



May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter,

Year B

10:30 Worship

Welcome!

We're glad you are with us today.
Families with young children: We have
both a staffed nursery downstairs as well as a
PrayGround near the front of the sanctuary.
Ask an usher!

This service is being livestreamed and recorded.



Good Shepherd LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Worship Service for Sunday, May 5, 2024

*Congregation responses are **bold**.*

*Please fill out the yellow Prayers & More form and hand it to an usher during the Children's Message.
Prayers included on your Prayers & More form will be included in today's worship.*

 Prelude "I Come with Joy" (arr. G. Martin)

Dr. Carl Heine

 Announcements

 Thanksgiving for Baptism

We give you thanks, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.


At the river Jesus was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live anew.

We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.


Amen.

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.


Refrain




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



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.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



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



2 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*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



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Prayer of the Day

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Reading 1

Acts 10 (selected verses)

Tim Clute

A man named Cornelius lived in the city of Caesarea. He was a Roman army officer in the Italian Regiment. ²He and everyone in his home were devout and respected God. Cornelius gave many gifts to poor Jewish people and always prayed to God. ³One day, about three in the afternoon, he had a vision. He clearly saw an angel from God come to him and say, ... "God is aware of your prayers and your gifts to the poor, and [God] has remembered you. ⁵Send messengers now to the city of Joppa, and summon a man whose name is Simon Peter. ⁷... Cornelius called two of

his household servants and a devout soldier, one of those who served him regularly. ⁸ ... and sent them to Joppa.

⁹ Around noon the next day, while Cornelius' men were on their way and coming close to Joppa, Peter went on the roof to pray. ¹⁰ He became hungry and wanted to eat. While the food was being prepared, he fell into a trance. ¹¹ He saw the sky open and something like a large linen sheet being lowered by its four corners to the ground. ¹² In the sheet were all kinds of four-footed animals, reptiles, and birds. ¹³ A voice told him, "Get up, Peter! Kill these animals, and eat them." ¹⁴ Peter answered, "I can't do that, Lord! I've never eaten anything that is impure or unclean." ¹⁵ A voice spoke to him a second time, "Don't say that the things which God has made clean are impure." ¹⁶ This happened three times. Then the sheet was quickly taken into the sky.

¹⁷ While Peter was puzzled by the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found Simon's house and went to the gate.... ¹⁹⁻²⁰ the Spirit said to [Peter]... "Don't hesitate to go with these men. I have sent them." ²³ ...The next day Peter left with them. Some disciples from Joppa went along.

²⁷ As Peter entered Cornelius' house [he] found that many people had gathered. ²⁸ He said to them, "You understand how wrong it is for a Jewish man to associate or visit with anyone of another race. But God has shown me that I should no longer call anyone impure or unclean. ³⁴ Then Peter said, "Now I understand that God doesn't play favorites. ³⁵ Rather, whoever respects God and does what is right is acceptable to him in any nation. ³⁶ God sent his word to the people of Israel and brought them the Good News of peace through Jesus Christ. This Jesus Christ is everyone's Lord. ... ⁴³ In addition, all the prophets testify that people who believe in the one named Jesus receive forgiveness for their sins through him."

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit came to everyone who heard his message. ⁴⁵ All the [Jewish] believers who had come with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured on people who were not Jewish. ⁴⁶ They heard these non-Jewish people speaking in other languages and praising God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ "No one can refuse to baptize these people with water. They have received the Holy Spirit in the same way that we did." ⁴⁸ So Peter ordered that they should be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**



Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



Gospel

John 15:9-17


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The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

 Hymn of the Day "A New Commandment"



A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as



I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.



By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if



you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know



you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

 Prayers of Intercession

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**


 Recognition of Deaconess Debbie

Rev. Kerstin Hedlund

 Sharing of the Peace

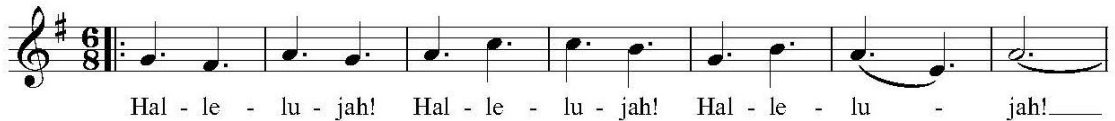
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The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

 Offertory Anthem "Psalm 117" (arr. C. Heine)

Congregation joins on Hallelujah refrain

Choir



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!_____

+Assembly

1.2.



_____ Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!_____

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 Offering Prayer

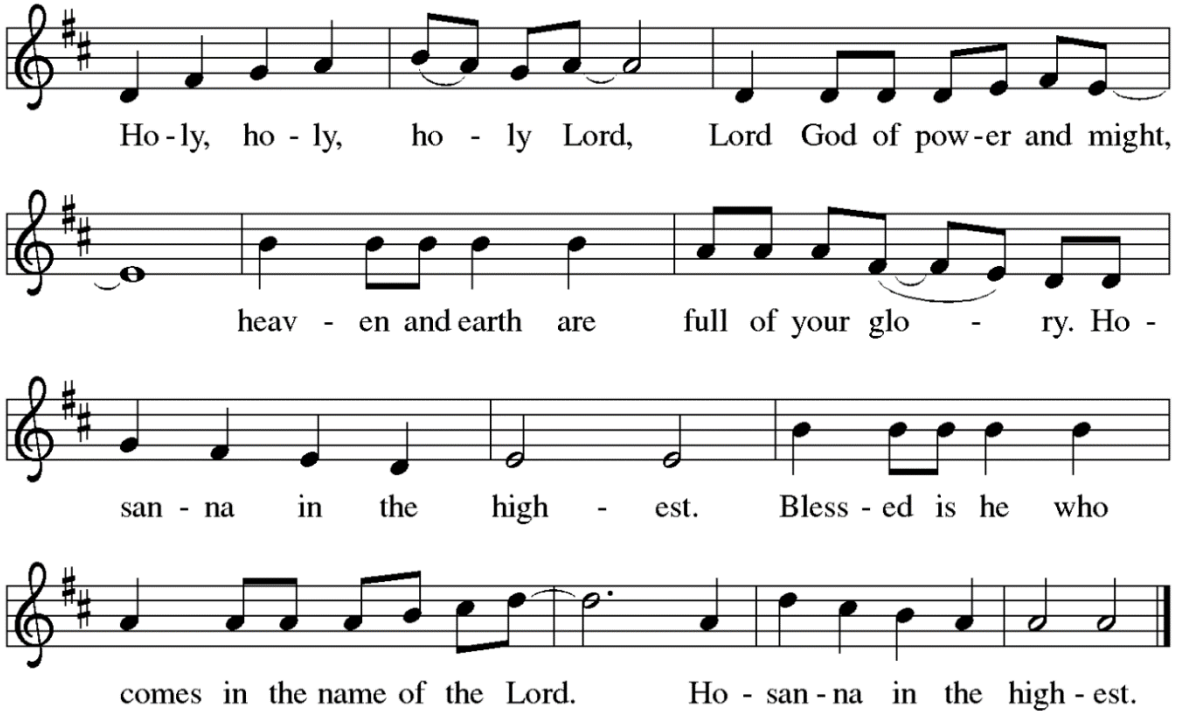
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 Communion

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to our Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

 Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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.



Lord's Prayer

Abba Imma/Heavenly Parent/Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.



Invitation to Communion

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Lamb of God

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, grant us peace.

"Jesus Loves Me!" Hymn 595

"Blessed Assurance" Hymn 638



Post Communion Blessing

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Benediction

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Closing Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Hymn 836



Dismissal

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Go in peace, rejoice and be glad! **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Postlude

"Ode to Joy" (arr. H. Hopson)

Dr. Carl Heine