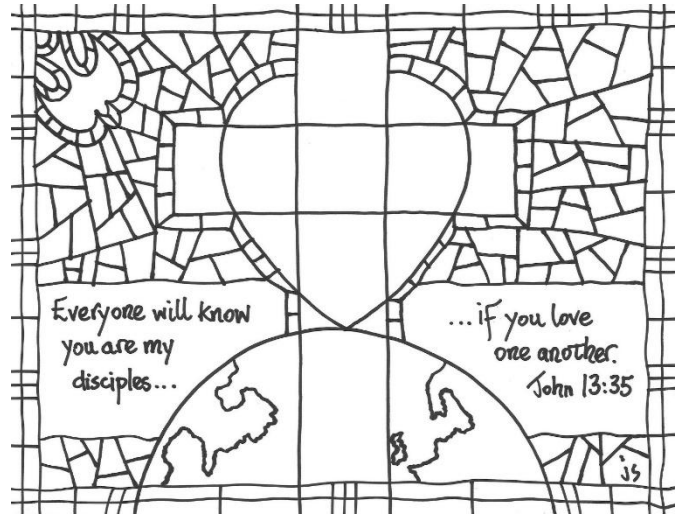


**May 18, 2025**

*Easter 5*

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**



## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY**

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church exists on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron / Neutral People. We honour the original ancestors of this land and also offer respect and friendship to our Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, Mississauga and Métis neighbours.

**We give thanks for the First Peoples and all who have cared for the land and made it possible for us to dwell and do ministry on this land, and we commit ourselves to walk in right relations with one another.**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
by whose hand we are given new birth,  
by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

**In mercy and might you have freed us from death  
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.  
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,  
and in them we are born anew.**

*Water may be poured into the font.*

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.  
Honour to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our  
thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you  
for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the  
Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away all that separates us from you.  
Empower our witness to your resurrection.  
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.  
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.  
Where despair prevails, grant hope.  
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.  
We ask this through Christ, who, with you and the Holy  
Spirit, reigns forever. **Amen.**

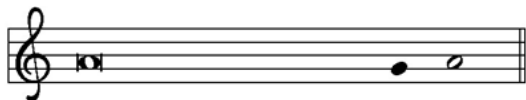
**GATHERING SONG Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**  
**RED 367**

## **GREETING**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Almighty God,  
**to you all hearts are opened, all desires known, and  
from you no secrets are hidden. 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. Amen.**

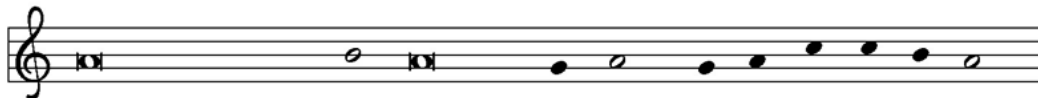
# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



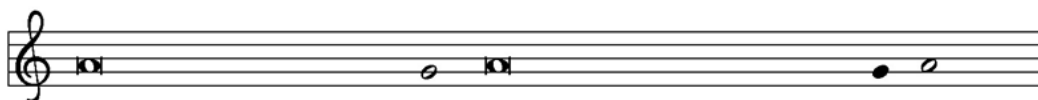
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



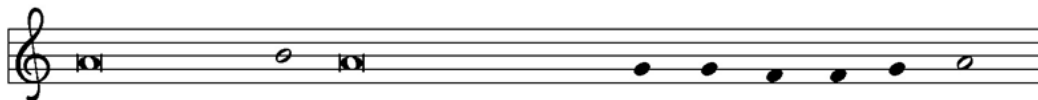
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



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

# HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 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 and rich-es and wis-dom and



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



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



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Gracious God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## CHOIR ANTHEM

### FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

*In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.*

<sup>1</sup> Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup> saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup> Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying,

<sup>5</sup> "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance, I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely, I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup> But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

<sup>9</sup> But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

<sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.

<sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup> If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?"

<sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Word of God. Word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 148**



- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;  
praise God | in the heights.**
- <sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD, | all you angels;  
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**
- <sup>3</sup> Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you | shining stars.**
- <sup>4</sup> Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,  
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**
- <sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they | were created,**

**<sup>6</sup> who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not | pass away. R**

**<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD | from the earth,  
you sea monsters | and all deeps;  
<sup>8</sup> fire and hail, | snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;  
<sup>9</sup> mountains | and all hills,  
fruit trees | and all cedars;  
<sup>10</sup> wild beasts | and all cattle,  
creeping things and | flying birds;  
<sup>11</sup> sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers | of the world;  
<sup>12</sup> young | men and maidens,  
old and | young together. R**

**<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name | of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is  
over | earth and heaven.**

**<sup>14</sup> The LORD has raised up strength for the people and  
praise for all | faithful servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near  
the LORD. | Hallelujah! R**



## **SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6**

*John's vision of the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.*

<sup>1</sup> I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

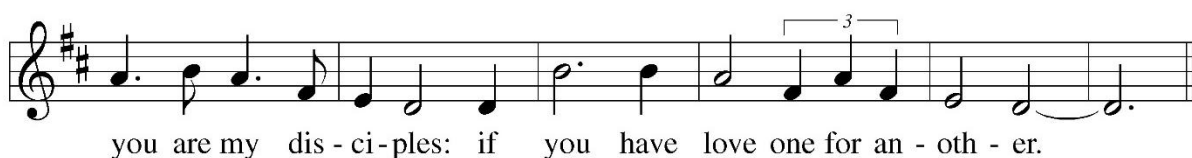
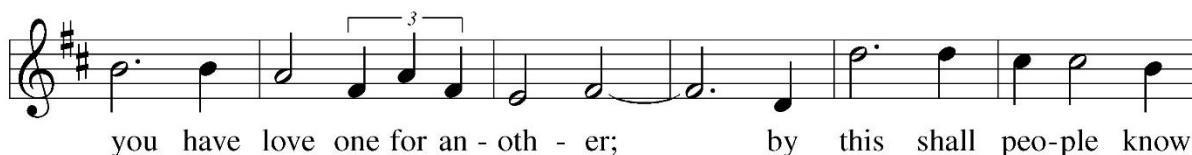
"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them;  
they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;  
<sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
 Death will be no more;  
 mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
 for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Word of God. Word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





## GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.*

<sup>31</sup> ...Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews, so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



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.

## **HOMILY**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant  
BLUE 500**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, the faith in which we live:

**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**

In this season of Easter rejoicing, let us offer our prayers  
and thanksgivings.

For the life of the church, that our generous witness may  
broaden your table as all find a place to live and grow in  
love. O God of love,  
**Raise us to new life in Christ.**

For the well-being of your creation, that we may promote its ability to offer praise to you through spacious skies, bountiful lakes and seas, verdant lands, and precious creatures great and small. O God of love,

**Raise us to new life in Christ.**

For the welfare of your world, that all leaders and people, young and old, will strive to live together in harmony while serving the common good. As churches yesterday marked the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Transphobia, we pray for the dignity and acceptance for all people, for the safety of those made more vulnerable by recent government actions, for a world where everyone finds loving community, and for God's guidance in our thoughts, words, and deeds. O God of love,

**Raise us to new life in Christ.**

For all who suffer any violence, pain, or grief, that they will know the comfort of your presence as you wipe every tear from their eyes. We pray especially for: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Werner and Debbie, John and Julianna, Ross and Karen, Gwen and Nolan, Ken and Matzi, Irene, Jack and Sharon, Karen, Mary, Kathryn, Bill, Irene, Kelly, John and Laura, Juan and Anita, Bill, Guillermo, Micah, Rosemary and those we name before you in our hearts. (*silence...*) O God of love,

**Raise us to new life in Christ.**

For the love made known to us in Jesus Christ through this community of faith, that we would recognize your blessings and give you thanks and praise. O God of love,

**Raise us to new life in Christ.**

For all who have died, that you will bring them to the fullness of your joy where mourning and pain will be no more. O God of love,

**Raise us to new life in Christ.**

For so many blessings, and for answered prayers, we give  
you thanks through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.  
**Amen.**

## PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all!  
**And also with you.**

## OFFERTORY      As the Grains of Wheat

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

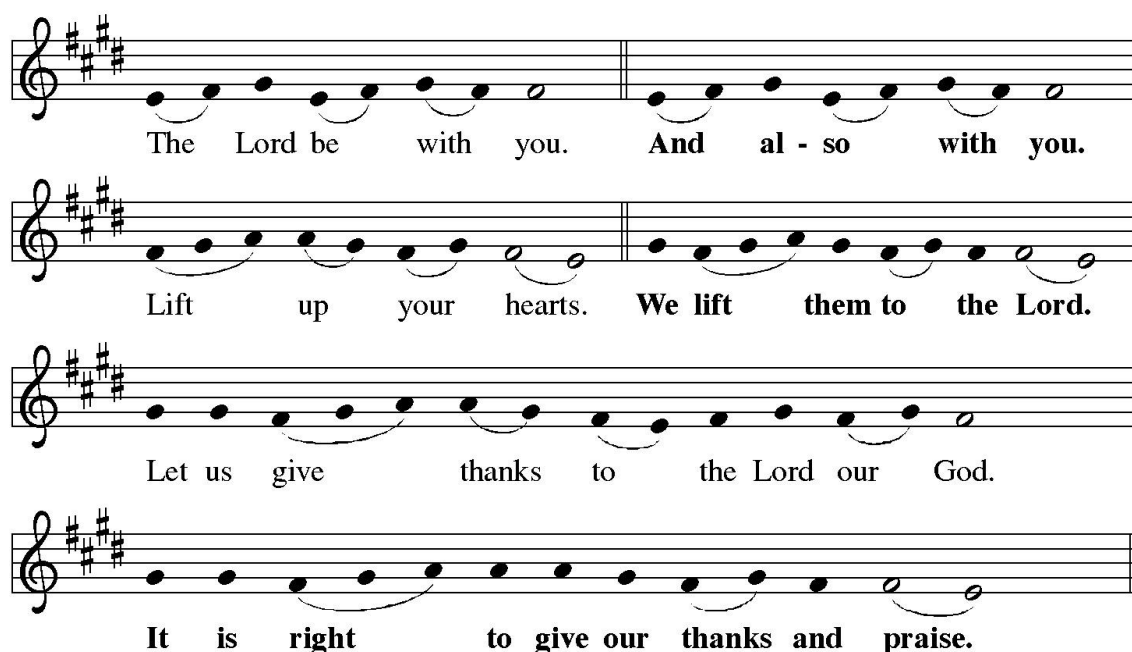
may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

Risen One,  
you have gathered us around your table of grace along with  
these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your  
life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live  
as your risen body in the world. **Amen**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

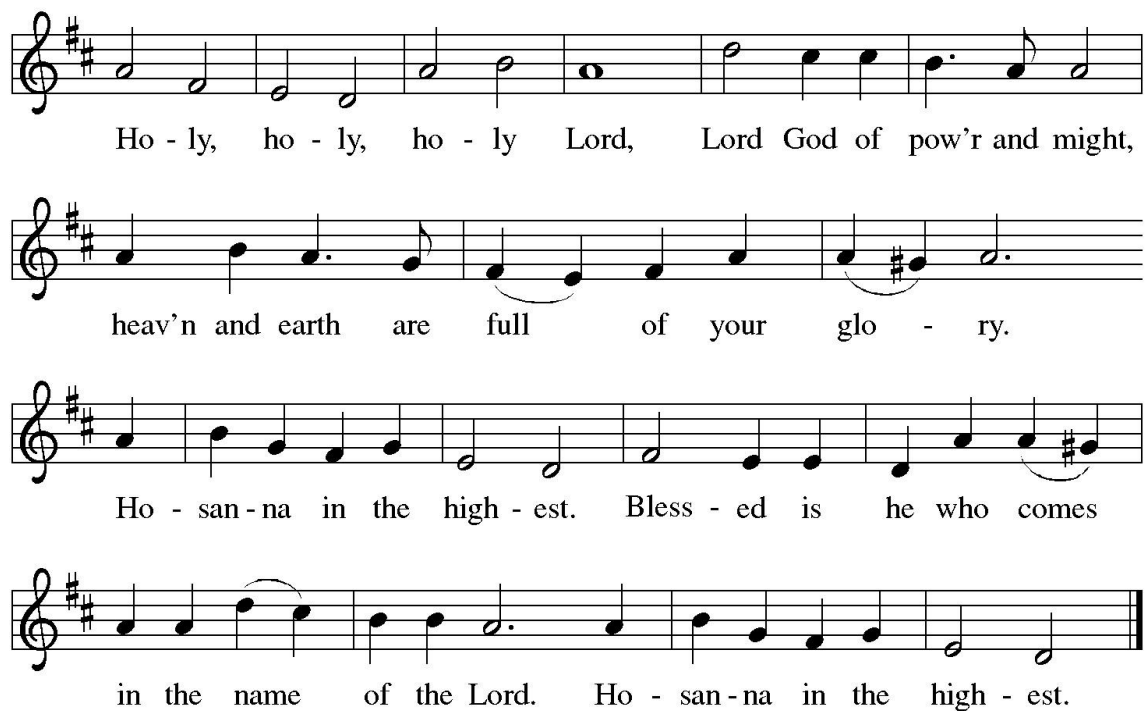
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

... and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:  
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
You have filled all creation with light and life;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:  
the promise to Israel,  
the rescue from Egypt,  
the gift of the promised land,  
the words of the prophets;  
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,  
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed  
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

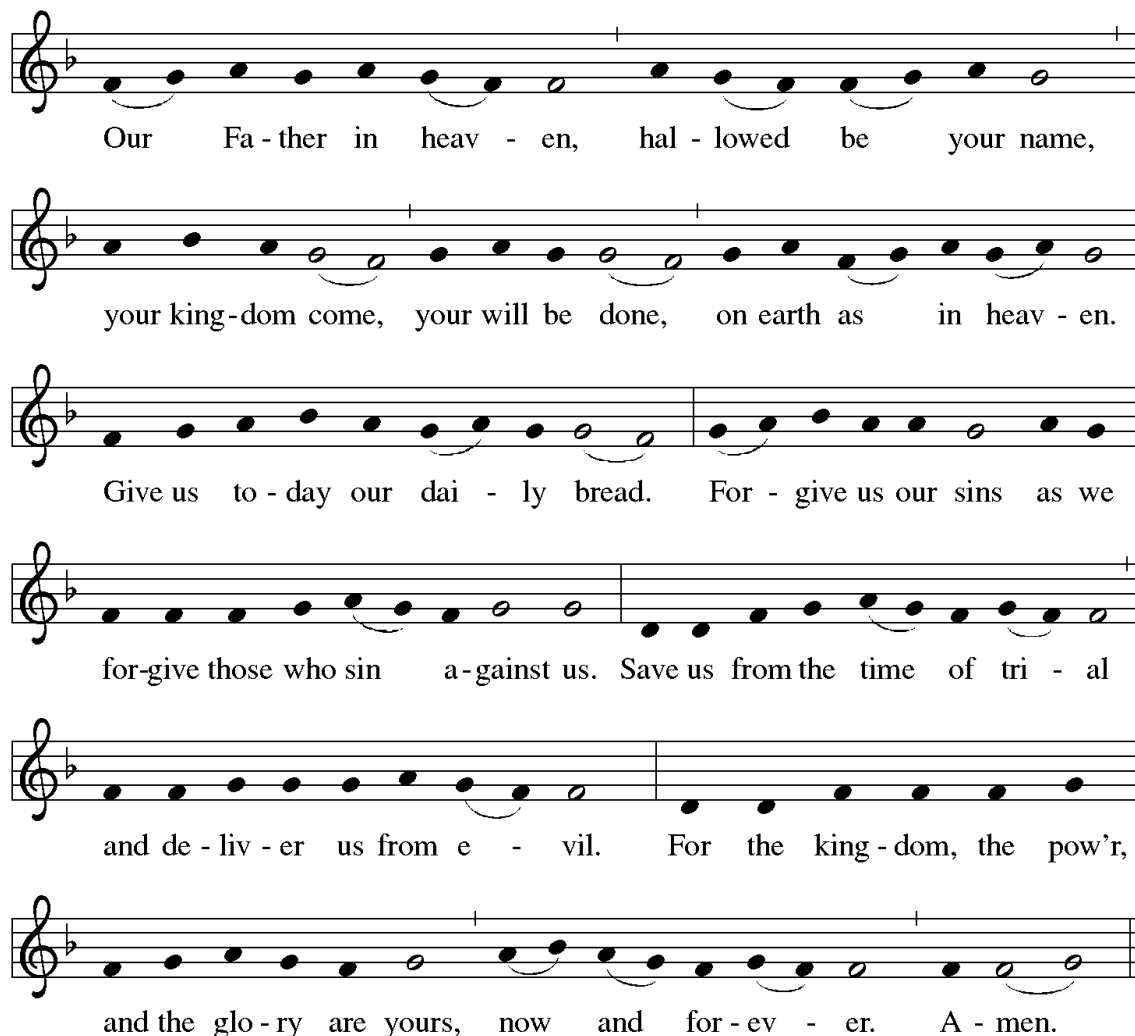
Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup  
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,  
we await his coming in power  
to share with us the great and promised feast.  
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share in Christ's body and blood  
may live to the praise of your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.  
**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants  
of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high  
priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus says, 'I am the bread of life; whoever eats this bread will live forever.'

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.**

Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at this table.

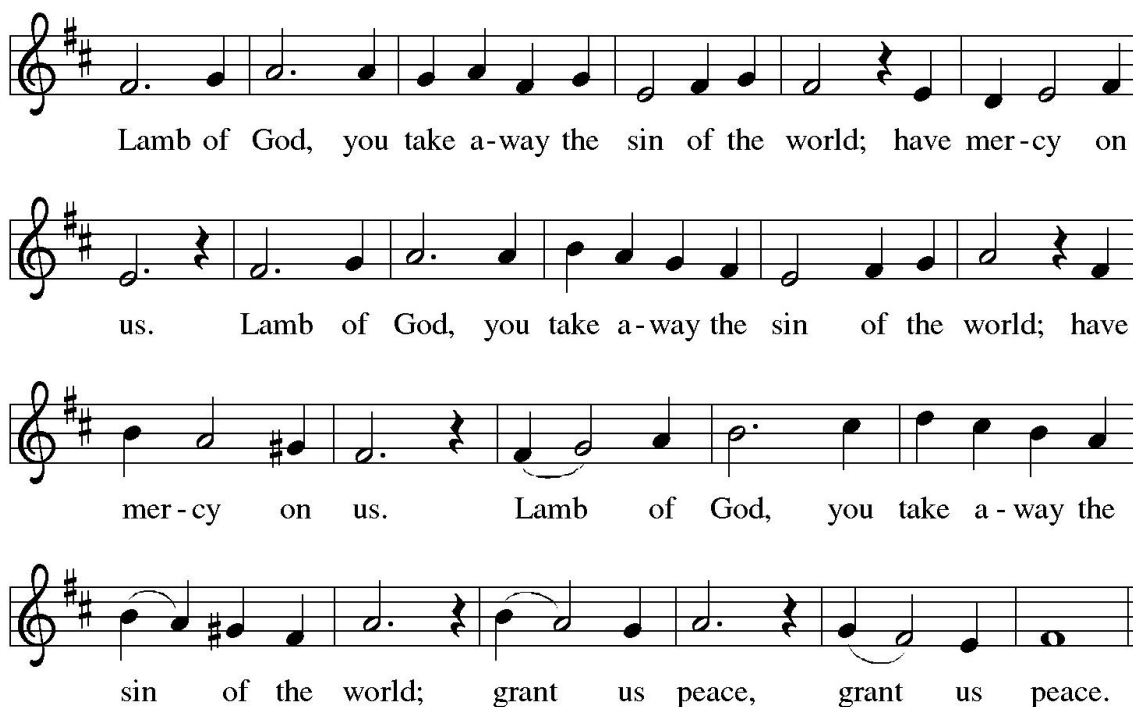
Come, receive the gift of new life.

**Thanks be to God!**



## COMMUNION HYMNS:

### 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.

**Be Not Afraid**

**Come Now, O Prince of Peace**

**Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here**

**Red 388**

**Blue 588**

**Blue 442**

## TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen, keep, and unite us now and forever. **Amen**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders,  
sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

## Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let  
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.  
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and suitable for a church service. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the fourth staff also ends with a double bar line.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION

The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, ✚ Saviour, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always. **Amen.**

**The blessing of the God of life be ours.  
The blessing of the loving Christ be ours.  
The blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours,  
To cherish us, to help us, to make us holy.**

**SENDING SONG Christ is Alive!**

**RED 389**

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

### Announcements and Information

	Today	Next Sunday
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Penny Richards	Michelle Normandin
<b>Servers</b>	Christine Morrison Marilyn Bleach Schranz	Julianna Stephens Penny Richards
<b>Reader</b>	Michele Altermann	Deborah Szymanski-Potts
<b>Greeters</b>	Lily Flewelling	Bonnie Lichty
<b>Ushers</b>	Chris & Riza Heaney	Jan Nielsen Dennis Kunze
<b>AV booth</b>	John Szymanski Brian Janzen	John Szymanski Brian Janzen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Linda Zytner Matzi King Robin Smart	Linda Zytner Matzi King Robin Smart
<b>Counters</b>	Laura F Mann Ann Sanders	Laura F Mann Ryan Nerbas
<b>Flowers</b>	Carole Mozuraitis	
<b>Coffee Hour</b>		

#### ***We pray for:***

**ACC** The Rt. Rev. William Cliff, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ontario.

**ELCIC** The Assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Saskatchewan Synod.

**MOR** The Rt. Rev. Kay Ward, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province.

**Flowers:** The flowers today are given in loving memory of Carole's mother, Gerry Carter, *loved and remembered by many.*

**Greeters:** If you can help with this important hospitality ministry please contact Elaine Maguire at (519) 658-0509 or let the office know. Thank you.

**Connections:** The deadline for the next issue of *Connections* is **today**. Please submit items to Christine Morrison at [cjmorrison263@gmail.com](mailto:cjmorrison263@gmail.com)

**Women of Faith:** Join us on **Wednesday May 21, 2025**, in the Parlour. Bring a bag lunch at **noon** for conversation and lunch, followed by our meeting. ALL ladies welcome.

The Ass♥ciates will meet again on **May 27, 2025, at 1 pm** in the Narthex for our usual time of sharing and caring. Anyone who finds themselves supporting or caring for a family member or neighbour is welcome.

**Silvercreek Community Market:** We regularly need rice and red lentils! We currently have 270 families registered so please consider buying the specific items listed below in advance of each month — **for May we need school snacks and cereal**. *We do not need any plastic bread tabs but are running low on reuseable grocery bags. Thank you.*

**Pride in the Park:** We are looking for help to staff our table at this event on **Saturday June 14, 2025 from 10 am to 4 pm**. Please sign up on the chart in the narthex if you can take a shift between noon and 4 p.m. Thank you, ASAP.

**Ribfest cleanup:** Save the Date! Dennis Kunze is organizing another Ribfest cleanup event and is looking for 10 volunteers to help him. Please let him know if you are available on Monday, **August 25, 2025, from 8 to 11 a.m.** There will be a sign-up sheet posted in the narthex later in the summer.

### **May 24, 2025 — Pansexual Visibility Day**



The Pan Flag began to see widespread use in 2010, after the design was posted on an anonymous Tumblr account by its creator Jasper V. Since then, it has been adopted as a beloved symbol of the community and has seen use across the globe as a way to spread awareness and increase recognition of Pan folks—and the vibrancy and unique struggles of their community.

**Pink:** Represents attraction to individuals who identify as female.

**Yellow:** Represents attraction to individuals who are non-binary, genderqueer, agender, or any other gender identity outside the male-female binary.

**Blue:** Represents attraction to individuals who identify as male.

Pansexual and Panromantic—often shortened to ‘Pan’—fall under the multisexual umbrella, a category that also includes, but is not limited to, Bisexual, Omnisexual, and Polysexual. It’s important to clarify that, while there is a commonality between these identities, Pan people claim a distinct identity apart from these other labels. Pansexual and Panromantic can be defined as a person who experiences attraction without any regard to gender, sometimes described as being ‘gender-blind.’ This does not mean that Pan people are attracted to *everyone*, but rather that they have the capacity to feel attraction for anyone, without gender being a factor at all.

### **LOOKING AHEAD: May 19—25**

Tuesday 20	5:00 p.m.	Men’s Fellowship Rose Head Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Rental, Choir Room
Wednesday 21	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
	12:00 p.m.	Women of Faith, Parlour
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Forum, via Zoom
Thursday 22	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice, Nave
Saturday 24	All day	Camp Leaders Training Rose Head Hall
Sunday 25	8:30 a.m.	Easter 5 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Easter 5 Holy Communion—Nave