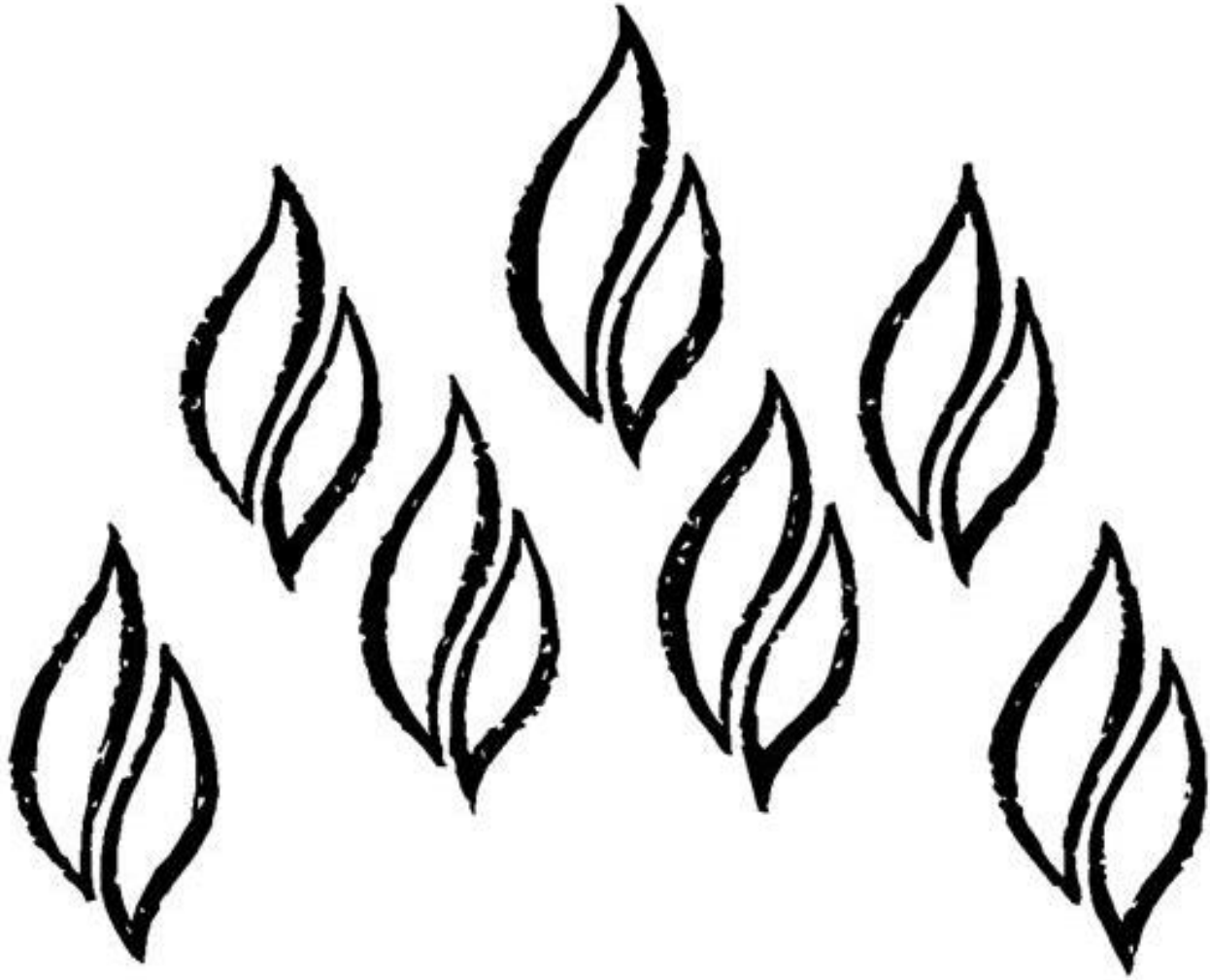


DAY OF PENTECOST
MAY 19, 2024



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PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for the following people:

Martha Leed, Nancy Hain, Jay Stoltzfus (with family in Florida), Beverly Sweigart, Linda Netzley, Theda Raffauf, Mary Weidman, Roger Gehman, Mike Haller, Margaret Bollinger, Sam Soto, Mike Leed, Dorothy Hutchinson, Walter Goshert Jr., Jane Goshert (Home Hospice), Dave Haldeman, Deb Zerbe, Roy Latshaw, Shirley Sweigart, Amanda Benton, Jeff Moyer, Marty Leed & Family, Fay Weitzel, Nevin & Pat McQuate, Vivian Gehr, Jay Weaver, Barb Moyer, Betty Cordes and Judy Meckley.

Artman Lutheran, Ambler, Pa: Sally Wealand

Ephrata Manor: Vesta Reber, Shirl Tobias, Pauline Sawyer, Joan Wentzel, and Ella Felker

Heatherwood, Honeybrook: Bob Weaver

Keystone Villa: Betty Firestine and Faye Pannebecker

Legends of Lititz Home: Pauline Martin

Phoebe Berks: Nick Rampolla

Somerset Rehab: Grace Wentz

United Zion Home Lititz: Ethel Leed

Rachel Craven, Raymond and Janey Boley, Kelly Means, Desi Wagner, Dan Sweigart, Patty Hall, Ruth Bieler, Pastor Karen Larson, Brian Kerns, Mary Lou Crum, Bea Hassler, Rev. Judy McKee, Meredith Palmer, Althea Hillegas, Brenda Gabig, Bob Bos, Curtis Townsley, Mary Morton, Robyn Redcay, Letitia James, Corrina Bender, Margaret Weller, Bud Bender, Donald Craven, Mike Fasnacht, Matt Thorn and Cynthia Peters.

Pray also for the grieving families of:

Cindy Novak, Dot Demming, Harriet Stoltzfus, Mick Smyer, Shanan Shortuse, Ray Vargo, Lavern Gehman, Patricia Kieffer, Tom Craven, Bill Nodeen, Michelle Simpson, Sam Heiser, Hunter Bristow, Clair High, Tom Dittoe, Donald Hain and Clara Ingram.

† WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP †

*Please stand if you are able

Welcome / Announcements

Prelude: "All My Hope is in Jesus"

- David Crowder & Ed Cash

"Power of the Cross"

John Mark Hall, Kristian Stanfill & Scott Ligertwood

†GATHERING†

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***GATHERING HYMN:** "Because He Lives" (See insert)

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: 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

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

(a brief silence is observed)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive 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

P: 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

***GREETING**

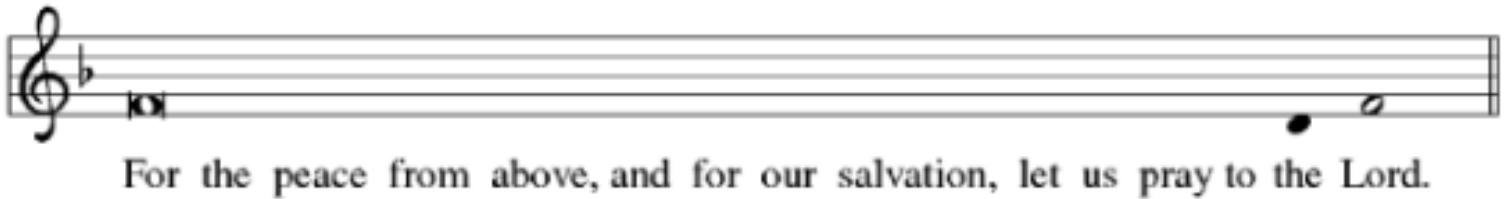
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***THE KYRIE**



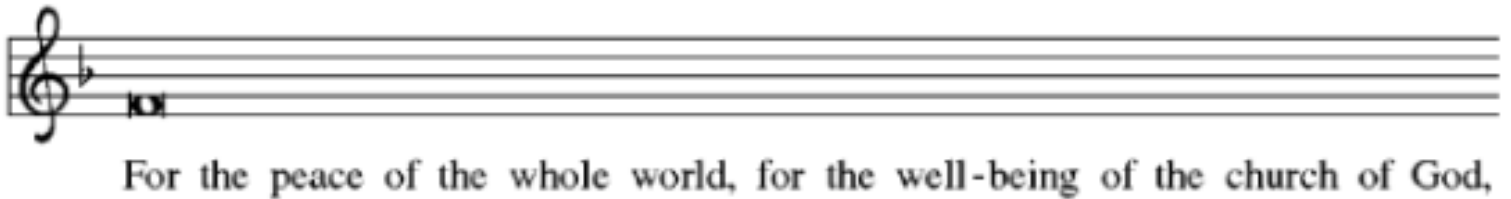
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



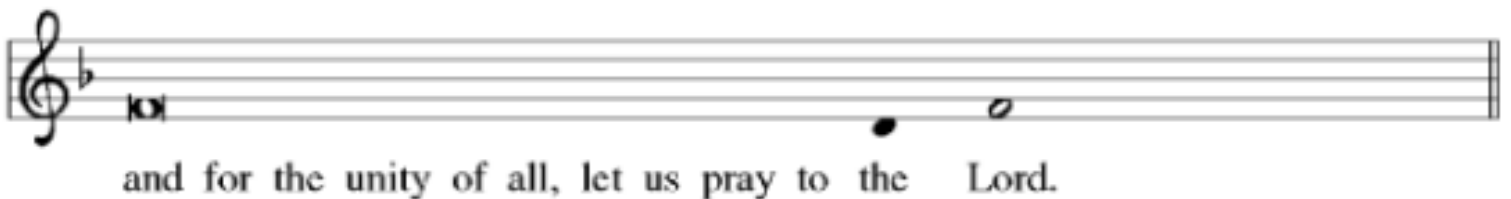
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



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

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



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



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



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



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



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **I** 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.



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **II** For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

G This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

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

*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

† GOD'S WORD †

FIRST READING

ACTS 2:1-21

Lay Reader (Linda Netzley): A reading from Acts the 2nd chapter.

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy

Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALMODY

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b



Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

²⁴How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,**

living things both | small and great.

²⁶There go the ships | to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

²⁷**All of them | look to you**

to give them their food | in due season. R

²⁸You give it to them; they | gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, | they are terrified;**

when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;

and so you renew the face | of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;**

O LORD, rejoice in | all your works. R

³²You look at the earth | and it trembles;

you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;**

I will praise my God while I | have my being.

³⁴May these words of | mine please God.

I will rejoice | in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, | O my soul.**

Hal- | lelujah! R

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*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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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.

*THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 15th & 16th chapter.



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Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

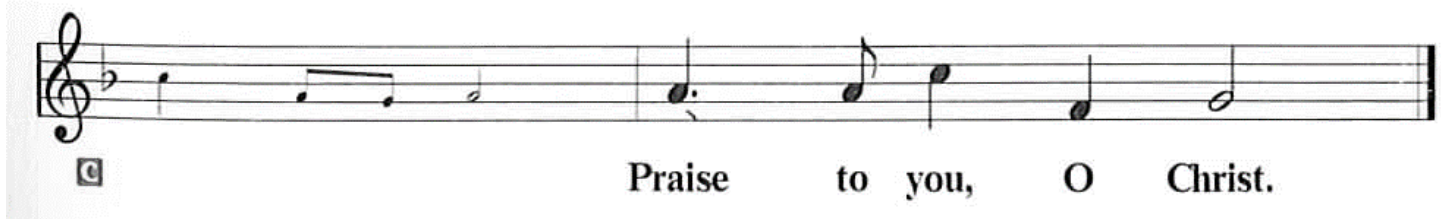
[Jesus said,] ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b} “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you

will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON: *“Are You Coming or Going?”*

-Pastor Craven

SPECIAL MUSIC: *“Your Love Defends Me”*

-Matt Maher & Hannah Kerr

***THE APOSTLE’S CREED**

C: 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

† Prayers of Intercession †

*P: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

P: We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized (*especially*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated. For all who suffer in any way (*especially*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for readers and tech ministers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: We remember the faithful departed. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith. At the last day, breathe new life into our dry bones, that we might feast forever with all the saints in light. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen

***THE PEACE**

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

***OFFERING HYMN #181:**

“Let the Vineyards...”

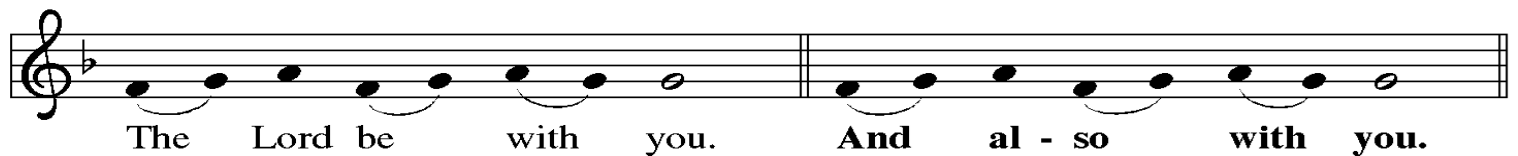
***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Merciful Father,

C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

† WE CELEBRATE THE LORD’S SUPPER †

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**



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.

***THE PREFACE:**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....
 We praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

***THE 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.

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

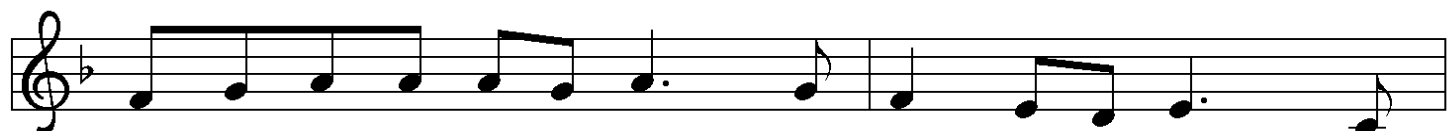
P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper he took the cup and gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying: 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.

***TRADITIONAL LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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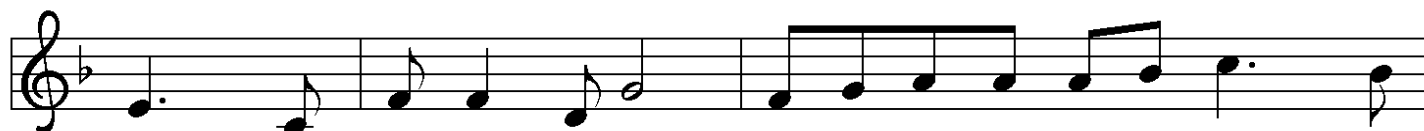
THE AGNUS DEI



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.

We Ask Parents to Bring Their Non-communing Children with Them. Pick Up an Empty Cup. A Grape Juice Option and Gluten Free Communion Wafers Provided. If You Cannot Come To the Chancel, Communion Will Be Taken To You. Please Notify An Usher.
Those in the Parking Lot Partake of Communion at this time.

During Communion:

Hymn #515: *“Break Now the Bread of Life”*

Hymn #461: *“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”*

Hymn #462: *“Now We Join in Celebration”*

Hymn #616: *“Jesus, Remember Me”*

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

***Post Communion Cantic:** **Hymn #210:** *“Blessed Be God”*

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

† WE LEAVE TO SERVE †

***BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

C: Amen Amen Amen (sung responsively)

***SENDING HYMN #763:** *“How Can I Keep From Singing”*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with joy.

C: Thanks be to God.

Geraniums for Pentecost 2024

Sam & Anita Soto . . . in Honor of Children & Grandchildren

Pastor Tim & Kim Craven . . . in Memory of our Parents

Nancy Eberly . . . in Memory of Family & Friends

Leonhard Family . . . in Honor of Family

Dave & Mary Weidman . . . in Memory of our Parents

*Trish & Tom Fassnacht . . . in Memory of Marvin & Irene Lausch
in Memory of Janice & Aaron Hostetter*

Linda & Jay Weaver . . . in Memory of our Parents

Dolly & Roger Gehman . . . in Honor of our Great Grandchildren

Barry & Darlene Kreider . . . in Memory of Loved Ones

Hartlove Family . . . For the Glory of God



Participants in the Service:

Pastor: Timothy Craven

Church Secretary: Ashley Weinhold

Organist: Vickie Kissinger

Lay Reader: Linda Netzley

Communion Assistant: Lisa Reed

Psalmist: Pastor Craven

Videographer: Troy Adair

Soundboard: John Biles

Ushers: Shawn Jeffers, Troy Adair and Randy Brubaker.

Weekly Receipts Report as of 05/16/2024	
Attendance (Inside / Parking Lot)	
Online Attendance	69
General Receipts	\$7,375.00

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\$5.00

Hot Dog, Chips, Drink

**Plus, a raffle for strawberry-themed items,
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Must be present to win.

- Prices:**
- \$5 for two tickets
 - \$10 for arm's length strip of tickets
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