



CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO CAMP SUNDAY

As God draws us together here, let us celebrate the wardrobe God gives to us.

God has given us hands to be kind [lift hands] and feet to walk humbly [stomp feet].

When life is not what we expect . . .

God invites us to pause and breathe [hands on chest, breathe deeply] and enjoy the calmness found in God's steadfastness.

And when we make mistakes and hurt one another [tense shoulders] . . .

God releases us [roll shoulders back] and embraces us in forgiveness [stretch arms open] and love [hug self]. Let love be our all-purpose garment!

God, your kindness is all around us. Help us share your love with everyone—strangers and friends. When we feel empty, remind us that you are our endless source of love. Fill us, renew us, and send us to show your grace.

Amen.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

THANKSGIVING OF BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Jesus Loves Me

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GREETING

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

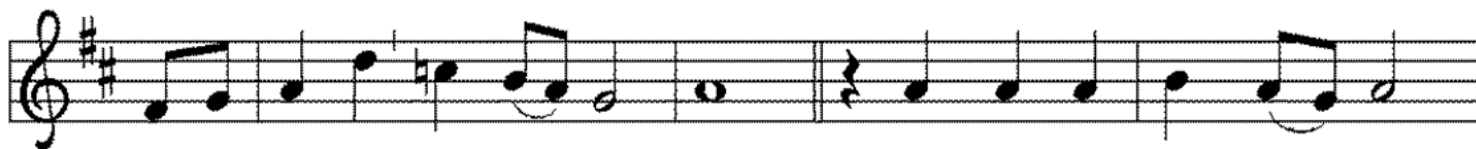
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



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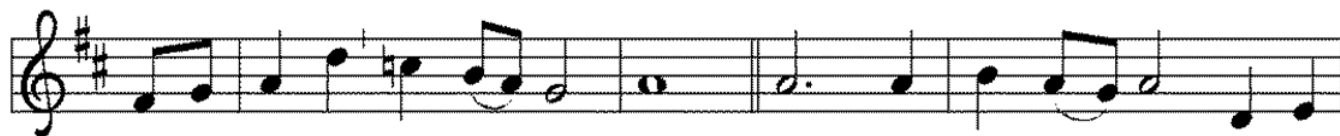
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Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

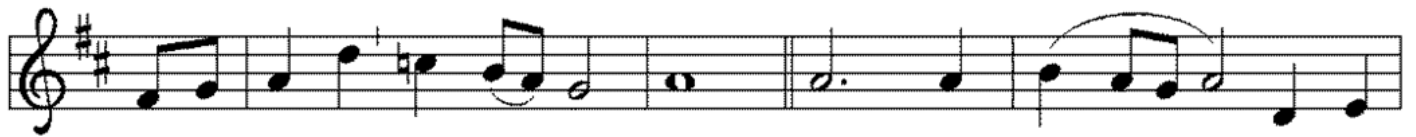


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



Refrain

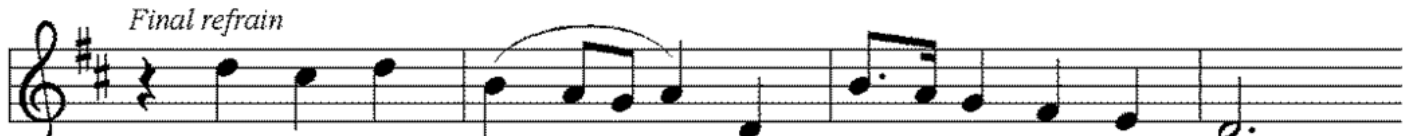
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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Final refrain

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



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.
Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his

commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

⁵⁵ Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

read responsively

REFRAIN: *Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)*

¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame; deliver me | in your righteousness.

² **Incline your | ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag | and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.

⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me, for you are my tower of strength. R**

⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, | God of truth.

¹⁵ **My times are | in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my
enemies, and from those who | persecute me.**

¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your | steadfast
love.” **R**

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12-14

¹² Therefore, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves
with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with
one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each
other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together
in perfect harmony.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the
Father except through me. Alleluia. (John 14:6)*

GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his
disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go
before them and act on their behalf.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe
in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling

places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY Lord I Life Your Name High ELW 857

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under

Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he 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

In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness and bears the wounds of the world. Therefore, let us be bold as we pray, trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

A brief silence

God of kindness, through Elijah and the widow, we learn about your love. Show us how to wear love through kindness today and always. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of humbleness, Jesus washed the feet of his friends. Show us how to wear love through humbleness today and always. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of calmness, through the story of Jesus in the boat during the storm, we learn that you bring calmness. Show us how to wear love through calmness today and always. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

God of forgiveness, through the story of Joseph forgiving his brothers, we learn about your forgiveness. Show us how to wear love through forgiveness today and always. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
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re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.
 wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

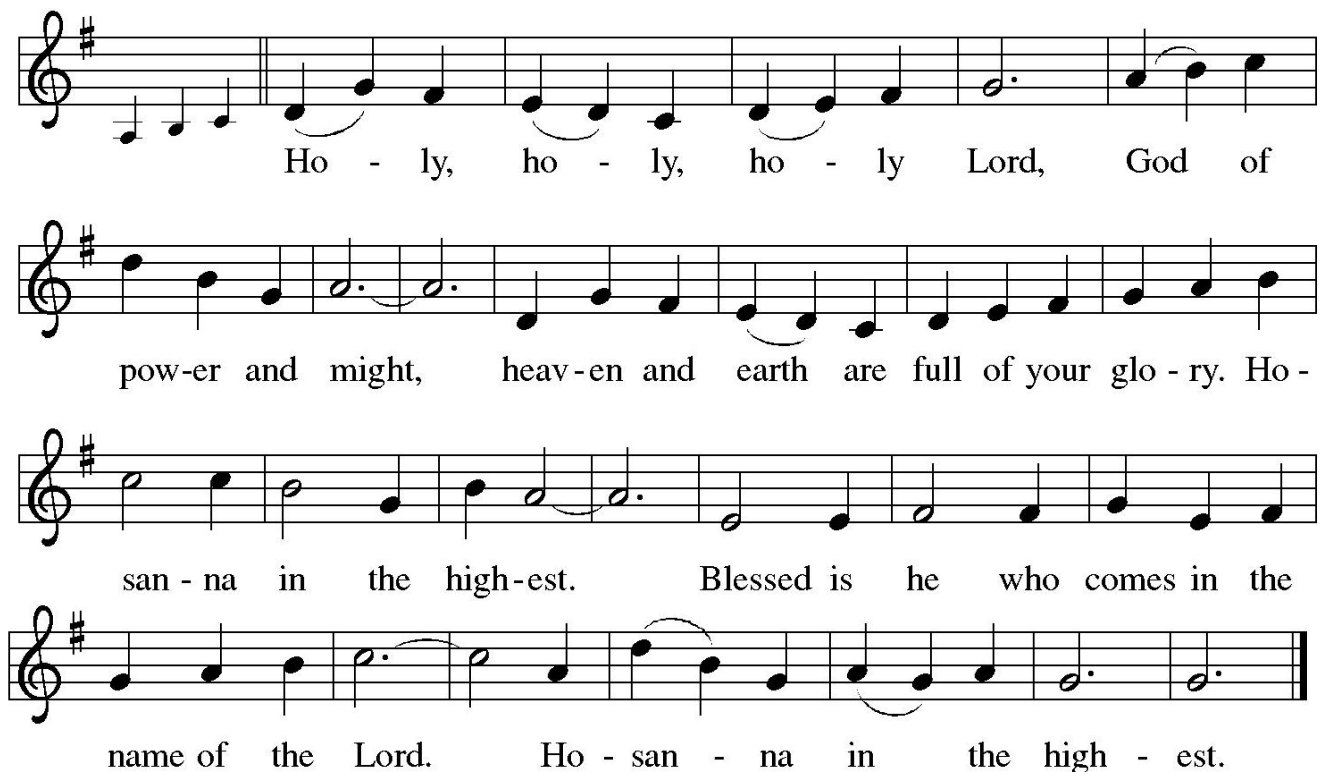
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen, amen, amen.

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

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

*The assembly may be seated. Communion will be served at the altar rail.
Wine or grape juice is available.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

And They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love insert

DISMISSAL

We go now to be a light in our community, **to make Christ known to all through nourishing, serving, and faith. Thanks be to God.**

Pastor
Rev. Karla S. Leiby

Director of Music
William Jacavage

Greeter
Trish Long

Lector
Ann Thieman

Acolyte
Barb Moyer

Communion Assistant
Brenda and David Herbert

Today we welcome and are joined by Chad Hershberger from Camp Mount Luther who will be speaking with us about camp.

Camp Mount Luther will be holding a Work Day on Saturday, May 16th beginning at 9 am to get camp ready for summer! There will be projects for all ages and abilities. Be sure to register to RSVP for you/your family and be included in the lunch count. For additional information call 570-922-1587 or email cml@campmountluther.org.

The Scout Troop is selling delicious Marianna Subs and Salsa. Today is the last day to order. Delivery will be on May 21st. Forms are located on the table in the back.

Geranium order forms are located on the table in the back. Cost is \$4.25 each. Deadline to order is May 10th. Pentecost will be observed on Sunday, May 24th.

This month's Special Pink Envelope is designated for Evangelical-Wellspan Hospice.

The Noisy Coin/Quiet Cash collection April through June is designated to K9 Hero to Haven in Danville, for rehoming service dogs.

PRAYERS: Marty Rafter; Sue Kurtz; Robert Snyder Jr.

HOMEBOUND and CONTINUED PRAYERS: Mary Rogers; Barb Eisley; Jason Gulden; Helen Snyder; June Diehl; Nevin Brungard; Elaine Kohl; Nancy Hendricks; Betty Yerg; Jane Ressler; Bill Wagner; David Bartholomew; Shirley Leiby; Marti Row

Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

The first system of the song features a treble and bass staff in G major. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a consistent accompaniment of chords. The lyrics are presented in three numbered lines, each corresponding to a different vocal part.

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are presented in three lines, each corresponding to a different vocal part.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

The Refrain section is marked with a treble and bass staff in G major. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a consistent accompaniment of chords. The lyrics are presented in two lines, each corresponding to a different vocal part.

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

The final system of the song features a treble and bass staff in G major. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a consistent accompaniment of chords. The lyrics are presented in two lines, each corresponding to a different vocal part.