

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAY,</b> 4/26	8:15AM WORSHIP 9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45AM WORSHIP WITH ASL INTERPRETER
<b>MONDAY,</b> 4/27	6:00PM PRAYER GROUP 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY
<b>TUESDAY,</b> 4/28	7:00PM THEOLOGY ON TAP AT MANOR GRILLE IN IRWIN
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b> 4/29	6:00PM SCRAPBOOKING IN THE MILLER PARLOR
<b>THURSDAY,</b> 4/30	NOON BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM CHOIR
<b>FRIDAY,</b> 5/1	
<b>SATURDAY,</b> 5/2	
<b>SUNDAY,</b> 5/3	8:15AM WORSHIP 9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45AM WORSHIP WITH ASL INTERPRETER 5:30PM DINNER CHURCH SERVICE, DINNER SERVED AT 6

**Men's Group Breakfast...** will meet  
Saturday, May 9 at Holy Trinity at 8:00am

**Graduate Recognition...** will be held on May 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Any graduates from High School or college, please let the  
office know at [office@htlc.church](mailto:office@htlc.church)

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## Welcome Members and Visitors today!

### **Bible Studies.....**

Monday night Bible Study meets at 7:00PM.

Thursday Noon Bible Study continues weekly.

**NEW:** Bible 101.....will meet in person on May 7th and  
continue the first Thursday of the month at 6:00.  
In between the in person study, Bible 101 will be on  
Facebook Live on Wednesdays and then put on You Tube  
later in the week.

Bible 101 will explore: what is the Bible, how is the Bible  
put together, how can we best read it and  
apply it to our lives.

Council has approved the Property Committee proposal  
to develop the **best use of storage spaces and closets** in  
our church building.  
Anyone involved in the many activities here are welcome  
to give their input of ideas for organization as well as  
their time and energy for cleaning and sorting.  
Anyone interested in helping,  
please contact Anne Coiner at 724 433-2029



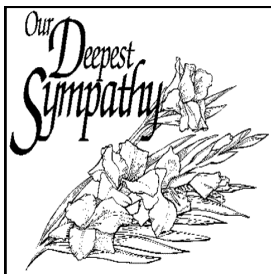
The **Altar Flowers** are  
presented to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
George A. "Bud" Walt  
by Walt family.

**MAY Community Meal... Monday, May 18**  
 Doors open at 5:00 PM. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM.

Our next **Dinner Church** will be Sunday, May 3...  
 service at 5:30, Dinner at 6:00.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP ..**  
 Will meet April 28 at 7:00PM at the Manor Grille on Main  
 Street in Irwin.

**Office Hours to change May - August....**  
 the Church Office will be **closed on Fridays** beginning on  
 May 1 and will continue through the end of August.  
 The office will be open Monday to Thursday 9am - Noon.



*Our thoughts and prayers are with the  
 family and friends of Anne Snyder.  
 She passed to life triumphant on April 24.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with  
 Marion McFeely. Her husband, Ray  
 passed to life triumphant on  
 April 13.*

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP		
	8:15	10:45
Assisting Ministers	Jaden Brittingham	Colleen Cochenour
Communion Assistants	Julie Kuhn Joe Thomas	Kira Zyvith Lisa Lucotch
Lectors	Rochelle Belak	Eric Keiser
Acolytes	Delany Hillier	Justin Keiser
Greeters		Doug and Nancy Woodring
Livestream		Bob Cessna

<b>Altar Guild</b>	Set-up Saturday, April 25		Julie Kuhn and Glenda Wendling
	Sun., April 26	8:15	Cindy McCune, Mauritta Moyer, Donna Reyes
		10:45	Diane Kowalski, Cookie Nee, Sandy Tomko
	Set-up Saturday, May 2		Brian and Andrea Smith
Sun., May 3	8:15	Vicki and Doug Hillier	
	10:45	Andrea and Brian Smith	

**Food Pantry** 2026 Dates: June 13, August 15,  
 October 17 (Thanksgiving), December 12 (Christmas)

Items needed currently, special requests:  
 Drink mix/lemonade mix      Granola bars/cereal bars  
 Microwave popcorn      Barbecue sauce      Laundry detergent

Items always requested:  
 Mac & cheese/pasta      Applesauce      Baked beans      Canned fruit  
 Canned tuna      Cereal      Granola bars      Pasta Sauce  
 Oatmeal      Paper Towels      Peanut butter & Jelly  
 Potato/rice mix      Pudding Cups      Toilet Paper  
 Peanut Butter and Cheese Crackers      Cake/muffin/brownie mix  
 Chef Boyardee      Canned Vegetables

Thanks for the generous donations to date! If you would like to donate money, please mark "food pantry" on an envelope. Food pantry contact: Jodi Waugaman at 724-516-9680 or [waugawoman86@comcast.net](mailto:waugawoman86@comcast.net)

## **Worship Plan for Sunday, April 26, 2026**

4 Easter

Fourth Sunday of Easter

ELW Holy Communion Setting Two

Sunday, April 26, 2026

### **Introduction to the day**

*Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.*

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *Pastor*

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the tomb you have given us the sure sign of your power to deliver us from sin and death and to renew our whole creation.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection*

Merciful God,

**We confess that we still fall into doubt and fear.**

**We continue to cling to selfish ways and doubt your power to make all things new.**

**Forgive our lack of faith.**

**Have mercy on our weakness.**

**Raise us from the death of sin that we may live with Christ in the joy of his resurrection, now and forever. Amen.**


Do not dwell on your wounds any longer for he has risen to heal you, he has risen to forgive you; he has risen to change us all and bind us together now.

Christ has risen to forgive us.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GATHERING SONG** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807)*

## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



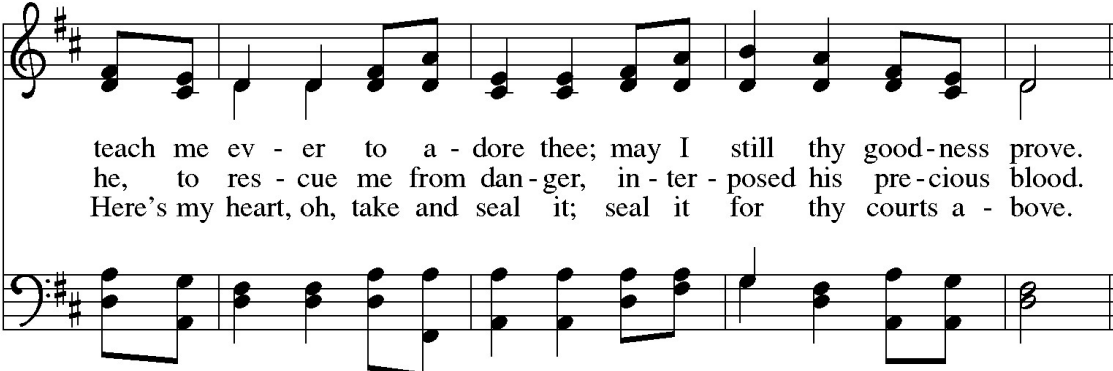
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

**\*GREETING Pastor**

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

**And also with you.**

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

FESTIVAL CANTICLE: WORTHY IS CHRIST

Richard Hillert

Refrain

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

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

Verses

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 -

1. blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
2. hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.  
3. join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. (to Vs 4)  
4. God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men."  
5. gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY** Pastor

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47**

*Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.*

<sup>42</sup> [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

## **PSALM: Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall  
fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they  
comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

*Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.*

<sup>19</sup> It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

<sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### CELTIC ALLELUIA

*Celtic Mass*  
Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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

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## \*GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

The holy gospel according to John.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.



## You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



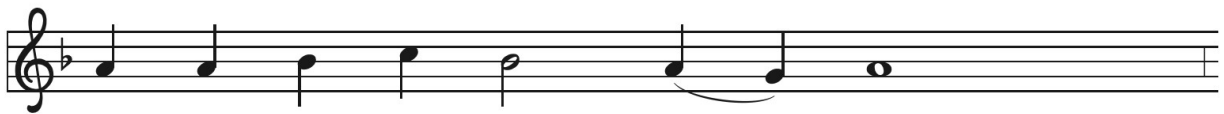
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.  
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,  
3 You, who walk each day be - side us,  
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
stripped of might up - on the cross,  
sit in pow - er at God's side.  
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



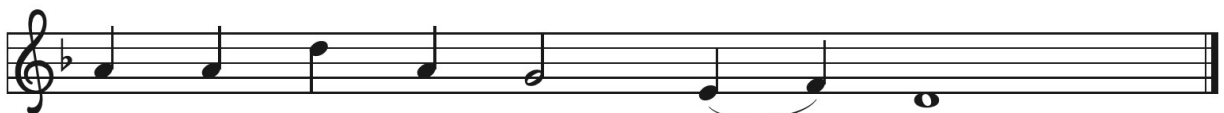
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er  
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,  
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.  
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,  
have a love that reach - es wide.  
wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.  
you, who are both gift and cost.  
you, who are our pil - grim guide.  
you, who are our death and life.

**\*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,  
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.**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *assisting minister***

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured (*especially*). Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

### **Pastor**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.  
**Amen.**

### **\*PEACE**

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

### **OFFERING**

**Choir Anthem:** *Redeemer*

## \*OFFERTORY RESPONSE




Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## \*OFFERING PRAYER *assisting minister*

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, **Amen.**

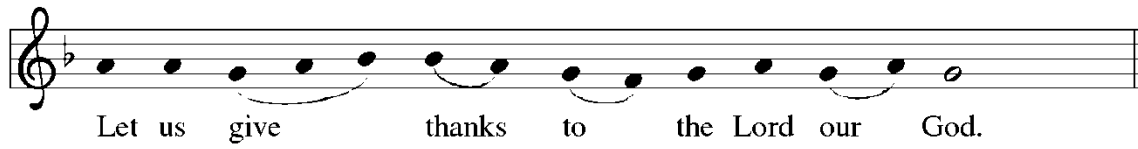
**\*DIALOGUE Pastor**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**\*PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

al - mighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection

of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself

to take a - way our sin, who in dying has destroyed death,

and in ris - ing has brought us to e - ter - nal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the

res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,

and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,

we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some phrasing slurs. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE **Pastor**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER** Pastor

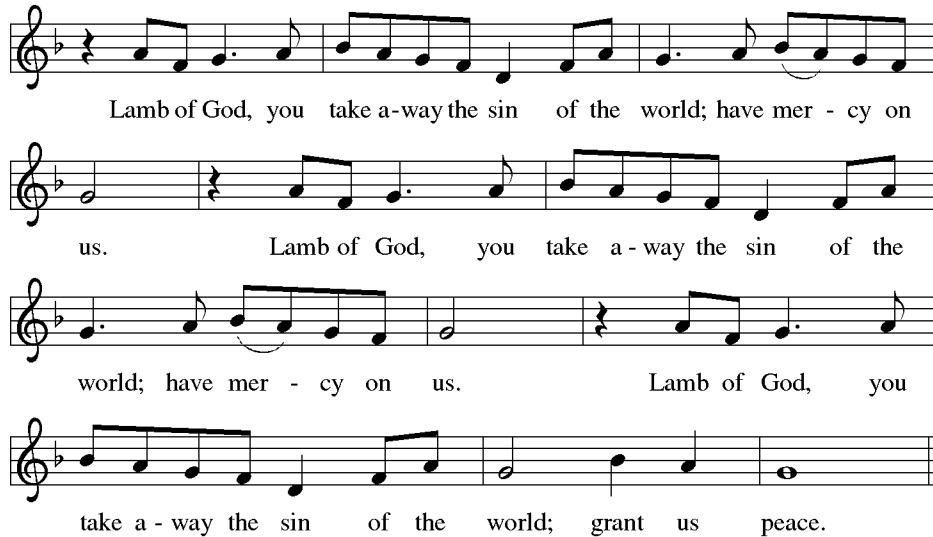
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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** Pastor

Come to the table of new life.  
Receive the risen Lord.

**COMMUNION SONG**



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.

**COMMUNION**

Hymn During Communion: ***Shepherd Me, O God #780***  
***Gift of Finest Wheat #484***

**\*COMMUNION BLESSING** Pastor

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

**\*SONG AFTER COMMUNION**



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *assisting minister*

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,

**Amen.**

**\*BLESSING** *Pastor*

Go out into the world as the people of God in this place,  
and may the God who raised Jesus from the dead grant you grace,  
the Son who gave his life for you give you peace,  
and the Spirit who is with you day by day,  
inspire you to greater service both now and forever more.

**Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG** *Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing* #544

## Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -  
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,  
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!  
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;  
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -  
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,  
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

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**\*DISMISSAL** *assisting minister*

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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