

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

May 21, 2023, 7th Sunday after Easter

10:15am Service of Word and Sacrament and Healing Prayer

Prelude Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich (Let all together praise our God)

- Johann Gottfried Walther

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.

Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own.

Awake, my soul and sing Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.

His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, And lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of years, The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail Throughout eternity.

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-tory 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-tory 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. **□** 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: Blessed Trinity, in Jesus you have made us all one. Grant that his prayer that all his disciples be one as you are one be manifest in our lives for the sake of your mission in the world; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading: Acts 1:12-26

¹²Then {the disciples} returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. ¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about ¹²⁰) and said, ¹⁶"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰"For it is written in the Book of Psalms, 'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and 'Let another take his office.' ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Psalm 68:1-10

¹God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;
and those who hate him shall flee before him!

²**As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away;**
as wax melts before fire,
so the wicked shall perish before God!

³But the righteous shall be glad;
they shall exult before God;
they shall be jubilant with joy!

**⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;
his name is the LORD;
exult before him!**

⁵ Father of the fatherless and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.

**⁶ God settles the solitary in a home;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.**

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

**⁸ the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain,
before God, the One of Sinai,
before God, the God of Israel.**

⁹ Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad;
you restored your inheritance as it languished;

**¹⁰ your flock found a dwelling in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" ¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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: John 17:1-11

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. ⁶I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Blessed be the Tie That Binds

Red 543

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love: The
fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers; Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear, And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin, we shall be free; And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

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.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

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.**

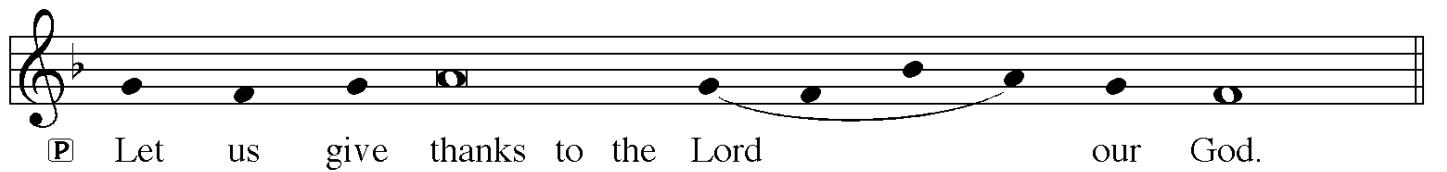
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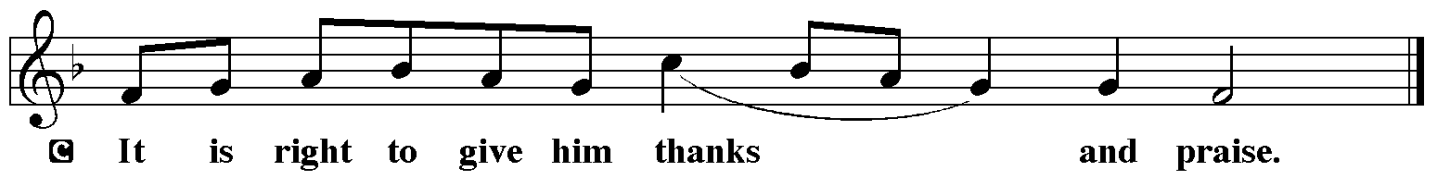
P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



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.

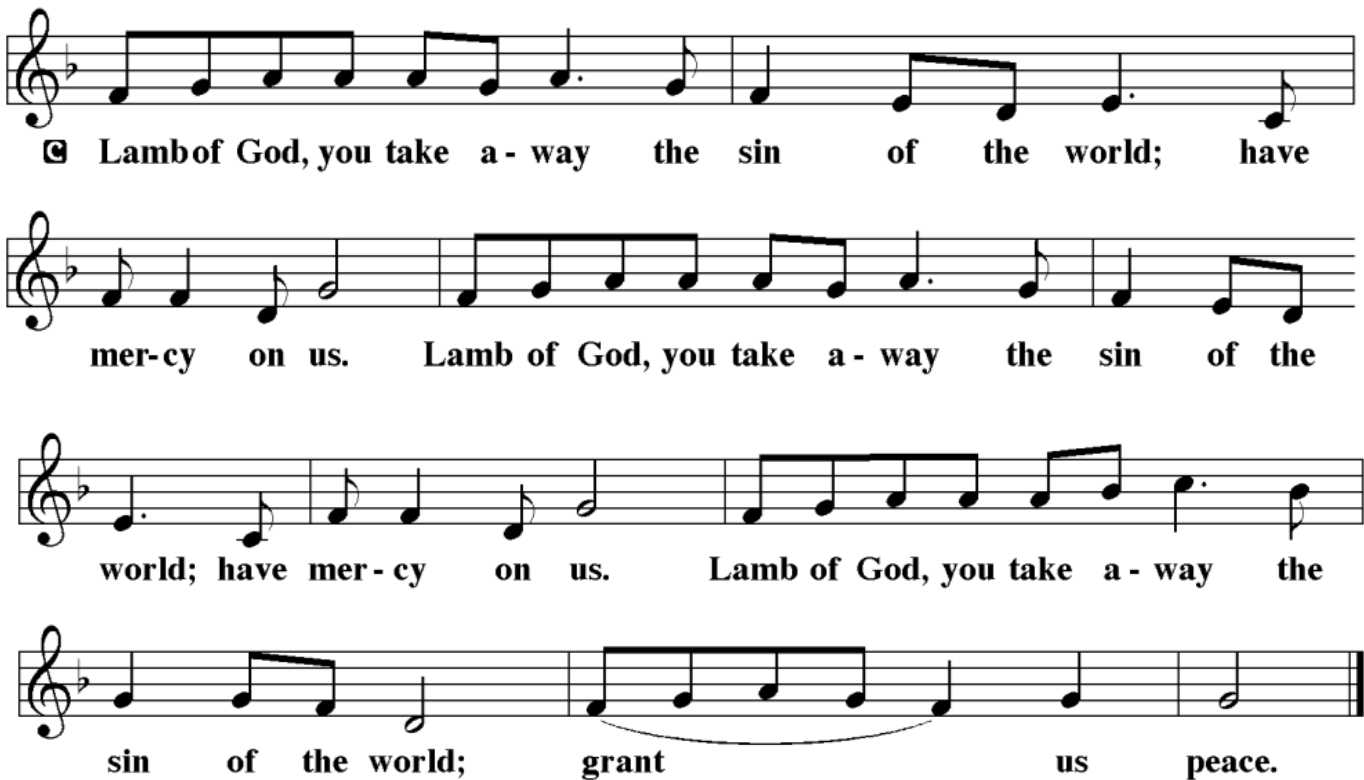
Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup is
the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you
for the forgiveness of sins.

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. All who would desire healing prayer are welcome to receive it.

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.

Communion is offered at the altar rail on the pulpit side. Healing prayer with anointing is offered at the altar rail on the lectern side.

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)

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

The Church’s One Foundation

Red 149 vv1,2,4

The Church’s one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the word:
From heaven he came and sought her
To be his holy bride,
With his own Blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee. 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.

Sharing the Peace of Christ with one another following worship is encouraged.

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

Serving in Worship Today:

Presiding Worship Leader & Lector:

Pastor Karin Pejack

Minister of Technology:

Catherine Germann

AV on Site:

Jeff Springer, Bob Haas, John Cooper

Minister of Music & Organist:

Norma Swain

Lector:

Judy Atticks

Responsive Reader:

Ricky Perrine

Assisting Ministers:

Mike & Judy Reynolds, Judy Atticks

Lessons for Next Week:

Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 25:1-15; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39