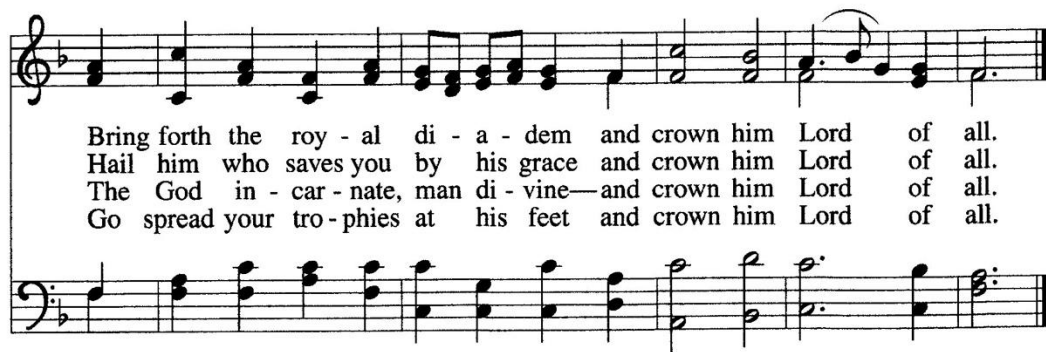
ENTRANCE HYMN All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name *(please stand)*



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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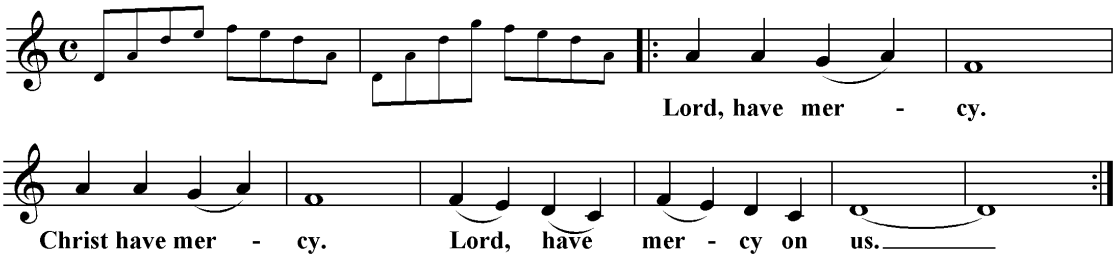
5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

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.

GREETING

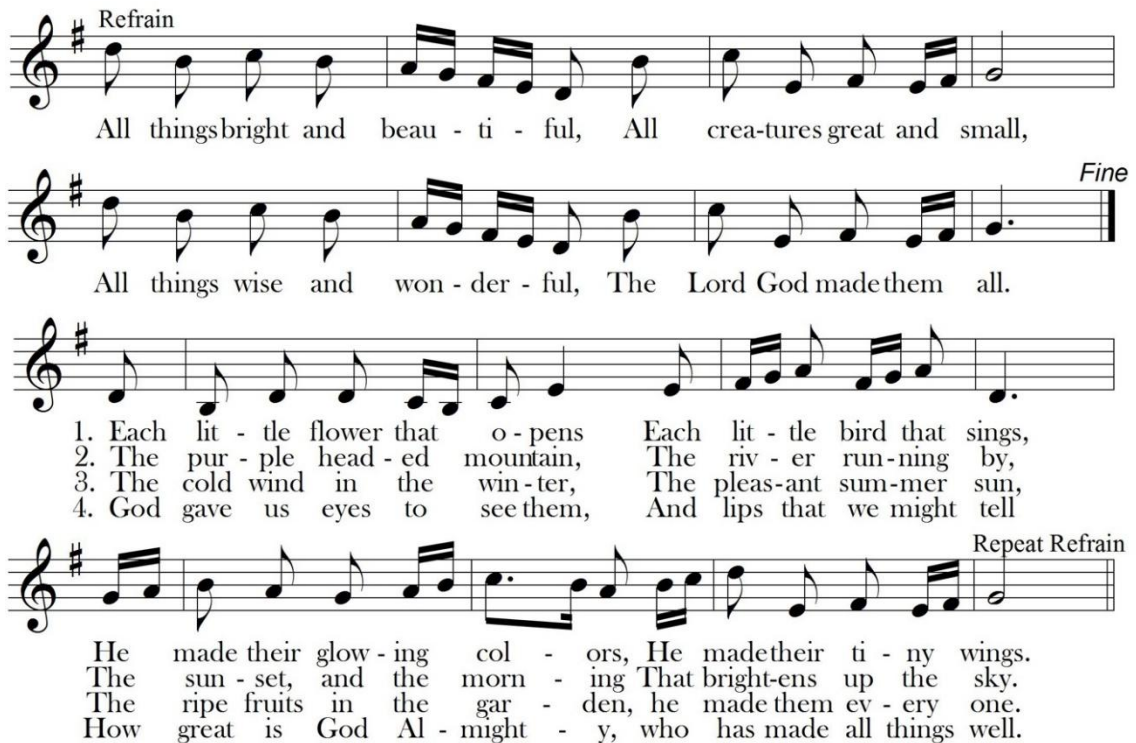
The grace of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

CANTICLE



Refrain
All things bright and beau - ti - ful, All crea-tures great and small,
Fine
All things wise and won - der - ful, The Lord God made them all.

1. Each lit - tle flower that o - pens Each lit - tle bird that sings,
2. The pur - ple head - ed mountain, The riv - er run - ning by,
3. The cold wind in the win - ter, The pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4. God gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain
He made their glow - ing col - ors, He made their ti - ny wings.
The sun - set, and the morn - ing That bright - ens up the sky.
The ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
How great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Text: Cecil Alexander, 1818-1895, alt.

Music: English tune, 17th cent., adapt. Martin Shaw, 1875-1958

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God of glory, **your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.** *(you may be seated)*

FIRST LESSON Acts 1:6-14

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35



Let God arise and let God's ene- | mies be scattered;
let those who | hate God flee.

**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive | them away;
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the
pres- | ence of God.**

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice | before God;
let them also be mer- | ry and joyful.

**Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who | rides the
clouds; I Am is that name, rejoice | before God!**

In your holy habita- | tion, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defend- | er of widows;
**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners | into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in | desert places.**

O God, when you went forth be- | fore your people,
when you marched | through the wilderness,
**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of
God, the | God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the | God of Israel.**

You sent a bountiful | rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance | when it languished.

**Your people found their | home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision | for the poor.**

Sing to God, O kingdoms | of the earth;
sing praises | to the Lord.

**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the | ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your | mighty voice.**

Ascribe pow- | er to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is | in the skies.

**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O | God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! | Blessed be God!**

Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son, and to the | Holy Spirit.

As it was in the begin- | ning, is now, and will be fore- | ver. Amen.

ANTHEM (8:30) *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* arr. Mark Schweizer
Children's Choir/Junior Cantors

ANTHEM (11:00) *Thus I go now to Jesus Christ* Cantor
(Chorale from Bach's Cantata 31)

SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

During the Gospel Acclamation our children are invited to join Crystal Miller in the chapel for a special children's message. They will return during the sharing of the peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please stand as you are able)*



Cantors: I will not leave you orphaned, says the Lord, I am coming to you.

GOSPEL **John 17:1-11**

The Gospel according to John, the 17th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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

SERMON

Dr. Dennis Lindsay

HYMN #482 I Come With Joy *(please stand)*



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for-giv-en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di-vi-sion
4 The Spir-it of the ris-en Christ, un-seen, but ev-er
5 To-geth-er met, to-geth-er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je-sus to re-call in
fed, the new com-mu-ni-ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend-ship bet-ter known, a-
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com-mu-nion bread, in Christ's com-mu-nion bread.
strang-ers now are friends, and strang-ers now are friends.
live a-mong us here, a-live a-mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

NICENE CREED

With the whole church throughout the ages, let us profess our Christian faith using the words of the 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. *(please be seated)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*When the leader says, "God, in your mercy,"
you are invited to respond, "Hear our prayer."*

PEACE

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

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

HYMN #379 Now the Green Blade Rises

1. Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
2. In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
3. Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ri - sen grain,
4. When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing or in pain,
Wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
Think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain,
Thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,
Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
Laid in the earth that like grain that sleeps un - seen:
Quick from the dead my ri - sen Lord is seen:
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

OFFERING

*You are invited to place your offering
in the plate as you come forward for communion.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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, we pray. **Amen.**

(please stand as you're able)

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.

PROPER PREFACE

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:

SANCTUS

Organ

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, — heaven and earth are full — of your glo-ry.

Hosan-na in the highest. Organ Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Hosan-na in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

LORD'S PRAYER

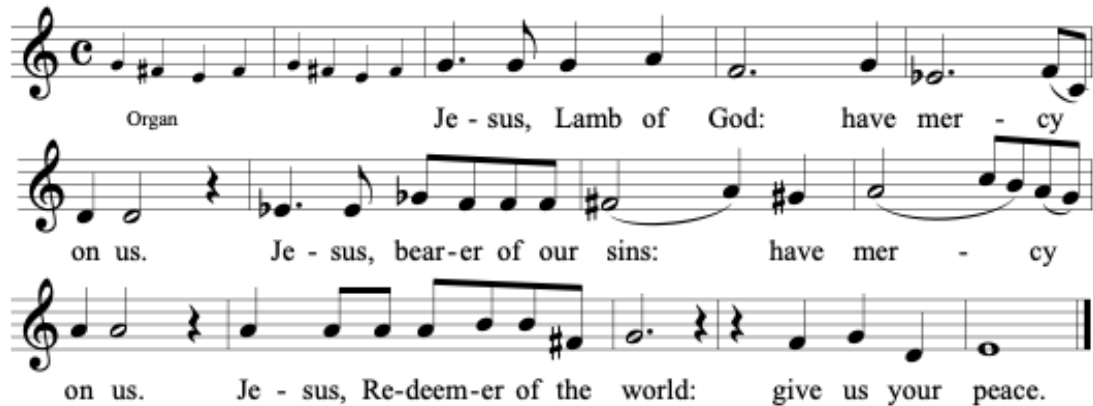
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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. *(please be seated)*

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS & DISTRIBUTION

You are invited to come forward and kneel (or stand) at the altar rail to receive communion. You will receive the bread in the form of a wafer and then you may drink from the individual cups of either red wine or white grape juice. If you would like to avoid navigating the stairs you may come forward and sit in the front pew (or remain where you are) and the communion servers will come to you. All are welcome.

LAMB OF GOD



Organ Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy

on us. Je - sus, bear-er of our sins: have mer - cy

on us. Je - sus, Re-deem-er of the world: give us your peace.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

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, we pray. **Amen.**

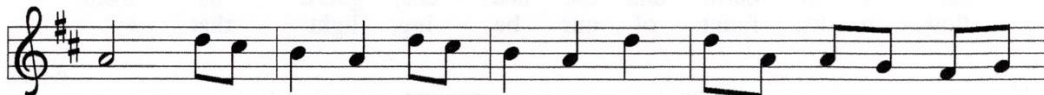
BENEDICTION *(please stand)*

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

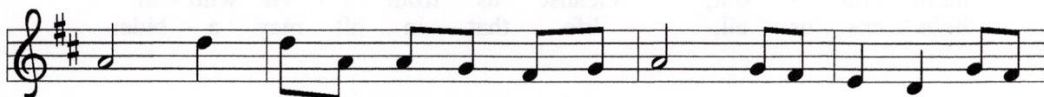
HYMN #393 A Hymn of Glory (Ascension Day was May 14)



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the
5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol-l'wers
sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they
sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty.
say, "this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."
run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



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

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Voluntary

John Bennett

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Children's Choir (8:30): Evan Barrett, Louisa Barrett, Eliot Hodgetts, Evelyn Neckels, Grayson Neckels

Junior Cantors (8:30): Lukas Henriksen, Henry Koscho, Charlotte Miller, Piper Neubert, Sam Rodgers, Arya (Ari) Saks, Signe Smith, Emma Stalie, Charlotte (CJ) Strietelmeyer

Cantor (11:00): Bernie Bopp

Plans are currently underway for Youth and Adult chaperones from Central, United, and Emmaus (CUE) to head to Lee County (Jonesville), Virginia to work with the nationally recognized Appalachia Service Project (ASP) to help repair the homes of those impacted by devastating flooding in Appalachia. **Following the 8:30am worship service today** several of our youth, along with Crystal, will be present in the Narthex to begin fundraising for their summer service trip. For every \$10 donation you will receive a postcard from one of our young people as they travel east *to be the hands and feet of Jesus by serving those in need*. This trip will begin shortly after many of these same young people will have served as leaders for our children attending Vacation Bible School hosted at Central the week of Jun 22-26.

Vacation Bible School: "God's Great Circus – A Place For All"

Registration open now – hosted at Central Lutheran

Monday – Friday, Jun 22-26 from 9am-12:30pm

3yrs-5th grade w/older youth & adult volunteers

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