

ST. JOHANNES LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHARLESTON, SC



DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 23, 2021

10:00 A.M.

THE SERVICE OF WORD AND HOLY COMMUNION

We strive to provide meaningful worship, sacred music, commitment to tolerance, open-mindedness, and inclusive love so that people who come through our doors may discover the spirit and compassion of God in the heart of the Holy City.

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP TODAY!

✚ WE ARE THRILLED THAT YOU ARE HERE TODAY.

All worshippers, please take a moment and fill out the information sheet located on the the pews. We also welcome any prayer requests, there is a place to put this on the attendance forms as well. If you are looking for a church home, please contact the church office at 843-722-8906.

✚ ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE LORD’S TABLE

We welcome all people to our worship here at St. Johannes and all baptized are invited to join us for Holy Communion. It is not “our” table, it is the **Lord’s Table**, and you are invited to join us for this special meal. Children who commune should be assisted by an adult near them. Those who are unable to partake of wheaten bread or wine are assured that the Church affirms our Lord’s presence in, with, and under each element alone.

✚ THE WATER IN THE FONT

The water in the font reminds us of our baptism into Christ.

✚ RESTROOMS AND QUIET ROOM

These facilities are located in the Parish Building behind the sanctuary. For security reasons, the building may be locked, but a key is in the narthex to unlock the building. The key is hanging by the thermostat. **[Directions to the restroom:** exit the church, turn to the right, and go down the handicap ramp toward the rear of the church. Go up the ramp, and enter the door to the left into the parish building. As you enter, the Quiet Room/Nursery is to the left, and restrooms are to the right. Directional signs are posted for the restrooms. A changing table is located in the women’s restroom.]

✚ ABOUT THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA:

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the US, with more than 3.5 million members in 65 synods and nearly 9,300 congregations across the 50 states and Caribbean region. Known as the church of “God’s Work, Our Hands,” the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians, and service in the world. The ELCA’s roots are in the writings of the German church reformer, Martin Luther.

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 4

✠ GATHERING ✠

The congregation's responses are printed in boldface.

**Indicates to please stand.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The congregation is asked to maintain a reverent quiet during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation. Kindly silence cell phones and electronic devices.

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM [*Please stand, as you are able.*]**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

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

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of 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. 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 water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***ENTRANCE HYMN #400:** *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

See Insert.

***GREETING**

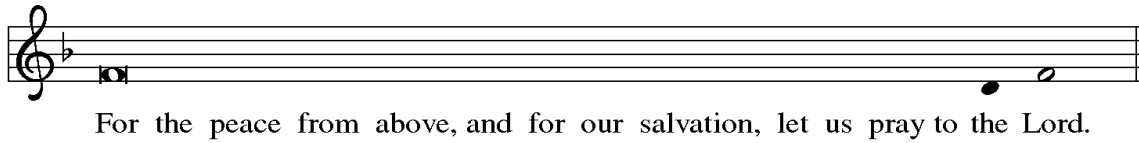
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

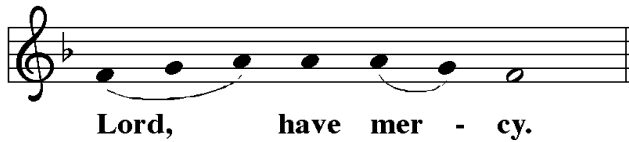
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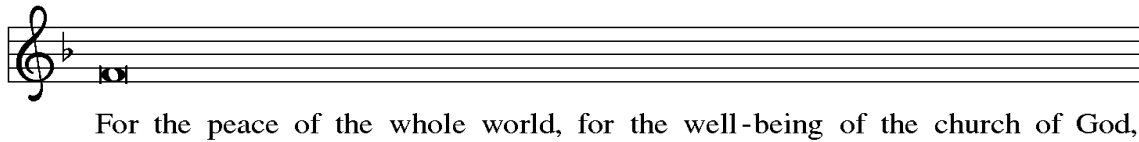
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



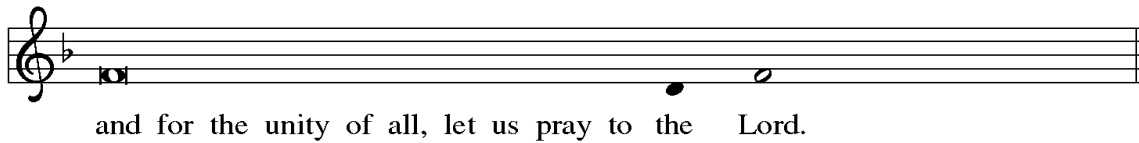
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



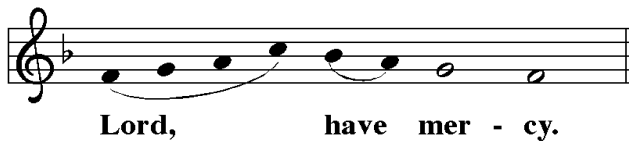
Lord, have mer - cy.



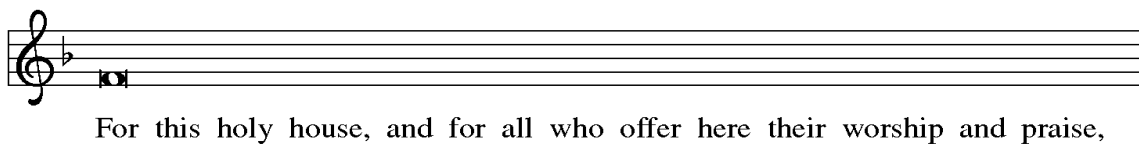
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



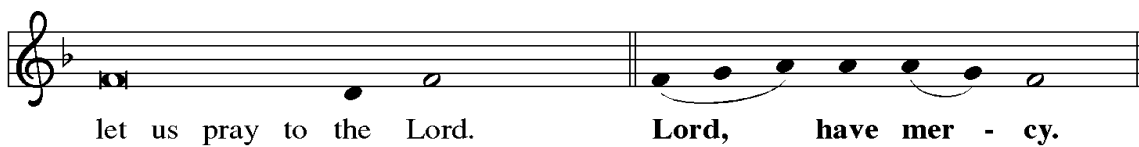
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



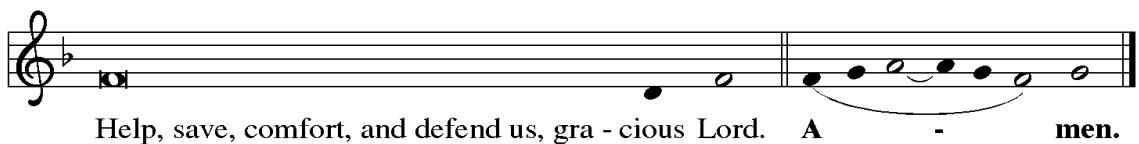
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



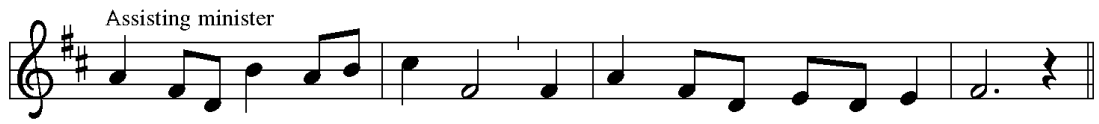
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

[Please be seated.]

✠ WORD ✠

Old and New Testament scriptures are proclaimed.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

Lector: A reading from Acts

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104:24-34, 35

²⁴How manifold are your | works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number, living things both | small and great.

²⁶There go the ships | to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

²⁷All of them | look to you to give them their food | in due season. R

²⁸You give it to them; they | gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

²⁹When you hide your face, | they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created; and so you renew the face | of the earth.

³¹May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever; O LORD, rejoice in | all your works. R

³²You look at the earth | and it trembles; you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live; I will praise my God while I | have my being.

³⁴May these words of | mine please God. I will rejoice | in the LORD.

³⁵^bBless the LORD, | O my soul. Hal- | lelujah! R

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

Lector says: A reading from Romans

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

[Please stand, as you are able.]



*THE GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4-15

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter: C: **Glory to you , O Lord.**

Jesus said, ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

[Please be seated.]

SERMON

Pastor Rich Donoghue

Silence for reflection may follow the sermon.

*HYMN OF THE DAY #578: *Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

*NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

Nicene Creed continued

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the Living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the

forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *[Please stand or kneel, as you are able.]*

A: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you give the Holy Spirit to your church, filling it with many and varied gifts. In the church throughout the world, strengthen us in our visioning and dreaming, that it may discover anew the Spirit's creative work. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, your mighty works are too numerous to count. The earth is full of your creatures, living things both great and small. Open your hand and give them the necessities of this life. Send your fresh Spirit over the face of the earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the nations, at the sound of the rushing wind, people speaking different languages proclaimed and heard together your deeds of power. Fill the leaders of nations with your Holy Spirit, so that they exercise your gracious will in the lives of people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of faithfulness, you tend to the needs of your people, even the sighs of our hearts. Hear those who cry out to you in distress. Restore to wholeness all who are in any need this day *especially* **Kay Winnett, George Kornahrens, Diane Hogue, Betty Ann Heinsohn, Julie Riel, Bob Oswald, Betty Addison, Victor Thompson, Sharon Masso, Monte Mims, Tammy Tanner, Marcy Floyd, Connie Morgan, Charles Long III, Anne Foster, Marie Mood, Barbara Lyerly, Mary Sweat, Elmore Marlow, Bill Cornwell, Marilyn Stehmeier, Bryan Steele,** and those we name aloud and in our hearts.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of love, fill this congregation with gratitude for the gifts we have received from you. Renew our ministries, heal our divisions, and open us to the needs of our neighbors. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of hope, those who have died in you raise their eternal song of praise. We give you thanks for the many gifts of your people and rejoice in the witness of your saints. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Christ be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

[Please be seated after the peace.]

✠ MEAL ✠

The elements of bread and wine are blessed and prepared for the people of God.

OFFERTORY *Rondeau*

Jean-Philip Rameau

*OFFERING PRAYER

A: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. **C: Amen**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING** *The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

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 thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*PREFACE

The minister continues with the preface appointed for the day.

P: 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. 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:

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.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us. end us forth, urning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**

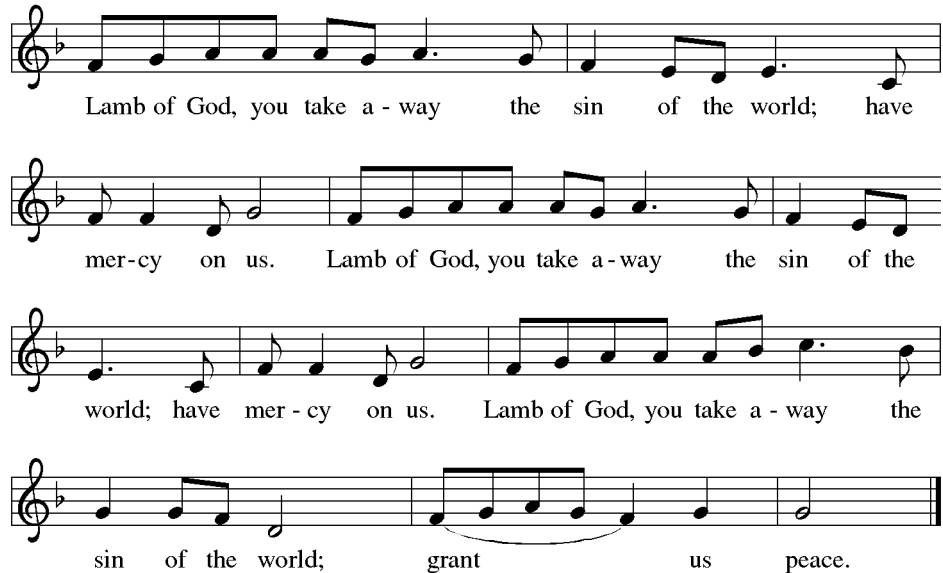
P: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied. **C: Thanks be to God.**

[Please be seated]

HOLY COMMUNION

Please bring your cup with you. If you desire only a blessing, please cross your arms. After communing, place the cup in the receptacle by the side aisle.

LAMB OF GOD



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:

Please come by center aisle and leave by side aisle. People with mobility problems will commune after your side has communed, or pastor will come to your pew.

[When all persons have communed, we stand.]

*COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

THE PEOPLE OF GOD ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE.

*BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon

*SENDING HYMN #627: *O Day Full of Grace*

See Insert.

*DISMISSAL

P: The Spirit is filling you with life.. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Ushers will dismiss by rows beginning with the back rows.

POSTLUDE

SERVING TODAY

Worship Assistant: Robbin Mosier

Usher: Diane McDanel

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

Hank Witt given by Buddy Witt.

NEXT WEEK

10:00 a.m. - The Service with Holy Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS

Bereaved: Herman and Marilyn Stehmeier, the Kornahrens Family

Sick and/or Recovering: Kay Winnett, George Kornahrens, Diane Hogue, Dwight Jenkinson, Betty Ann Heinsohn, Julie Riel, Bob Oswald, Betty Addison, Victor Thompson, Sharon Masso, Monte Mims, Tammy Tanner, Marcy Floyd, Connie Morgan, Charles Long III, Anne Foster, Marie Mood, Barbara Lyerly, Mary Sweat, Elmore Marlow, Bill Cornwell, Marilyn Stehmeier, and Bryan Steele

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please contact Diane McDanel at ddmcdanel@aol.com or 843-532-3161 if you would like to purchase the altar flowers during the year. The cost is \$54.50 payable to the church. You may also sign up on the flower chart located in the narthex. We currently have 5/23 & 5/30 available. Thanks for signing up and helping make our altar beautiful.

TRICOUNTY FAMILY MINISTRIES OUTREACH

Each month we will collect a designated item or group of items to meet the needs of the clients of TFM, and during the month of May, we will be collecting **PEANUT BUTTER!!** . . . any brand . . . any size!! Please help us donate 100 jars of peanut butter to TFM in May!!! Donations may be placed in the wagon located in the narthex.

For questions contact Mary Lou Waitschies at waycheese@att.net or (843)224-3854.

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