



Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024

Faith Lutheran Church
311 Judges Rd. #2B Wilmington, NC 28405

Welcome to our Visitors!

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are glad you are here. It is our sincere prayer that God would refresh you by His Holy Word and Sacrament and that you would take with you His peace and joy. If you would care to give us your contact information, we would like to get to know you better and keep in touch. If you have questions or are interested in membership, please speak to anyone here.

Holy Communion

We come to the table at the invitation of the Lord, receiving the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Christians who share this faith and wish to join us at the table are welcome. Young children may be brought forward for a blessing.

Mission Statement

“...that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

1 Peter 2:9

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LBW Holy Communion Setting One
*indicates for Congregation to please stand
Bold-Congregation responses

PRELUDE HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND *Arr. Bret A. Heim*

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Amen.

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.

Amen

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.

Most merciful God,

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

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. In the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

To you who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on you the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in you, bring it to completion in the day of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

*ENTRANCE HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and includes a piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano line. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: 1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; our 2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise in 3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and hearts in true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with end - less hymns through all our days; in - crease our faith and ho - ly, ho - ly Lord Most High!" And in the light of Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed light di - vine, and let your truth with - in us shine. light our minds; and set us free from doubt that blinds. that blest place we then shall see you face to face. Trin - i - ty, be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: attr. Wilhelm II, 1598–1662; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.


Music: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND, *Cantionale Germanicum*, Gochsheim, 1628

***GREETING**

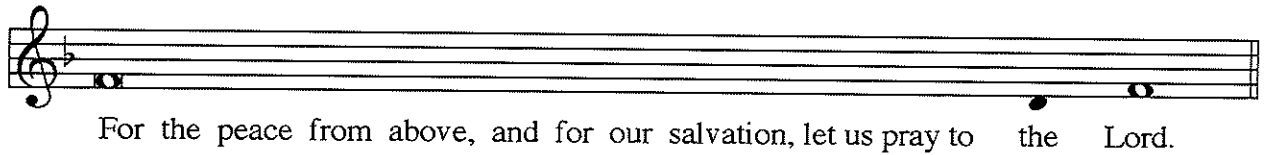
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***KYRIE**



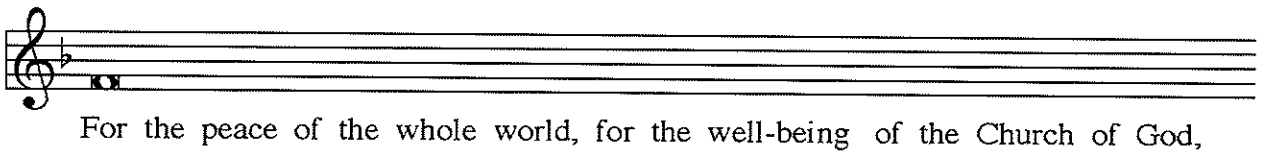
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



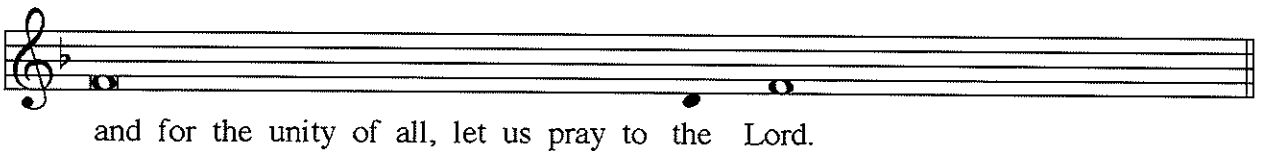
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



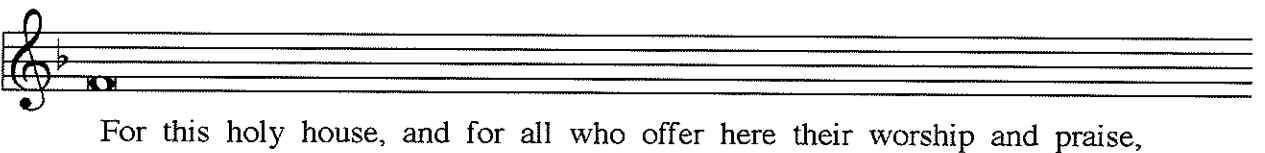
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



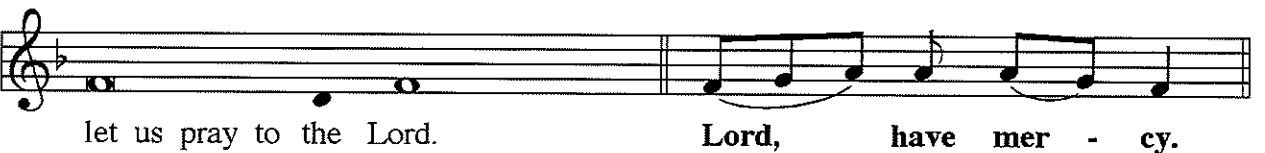
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



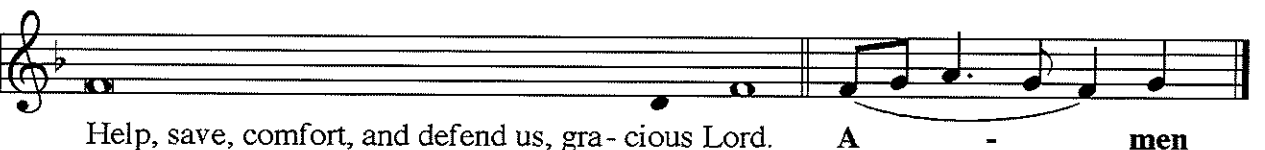
Lord, have mer - cy.



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

*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.



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



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

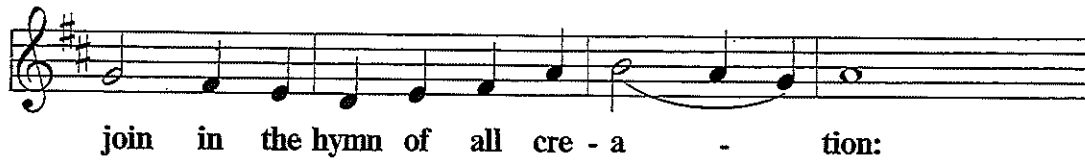


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

*HYMN OF PRAISE (cont)



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. . . .

Shepherding God, you have brought us into your holy flock out of great love and mercy. Grant that we, having been so richly and undeservedly forgiven and accepted, might likewise show forth your love in truthful words and through our compassionate acts of love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Amen

FIRST LESSON:

The First Reading is from Acts, the 4th chapter.

¹As {Peter and John} were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead — by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 23



The LORD is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.

¹The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

³He revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. *Refrain:*

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. *Refrain:*

SECOND LESSON:

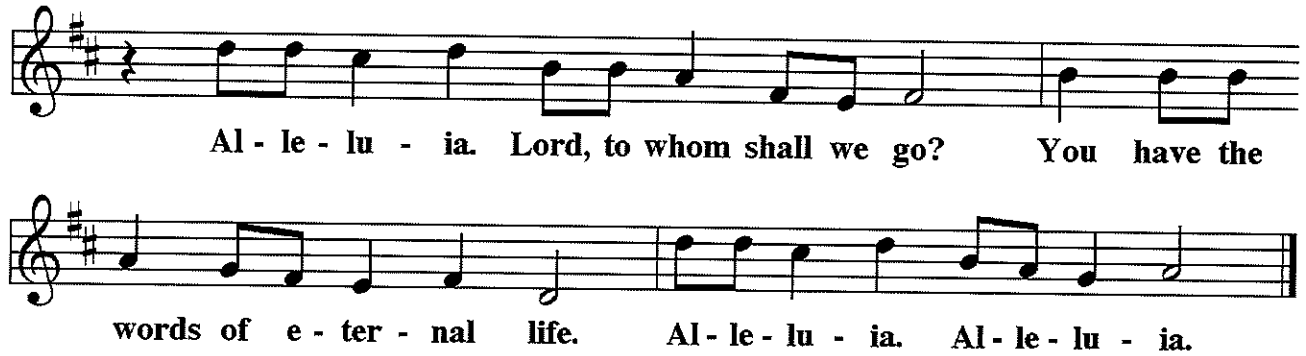
The Second Reading is from 1st John, the 3rd chapter.

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**



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.

***GOSPEL:**

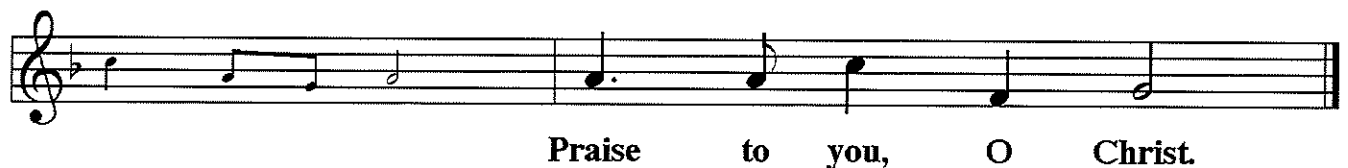
The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹¹{Jesus said,} “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

The Gospel of our Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pr. Paul

HYMN OF THE DAY

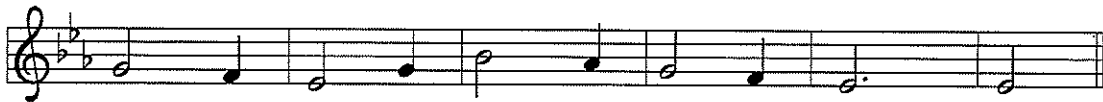
The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

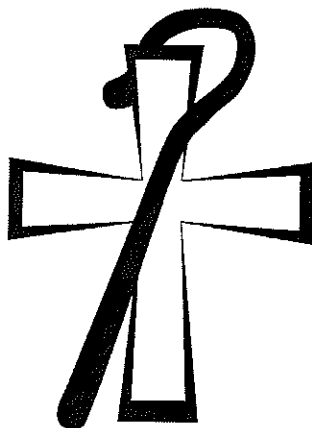


I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877
Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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CONFESSION OF FAITH AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

I now ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of evil that contend against God and his faithful servants?

I do.

Do you renounce the influence and power of the world that are contrary to God's Word and will?

I do.

Do you renounce the sin within your own heart, mind, and flesh, and call upon the Lord to deliver you from evil?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

You have made a public profession of your Christian faith. I now ask you: Will you regularly gather with us in worship, to receive God's Word and share in his Holy Supper? Will you be a witness to the faith that has been given to you and strive to remain steadfast in God's Word? Will you be a servant to others and seek to love your neighbors, following in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus? Will you proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and his lordship in your life through your daily words and deeds?

I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.

*THE PRAYERS

Set our minds on heavenly things.
Fill us with your joy.

*PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

(We greet one another with the peace of the Risen Christ.)

OFFERTORY "Come to Me" *Choir Text and music: Gregory Norbet, OSB*

*LET THE VINEYARDS



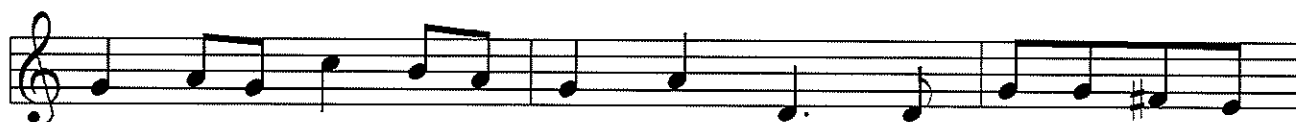
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 him thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

*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.

*THANKSGIVING

*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.

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.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen

COMMUNION HYMN You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (vs1)



You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart with gift of fin-est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



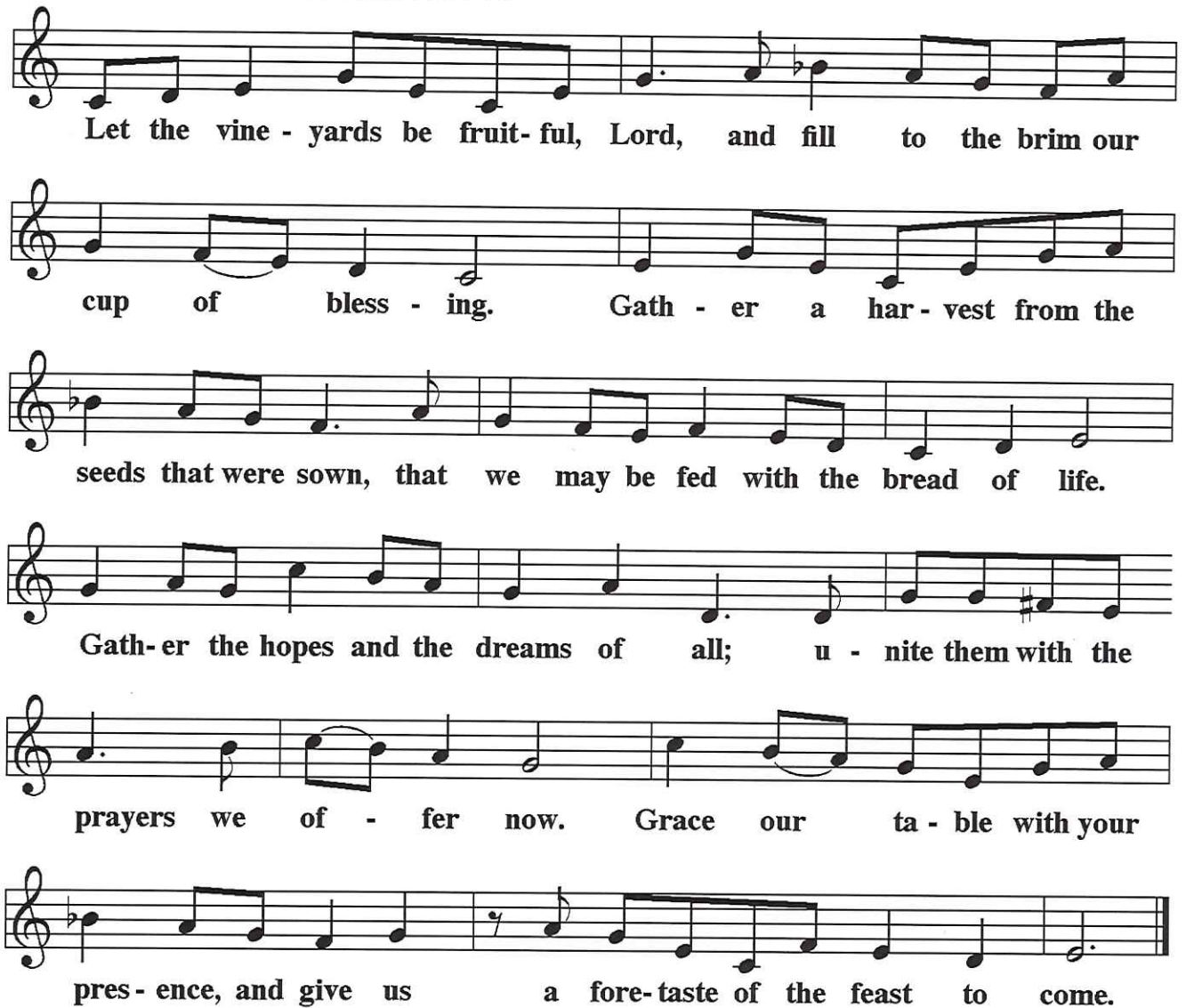
- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy-ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat-i-tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys-t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor-tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self-less let us be,

Refrain



so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol-low and re-joice.
that you should count us wor-thy, Lord, to share this heav'n-ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de-clare our one-ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can-not con-tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth-er in your name in truth and char-i-ty.

*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

Amen

SENDING HYMN Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

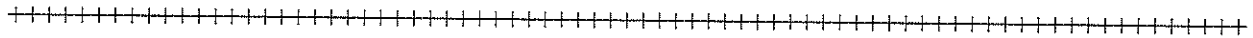
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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SERVING THE FAMILY OF FAITH

This Week: 4/21

Reader: Nancy Wells

Communion: Gina Schiess

Fellowship: Deb Ebert

Usher: Frank Gray

Assisting Minister: Gina Schiess

Next Week: 4/28

Reader: Renate Gray

Communion: Ralph Kuhn

Fellowship: Gina Schiess

Usher: Frank Gray

Upcoming Calendar: Sunday, May 5th, Pr. Paul and Deb gone to VT.
Sunday, May 12th, Chicago Folk Service
Sunday, May 19th, Confirmation of Anna Porter

Given to the Glory of God last week: \$525