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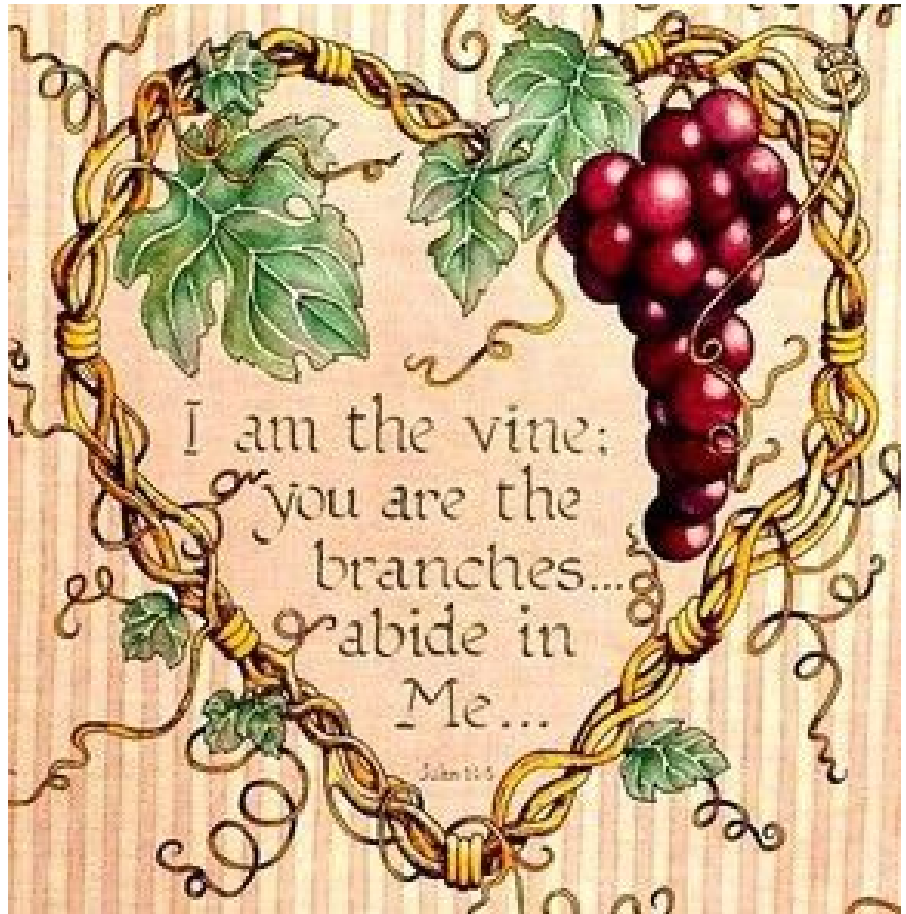
Rev. Kevin Barron
Pastor

Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

Bible Study
8:45 a.m.

Sunday School
8:45 a.m.

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CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

“Forward in Faith and Mission”

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 a.m.

April 28, 2024

HOLY COMMUNION AT CALVARY

“Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him” (Psalm 34:8).



God’s Word teaches the real presence of Christ’s body and blood invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27–29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the Sacrament will have to first speak with the pastor before communing.

Please sign the clipboard at the end of the pew to indicate your attendance.

PRELUDE

We Walk By Faith

M. Haugen

Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn

Now the Green Blade Rises

M. Burkhardt

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rite of Baptism

Opening Hymn

571 God Loved the World So That He Gave



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

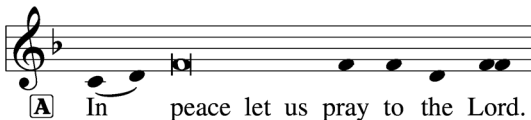
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

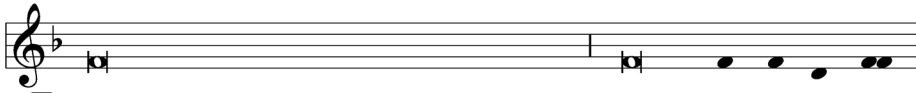
Absolution

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Kyrie

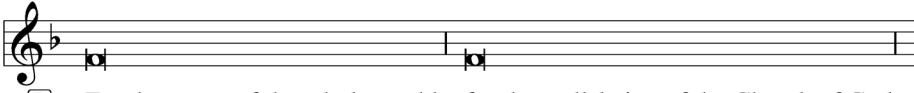




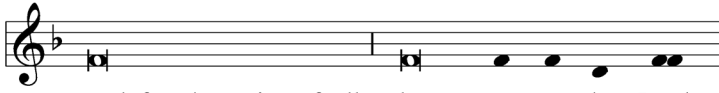
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



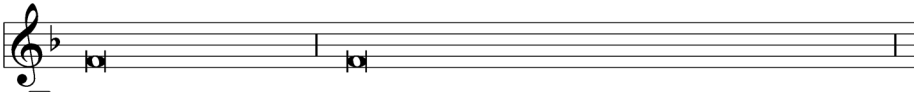
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



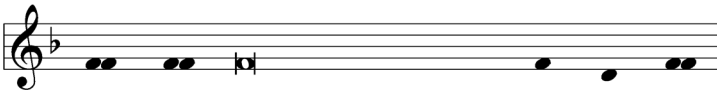
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

This Is the Feast

Refrain

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

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

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

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

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Scripture Lessons

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip

and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 150 (read in unison)

¹Praise the LORD!

**Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!**

**²Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!**

**³Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!**

**⁴Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!**

**⁵Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!**

**⁶Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!**

Epistle

1 John 4:1-21

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us,

that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the melody for the first line of the Alleluia. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹Jesus said: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to

to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.

Sermon

Pastor Kevin Barron

Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures**

**and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

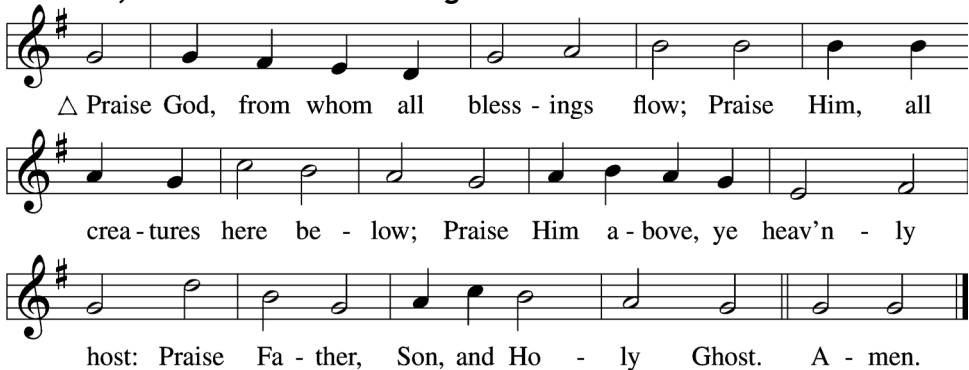
Prayers of the Church

Offering

(The offerings should be placed in the plate near the entrance of the worship area.)

Offering Hymn

805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

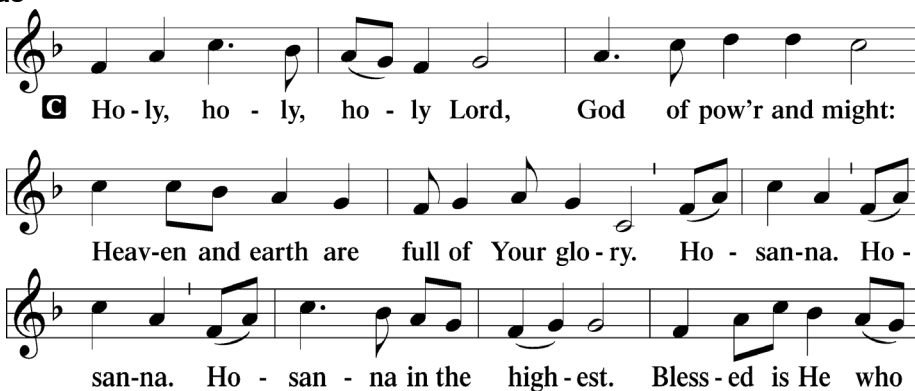
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Proclamation of Christ

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Agnus Dei



☐ 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.

Distribution Music

Abide in Me

P. Weber

The Cantor will sing the refrain and then the verses. The congregation is invited to join in the refrain after each verse.

REFRAIN

A - bide in me as I a - bide in you. A - bide in me as

VERSES (choir) FINAL REFRAIN

I a - bide in you. you, as I a - bide in you.

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is labeled 'REFRAIN' and contains the melody for the first line of the song. The second staff is labeled 'VERSES (choir)' and 'FINAL REFRAIN' and contains the melody for the second line of the song. The lyrics are written below the notes.

I AM THE VINE
Music and Setting: ©2000 Paul Weber

1. I am the vine, you are the branches;
those who abide in me bear much fruit. (*Refrain*)
2. Apart from me you can do nothing,
keep my commands, abide in my love. (*Refrain*)
3. As I love you, love one another;
my joy in you, your joy made complete. (*Refrain*)

Post-Communion Hymn

474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major. The lyrics are written below the notes.



sound-ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen-dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for-
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break-ing our bread, Giv - ing us
Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.



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



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

The Dismissal

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit, obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine,
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

The Sending

P He is risen!

C **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Minor

J.S. Bach

TODAY'S SERVANTS

Proclaimer:

Rev. Kevin Barron

Liturgist:

Mike Bell

Organist:

Barbara Sommer

Cantor:

Scott Ruhl

Lector:

Samantha Shaffer

Communion Assistants:

Emily Shaffer, Samantha Shaffer

Crucifer/Acolyte:

Emily Shaffer, Samantha Shaffer

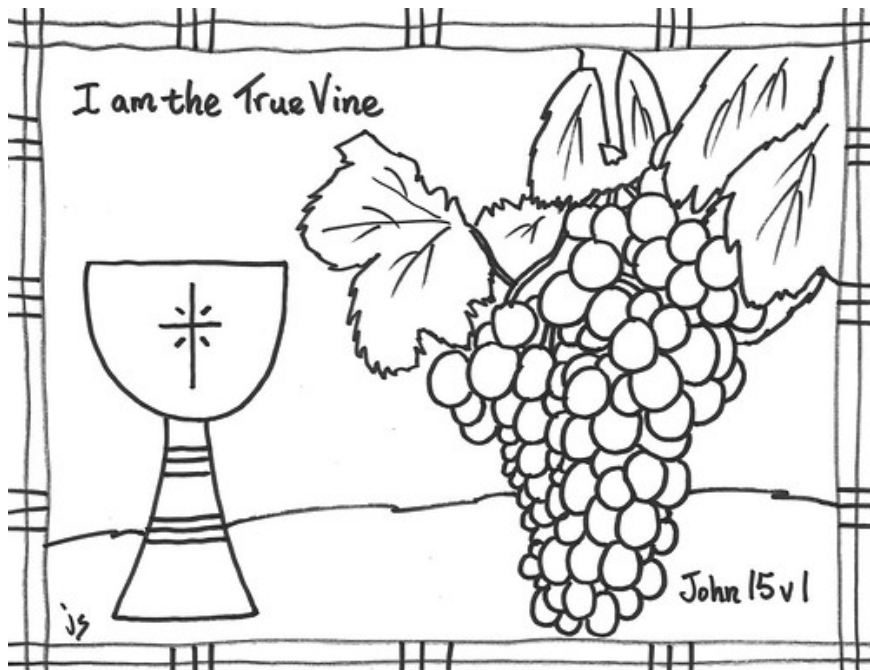
IT Assistants:

Jim McWilliams, Bridget Jones

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****OUR LIFE WITH GOD, April 28, 2024****

WELCOME IN JESUS CHRIST!

Please include the following in your daily prayers:

Prayers for healing:

Amanda Richter, Kenzi Kelley, Randi Walters (Dave Segal's sister), Harry Wills, Larry Sefcik & family (friends of Paul Thompson), Sheldon Mazelis, Marty Root, Charles Richter Jr., Paul Saar, Deb Krauch, Claire McDerby, Donna Grueninger, John Dignan, Meilanders' daughters, Nancy and Laura, Alison Baptiste, Jack Phaller, Olive and Fred Abt, Linda and Russ Davis and Russ' sister Roxanne, Lorraine Deitz, Ramona Beatty, Paul Schildwachter, Carla Lindhorst, Family and friends of the Abts - Lou Kulaga, Sandy Robinson and Gloria Holthaus; Sandy Boyer, Alyssa, Jessica, Reid, Mike Mister, Rosa White's daughters Latonya Endres and Lavenia White, Michael Green, Shanika Williams' family.

Assisted Living and Nursing Homes:

Bob Chapman, Betty Hucke, Frances Dunker

Homebound: Carl, Shirley & Chuck Ropka, Kass Lindhorst

Concordia Prep School's Theater Department presents, "*Matilda: The Musical*" for this spring's production today, **Sunday, April 28th at 2 pm**. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and senior citizens. To purchase tickets, visit the school's website, <https://www.concordiaprepschool.org> and put *Matilida* in the search bar.

Nomination of Candidates for election started on April 2nd. Members of the Nominating Committee are Sharon Koogler, Cheryl Reek and Russ Davis. Must have candidates' approval before nominating them. Open offices are President and Vice President of the congregation, Director of Outreach, approval of Church Council's appointment of Liana Chotikul as Director of Stewardship. All board memberships are open for new members. Nominations will close on April 30th. Congregation meeting for election of officers will be May 19th, following the worship service.

HOSTS WANTED for just one night following the amazing Saturday **May 11** Handbell Concert. Enjoy a delicious pot-luck dinner at 6:00 pm with the **Concordia University - Irvine advanced handbell ensemble** ringers, a spectacular musical experience as they present a concert in our sanctuary at 7:00 pm, take 2 (or more) home with you overnight, and bring them back to church with you the next morning (Sunday). We're looking for at least 10 more people to be a blessing by hosting. There is a binder with sign-up sheets in the narthex, or see Christina Dojan or Amy Crumb.

Mother's Day Flower Sale/Fundraiser—Beautiful flowers and plants will be available to purchase just in time for **Mother's Day!!!** See bulletin inserts or contact Nancie Seymour with any questions. Order forms are on the table in the back of church.

- Orders/payments are due by: **TODAY**
- Orders can be picked up: **Thursday, May 9th, 9 am -12 noon**
Saturday, May 11th, 10 am - 12 noon
Sunday, May 12th, after service

SOCKS 'N' UNDIES SUNDAYS - The Stewardship Board again this year will be collecting new, packaged undergarments and socks, for men, women and children, every Sunday in May (May 5 - 26, 2024). There is a great need for clean undergarments for the homeless and families in need. The collected items will be donated to Lutheran Mission Society for distribution. Please contribute to *Socks 'N' Undies Sundays!* Collection bins will be in the hallway just outside of the narthex. Contact Mary-Jo Ford (443-208-6274 or mamajoford@gmail.com) for further information.

Calendar

Sunday, April 28th	Concordia Prep Musical, 2 pm
Tuesday, April 30th	Bible Study, 11 am
	Closing date for nomination of candidates for Boards & Church Council
Thursday, May 9th	Flower orders can be picked up, 9 am -12 noon
Saturday, May 11th	Handbell Concert - Concordia University - Irvine, 7 pm @ Calvary
	Flower Distribution, 10 - 12
Sunday, May 12th	Flower Distribution after church
Sunday, May 19th	Congregation Meeting following worship service: Election & April Financial Statement