

Easter 5

April 28, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Worship Service

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St. Timothy Lutheran joyfully welcomes all people of any race, national origin, age, gender, ability, relationship status, political affiliation or sexual orientation, whether you are a believer, doubter or seeker. We welcome all because God welcomes all. Sharing and learning from our different experiences and ideas about life and faith, we live the love of Christ together.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude.....“Prelude” *Hillert*
(*Ann Mitskus-Chen, Alan & Trish Stocking, Crystal Szewczyk*)

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Children: Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, in the very beginning your voice thundered within the void and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve played in Eden’s rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom’s land. And in a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Children: Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the Jordan river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. And through the baptism of Jesus’ death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love to us, freeing everybody here to live as Easter people!

Children: Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Children's Sermon

Gathering Hymn..... "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" #392
(Stanzas 1-3)

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

This is the Feast

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Word

Prayer of the Day

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading *Acts 8:26-40*

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?

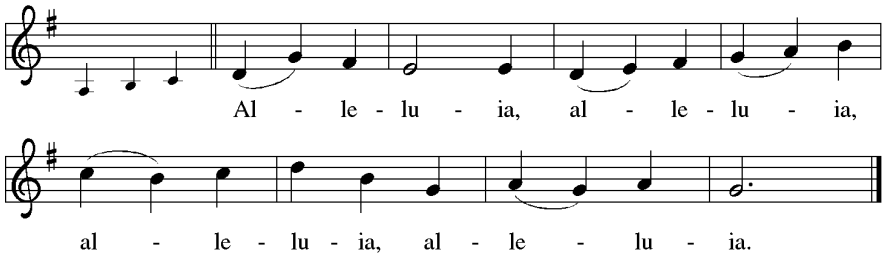
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse



The Holy Gospel according to St. John the fifteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading.....*John 15:1-8*

[Jesus said:] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon*Pastor Jason*

Copies of the sermon can be found on the worship table.

Hymn of the Day **“There in God’s Garden”**#342
Please stand as you are able. (Stanzas 1-4)

Reception of New Members

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition the Assistant says:

Gracious God,

The people respond:

Receive our prayer.

After the final petition, the people say:

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Offering Anthem“O Blessed Spring”*Farlee*
(The Choir)

Offertory Prayer

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.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



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



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

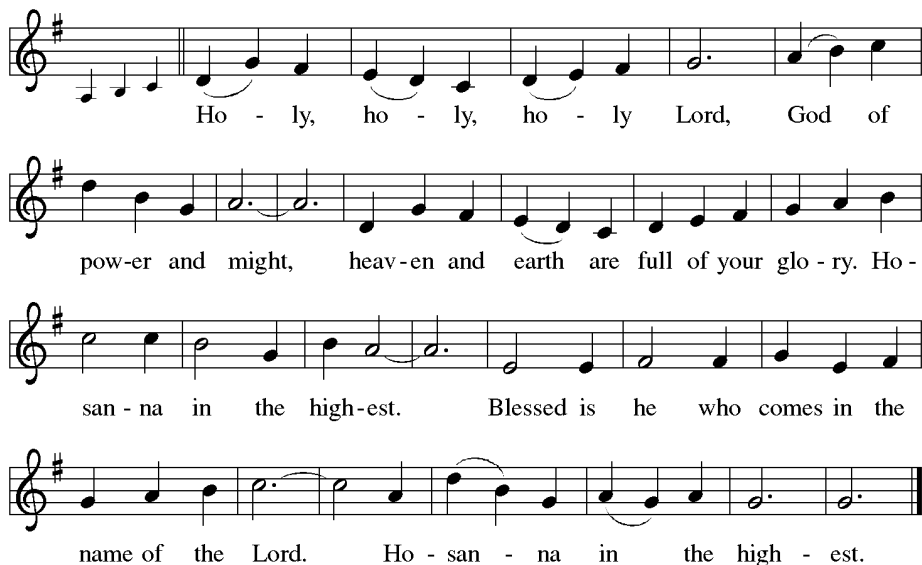


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right.... praise your name and join in their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;
within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

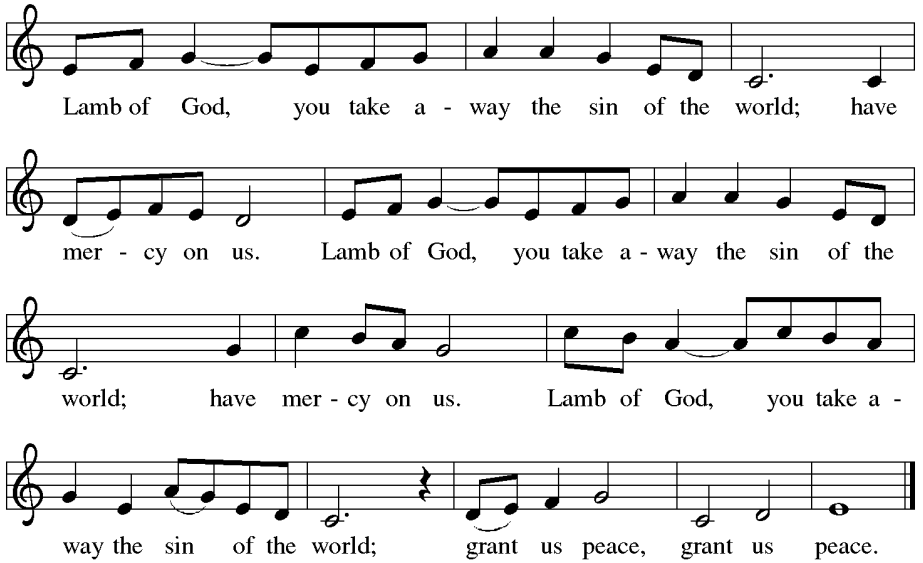
Look here is bread. Look here is wine.
Come receive the life of Christ to share the love of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Invitation to Holy Communion

*All people are invited to the Lord's table of grace. We offer Holy Communion by individual glass, **the red glasses are filled with wine and the white glasses are grape juice.** Gluten free wafers are available from a pastor upon request. If you prefer to receive communion at your pew, just let the usher know. Children who have not yet received Holy Communion instruction are invited forward to receive a blessing as well as anyone who doesn't want to receive communion.*

Before and after you receive communion, please spend time in silent prayer for yourself and for everyone in our congregation. You are invited to visit the prayer wall and write a prayer and place it on the wall.

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.

Communion Music.....“Chaconne”.....*Hillert*
(*Ann Mitskus-Chen, Alan & Trish Stocking, Crystal Szewczyk*)

Post Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Living God, You wash away our sin and fill us with grace. Send us forth from this communion to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant love of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 the waters of baptism give you life; And may the Holy Spirit.† bless you now and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn **“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!”**..... #377
(Stanzas 1-3)

Dismissal

People of God, loved by God what have you been called to do?
Live the love of Christ!!
Go in peace, serve the risen Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude “Canzona”*Hillert*
(*Ann Mitskus-Chen, Alan & Trish Stocking, Crystal Szewczyk*)

*If you are a visitor, we welcome you as siblings in Christ as together we
“Live the love of Christ.” We are happy you are here, and we would like
to get to know you. As you leave the sanctuary, please introduce yourself
to the pastors and sign the guest register at the Welcome Center in the
narthex.*

*If you wish to request prayers for fellow members, family members or
friends, please email them to prayerline@sttimothylutheran.com. Our
Prayer Line members will join you in praying for anyone who needs your
prayers.*

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