

Seventh Sunday of Easter



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Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...
an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.
- Please silence your cell phone.

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Please be respectful of people who use this time to prepare for worship.

Prelude

One Bread, One Body, arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Hymn

Rise, O Sun of Righteousness



1 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous - ness; with your
2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your
3 Gath - er in your scat - tered flock; give us
4 Burst the bars of stub - born pride; make the
5 Hon - or, praise, and glo - ry be to the



might cre - a - tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day,
word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim
wa - ter from the rock. Bless the u - ni - ty we share
heav'n - ly path - way wide. Raise us up from sin and death
ho - ly Trin - i - ty! May your gra - cious will be done:



show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.
prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.
in our shep - herd's lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.
with your Spir - it's liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.
make us one, as you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.

Text: Christian David, et al.; tr. Frank W. Stoldt, b. 1958
Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566
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Greeting

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

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



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



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.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of 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*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

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The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first and third staves contain the melody, while the second and fourth staves contain the bass line. The lyrics are printed below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line on the fourth staff.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading Acts 1:15-17, [18-20], 21-26 (New Revised Standard Version)
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days Peter stood up among the believers a (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, “[Brothers], the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” *(Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)* “For it is written in the book of Psalms,

*‘Let his homestead become desolate,
and let there be no one to live in it’;*

and

‘Let another take his position of overseer.’

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

May we open ourselves to what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Amen.**

Psalm 1



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Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel [|] of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats [|] of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law [|] of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching [|] day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that [|] do not wither;
everything they [|] do shall prosper.

**It is not so [|] with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind [|] blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when [|] judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council [|] of the righteous.

**For the LORD knows the way [|] of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall [|] be destroyed.**

Reading

1 John 5:9-13 (David Bentley Hart)

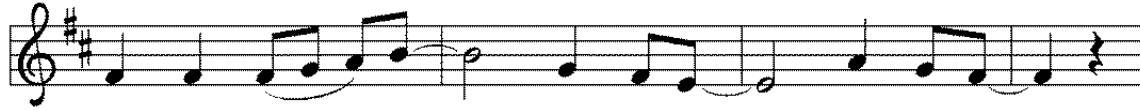
A reading from the first letter of St. John to the early church

'If we accept the testimony of human beings, the testimony of God is greater. For this is the testimony that God has attested regarding his Son. Whoever has faith in the Son of God has the testimony within him. Whoever does not have faith in God has made him out a liar, because he has not had faith in the testimony that God has attested in regard to his Son. And this is the testimony: that God has given us the life of the Age, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has this life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have this life.

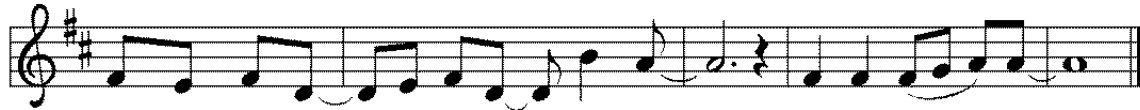
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Please stand in body or spirit

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.

Gospel

John 17:[5], 6-19 (N.T. Wright)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

So now, Father, glorify me, alongside yourself, with the glory which I had with you before the world existed.

"I revealed your name to the people you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you; you gave them to me; and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything which you gave me comes from you. I have given them the words you gave me, and they have received them. They have come to know, in truth, that I came from you. They have believed that you sent me.

"I'm praying for them. I'm not praying for the world, but for the people you've given me. They belong to you. All mine are yours; all yours are mine; and I'm glorified in them.

I'm not in the world any longer, but they're still in the world; I'm coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, the name you've given to me, so that they may be one, just as we are one.

"When I was with them, I kept them in your name, the name you've given me. I guarded them, and none of them has been destroyed (except the son of destruction; that's what the Bible said would happen). But now I'm coming to you. I'm speaking these things in the world, so that they can have my joy fulfilled in them.

"I have given them your word. The world hated them, because they are not from the world, just as I am not from the world. I'm not asking that you should take them out of the world, but that you should keep them from the evil one. They didn't come from the world, just as I didn't come from the world. Set them apart for yourself in the truth; your word is truth. Just as you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And on their account I set myself apart for you, so that they, too, may be set apart for you in the truth.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message

“I'm praying for them. I'm not praying for the world ...”

Musical Reflection

Go Not Far from Me, O God

Zingarelli
Senior Choir

Go not far from me, far from me, O God.
Cast me not away, cast me not away in the time of age.
Cast me not away in the time of age.
Forsake me not, forsake me not, forsake me not
when my strength faileth me.

O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise, be filled with Thy praise
That I may sing, that I may sing, that I may sing, that I may sing
Thy glory and honor all the day long, all the day long,
That I may sing, that I may sing Thy glory all the day long.

O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise.
O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise,
That I may sing of Thy glory all the day long,
That I may sing of Thy glory all the day long.

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**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.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

After each petition: "Your mercy is great, O God." **Receive our prayer.**

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Mary Kennedy, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and her sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Maddie Sutphin, Skye Andree, Carolyn Moehring, Kris Kauffman, Kathy Richter, Ruth Murray's daughter Ellen Rose, John Kennedy's sister and brother-in-law, Becky & Vic Wolfe, Kathie Ehrich, Elaine Warren, David Williams, Rose Jordan, Mary Watts, Lorien Dana, basketball coach Tom Mitchell, Olivia Theissen, Kandice Hoddinott-Ward, Brittany Amon, John Huber, Sara Sed
For the people of Messiah Lutheran Church in Reynoldsburg
For Redeemer community members Jill Williams

Time with the Young People

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Members are encouraged to move around the sanctuary to greet each with a hearty handshake or a hug.

For those who have special concerns or who do not wish close contact, please offer a sign of blessing to let others know you are more comfortable greeting them from a distance.

We will continue to take a moment to greet those who are worshipping via livestream before greeting those in the sanctuary.

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to share this communion meal.

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

During the Rite of Communion, Prayers and Prayer Assistants will assemble on the steps of the sanctuary to offer a gentle touch and blessing. Those who wish to receive this healing in their pews may let an usher know and the healing team will come to you. Jesus often touched others—blessing children, washing feet, and healing injuries or disease. Such an act is a tangible expression of the presence of the healing Christ, working in and through those who minister in His name.

In body or spirit, please stand

Offertory

You Are Holy

1*

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* *May be sung in canon.*

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÅR HELIG, Per Harling

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Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

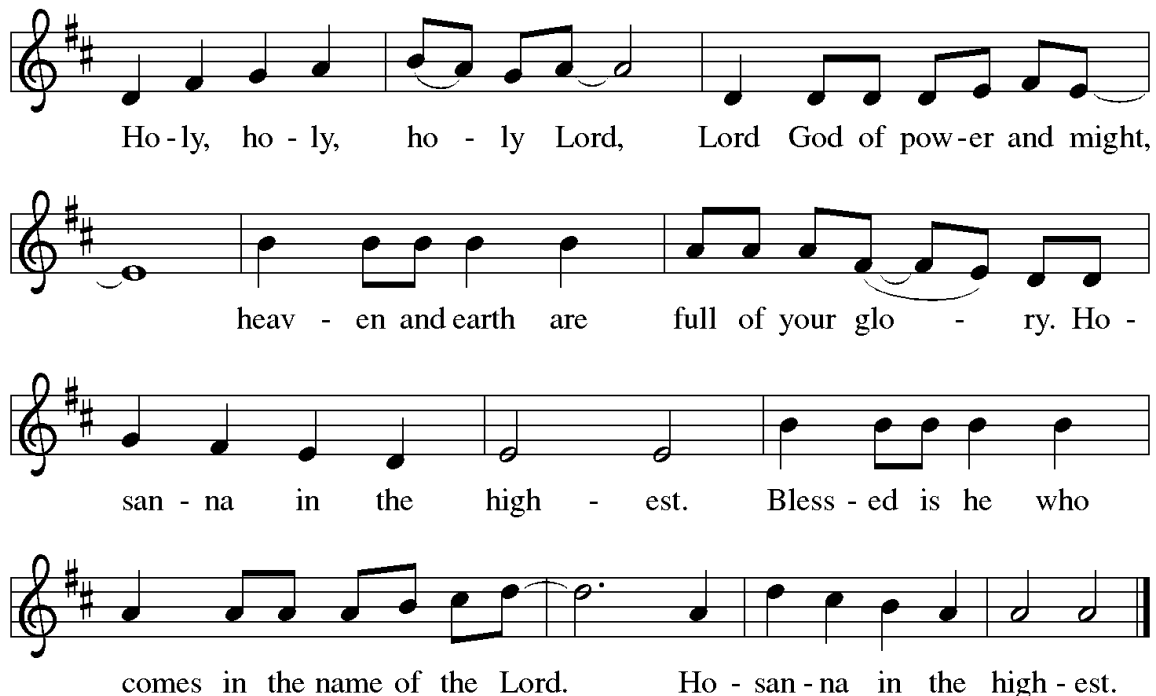
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.
We lift them to the Lord.**

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We stand in the resurrection garden of God – a place filled and shaped by love and ripe with all it might become when we are open to the Spirit's life and ours becoming one. This is the table of the risen Christ – a place fashioned and furnished by love and rich with its promises. So come – whether you have seen and believed, or are dubious and doubting still, whether you confess confidently, or come to this meal with a fragile, fearful heart. Come and share these gifts of grace, encounter Christ. Come and be healed by Love and transformed by Life.

We remember with wonder and joy that Love, though broken on a cross, was not defeated. We rejoice that Love, though swallowed by death, was not silenced. Neither defeated nor silenced, Love lives and speaks words of welcome, healing and hope to all. In awe of all you have done and all you are doing through us, we join our voices with that of Creation and with all those who bear witness across the world and throughout the ages to the eternal power of your Love and Life:



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

Before the bright dawn in the garden in which Love was resurrected, before the cold silence of the tomb by which Love was swallowed, before the brutal horror of the cross on which Love was broken, before the bitter struggle of the Gethsemane garden through which Love affirmed its choices, Jesus ate a final supper with his friends.

He took bread, blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take this, and eat! This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me." After supper, he took a cup of wine and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

And so we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

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.**

Recalling that meal and honoring that life, eating this bread and drinking this cup, we thank you, God, for making us part of the ongoing story of your Love and Life. Now, we pray, send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that we may once again encounter Christ's Love and be transformed by Christ's Life.

Sharing the Meal

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.
So do we.

Please be seated

You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray, grape-apple juice in the inner ring. Gluten-free wafers are available on request, ask Pastor.

Hymn

One Bread, One Body

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



Refrain

wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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Hymn For the Bread Which You Have Broken

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823–1895

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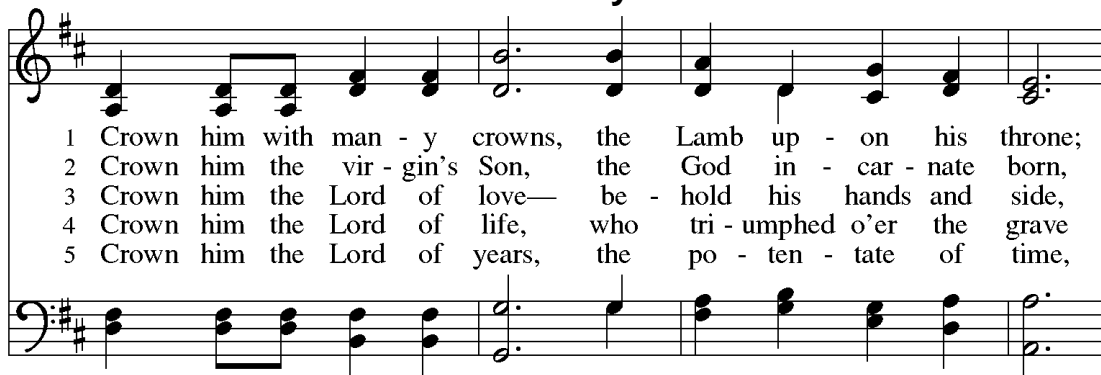
Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, Holy God, that in this meal, Jesus Christ, Love resurrected, has met us once again in this garden and touched and transformed us with Life. May the peace of the Resurrected One – the challenging peace of committed life, the liberating peace of selfless love, the vibrant peace of new possibility – recall us to radical living, empower us for rich loving, and transform us with radiant joy. **Alleluia! Amen.**

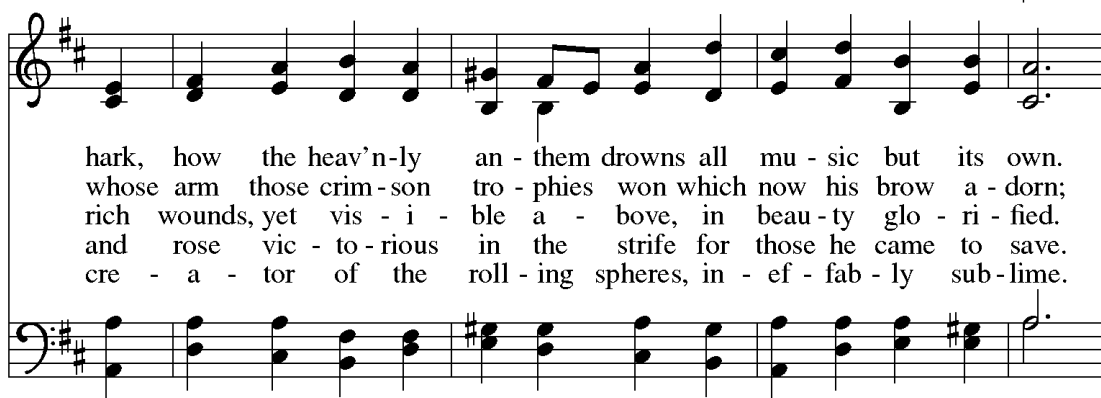
WE ARE SENT

Hymn

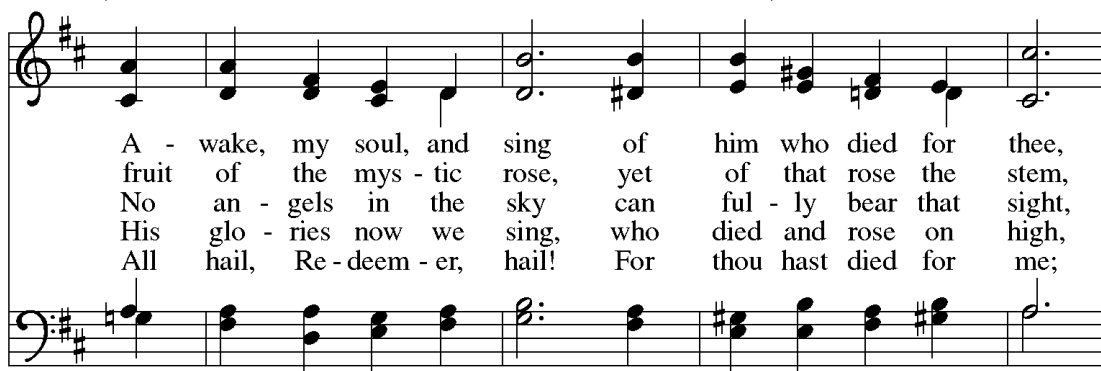
Crown Him with Many Crowns



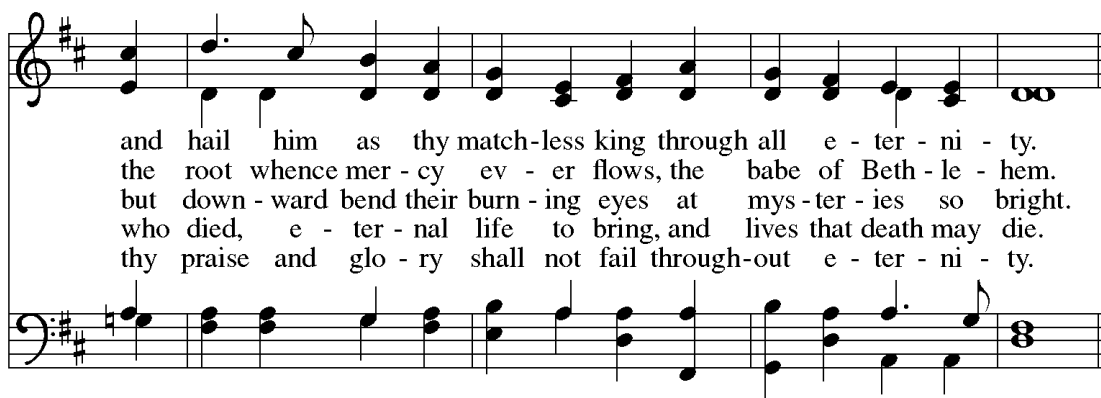
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Crown Him with Many Crowns, arr. John Carter

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Hart, David Bentley, ed. The New Testament: A Translation. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2017.

Dave Shull on Vacation through May 12

Dave is taking two weeks' vacation, returning to work on Monday, May 13.

If you have an emergency pastoral care need while he is away, please contact the Rev. Julianne Smeck, pastor of Hope Lutheran Church. You can reach her at 734-972-6126.

This morning we welcome Redeemer member and Trinity Lutheran Seminary student Naomi Morgan as preacher and Larry Trover to preside at the table.

Adult Ed - May 12, 11:15 am

Sermon Feedback

Naomi Morgan

In-Person and Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88957366923?pwd=TnV6cFB4ZUpET25USTgzZ0diZlhnQT09>

Meeting ID: 889 5736 6923 = Passcode: 383835

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*Healing Prayer
is offered at worship
the second Sunday of
each month.*



Monthly Sunday School for all ages!

Sunday, May 12 == 11:15 am



Bible Study
St. Paul's
Letter to the Romans
Tuesdays + 1:00 pm
Beginning May 14

In-Person and Zoom:
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A Brewing Faith

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 pm
 Conversation and fellowship
 Via ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81765916972?pwd=bjJ0T1JlG1keXpsV205TWNHVUFpQT09>
 Meeting ID: 817 6591 6972- Passcode: 190081
 Phone only: 312 626 6799



Coffee and Conversation

Wednesday, May 15
10:00 AM-11:30 AM – Narthex
 Honest exploration of questions about faith and life



Packing Lunches for
First English Lutheran Church

Saturday, May 18
 Gather to pack lunches at 9:00 am
 Serve breakfast and distribute lunches
Sunday, May 19, 7:30-9:30 am



LSS/MidOhio Food Collective
Food Giveaway

Thursday May 16
 Extras this month: Soaps
 (hand and body soaps, bar, get, foam)

Volunteers always welcome!
 Please advise either the Church Office or Sue Watson
 (sue.watson@columbus.rr.com or 614-560-4261).
 We need an accurate count and appreciate your support!



Summer Basketball Camp
June 10 through July 18
Ages 8 - 14
 To register,
 call the church office
614.237.1263



Fans! Fans! and more Fans!

Sister Act is again sponsoring the collection of **box fans** to be distributed at our June 20 food giveaway. The goal for this year is **170 fans**.

You may either donate fans [watch for sales!] or make a monetary contribution for the purchase of fans – just put “fans” in the check memo.

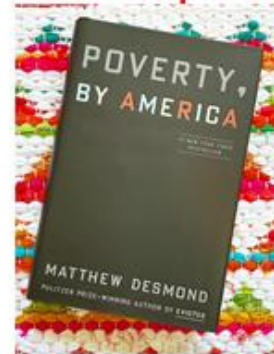
If you have questions, contact Julianne Johnson.



Nehemiah Action
21 May, 6:40pm
Celeste Center
Ohio State Fairgrounds

Summer Book Study

Wednesdays
June 19 & 26
July 3 & 10
7-8:30 pm



Matthew Desmond's *Poverty, By America*

Join us to discuss a book that begins with the statement:
“The United States, the richest country on earth, has more poverty than any other advanced democracy. Why?”

With joy and thanksgiving you are invited to witness and celebrate

THE ORDINATION OF **Jillanne Disbro**

TO THE MINISTRY OF
WORD AND SACRAMENT

Sunday, May 19th at 7 pm EDT

In person at **University Lutheran Chapel**
2425 College Ave, Berkeley, CA 94704

You can also join on Zoom!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84070825642?pwd=bSs4d3VHYngreFlwdUliS W5nNnZHU09>

Meeting ID: 840 7082 5642
Passcode: 085495

Reception with light refreshments to follow the service



Birthdays this week:
14 – Ty Pawlowski
17 – Mary Benis
17 – Ken Jones

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	Rev. Larry Trover
Preaching	Naomi Morgan
Assisting Minister	Michelle Clemence
Cantor	Heidi Sherer
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Helen Brunston
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Carol Heacock, Becky Trover
Producers	Judith Bird, Scott Steiner
Hospitality	Katie Jacobs

*Flowers are given by **Wendy Stoica** in memory of **Tim**.
Noisy Offering will go to World Central Kitchen.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER MAY 12 – 19

Today	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
	12:30 pm	Confirmation Class
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
	6:30 pm	ZOOM A Brewing Faith
Wednesday	10:00 am	Coffee and Conversation
Thursday	1:00 pm	SET UP for Food Giveaway
	3-5:30 pm	LSS/MidOhio Food Giveaway
Saturday	9:00 am	Prepare lunches for First English Lutheran Church
	12:00 pm	Hymn Picking Team
Next Sunday	7:30 am	Serve breakfast at First English Lutheran Church
	8:45 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education

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