

Christ Lutheran Church ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter

ELW Holy Communion, Setting III

May 29, 2022, 10:00 am

The Rev. David Hulse, presiding



Christ Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. We extend God's own welcome to all, irrespective of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other human distinction.

PRELUDE *Hyfrydol (Alleluia! Sing to Jesus)* Paul Manz

+ GATHERING +

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

*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 *Rise, O Sun of Righteousness* ELW 657 vv 1, 3 & 5

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

"Be still, and know that I am God." During the Prelude worshippers are invited to prepare quietly for worship.

*Stand, as able.

The open font is a powerful symbol of the centrality of baptism for Christians.

HYMNS TODAY:

ELW 657
ELW 366
ELW 392
ELW 182
ELW 496
ELW 385

+ WORD +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 97

¹The Lord reigns; let the | earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the | isles be glad.

²**Clouds and darkness sur- | round the Lord,
righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God's throne.**

³Fire goes be- | fore the Lord,
burning up enemies on | every side.

⁴**Lightnings light | up the world;
the earth | sees and trembles.**

⁵The mountains | melt like wax
before the Lord of | all the earth.

⁶**The heavens declare your righteous- | ness, O Lord,
and all the peoples | see your glory. R**

⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight | in false gods!
Bow down before the Lord, | all you gods.

⁸**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- | dah rejoice,
because of your judg- | ments, O Lord.**

⁹For you are the Lord, most high over | all the earth;
you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.

¹⁰**You who love the | Lord, hate evil!**

**God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand | of the
wicked.**

¹¹Light dawns | for the righteous,
and joy for the hon- | est of heart.

¹²**Rejoice in the | Lord, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's | holy name. R**



Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

¹²“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *The Strife is O’er* ELW 366 v 3

***GOSPEL: John 17:20-26**

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* ELW 392 vv 1, 2 & 4

***NICENE CREED** ELW page 104

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Holy God, make your people one as you and your Son are one. Extend the gifts we have been given by your Spirit to all people, especially those experiencing division or questioning your love. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Make worthy the work of scientists who look to the stars and planets, as well as scientists who look to atoms and molecules. Bring innovation and well-being to humanity through their discoveries. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Keep in our minds those who have died in war, both military and civilians. May we honor them by seeking peaceful solutions to the conflicts that arise among nations and peoples. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant freedom to all who are overwhelmed by chronic illness, depression, or constant worry *especially...* Open them to receive health and salvation in Christ Jesus through the Spirit's gift of faith. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Stir imagination and understanding throughout the church in the work of poets, theologians, and hymnwriters. Lead us into new visions and fresh expressions of your presence. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Hear, O God, the prayers on our lips. (*Worshipers are invited to voice their petitions.*)
Hear, O God, the silent prayers of our hearts. (*Silence is kept for unspoken prayers.*)
Let us pray. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Unite us with the saints who have died and been raised in Jesus. Train us to wait with eager longing for Christ to come again, even as we sense his presence with us now. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

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

+ MEAL +

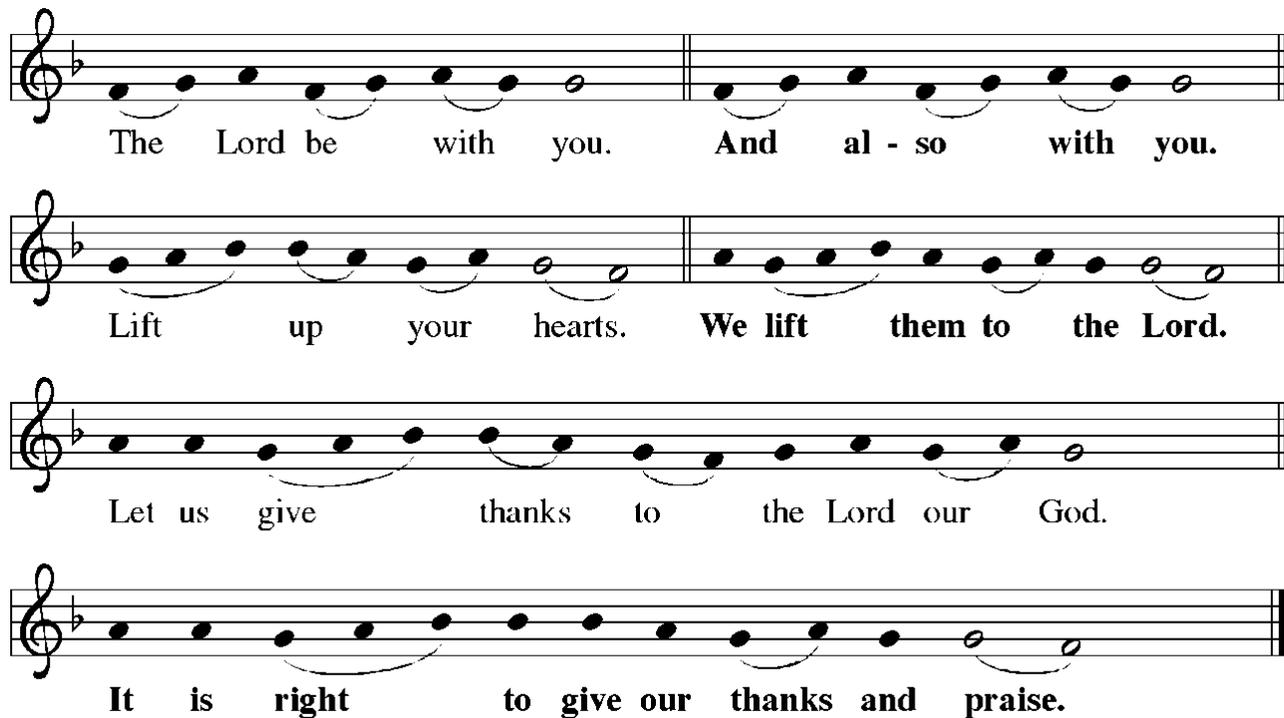
OFFERTORY MUSIC *We are a Garden* Alice Parker

***OFFERTORY HYMN** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* ELW 182

***OFFERING PRAYER**

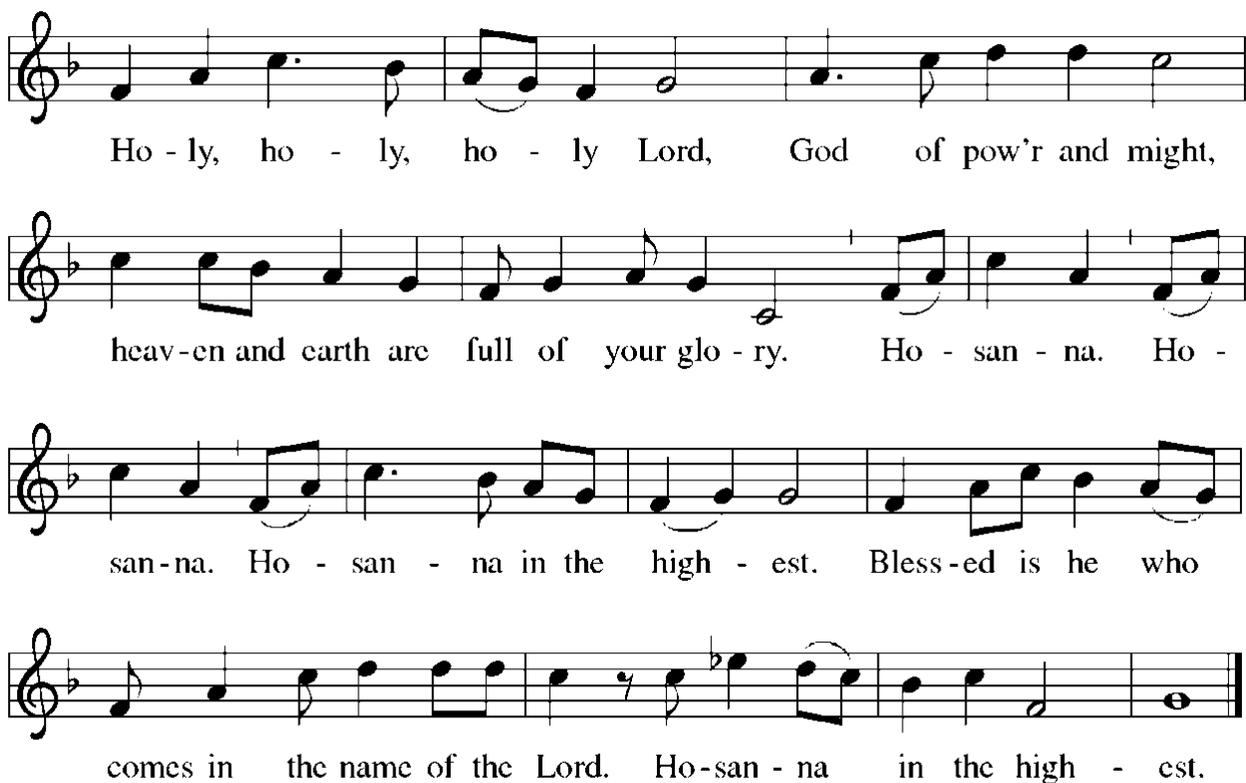
**Living God,
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together
in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table.
Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW pages 144-145**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presiding minister continues with the preface; the congregation responds:



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

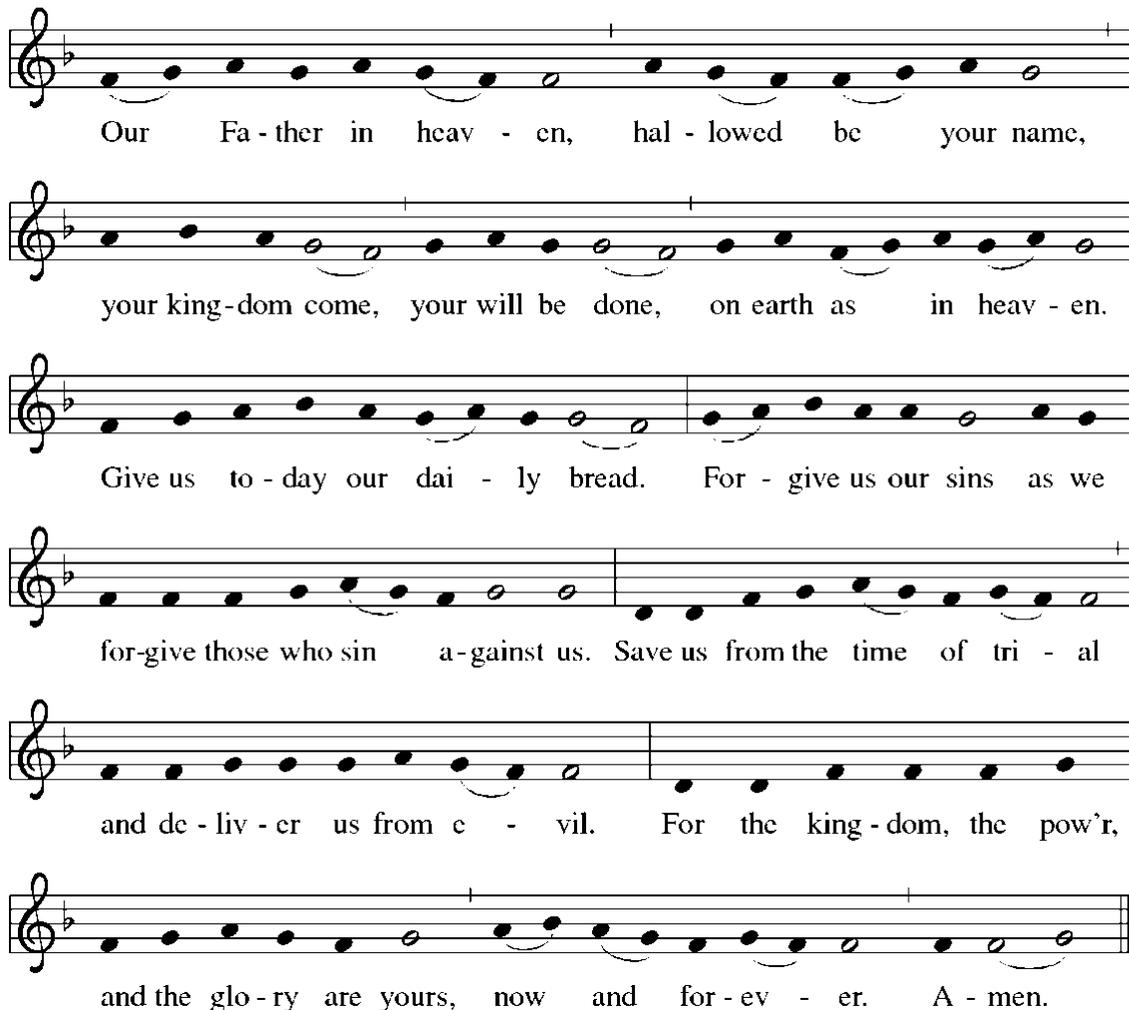
Blessed are you, O God of the universe...With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life...Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us...Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places... we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

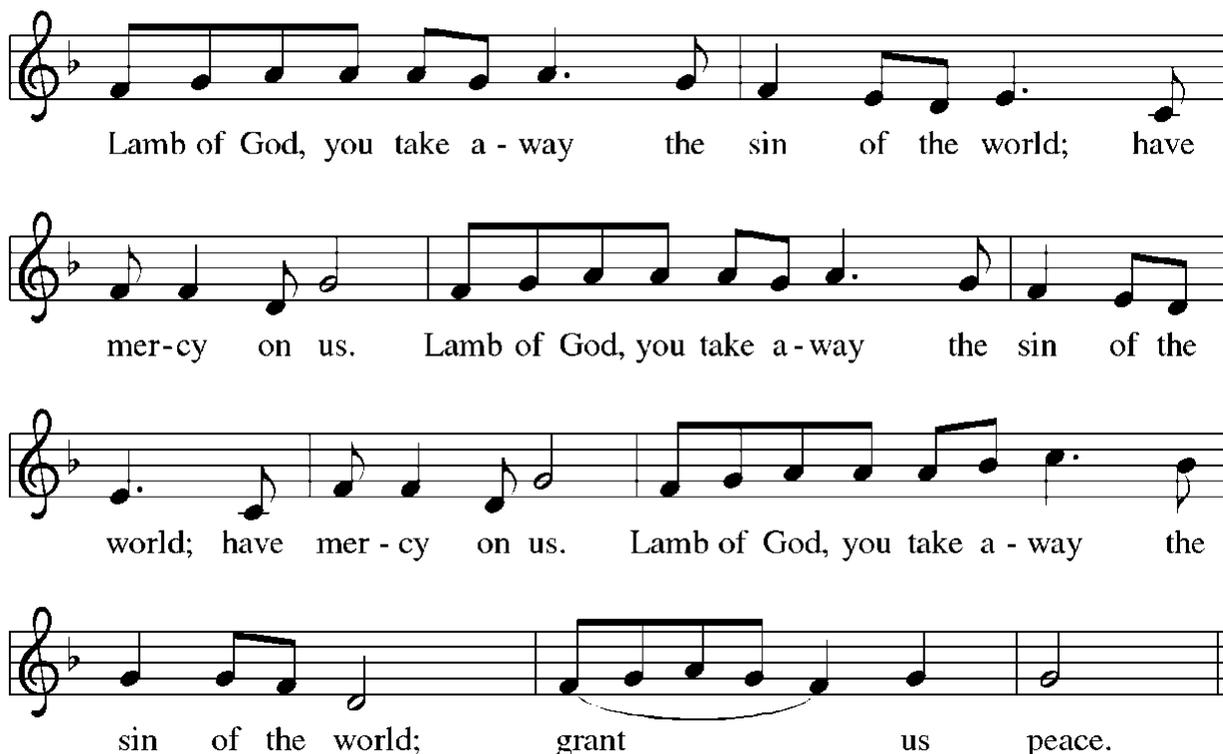
The Great Thanksgiving concludes with the Lord's Prayer.



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

COMMUNION

Christ Lutheran Church practices Eucharistic hospitality; all baptized Christians who trust in Christ's presence in the sacrament of Holy Communion are welcome at the table where he is both host and food. Communicants normally receive pita or a gluten-free wafer in open, cupped palms (sometimes laid one over the other in the shape of the cross). Wine (light colored) or grape juice (red/purple) is offered in an individual glass.



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.

COMMUNION HYMN *One Bread, One Body* ELW 496

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
Amen.

+ SENDING +

***BLESSING**

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

***SENDING HYMN** *Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing* ELW 385

***DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing* Healey Willan

With Gratitude to Today's Worship Leaders:

Greeters	Robin Hurst and Patricia Bianco
Assisting Minister	Cathy Gallagher
Reader	Amy Lousararian
Tellers	George Hall and Marianne Swenson
Altar Guild	Carol Virshbo and Patricia Bianco
Coffee Hosts	Beth Gillece Castro
Audio Visual Team:	Comlanvi Agbodjinou, Alan Avalos, Rolf Larson, Phil Roberts, Juliet Seaberg
Cantor	Scott Carlson
Musicians today:	CLC Choir

Please hold in prayer:

Jim Aberth, Anna Anderson, Kwai Lin Chan, Steven Chartier, Steven Chin, Brigitte Chisholm, James Clunie, Danny Elson, Ron Embree, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Susan Giroux, Charles Graham, Ann Hoilo, Joy Honen, Arthur Hurst, Richard Hurst, Gayle Jaffe, Adele Kasinskas, Gloria Kleinfelt, Georgie Klinger, Chui Yuk Lee, Erica Lee, Suxian Lin, Phillip Liu, Matt M, John Melin, Jon Nelson, Arvind Raja, Deb Ream, Erica Rich, Shannon Ripp, Louann Smith, Jay Virshbo, Polly Weston, Shirley Wong, and Mary Jane Young; we pray for all who contend with addictions, all who struggle with mental illness; all who are serving in the armed forces; all who are first responders, fire fighters, and police; and all who fight COVID-19 and its lingering effects.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, June 12th 11:15am- Ministry Site Profile Writing Event

This will be the final event following worship, hosted by the Transition Team, where all previous events are folded into a written document that will be handed off to the Call Committee as they begin their journey in searching for our next pastor.

The Social Justice Committee will be collecting gift cards to be donated to Ascentria for use in their work resettling Ukrainian refugees. Cards to local stores (i.e. Target, Walmart) in small denominations (up to \$25) can be placed in the offering plate for the next two Sundays. Contact Celeste Larson with questions.

Next Week's Worship Leaders are:

Greeters	Robin Hurst and Pamela Bathen
Assisting Minister	Carol Virshbo
Reader	George Hall
Tellers	Audrey Colson and Ross Petot
Altar Guild	Mary Avalos and Sophia Chan
Coffee Hosts	Mary and Russell Pollard Lisa Eck and David Ripp

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Carol Virshbo, Professional Leadership

Mary Avalos and Robin Hurst, Family Promise

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Lisa Chan, Card Ministry

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