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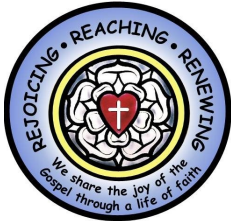


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May 4, 2025 + Third Sunday of Easter

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

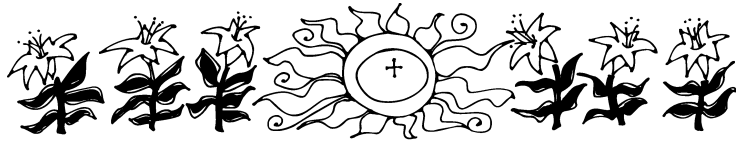
+ GATHERING +

Prelude
(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)

Welcome
Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Vyve Cable Channel 21 and Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God’s grace and love in this worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord’s meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.





Third Sunday of Easter

Rite of Confirmation for

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Confession and Forgiveness

The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Jesus Christ was the first to conquer death,
the ruler of all the kings of the earth.

He loves us, and by his blood he set us free from our sins.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are dead in trespasses and sins.

**We have failed to keep your commandments,
and so have turned from your love.**

**In your great mercy deliver us from the death we deserve,
for the sake of Jesus Christ.**

Jesus Christ has chosen you; he calls you not servants but friends.

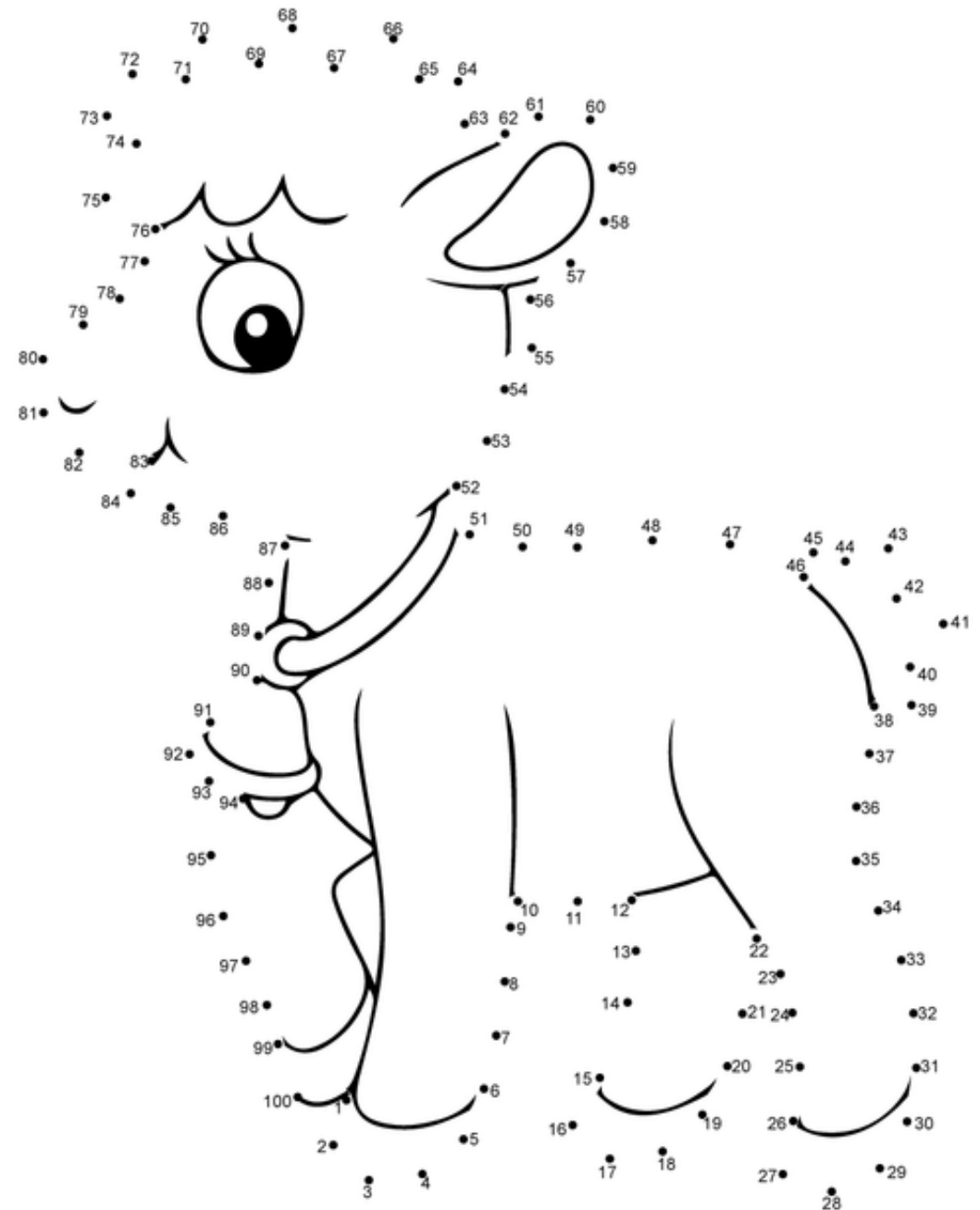
In him we have forgiveness, life, and resurrection from the dead.

By him we are redeemed and set at liberty.

If the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from death, dwells in you,
then he who raised Christ from death
will also give life to your mortal bodies.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

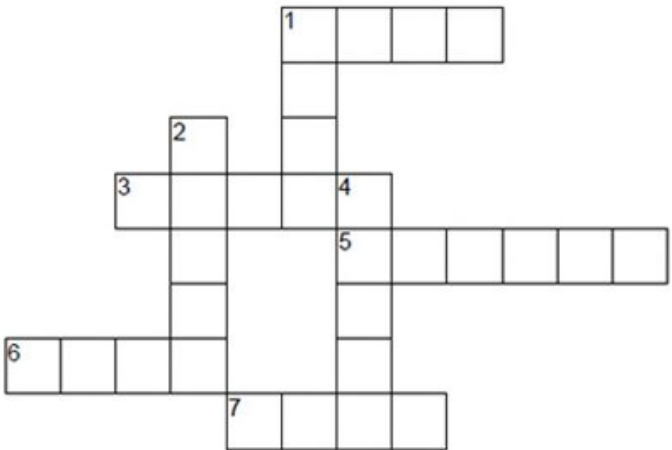
Feed My Sheep



Feed My Sheep

The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. John 21:17 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on John 21:15-19



- ACROSS
1. A young sheep

3. Wooly animals similar to goats

5. Taking food into the body through the mouth

6. To give food to be eaten

7. The Almighty, Creator, God; the One we worship

- DOWN
1. A deep, tender, feeling of affection toward another person

2. The person or thing following the first and second

4. A fisherman who was one of Jesus' disciples

LAMB	FEED	EATING	THIRD
LORD	PETER	SHEEP	LOVE

Opening Hymn

Amazing Grace

#779



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and

3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I

4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his

5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but

grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that

have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me

word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and

shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.

grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!

safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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Opening Litany

Frayed and frazzled, our lives jangling with tension and anxiety,
we gather to find that place of peace which God offers to us.

Awash in worries and doubts, drowning in a sea of fears,
we gather beside the still waters where Jesus offers us a cup of grace.

Weakened by the burdens of life, wandering as if lost in a wilderness,
**we gather so the Spirit can restore our souls
and show us the path to the kingdom.**

Apostolic Greeting

The blessing of the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
the glorious love bestowed by the ✠ Son,
and the power of the promised Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

Lord, Be Glorified

#744

1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;

in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

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Hymn of Praise

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

#708

Refrain

Refrain

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

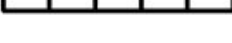
1	Kneels at the feet of his friends,	si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2	Neigh - bors are wealth - y and poor,	var - ied in col - or and race,
3	These are the ones we will serve,	these are the ones we will love;
4	Kneel at the feet of our friends,	si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:


Feed My Sheep


Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. John 21:17b-18a

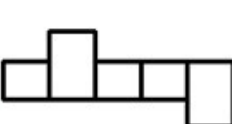
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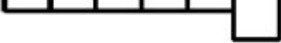


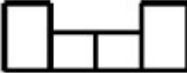
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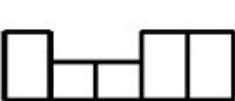
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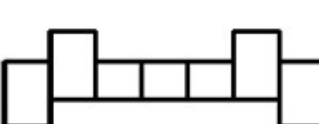
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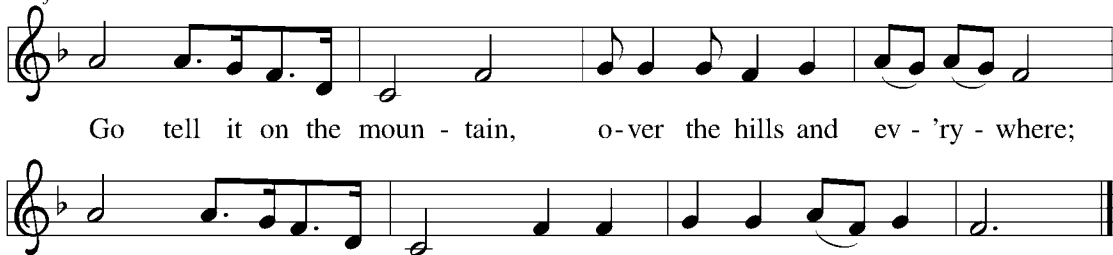
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Benediction

Go now, and love one another, because love is from God.
Proclaim God’s salvation to every generation. Remain in Jesus Christ,
and like branches of a vine, draw your life from him.
And may God the vine grower tend you and make you fruitful;
May Christ Jesus abide in you and give you life;
And may the Holy Spirit cast out all fear and fill you with God’s love.
Amen.

Sending Hymn *Go Tell It on the Mountain* #290


Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;
go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain




be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

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Dismissal

Go in peace to bear Christ’s love to the world.
Thanks be to God.

Refrain



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*
Eternal and all-merciful God,
with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might.
By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us
and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

✙ **WORD** ✙

First Reading

Acts 9:1-20

Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

A reading from Acts.

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” ⁵He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his

eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.”

¹¹The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named

Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*
O God of love
you bind us to yourself in this sacrament,
and strengthen us through this meal for service to the world.
Guide us by your Spirit
that we may forever witness to the name of Jesus Christ.
He is the Lord of life. Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

Announcements

Distribution

If you are joining us from home or are taking communion from your seat:
The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.
The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

Distribution Hymn *I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy* (TFF #257)

Musical notation for the hymn "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy" (TFF #257). The melody is written on a single staff in treble clef. The lyrics are arranged in three parts, each corresponding to a line of the melody. The lyrics are: 1 I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, 2 I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing, 3 I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus, down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart; down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart; I've got the joy, I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing, I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus, down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart to stay. down in my heart, down in my heart to stay. down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

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Distribution Hymn *This Little Light of Mine* (TFF #65)

Musical notation for the hymn "This Little Light of Mine" (TFF #65). The melody is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are arranged in three parts, each corresponding to a line of the melody. The lyrics are: 1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine; 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine; 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

⁴Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.

⁵God’s wrath is short; God’s favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed.

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

⁸I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

⁹“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;
O LORD, be my helper.”

¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

¹²Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

Second Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship around the throne. At its center is “the Lamb who was slain.”

A reading from Revelation.

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth
and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down
and worshiped.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia Verse

(Tune: #858)

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! The earth has been shak - en!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! The tomb is for-sak - en!

Death's reign is done, life ev - er - last - ing be - gun!

We from our graves shall a - wa - ken!

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Holy Gospel

John 21:1-19

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 21st Chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Feed your sheep who hunger for the necessities of life,
for safe food to eat and clean water to drink,
for protection from fear, for shelter, and for warmth.
Tend your lambs when they long for love and acceptance
and a place to belong.
Make your church a sheepfold of grace.
Shepherd all who have suffered harm
and look to you for healing and hope.
Turn the sorrow of mourning into one eternal joy in your presence.
Bring us with all creation to that great day
when we shall fall on our knees and worship the Lamb in glory,
Holy Father, in the power of your Spirit. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Let us hold on to God by holding on to one another as we pray...
**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.**

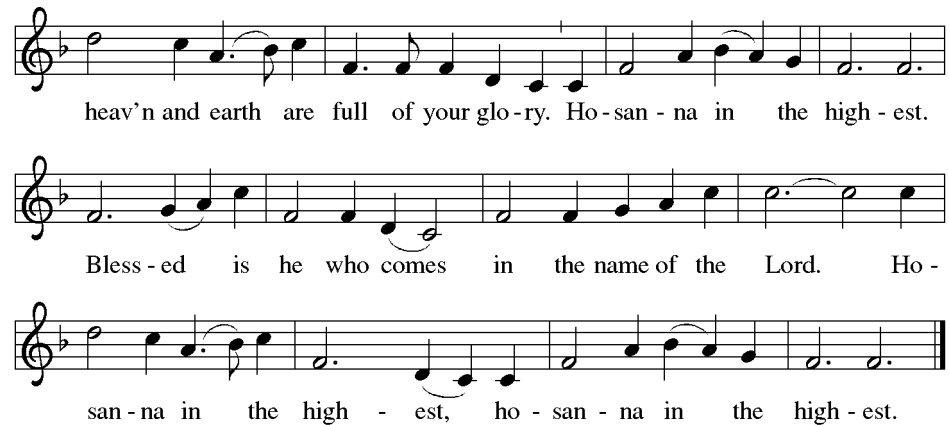
Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

ELW setting 10

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.



Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

Providing God, your Son prepared a simple meal for his disciples
which, in your grace, became a resurrection banquet.

As you revealed yourself to them,

open our hearts to receive in this holy meal
the miracle of his saving passion.

Send your Holy Spirit upon your church
to make our life together a feast for all who hunger.

Sanctify this bread and cup that they may be for us
the body and blood of your Son;

who at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,

*Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.*

After supper Jesus took the cup. Again he gave you thanks,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.*

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Great Shepherd, your Son is the holy Lamb,
and by his blood you have made us your own flock.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.

⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.”

¹⁶A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Gospel Response

(Tune: #858)



Christ is a - ris - en, he calls us not serv-ants but dear friends



Je - sus chose us to a - bide, love and bear fruit that's last - ing



Death's reign is done, life ev - er - last - ing be - gun!



God's joy in us; our joy com - plete!

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Children's Time
Sermon

Confirmation Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

#574



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

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Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also 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.



Proper Preface

Worthy are you, Lord God, and worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive wisdom and might and glory and honor forever and ever.
From the pit of slavery you heard your people's cries
and drew them up to freedom in your service.
Out of the snare of sin you saw the suffering of your creation
and restored the life of your faithful ones.
From the grave of death you raised your Son to life on the third day.
In him you turn mourning into dancing;
you remove the sackcloth of tears and clothe us with joy.
And so around your throne, with all you have gathered to yourself
and raised to the company of heaven,
we join in the eternal hymn of praise.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW setting 10



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

Brayden Landry Slaymaker

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

(Philippians 4:13)

*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD,
plans for your welfare and not for harm,*

to give you a future with hope.

(Jeremiah 29:11)

Bentley Stonewall Stuhr

*The LORD will command the blessing upon you in your barns,
and in all that you undertake;*

he will bless you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

(Deuteronomy 28:8)

Peace

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

✠ OFFERING ✠

Offering Response

Jesus Loves Me

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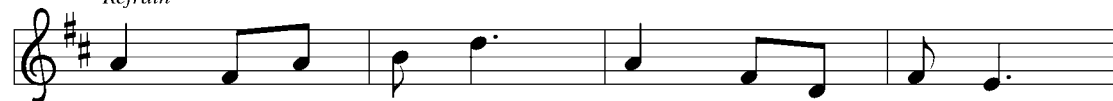


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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Confirmation Litany

O Holy Spirit,
you have enlightened the minds of these confirmands
with knowledge of the Gospel.

Continue to enlighten them
so that they may grow in their understanding of God's Word.

O Holy Spirit, you have gathered these confirmands day by day.

Continue to strengthen them
so that they may be able to resist Satan's evil ways.



O Holy Spirit,
you have gathered these confirmands together in this place.
**Continue to encourage these confirmands
to gather together in God’s house to worship and to praise.**

O Holy Spirit, you have called them to live a life of discipleship.
Continue to call them forth to love and serve the Lord.

O Holy Spirit,
you have led these confirmands forward in their faith.
**Continue to lead them on until the day
when they will shine like the stars in the kingdom of light.**

The Rite of Confirmation

Dear Friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of Baptism
and for *Malaya, Brooklynn, Tinsley, Hailey, Evelyne, Peyton, Brayden,*
and *Bentley*, one with us in the body of Christ,
who affirm their baptisms this day
as a sign of their participation in the life of this community of faith
and its mission in the world.

Parents & Sponsors: We present *Malaya Jewel Hanaway*,
who desires to affirm her baptism.

Parents & Sponsors: We present *Brooklynn Ann Kelley*,
who desires to affirm her baptism.

Parents & Sponsors: We present *Tinsley Rae Neidhardt*,
who desires to affirm her baptism.

Parents & Sponsors: We present *Hailey James Salwei*,
who desires to affirm her baptism.

Parents & Sponsors: We present *Evelyne Dawn Schaefer*,
who desires to affirm her baptism.

Parents & Sponsors: We present *Peyton Kathryn Seier*,
who desires to affirm her baptism.

Parents & Sponsors: We present *Brayden Landry Slaymaker*,
who desires to affirm his baptism.

Tinsley Rae Neidhardt

*If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us,
we guide their whole bodies.
(James 3:3)*

*But now says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
(Isaiah 43:1)*

Hailey James Salwei

*And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.
(Matthew 28:20b)*

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
(Isaiah 43:2)*

Evelyne Dawn Schaefer

*We know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose.
(Romans 8:28)*

*This is my commandment, that you love one another
as I have loved you.
(John 15:12)*

Peyton Kathryn Seier

*Some friends play at friendship
but a true friend sticks closer than one’s nearest kin.
(Proverbs 18:24)*

*To watch over the mouth and tongue is to keep out of trouble.
(Proverbs 21:23)*

*For nothing will be impossible with God.
(Luke 1:37)*

Reassure all who experience hopelessness or need your tender care,
especially...

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A You invite all people to your table of grace.
Make this a community of radical hospitality
where all feel loved and celebrated.
Show us how to better welcome visitors
and bless the ministries of hospitality in this place.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P Here other intercessions may be offered either aloud or in silence.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A We praise you for the witness of your saints of all times and places.
May their lives of faith guide us in our own journeys with you,
today and every day. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God,
trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ,
our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Confirmation Verses:

Malaya Jewel Hanaway

*God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.*
(Psalm 46:5)

Love never ends.
(1 Corinthians 13:8a)

Brooklynn Ann Kelley

*We know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose.*
(Romans 8:28)

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but may have eternal life. (John 3:16)*

Parents & Sponsors: We present **Bentley Stonewall Stuhr**,
who desires to affirm his baptism.

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Merciful God, we thank you for our confirmands, **Malaya, Brooklynn, Tinsley, Hailey, Evelynne, Peyton, Brayden, Bentley**,
whom you have made your own by water and the word in baptism.
You have called *them* to yourself,
enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit,
and nourished *them* in the community of faith.
Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth
through this holy sacrament. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

As you affirm your baptism, I ask you to reject sin,
profess your faith in Christ and confess the faith of the church.

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

Confirmands: I renounce them.

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

Confirmands: I renounce them.

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

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Confirmands: In faith I turn to Christ.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.**

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you
in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these young people
and pray for them in their life in Christ?

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

Let us pray. (*A brief silence is kept.*)

We give you thanks, O God,
that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth,
cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in *Malaya, Brooklynn, Tinsley, Hailey, Evelyne, Peyton,
Brayden, Bentley* the gifts of your Holy Spirit:

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**



Holy God, on this day of confirmation,
confirm *Malaya's, Brooklynn's, Tinsley's, Hailey's,
Evelyne's, Peyton's, Brayden's, Bentley's* faith,
guide her/his life, empower her/him in her/his serving,
give her/him patience in suffering,
and bring him/her to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

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.**

Prayers of the People

P God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer
for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A Your love sustains the church and its ministries.
By that love, equip youth directors, Sunday school teachers,
and all who guide formation in the church
to nurture vibrant, living faith among your people.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P Your abundance is made known throughout creation.
Preserve oceans and rivers, lakes and estuaries
so that all creatures living in them might flourish.
Make us wise stewards of our local watersheds.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A Your wisdom guides all who strive for justice and peace.
Strengthen the work of grassroots organizers,
especially among communities on the frontlines of justice work.
Amplify the voices of those most in need,
that their leadership guides the way forward.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P Your compassion surrounds all who are in need.
We pray for all people experiencing poverty and food insecurity,
and for all struggling with debt and economic uncertainty.