

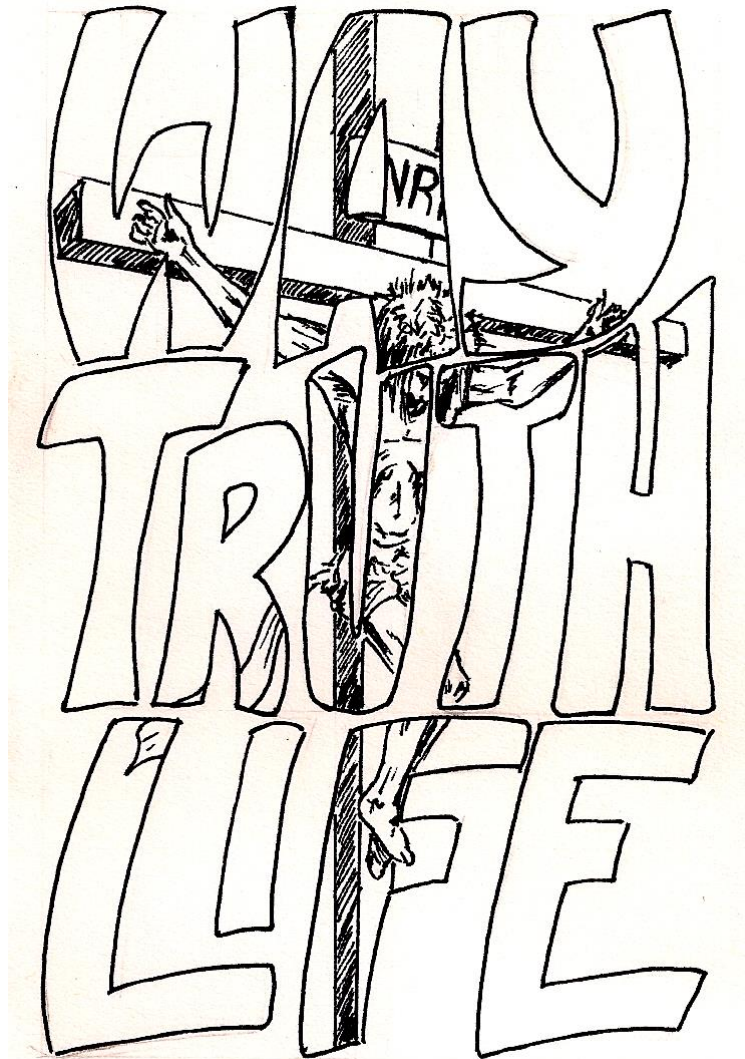
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*Sunday, May 10, 2020*

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

### Service Notes:

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews before the service or during the offering. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

## THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

### OPENING HYMN: #356 "You Are the Way; through You Alone" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0UwxModmaSw>



1 You are the way; through you a - lone Can  
2 You are the truth; your Word a - lone True  
3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -  
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In you, O Christ, has  
wis - dom can im - part. You on - ly can in -  
claims your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their  
us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.  
form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.  
trust in you Not death nor hell shall harm.  
life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.

Tune: DUNDEE (CM) *The CL Psalms of David*, Edinburgh, 1615.

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.



## CONFESSON OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:



C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



**We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,**



**we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,**



**God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;**



**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the**



**sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the**



**sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of**



**God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;**



**you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,**



**are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever



**C:** A - men.

**BE SEATED**



**THE WORD**

## **FIRST LESSON:** Acts 17:1-12

**17** Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." <sup>4</sup> And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. <sup>5</sup> But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. <sup>6</sup> And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, <sup>7</sup> and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus."<sup>8</sup> And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. <sup>9</sup> And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

<sup>10</sup> The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue.<sup>11</sup> Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. <sup>12</sup> Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men.

## PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 33

### *Refrain*

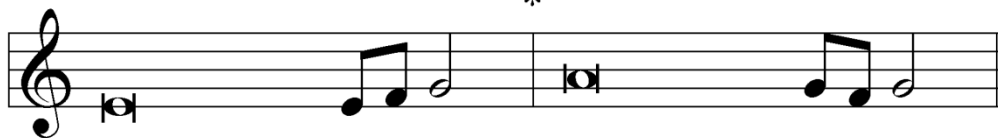


The earth is full of the good-ness of



God, the good-ness of our God.

### *Psalm tone*



Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;  
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

For the Word of the LORD is right and true;  
he is faithful in all he does.

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made,\*  
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

For he spoke, and it came to be;  
he commanded, and it stood firm. ***Refrain***

The LORD foils the plans of the nations;  
he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.



But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever,\*  
the purposes of his heart through all generations.

The LORD loves righteousness and justice;\*  
the earth is full of his unfailing love.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.     *Refrain***

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## **SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 2:4-10**

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup> you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup> So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”

<sup>8</sup> and

“A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia.  
(John 14:6)

### STAND

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

## GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:1-12

**14** “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come

again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son  
of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from  
true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from  
heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin  
Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with  
the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead and the (+) life of the world to come. Amen.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #141 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k5l0YiTJ7SQ>



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
2 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky,  
3 Now no more can death ap - pall,  
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy!  
5 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give,



Praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs be - neath you lie.  
Now no more the grave en - thrall;  
This a - lone can sin de - stroy;  
Sav - ior, by whose death we live,



Who has washed us in the tide Flow - ing  
You have con - quered in the fight; You have  
You have o - pened par - a - dise, And your  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, New - born  
Spir - it, guide through all our days, Three in



from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!  
saints in you shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
souls in you to be. Al - le - lu - ia!  
One, your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

**SERMON**

## PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

## OFFERING

### OFFERING ANTHEM “Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled”

Text: John 14:1-3,6,7,10-14; alt. David Haas, b. 1957

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#### *Refrain*

Do not let your hearts be troubled;  
have faith in God and faith in me.  
I will go forth to prepare a place for you;  
then I'll come back to take you with me,  
that where I am, you may also be.

1 In God's house there are many places  
For you alone to dwell in safety.  
You know the way to where I'll lead you;  
If you are lost, I will show the way. **Refrain**

2 I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life;  
Only through me can you know what I know.  
If you knew me, you would know the Father;  
If you see me, you see your God. **Refrain**

3 The words I speak are not only of myself;  
It is your God who lives within me.  
If you believe that your God and I are one,  
I will provide when you call my name. **Refrain**

## ***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE EASTER SEASON***

This prayer is found on page 126 of Christian Worship.

**M:** O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation,  
you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, from the dead.

**C:** **Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through  
our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**M:** In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd,  
who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

**C:** **Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in  
your glorious triumph.**

**M:** Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make  
intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the  
greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your  
redeemed people standing before your throne and singing  
the song of victory.

**C:** **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom  
and power and honor and glory and praise.**

**M:** Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

**C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

**M:** Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

**C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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 SACRAMENT (Page 21)

### PREFACE

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

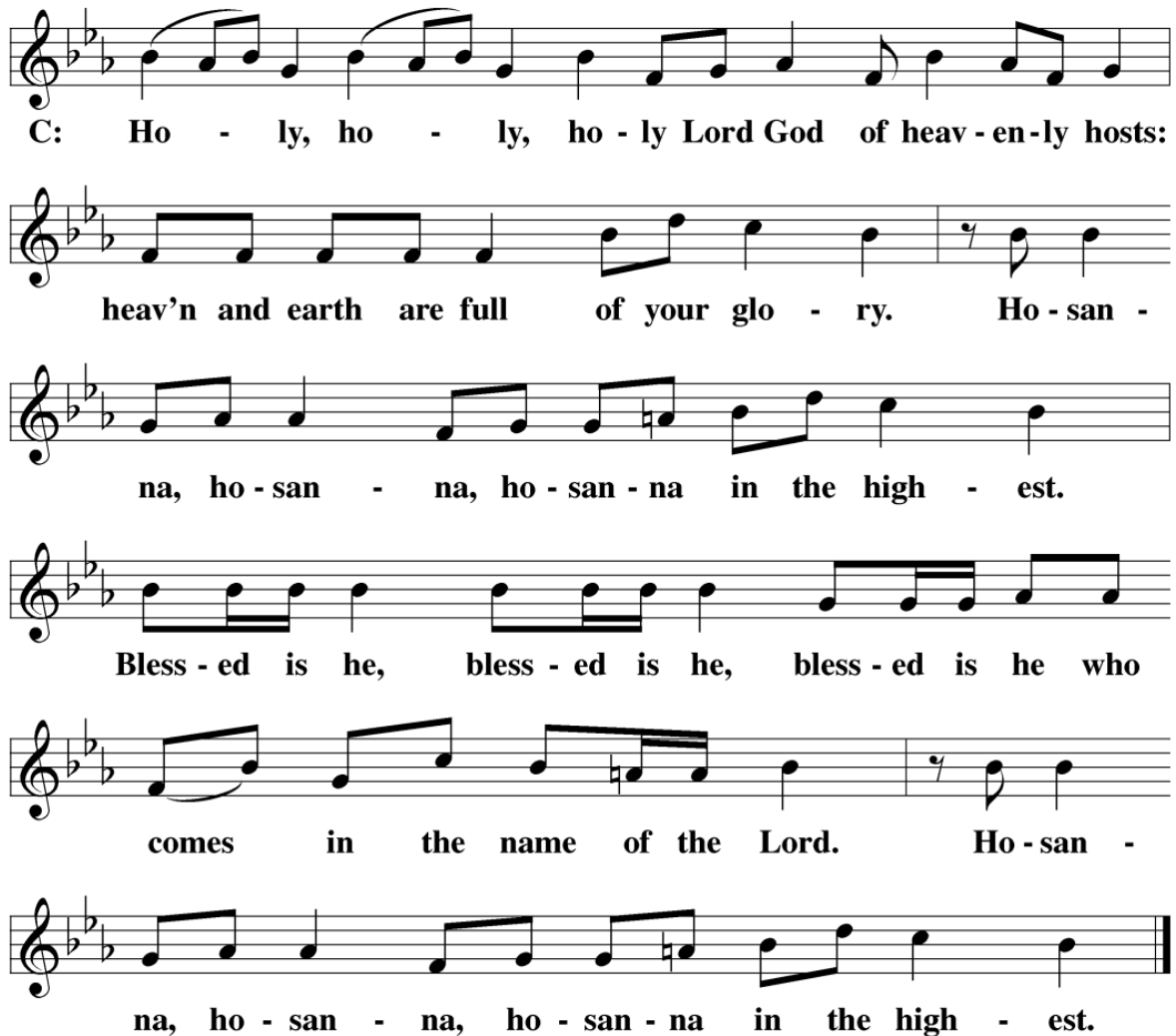


**C:** It is good and right so to do.

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored

everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n 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, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my

(+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M:** The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD** (*Agnus Dei*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us your peace. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

**DISTRIBUTION AND DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

**#453 “Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J2Uy1OZkX1Q>

## 453

## Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke



1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spoke, "All in my  
 2 "I am the light; I light the way, A god - ly  
 3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with  
 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your  
 5 Then let us fol - low Christ our Lord And take the



way a - bid - ing. De - ny your - selves; the  
 life dis - play - ing. I bid you walk as  
 love is glow - ing, And gra - cious words my  
 souls' sal - va - tion, Your hearts from ev - 'ry  
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing



world for - sake; O - bey my call and guid - ing.  
 in the day; I keep your feet from stray - ing.  
 lips ex - press, With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing.  
 guile to free, From sin and its temp - ta - tion.  
 to his Word, In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed.



Oh, bear the cross, what - e'er be - tide; Take  
 I am the way, and well I show How  
 My heart, my mind, my strength, my all To  
 I am the ref - uge of the soul And  
 For those who bear the bat - tle's strain The



my ex - am - ple for your guide.  
 you should jour - ney here be - low.  
 God I yield; on him I call.  
 lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."  
 crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–77, abr., st. 1-3, 5; *Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge*, 1695, st. 4; tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–96, alt.

Tune: MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT (87 87 88) Bartholomäus Gesius, c. 1555–1613, adapt.

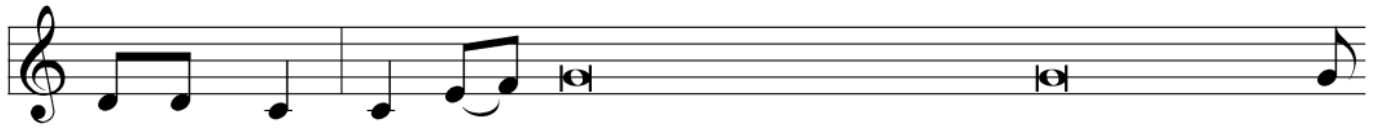
# THANKSGIVING (page 24)

STAND

## SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

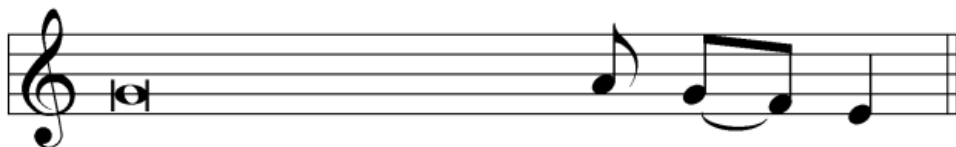


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through

Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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### THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Sunday (May 10) - 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM Private Communion Services  
**Next Sunday (May 17) - 9:30 AM – DIVINE SERVICE**  
**Ascension (May 21) - 7:00 PM – Festival Divine Service**

Serving next week:

Altar Guild – May 17: Gretchen Castellese; Ascension (May 21) Barb Cutler  
Ushering – May 17: Team 1; Ascension (May 21) Team 2

**Please Note:** In light of the cancellation of the regularly scheduled Divine Service, and to abide with the social distancing requirements, and the Christian's desire to be fed with God's gifts of Word and Sacrament, I am available to serve you spiritually as you desire.

I will offer Confession and Absolution, Scripture reading, prayer, and Lord's Supper and Benediction {Basically a condensed service} this Sunday (May 10) from **8:00 AM through 11:00 AM (Please note the time!)** to any interested individuals and/or families who want to come.

The abbreviated service will be held in the sanctuary. If you arrive and a service is in session, please disperse yourselves out in sanctuary, taking the time for personal prayer and meditation on the Word.

**Also Note:** The bulletin and sermon links will also be emailed to you. I will record my sermon as I have for the past number of weeks. It will be posted on our website, splp.org. for your meditation.

**IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE: *We will resume Divine Services on May 17 at 9:30 AM.*** We ask that you disperse in the sanctuary (practice social distancing). For Holy Communion we will have smaller communion tables so that you are able to spread out along the communion rail. Offerings will be gathered at the entrance to the sanctuary. Pastor and communion assistants will practice handwashing and/or other safe practices. The congregation is encouraged to wear protective equipment based on their own personal level of comfort during these unusual times. Ushers will assist by ushering you from the pew following the service. Please do not gather in the narthex. The church building will receive a thorough cleaning and disinfecting every week.

**If you are unable to attend yet, Pastor Schaefer will be glad to make arrangements with you for private Communion. We intend to post the entire service on our website after the service. Sunday Adult Bible Class and Sunday School will resume at a later date.**

### **Zoom Online Bible Study, 10 AM Wednesdays**

We continue our study of 2 Samuel. Some have had trouble joining the Bible study because of connection issues, so we are going to try a different approach. If you would like to be included in the study, contact Pastor Schaefer ([peschaef5@gmail.com](mailto:peschaef5@gmail.com) or text (734-658-5735) before the study; then a Zoom invite will be sent to you at 9:45 AM Wednesday which may make it easier to join the Bible study. Take note: You **must** use the free Zoom app to facilitate joining. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Schaefer soon.

**Steeple Bells** You may have noticed that our steeple bells are no longer ringing on the hour; this is because the mechanical automatic control is not functioning properly. The Board of Trustees will be working with a contractor to install a digital control, which will be more flexible and easier to use than the old system. If you would like to contribute funds to this project, please



Speak to Nils Peterson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees or to Pastor Schaefer. Your help would be much appreciated to bring back the sound of the bells to the neighborhood, to the glory of God.

**PASTORAL CARE & MERCY** – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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