

As you
SENT ME
into the world,



so I have
SENT THEM
into the world.



John 17:18, ESV

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Sunday, May 16, 2021

8:15 and 10:45 am - Communion

Seventh Sunday in Easter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Cantabile* -- James Conely

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all
desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy
name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

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1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
 4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the
 5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers
 sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they
 sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
 cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
 see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty.
 say, "this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
 see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

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Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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LASST UNS ERFREUEN

LM and alleluias

GREETING

L: 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 1: 12-26

L: The first reading is from Acts, the 1st chapter.

¹² Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶ and said, "Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ He was one of our number and shared in our ministry."

¹⁸ (With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. ¹⁹ Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

²⁰ "For," said Peter, "it is written in the Book of Psalms:

“May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,
and, “May another take his place of leadership.’

²¹ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²² beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

²³ So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.” ²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

L: Please let us read responsively Psalm 1.

¹Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,

**² but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law day and night.**

³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.

**⁴ Not so the wicked!
They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**⁶ For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 5: 9-15

L: The second reading is from First John, the 5th chapter.

⁹ We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. ¹⁰ Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴ This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *The River is Here* – Andy Park

(8:15 AM ONLY)

Sarah Edder, Kelsey Miller - sopranos

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: John 17: 11-19

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 17th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

¹³ "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.

¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

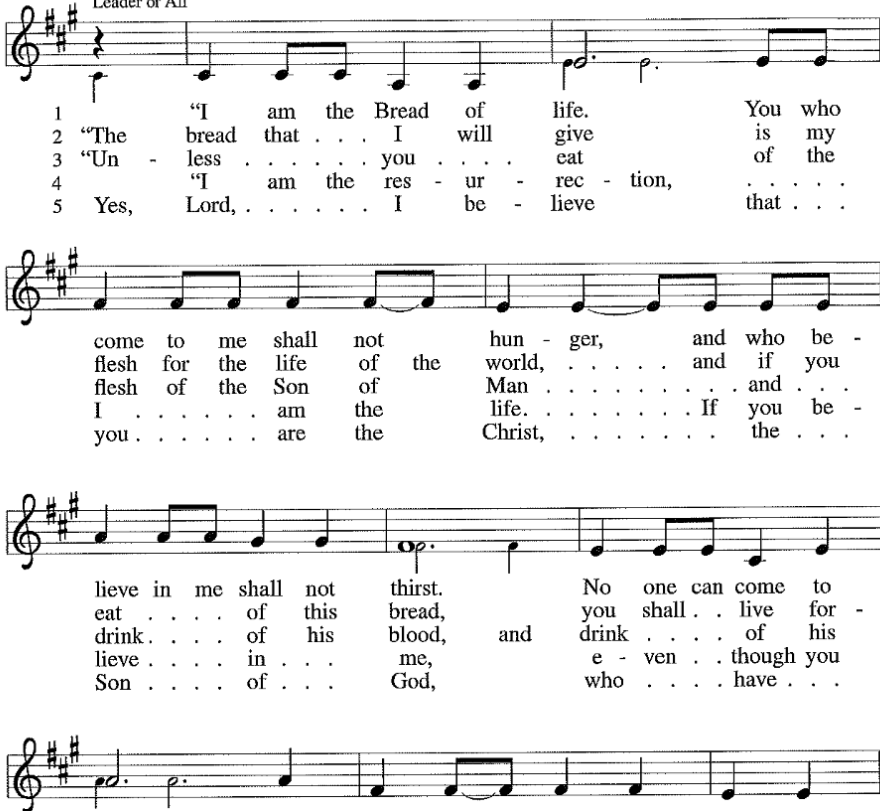
SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

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I Am the Bread of Life

Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .
5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .
I . . . am the life. . . If you be -
you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat . . . of this bread, you shall . . live for -
drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
come in - to . . . the . . . world. . .

Refrain →

Refrain
All

“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day.”

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6
 Music: Suzanne Toolan, RSM
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I AM THE BREAD
 Irregular

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 and the Son,
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

L: Lord in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

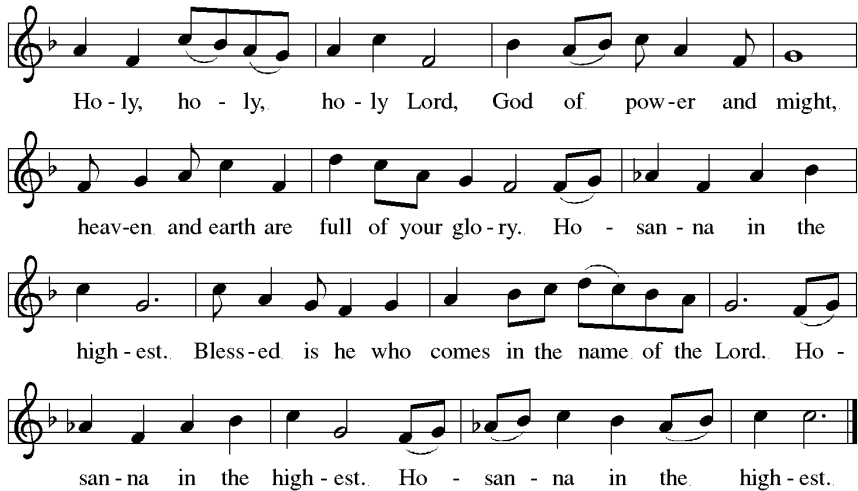
L: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

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:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: 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.**

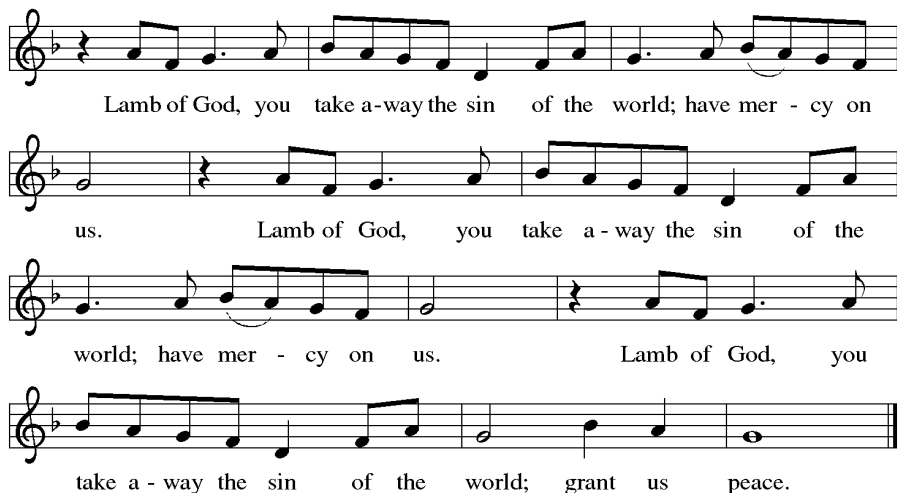
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C: Amen

COMMUNION



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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Son of God, Eternal Savior

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1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,

Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
 Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:

you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,

fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

Music: *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

IN BABILONE

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Christ, Above All Glory Seated

-- James Mansfield

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Day of Pentecost

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 139:1-16, Acts 2:1-21, John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:

	8:15 Service	10:45 Service
ACOLYTES	Megan Edder	Evan Weston
LECTOR	Amy Montag-Smith	Jeannine Sanford
GREETER	Peggy Crawford and Linda Heade	Lil Bachman and Rachel Steiner
OFFERING COUNTERS	Jackie Bice and Bob Bicker	

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Altar Flowers

*The altar flowers this morning are given to
the glory of God and in memory of my
daughter Susan, whose birthday is May 20th
by Linda Heade.*

OUR JOYS, PRAYERS, CARES AND CONCERNS

Praise and Thanksgiving: for answered prayers (Sally Paulsen's recovery, Pastor Shirey's dental surgery & recovery), for the gift of the resurrected Jesus who calls and equips us to live, love, and pray for others so they will come to believe.

Healing, Cares & Concerns:

Jennifer (advanced cancer),
Roger Walker (chemo, lymphoma) Wendy Mendenhall's dad,
Joshua Harper (brain aneurysm),
Sonya Winters (chemo, breast cancer),
Jean Brackett (Ronna Drennen's mom),
Carol Neubert (health issues),
Patty (cancer),
Marcey Shipe (cancer returned, chemo),
Justin Kovach (burn unit),
Jim Humes (cancer),
Rochelle Harbison (cancer),
Ann (stage 4 stomach cancer, surgery),
Mary Deems (stage 1 cancer),
Tracy Ty (Mary's sister, heart attack),
Velma Boltz (possible mini stroke/tests),
Mary Elder (Lund),
Karen (health issues),
Clara Pitschke (critically ill),
Bill Oehlschlager (Uganda, Rwanda mission May 5-24),
Dorothy Robertson (tumor grown to organs),
Tim Walters (broken knee cap),
Betty Conely (fall, acute pain),
Marge (back),
Marilyn (excessive thyroid enzymes)

Weekly Schools: Butler Area and Butler County Community College

Weekly NALC Church: Pleasant Unity Lutheran, Kittanning, PA
Dennis Hindman, Certified Lay Minister; St. Luke's ministry, and our call committee members as they prayerfully seek God's choice for a new pastor.

Bereaved: Families of Leroy Renfrew, John Timothy McMillin, Ben Cypher, Mary Byers

Monthly Mission: NALC Mid NE Mission District (*local*)



Grab your thread and needle, the sewing group is back!! They will meet Tuesday, May 25th from 9 – noon in the Fellowship Hall. You are also invited to stay after sewing for lunch. For right now, please bring your own lunch.

Then in June the group will meet every other Monday starting June 14th from 10 – 2 in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will continue to be “bring your own” for the first few meetings.



May 16

John Gundlach

May 21

Frances Fennell

May 21

Gabriella Markwell

May 22

John and Kelly Weston

May 22

Jason and Lynn Fox



College Care Packages were assembled and sent again this spring! Thank you to Cristie Crytzer for her dedicated service remembering and caring for the college youth of St. Luke's. If you would like to support this important ministry by making a donation (mark envelope or check memo “College Care Packages”).

Our college student this year are:

Rachel Boltz
Addis Crouch
Payne Crouch
Maddie Crytzer
William Crytzer
Katie Drennen

Alex Edder
Cole Edwards
Katie Hartzell
Adam Hartzell
Alex Kadunce
Eli Keller

Mihkayla Perkins
Natalie Savannah
Noah Steiner
Trace Trempus
Autumn Trempus