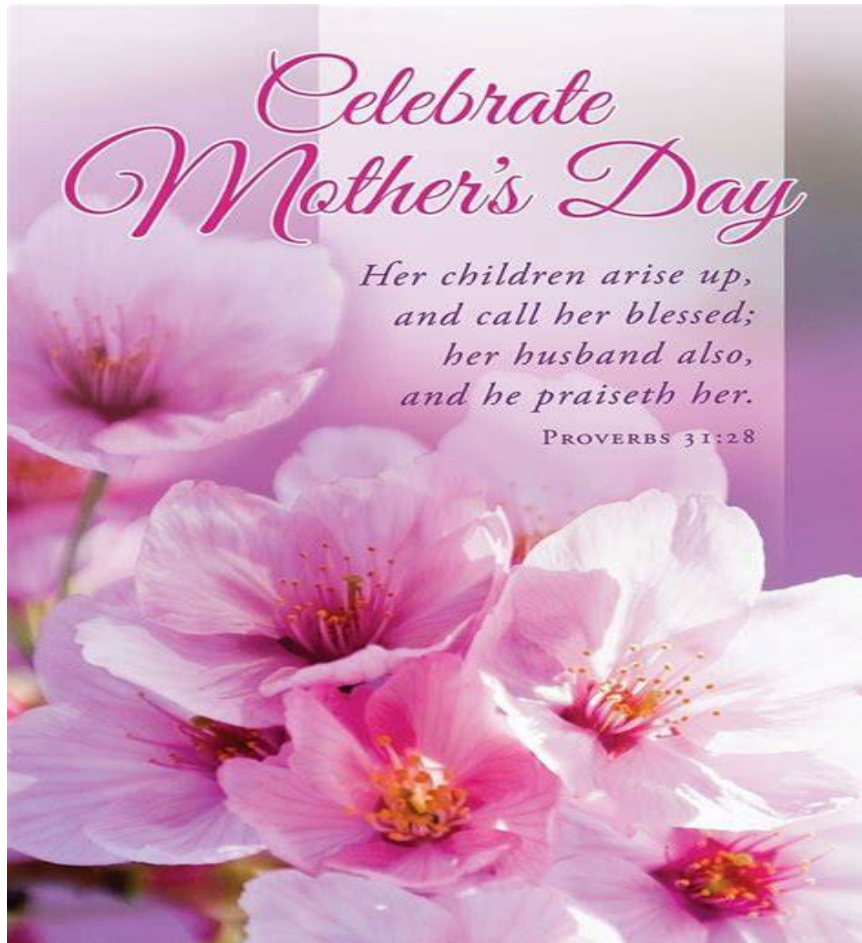


**May 11, 2025**  
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**Jane Snyder – Minister of Music**



**Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church**



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### ***Our Mission: To Be God's Loving Presence in a Hurting World***

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### **A Warm Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church**

We hope that your worship experience this morning is spiritually enriching and meaningful.

- Children are always welcome at worship.
- We practice eucharistic hospitality. All are welcome to Holy Communion.
- **Are you here for the first time?** Our congregation is a member of the Metropolitan D.C. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. If you are looking for a church home, we welcome your inquiry.
- **Restrooms** are located down the hall to the right.
- **Cellphones** create a distraction during worship. We ask that you check now to make sure it is in airplane mode.
- **Our team of ushers** are available throughout the service to assist.
- **Gluten-free hosts:** The baked bread distributed during Holy Communion is gluten-free, nut-free, **but full of Jesus!**

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE EXIT THROUGH THE SIDE EGRESS.**

**Worship Plan for Sunday, May 11, 2025**  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Today, we are giving thanks to God for the gift of mothers and the mother-like nurture that many people show to others in their lives.

Isaiah wrote that God is a mother to us, comforting and carrying us in her arms: *“As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you....”* (Isa. 66:13)

**Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.**

Isaiah also wrote that God would never forget us. He knows each of us, like a mother knows her own children: *“Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne?*

*Though she may forget, I will not forget you!”* (Isa. 49:15)

**Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.**

David wrote that in God's presence, he was quiet and at peace, trusting his mother God like a child safe in loving arms: *“But I have stilled and quietened my soul; like a weaned child with its mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me.”* (Ps. 131:2)

**Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.**

Jesus spoke of himself as a mother, longing to wrap his arms around us, like a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings: *“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem...how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing.”* (Matt. 23:37)

**Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.**

Paul writes about his missionary ministry and likens his work to that of a nurse who looks after those in her care: *“...but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children.”* (1 Thess. 2:7)

**Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.**

~ from the **Barnabas in Churches** website. <http://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/a-call-to-worship-on-mothering-sunday/>

## **GATHERING**

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

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ✝ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

**Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.**

Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people  
your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in  
your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen  
believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that  
extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts  
of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that  
set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by  
these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of  
Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG – “The Day of Resurrection!” (ELW 361)

### The Day of Resurrection!



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



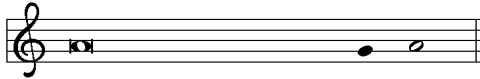
our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
his own “All hail!” and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.  
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

### 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.**

# KYRIE (ELW p. 147)



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.



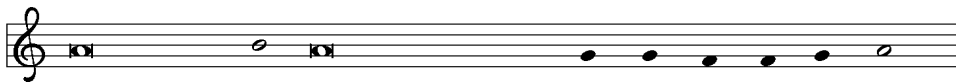
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy 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, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 148)

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **WORD**

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

### **FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43**

A reading from Acts.

<sup>36</sup> Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 23 - Original Music Written & Sung by Bob Snyder**



## **SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17**

A reading from Revelation.

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



## GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.

<sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## SERMON

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY – “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” (ELW 789)**

***The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.***

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.  
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847  
Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

**APOSTLES' CREED (Assisting Minister)**

**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.**

**PRAYER SONG – “We Praise You, O God” (ELW 870) Sing verse two only**


**We Praise You, O God**




1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963  
Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Responsive)**

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

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

*The assembly is seated.*

## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## INVITATION TO OFFERING – “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” (Nelson) (ELW 184)

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. 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 dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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## OFFERING PRAYER (Assisting Minister)

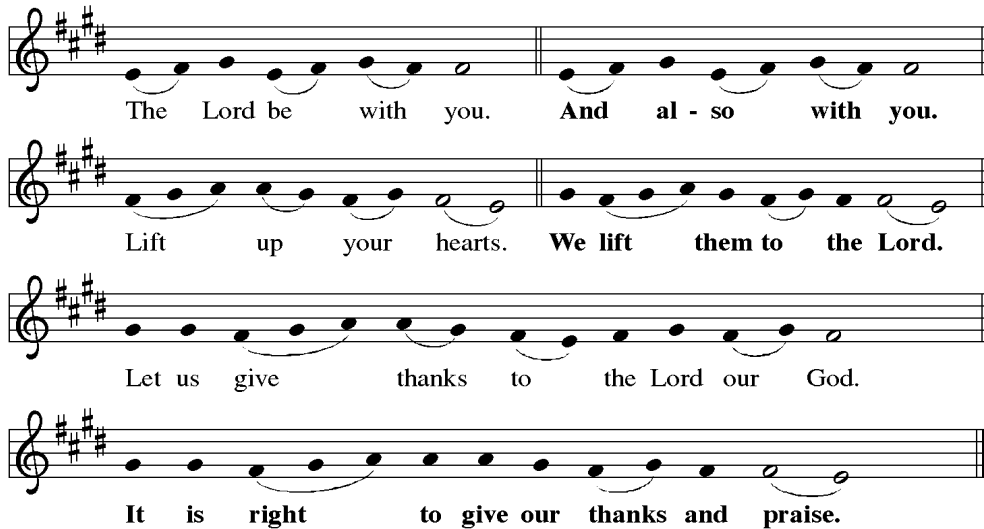
Let us pray.

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

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. **And** al - so with you.

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

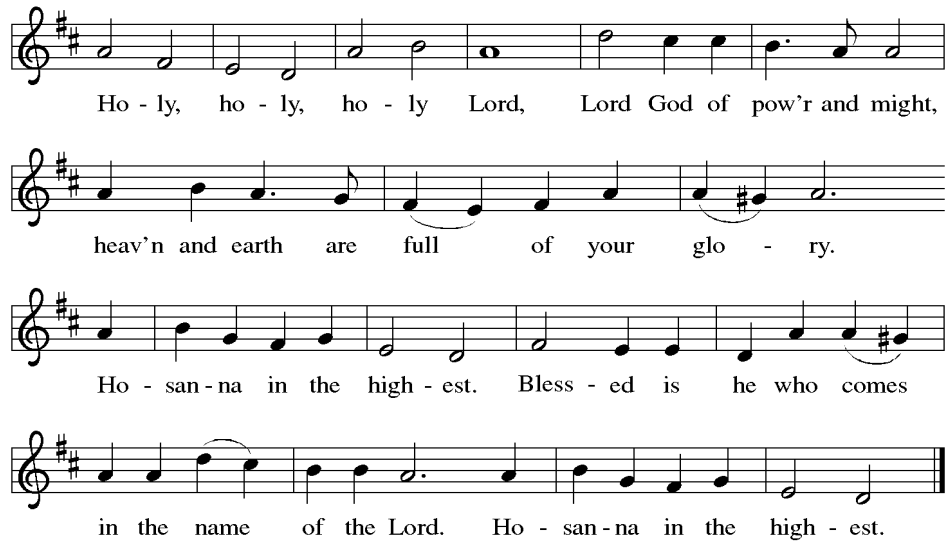
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### 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 (ELW p. 153)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.



**LORD'S PRAYER** (Directed by Dan Williams)

Our Father, which 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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*The assembly may be seated.*

**COMMUNION SONG – “Lamb of God” (ELW p. 154)**

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

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION SONG – “I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me” (ELW 860)

### I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Assisting Minister)

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

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

## BLESSING

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

## SENDING SONG – “For All Your Saints, O Lord” (ELW 427)

### For All Your Saints, O Lord



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,  
2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,  
3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,  
4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new  
5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.  
who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.  
learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.  
that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.  
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, alt.  
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

## SENDING (Assisting Minister)

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Gardening Demonstration** - Looking to start your own garden? Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake and The Denney House is sponsoring an informative and exciting in-person garden demonstration on Saturday, May 17th, 10:00am -12:00pm, The Denney House, 6502 Horseshoe Rd., Clinton, MD. Contact Sarah Hall Redden for more information.  
[sarah@interfaithchesapeake.org](mailto:sarah@interfaithchesapeake.org) [2407072124](tel:2407072124)

**Mental Health Awareness Seminar** – Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am-2:00pm, Clinton United Methodist Church, 1700 Brandywine Road, Clinton, MD. For more information contact: Dr. Rachel Jordan – (301) 452-0657 or [Rachel.jordan86@gmail.com](mailto:Rachel.jordan86@gmail.com).

**Pop-up Food Distribution** – Every Thursday and Saturday, beginning April 5<sup>th</sup> thru June 30<sup>th</sup>, Giant - 7074 Allentown Rd, Camp Springs, MD. Thursdays: 5:00 – 7:00pm and Saturdays: 9:00-11:00am.

**Bulk Trash and Paper Shred Day** - Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-11:00am, Clinton Baptist Church, 8701 Woodyard Road. For more information visit: <https://pgccouncil.us/District9> or call (301) 952-3820.

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No Worship Meeting in May due to Mother's Day. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Council Meeting – May 18<sup>th</sup> at 12noon.

**Hope Bible Study** - Join us on Fridays at 10:30am. Great interactive discussions and fellowship. Come out and be a part!