

Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church



The Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024, 10am

Welcome to Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church! We greet one another as sisters and brothers in Christ and welcome all who may be visiting. We are delighted that you are here to worship, first time visitors, and encourage you to sign our guest book in the entry hall. Please fill out a visitor's card in the pew holders and place it in the offertory plate. HOLY COMMUNION is open to all who confess their faith in Jesus and acknowledge Him to be Lord. Those unable to partake of wine are assured the Church affirms our Lord's presence in, with and under the bread alone.

PRELUDE: *Come Down, O Love Divine*

Henry G. Ley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism [*Romans 6:1-11*]. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore, I ask of you:

P Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

C **I reject them.**

P Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbor?

C **I repent of them.**

P Let us remember those sins which trouble and weigh heavily on us:
Lord Jesus, you are risen from the dead: Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P You have destroyed death forever: Christ, have mercy.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

P You have opened for us the way to eternal life: Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN: *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* ELW 769

EASTER GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

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

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

Refrain



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



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



Women and Girls 1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
Men and Boys 2. Pow - er rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, _____ and
Women and Girls 3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, _____ and
Men and Boys 4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
All singing 5. For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -



blood set us free _____ to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, _____ bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *to Verse 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun his _____ reign. _____ Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



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



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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

We sit

FIRST READING: ACTS 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

L The Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks Be to God!**

PSALM: PSALM 98 (sung responsively by whole verse)



¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of
the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house
of Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.

**⁶With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.

**⁸Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who
comes to | judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

L The Word of the Lord. C **Thanks Be to God!**

We stand

CELTIC ALLELUIA (SING TWICE)

Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 15:9-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord! (spoken boldly)

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

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

P The Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to You, O Christ!**

We sit

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SERMON: What’s Love Got to Do With It?

Rev. Ron Philabaum

We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: *One There Is above All Others* TUNE: *Lauda Anima*

1. One there is, a - bove all oth - ers, well de - serves the
 2. Which of all our friends, to save us, could or would have
 3. When he lived on earth, they scorned him; "Friend of sin - ners"
 4. May God's grace cold hearts now soft - en! Teach us, Lord, how

name of friend; his is love be - yond all oth - ers,
 shed his blood? But our Sav - ior died to have us
 was his name. Though the an - gels have a - dored him,
 we can love. We for - get, ig - nore too oft - en

cost - ly, free, and knows no end; they who once his
 rec - on - ciled in him to God; this was bound - less
 still he an - swers to that claim; still he calls us
 what a friend we have a - bove who will bring us

kind - nes prove — find it ev - er - last - ing love.
 love in - deed: — Je - sus is the friend we need.
 dear - est friends — and to all our needs at - tends.
 home to heav - en where, at last we'll live in love.

Text: John Newton, *Olney Hymns*, 1799, sts. 1, 2, 4, & 6, alt. LBW 298.
Tune: LAUDA ANIMA, John Goss, 1800-1880.

NICENE CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the
virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**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.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He
has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic 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**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

After each portion of the prayers:

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

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

LITURGY OF THE LORD'S TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments*

Thomas Tallis

*If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father,
And He shall give you another comforter, That He may 'bide with you forever;
E'en the spirit of truth.*

St. John 15:15-17

OFFERTORY SONG: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord* [ELW 184]



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



bles - sing. 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

P Let us pray:

C **Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.**

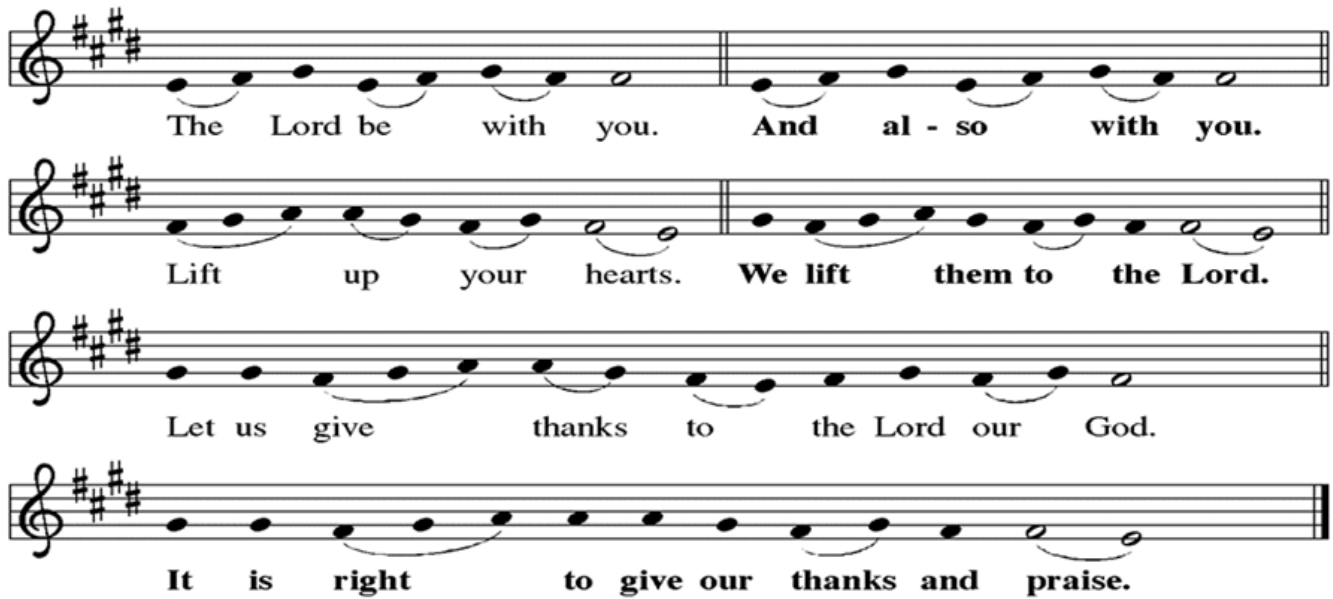
May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus

Christ, our true vine. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

HOLY COMMUNION

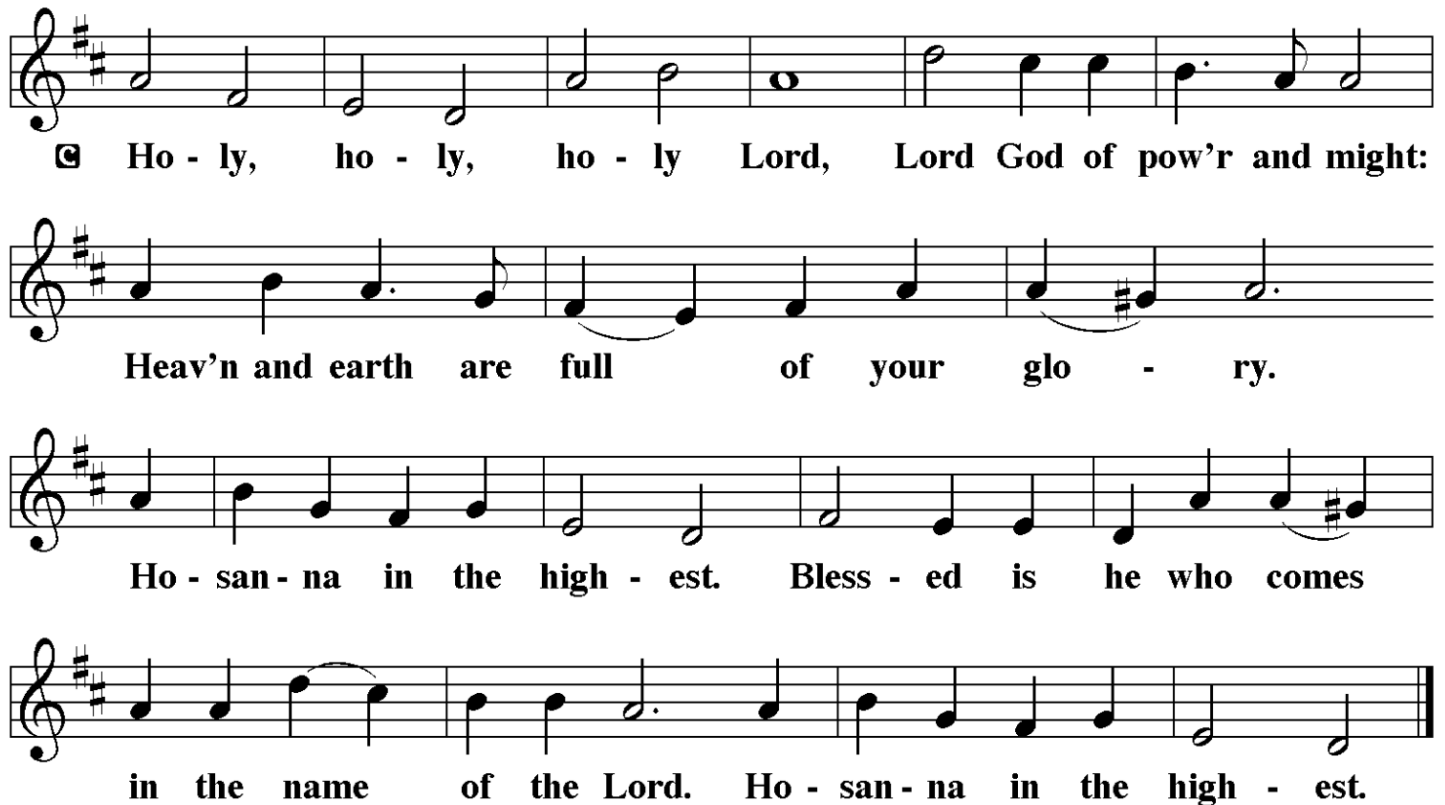


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



SANCTUS

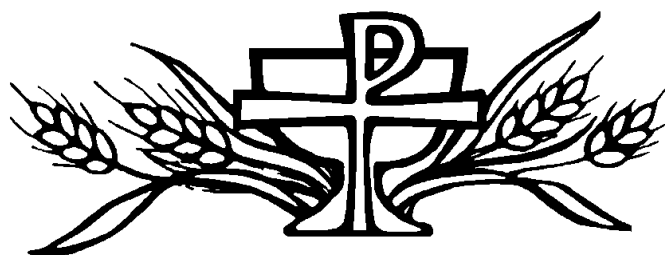


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer. We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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.



I am the bread of life

P 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.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

THE 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Lamb of God*

ELW page 154

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.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Beautiful Savior*
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

ELW 838
ELW 742

We stand

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

C **Amen**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

PRAYER

P Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

ELW 631

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

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

POSTLUDE: *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* Johann Ludwig Krebs

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