April 25-26 2026
Fourth Sunday in Easter

5p/9a Worship Service

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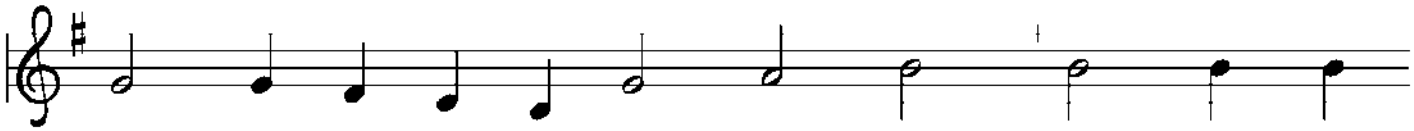
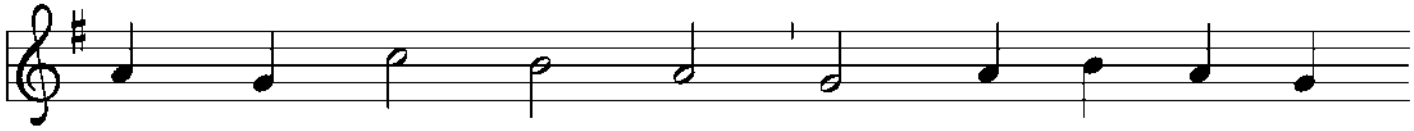
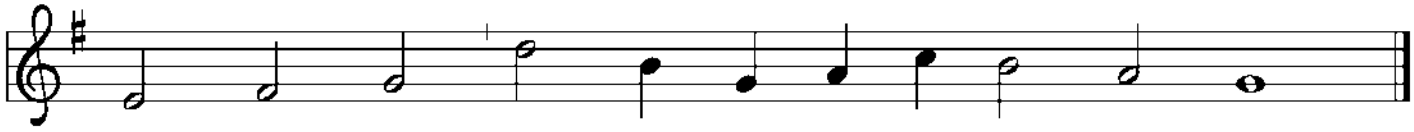
All People That on Earth Do Dwell



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy
5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
aid he did us make. We are his folk, he
joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times
heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the



praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.
an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

Text: William Kethe. d. c. 1594
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

Prelude: Prelude and Fugue in G Major– Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome
Stand

(9a) Thanksgiving for Baptism
Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!
All: Amen.
P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. *(brief silence)* Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us.
Blessed are you.
All: You guide us to springs of the water of life.
P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.
All: You guide us to springs of the water of life.
P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.
All: You guide us to springs of the water of life.
P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels,
giving you honor and praise, now and forever.
All: Amen.

Opening Hymn: *ELW* #883
"All People that on Earth do Dwell"

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

"This is The Feast" … pg. 140 —->

Refrain

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 blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Refrain

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

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and

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

Refrain

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

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 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

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

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 4 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, al-le-lu-ia.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. *(brief silence)*
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.

All: Amen.

(5p) Baptism → → Colored pages →

Sit

Intro to the Reading:

L: Trying to do the right thing does not guarantee that we will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. In today's reading from First Peter, Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity. In John's gospel, Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life. Our first reading comes from the 2nd chapter of First Peter...

First Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25 *NRSVue*

L: [19] It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. [20] 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. [21] 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.

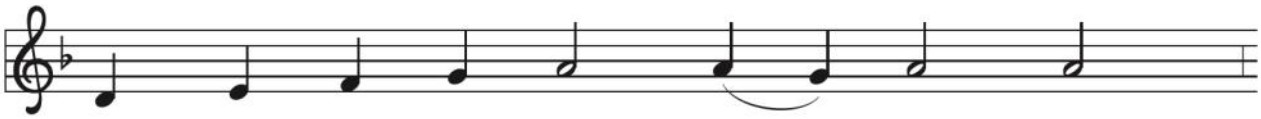
[22] "He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

[23] 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. [24] 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. [25] For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

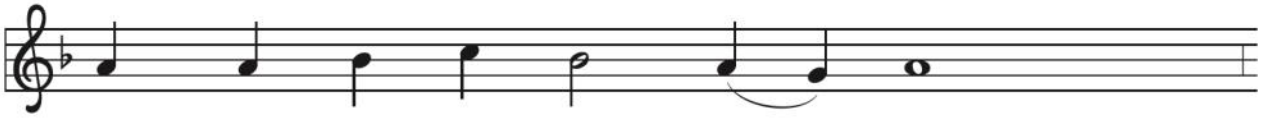
L: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

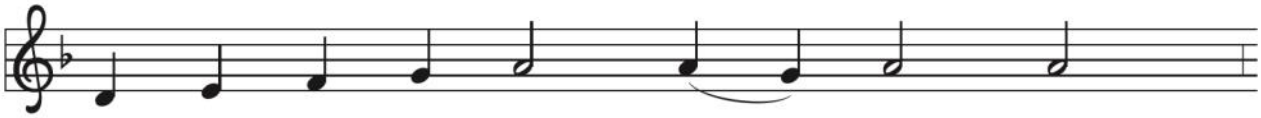
You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



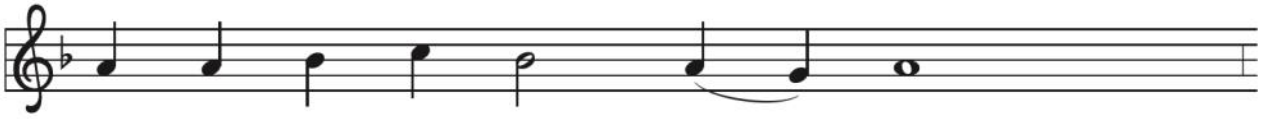
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



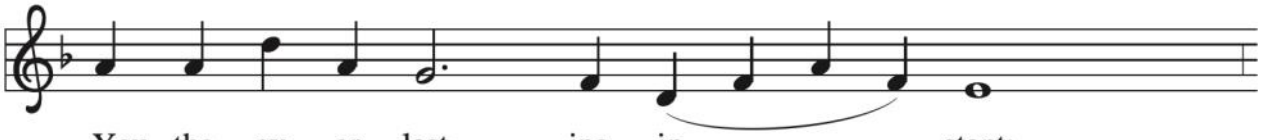
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
stripped of might up - on the cross,
sit in pow - er at God's side.
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



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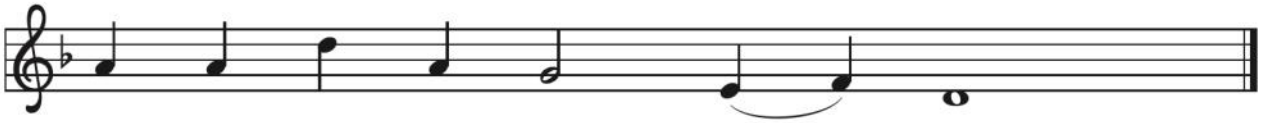
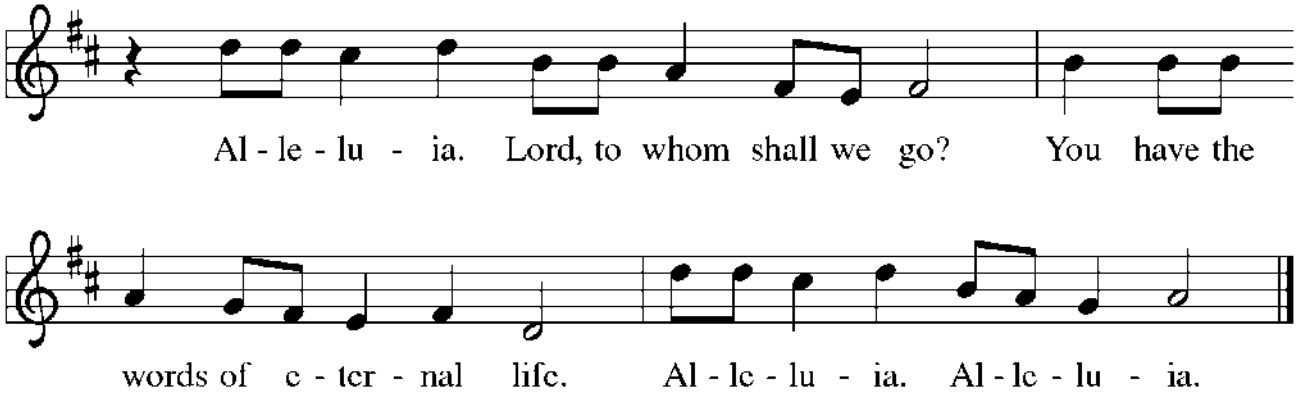
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



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.

Gospel Acclamation pg. 142



P: The Gospel according St. John, the tenth chapter…
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel: John 10:1-10 *NRSVue*

P: [Jesus said:] [1] "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. [2] The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. [3] The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. [4] When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. [5] They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." [6] Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

[7] So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. [8] All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. [9] I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. [10] The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

P: The Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you

Sermon … Pr. Craig Brown

Stand

Hymn of the Day: *ACS* #954
"You, Lord, are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

Continued →

Lector: Go to the Ambo for the Prayers
5p Skip Creed and go to prayers

(9a) The Apostles' Creed...Page 105

All: 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.

THE PRAYERS →
L: Merciful God,
All: receive our prayer.

Passing of the Peace:
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
All: And also with you
P: Let us turn to one another, offering a sign of Christ's peace.

Offering of Gratitude:
(*Sit*) P: You may be seated.

We give God our thanks and praise in response to God's mercy and abundance. We invite you to place your gratitude card along with any offering you have in the plate at this time or make an offering electronically.
Would the ushers please come forward.

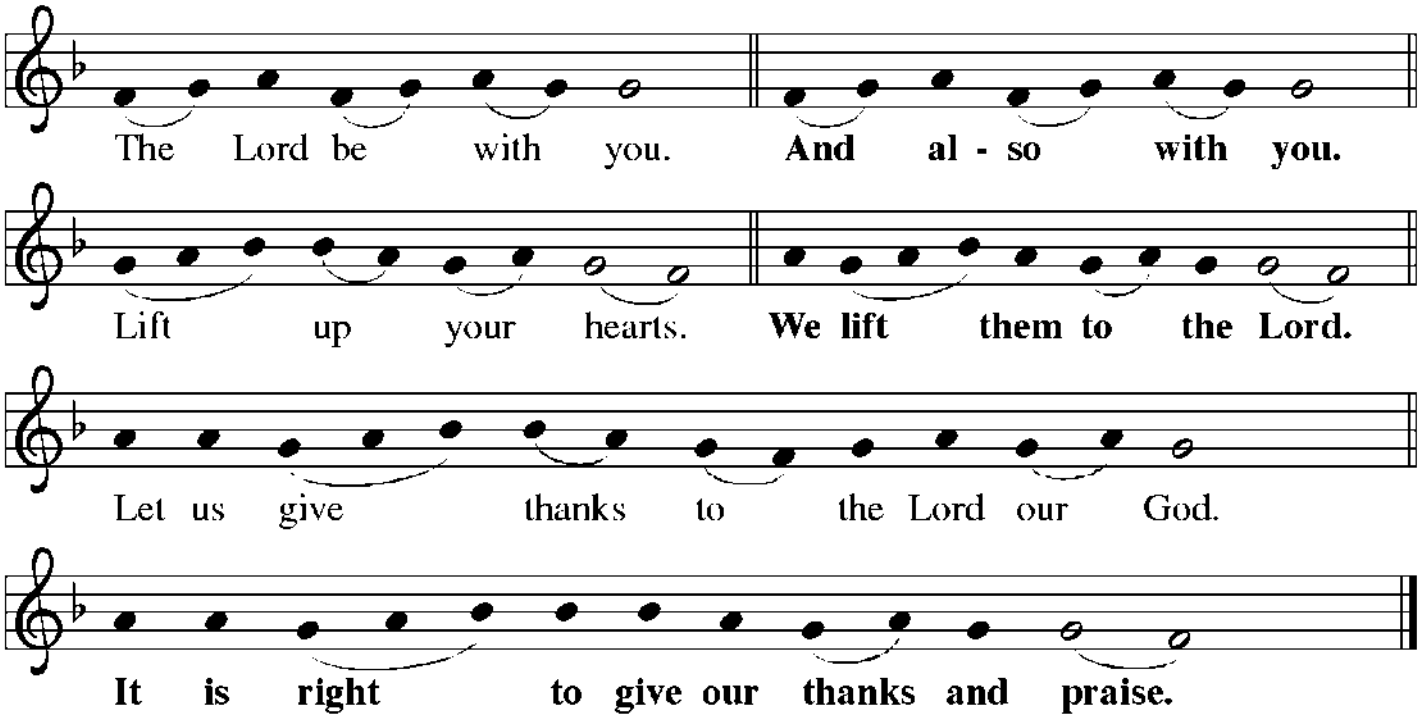
Lector—Go to Ambo before Prayer; remain up front for communion.

(9)Special Music: "On Eagle's Wings" arr. Joncas; Youth Choir

(9) Offertory Hymn: *ELW* #367 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" (st. 4)
All: Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Offertory Prayer:
L: *(5p) Please Stand and*
(9a) 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,
All: Amen.

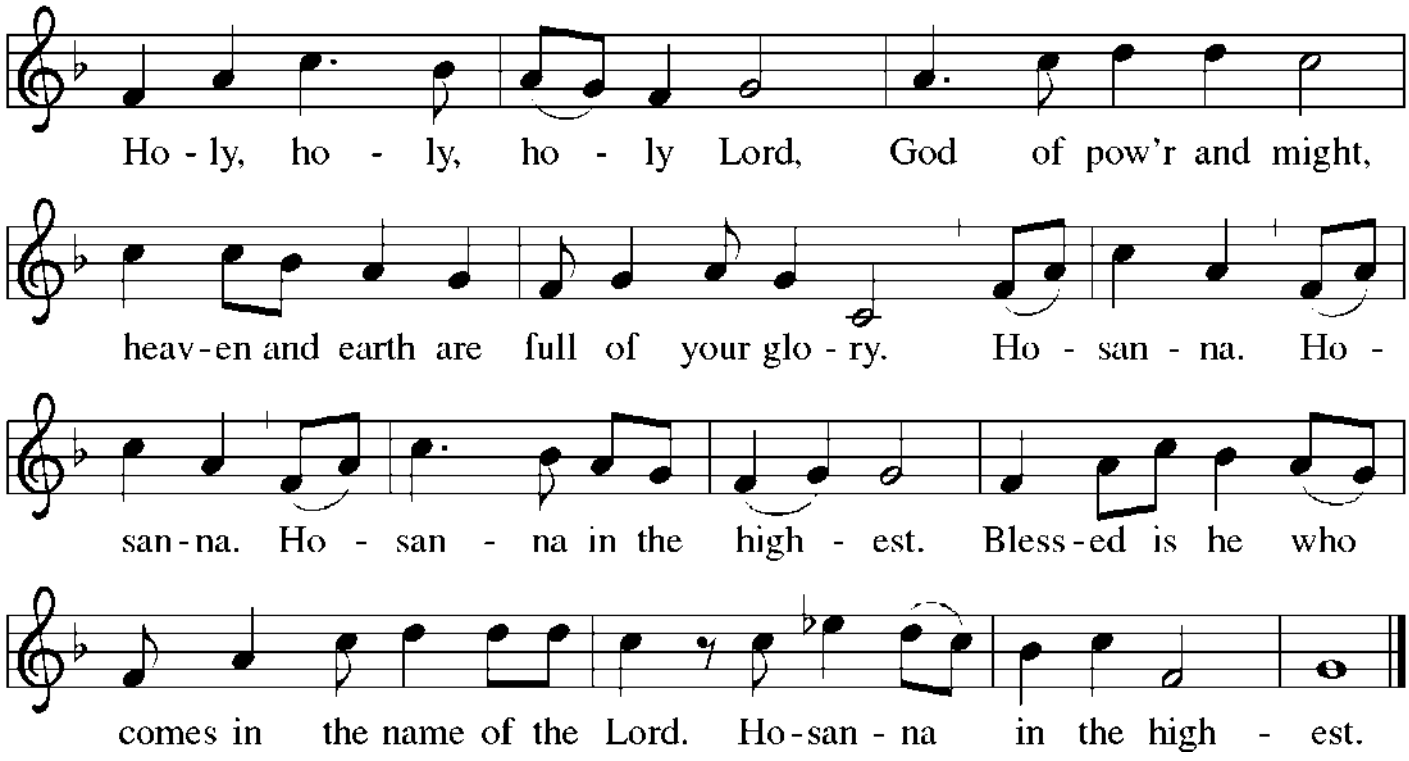
The Great Thanksgiving: … page 144



Easter Preface:

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:

Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy"… page 144



Words of Institution

P: 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.

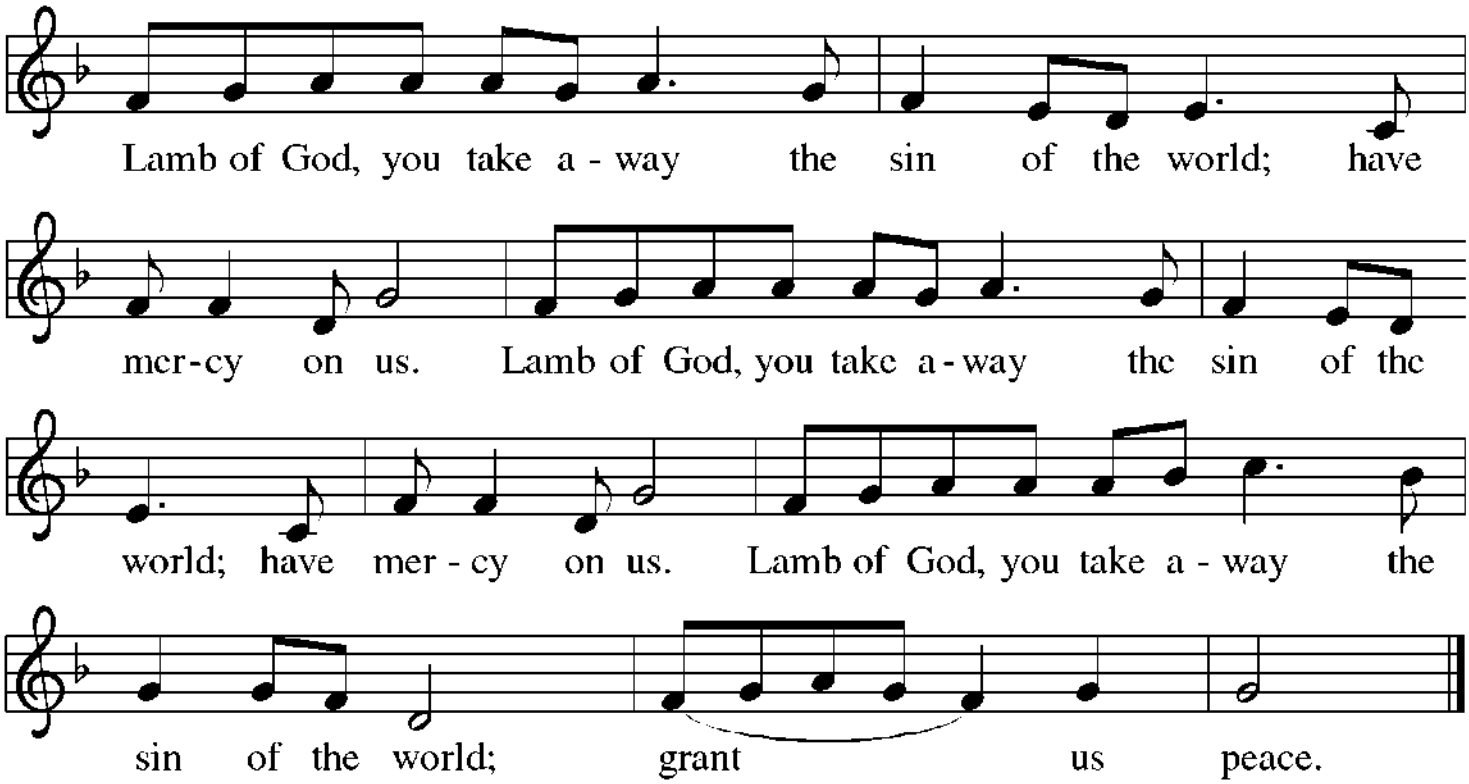
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

P: You may be seated. Please follow the direction of the ushers to come forward. There is gluten free bread and juice available upon request. The table is set and all are welcome. (optional) Taste and see that the Lord is good.

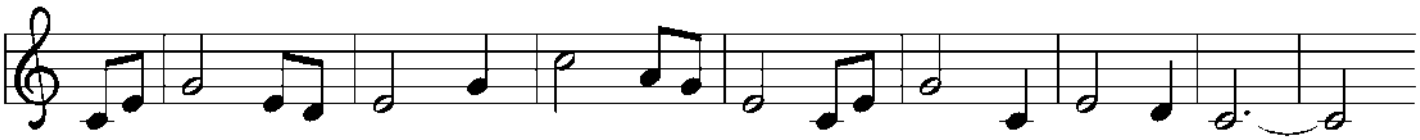
Distribution of Holy Communion

The Lamb of God … page 146

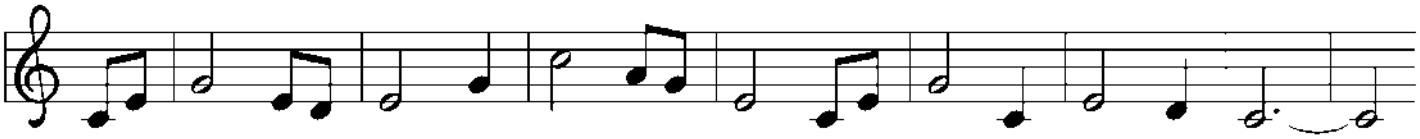


Special Music: "Savior, Like a Shepherd" - Arr. Lloyd Larson; Youth Handbells

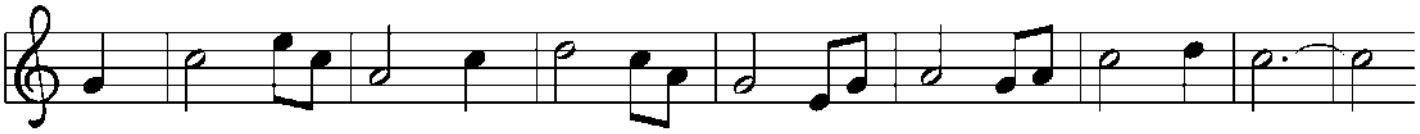
My Shepherd, You Supply My Need



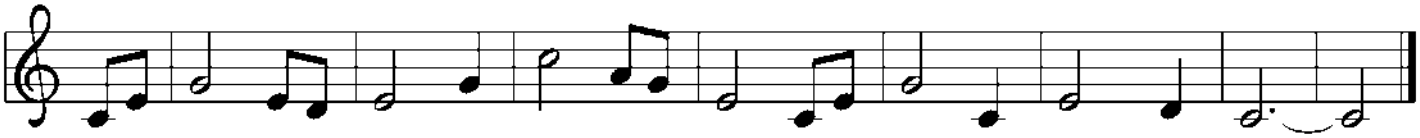
1 My Shep - herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly is your name.
2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
oh, may your house be my a - bode and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan - d'ring spir - it back when I for - sake your ways,
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
Here would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and lead me, for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.
no more a strang - er or a guest, but like a child at home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt., based on Psalm 23
Music: RESIGNATION, North American traditional

Communion Hymn: *ELW* #782 "My Shepherd, You Supply my Need"
<< PRAYER PROMPT SLIDES IF THERE'S TIME >>

Lector—go to the ambo as Pastor covers communion elements.
Stand

The 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: 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,
All: Amen.
(Sit)

- Sending -

Sending Service for Pr. Craig

Pr. Steve: Friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God for Pastor Craig and ask for God's blessings as we send him for Sabbatical rest. We ask God to bless this intentional time of growth both for him and for our congregation, and we ask God to bring him back to our community refreshed and nourished with God's Spirit, as we seek to Glorify God with our gifts to serve all.

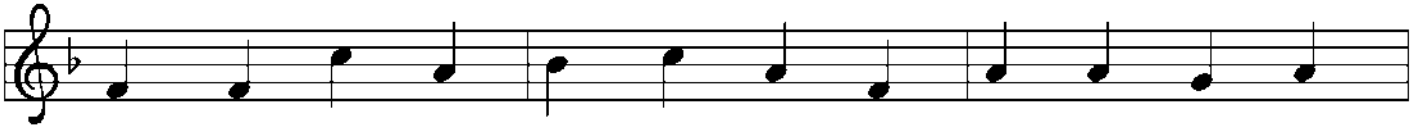
Pr Steve OR LECTOR : A reading from Exodus: Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.
A reading from the Gospel according to Luke: Now, more than ever, the word about Jesus spread abroad; many crowds would gather to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. But he would withdraw to out-of-the-way places and pray.

Pr Steve: We wish Godspeed to Pastor Craig as he begins his sabbatical.
As you journey, God dwell with you while we are away from one another.

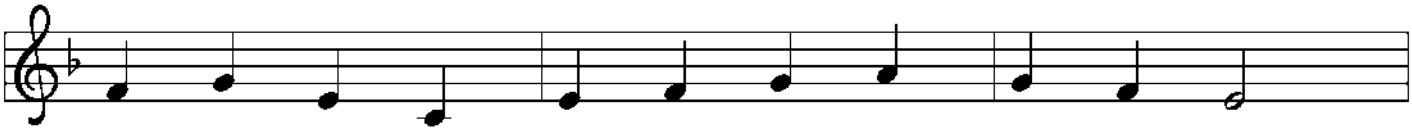
Pr. Craig: I thank God for the ministry we share and the gift of this time away.

Pr. Steve: We pray that you experience the gift of spiritual growth in your journey and that you return renewed and energized for ministry. We send you with our blessing.

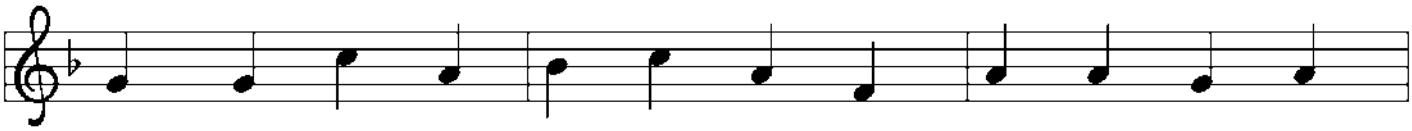
Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing



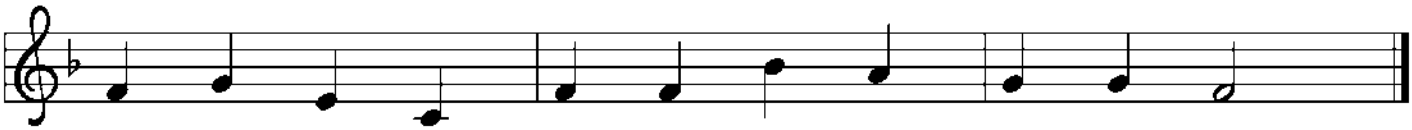
1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



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.

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902–1983, alt.
Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.
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Pr. Steve: People of First Lutheran Church, do you release Pastor Craig from pastoral duties for the time of Sabbatical May into August?
If so answer: We release him.
All: We release him.

Pr. Steve: Let us pray. Spirit of God, bless Pastor Craig during his sabbatical. Renew him for ministry through this time set aside for reflection and study, the refreshment of a break from daily tasks and routine, and the excitement of new learning and direction. Grace him with your presence and keep him steadfast in the faith while we are gone one from another. Amen.

Benediction:
P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: *ELW* #544
"Praise the Lord, Rise up Rejoicing"

Dismissal:
L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Toccata on "All People that on Earth Do Dwell" - Arr. Michael Burkhardt

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