

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

May 5, 2024

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## **INTRODUCTION**

*This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.*

## **COMMUNITY NEWS—May Birthdays & Anniversaries**

### **WORSHIP** (\*stand as you are able)

Worship gathers us to stand with each other again in Easter's first light. We gather to offer to God the one thing God does not first give us, our praise. Here our story is made part of God's story and God's story is made our own.

Worship turns us toward God. Like the crowds following Jesus, we come to his feet to be found, fed, healed and raised, and we are given to stand in the Kingdom of God, heaven itself, receiving again God's free gifts and presence.

Worship turns us toward the world. Like the disciples before us, here we are made church, made the living body of Christ for the world as we learn again who we are, what we are worth, and what our lives are about. It is the template and practice field for our everyday selves in the everyday world as children of God, disciples of Jesus, and servant citizens of the kingdom of God. So, we begin our worship by singing together our gathering hymn.

# GATHERING HYMN #714

## "O God of Mercy, God of Light"

Congregation: Verses 1-2, 4, & 6

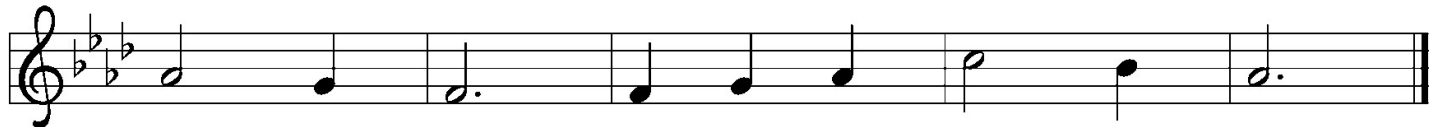
Choir: Verses 3 & 5



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and  
2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost  
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for  
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er  
world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we  
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and  
Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.  
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.  
word and thought may work a work for you.  
grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
may we each other's burdens share;  
may we, where help is needed, there  
give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move  
all those who live to live in love,  
till you receive in heav'n above  
all those who live in you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.

Music: JUST AS I AM, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

## 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.

C **Amen.**

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

*silence is kept for reflection*

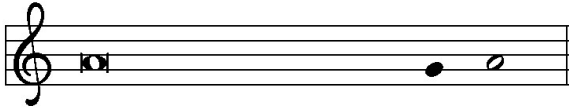
P God of grace and glory,

C **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!

C **Amen.**

# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C



Lord, have mer - cy.

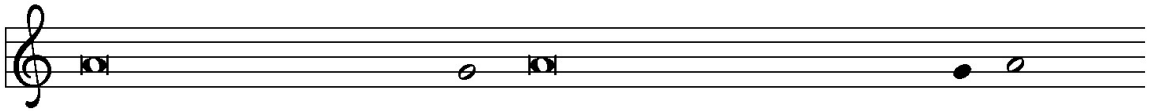


For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

C



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

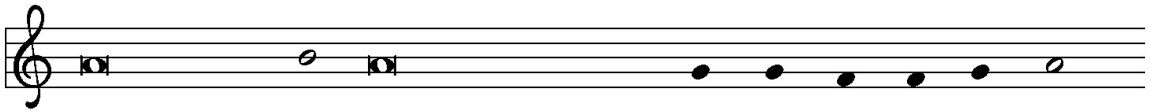


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

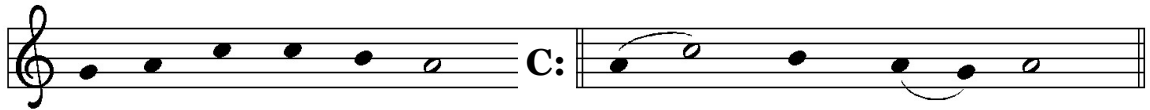
C



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE # 712

*"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"*

Verses 1, 4



- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
- 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



- who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
- still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
- in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
- to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



- we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
- As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
- mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
- hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



- con-se-crating to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
- by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
- stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
- that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

Text © Oxford University Press

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C **Amen.**

## CHOIR

### *“How Great His Love”*

*Ruth Elaine Schram*

How great His love, how great His mercy,  
to choose the path that leads to Calvary;  
To drink the cup of pain and sorrow;  
How great His love, how great His love for me.

How great the love of God, the Father,  
to choose a plan that sends His only Son to live with us, to walk among us;  
How great His love, how great His love for us.

How great His love, how great his love,  
that He could call us His children, that He should give Jesus;  
How great His love for us, how great His love for us.

How great His love, how gen'rous His compassion,  
to meet our need before we knew to ask;  
to call our names, to beckon us to follow;  
How great His love, how great His love for us.

How great His love, how great His love,  
that He should call us His children, that He should give Jesus.

How great His love, how great His love for us.  
How great His love for us.

## FIRST READING

### *Acts 10:44-48*

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

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

### *1 John 5:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup>This 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.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## **GOSPEL LESSON**

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### ***John 15:9-17***

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I 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. <sup>16</sup>You 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. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P ...the Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON—Spark Bible pg#524**

## **PENNY COLLECTION**

## **CHIMES**

***“God of Grace We Sing”***  
***Michael Helman***

## **SERMON**



## HYMN OF THE DAY #656

### *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*



- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
- 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
- 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
- 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**P** My brothers and sisters, having heard the Good News proclaimed, let us stand and confess our faith together using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**C** **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 OF THE PEOPLE**

**P** Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*a brief silence*

**A** Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. God of grace,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

A Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us. At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace,  
C **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.  
C **Amen.**

## OFFERING

By our offering we become a part of a mission to be examples of God's acceptance and grace to all in a church that has shared these precious gifts with us in times of joy and sadness. By it we also offer God our most sincere and personal worship: taking some of what matters to us, we put our treasure where we want our hearts to be, and we give it as a giving back of our whole selves to the God who has given us everything and is our everything. So, let us continue our worship now by presenting God with our offerings of duty and delight.

## TIME OF OFFERING

*Options for giving:*

*Place in offering plate during service*

*Mail in your offering*

*Use Bill Pay from your bank*

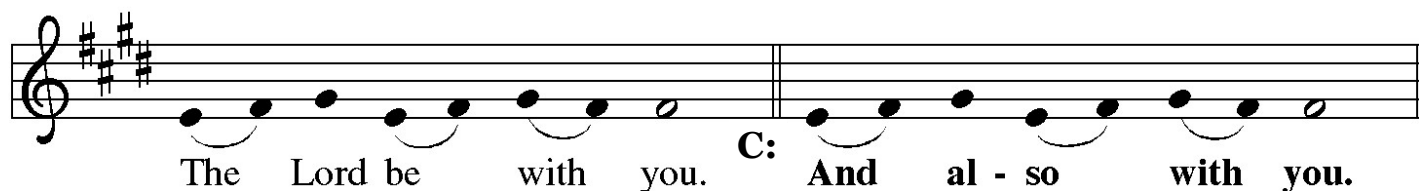
*Use Venmo. From the app search for us: @Resurrection-Lutheran*



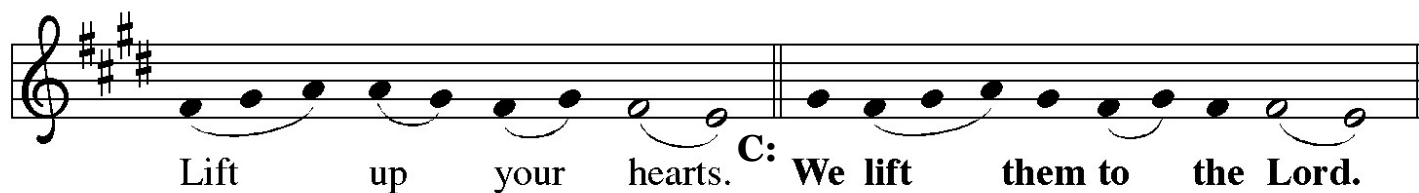
## OFFERING PRAYER

A 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.  
C **Amen.**

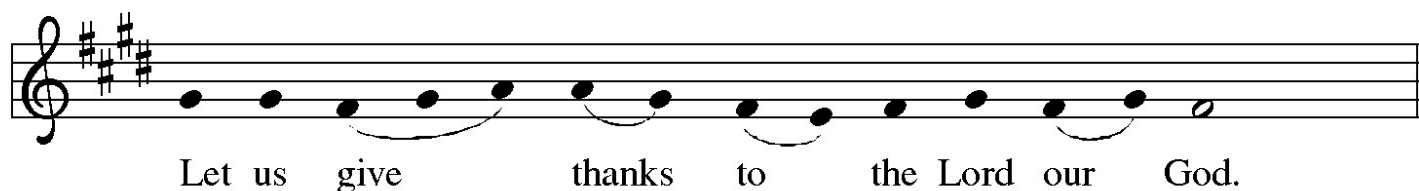
# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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



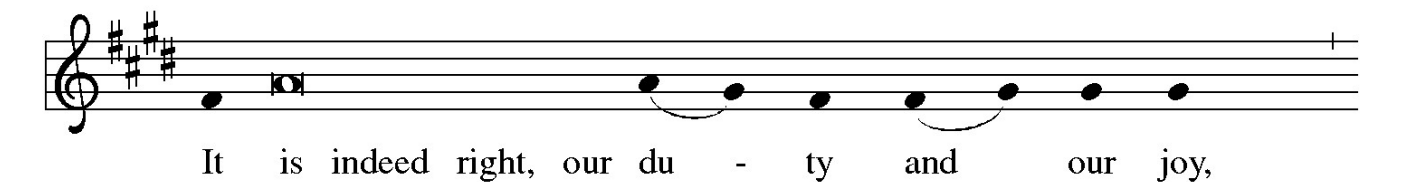
Lift up your hearts. **C:** We lift them to the Lord.



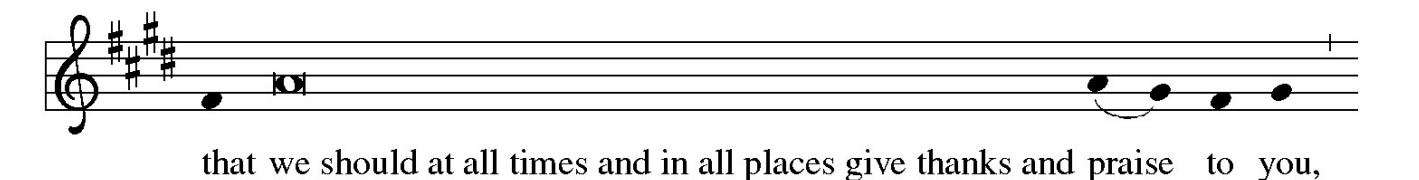
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



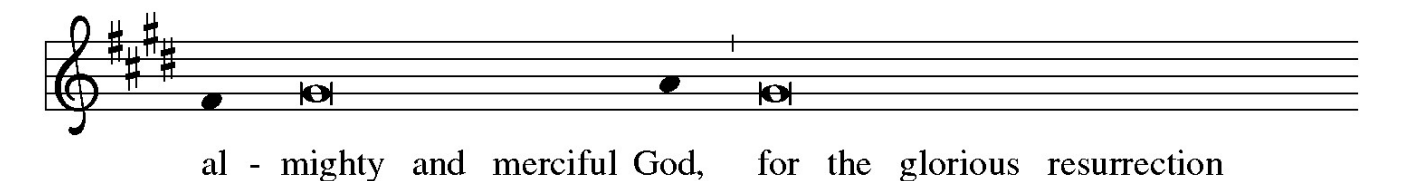
**C:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.



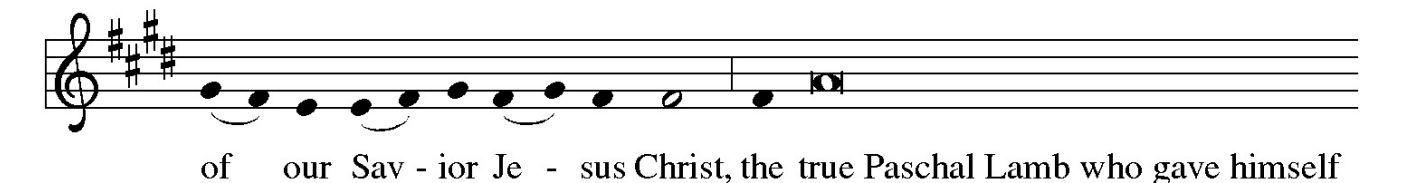
It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



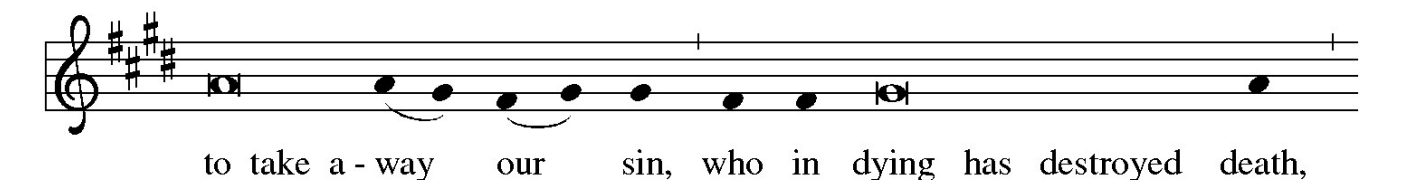
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



al - mighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection



of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself



to take a - way our sin, who in dying has destroyed death,

and in ris - ing has brought us to e - ter - nal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the

res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,

and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,

we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

C: 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Our Lord remembers us in His kingdom and teaches us to pray,

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.**

### COMMUNION

Communion is the high point of worship for us. In this moment we step out trusting that God has indeed removed sin, bound up our brokenness, defeated death, conquered evil, and brought us so close that we can touch God and God can touch us with such priceless gifts as welcome, love, grace, mercy, deliverance, and endless life (*Communion options are shared*). My siblings, this is our Lord's table. All are welcome here.

## LAMB OF GOD



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.

## A TIME FOR COMMUNION AND REFLECTION

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

**p** My sisters and brothers, at this time and in this place you are in the very Kingdom of God, now may His Body and His Blood strengthen and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## BLESSING

P May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN—*See Next Page*

## DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P Christ is risen, just as he said.

Go in peace, being an example of God's acceptance and grace to all.  
Share the good news. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE



SENDING HYMN # 722

*"O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate"*

V 1-3



1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.  
2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,  
3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.  
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.  
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme  
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,  
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.  
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.  
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923-2007  
Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, May 5<sup>th</sup>, the Youth will be starting their envelope fundraiser. There will be a poster board on the wall by the nursery, covered with envelopes with \$ amounts written on them. You simply take the envelope or envelopes that total the amount you wish to donate and add cash, check or a note that you are sending through Venmo or Vanco and put it in the offering plate. As envelopes are removed a picture will be revealed. Thank you for your support!

**JUST NEIGHBORS** Our next rotation for just neighbors is May 19 to the 24<sup>th</sup>, if you would like to provide a meal or part of a meal, please sign up here!



We will be holding **Volunteer Training** today after worship for all worship service volunteer opportunities. If you are currently helping and would like a refresher course or if you would like to start volunteering, please join us!

PSA—**Mother’s Day** is next week, May 12!

The Seasoned Adults are planning a game night for Sunday, May 5, 2024, from 5:30 until 8:00 in RLC’s Fellowship Hall. Game Night is not limited to those 50 or older. Anyone over 18 years of age is welcome to participate. A sign-up sheet is at the counter at the reception desk in the Fellowship Hall. Those attending are encouraged to bring a snack to share. The games include board games and card games. You are welcome to bring a game to share.

Attendance and Giving for April 21 & 28, 2024		
ATTENDANCE	<b>176 *Numbers are for 2 Sundays*</b>	
GIVING	This period	Year to Date
Offerings	8,051.20	55,142.92
Required Budget	11,788.24	47,076.93
Total Over/ (Short)	(3,737.04)	8,065.99

## PRAY FOR...

Duane Steffen  
Jack Bigham  
Eddie Carnahan  
Lela & George Dunn  
Craig Kirkendall  
Elaine Kirkendall  
Danny  
Dave Martin  
Jan Hieber  
Mary VanWormer  
Patty Gray

Dot  
Chris Jr.  
Nathaniel  
John  
Roberta  
Jeff Wrobel  
Hannah  
Jerry Claxton  
Deb Claxton  
Bev Rodocker

**Military Service:**  
Bailey Beyer  
Jaidyn Beyer  
Collin Monteith  
Dakota Francis  
Jon Popovich  
Matthew Gephart  
Alex Horvath

**Homebound:**  
Cindy Dankert  
Bob & Cheryl Goble  
Norma Greener  
Sarajane Hill  
Joyce Svoboda

**FAMILY OF MAGGIE JACKSON**



*Today's altar flowers are given by Rob & Brenda Mundroff  
celebrating Rebecca's birthday and also by Margo Grove  
celebrating Mark's birthday!*



