

HOLY EUCHARIST
Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28th, 2024



University Lutheran Church and Student Center
Norman, OK
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Holy Eucharist – 8:30AM

*The liturgy and songs for this service are
projected on the screen at the front of the worship area.*

Gathering

Gathering Music

*Come Thou Font
Come to the Water
The Stand*

Welcome & Confession

Song of Praise

And All the People Said, Amen

Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

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Psalm 22:25-31

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks 4

Gospel

St. John the Evangelist 15: 1-8

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Sermon

The Revd. Joseph E. Summerville III, STS

Song of the Day

By Our Love

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering Song

Everlasting God

Offering Prayer

Liturgy of the Meal

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Fraction

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians trusting in the Real Presence of Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive Communion. We receive the Blood of Christ by intinction. If you are uncomfortable receiving the wine, be assured that you are receiving the fullness of the Eucharist under bread alone. If you do not wish to receive, please indicate that you would like a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

Holy Communion

*O Lamb of God, ELW 197
We Come to the Hungry Feast*

Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Announcements

Sending Song

God So Loved

Dismissal

Thank You for Serving

Pastor

The Revd. Joseph E. Summerville III, STS

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Communion Set Up

Abby Bitterman

Altar Guild Candles

Tamara Swenson

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Evie Day

Acolytes

Ryan and Tyler Lawson

Holy Eucharist– 11:00AM
Traditional with Setting 4 of Evangelical Lutheran Worship

PRELUDE

Andante Moderato
Antonio Vivaldi

Rachel Chapman, Oboe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION

We stand

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

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us come before God seeking forgiveness and life.

Silence for reflection and prayer.

God of grace and glory,
**you have brought us through the night of sin
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.**
Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.
Forgive us our sin, O God, and make us alive in Christ.
Make us new as you make all things new.
**Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,
renew us in grace,
and restore us to living in your holiness,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.**
Amen.

The Presider declares the Absolution.

Amen.

We stand

GREETING

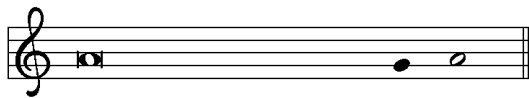
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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.

KYRIE



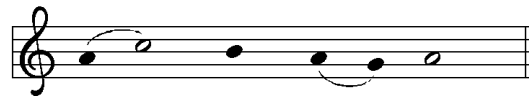
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



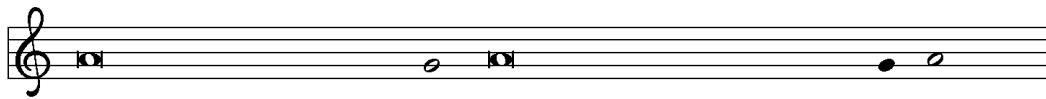
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



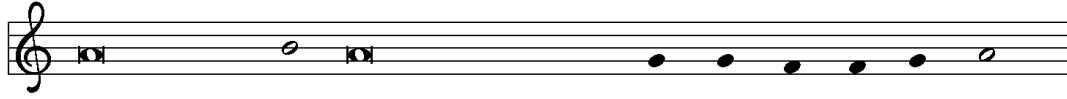
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



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

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
 might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
 has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.

We sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from Acts 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

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.

PSALM 22:25-31



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From you comes my praise in the great as/sembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the / Lord.

The poor shall eat and be / satisfied,

Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live for/ever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the / Lord;

all the families of nations shall bow before / God.

For dominion belongs to the / Lord,

who rules over the / nations.

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in / worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the / Lord.
Their descendants shall serve the / Lord,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to / come.
(2nd half) They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet un/born,
saying to them, "The Lord has / acted!"

Glory be to the Father and to the / Son
and to the Holy / Spirit;
As it was in the be/ginning,
is now and will be forever. A/men.

SECOND READING

A reading from 1 John 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

We stand

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the Evangelist 15:1-8.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing. [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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit

SERMON

The Revd. Joseph E. Summerville III, STS

We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Know That Christ Is Raised ELW 449

THE NICENE CREED

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly
human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will
have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified.
Who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and

help us to abide in you always. We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth, our own Bishop, Becca, and all bishops, presbyters, and deacons. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

People of God, for whom else, and for what else shall we pray?
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

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

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

We sit

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. We thank you for your continued support of Christ's Church. The ushers will pass an offering plate, or you may give electronically, via mail, or via Simply Giving.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*The Love of God
Austin Lovelace*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

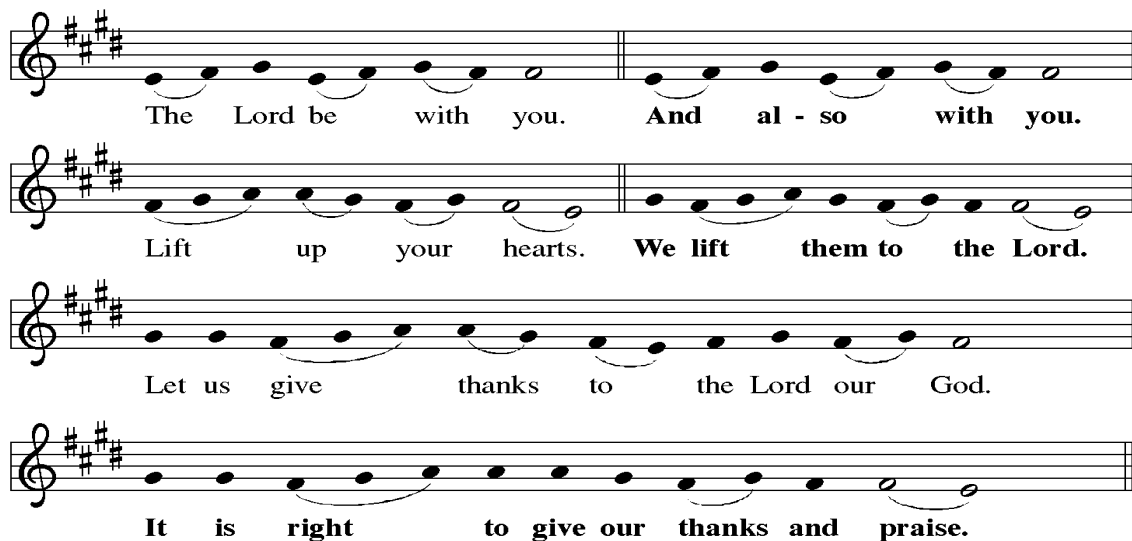
We stand

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,
**you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor/All



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

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

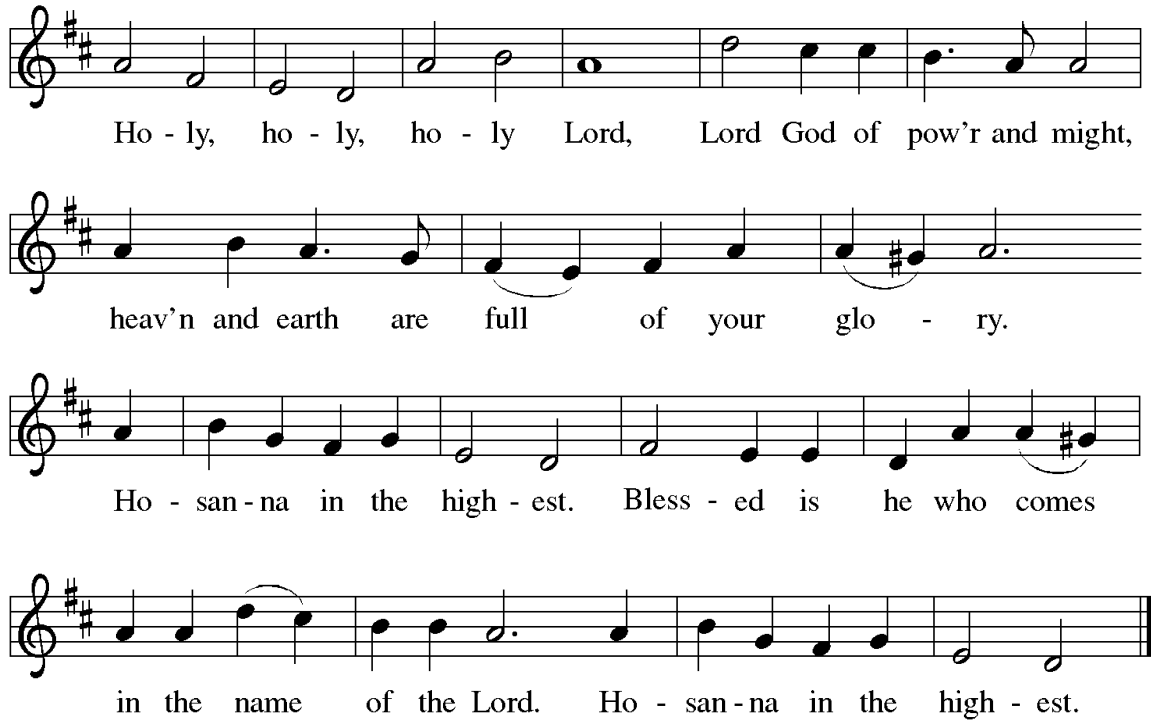
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues with the Preface.

It is indeed right...
...join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and most merciful God.
You give life and bring new life in your risen Son, Christ Jesus our Lord.

We praise you as the God of promise, delivering your chosen people Israel from their captivity in slavery and giving them new life in the land promised to faithful Abraham and Sarah; and though they experienced the death of exile, you remained faithful to your promise, sending the prophets and giving your children renewed life in their own land.

We praise you for Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit, the first-born from the dead; who, through the exile of his suffering on the cross, served us as victim and priest, and through him you have delivered us from our exile and captivity to sin and death, giving us the joys of life everlasting, fulfilling all covenants and promises.

Send your Holy Spirit to breathe new life into us and to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the true Body and Blood of our living host, Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave you thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "Drink this, all of you: This cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, before you we proclaim the mystery of our Faith:

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

We now offer to you, most holy God, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, remembering this Easter day all you have done through the Passion and Resurrection of your Son.

In this Holy Communion you unite us in the sacrifice of our eternal High Priest.

Through the promise he made to his disciples, we await his coming to fulfill all of life and to make new the whole creation.

We pray that you would open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Through Christ, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

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.**

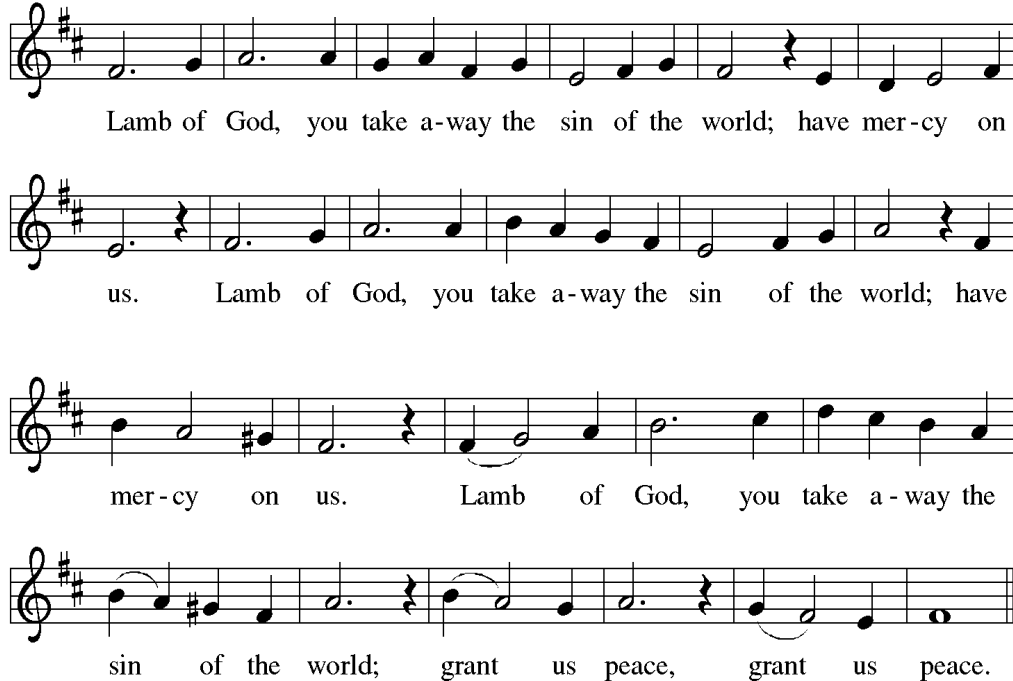
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION / FRACTION

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast, alleluia!

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.

We sit

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COMMUNION MUSIC

Now the Green Blade Rises ELW 379

We stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

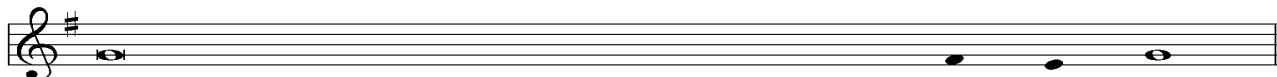
The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and his Precious Blood strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Let us pray.

God our shepherd,
**you have prepared a table before us
 and nourished us with your love.
 Send us forth from this banquet
 to proclaim your goodness
 and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
 our redeemer and friend.
 Amen.**

BENEDICTION



☩ The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



☩ A - men

SENDING HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds ELW 367

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
 Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Corrente
 Arcangelo Corelli*

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Lector	Cathy Bowden
Altar Guild Candles	Tamara Swenson
Communion Set up/Clean up	Elisa Long & Simone Smith

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR: Flowers for the altar are given by Ken and Cheryl Jorgenson for the Glory of God. The congregation extends its appreciation to the Jorgensons for this generous gesture.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages. There is something for everyone. Pre – K meets in classroom 2.
Elementary meets in classroom 3.
Confirmation (middle school) meets in classroom 4.
High school meets in classroom 6.
College and adults meet in the student lounge/conference room.
10.00 – 10.45 a.m. each Sunday.

The high school group will begin discussing *Baptized we Live* by Daniel Erlander. This book does a great job of presenting Lutheran theology in a clear manner.

ADD MAY 9 AT 7:00 P.M. to your calendars for our GREENSpeak event! "AIM Norman" is seeking the input of our GREENSpeak members to help map the city's future as part of the City of Norman's Area and Infrastructure Master Plan (AIM Norman). AIM Norman will help shape the course of the community over the next two decades through the insights and engagement of Norman residents (like those attending GREENSpeak!). AIM Norman will design a crucial roadmap that will provide essential guidance for city leaders and decision-makers as the community plans for the future. Our GREENSpeak attendees represent multiple faith communities and are environmentally active and concerned, a unique group that needs to be heard by AIM Norman! They sought out our input. Once the themes are set for the evening, the AIM Norman representatives will listen to our input and combine it with other information gathered to form a cohesive picture. Please plan to be with us May 9!

MAY 19 PENTECOST FLOWERS: Please consider honoring our church for Pentecost with Red Pentecost flowers this year. A sign-up sheet is in the binder on the Welcome Center.

Flowers are \$15 each. Please make your check payable to ULCSC with the notation “Pentecost flowers” on the memo line or donate online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z67P/campaign/C-12SS2> Thank you!

THANKS TO THE ULCSC VOLUNTEERS who helped with Norman's Earth Day Festival last Sunday! Whether it was taking the canopy and chairs, visiting with people who stopped at our booth to see the giant white log of densified foam and learn more about recycling foam, or played the recycle sorting game with lots of children, your help was essential to the success we had. We made 3 significant contacts with Norman businesses and city leaders which will help grow and sustain the program. Thanks from the Green Team!

CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE: Jon Giuliano is working on organizing a new church softball league this summer. If you are interested in playing church league softball, or forming a team here at University Lutheran, please contact Jon Giuliano at 405-561-1091 or by email at jon@legendsoftballok.com, or visit the website legendsoftballok.com for further information.

FOR THOSE WHO RECENTLY COMPLETED STYRO-STATION

ORIENTATION: Some volunteers have begun to drop by the Styro-Station to lend a hand by sorting foam or other activities that need to be done. (Please remember to sign the Volunteer time sheet each time you visit!) If you are hesitating to "drop in" for fear of not knowing where your effort is needed most, Cathy and Doug are at the church frequently and would be happy to help you get started! They often volunteer on Monday after lunch. Cathy is there on Wednesdays about 1:30 to help supervise the ABLE clients who come in to work. If neither of these times are convenient, we'll make it a point to be there when you are the first few times you volunteer if you'll let us know YOUR preferred time! **Styro-Station Orientations will resume in May.** Thanks to ALL who are helping foam recycling become a sustainable project at ULCSC!

VOICES FOR THE VOICELESS: Please contact normancoalition4refugees@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering for the Norman Coalition for Refugee Support – even a little. Also, NCRS will always need donations to support refugees in our community. You can make donations via the ULCSC offering plate (envelopes are in the narthex), ULCSC website, or at www.nc4rs.org. Thank you!

THE ALTAR GUILD is in need of new members, specifically for the late service. This would involve setting up and taking down/cleanup for communion. If you are interested, please contact Sandra Longcrier or Pastor Joe.

THANK YOU for your support of the Green Team Plant Sale! Your generous donations provided \$250 +/- to help the Green Team cover the costs of maintaining the densifier, purchase supplies for the OU Styro-Home Club activities and providing token amounts for those who help with the library outreach in 7 communities. We couldn't do it without your support! Thanks!

FOAM TAKE OUT CONTAINERS can be put in your dishwasher, if necessary, to remove grease or sticky pancake syrup. Foam must be clean AND DRY to go in the densifier! WET FOAM MOLDS IF PUT IN CLOSED BAGS. WE THROW AWAY MOLDY FOAM. Local egg producers are reliant on your recycling egg cartons. If you have more than one carton, "nest" them to take up less space in your bag and they will remain uncrushed. We gave away 704 egg cartons last week, about a month's worth of donations. Thanks!

ALTAR FLOWER DONORS NEEDED: Thank you to all who continue to support our altar flower ministry. **The new flower chart is posted on the tack board in the fellowship hall. Please claim a Sunday** to honor a loved one, celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or simply to glorify God. In addition to sharing a personal observance with the congregation, you are beautifying our church. PLUS, each Monday a member of our Caring Ministry delivers small bouquets of the altar flowers to shut-ins and members in need of a pick-me-up. Please consider claiming a Sunday soon so that we can continue adorning the altar and brightening the day for our members and friends. The cost of each altar array is \$45.00. Payments may be made online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z67P/home>. Or a check can be made payable to ULCSC with the notation "altar flowers" on the memo line. Thank you for honoring our church, our services and our members in such a beautiful way!

WE NEED YOU! We are in need of people to provide breakfast each Sunday. Gather your friends and family and sign up in the binder in the Welcome Center for a Sunday or two. The sky is the limit for what you want to serve. You can cook, you can bring in food, whatever you wish to do. There are suggested amounts of "regular" breakfast foods in the binder. Paper goods are in the kitchen. You can be reimbursed for expenses. Please sign up so that we can continue this important ministry in the life of our congregation. Families, ministry teams, committees, and groups of friends can all sign up!

*Effective Stewardship Monthly Quote:
Helping Churches to train better stewards.*

God wants us to ask for material possessions and other things we need. ". . . ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you" (Luke 11:9).

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO BECOME INVOLVED in the life of our congregation, or to tell others about all of the things we do, we encourage you to look in the narthex. There are now sheets with many of our groups/committees/outreach programs that have contact information, as well as a place to leave your preference for being contacted if you are interested in joining. As we continue to return to normal from this pandemic, we encourage everyone to find a way to become involved in our congregational life, and to invite others to do the same.

OU FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS: Please drop off food donations directly to the pantry at 333 Cate Center Dr. or email the Pantry at oupantry@ou.edu to make an arrangement to drop off your donation. The OU Food Pantry is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays,

10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Current needs are canned meats (chicken, tuna, beef stew, chili), dried and canned beans, peanut butter and jelly, rice, canned vegetables and fruits, soups with meat/beans, dried pastas, spaghetti sauce, and toiletries. Their FB page has an Amazon wish list, which makes for easy shopping/donation.

FOOD AND SHELTER DONATIONS: The ULCSC outreach committee thanks all of you who have so generously supported Norman's Food and Shelter for Friends. Each day the shelter services over 150 Norman folks in need of a meal or housing, so keep filling our baskets with large canned food items and cereal. Individual jars of peanut butter and jelly are also needed now that they have a community pantry. Thanks to many, we have provided large quantities of ground beef and other perishable food. If you would like to consider a monetary donation, this would also be quite helpful in providing such needed items as eggs, milk, cheese, meat, etc. We will do the leg work for you. More information may be found on their website: www.foodandshelterinc.org.

Online donations are welcome and may be found on the Giving page of the church website: ulcsc.org. Again, thanks for your support of this ministry! Gary Gress

HEALING PRAYERS: The Prayer Team is providing everyone an opportunity to offer intentional prayers for an individual on our prayer list, or someone you know who is in need.

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Jack Alley	Samantha & Gordon Carlson	Tova Olkinetzky
Lisa Black & family	Ike Isaacs	The Roberts Family
Michelle Black	David & Darlene Iverson	Mark Somers
Carol Bohley	Debbie Johnson	Luke & Maria Stockstill
Kathy Buller	Kim Johnson	Tamara Swenson
Krista Cannicott	Larry Klumpp	Richard White
Angela & Dan Carr	Don Longcrier	Jane & Duane Winegardner
Sydney Lowery	Jake Manzanaras	

Kim Johnson and her family as they mourn the passing of her mother, Veryl Holmes
 Samantha Carlson and her family as they mourn the passing of her father, David Lynn Spear.
 Bob Metz and his family as they mourn the passing of his uncle, Gary Glassco.
 The Purcell family as they mourn the passing of Mary Ann Purcell.
 Jerry Black and his family as they mourn the passing of his father, Melvin James Black.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Cecilia Jo Alvarez	Aunt of Sandra and Don Longcrier
Mary A. Alvarez	Aunt of Sandra and Don Longcrier
Jon Bakewell	Son-in-law of Joe and Janie Thompson
Melissa Bell	Sister-in-law of Terry Bell
Charles and Lisa Belletto	Friends of Pr. Joe and Dcn. Donna Summerville
Jacob Black	Friend of Evan and Amanda Way
Dave Boeck	Friend of ULCSC
Holis Breeding	Friend of Christian Day
Christine Burkhart	Friend of Peggy Stoltenberg
Scott Carr	Friend of Bev Lafferrandre
Skip and Iona Chapin	Friends of Richard White
Julie McDonald Comer	Friend of Linda Lockett
Carole Couch	Friend of Cathy Bowden
Marvin and Verna Couchman	Friends of Richard White
Clifford DeLarm	Father of Angela Carr
Tim DeLarm	Brother of Angela Carr
Bren Doreck	Friend of Pr. Joseph and Donna Summerville
Marcus Dickinson	Student of Maria Stockstill
Don and Mandy Downey	Brother and sister-in-law of Alfred Downey
Kathie Gale	Cousin of Donna Shaw
Tim Gibbons	Brother of Tamara Swenson
Elizabeth Green	Daughter of Roger and Deb Bain
Lisa Hackmeister	Friend of Debbie Johnson
Darin Hagey	Friend of Debbie Downey
Hilda Hunter	Sister of Alfred Downey

Glenn and Andrea Kimmerle
Daryl Malas and family
Anthony Martin
Finley Miller
Millie Mount
Kathryn Mullen
Lloyd Muterspaugh
Avery Nicole
Daren Paddyaker
Bruce Parry
Jonathon Pine
Betty Price
Marlies Quattrochi
Murray Reagen
Mark and Emily Salmon
Steve Schnell
Helen Shaw
 Jhett Skaggs
Ken & Lynn Stanton
Trevor Steele
Pate Stith
 Zach Terry
Chasitey Turner
Judy Waters
Laura Weyenberg
Gennette Wilbanks

Mother and Step-father of Angela Carr
 Brother of Kathy Buller
 Son of Angela Carr
 Cousin of Amanda Day
 Friend of Maria Stockstill
 Friend of the Winegardners
 Father of Maria Stockstill
 Granddaughter of Barbara Starling
 Father of Evan Way
 Cousin of Sandra Longcrier
 Son of Angela Carr
 Friend of Linda Roberts
 Sister of Ursula Purcell
 Friend of Donna Shaw
 Friends of Marilyn Brinker
 Friend of ULCS
 Mother of Donna Shaw
 Friend of Heidi Somers
 Friends of Jerry Black
 Friend of Christian Day
 Grandson of Richard and Tamara Swenson
 Friend of Eric and Amanda Day
 Friend of Mitchell Nauman
 Friend of Cathy and Doug Bowden
 Niece of Keith Weyenberg
 Friend of Amanda Day

THOSE IN THE MILITARY, WHO SERVE IN HARM'S WAY, INCLUDING: Jonathon Anderson, US Army; Nicholas Bryant, US Army National Guard; Barry Roche; Justin Smalley, US Coast Guard; Matt Carnal, US Navy, and civilians doing relief work.

MISSIONARIES OF THE CHURCH, ESPECIALLY: David and Alicia Brondos in Mexico.

PRAY FOR PEACE for those suffering from the COVID-19 virus, their caretakers, and the scientists working to find a cure.

PRAY FOR A PEACEFUL settlement of the war in Ukraine.

PRAY FOR PEACE and avoidance of escalation of tensions in Syria, Iran, and Israel/Gaza.

PLEASE NOTE: We are happy to keep people on the prayer list as long as they are in need of prayers. However, if you know that someone has recovered from their illness or no longer needs to be on the list please call or email the office and let us know. Thank you.

Prayer requests will be kept on the list for thirty (30) days unless the office is notified otherwise. HIPPA regulations will be respected.

WEEK AHEAD

April 28th, 2024– May 5th, 2024

Sunday	5th Sunday of Easter
8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist
9:00 AM	Blood Drive
9:30 AM	Breakfast
10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
10:00 AM	Christian Education & Sunday School
11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
Monday	
Tuesday	
8:30-4:00	St. Sophia Classical Academy
Wednesday	
10:00 AM	Discipleship Committee Meeting
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM	Band Rehearsal
Thursday	
8:30-4:00	St. Sophia Classical Academy
Friday	
5:00 PM	A-OK Synod Assembly Bastos Violin Studio
Saturday	
8:00 AM	A-OK Synod Assembly Men's Prayer Breakfast
10:30-3:30	DAR Luncheon
Sunday	6th Sunday of Easter
	A-OK Synod Assembly
8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM	Breakfast
10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
10:00 AM	Christian Education & Sunday School
11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist