

July 5, 2026
6th Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. James Thomas Preaching and Presiding

8:30 am Worship
In person in the Chapel

10:30 am Worship
In person and on Zoom
In the Sanctuary

**WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH!**
A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

Welcome. A growing international community of faith, Christ Lutheran Community Church, is strengthened by your presence. Whoever you are, however you came, **welcome!**

Gathering

**Please stand as you are able*

Congregational responses are indicated in bold

Prelude

*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

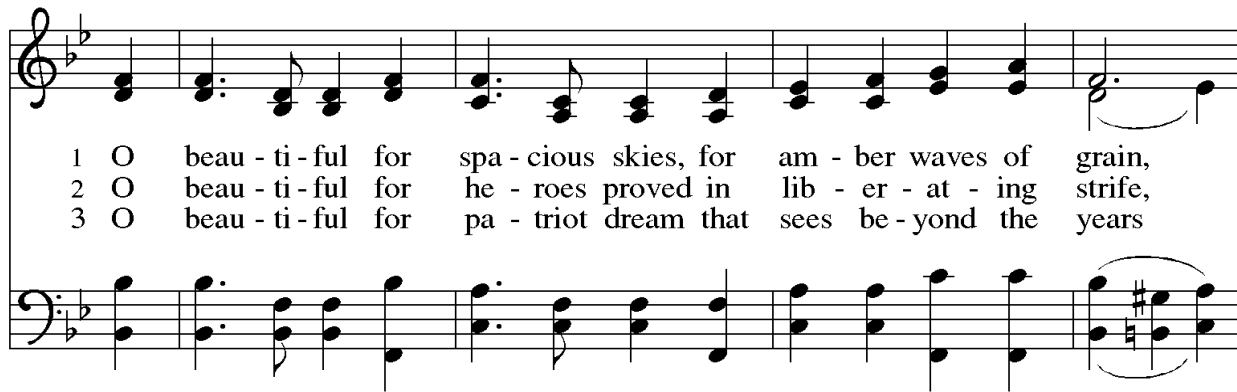
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

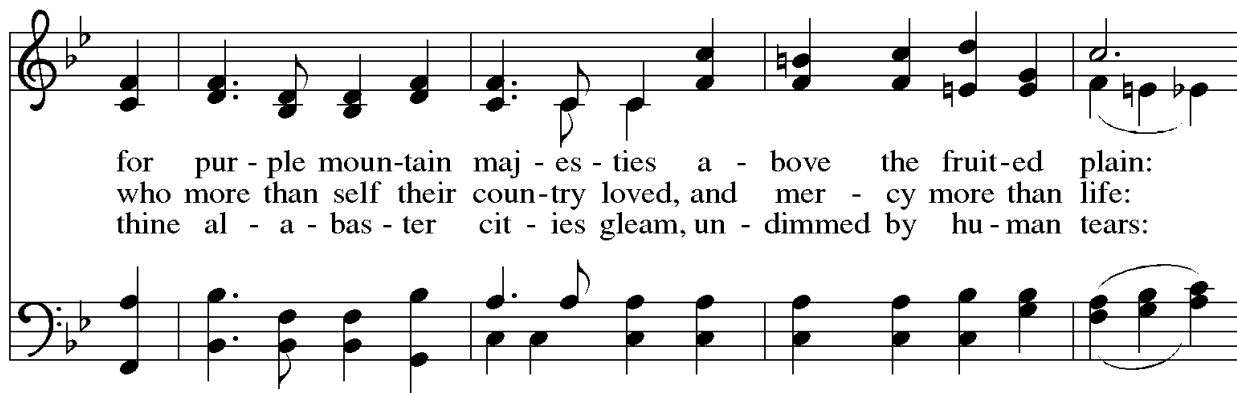
*Gathering Hymn “O Beautiful For Spacious Skies”

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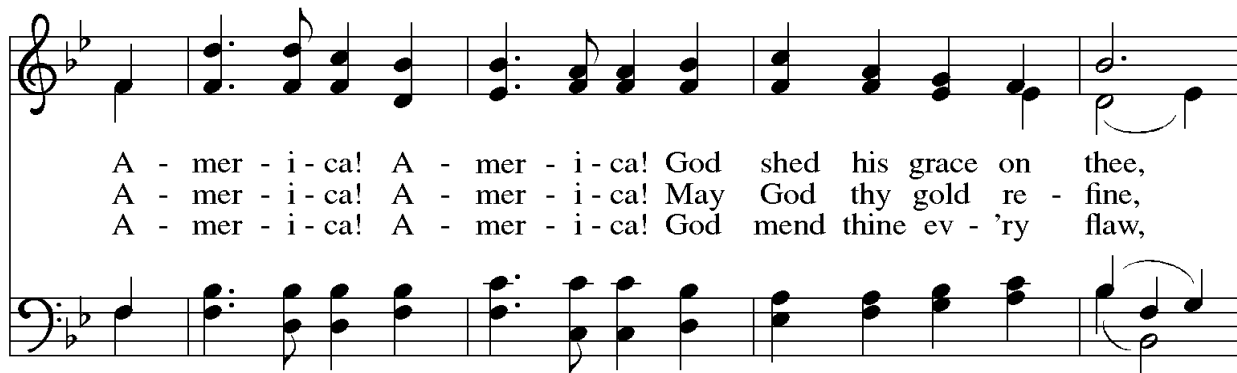
O Beautiful for Spacious Skies



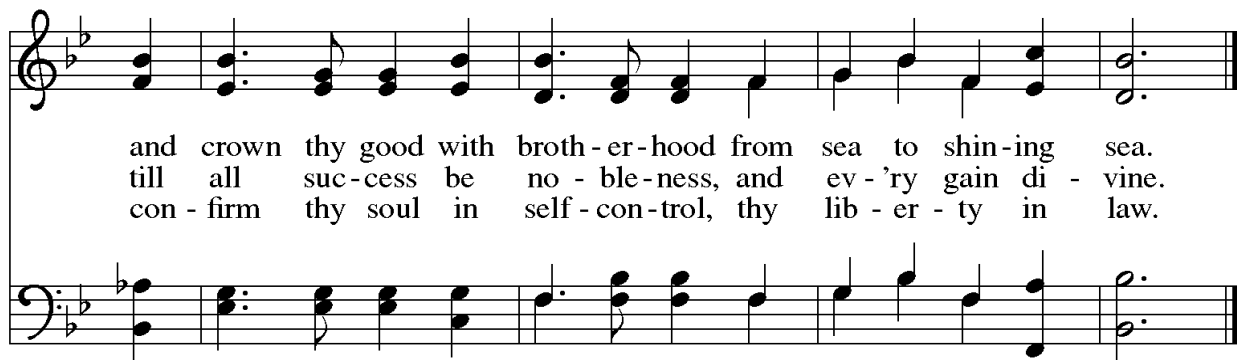
1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



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**

2 Corinthians 13:13

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**

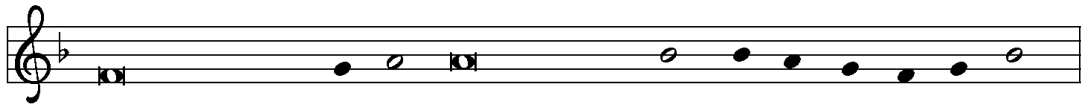
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



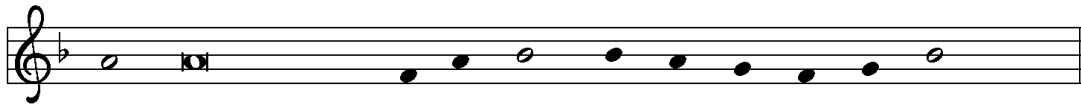
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



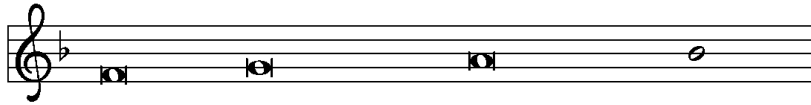
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

*Prayer of the Day

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

A reading from Zechariah.

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

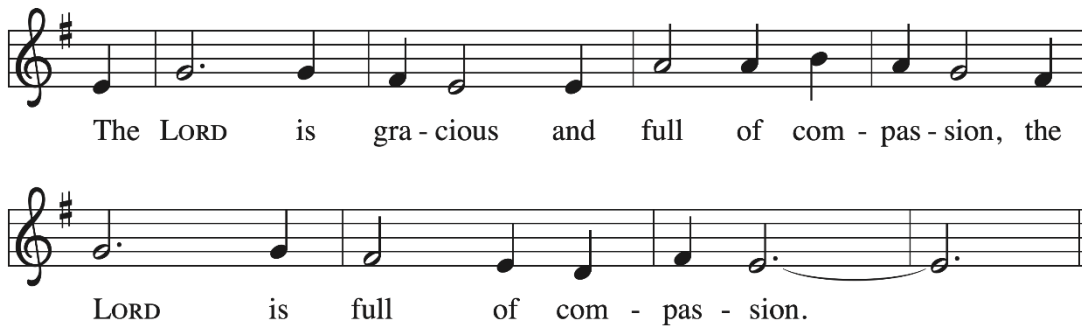
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm

Psalm 145:8-14



Psalm 145:8

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⁸ The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

⁹ **LORD, you are | good to all,
and your compassion is over | all your works. R**

¹⁰ All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power,**

¹² that all people may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures
through- | out all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your
works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down. **R**

Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

A reading from Romans

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good.

¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want,

but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’;

¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

Sermon

Silence for reflection may follow.

***Hymn of the Day**

“God of Our Fathers”

LBW 567

God of Our Fathers



1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand
 2 Your love di - vine has led us in the past;
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
 4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;



leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 in this free land by you our lot is cast;
 make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
 lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:
 oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;
 Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
 fill all our lives with heav'n - born love and grace



our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.
 your word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.
 your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.

Text: Daniel C. Roberts, 1841–1907, alt.
 Music: NATIONAL HYMN, George W. Warren, 1828–1902

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**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 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 the 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

Each petition of the prayers concludes with these or similar words:

God of grace,
hear our prayer

*Peace

*We greet one another in the peace of the risen Christ. The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Announcements

Offering

*Offering Hymn

"All Who Are Thirsty"

ACS 981

All Who Are Thirsty

The musical score is written for a Leader and All. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun - gry, come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. There's e - nough for all. All who are thirst - y,"

Text: Brian Wentzel, b. 1979

Music: ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY, Brian Wentzel

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*Offering Prayer

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Meal

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

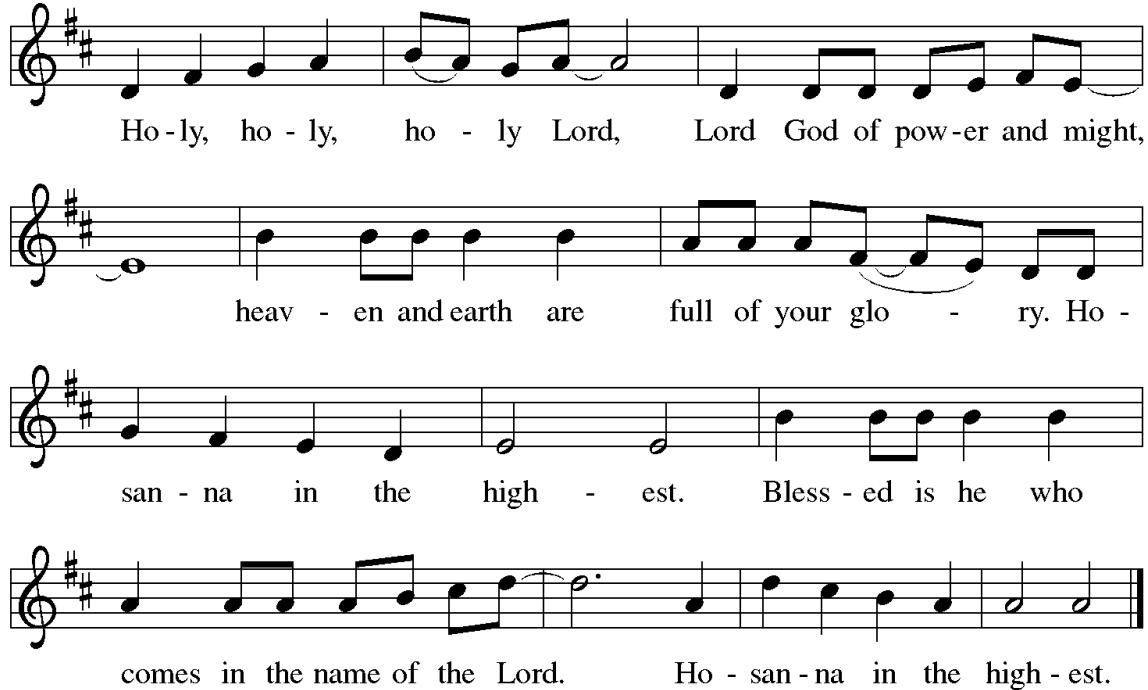
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presider continues with the preface for the day or season, concluding:

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

The presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, at the conclusion of which all are invited to join in the Lord's Prayer.

***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**

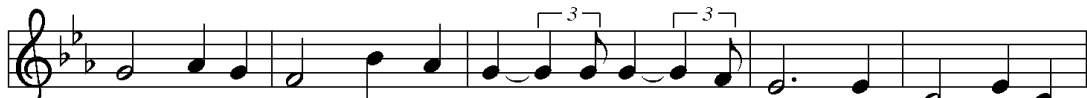
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive Communion via intinction. Simply dip your wafer into the chalice of wine. If you would rather receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest as you come forward. Know that this is Christ's table, and you are welcome here.


***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 Hymn

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

ELW 484

Refrain

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain

so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - jice.
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

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 Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996
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*Post Communion Blessing

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

*Prayer After Communion

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

*Blessing

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on.
while God is march - ing on.

Refrain



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.



***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

CLCCUD Announcements, Events and Meetings

The Flowers on the Altar are given by Paula Delucco and by Daisy Johnson in honor of Charles K. Duncan.

Worship Leaders and Assistants

Preaching & Presiding: The Rev. Dr. James Thomas

Music Director: Sal Scinto

Altar Guild: Penny Algeo, Carolyn Phipps

Lesson Reader: Lois Johnston

Prayer Leader: Lisa Ellis

Communion Asst: Lisa Ellis

Ushers: Victoria Foster-Lee and Charlesetta Kpoto

Zoom Host: Susan Pursch

A/V: Dante Hayward

Hospitality: Linda Sackor

Looking Ahead

- Sunday, July 5 3:00 pm – Farewell Party for the Wilharms
- Tuesday, July 7 7:00 pm – Finance Committee Meeting
- Thursday, July 9 3:00 pm – Food Closet
- Friday, July 10 9:30 am – Fresh For All
- Sunday, July 12 12:00 pm – Church Council
- Tuesday, July 14 4:30 pm – Feast Incarnate
- Friday, July 17 9:30 am – Fresh For All

Please Pray For

All in particular need, especially Nettie, Penny, Tom, Penny, The Family of Darryl Allen Sr., Marian, Claude, Gracie, Pat, Daisy, Alice, Emily and the Family of Fred Kaplan, Ben, Charlesetta, the Family of Eileen L. Mahan, Jennifer, Barbara, Andrea, Marie Josie, Esther, Braelynn, Maria, Miles, Glenn, Peggy, and Dianne.

Celebrating Birthdays This Week

Dawn Joniec, Linda Sackor, Tania White, Joshua Gulotta and Jeremiah Harrison are celebrating a birthday this week.

CLCCUD Financial Report

May 2026 Income \$16,592.66
May 2026 Expenses (\$23,117.39)
May 2026 Net Revenue (\$6,524.73)

May 2026 Year-to-date Income \$93,064.52
May 2026 Year-to-date Expenses (\$96,476.47)
May 2026 Year-to-date Net Revenue (\$3,411.95)

Detailed financial statements are available by request to Penny Algeo

Our Church Ministries and Partnerships

Food Ministries Schedule

Emergency Food Closet: Ongoing as emergencies arise
Fresh For All: Fridays, 9:30-10:30AM, weather-dependent
CLCC Food Closet: Thurs, July 9 -3:00 – 5:30pm
Feast Incarnate: Tuesday, July 14 - 4:30 pm
Senior Boxes: Wed, August 5 - 10-12 am

School Supply Drive

The collection of school supplies will continue throughout the month of July. Please see the newsletter or the bulletin board for more information on what is needed.

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