

YOU ALSO, LIKE  
LIVING STONES,  
ARE BEING BUILT  
INTO A SPIRITUAL  
HOUSE TO BE A  
HOLY PRIESTHOOD,  
OFFERING SPIRITUAL  
SACRIFICES  
ACCEPTABLE TO GOD  
THROUGH JESUS  
CHRIST.

1 PETER 2:5



Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

We gather to worship the only God and Savior: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## **You are a holy priesthood**

**May 3, 2026**

Easter 5

We are strangers on earth.

It must have looked strange for Israel's priests to be offering up sacrifices in a barren desert wilderness. Similarly, it might seem strange for God to arrange holy priests all over the place to offer up sacrifices in this modern bleak world. But God does. And Christian people are those priests.

Today's 8:00 a.m. worship is broadcast live on YouTube. The YouTube link can be found at the church's website:

- [www.holytrinity.church](http://www.holytrinity.church)

After the service, the recording can be accessed at the same YouTube site.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE — MORNING PRAYER

Hymn 471 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there -  
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; set  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
 heart and will on things a - bove that we  
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
 con - quer thro' your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

*Please stand.*



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



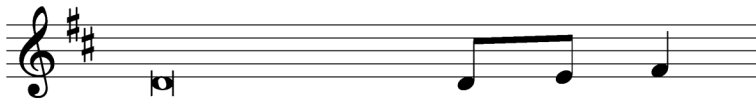
and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



Has - ten to save me, O God;



O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

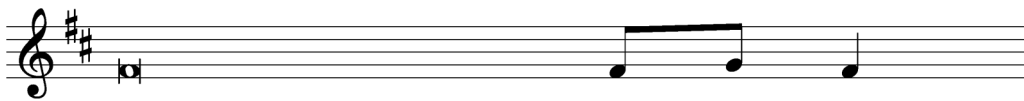


General Jesus Christ is Lord of all:

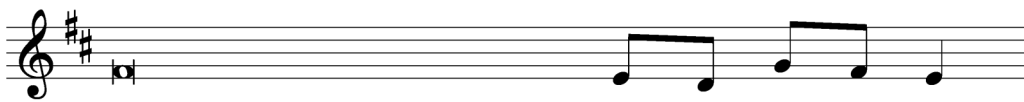


praise and thanks to God!

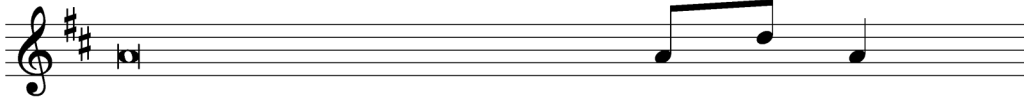
*O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord*



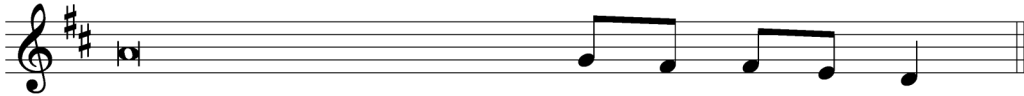
1 O come, let us sing	to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a	great _____ God
3 The sea is his, for he	made _____ it,



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of	our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great	king a - bove all gods.
3 and his hand	formed the dry _____ land.



- 1 Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and bow \_\_\_\_\_ down,
- 4 For he is our God,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.
- 2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.
- 3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of his  
pasture and the sheep of his \_\_\_\_\_ hand.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### THE WORD

#### First Lesson — Acts 4:8-12

Then Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a disabled man, by what means he was healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified and whom God raised from the dead — by him this man is standing

here before you healthy. This Jesus is  
the stone rejected by you builders,  
which has become the cornerstone.

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given  
to people by which we must be saved."

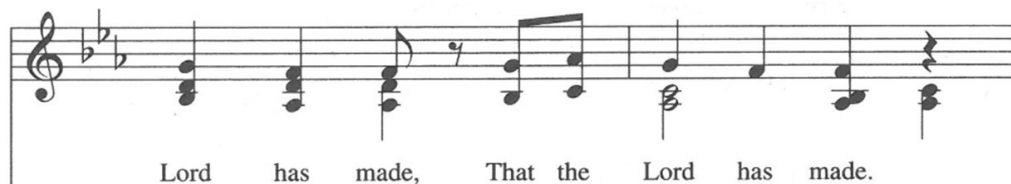
P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 118 This Is the Day*



This is— the day, This is— the day that the



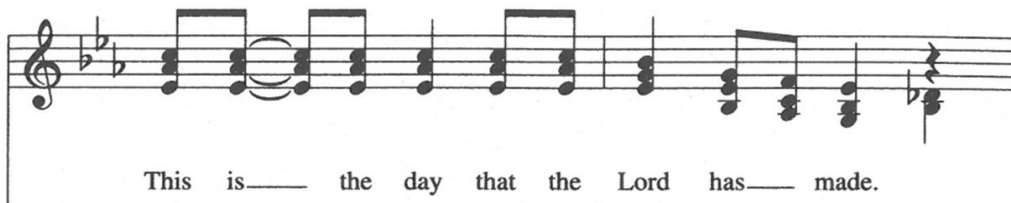
Lord has made, That the Lord has made.



We will— re - jice, We will— re - jice and be



glad in it, And be glad in it.



This is— the day that the Lord has— made.

We will re-joice and be glad in it.

This is the day, This is the day that the

1. Lord has made. 2. made.

## Second Lesson—1 Peter 2:4-10

As you come to him, a living stone — rejected by people but chosen and honored by God — you yourselves, as living stones, a spiritual house, are being built to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture:

See, I lay a stone in Zion,  
 a chosen and honored cornerstone,  
 and the one who believes in him  
 will never be put to shame.

So honor will come to you who believe; but for the unbelieving,

The stone that the builders rejected —  
 this one has become the cornerstone,

and

A stone to stumble over,  
 and a rock to trip over.

They stumble because they disobey the word; they were destined for this.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**Gospel—John 14:1-11**

“Don't let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, so that where I am you may be also. You know the way to where I am going.”

“Lord,” Thomas said, “we don't know where you're going. How can we know the way?”

Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

“Lord,” said Philip, “show us the Father, and that's enough for us.”

Jesus said to him, “Have I been among you all this time and you do not know me, Philip? The one who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who lives in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Otherwise, believe because of the works themselves.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

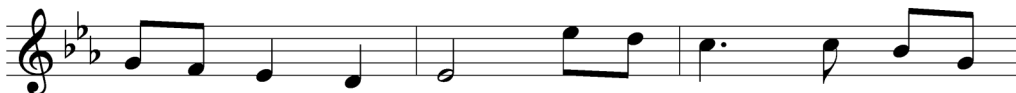
Hymn 736 Lord, You Call Us as Your People



1 Lord, you call us as your peo - ple, out of dark - ness  
2 Lord, you call us as dis - ci - ples, walk - ing on your  
3 Lord, you send us to the har - vest in your Great Com -  
4 Lord, you call us to new ven - tures by a path - way  
5 Lord, you call us as your peo - ple, now in faith we



in - to light. You cre - at - ed and re - deemed us, made us  
pil - grim way. Cru - ci - fied and ris - en Sav - ior, you are  
mis - sion's call, reach - ing out to all the na - tions, bring - ing  
yet un - known. Though we can - not see the end - ing, we will  
sing your praise: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, al - le -



pre - cious in your sight. Give us faith to trust you  
with us ev - 'ry day. Give us wis - dom, give us  
life and hope to all. Give us bold - ness and com -  
fol - low you a - lone. Know - ing that your hand is  
lu - ias to you raise. Hold us in your gra - cious



bold - ly and to love you stead - fast - ly. By your  
cour - age as you teach us pa - tient - ly. By your  
pas - sion, bless us with your eyes to see. By your  
guid - ing and you love us faith - ful - ly, by your  
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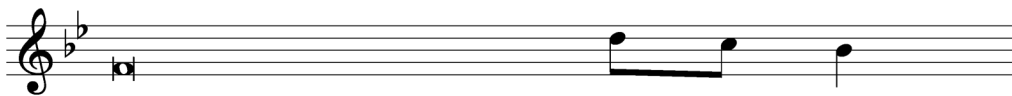


Spir - it may we ev - er faith - ful to our call - ings be.  
Spir - it may we ev - er faith - ful to our call - ings be.  
Spir - it may we ev - er faith - ful to our call - ings be.  
Spir - it may we ev - er faith - ful to our call - ings be.  
joic - ing we will ev - er faith - ful to our call - ings be.

Sermon—1 Peter 2:4-10

*You are a holy priesthood*

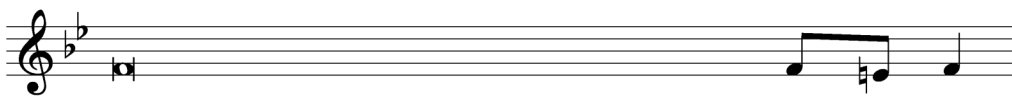
*We Praise You, O God*



- 1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim      you      as      Lord;
- 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of      heav'n - ly      hosts,
- 3 The white-robed army of martyrs      praise\_\_\_      you.



- 1 all creation worships you,      Fa - ther      ev - er - last - ing.
- 2 heaven and earth are      full\_\_\_      of your glo - ry.
- 3 Throughout the world the      ho - ly Church ac - claims      you:



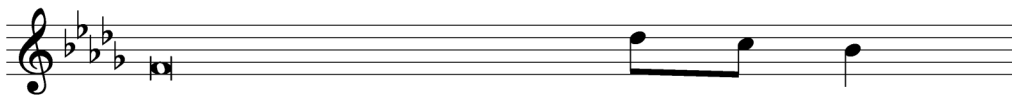
- 1 To you all angels, all the      pow'rs of heav'n,
- 2 The glorious company of apostles      praise\_\_\_ you.
- 3 Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and      on - ly Son;



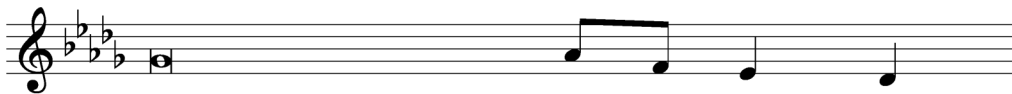
- 1 cherubim and seraphim,      sing in end - less praise:
- 2 The noble fellowship of      proph - ets      praise\_\_\_ you.
- 3 and the Holy Spirit,      ad - vo - cate and guide.



- 4 You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry,      the eternal Son of the Fa - ther.



- 5 When you became man to      set us free,
- 6 You sit at the right      hand of God



- 5 you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
- 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.





**C: Make us bold and confident to be witnesses to family and friends we know and love.**

P: Holy Spirit, Lord, and giver of life, through Word and sacrament you create and strengthen faith that trusts the promise of the Father and the work of his Son. You break down the barriers of resistance and rejection and bring the lost into the family of God.

**C: Empower and encourage us to speak about Jesus to neighbors and acquaintances.**

P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

P: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, move us by your great love to enter the mission fields near our homes and neighborhoods. Help us always to be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have.

**C: Guide us, strengthen us, and bless us as we share the love of Jesus.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

#### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

Please be seated.

Hymn 626 My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness



1 My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who bore my  
2 My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who walks be -  
3 My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who reigns a -



pain, who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and  
side, who floods my weak - ness - es with strength and  
bove, whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose



gave me life a - gain, who crushed my curse of sin - ful -  
caus - es fears to fly, whose ev - 'ry prom - ise is e -  
ev - 'ry thought is love. For ev - 'ry day I have on



ness and clothed me in his light and wrote his law of  
nough for ev - 'ry step I take, sus - tain - ing me with  
earth is giv - en by the King. So I will give my



right - eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.  
arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.  
life, my all, to love and fol - low him.

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\* This phrase repeats at the end of st. 3.

**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

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Accompanist: Eva Brauer

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## **Sunday Education**

Sunday education for all begins at 9:15 a.m.

## **Confirmation Sunday**

Confirmation for our youth confirmands is scheduled for next Sunday, May 10, in the 10:30 a.m. service, with a reception to follow. A public examination for the confirmands will be held at church on Wednesday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to the examination and the Confirmation service and reception.

## **Bible Information Class**

Pastor Brauer is starting a new Bible information class on Tuesday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. The course is called *The Wonders of God*. It is for anyone interested in learning what our church teaches and for any member looking to grow through a review. You may attend in person at church or online through Google meet. To attend through Google meet, give Pastor Brauer your email address.

## **Youth rally**

This upcoming summer our youth (teens who are entering 9th-grade to those who have just graduated from high school) have an amazing opportunity to connect with other WELS youth from around the country. The WELS International Youth Rally is being held at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, from July 14-17.

If you are so inclined, please consider giving to help our youth attend! You can donate towards the Youth Rally Fund on our online giving portal. Please see the bulletin board for more information on the rally, a letter from Joel Plocher, and to sign-up (deadline is May 29). You can also go to <https://welsyouthrally.net/> for more information on the youth rally.

### **Bible study for busy women**

The Bible study for busy women will be studying Acts and Philippians. This study takes place on Zoom on Wednesday evenings from 6:55-8:00 p.m., beginning May 6. If you are interested, please email Dee Eliason (*bdeliason@hotmail.com*), and she will send you the link.

### **Now hiring preschool teacher assistant**

Holy Trinity Early Learning Center is now hiring an afternoon preschool teacher assistant/ aftercare supervisor for the 2026-2027 school year. We are looking for a dependable, motivated individual who is excited to share their love of Jesus with our students. Please see the weekly email for the job description and instructions on how to apply, or see Sherri Lueck for further details.

### **Now hiring school office administrator**

Mrs. Brown, one of our school office administrators, is stepping down at the end of this school year. We thank Mrs. Brown for her service to Holy Trinity!

This means that we are hiring a new office administrator. The position is two days per week while school is in session with limited hours when school is not in session. You can view the position description in the weekly email. Interested candidates should submit a resume to Principal Gibson at *jgibson@htls-wa.net*.

Ideally, we will hire a candidate before this school year ends to provide on-the-job training.

### **ELHS band concert**

Celebrate with us at our "Happy Birthday, America!" band concert on May 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the ELHS campus. This evening will feature both the ELHS high school band and TELSS grade school bands.

### **This week at Holy Trinity**

Wednesday..... 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible study  
Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m. Confirmation examination  
Sunday ..... 10:30 a.m. Confirmation service  
Sunday ..... 11:30 a.m. Confirmation reception