



Christ caring for people through people

STEPHEN MINISTRY

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 15, 2022
Stephen Ministry Sunday**

Prelude: "As the Deer" arr. by Nystrom/Wagner

Welcome to Worship and Announcements

***Thanksgiving for Baptism:**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne:

through the earth,

through the city,

through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.

Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C **Amen.**



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent;
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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***Greeting:**

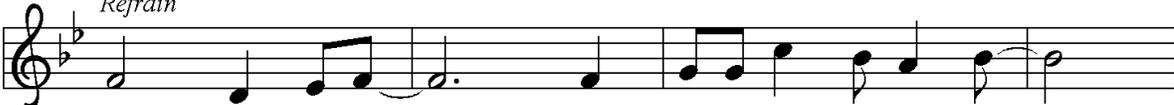
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

*Please stand as you are able.

***Hymn**

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:

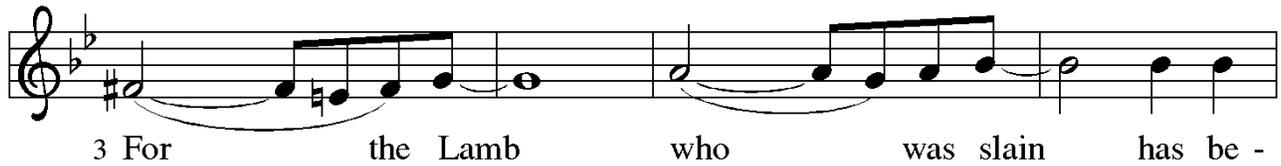


Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

*Please stand as you are able.



3 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.



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



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

***Prayer of the Day:**

All Compassionate Lord, you showed us by example how to love and care for one another. As we begin Stephen Ministry in our congregation, make your caring presence known in our hearts. Help us to hear your call to service and witness. Help us to see ways to use this caregiving ministry to bring your healing love to people within and outside our congregation. Reveal to us your presence as we care and serve. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Kids Word: Pastor Jerry O'Neal

Our first reading is from Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something

*Please stand as you are able.

like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

L Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148: (Read responsively between Lector and Congregation.)

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD,
who commanded, and they were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

⁹mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰**wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

¹²**young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

Our second reading is from Revelation 21:1-6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

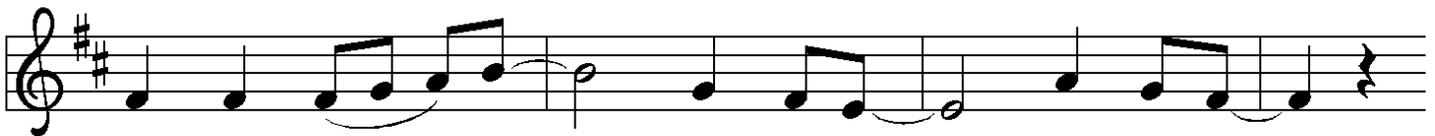
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

L Word of God. Word of life. C Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation:** (setting 6 in ELW)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***Gospel Reading: John 13:31-35**

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 13th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please stand as you are able.



1 With high de - light let us u - nite in
2 True God, he first from death has burst forth
3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to



songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all
in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now
Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by



bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To
van-quished see; his death has been death's un - do - ing. "And
word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So



set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to
yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave," says
shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and



all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.
death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

Text: Georg Vetter, 1536-1599; tr. Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976, alt.
Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune
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***Apostles' Creed:**

**P&C 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.**

***Prayers:** (Congregation's response in bold type.)

L For our prayers today, I will conclude each petition with "God, in your mercy," and your response is, "**hear our prayer.**"

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us. Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress, especially those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause). As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to hatred and separation in the world. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless our new Stephen Ministry, our Stephen Leader and those who will become Stephen Ministers and care receivers. Let your love show through this ministry as we care for one another. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

*Please stand as you are able.

Give us a place in the diverse company of your beloved saints. Teach us the value of each person's identity, and bless us with a shared identity as your children, kindred of Christ. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

***Sharing the Peace:**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Commissioning of Our New Stephen Ministry and Jennifer Sanderfer as Stephen Leader:

P Every Christian is called to care for others, and our new Stephen Ministry is an instrumental program to help us live out Jesus' commandment to love one another. Today we are commissioning Jennifer Sanderfer, Holy Trinity's Office Manager, as our Stephen Leader. She will organize, teach and supervise our Stephen Ministers, the trained caregivers who provide high-quality, one-to-one care to hurting people in our congregation and community.

(Addressing the Stephen Leader.)

P Jennifer, you have been trained at a Stephen Ministry Bridge Leader's Training Course and have been asked to serve as Stephen Leader at Holy Trinity. You are a gift of God to us, helping lead this ministry of equipping and caring. As part of leading this ministry you are asked to recruit, train and supervise the Stephen Ministers, work with the pastor in identifying members who could benefit from this confidential caring ministry, and match hurting people with Stephen Ministers based on what will best meet their needs.

(Addressing the congregation.)

P As part of the priesthood of all believers, all of us Christians are called to offer ourselves to our Lord in thanksgiving for what God has done and continues to do for us in Jesus Christ. It is also our privilege to recognize and support those who are trained for specific ministries in this congregation, as we recognize and affirm Stephen Ministry and our new Stephen Leader.

Questions and Responses:

(Addressing the Stephen Leader.)

P Will you assume this ministry in the confidence that it comes from God? If so, respond, "Yes, with the help of God."

Response: Yes, with the help of God.

P Will you nurture the skills you have learned and use them in service to others - to support, encourage, and build up people, and to enable excellent care while trusting in God's healing?

Response: Yes, with the help of God.

(Addressing the congregation.)

P Members of Holy Trinity, will you open your hearts to Stephen Ministry and all who are and will become trained to care for us and pray for them as servants of Christ? If so, answer, "Yes, with the help of God."

C **Yes, with the help of God.**

*Please stand as you are able.

(Council Member (CM) addressing Pr. Jerry O'Neal.)

CM Pastor Jerry, will you lift up our new Stephen Leader by communicating support for Stephen Ministry, recommending Stephen Ministry to those who need this kind of care, encouraging people with the appropriate gifts to serve as Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers, and helping our Stephen Ministry have the resources it needs to thrive, thereby helping to “equip the saints for ministry?”

P Yes, with the help of God.

Prayer:

P Gracious God, you have called Jennifer to a new path in caring ministry. You have gifted and empowered her for this task. Grant her joy in her service and a spirit of bold trust in you, that her ministry may stir us to greater caring and more fruitful service. Help us all to be both willing servants and thankful recipients of this ministry, so that your name may be glorified, your people live in peace, and your good and gracious will be done, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Blessing:

P May the Lord of the church fill you with the Holy Spirit and guide, bless, and keep you, so that you may be faithful in the ministry to which you have been called, gifted, trained, and sent.

C Amen.

P Go in peace.

Offering:

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2. Go to our website www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com and click on the green “Give” button.
3. Using your bank’s online BillPay features.

Thank you for your support of Holy Trinity and our ministries!

Offering Anthem: “Day of Arising” arr. by Carl Schalk

HTLC Choir

***Offertory Hymn:** “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” ELW 362 (verses 1-2)

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1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his

our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—

flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.

Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

*Please stand as you are able.

***Offering Prayer:**

L Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P 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:

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.

*Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

(The Words of Institution will be said in Spanish, then English.)

P La noche en que fue entregado,
nuestro Señor Jesús tomó pan y dio gracias;
lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos, diciendo:
Tomen y coman; esto es mi cuerpo, dado por ustedes.
Hagan esto en memoria mía.

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.

De igual manera, después de haber cenado, tomó la copa,
dio gracias y la dio a beber a todos, diciendo:
Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre,
derramada por ustedes y por todo el mundo para el perdón del pecado.
Hagan esto en memoria mía.

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.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you,
O God, Author of life,
Word made flesh,
Power of the Most High, now and forever.

C Amen.

***Lord's Prayer:**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. (Lord's Prayer)

All 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.

***Invitation to Communion:**

P The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Communion Hymn: "Lamb of God" (setting 6)

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, grant us peace.

The musical score is written on four staves in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with several triplet markings (indicated by a bracket with a '3' above the notes) and a final double bar line.

Distribution:

This is the Table of Grace for all who belong to Christ and seek his gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. We extend to you all that we have in the Lord Jesus and invite you to his Holy Supper. Those communing with us who haven't been baptized and desire God's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation in Holy Baptism are invited to talk to the Pastor. Communion is continuous as we kneel at the altar. White grape juice is offered as an alternative to wine. Communicants come to the altar down the center aisle, fill in the communion rail from left to right and return by the side aisles.

Communion Hymn: "Beloved, God's Chosen" ELW 648

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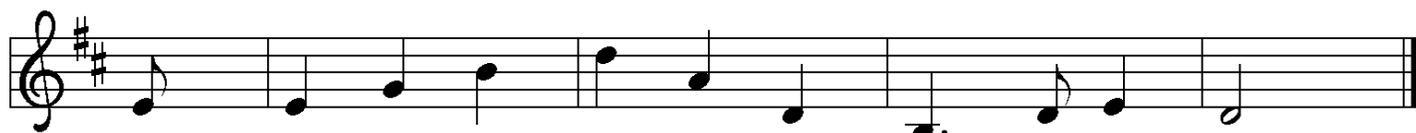
1 Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment
2 With - in, call forth Wis - dom, to dwell in you rich - ly;
3 Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment



com - pas - sion, for - give - ness, and good - ness of heart.
let peace rule your hearts and that peace be of Christ.
com - pas - sion, for - give - ness, and good - ness of heart.



A - bove all, be - fore all, let love be your rai - ment
And from the heart's cham - ber, be - lov - ed and ho - ly,
A - bove all, be - fore all, let love be your rai - ment



that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so - nant part.
let sing - ing thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er rise.
that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so - nant part.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
Music: ANDREW'S SONG, Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962
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***Post Communion Blessing:**

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

***Post Communion Prayer:**

L We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C **Amen**

***Sending Call and Response:**

L God's work!

C **Our hands!**

L God's love!

C **Our hearts!**

L God's story!

C **Our voices!**

***Benediction:**

P "Barocha" - Michael Card

C **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn: "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" ELW 535**

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Refrain – sung twice each time



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Text: South African; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984

Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African

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***Dismissal:**

L Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.

Announcements for May 15, 2022

Birthdays and Anniversaries for May 15 - 21, 2022:

Birthdays:

May 15 – Sue Elias

May 19 – Doug Scholer

May 21 – Tom Collins

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries on record.

This week's Prayers: Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Ann Sanford, Jenni Sanderfer's mother

Marcia Kelly's mother, Marguerite

Sherri Elwood and family

Maria and her family in Ukraine

Arlene Murphy, Mike Metzcar's sister

Jessica Cummings

Dan Haynes

For all who are sick and suffering

Roberta Debolt

Sue Metzcar

John Paul Metzcar

Liam, 2 year-old great grandson of Nancy Brown

Stephanie and Rich Thompson

Mary Broughton

For all who are suffering with Covid

For the people of Ukraine

Serving in Worship Today:

Lay Worship, Lector, and Communion Assistant: Diane Calvin

Acolyte: Logan Norris

Usher: Andy Brelage and Gary Santoni

Greeter: Diane Scholer

Altar Guild: Rosana Scholl

RENOVATION VOTE!

On Sunday, May 22 after worship, we are having a congregation meeting to approve Holy Trinity's final renovation plans and to secure financing to begin the renovation. Please join us for worship and for the meeting on the 22nd.

Flowers at the Altar:

The bouquet of flowers are given in thanksgiving to God.

(If you would like to purchase a \$10 flower arrangement to decorate the altar, please fill out the flower chart on the closet door in the lobby/narthex and make sure to fill out a slip and put the slip in the envelope with your check or money and put it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Thank you.)

Take An Angel:

This is the last Sunday we will display Clela Saxman's large angel collection. After the service, you can take one home as a keepsake in her memory.

It's Tea Time:

Mark your calendar for a LADIES' TEA at HTLC on Saturday, May 21st at 4:00 (tea time, of course). We'll invite our daughters, grand-daughters, nieces, aunts, mothers, and sisters to have tea and crumpets with us while we listen to our guest of honor, Elizabeth Rowray, speak. Elizabeth is not only an elected representative to the Indiana legislature, she is CEO of Muncie/Delaware County Chamber of Commerce. She's also Toni Rowray's daughter-in-law. Tickets are \$5 each and will be available at the church office or after services on Sunday. Invite your guests now, so that they'll save-the-date. Fancy dress and hats are fun, but optional. Space is limited.

Note: Ladies - We need to borrow your 3-tiered dessert dishes for our Ladies Tea on the 22nd. Please bring them into the office. Also, we are looking for 10 ladies to "set a table" with their good china for the Ladies Tea. All we need are the cups, saucers, and dessert plates, 8 place settings per table. If you are willing to loan your beautiful china for our event, Nancy Carlson will pick it up and return it. Here's a chance to use that old china! Call Nancy at 765-760-2603 or email at ncarlson@bsu.edu.

Holy Trinity Art Gallery:

Our artists for the month of May are Denise Amschler and Neal Lambert. Check out their gallery in the mid-level office area.

Sleeping Mats:

Many thanks to all of you who have contributed to the making of the eleven sleeping mats that were delivered last week to the Micah Center at Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS. Your work is much appreciated. The mats take 600 to 800 bags each. Your contributions were essential to this ministry.

The sleeping mat project is going on hiatus. Do not bring any more bags to church. Please reduce, reuse and recycle your single use bags grocery bags another way. There are many ideas for this on YouTube and Pinterest.

Christian Ministries Food Pantry Volunteers Needed:

If anyone is available to volunteer at the Christian Ministries food pantry, please call the Church Office (282-0619). June days of service are June 15, 16 & 17 from 9:00am-12:30pm. Thank you.

Time To Quilt Again:

We're doing very well with our mission quilts this year, but it's time to "sandwich" some quilts again. We'll meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 on Saturday, June 4th. No talent necessary. Just come have some Christian fellowship while we tie quilts.