

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Great Falls, Virginia

May 21, 2023, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

*Our vision is to be a vibrant community of Jesus' disciples,  
empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring God's grace into our world.*

ELW refers to Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red hymnal in the pew rack. ACS refers to All Creation Sings.

A: indicates Assisting Minister; P: indicates Presiding Minister; **C: indicates Congregation**.

At places where the ✝ appears, it is customary to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism. The Congregation responds with the words in **bold type**.

#### **A few notes about worship:**

- **We are glad to have children in worship.** We also know that children sometimes need to move and express themselves in ways that the service (and the pews) don't accommodate. There is a family break room available with toys, a rocking chair, changing table, and other items. It is staffed only during the 11:00 a.m. worship service, but you are free to use it as needed. The audio from worship is fed into that room.

To find the family break room, turn left in the foyer and go past the doors leading to the parking lot. It's the first door on the left down the hall.

- Christ the King strives to be a welcoming and safe place for all. Masks are optional; the pastor will wear a mask when moving among the congregation and when distributing communion.
- The worship service is streamed live on Facebook. The camera angles are set so that worshipers' faces are never seen on camera (the camera may occasionally pick up the back of the heads of those sitting in the front rows); only those leading worship from the chancel, lectern, piano, and organ are ever shown fully or face-on.

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# Announcements

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*Gracious God, we pray that our baptismal journey and the work we do as your children will be inspired and informed by the generous and compassionate example of Jesus, who reveals your amazing love for humankind. Amen.*

## **Rwanda Mission Trip: May 22 – June 4** \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor Hank and Shirla, and Ken and Cathy Whitlow along with four others will be traveling to Rwanda soon! They will be visiting the Rwamagana Leaders' School and meeting the two students, Gisele and Teta, that are sponsored by CtK.

They will be gifting each of our students an English learner's dictionary. These dictionaries are on display in the hall outside of the sanctuary. Please take a moment to sign the books and offer your best wishes and words of encouragement to our students.

## **Lay Helpers Needed for Worship** \_\_\_\_\_

We're recruiting lay helpers for our worship services. Please check [signup genius](#) from the weekly eblast and help make worship happen!

## **Youth Service Event, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** \_\_\_\_\_

Join the youth for a GFAM joint ministry service project with other Great Falls Churches at Turner Farm from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., then enjoy food, fellowship, and fun afterwards until 7:00 p.m. All students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited. Contact Karen Anderson at [youthadmin@gflutheran.org](mailto:youthadmin@gflutheran.org) with any questions.

## **What Happens at Synod Assembly? What Does the Synod Do?** \_\_\_\_\_

If you have these or any other questions about the Metropolitan Washington, DC Synod, please be sure to ask Bill Carbaugh, Kathy Zimmerman, or Jen Rudd so they can take your questions with them to Synod Assembly on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Pickleball on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.** \_\_\_\_\_

Although inclement weather dampened our last attempt at pickleball, we know that won't be the case this time! Please join us outdoors on the sport court for an evening of friendly competition to kick off your summer. All levels of pickleball are welcome, and we encourage you to bring your friends to this event.

## Welcome!



## ELCA

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Christ the King Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Metro DC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to know more about Christ the King or are interested in living out your discipleship as a member of this community, please contact the church office at (703)759-6068.

EMAIL LIST

If you would like to be on our email list to receive our weekly newsletter, please contact the church office at (703)759-6068 or visit our website: [gflutheran.org](http://gflutheran.org).

CALENDAR



## Catered Lunch on June 11<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

CtK is having a catered picnic lunch in the front yard, garden, and Gysan Hall Sunday, June 11, after the 10:00 service.

The purpose is to introduce our newest members and visitors to the Church council and other members of CtK and to bring together people for face-to—face friendly conversations we haven't been able to have during the pandemic. Mark your calendar!

## Today's Altar Flowers \_\_\_\_\_

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Karen and David Utter in honor of today's confirmands: Austin Grisard, Remy Malpass, and Juliana Strom.  
*For we walk by faith, not by sight. – 2 Corinthians 5:7*

## Worship and Education Schedule \_\_\_\_\_

8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
9:45 a.m. Education (Sunday School and Adult Forum)  
11:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

## Nursery Staffed at 11:00 a.m. Worship \_\_\_\_\_

We have a staffed nursery for young children during 11:00 a.m. worship. The nursery is the first left down the hallway towards the restrooms. The 11:00 a.m. worship service also will include a children's message from Pastor Hank.

## Altar Flowers \_\_\_\_\_

Altar flowers in honor, memory, or celebration of a loved one and/or event are available for purchase for \$60. Please [sign up for flowers](#) at least one Sunday in advance on the chart in the lobby to allow time to order. Dedications must be emailed to either Karen or Derek no later than Tuesday of the week the flowers will be displayed.

## Prayers for the Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Deb Weinstein asks for prayers for her parents **Dave and Judy Lombardo** as they face health challenges.

Those serving our community locally and globally, and their families: Ryan Anderson, John Teitman, Lillian Baker, Cody Jones.

## AT CTK THIS WEEK

May 21 — May 28

### Sunday, May 21

8:30 a.m. — In-person Worship –  
First Communion

9:45 a.m. — Adult forum, in-person &  
[Zoom](#)

11:00 a.m. — In-person Worship –  
Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation  
([streaming available](#))

7:00 p.m. — AA

### Monday, May 22

11:15 a.m. — Staff Meeting

7:30 p.m. — Council Meeting

### Tuesday, May 23

Rwanda Trip begins!

7:00 a.m. — Men's Breakfast, la  
Madeleine

### Wednesday, May 24

12:30 p.m. — Card Writing Ministry

7:30 p.m. — Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, May 28

8:30 a.m. — In-person Worship

9:45 a.m. — Adult forum, in-person &  
[Zoom](#)

11:00 a.m. — In-person Worship  
([streaming available](#))

7:00 p.m. — AA

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### CHRIST THE KING and KING'S KIDS PRESCHOOL STAFF

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# GATHERING

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

## PRELUDE

### GATHERING HYMN: ELW 482 I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

## GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

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

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: Glory to You, O God



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and LORD, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Please be seated.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST LESSON: Acts 1:6-14

A: A reading from Acts.

<sup>6</sup>When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "LORD, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The word of the LORD.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

*said responsively*

*The Assisting Minister (A) says the regular text; the Congregation (C) says the **bold text**.*

A: <sup>1</sup>Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.

**C: <sup>2</sup>As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

A: <sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

**C: <sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I AM is that name, rejoice before God!**

A: <sup>5</sup>In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

**C: <sup>6</sup>you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

A: <sup>7</sup>O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

**C: <sup>8</sup>the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

A: <sup>9</sup>You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.

**C: <sup>10</sup>Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

A: <sup>32</sup>Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the LORD.

**C: <sup>33</sup>You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

A: <sup>34</sup>Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

**C: <sup>35</sup>How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A: A reading from 1 Peter.

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5,6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the LORD.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia

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

Repeat alleluia

*Alleluia.*

I will not leave you orphaned, | says the LORD.\* I am com- | ing to you.

*Alleluia.*

*John 14:18*

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: **Glory to you, O LORD.**

P: <sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

P: The gospel of the LORD.

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

*Silence for meditation may follow the sermon.*

*Please stand as you are able when the music begins.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 592 Just As I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a con - flict,  
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
 man - y\_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

(11:00 AM) AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM / RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Austin Grisard, Remy Malpass, Juliana Strom



## Affirmation of Baptism The Rite of Confirmation

*The congregation may be seated.*

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The congregation stands and joins in the responses.*

*The presiding minister addresses the confirmands and the congregation.*

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

#### AFFIRMATION

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism ... and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Each confirmand responds:*

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

#### BLESSING

*Those making affirmation kneel.  
The presiding minister, teachers, and families bless each in turn.*

*After all have been blessed, the congregation stands.  
Those making public affirmation stand and face the congregation.*

Confirmation Teachers: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*The service continues with the Prayers of Intercession.  
The confirmands and their families remain at the altar until the Peace.*

<b>Confirmand</b>	<b>Date of Baptism</b>	<b>Parents</b>
Austin Grisard	May 3, 2009	Antonia Blackwood & Ryan Grisard
Remy Malpass	October 1, 2009	William & Melissa Malpass
Juliana Addison Strom	February 22, 2009	Eric & Melissa Strom

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of harmony, as you drew your son to your side, you draw us to you and unite us with the planet and one another. Weave your church together in a web of mutual love for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: As your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, so your Spirit hovers over all that you have made. Bless the water that sustains the planet and grant wisdom to use it wisely. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge activists and organizers, teachers and politicians, and all in leadership to speak a message of peace and justice. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You care for all your children. Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Break the chains of all held fast by systemic oppression of any kind. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering from illness especially those dear to us. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We give thanks that humankind serves as your body in the world, stewarding your abundant gifts. Guide this congregation's leaders as they seek your will. We pray for our staff, council, and Juliana, Remy, and Austin, who confirm their faith this day.

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You raise your saints to new life in Christ. We give you thanks for all your saints who have given us glimpses of your redeeming love. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen LORD.

**C: Amen.**

## GREETING OF PEACE

*Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying Peace be with you as you shake hands or embrace. Please be seated following the sharing of the peace.*

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

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

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## MEAL

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING

*During the offering, plates will be passed along the pews in which to place your offering. Make checks payable to "Christ the King Lutheran Church". Contributions go toward the ministries and programs of Christ the King Lutheran Church.*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE: Be Known to Us



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



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



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



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

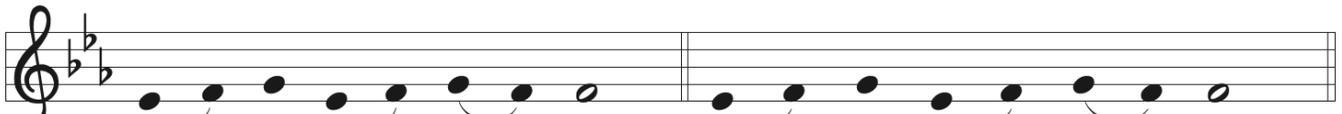
OFFERING PRAYER

A: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our LORD.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

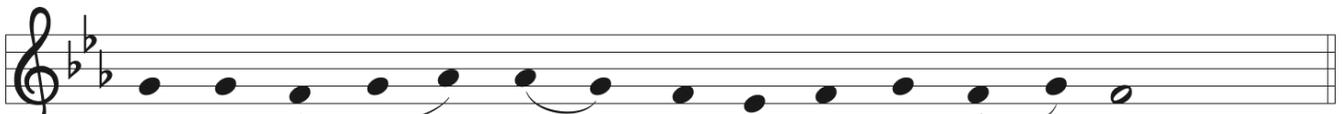
DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



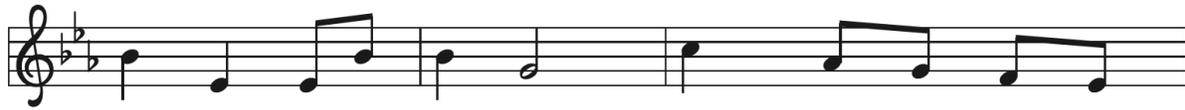
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### THANKSGIVING AT TABLE

**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.

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.

**C:** Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

(8:30 AM) FIRST COMMUNION

Addison Swierczek  
Mason Swierczek

DISTRIBUTION WITH MUSICAL OFFERING

*Instructions for communion distribution will be given at this time.*

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. Those who have not received instruction or who wish not to receive communion may come forward for a blessing.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C: **Amen.**

## SENDING

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

TRAVEL BLESSING FOR RWANDA TRIP

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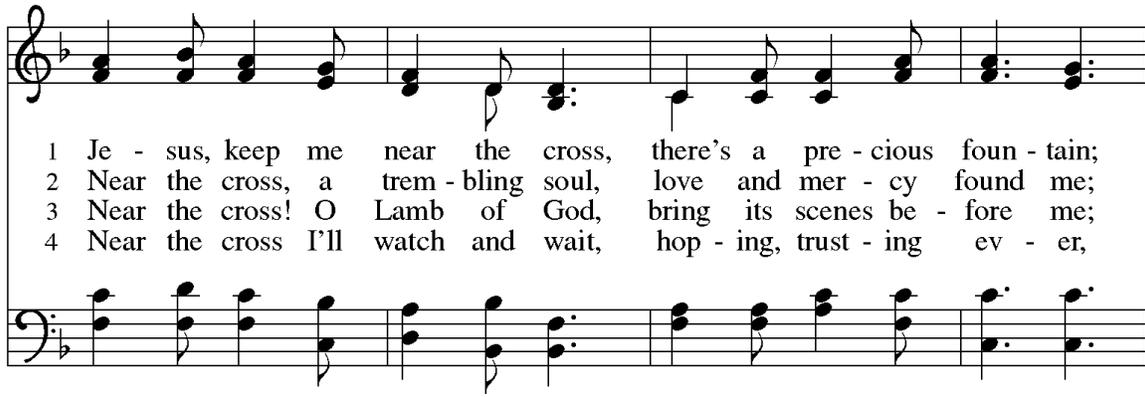
BLESSING

P: The God of all, who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

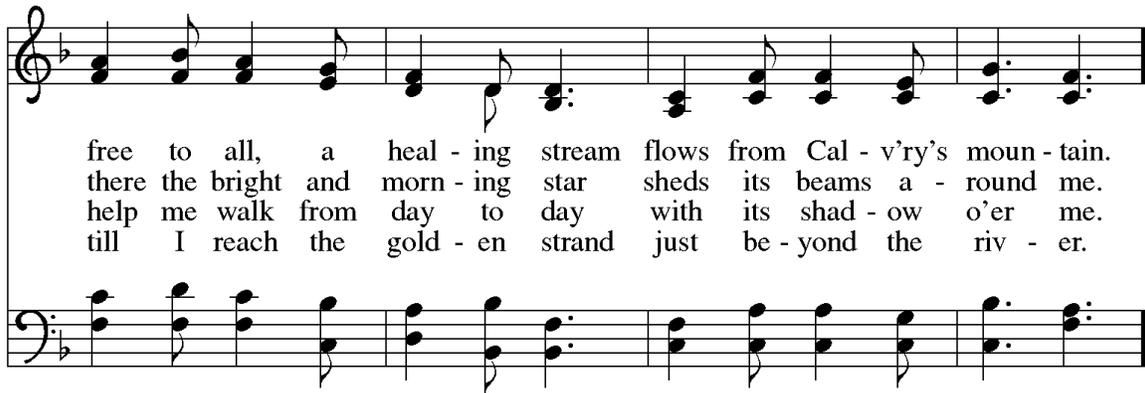
C: **Amen.**

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SENDING HYMN: ELW 335 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

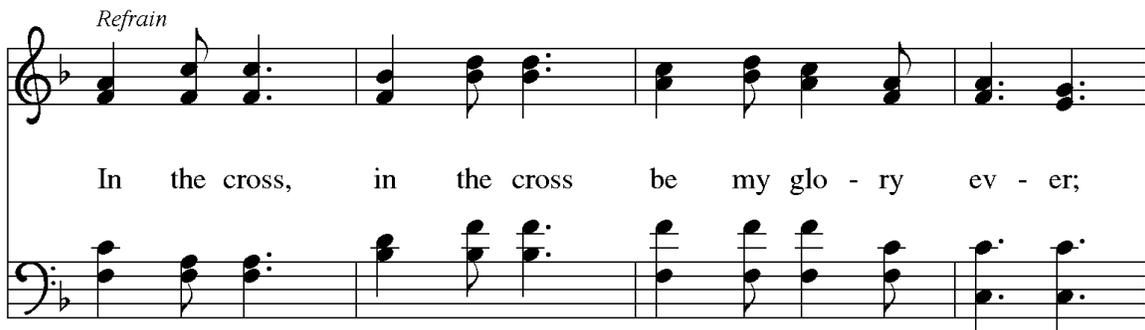


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

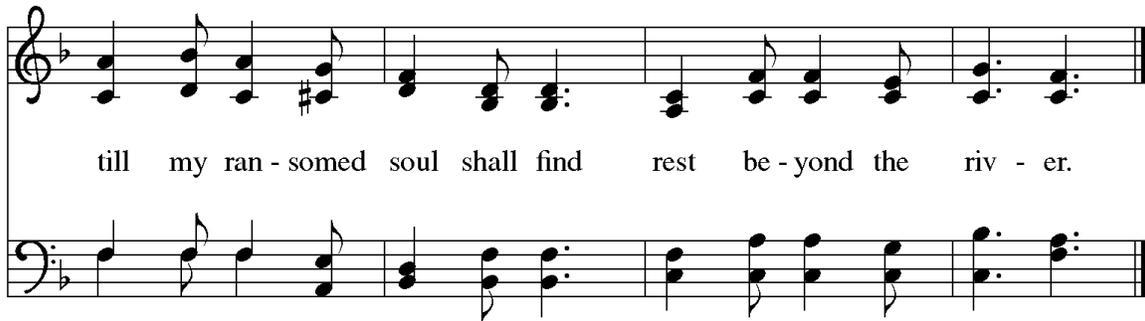


free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: Thanks be to God!