
St. Philip Lutheran Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

(8:30) *“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”*

[arr. Nancy Raabe]

(10:30) *“Toccata Giocosa” – St. Philip Handbell Choir*

[music by Page Long]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Just as God’s work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep, and water became the essence of life. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.

We give you thanks, O God.

By the baptism of Jesus’ death and resurrection, you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. In baptismal waters, our old life is washed away, and in them, we are born anew.

We give you thanks, O God.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Satisfy the world’s need through your living water and give us the life only you can give.

We give you thanks, O God.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our Living Water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 363 – “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”



1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain of tri-um-phant glad-ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to-day: Christ has burst his pris-on,
3 Now the queen of sea-sons, bright with the day of splen-dor,
4 Nei-ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por-tal,
5 Al-le-lu-ia! now we cry to our Lord im-mor-tal,



God has brought forth Is-ra-el in-to joy from sad-ness,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris-en.
with the roy-al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren-der;
nor the watch-ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor-tal:
who tri-um-phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por-tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit-ter yoke Ja-cob's sons and daugh-ers;
All the win-ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly-ing
comes to glad Jer-u-sa-lem, who with true af-fec-tion
but to-day, a-mong your own, you ap-pear, be-stow-ing
Al-le-lu-ia! with the Son God the Fa-ther prais-ing;



led them with un-moist-ened foot through the Red Sea wa-ters.
from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un-dy-ing.
wel-comes in un-wea-ried strain Je-sus' res-ur-rec-tion!
your deep peace, which ev-er-more pass-es hu-man know-ing.
Al-le-lu-ia! yet a-gain to the Spir-it rais-ing.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490–1547

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. Refrain
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. to verse 4
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. Refrain
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu ia. Refrain

Text: Based on Revelation 5, © 1978, *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Tune: FESTIVAL CANTICLE, Irregular; Richard Hillert, b.1923, © 1975, 1988, Richard Hillert

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord of the resurrection, you died and were raised so that ultimately death would not prevail. Remind us daily that sin, and even death, have no power over us. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

We sit.

LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57

A reading from first Corinthians.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ — whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

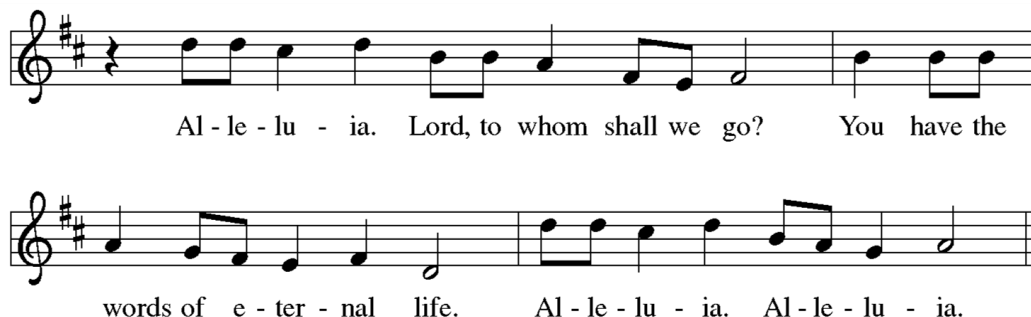
⁵¹Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body

must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 12: 26-27a

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the story about the bush, how God said to him, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? ²⁷He is God not of the dead, but of the living."

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

We sit.

(10:30) CHILDREN’S MESSAGE & SONG

Each Sunday immediately after the children’s message in worship, younger children (~1st Grade and younger) are invited to Children’s Church in our Nursery where they will engage in our Bible lesson for the day in an age-appropriate way. If they are more comfortable staying with their parents, they are welcome. The children return from Children’s Church after the Prayers of Intercession.

“Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad”

All join in singing the refrain to begin. Leaders will offer the verses below.

All repeat the refrain following each verse.



This is the day that the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.



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| 1. Give thanks for God’s steadfast love;
God’s mercy endures for ever.
Let all those who fear the Lord
give thanks for God’s merciful love. | I fell but God lifted me;
the Lord is my strength and my might. |
| 2. I cried and God answered me;
the right hand of God has triumphed. | 3. The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
The Lord has done marv’lous things;
let us rejoice and be glad. |

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SERMON

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Christ, by Whose Death”



1. Christ, by whose death the church on earth was
 2. Christ, in whose life we live e - ter - nal -
 3. Christ, in whose love your church finds u - ni -
 4. Christ, by whose truth your church on earth is
 5. Christ, by whose call your church is sent to



born, we would by faith - ful lives your name a -
 ly, from bonds of sin and death you set us
 ty, yet cel - e - brates her rich di - ver - si -
 led; Christ, by whose Word and Sac - ra - ment we're
 bear your cross of suf - f'ring and your mis - sion



dorn sing - ing to greet your new cre - a - tion's
 free. Help us to serve and praise you joy - ful -
 ty, bind us as one in peace and char - i -
 fed: come to us now in gifts of wine and
 dare: yours be our strength till all on earth de -



morn: “Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!”
 ly: “Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!”
 ty. “Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!”
 bread. “Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!”
 clare: “Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!”

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NICENE CREED

**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.

We sit or kneel. The assisting minister leads the prayers, each petition concluding:
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.

We stand.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

We sit.

OFFERING

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
- Ephesians 5:2

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Offerings may be placed in the basket at the rear of the sanctuary. You can easily give to St. Philip through our website; please go to www.stphiliplutheranchurchmb.com and click "Give to St. Philip" or you can use your phone's camera to scan the code to the right which will take you right there!



OFFERTORY MUSIC

(8:30) "Toccata Giocosa" – St. Philip Handbell Choir

[music by Page Long]

(10:30) "Shout for Joy to the Lord" – Chancel Choir

[music by Douglas Nolan]

We stand as the offering song begins.

OFFERING SONG

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. 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.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

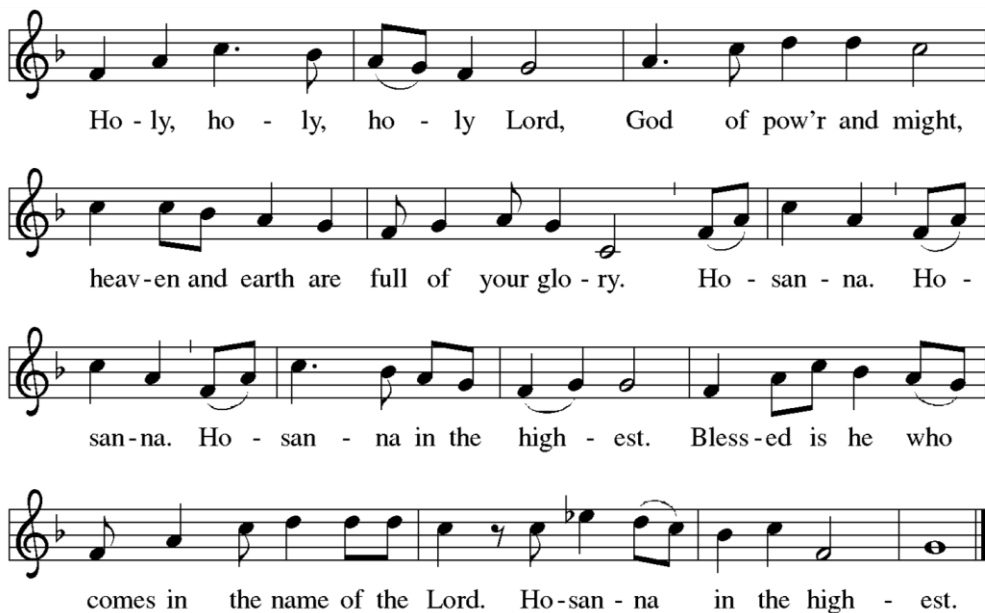
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, both now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

Thanks be to God.

We sit.

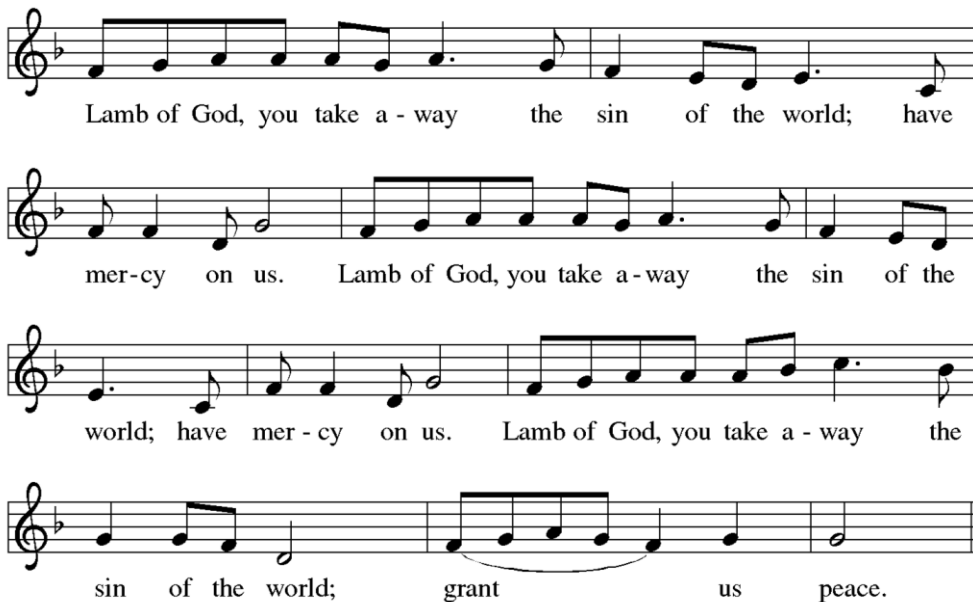
All are invited to the Lord's Table. Communion is distributed by intinction. Intinction involves dipping the consecrated bread (wafer) into the chalice of wine and then eating.

Ushers will invite the congregation, one side at a time, to come forward to the baptismal font via the center aisle. The Pastor will hand you a wafer, and a few steps away, an Assisting Minister will hold a chalice of wine. Dip the wafer into the wine, being mindful not to submerge your fingers. If, by chance, the wafer goes directly into your mouth, don't worry – the Pastor will gladly provide another. Return to your seats via the side aisle.

For those who prefer, prepackaged wafers and grape juice is available. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Notify the Pastor of your preference when arriving at the font.

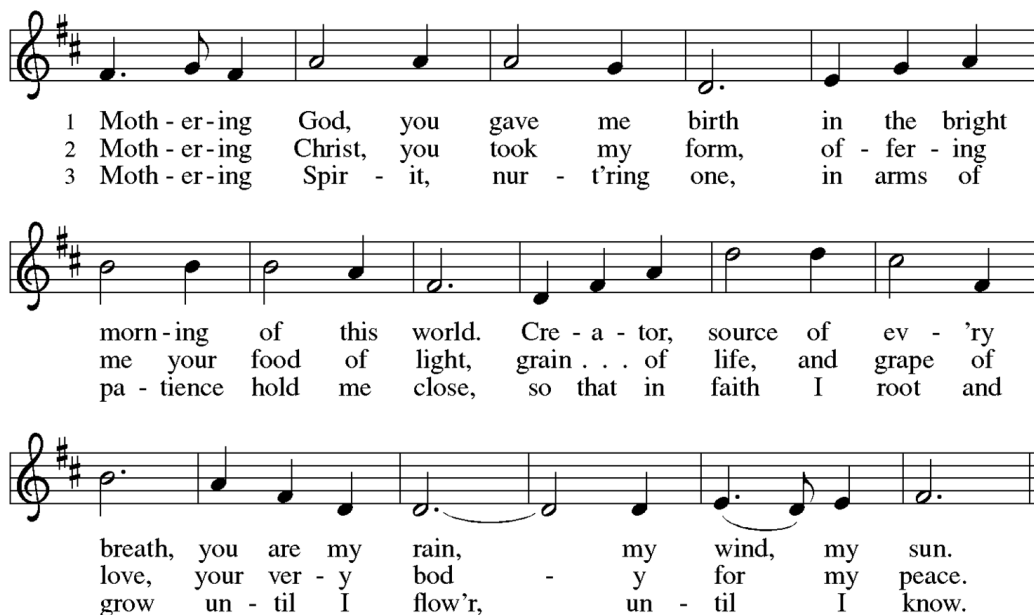
You may stay in your seat for communion. The Pastor and assisting minister will bring you communion in your seat. Please dispose of your trash after worship if you have any.

COMMUNION SONGS



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.

ELW 735 – “*Mothing God, You Gave Me Birth*”



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of
morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and
breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

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Music: NORWICH, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936
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MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: “Who is My Mother?” [by Shirley E. Murray]

*Who is my mother, who is my brother? All those who gather round Jesus Christ:
Spirit-blown people, born from the Gospel sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.*

*Differently abled, differently labeled, widen the circle round Jesus Christ:
Crutches and stigmas, cultures’ enigmas, all come together round Jesus Christ.*

*Love will relate us – color or status can’t segregate us, round Jesus Christ:
Family failings, human derailings – all are accepted, round Jesus Christ.*

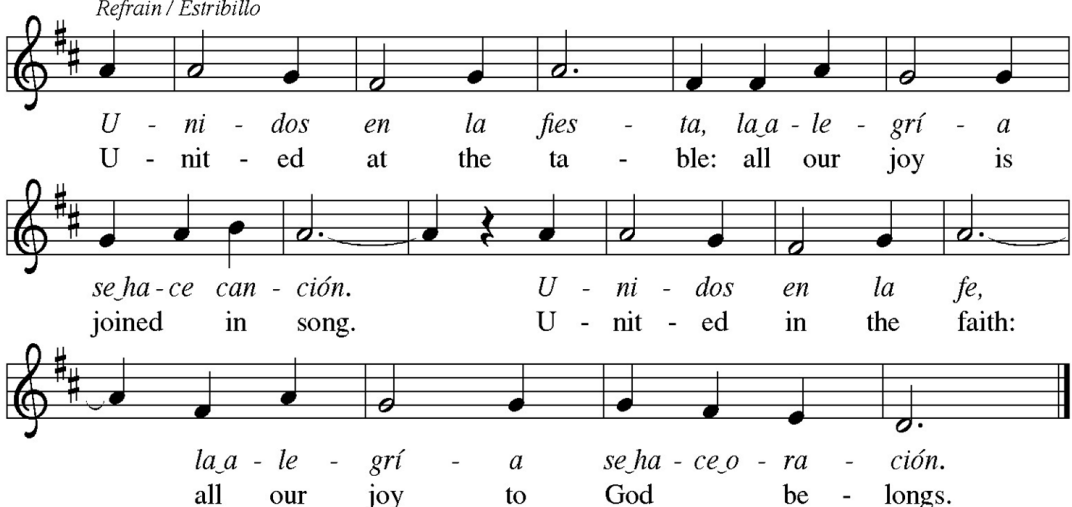
*Bound by one vision, met for one mission we claim each other, round Jesus Christ:
Here is my mother, here is my brother, kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.*

ELW 498 – “United at the Table”

A leader will sing the refrain, then all repeat.

*Leaders may offer the verses below. All join in the **Refrain** following each verse.*

Refrain / Estribillo



U - ni - dos en la fies - ta, la a - le - grí - a
U - nit - ed at the ta - ble: all our joy is

se ha - ce can - ción. U - ni - dos en la fe,
joined in song. U - nit - ed in the faith:

la a - le - grí - a se ha - ce o - ra - ción.
all our joy to God be - longs.

Text: Joaquín Madurga; tr. Angel Mattos, b. 1947, and Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923
Music: UNIDOS EN LA FIESTA, Joaquín Madurga
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*Verse 1 - We will praise God, we will sing alleluias with hymns and with psalmody;
We will praise God for the love that sustains us eternally.*

Refrain

*Verse 2 - We will praise God, we will feast at the bountiful table of life and grace;
We will praside God and give thanks for communion with ev’ry race.*

Refrain

*Verse 3 - We will praise God, we will play alleluias with rhythm and instruments;
We will praise God for the love that invites all creation to dance.*

Refrain

ELW 388 – “Be Not Afraid, Sing Out for Joy!”

The song will be repeated a number of times.

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the staves, with the words 'Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!' aligned with the notes.

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The second system of the musical score is identical to the first system, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef) with the same key signature and time signature, and the lyrics 'Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!'.

Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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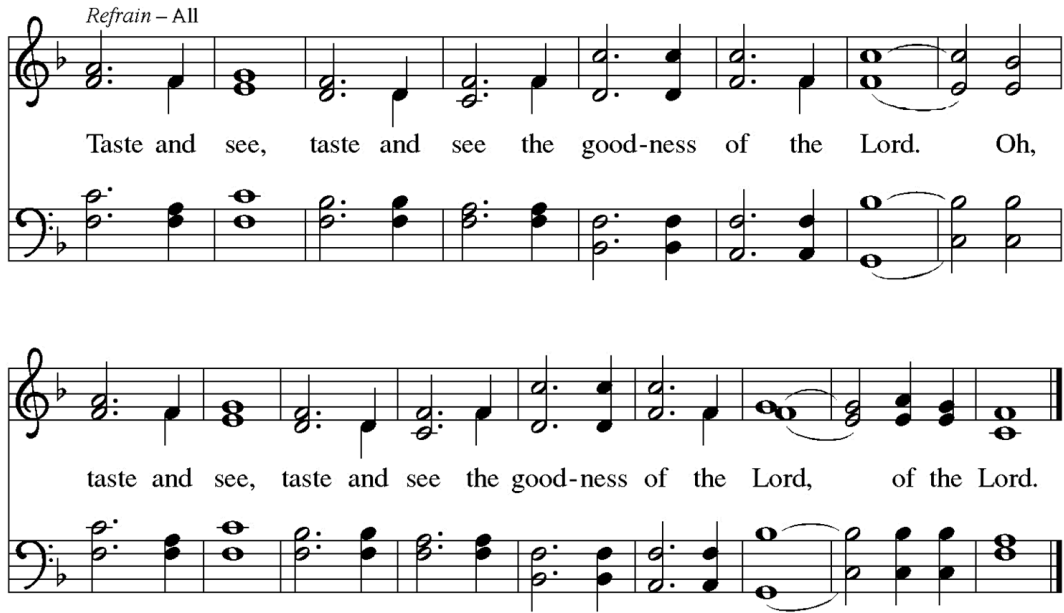
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ELW 493 – “Taste and See”

Leaders will offer the verses below.

Repeat the refrain one or more times following each verse as lead.

Refrain – All



Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,

taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Text: James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34

Music: TASTE AND SEE, James E. Moore Jr.

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Verse 1

I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips.
My soul shall glory in the Lord, for God has been so good to me!

Refrain

Verse 2

Glorify the Lord with me. Together, let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord who answered me. From all my troubles, I was set free!

Refrain

Verse 3

Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing, if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good! In God, we need to put all our trust.

Refrain

At the invitation of the pastor, we stand.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

+ SENDING +

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious God, 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.

BLESSING

The God and Father of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 366 – “The Strife is O’er”

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o’er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor’s
 2 The pow’rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav’n’s high
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death’s sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909
 Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *“Trumpet Fanfare for Organ”*

[music by Paul Fey]

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Music Notes from John Sparkman

Nominate your favorite hymns to sing & hear this summer! During the weeks of Easter, use your attendance insert in your bulletin to name your favorite hymns for the St. Philip community to join in singing and hearing this summer. Only one hymn allowed per week, otherwise the list might get too long for us to sing them all!! You may need to use the back of your insert so you have enough space to write on. Include a sentence or two on why the hymn is a favorite if you are comfortable sharing those details with everyone. Nominate your favorites on your attendance insert through Pentecost Sunday, May 19.

Make Music at St. Philip this Summer! As our weekly music ministries take a break for the summer season at the end of May, there are still ways to make music with others at St. Philip this summer. This is also a great way to easily invite the involvement of family or friends who might be visiting you at the beach in the coming months!

Summer Spontaneity Singers: On the **first Sundays of June, July, and August**, meet at 10:00 a.m. to learn a simple--and likely familiar!--song to offer in 10:30 worship. Both youth and adults are very welcome, and no history of singing is needed! Come make a spontaneous joyful noise at 10:00am on **June 2, July 7, and August 4!**

Special Summer Music: The summer months are a great time to explore your instrumental or vocal talents in a new way, and all are invited to offer special music in June, July, and August. Accompanying or joining together for duets or small groups, either with instruments or voices, are a great way to live out Kingdom values of shared respect and support as we worship God through the music we share together. All musical levels welcome! Reach out to John with your interest and to sign up for a date to offer your gifts.

CHURCH NEWS

Our Children's Sunday school meets from 9:35 – 10:15 a.m. with preschool to 1st grade meeting in the nursery, and a 2nd grade and higher meeting in the youth room (by the Fellowship Hall). The Sunday school classes will not meet over the summer months.

Our next new members class will be Sunday, May 19, 9:35 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great time to find out about the history of St. Philip, the Lutheran faith, or to ask any questions you may have about membership. Please speak to Pastor Jason after worship if you are interested in attending our next class, or email him directly if you prefer, prjlee@aol.com. St. Philip will welcome new members on Sunday, May 26, during both worship services.

The flowers are in honor of Dave & Sharon Ramsey's wedding anniversary which was on May 10. And a Happy Anniversary this week to Ed & Brenda Sheffer, May 13; John & Elsie Angus and James & Karen McIlrath, May 15; Bob & Linda Davies and Joe Heindlmeyer & Sherri Miller, May 17.

Celebrating a birthday today is Joan DiLorenzo and Bill Storm. And a Happy Birthday this week to Randy Mann, May 13; Joseph Madeja and Sherry Turczynski, May 15; Valerie Barba and Nancy Houston, May 18.

WELCA Ruth Circle is collecting large, restaurant size cans (or large as you can find) of fruits and vegetables for Meals on Wheels of Horry County through Sunday, May 19. If you are able to help, please place your donations in the 2 mission boxes in the hallway across from the offices that are marked accordingly. Any question, contact Barb Poloni directly, bapolo47@gmail.com

The Fellowship Committee will host a Meet & Greet next Sunday, May 19, following each worship service. Join them in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship.

Lunch Bunch will gather on Monday, May 20, at 12:30 p.m. for lunch at Crave Italian Oven & Bar, 5900 N. Kings Hwy. Please sign up on the sheet provided on the information table by the front entrance of the church if you will be attending. This will be the last lunch gathering before summer. Lunch Bunch will resume in September.

Book study starts this Wednesday: Join St. Philip member, Pr. Pérsida Rivera-Méndez, for a book study discussion on, "How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen," by David Brooks. We will begin on Wednesday, May 15, and continue each Wednesday through June 19, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Each session will be about an hour long, where we will discuss three chapters. We look forward to rich and engaging conversations! Please come prepared by reading the selected chapters for each session ahead of time. Books are available for purchase for \$20 for those who want to start reading right away. Please sign up on the sheet provided on the information table by the front entrance of the church if you plan to join us.

May Youth Events: A youth and family cook-out is being planned for Saturday, May 18, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Lee's home. More details to come. And mark your calendars now for Youth Sunday at St. Philip, May 19. Our youth will assist during both worship services! May 19 is also Pentecost Sunday, so don't forget to wear something red!

Feeding the Homeless May 25: Menu - Hamburgers with all the fixins'

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On Saturday, May 25, St. Philip is feeding our homeless brothers and sisters. We will need many hands to help set up, serve, clean, and take down. We also will need lots of help in bringing food. If you plan to bring food, we ask that you bring your warm, ready to eat dish on Saturday morning between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. Some items can be brought in ahead of time. Please place chilled items in the kitchen refrigerator and frozen items in the white freezer. We expect to serve about 40 meals, plus we send 20 to-go boxes to deliver, so we will need lots of support! If you have any questions, please contact Audrey McVean at amcvean@sc.rr.com or Patrick Wilson at patrickwilson.va@gmail.com.

Sabbatical Interim Pastor

Over the past several months, we have been preparing for Pastor Jason's (and family) sabbatical this summer, June 1 through September 15, 2024.

In previous announcements, we have discussed what a sabbatical is and what it is not. A "sabbatical" is a significant amount of time away from ministry responsibilities and is to be used for both professional growth and personal renewal. It is not a vacation. There will be learning and growing that occurs, both for Pastor Jason and for the congregation of St. Philip.

We have shared the topic of his study over the summer. The question, "*What would we need to change to integrate the next 50 people God wants to send us?*" will guide his learning. Pastor Jason will be working with Pinnacle Leadership Associates to proactively navigate St. Philip's growth into the future. The ultimate goal of this learning is to, along with leadership at St. Philip, develop a church-specific size transition plan for the future health of St. Philip.

While away, we will have an Interim Pastor, Rev. Beth Neubauer, who will lead worship, provide pastoral care, and offer guidance and direction as needed. As a member here at St. Philip, Pastor Neubauer is familiar with its history and culture, knows many faces and names, and is connected strongly to all of the ministries, projects, and renovations we aim to fulfill. While she will not be acting in a full-time role, Pastor Neubauer will be available in the office one day per week, as well as in case of emergency pastoral care needs.

We thank Pastor Neubauer for her willingness to serve and bless the congregation in this way. Please continue to pray for Pastor Jason, Pastor Beth, and St. Philip during this sabbatical time, that it may lead to renewal, revitalization, and preparedness for the future.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for those who are sick, in the hospital, or in hospice care and for all front-line workers in the medical field; for all First Responders and all Police Officers. For all victims of war and violence in our nation; for refugees and asylum seekers in the U.S.; for those who endure the effects of disasters throughout the world; for all missionaries near and far. For our Community and Nation; for our President, our Vice-president, our government, and our local and state officials; and for all our United States service men and women.

Prayers for church members and regular attendees: Joan Oberrender, Patti Klosterman, Chris Burton, Hans Duerr, Marty Poloni, Carol Renne, Barbara Stemler, and Maxine Robinson.

AJ & Regine Perez - Hannah T. (granddaughter), Donna L. (colon cancer); **Audrey McVean** - Lora D. (mother); **Barbara Boord** - Albert Z. (ALS); **Barbara Miller** - Patti W., Leon K., Tayssir; **Nancy Houston** - Jesi S. (niece); **Beth Fife** - Tammy G.; **Beth Neubauer** - Judith W. (Beth's sister), neighbors in Haiti (Village of Hope School & Clinic); **Bob & Betti Taggart** - Ellen H., Jessica D. (granddaughter), Lannette P., George S., Lorrie D. (daughter); **Bonnie DiPalma** - Michele L.; **Carole Demmy** - Renee (brain surgery), Heather (cancer), Jennifer; **Carol Renne** - Fran K. (son-in-law); **Carol Washington** - Suzanne W. (cancer); **Chuck & Donna Krohn** - Max K. (grandson); **Connie Lafferty** - Ron K. (brother, health issues); **Daniel & Samantha Barth & family** - Zoe (cancer treatments); **Dave & Lottie Witmer** - Jim H.; **Dave & Sharon Ramsey** - Vivian B.; **David & Sherri Crawford** - Tina B. (cancer treatments), Dennis & Betty D., Marilyn D. (Sherri's mom); **Don & Bonnie Letourneau** - Darrell R. (brain cancer); **Ellen Yates** - Tom I. (cancer), Jack D. (cousin); **Frank & April Troglauer** - Keith P., Hope H., Heather W.; **Gail Kane** - Mike L., Sherry L.; **Gary & Lucille Moore** - MacKenzie (granddaughter), Candy and Terry (Gary's sister and brother, both with terminal cancer); **Geno & Keila Sebia** - the Sebia family; **Hank & Pat Moody** - Anne Moody Douglas (Hank's sister); **Henry & Rita Lewis** - Garry R., Jackie W.; **James & Joyce DeNoon** - Steve S.; **James McIlrath** - Romaine M., Karen M., Mark C.; **Jeff & Cynthia Church** - Kenneth S., Ana M.; **Jessica & Brian Lowe** - Gavin O., Rene B., Baker family; **Jim & Malinda Eubanks** - Ava (granddaughter with Leukemia) ; **Joan DiLorenzo** - Betty and Carol (Joan's sisters), Alton C.; **John Sparkman & Brent Lank** - reconciliation between Sue & Delia, Greg & Kim B. (Brent's sister & brother-in-law), Kim & Greg and baby son (Brent's family); **Joe & Paula Baxter** - Tom (son-in-law with cancer), Joe (cousin with cancer), family: Brooklyn, Debra, Joey, Daniella, Nicole, John, Barbara, Donny, Lydia, Alexis, Derek. ; **Jonah and Anna Lee** - Mallory and Camden W. (cousins); Kinter & Susan McClelland - Robin & Vince W., family of Melissa R., Barry S., Greg M. (Susans's brother); **Kip & Ronda Anderson** - Sarah S., Earl S., Debbie K., Becky L., Allan B., Chet H., Buddy D., Rae Jean D., Terry G., Dave & Patti J., Kim A.; **Lee Eymold & Chuck Mancuso** - Joan S. (Lee's sister), David C. (cancer), Mark S., Hudson R. (new grandson); **Madge Rosenberg** - Catherine R. (daughter); **Marianne Tetreault** - Kenny M.; **Marilyn Brugler** - Lonnie & Sue W., Rossie C.; **Marjorie Allen** - Cristina G.; **Martha Sosebee** - Bobby J. (cancer), Amber and Korben ; **Marty & Barb Poloni** - Rob M.(transplant), Kris K. (convulsions and surgery), Helen T. (cancer), Deb M. (healing for RA), Helen T. (cancer), Donovan B. (needs job); **Mary Shelly** - Rosemarie H., Cole W.; **Mike & Diane Ballard** - Robert L. (Diane's father); **Odella Madeja** - the Oberkempt family; **Pérsida Rivera-Méndez** - Raymond R. (son); **Rebeka Moran** - Brett S.; **Redding Soderberg** - Tom, Neely & Hayes P. (passing of son); **Robin Heuer** - Ann, Rick, Jerry, family, Joyce, Desiree, Claudia, Bob, Erica; **Roz Hanlon** - Sachs/Todd family, Norman W., Loretta K., Lori S. (passing of mom); **Skip Barth** - Mother Superior Stella, Ann S., Jodie & John, Susan, Nancy E. (sister); **Wendy Seidel** - Kurt B. (brother)

Serving this morning:

Pastor: The Rev. Jason M. Lee
Director of Music Ministries: John Sparkman
Assisting Ministers: (8:30) Wendy Seidel; (10:30) Dana Lee
Lector: (8:30) Shauna Shea; (10:30) Mary Shelly
Crucifer: (10:30) Hampton Soderberg
Acolytes: (10:30) Anna Lee & Jonah Lee
Ushers: (8:30) Jim Seidel; (10:30) Kelley Hiller
Altar Guild: Shanna Cisson and Kathy Buckley
Camera Operator: (10:30) Jim Seidel
Tellers: Odella Madeja and Dianne Siee

St. Philip's Directory of Ministry:

Ministers: The People of Saint Philip
Pastor: Rev. Jason M. Lee
Director of Music Ministries: John Sparkman
Parish Administrator: Linda Hendricks
Sexton: Doretha Duncan
Nursery Assistant: (10:30) Roz Hanlon
Assistant Treasurer: Jenny Kelly
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