



# Sunday, May 29, 2022

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

### Announcements

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

### Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism,  
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,  
and we are a new creation.  
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,  
flowing freely from your throne:  
through the earth,  
through the city,  
through every living thing.  
You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;  
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.  
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,  
and our sin is drowned forever.  
You open the gate of righteousness  
and we pass safely through.  
In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.  
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.  
You call us forth and send us out.  
In lush and barren places, you are with us.  
You have become our salvation.  
Now breathe upon this water  
and awaken your church once more.  
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.  
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.  
To you, our Beginning and our End,  
our Shepherd and Lamb,  
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

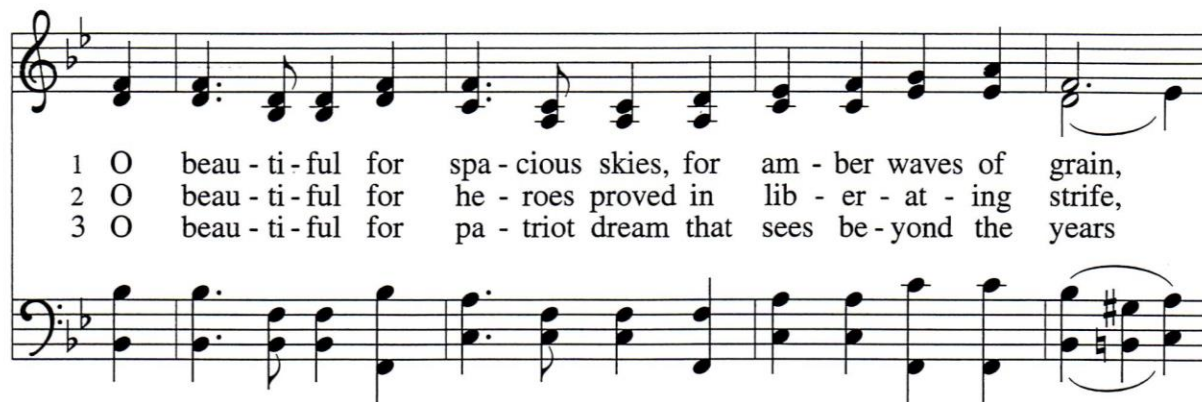
**Opening Hymn: O Beautiful for Spacious Skies**

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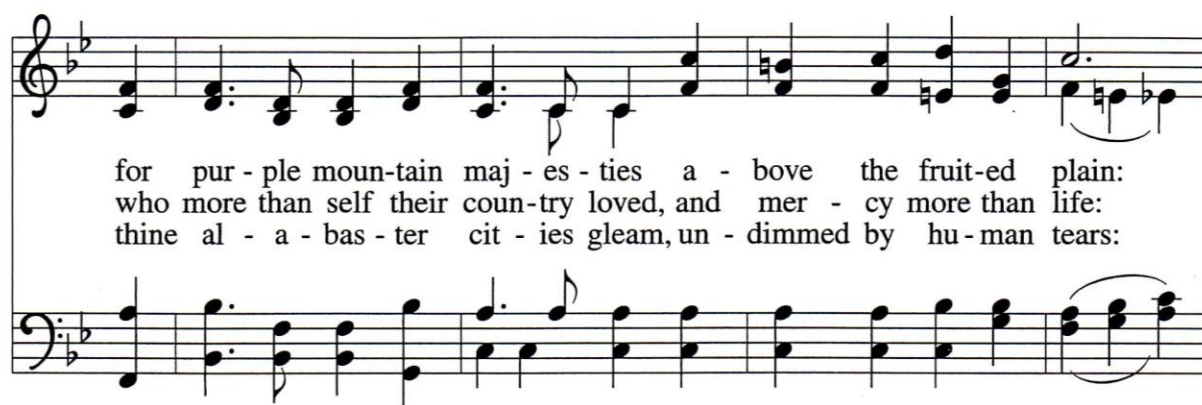
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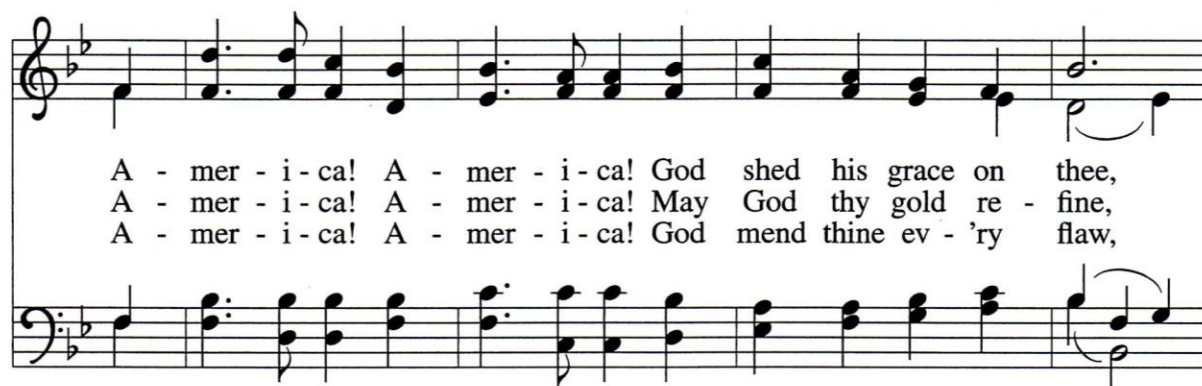
## O Beautiful for Spacious Skies



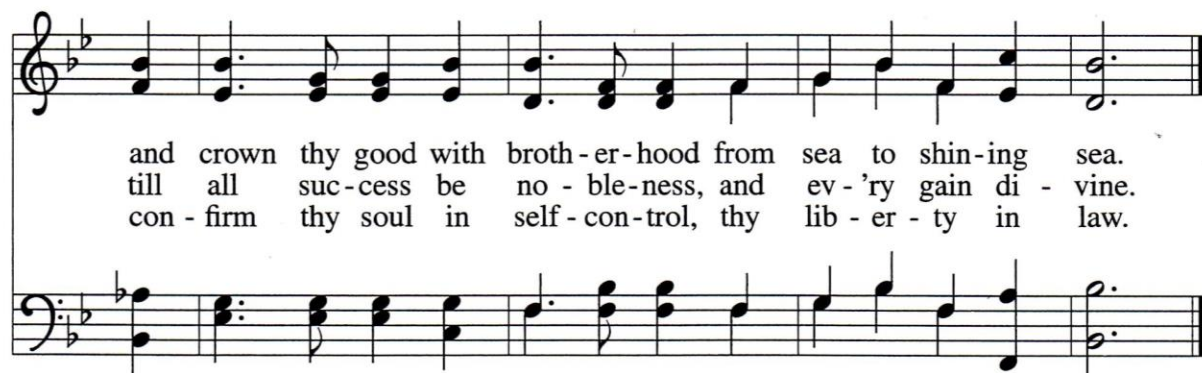
1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:  
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:  
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



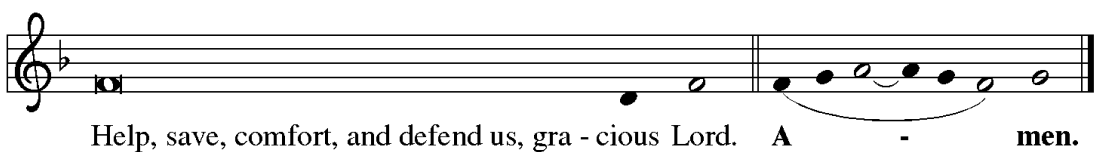
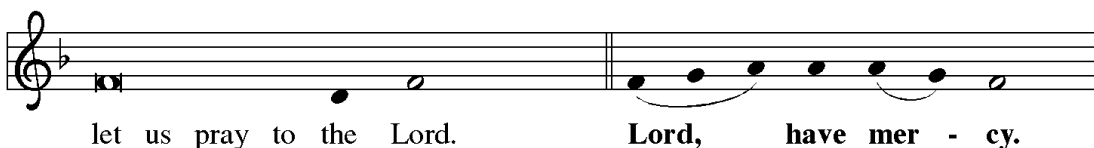
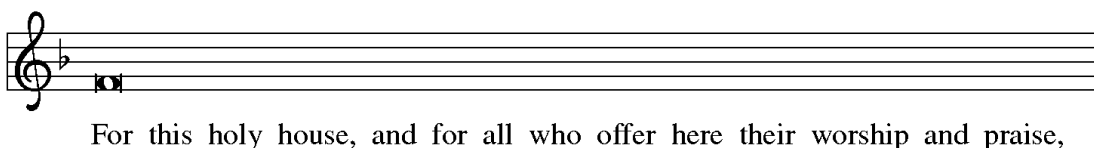
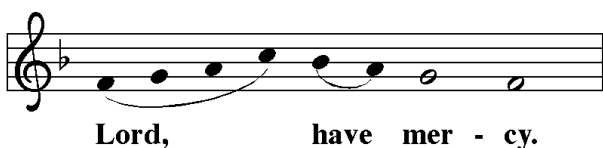
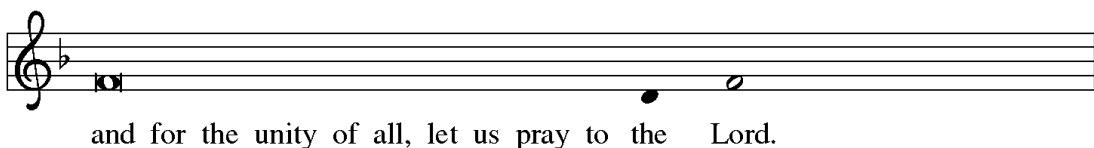
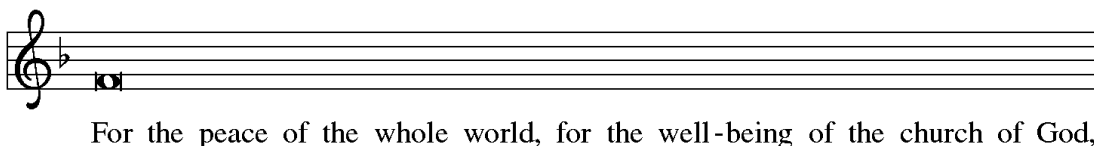
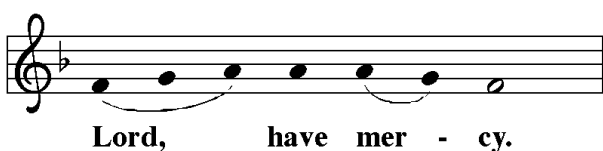
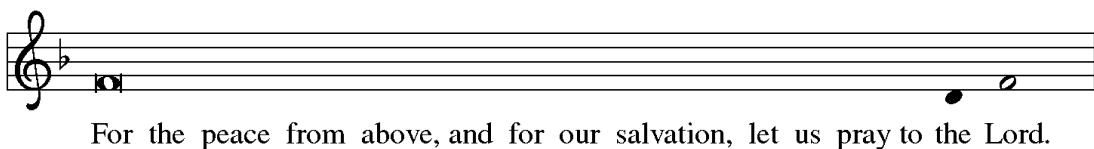
and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.  
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

## Greeting

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Kyrie



# Glory To God



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Prayer of the Day

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## First Reading: Acts 16:16-34

<sup>16</sup>One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

<sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

<sup>31</sup>They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 97

<sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

<sup>2</sup>**Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.**

<sup>3</sup>Fire goes before the LORD,  
burning up enemies on every side.

<sup>4</sup>**Lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.**

<sup>5</sup>The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,  
and all the peoples see your glory.**

<sup>7</sup>Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!  
Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.

<sup>8</sup>**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgments, O LORD.**

<sup>9</sup>For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.

<sup>10</sup>**You who love the LORD, hate evil!  
God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of  
the wicked.**

<sup>11</sup>Light dawns for the righteous,  
and joy for the honest of heart.

<sup>12</sup>**Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,  
and give thanks to God's holy name.**

## Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

<sup>12</sup>"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

<sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

<sup>16</sup>"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

<sup>20</sup>The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

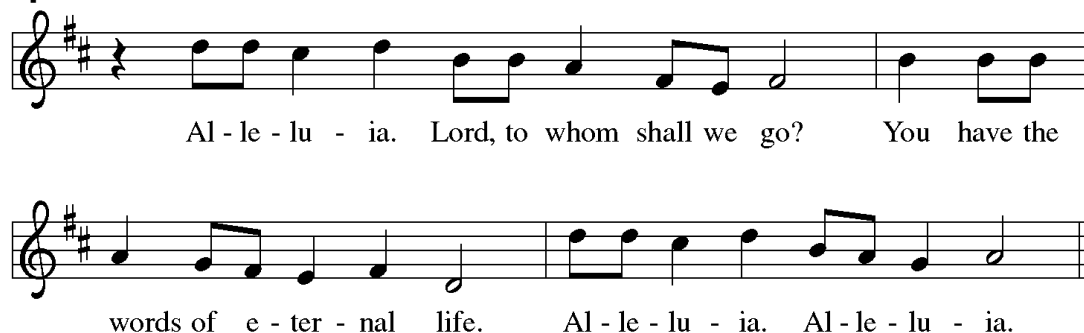
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

<sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation



### Gospel: John 17:20-26

The holy gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>20</sup>"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup>"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**


### Children's Message

### Sermon



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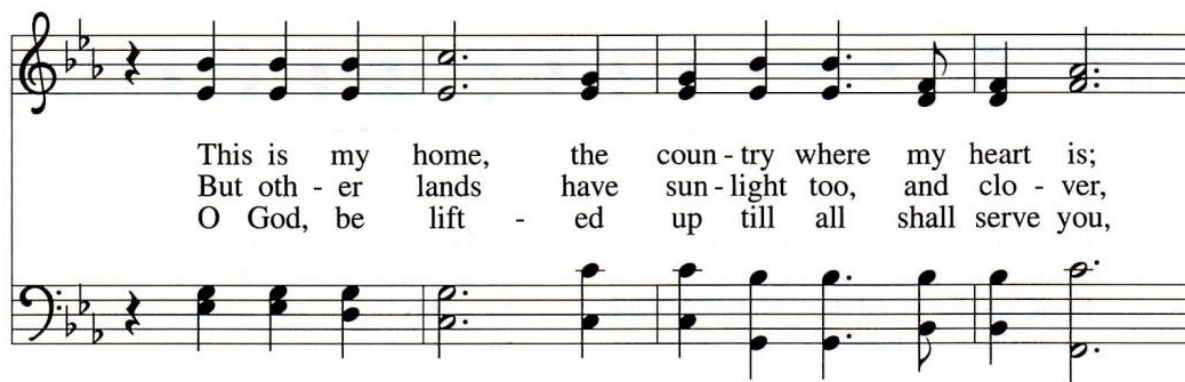
## This Is My Song



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,

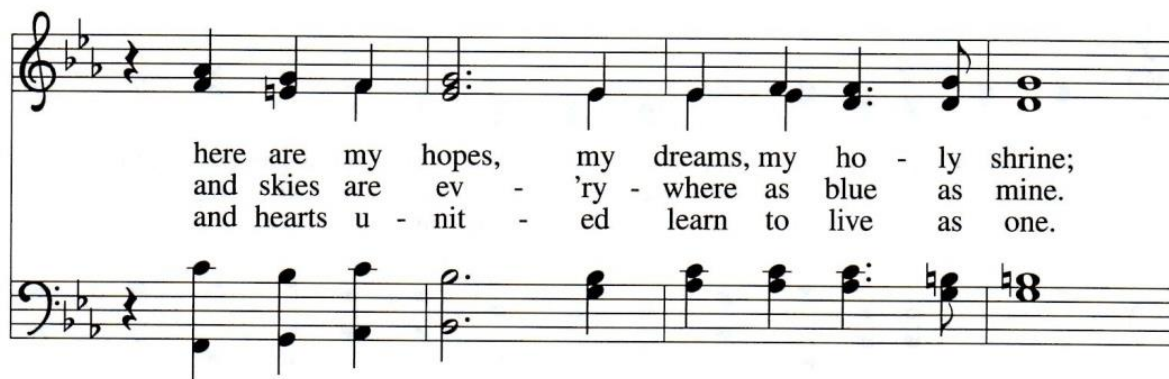


a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.

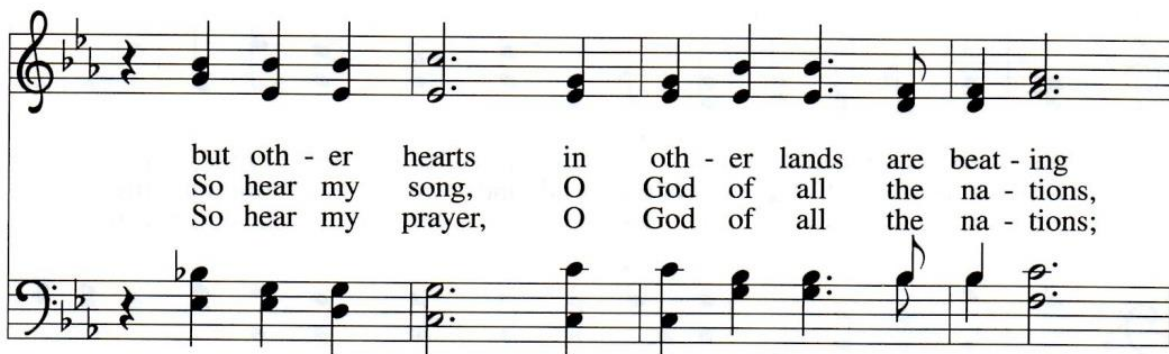


This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,





here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.  
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.  
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 was 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 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 Intercession**

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Holy God, make your people one as you and your Son are one. Extend the gifts we have been given by your Spirit to all people, especially those experiencing division or questioning your love. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Make worthy the work of scientists who look to the stars and planets, as well as scientists who look to atoms and molecules. Bring innovation and well-being to humanity through their discoveries. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Keep in our minds those who have died in war, both military and civilians (*especially*). May we honor them by seeking peaceful solutions to the conflicts that arise among nations and peoples. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Grant freedom to all who are overwhelmed by chronic illness, depression, or constant worry (*especially*). Open them to receive health and salvation in Christ Jesus through the Spirit's gift of faith. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Stir imagination and understanding throughout the church in the work of poets, theologians, and hymnwriters (*like Jiří Tranovský, whom we commemorate today*). Lead us into new visions and fresh expressions of your presence. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Unite us with the saints who have died and been raised in Jesus. Train us to wait with eager longing for Christ to come again, even as we sense his presence with us now. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**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. 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 forever.**

**Amen.**

### **Blessing**

God, the Author of life,  
Christ, the living Cornerstone,  
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,  
✝ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

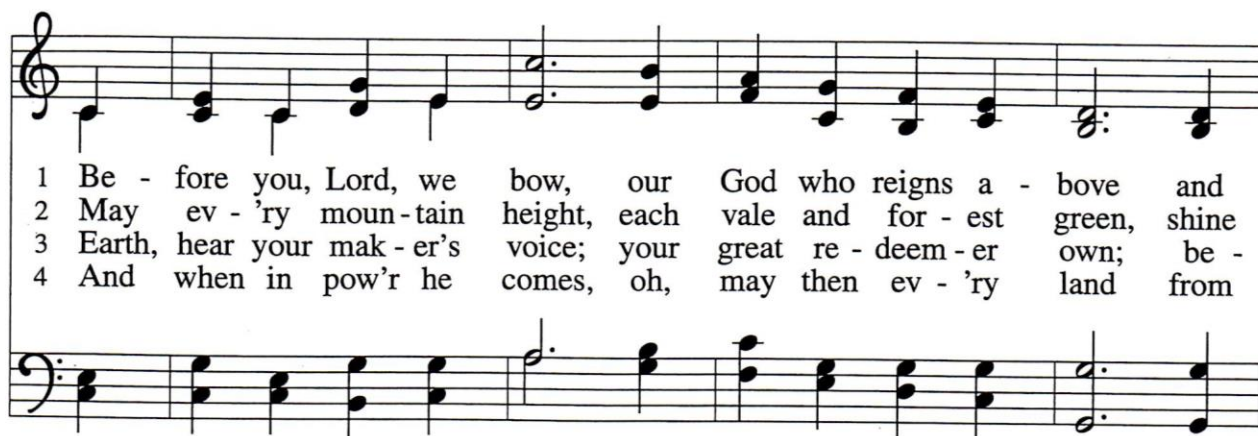
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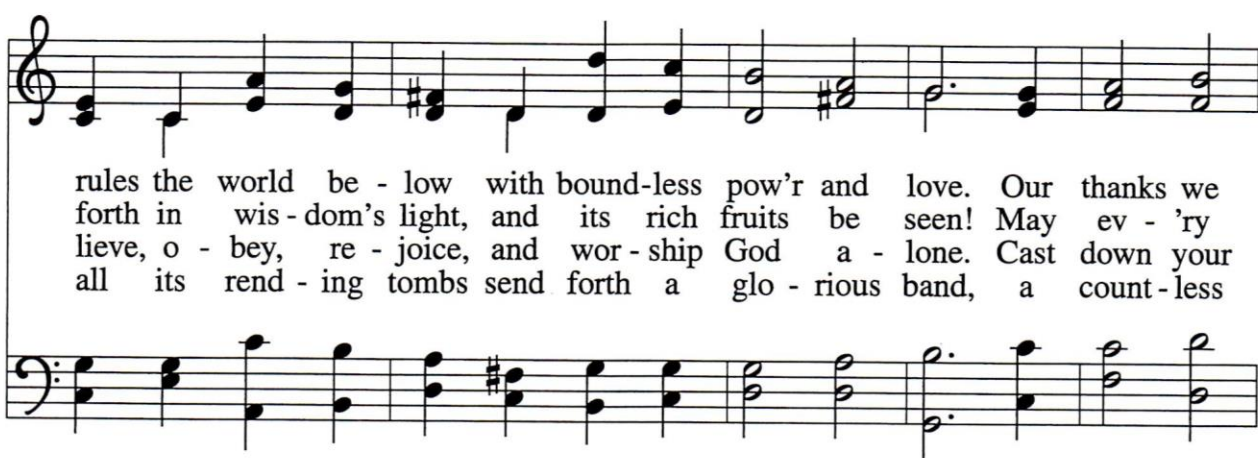


# Before You, Lord, We Bow

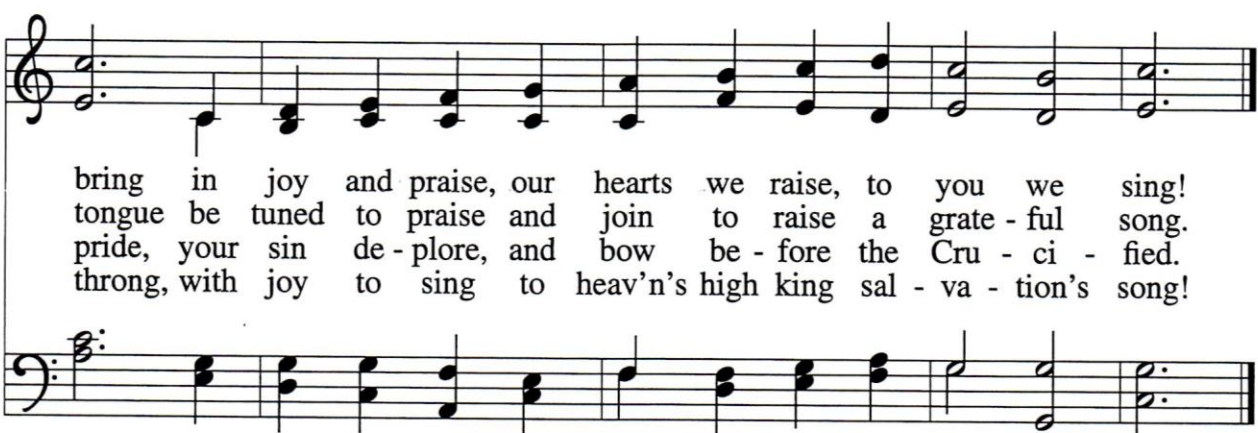
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1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and  
 2 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine  
 3 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice; your great re - deem - er own; be -  
 4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then ev - 'ry land from



rules the world be - low with bound-less pow'r and love. Our thanks we  
 forth in wis - dom's light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry  
 lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship God a - lone. Cast down your  
 all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!  
 tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.  
 pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.  
 throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king sal - va - tion's song!

## Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:**

At 8:00...

Interim Pastor:	Pastor Cathy Schibler
Lectors:	Guy Miller
Usher:	Guy Miller

At 10:30...

Interim Pastor:	Pastor Cathy Schibler
Lectors:	Candy Beatty
Usher:	Gary Lieb

May Altar Care   Pat Wiedenheft and Carrie Killingsworth

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God by Dave & Sally Warner in celebration of their youngest grandchild, Jonathan's 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday.

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Patsy Troike, at Firelands Rehab;  
All the families who lost their loved ones in the Buffalo and Uvalde shootings;  
For all directly or indirectly effected by the Ukraine Crisis;  
FAITH members, including; Shirley Miller;  
the pastors and people of our companion synods in Tanzania and Serbia and  
Montenegro;  
the ministry of Victory Kitchen in feeding those in our area in need of a hot meal.

## **ATTENDANCE**

May 22: 48 + 19 = 67

**DONATIONS TO OUR "PENNY JUG"** support the global relief and habilitation efforts of ELCA World Hunger, a mission of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**THIS MORNING'S LOOSE CASH OFFERING** (money not in an envelope or given without other designation) benefits Lutheran Disaster Response. **LOOSE CHECKS** will support our Current Expenses Fund unless designated otherwise on the check memo line.



## This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Worship Services Gathering at the Flagpole	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:00 am
MONDAY	Memorial Day	Office Closed
WEDNESDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	7:00 pm
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Communion Services Celebrating our Graduating Seniors	8:00 am & 10:30 am

**BELL RINGERS NEEDED.** Adult members of Trinity congregation. Did you know that there is a special skill to ringing the church bell for Sunday worship? Well, there is. If you would like to learn that skill and become a Bell Ringer at Trinity, please come to the training session July 10, 2022, between services. Expert Bell Ringers will be available to teach the fine art of Bell Ringing.

**MARGARETTA TOWNSHIP**  
**Memorial Day**  
**★ Services ★**

Monday, May 30, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.  
Veterans Memorial  
Corner of Main and Water Streets  
Castalia, Ohio

Local Scout Troops • Guest Speakers  
Local Religious and Government Leaders  
Margaretta High School Band

**BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR**

*Remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.*



# Upcoming events at Trinity...

## Save the dates and let's put some fellowship back in our congregation

**FATHER/SON/DAUGHTER SOCIAL GATHERING** is being planned for **Sunday June 26** with the program starting at 4:00 pm and dinner at 5:00 pm. This is open to fathers/grandfathers and their sons or daughters even if those loved ones aren't here to come with you, come and honor them anyhow.



There is a program being planned and the current meal will be: Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Brownies, Ice Cream, Lemonade, Juice Box. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the educational wing so we can plan appropriately.

**MOVIE NIGHT OUT** is being planned for July 21 at 8:00 pm. Admission will be a can of food. Bring a friend, bring a snack, chair, bug spray, blanket. More details to come.

**GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS PROJECT** in August we will be collecting gently used or new shoes for Funds2orgs.com. The more shoes we collect the more money we raise for Trinity. So, start saving those shoes now. More details to come.







## ELCA statement on the Buffalo mass murders

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*"Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?" —Jeremiah 8:22*

Our hearts grieve for those who have been killed and our souls cry out against more lives lost to the hatred birthed by racism. As we mourn those lives lost as a result of the racially motivated killings in Buffalo, we ask God to ease the continued suffering and trauma of our Black siblings throughout the nation and in our church. We are one body in Christ, so when one part suffers, we all suffer.

We of the ELCA acknowledge our complicity in the ongoing cycle of violence that grows out of white supremacy. "Through colonization and slavery, the United States of America helped to create and embrace a system of valuing and devaluing people based on skin color and ethnic identity," the National Council of Churches declared in 2020. "The name for this system is white supremacy." As a predominantly white church, we benefit from this system, and we must double our efforts to dismantle it.

In 2019 the ELCA Churchwide Assembly adopted the social policy resolution "Condemnation of White Supremacy and Racist Rhetoric." Through this action we committed to pushing back and speaking out against racist ideas that divide God's children and perpetuate white supremacy in our church and society. At the Heidelberg Disputation of 1518, Martin Luther reminded us that "a theology of glory calls evil good and good evil. A theology of the cross *calls the thing what it actually is*." Calling a thing what it actually is can be a first step toward healing the wounds of God's people, but not the last. We must take real and lasting action now—through education, relationship-building with Historic Black Churches, ongoing anti-racism education, advocacy, and self-reflection. Churches have a foundational role in eradicating racism and white supremacy in society.

The ELCA's European Descent Lutheran Association for Racial Justice (a network of white leaders committed to anti-racism in our church) calls upon all ELCA members, especially white congregations and leaders, to join their communities and other congregations in prayer, study and actions utilizing many churchwide and ecumenical resources. The association will host a drop-in Zoom call on Tuesday, May 24, at 7:30 p.m. Eastern time. Advance registration is required at [bit.ly/DropInGathering](https://bit.ly/DropInGathering).

# FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Open to the community!

Grace Lutheran Church  
203 S. Washington St.  
Castalia, OH 44824

## MENU:

GRILLED BRATS, POTATO SALAD,  
BAKED BEANS, & DESSERT

When: Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

Time: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (or until sold out)

How: Free Drive-thru pickup in the  
back of church

Delivery is available for shut-ins call 419-357-3672 to schedule a delivery.

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