



IN CHRIST WE HAVE LIFE

Easter 5  
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Roanoke, Virginia  
May 2, 2021 10 a.m.

# Welcome

We work hard at being independent, but the truth is, none of us can stand on our own. We all need Jesus. When we are connected to Jesus, he fills us with life, love, joy, and a desire to serve others. He gives our life meaning and purpose.

We celebrate and remind each other of how much we need Jesus and the huge difference he makes in our lives. He is our God who sacrificed his own life for ours so we could be strong and fruitful.

Guests, thank you for letting us share Jesus' love with you this morning! We'll do our best to make you feel welcome and at home with friends. Please come back and learn more about the extraordinary love our God has for all of us!

## OUR WORSHIP

Our entire worship service is printed out in this worship folder to make it easy to follow. The **congregation speaks the parts in bold** while the pastor speaks the parts in plain type.

Participate in the worship service as much or as little as you like. More than anything we want you to feel comfortable here so you can take to heart the main message—Jesus gave his life to give us real life.

We enjoy having children in worship because Jesus gave his life for them too. If you feel like they need a break, we do have a quiet nursery with a video feed from our worship. Our nursery is across the hallway from worship. You'll find signs just outside the double doors.

## RESTROOMS

The restrooms are located just outside the double doors in the rear of the worship area. Just follow the signs.

## LORD'S SUPPER

We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today. We invite every confirmed member of our church family or of sister congregations in the Wisconsin Synod or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod to join us at the Lord's table. If you aren't part of our church "family" yet and would like to take this meal, please talk with our pastor, Paul Workentine. He will gladly work with you so you can take it in our fellowship in the future. Thank you!

# We enter God's presence

**SPEAK, O LORD!..... HYMN 735**

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re - ceive the food of your  
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -  
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of your

Ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and  
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the  
plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will

fash - ion us in your like - ness That the light of Christ might be  
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our  
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your

seen to - day In our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can  
pro - mis - es, And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your

fill in us All your pur - pos - es for your glor - ry.  
nev - er fail, Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
Church is built And you fill the earth with your glo - ry.

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

**And also with you.**



## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.**

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given us his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

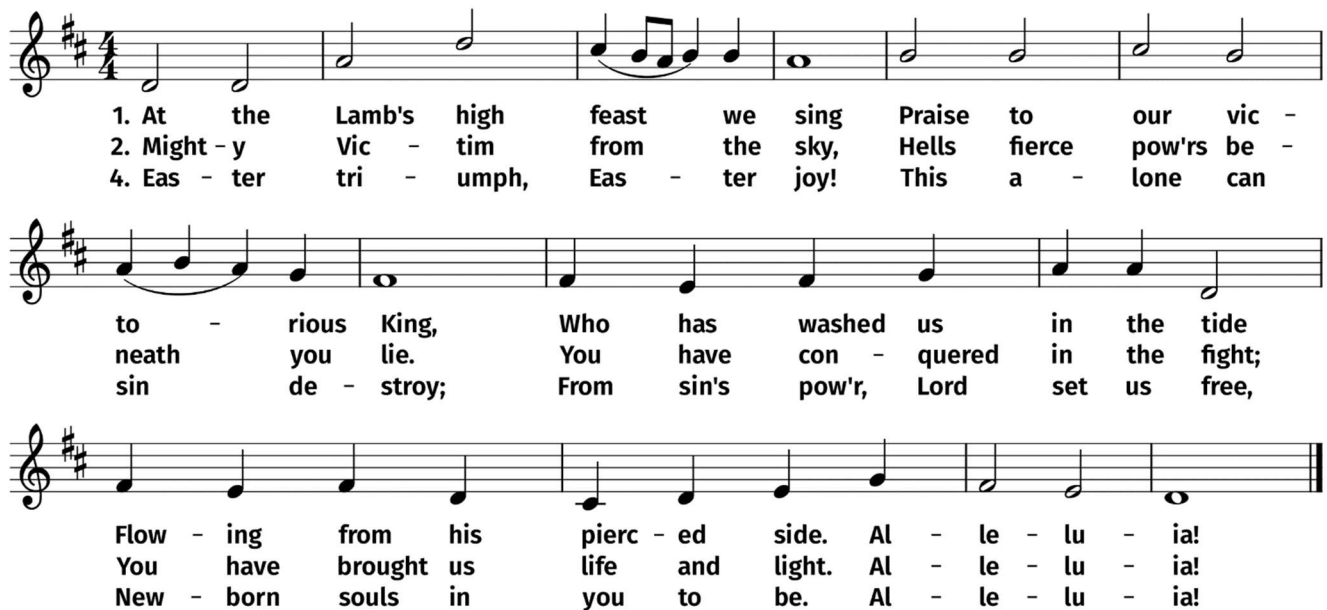


Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.



The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

## AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST..... HYMN 141



1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our vic -  
2. Might - y Vic - tim from the sky, Hells fierce pow'rs be -  
4. Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy! This a - lone can  
to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
neath you lie. You have con - quered in the fight;  
sin de - stroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord set us free,  
Flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
You have brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!  
New - born souls in you to be. Al - le - lu - ia!

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

# GOD SPEAKS TO US

## Acts 8:26-40

*God welcomed this outsider into his family.*

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

“How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,  
and as a lamb before the shearer is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.  
Who can speak of his descendants?  
For his life was taken from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. Why shouldn’t I be baptized?” And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea. NIV

## PSALM 67

For the director of music. With stringed instruments. A psalm. A song.

**May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face shine upon us, *Selah*.**

**that your ways may be known on earth,  
your salvation among all nations.**

**May the peoples praise you, O God;  
may all the peoples praise you.**

**May the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you rule the peoples justly  
and guide the nations of the earth. *Selah*.**

**May the peoples praise you, O God;  
may all the peoples praise you.**

**Then the land will yield its harvest,  
and God, our God, will bless us.**

**God will bless us,  
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

## 1 JOHN 3:18-24

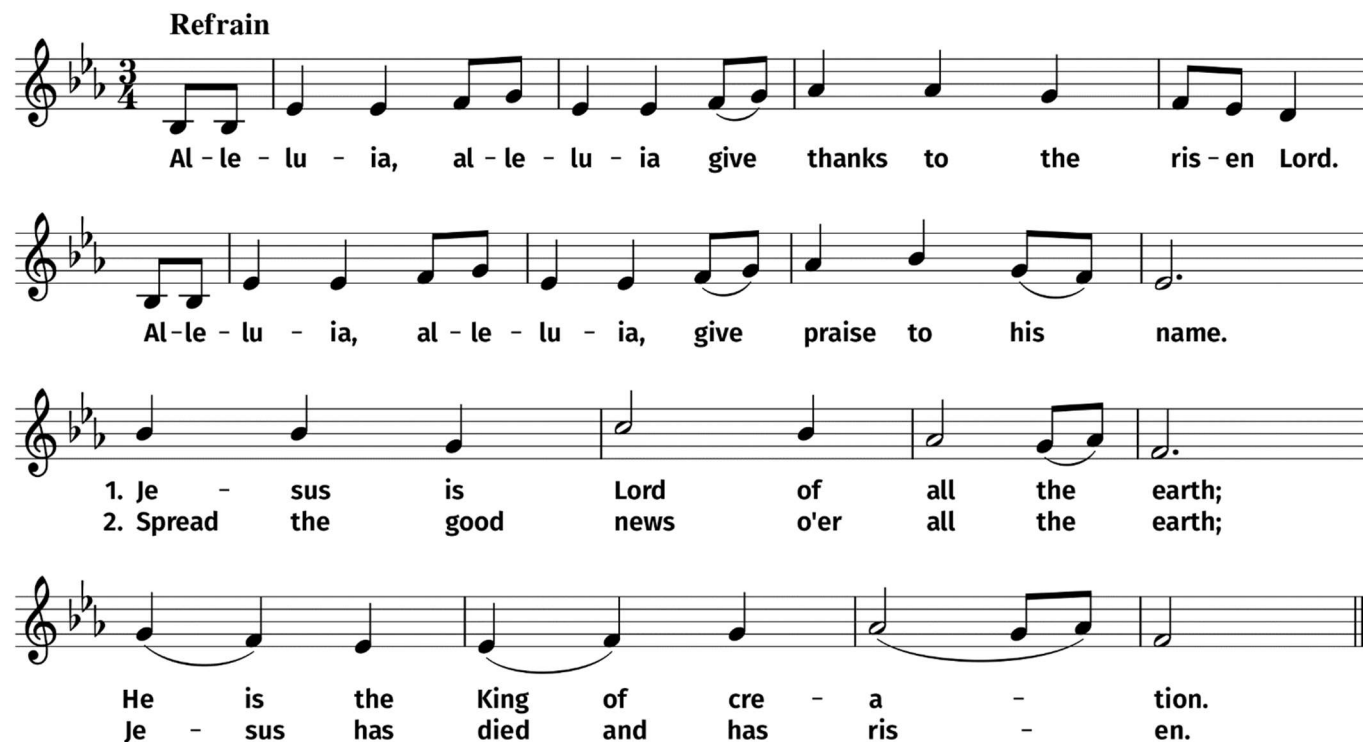
*We have life through God's Son, life which empowers us to love and to live with confidence.*

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us. NIV

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia. John 14:6 cf. NIV

**Refrain**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia give thanks to the ris - en Lord.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

1. Je - sus the is good Lord news of all the earth;  
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth;

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.

## GOSPEL: JOHN 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. NIV



# IN CHRIST ALONE ..... HYMN 752

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my  
 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, Full - ness of God in help - less  
 3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in

song; This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, Firm through the  
 babe. This gift of love and right - eous - ness, Scorned by the  
 slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day Up from the  
 me; From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com -

fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of  
 ones he came to save. Till on that cross, as Je - sus  
 grave he rose a - gain! And as he stands in vic - tor -  
 mands my des - tin - y. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of

peace, When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My Com - for - ter, my all in  
 died, The wrath of God was sa - tis - fied; For ev - 'ry sin on him was  
 y, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am his and he is  
 man Can ev - er pluck me from his hand; Till he re - turns or calls me

all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.  
 mine Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

SERMON: JOHN 15:1-8

## REMAIN IN JESUS



# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

## THE 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 fully 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 and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy  
Christian 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.**

## OFFERING

After worship, you may place your offering in the basket near the hymnal bookshelves in the back of the sanctuary.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father, thank you for grafting us into your Son, the true Vine. We live in a world that tells us happiness and fulfillment come only through being able to have and do everything we want to. You teach us that just like a grape vine, we cannot reach our greatest potential without your care and pruning. We praise you for loving us so much you give us what we need and take away what will cripple our growth. Lead us to rejoice in all your blessings of giving and taking.

### **May God be gracious to us and bless us.**

Jesus, you became our true vine at great cost to yourself. You shed your blood to free us from our sin. You laid down your life and rose again to shatter the chains of death and give us eternal life. Nourish our faith that we may lead lives filled with your love and grace, your service and joy. Send the Holy Spirit to strengthen our study of your Word that we remain in you. Give us courage and boldness to live for you. Give us strength and compassion to serve the people around us. Make us lights that bear fruit to the glory of our God who uniquely created each of us to be his own.

### **May God make his face shine upon us.**

Savior of the world, your compassion for our broken race of human beings is more than we can measure. You want every soul in this world to know your love and forgiveness. Work through your family of believers around this world to bring your message of reconciliation and healing to everyone. Comfort people who are dying with your peace. Heal the sick with your grace. Be with everyone who feels isolated or depressed. Lift up those who struggle and bring joy to everyone who hurts. Teach all of us your commitment to undo the damage of our sin and restore us to your family.

### **May God be gracious to us and bless us.**

Bless us as we come to your table to receive your body and blood. Protect us so no one receives this sacred meal to their judgment. Give everyone who comes a heart that sees sin in its true nature – a horrible turning away from our good God. Change our hearts to hate sin and love your goodness. Give us faith that Jesus took away all our sins and the trust that with this bread and wine we receive his body and blood to strengthen us and to forgive us. As you have promised, use this meal to fortify our faith to live for you and to serve our neighbor.

### **May God make his face shine upon us.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

For all our unasked needs we 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.**

# Jesus gives us his body and blood

The Lord be with you.



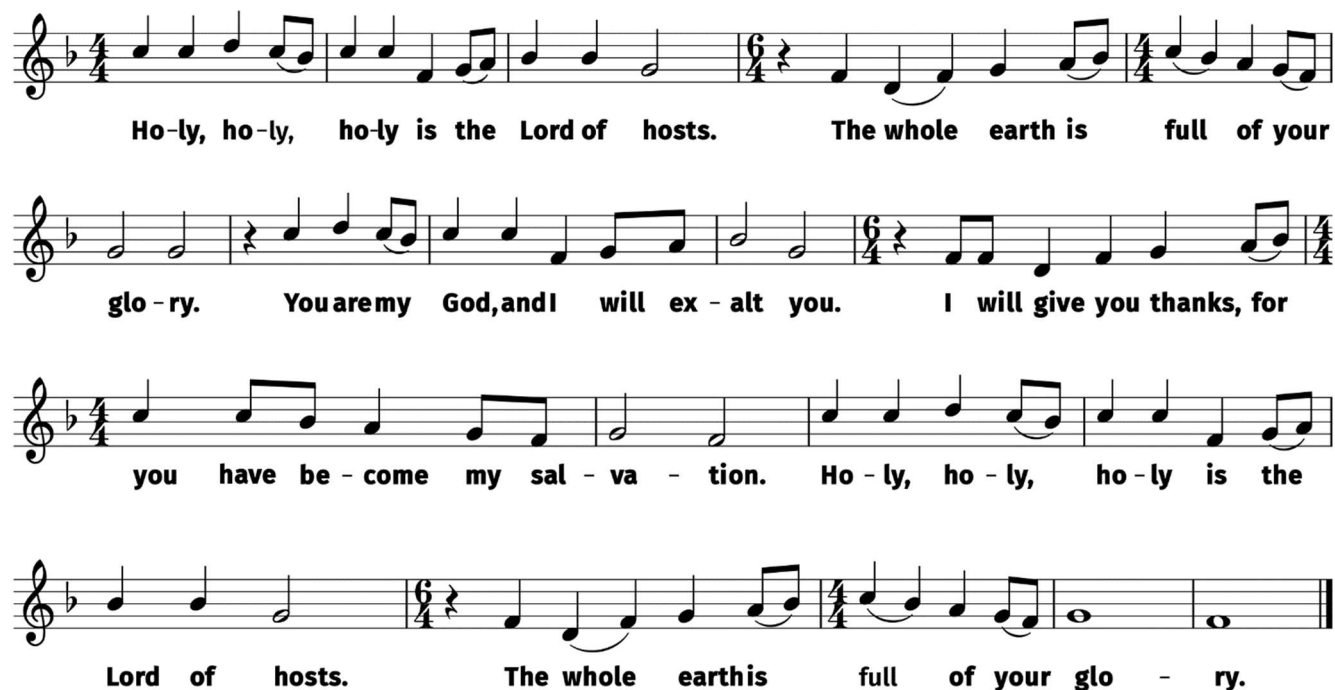
Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.



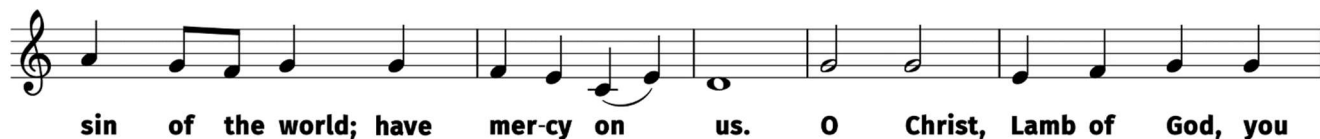
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



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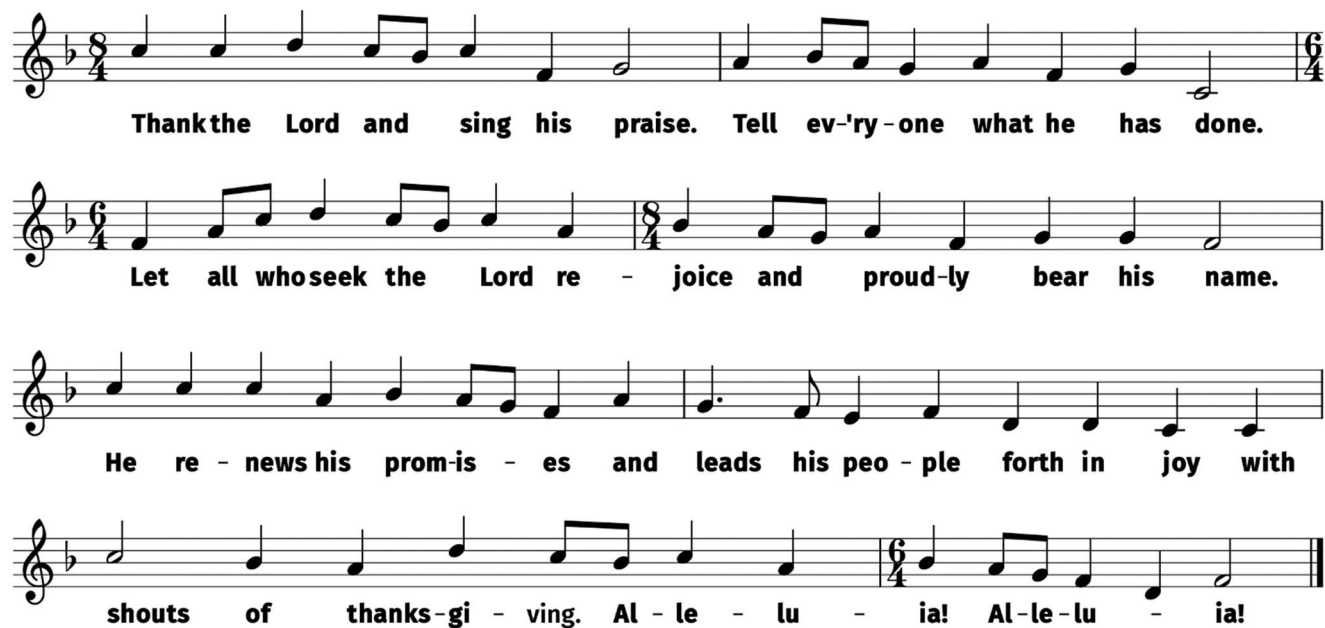


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Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'-ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.

He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks-gi-ving. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

## THE LORD'S BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

# LOVE IS THE GRACIOUS GIFT.....HYMN 505

1. Love is the gra - cious gift of your good - ness; Love is the  
 2. You loved me first, Lord, send - ing me Je - sus. Then I re -  
 3. Love means for - give - ness, pa - tience, and kind - ness; Love is not  
 4. Love in a mar - riage, love free - ly giv - en, Love of a  
 5. Love a - mong Christ - ians, love in the fam - 'ly, Love for the

pa - tient fruit of your care; Love is the gen - tle work of your  
 spond - ed trust - ing your Son. Now you in - vite me to love my  
 jeal - ous, boast - ful, or rude. Love en - dures all things, bear - ing, be -  
 hus - band, love of a wife - Made to con - tin - ue, blos - som, and  
 Sa - vior, whose blood was shed, Love and sub - mis - sion one to a -

Spir - it, Who is the source of love ev - 'ry - where  
 neigh - bor, Show - ing your true love to ev - 'ry - one.  
 liev - ing; Love hopes for - ev - er re - joic - es in truth.  
 flour - ish, Grow ev - er deep - er through - out this life.  
 no - ther As un - to Christ, who reigns as our head.

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## CALENDAR

Today	10 am	Worship and communion
	11:30 am	Sunday school
Tuesday	9:15 am	Circuit pastors
	1:30 pm	Pastors' study club
Wednesday	9:30 am	Bible study
	6 pm	Choir
	7 pm	Bible study
Saturday	2 pm	Building committee – on furnishings
Next Sunday	10 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Sunday school

	This weekend	Next weekend
<b>Pastor</b>	Paul Workentine	Paul Workentine
<b>Organist</b>	Holly	Betsy
<b>Greeter</b>	Cynthia	Rachel
<b>Usher</b>	Dwight	Tom
<b>Cleaning</b>	Tom & Rachel	Jill
<b>Snacks</b>	Tricia	Josh & Holly
<b>Video</b>	Jordan	Jill



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