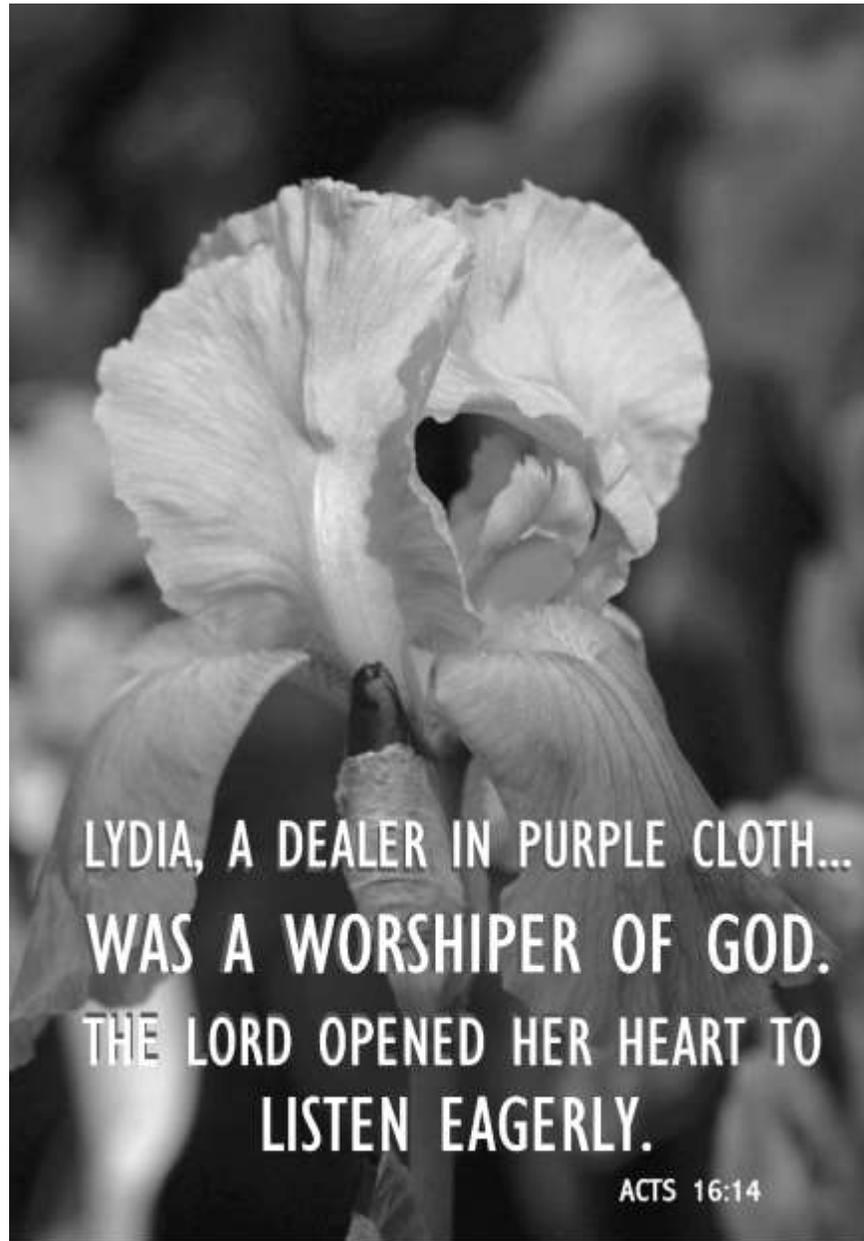


Season after Easter

May 22, 2022



A warm welcome to each of you as we gather for worship today and a special welcome to our guests. As we offer God our praise, may you be richly blessed by God's gracious Word, Meal and Community.

HAVEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

1035 Haven Road Hagerstown, MD 21742 (301) 733-5056

Worship: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 11:00 a.m.

Ministers: All God's People at Haven Pastor: Linda M. Alessandri

HAVEN IS WORKING TO PROTECT EVERYONE'S HEALTH
AS WE WORSHIP

- The air in Haven's sanctuary is circulated 24/7 through ionizing filtering system.
- We are following the latest CDC guidelines, masks are optional and left to your discretion.
- If you are feeling poorly or have a temperature, please join worship on-line. Call the church to be added to the prayer list or speak with the pastor.
- Hand sanitizing stations and masks are available at both entrances. There are also hand sanitizers in each pew. Please sanitize frequently.
- There are chairs for those who wish to social distance in the narthex.
- Passing of the peace will be from your seat (wave, bow or fist bump).
- Communion will be distributed around the altar rail. Please follow the directions of your ushers to come forward. Communion can be brought to you if you prefer not to come forward.

Pass on the word that Haven is a good place to worship, with safeguards in place to combat COVID during these challenging times.

Like Jesus, we strive to invite, welcome and include everyone. Thus, practicing good hospitality, PLEASE do not ask or quiz persons about their mask choice OR their vaccination status.

“I was glad when you said, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’” Psalm 121:1

GATHERING

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“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

(vs. 4 cont. p. 3) # 392



1	Al - le - lu - ia!	Sing	to	Je - sus;	his	the	scep - ter,
2	Al - le - lu - ia!	Not	as	or - phans	are	we	left in
3	Al - le - lu - ia!	Bread	of	heav - en,	here	on	earth our
4	Al - le - lu - ia!	King	e - ter - nal,	Lord	om - nip - o -		
5	Al - le - lu - ia!	Sing	to	Je - sus;	his	the	scep - ter,



his	the	throne;	Al - le - lu - ia!	his	the	tri - umph,	his	the
sor - row	now;	Al - le - lu - ia!	he	is	near	us;	faith	be -
food,	our	stay;	Al - le - lu - ia!	here	the	sin - ful	flee	to
tent	we	own;	Al - le - lu - ia!	born	of	Mar - y,	earth	your
his	the	throne;	Al - le - lu - ia!	his	the	tri - umph,	his	the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: This is the day that the Lord has made.

C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

PRELUDE

"Toccata in C Major"

Zipoli

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water,
 the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: God of grace and glory,

C: **you have brought us through the night of sin
 into the light of Jesus' resurrection.**

Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.

Make us alive in Christ, O God.

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.

P: Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!
 The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin,
 restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace,
 and humbles earthly pride.

Jesus Christ loves you and † frees you from your sins.

To him be glory and authority forever and ever!

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

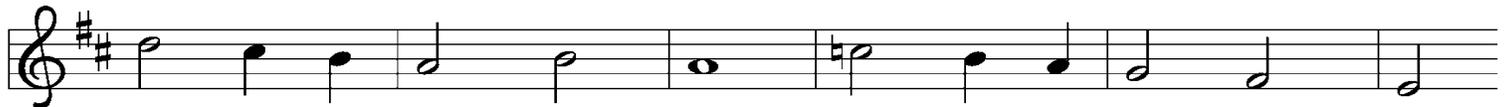
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1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
 no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

GREETING

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C: **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

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

C: **And also with you.**

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY C: Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (*children come forward*) "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" #860
(cont. p. 6)

Verse 1

*I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.*

FIRST READING

Acts 16:9-15

NT pg. 900

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 67

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷ May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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



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

THE GOSPEL

John 5:1-9

NT pg. 866

P: The Gospel according to St. John, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

(after the Gospel is read)

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

THE SERMON

Pastor Linda Alessandri

HYMN OF THE DAY

“When Peace Like a River”

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1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

PROFESSION OF FAITH – Apostles’ Creed

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

C: 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.**

THE PRAYERS Each prayer ends: “God, in your mercy,” C: “**hear our prayer.**”
*When the petition is read that includes those listed in our prayer list, the **congregation** is invited to join in that prayer by reading aloud the names below. Read only the **bold** portion of the names, going down the columns. (*Friends & Family of Haven Members)*

... Protect those sent into harm’s way for the sake of peace especially **Gavin** Anderson, **Ben** Asbury, **Amanda** Bertucci, **Richard** Collins, **Cole** Conrad, **Nick** Graham, **Michael** McKenzie III, **Travis** Thompson, **Hunter** Wiles.

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Carol Shull	Hartsock	* Charles Hutzel
Harold Rice	Pam O’Connor	* Maxine Stahley
* Virginia White	* Sherry	* Ellen Ankerbrand
* Edward Staley	* Sue Mackin	* Leon Miller
* Helen VanderHamm	* Jim Merrit	* Finn Batoe
* Courtney Belmont	* Robert Young	* Ed Lehman
* Caitlyn Battoe	* Vicki McKiusker	* Dee Cooper
* Diana Grimes	* Corey Morgan	* Jessica Kline
* Brandi Allsop	* Krista Myers	* Li Family
* Seth Battoe	* Ed Davis	* Carolyn Kline
* Debora Daniels	* Archie Caldwell	* Marge Young
* Johnny Wright	* Teresa Hoover	* Donna Royce
* William Burkley	* Delores Zierdt	* Robert Martin
* Michael Peterson	* Jim Bohn	June Hess
* Amanda Cunningham	* Camellia Avila	Jim & Ann Conrad
* Duane VanScyoc	* Rod & Patty Bonebrake	* Gary Friese
* Thomas Family	* Linda Hollar	* John Morgan
Larry & Sharon	* John Crafton	
	* Jay Morgan	

THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

P: We share signs of God’s peace with one another.

(Extend God’s peace to others from your seat for now. A wave, bow or fist bump is the safest. Include a wave to those participating at home. There is hand sanitizer in the pews.)

THE MEAL

OFFERTORY

“God Is My Shepherd”

Nolan Pryor

THE OFFERING

P: It's Offering time! C: **Praise God!**

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS *“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord”* #182



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

THE OFFERING PRAYER

A: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.

C: **As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God,

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **[Amen]**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **[Amen]**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we exclaim Amen. **[Amen]**

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen. Alleluia!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: 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

P: Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,
gives everyone a place at the welcome table.
Come to the feast. Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Since the Church of Christ strives for universality, we practice Eucharistic Hospitality. All persons are welcome to communion. We believe Jesus Christ is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine of the Sacrament. This is God's gift of strength and forgiveness offered to all God's children

For those communing in their homes: Please have your communion set(s) ready, removing the protective film on the host and grape juice. Pastor will then say, "Body of Christ, given for you." Please consume the host. Pastor will say, "Blood of Christ, shed for you." Please drink the grape juice. As your brothers and sisters in Christ in the church receive communion, please pray for them and/or sing the communion songs on their behalf.

For those communing in the church: Please come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive our Lord's gift. Holy Communion will be offered in bread and wine. Grape juice is also available in the center of the communion tray offered by the assisting minister. At the parent's discretion, children may receive a blessing or communion. Parents please let pastor know your preference for your children.

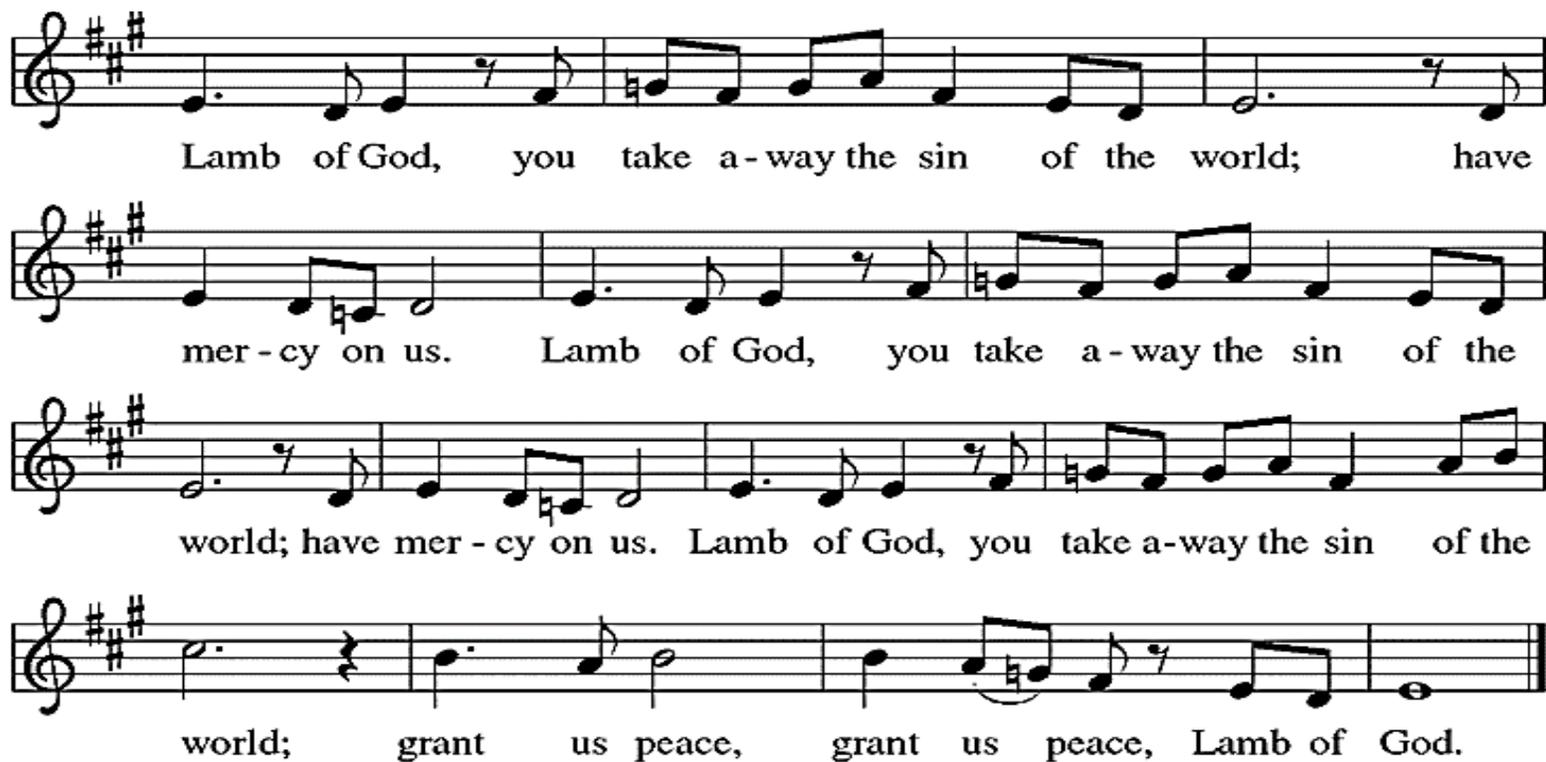
*For those communing in the church at the altar rail: You may choose to stand or kneel. Masks are optional. The usher will invite your row to go to the rail using one aisle. Since it has been over two years since we've communed at the altar rail, we've placed colored ribbons on the altar rail to correspond to each seating section. **RED** - section closest to the pulpit. **GREEN** middle section on the pulpit side. **PURPLE** middle section on the processional cross side. **BLUE** section on the processional cross side. Please place your used communion cup in the basket offered by the acolyte. Use the aisle on the other side of your pew to return to your seat.*

For those communing at their place: Pastor and the assisting minister will come to you. If an usher does not come to stand beside you so the pastor knows to come, please raise your hand as pastor looks around the sanctuary for any who still are to receive the sacrament.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"Lamb of God"

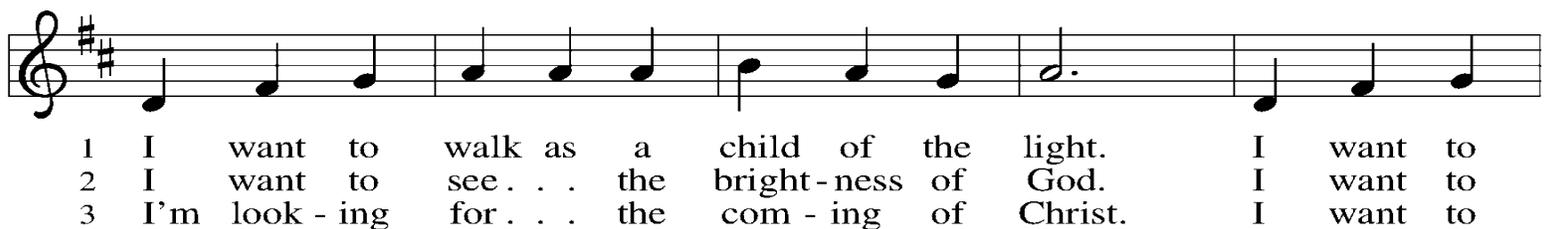
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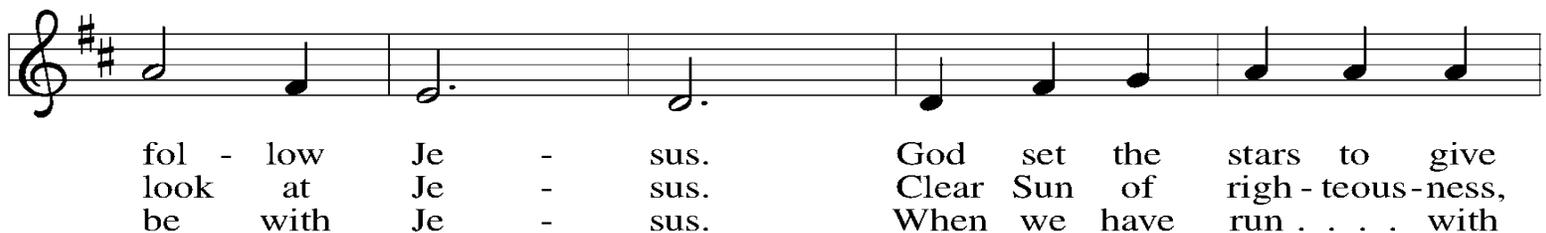
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

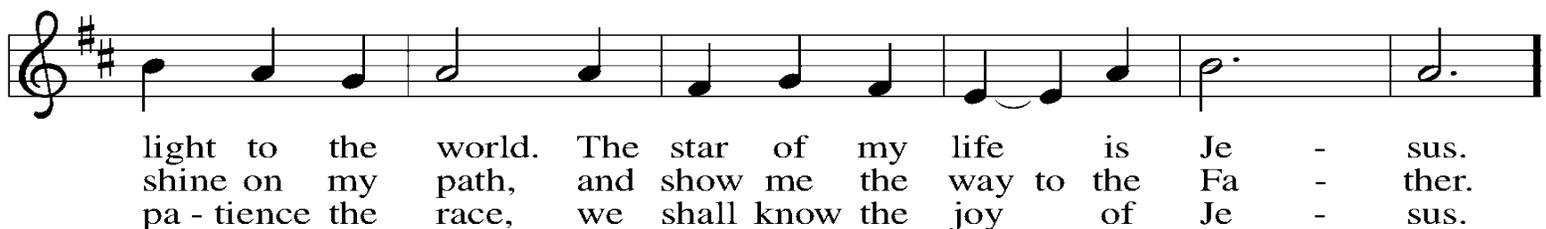
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1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look-ing for . . . the com-ing of Christ. I want to



fol-low Je-sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je-sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness,
be with Je-sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je-sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa-ther.
pa-tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je-sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



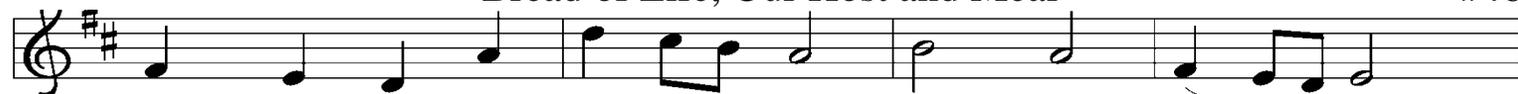
day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

“Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal”

#464



- 1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
- 2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
- 3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
- 4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
 Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
 for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.
 Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

“Around You, O Lord Jesus”

(cont. p. 14) #468



- 1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
- 2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
- 3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
 your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
 we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, “Take, eat! This is my
 It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
 de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
 bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
 dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

TABLE BLESSING C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION SONG "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise" #207



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness
 and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.

C: **Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love
 into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P: The blessing of the living God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
 surround and sustain you, fill you with courage, and lead you to peace.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" (p. 15) #579



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

Refrain



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

POSTLUDE

"Lord of the Dance"

setting by Douglas Wagner

DISMISSAL

- A:** You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
- C:** **We will! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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Serving God's People this Sunday Morning: May 22, 2022

- Presiding Minister** Pastor Linda Alessandri
Assisting Minister Marge Cunningham
Organist Stephen Pastena
Acolyte Piper Meredith
Ushers Kathy Wright, Scott Rhodes, Georgie Kauffman
Altar Flowers Steve & Georgi Kauffman
Coffee Fellowship Host(s) Jean, Sharron, Georgi
Securing the Building Kris Fignar and Charlotte Loveless

We also Remember in Prayer:

Our homebound members: *Irene Giffin, Phyllis Meyers and Dorothy Zinkand.*

Military personnel serving in harm's way: *Gavin Anderson, Ben Asbury, Amanda Bertucci, Richard Collins, Cole Conrad, Nick Graham, Michael McKenzie III, Travis Thompson, Hunter Wiles.*

Hospital Admissions: *PLEASE call Haven's church office (301-733-5056) or Pastor Alessandri (301-745-4216) if you or a loved one have a planned or emergency admission to the hospital. We also want to add you or your loved one to our prayer list so our congregation can lift you up in prayer.*

*Prayers for all those who mourn the loss of **Jack Byers, Les Braun and Inez Winebrenner.***

*The flowers on the altar are given to the **Glory of God in honor of Lucy's 7th birthday** by Georgi & Steve Kauffman.*

The Readings for next **Sunday, May 29, 2022** ~ Ascension Readings Acts 1:1-11,
Psalm 47, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53

Serving God's People next Sunday morning: Ascension of Our Lord, May 29, 2022

- Presiding Minister** Pastor Linda Alessandri
Preacher Seminarian Katy Moran
Assisting Minister Nancy Newkirk

Organist Stephen Pastena
Acolyte Austin Suchy
Ushers Amy Mason, Kathleen Kline, Marge Cunningham
Altar Flowers **NEEDED**
Coffee Fellowship Host(s) “God’s Blessings to Seminarian Katy” Cadre
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 FINANCIAL HEALTH	Year to Date Actual Ending April, 2022	Year to Date Budget	Year To Date (over/behind budget-)
	\$69,573.20	\$67,118.00	\$2,455.20



FAITH BUILDING TOGETHER – As of May 15, \$87,218.70 has been donated toward our \$100,000 building loan. Wow! Thank you.

COMING UP THIS WEEK:

- May 24** 7:00 Choir
- May 26** 10:00 Women’s Bible Study (Parlor)
5:30 Confirmation (Parlor)
- May 29** 9:30 Worship (in-person/FB Live) **Guest preacher:** Seminarian Katy Moran
10:30 Fellowship

SEMINARIAN KATY MORAN RETURNING TO PREACH Seminarian Moran was our ministerial fieldworker from United Lutheran Seminary (Gettysburg campus) starting September 2019. Her “in-person” time with us was cut short by COVID and we never got to formally say good-bye. Since our time together, Katy has completed her Clinical Pastoral Education unit at The Village at Orchard Ridge in Winchester, VA and her seminary course work. She will be heading to United In Christ Lutheran Church in Lewisburg, PA for internship, the final step in her preparation for ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the ELCA.

Seminarian Moran will bring us God’s Word in worship and we will share our good wishes in a coffee fellowship in her honor. We hope you will come to add your thanks and best wishes.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR for outdoor Pentecost worship, a welcome of New Members and a celebration of another Sunday School Year.

WOULD A SATURDAY 5 PM WORSHIP SERVICE BE HELPFUL THIS SUMMER? The Worship Team would like to know if there is sufficient interest for such a service this year. Please register your opinion on the survey on the bulletin attendance sheet OR by sending an email to havenoffice@havenlc.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AGO CONCERT - our local organist guild chapter is holding a free "Organ-plus" concert this afternoon at 4 PM at Grace UMC in Hagerstown. The concert will feature area organists performing with guests on various instruments and vocals. Come celebrate the gift of music in our community!

PENTECOST RED GERANIUM ORDERS DUE TODAY! Geraniums are \$4.00 each. you can order as many as you wish. Use the order envelopes in the narthex OR send an email order TODAY to havenoffice@havenlc.org Please include: Your name, number of plants, payment total, and in whose memory/honor you wish to dedicate them to. Please put "geraniums" on check memo line.



2022 GRADUATES FROM HIGH SCHOOL, TECH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE? We want to celebrate. Please let us know on the bulletin attendance sheet or by emailing the church at havenoffice@havenlc.org with the name of the graduate, where they are graduating from and if a degree is given what is the degree name. Thank you!



**HARC Hike for Hunger & Hope
June 4 (Challenge Hike June 11)
Main Hike: Saturday, June 4**

4K, 10K, half marathon hikes on C & O Canal Towpath

Challenge Hike: Saturday, June 11

20-mile hike on the Appalachian Trail

For more information go the <https://harccoalition.org/hike/>

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

HAVEN'S BLESSING BOX –We are in need of canned items such as: **tuna, soup, Chef Boyardee pastas, Mac & cheese.** We specifically would like items with pull tabs. The donation box is located in the narthex.

Haven Mission Statement:

“To honor God, to reach out with love to our members and the community and to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Delaware-Maryland 2022 Synod Assembly

Summary of Actions – May 12-14

largely prepared by Pastor Micah Krey, Faith (Cockeysville)

BOLD FAITH! BOLD WITNESS!

When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness. –Acts 4.31

What is a Synod Assembly?

Every year, pastors, deacons and lay voting members from our 160+ congregations and ministries across the Delaware-Maryland Synod gather to review, discuss, and vote on issues affecting the synod, the national church, and congregational life. Synod Assembly is also a time to acknowledge and celebrate our ministries and missions, as well as those who point to the presence of God's grace in daily life.

Bishop's Election

Bishop William (Bill) Gohl, Jr. was re-elected with an unprecedented 94% of the voting delegates on the first ballot. He will serve a second 6-year term. Our prayers and celebration are with him as he continues to lead our synod.

Bible Study

Dr. Crystal Hall, Kraft Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies at United Lutheran Seminary, presented five well-received sessions of Bible Study around the Assembly theme: Bold Faith, Bold Witness.

Memorials and Resolutions

The Assembly passed 7 memorials and 4 resolutions this year. Resolutions are for the immediate work of our Synod. Memorials are passed on to the Churchwide Assembly (our national voting assembly) for consideration.

Memorial 2022-1: A Memorial for A Public Churchwide Directory

This memorial calls Churchwide to oversee an up-to-date Directory of Churchwide Staff for better communication and transparency.

Memorial 2022-2: A Memorial to Advance Salary Equity in the ELCA

This memorial calls for Churchwide to change questions on transitional call documentation so that previous salary and benefits do not reduce pay for women and persons of color seeking their next call.

Memorial 2022-3: A Memorial to Restructure the Governance of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Pastor Micah introduced this legislation. This calls for a commission and report to be created by 2025 by Churchwide and the Conference of Bishops to assess whether the governing documents and structures of our church are still effective or whether we should reconstitute the ELCA.

Memorial 2022-4: A Memorial Regarding Restrictive Covenants in Separation Agreements

This memorial calls for the discontinued use of separation agreements in the ELCA (similar to non-disclosure agreements, also known as NDA's) in order for greater transparency and honesty, especially in the case of a leader's removal or resignation.

Memorial 2022-5: A Memorial Regarding Equity and Clarity in the Mission Development Processes

This memorial calls for financial and structural security for Mission Developers and their congregations.

Memorial 2022-6: A Memorial Calling for A Just Transition to 50% Reduction in US Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2030

This memorial was co-authored by Susan Meier. It calls for advocacy to the US for 50% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and also calls for the ELCA to lead by example by reducing our own emissions.

Memorial 2022-7: A Memorial Regarding the Creation of an ELCA Strategy Regarding Black Migrants

This memorial that urges the ELCA to advocate for immigration equity. Just as the US has granted refugee status for war-torn countries like Ukraine that are majority white populations, we need to also advocate for persons of color, like African and Black migrants who need the same refugee status and asylum from the violence and war of their homelands as well.

Resolution 2022-1: Global Church Sunday

This resolution calls for congregations of our Synod to Celebrate Global Church Sunday on the last Sunday of January. Global Church Sunday brings attention and seeks prayer for our Companion Synods (Finland, Estonia, and Tanzania), the World Council of Churches, and the Lutheran World Federation, and may be incorporated in worship, educational opportunities, special speakers, music, or other means that are reasonable at the discretion of the congregation.

Resolution 2022-2: ELCA World Hunger Ministry

This resolution calls on our Synod to rededicate ourselves to supporting the ELCA World Hunger Ministry and all its programs.

Resolution 2022-3: That Churches Foster Healing and Supportive Communities for Congregants Impacted by the Criminal Justice System

This resolution urges our Synod to support the Prison Ministry of the Community of St. Dismas and to urge congregations to help folks with reentry back into the world and into the life of the Church.

Resolution 2022-4: Socially Responsible Investing

The resolution urges our Synod to place our investments in socially responsible funds with a strong hope to move away from fossil fuels and towards an investment in renewable energy.

Additional Highlights

Bishop Leila Ortiz of the Metro DC Synod was the Chaplain of the event and preached and/or presided over our three worship services. We also heard powerful preaching from Pastor Jimmie Schwartz (retired) and Bishop Gohl.

Deacon Julie Stecker (Youth & Family Ministry) and Pastor David Shank (Generosity) were recognized as shared staff for both the Delaware-Maryland and Metro DC Synods, and Pastor Sarah Garrett Krey (Salem, Catonsville) was honored for her new call as Assistant to the Bishop in the Metro DC Synod.

52 new Pastors, Deacons and Synodically Authorized Ministers were welcomed into our synod.

Nineteen Congregations observing significant anniversaries in 25-year increments (25 years to 275 years) were honored for a total of 2700 years of ministry!

Bishop Gohl spoke about an issue in the Sierra Pacific Synod that is of much debate across the church. His comments can be viewed online on the Synod YouTube Channel at the end of Saturday's business session.