



May 21, 2023

7th Sunday of Easter



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Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 50 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion and commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

**Children are always welcome in worship services;
however please know a nursery space is available for
parents who need to tend to their little ones**

Introduction

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All Amen.

P Let us come into the light,
the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection

God of grace and glory,

All you have brought us through the night of sin
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.

Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.

Make us alive in Christ, O God.

Make us new as you make all things new.

**Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace,
and restore us to living in your holiness,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

P Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!

The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds,
washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen,
casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride.

Jesus Christ loves you and ✝ frees you from your sins by his blood.
To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

All Amen.

Opening Song

Open The Eyes Of My Heart Words and Music by Paul Baloche

O - pen the eyes ___ of my heart, ___ Lord, ___

o - pen the eyes ___ of my heart; ___ I want to see You, ___

I want to see You. ___ O - pen the eyes ___ of my heart, ___

___ Lord, ___ o - pen the eyes ___ of my heart; ___ I want to

see You, ___ I want to see You. ___ To see You

high and lift - ed up, ___ shin - ing in the light of Your glo -

ry. ___ Pour out Your pow'r and love; ___ As we sing

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. ___

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ___ ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -

ly; Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to
see You. see You.

Greeting

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

All And also with you.

P In peace, in peace,

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Congregation: Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

P For the reign of God and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all...(Refrain)

P For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word...(Refrain)

Pastor:



Help, save and de - fend us, _____ O God.

Congregation:



A - - - men.

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

Refrain

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new.

Refrain

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Greeting

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Prayer for This Day

P Let us pray:

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand.

All Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A Reading from Acts, the 1st chapter

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Acts 1:6-14

L Word of God, Word of Hope!

All Thanks be to God!

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 68

Please join in a responsive reading of the Psalm. Leader will read the light print while the congregation responds with the bold.

¹Let God arise, and let God’s enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.

²**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence
of God.**

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;**

I AM is that name, rejoice before God!

⁵In your holy habitation, O God,

you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

⁶**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

⁷O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God,
the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

⁹You sent a bountiful rain, O God;

you restored your inheritance when it languished.

¹⁰**Your people found their home in it;**

in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

³³**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;**

you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.

³⁴Ascribe power to God,

whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

³⁵**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,**

giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.

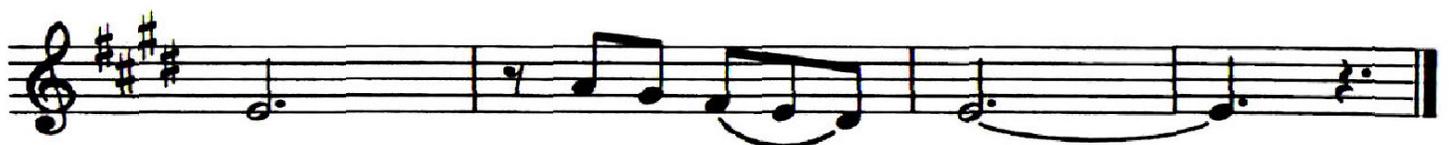
Congregation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we



go? ___ You have the words of e - ter - nal



life: Al - le - lu - ia! _____

Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

John 17:1-11

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

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Sermon

Pr. Debra Jimenez

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

I Love to Tell the Story



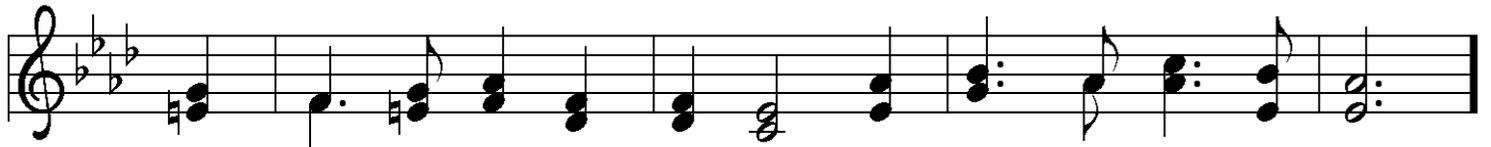
1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

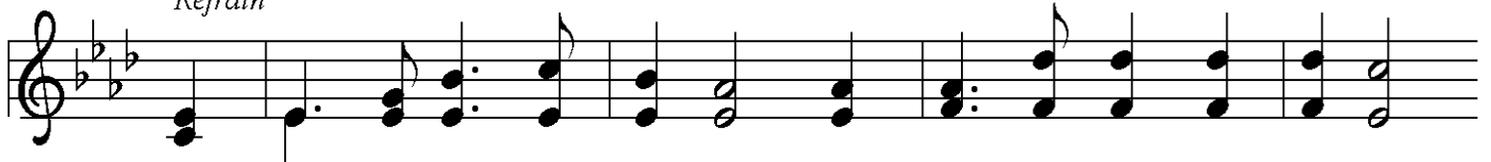


I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

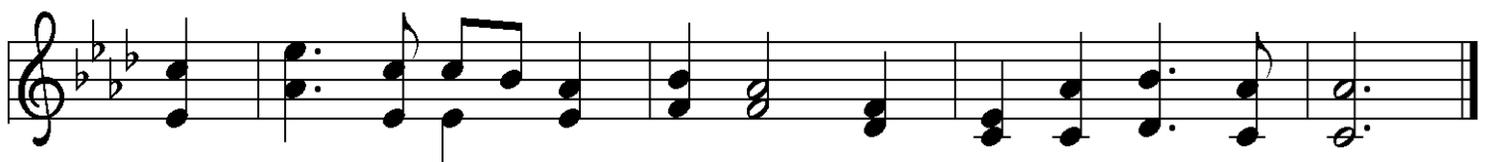


it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911

Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

Blessing of the Lutheran World Relief Care Kits

The Apostles' Creed

P Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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 The People

L United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

(each prayer petition ends with)

L: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

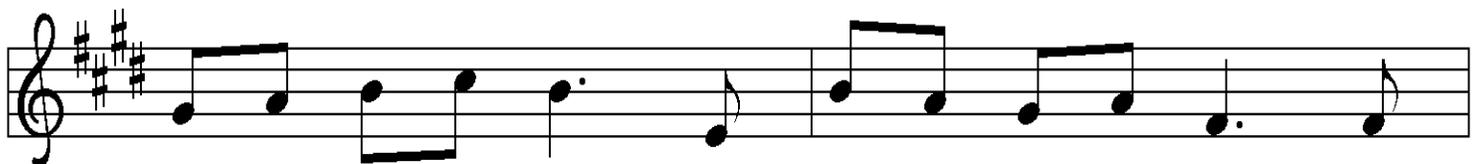
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Passing of the Peace

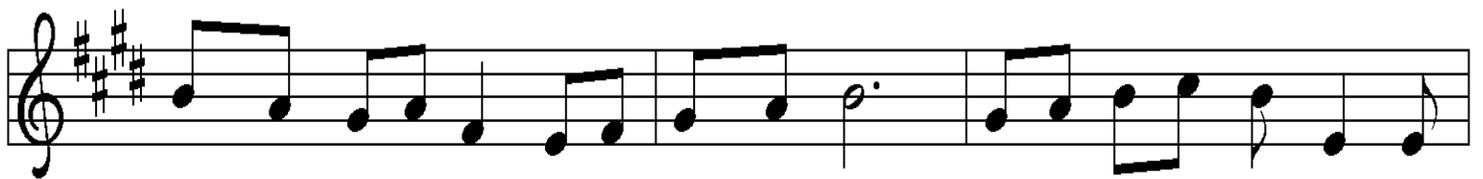
P Christ become peace with you.

All And also with you.

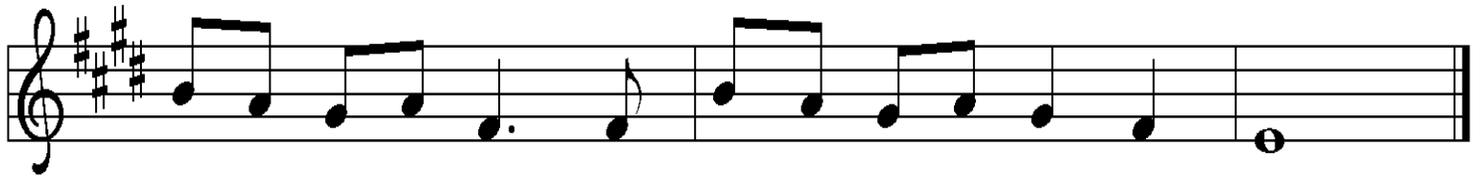
Offertory



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.

Offertory Prayer

P Generous God,
ruler of heaven and earth.

All 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. Amen.**

You may be Seated

Holy Communion



The Lord be with you. And al - so with



you. Lift up your hearts. We



lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation:

thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

P It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation.

On the night of his betrayal 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.

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.

Presider: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

Congregation repeats:

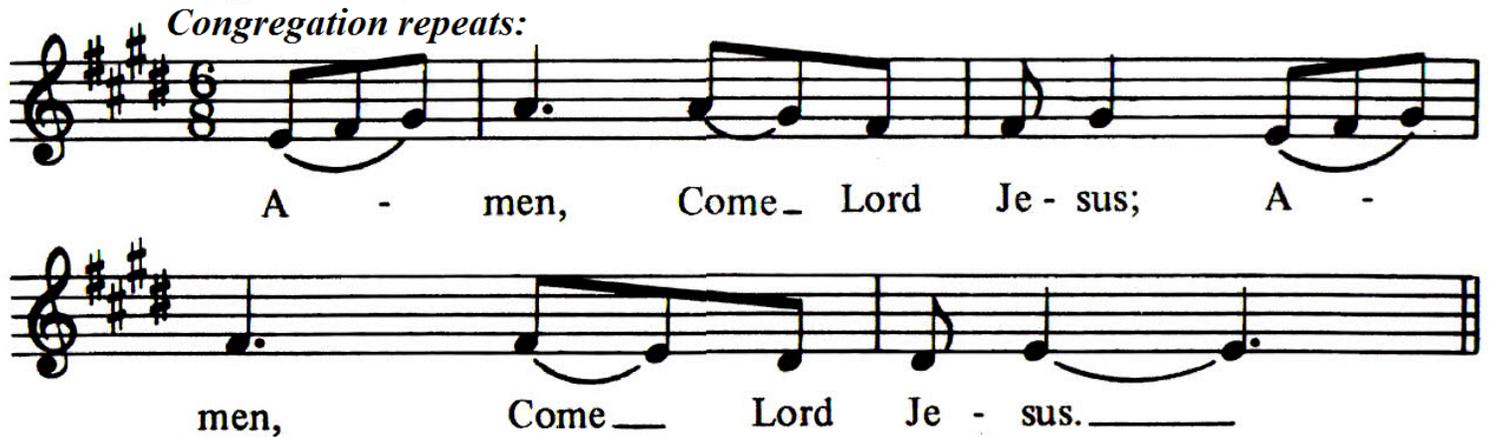
Christ ___ has died. Christ ___ is
ris - en. Christ ___ will come, come. a - gain.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major and 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

P Remembering his command to love one another,
his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension,
we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

Presider: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Congregation repeats:



A - men, Come_ Lord Je - sus; A -
men, Come__ Lord Je - sus._____

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.

Presider: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Congregation repeats:



A - men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it. A -
men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it._____

P This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

Congregation



Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,_____ in the

u-ni-ty of the Spir-it all glo-ry and hon-or is
yours, O God, now and for-ev-er,
A - - - - - men.

The Lord's Prayer

P Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

All 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.

The Invitation

P Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,
offers everyone a place of welcome at His table of grace.
Come to the feast.

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant

Communion Songs

Freely Freely

Words and Music by
Carol Owens



1 God for - gave my sin in Je - sus'
2 All _____ pow'r is giv'n in Je - sus'



name, I've been born a - gain in
name, In _____ earth and heav'n in



Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name I
Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name I



come to you To share His
come to you to share His



love as He told me to: He said,
pow'r as He told me to: He said,



"Free - ly free - ly, you have re -



ceived. Free - ly, free - ly give; _____

— Go in My name and, be - cause you be -
 lieve, Oth - ers will know that I live."_____

Glorify Thy Name

Words and Music by
 Donna Adkins

1. Fa - ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You, glo - ri - fy Thy
2. Je - sus, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,
3. Spir - it, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,

name in all the earth._____ Glo - ri - fy Thy name,

glo - ri - fy Thy name, glo - ri - fy Thy

name in all the earth._____

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All Amen

THANKS BE TO YOU

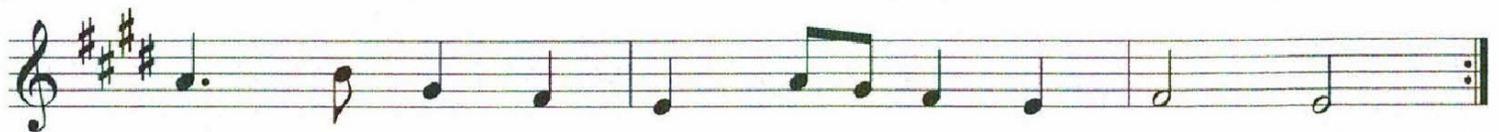
Congregation:



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:



Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



3. Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Please be seated for Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

(Leaders sing each line, the congregation repeats.)

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make His face to shine on you.
And be gracious to you.

May the Lord lift His countenance on you.
May the Lord lift His countenance on you.
May He keep you in perfect peace.

Dismissal

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

***All* Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

With the joy of new life in Christ Jesus,

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ has forgiven you.” *Ephesians 4:23*

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

Thanks be to God.



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Readings for next Sunday,
May 28th
Pentecost

First Reading:	Acts 2:1-21
Psalm:	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
Gospel:	John 20:19-23

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