

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*May 12, 2024*

**PRELUDE "The Golden Sun Lights Up the Sky" – setting, Mark Sedio**

*Those who are able, please stand.*

**MISSION/MINISTRY**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

### GATHERING HYMN 655 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ 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.**

### THE HYMN OF PRAISE



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



Ⓑ 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.



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



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.



This is the feast of vic-tory 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

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .

C: **Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

*Please be seated.*

**FIRST READING** 1 John 5:9-13

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. <sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

*Those who are able, please stand.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

**THE GOSPEL READING** John 17:6-19

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>6</sup>I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and

yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## **SERMON**

*Those who are able, please stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY 482 "I Come with Joy"**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **THE PRAYERS**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

A: You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacons to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. God of grace... **C: hear our prayer**

A: Your creation groans under the strain of pollution. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation. God of grace... **C: hear our prayer**

A: Your people seek wisdom, understanding, and peace. Guide all those who govern and inspire them to work on behalf of the most vulnerable in our midst. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others. God of grace... **C: hear our prayer**

A: Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Comfort those in any affliction. Support those who grieve and bring solace to those near death. God of grace... **C: hear our prayer**

A: Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings. God of grace... **C: hear our prayer**

A: Your saints dwell with you in light. Keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith. Inspire us by their witness. God of grace... **C: hear our prayer**

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

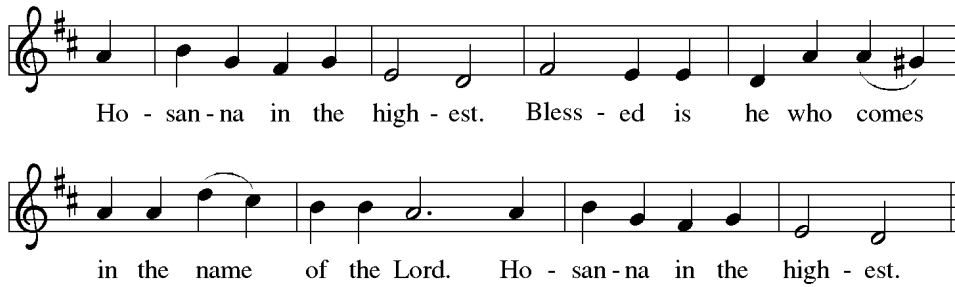
The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a single melodic line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

## THE PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a single melodic line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has six measures and the second has six measures. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,' and '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.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P: 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.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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**

*Please be seated.*

**MEAL**

***We welcome all who believe that Jesus is Lord and truly present to join us at his table. Holy communion will be distributed using Gluten-free wafers,***



wine, or grape juice. Make your choice known to the Communion Assistant. Communion will be taken from the center aisle; baskets are available to dispose of your communion cup.

The following hymn, "Be Not Afraid," is sung twice by the entire congregation as the distribution of communion begins:



Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!



Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

**CHORAL ANTHEM "In This Feast of Love" – arr. Mark Sedio**

A: Let us pray....

C: Amen

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING HYMN 826 "Thine the Amen"**

**DISMISSAL**

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**POSTLUDE "Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs" – A. W. Leupold**

**PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK**

**M** Psalm 115 **Tu** Luke 6:12-16 **Wednesday** John 16:16-24 **Thursday** Psalm 33:12-22  
**Friday** 1 Corinthians 15:50-57 **Saturday** Romans 8:14-17, 22-27 **Day of Pentecost**  
Acts 2:1- 21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21;  
John 15:26-27, 16:4-15

**pastor:** Bob Cheyney, Jr. **co-cantors:** John Schwandt, MaryAnn Schwabe **John Lauby, Organist/Choir Director Emeritus** **communion assistants:** Becky Popio, Gary Smith **door greeter:** Gary Smith **usher:** Harry Rennecker

**We welcome** Pastor Doug Fidler to our pulpit today.

**Church Council:** Mary Amick, Marilyn Brodie, Alex Clevinger, Heather Coontz, Michael Kahlenberg, John Lauby, Doug Nabors, Amanda Oberhauser, Gary Smith, Lou Stange, Don Taranowski and Harvey Wagner

**WELCOME VISITORS** Whatever your religious background and however you have come to be here, we welcome you to Advent Lutheran Church. We hope that you will feel comfortable and fulfilled, and that you will be strengthened to meet the challenges of your daily lives. The service is printed in your bulletin. If at first you find it difficult to follow the service, please ask someone near you for assistance; after a few services, we hope it will become easier. **We always welcome** children during worship.

**We encourage you to include the following people in your daily prayers this week:** Joe Balough, Shannon Bridges, Diane Frasier, Andrew Glover, Ronnie Haines, Gary Holmes, Dianne Johnson, Hunter Lumbatis, David Phillips, Al Shoe, Tina Tornow

**The altar flowers** today are given to the glory of God by Jim and Becky Popio in honor of their wedding anniversary.

**We are collecting** peanut butter and tissues for the FISH Cupboard in May.

**Your help is needed.** Sign-up for your turn as door greeter or usher in May at the Welcome Center. Thank you!

**Note:** Our next VBS "Workshop" night is planned for **Sunday, May 19th** from **6:30-8:30pm**. We will gather in the fellowship hall to paint and create scenery and props needed for vbs week.

**Mark your calendars now...**The countdown to VBS has begun! Plan to be a part of this summer's underwater adventure at Vacation Bible School on **July 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – Noon**. **Pre-registration will begin on Sunday, May 19th!** Children in pre-school thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to be a part of this exciting week by filling out a form found on the counter at the welcome center or by registering online ([adventuniontown.org](http://adventuniontown.org)). Anyone in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or older may also sign-up to be a crew leader. Get ready to **"DIVE"** into God's word with us this summer!

**Adult Volunteers Needed...** come help us make this year's vbs week go "swimmingly"! In order to do so, we could certainly use your help! If you are available for the entire week or just for a few days, we would love to have you come join us! Look for the sign-up sheet on the counter at the welcome center to let us know which days you can help and what your t-shirt size is for your free t-shirt! Also mark your calendars for **Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> for a special luncheon**, set up in the Sunday school opening room for, **ALL volunteers and crew leaders** (right after the contemporary service) Please plan to attend this informative meeting/luncheon! The **VBS kick-off party** will be during our last Sunday school class of this school year...**May 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:15-11:15am**. Join us in the Sunday school opening room!

**Get ready for another rummage sale!!** **May 16<sup>th</sup>** (Thursday) from 8:00am to 6:00pm, **May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>** (Fri & Sat) from 8:00 am to 1:00pm in our fellowship hall. All proceeds will go towards the ELCA youth gathering trip. Helpers will be needed to set up/price items as well as to be here on the days of the sale. Look for a sign-up sheet on the welcome center counter if you can help! (Nothing will be saved here at the church or given back once the rummage sale is over). Thanks in advance for your support!

**Everyone signed up to go to the ELCA youth gathering** to New Orleans this July, please plan to meet in the confirmation room on Sunday, **May 19<sup>th</sup>** at 9:30 am. We will talk about upcoming fundraisers, new updates and discuss the next gathering topic.

**Come join the women's bible study** in the church's library on Monday mornings at 10:30 am. We are using Adam Hamilton's material on "Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith" during the month of May. (*Please note: there will not be Bible Study on Memorial Day 5/27*).

**Young adults...**Our next opportunity to serve at FISH will be **May 30<sup>th</sup>** from 5:15-7:30 pm. with dinner to follow! We will be going to Carlos after we are done at the FISH pantry. Hope to see you there!

**Mark your calendars**, the next opportunity to serve at the FISH food pantry is... Thursday, **May 30<sup>th</sup>** from 5:15-7:30 pm (6-8 helpers needed). Please email Becky if you are able to help at [BPopio@adventuniontown.org](mailto:BPopio@adventuniontown.org) or sign up on the volunteer sheet found on the welcome center counter.

**Habitat for Humanity** - Thank you to Paul Joestlein for being Advent's contact person for this summer's Habitat for Humanity house builds. Please look for a sign-up sheet on the welcome center counter if you are available to help build or provide lunches. If you have any questions, please email Paul at [pjoestlein@gmail.com](mailto:pjoestlein@gmail.com).

**Lutheran Outdoor Ministries** provide places to engage people of all ages with the beauty of God's creation and programs that enrich faith formation. The Ohio Lutheran Outdoor Ministry camps homepage can be found at <https://hopewoodoutdoors.org/>. Remember, camp Scholarship are available from the Endowment Fund Team. Call or email Pastor Bob at [Pastorbob@adventuniontown.org](mailto:Pastorbob@adventuniontown.org) for details.

**There will be no quilting next Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Worship is central** to what we do as a congregation. The tech team is looking for individuals to assist at either of our worship services. **Traditional Worship:** Help is needed for doing the video recording and then posting the recording to our platforms. If you've created and posted videos online you can do this. Even if you haven't, we can teach you. **Contemporary Worship:** Help is needed to project the songs, prayers and other parts of the service on the screen for the congregation. **No special skills are required** – if you can login to a PC you have great potential! The work that the team does is vital because it enriches our worship and provides a means for others to experience God in this place. If you have any questions, contact Mike Pearch at [michael.pearch@gmail.com](mailto:michael.pearch@gmail.com) or 330-760-4413