

Zion Lutheran Church, 15 S. 4th Street, Harrisburg, PA / www.zionharrisburg.org

May 15, 2022, 5th Sunday of Easter

10:15am Service of Word and Sacrament

Prelude “Lord, Your Hands Have Formed” – Gayom Higami, setting Wayne L. Wold

Easter Greeting

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

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.

P 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.

Silence is kept for personal confession.

P Most merciful God,

C 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 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.

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Gathering Hymn

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Red 95, vv 1,2,4

At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,
Who hath washed us in the tide Flowing from his pierced side;
Praise we him, whose love divine Gives his sacred Blood for wine,
Gives his Body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the Paschal Blood is poured, Death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose Blood was shed, Paschal victim, Paschal bread;
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above.

Paschal triumph, Paschal joy, Sin alone can this destroy;
From sin's power do thou set free Souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise, Father, unto thee we raise:
Risen Lord, all praise to thee With the Spirit ever be. Amen.

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.**

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. Ⅰ 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. Ⅱ Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and



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



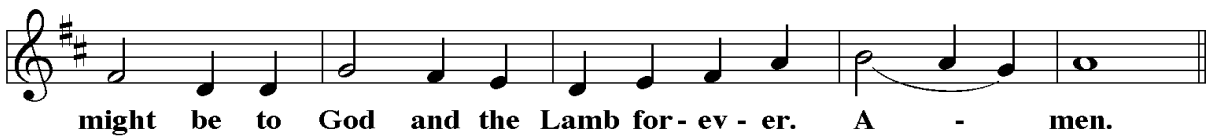
♩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Ⅲ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, 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. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☩ For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
 ☩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray: O God, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will. Grant that your people would love what you command and desire what you promise, that, among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

¹The apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit

fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" ¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

Psalm 150 *read responsively*

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!

²**Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!**

³Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!

⁴**Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!**

⁵Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶**Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!**

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-7

¹Then 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. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." ⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶And 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 from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the". The second staff continues with the lyrics: "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia." The music consists of simple quarter and eighth notes.

Gospel: John 16:12-22

¹²{Jesus said to his disciples,} “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁶A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn

In Christ There is No East or West Red 342

In Christ there is no east or west, In him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord Close binding all mankind.

Join hands, then, brothers of the faith, Whate’er your race may be:
Who serves my Father as a son Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, In him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in him Throughout the whole wide earth.

Apostles' Creed

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

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.

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

P Let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

A brief silence for prayer

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

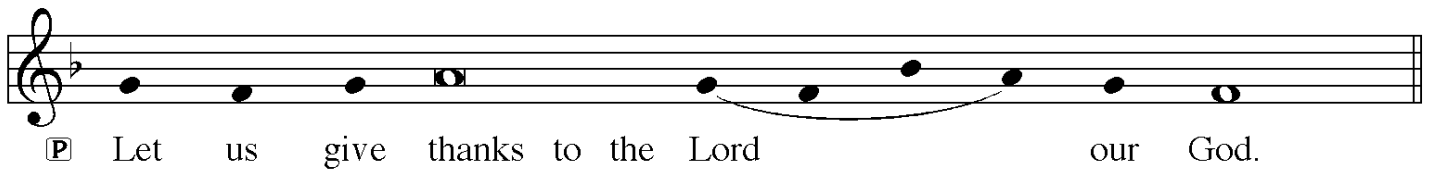
The Great Thanksgiving



P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



C 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.

The Eucharistic Prayer

P Blessed are you,
Lord of Heaven and earth.
In your mercy for our fallen world
you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him
should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you
for the salvation
you have prepared
for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit
into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord
with a living faith
as he comes to us
in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus

P In the night
in which he was betrayed
our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks to it; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

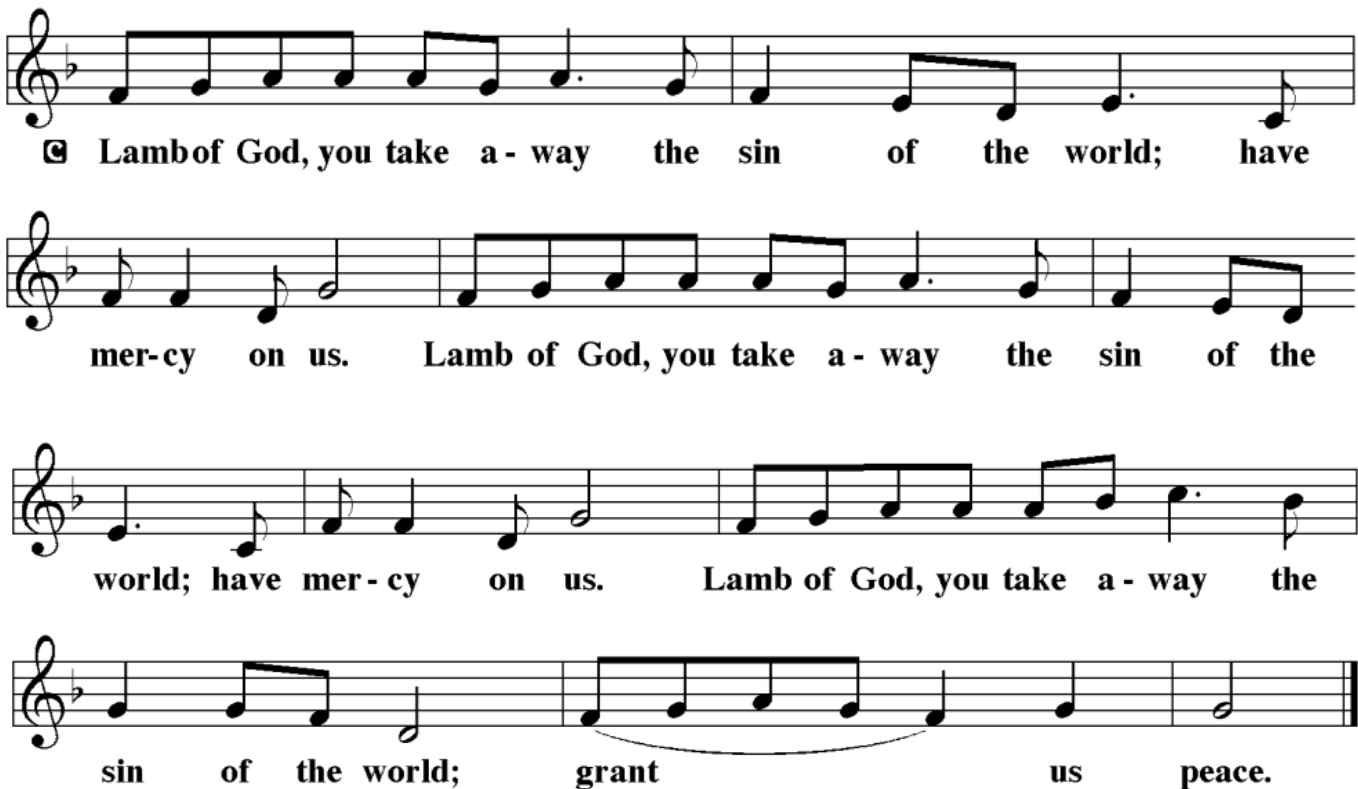
Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup is
the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

P This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are they who are called to his supper.



☐ 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.

The Communion

All baptized persons who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine are welcome to the Table of the Lord.

Recorded Music will be played while communion is distributed to those attending in-person, benefitting those online & in the worship space.

For those communing in-person, take a clear communion cup to receive wine from the assisting minister or a purple communion cup to receive grape juice.

For those continuing to fast from the sacrament, you are invited to pray the following prayer, The Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually in my heart.
I embrace You as if you were already there,
and I unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

(Saint Alphonsus Liguori)

Following the receiving of communion, the pastor will speak a blessing to those who do not yet receive the sacrament.

Post Communion Blessing

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

Post Communion Sung Response:

“Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Red 428, TUNE 2, vv 1 & 4

O for a thousand tongues to sing My dear Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace!

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, He sets the prisoner free;
His Blood can make the foulest clean, His Blood availed for me.

Post Communion Prayer

P Let us pray: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.
C Amen.

Benediction

P 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.
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Sending Hymn

Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound

Red 103, vv 1,3,4

Now let the vault of heaven resound
In praise of Love that doth abound,
‘Christ hath triumphed, alleluia;’
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear,
Repeat their song of glory here,
‘Christ hath triumphed, Christ hath triumphed!’
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through thy triumph,
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our life we ever say,
'Christ hath triumphed, and he liveth!'
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Adorning praises now we bring
And with the heavenly blessed sing,
'Christ hath triumphed, Alleluia!'
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
Thine the glory never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

Dismissal

P Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

A time of fellowship with those attending online directly follows the worship service.

Offerings may be placed in the designated boxes at the bottom of each staircase in the main entry way.

Serving in Worship Today:

Worship Leader & Preacher:

Pastor Karin Pejack

Presider at the Sacrament of Holy Communion:

Pastor Keith Eslinger

Minister of Technology:

Catherine Germann

AV on Site:

Bob Haas & Jeff Springer

Minister of Music:

Norma Swain

Lector:

John Cooper

Responsive Reader:

Ricky Perrine

Assisting Ministers:

Mike & Judy Reynolds

Lessons for Next Week

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27; John 16:23-33