

# **ST. JOHANNES LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**CHARLESTON, SC**



**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 9, 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.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** [*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: 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. **Amen.**

*[Please remain standing, or kneel, as you are able.]*

*Silence is kept for self-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.**

**\*ABSOLUTION**

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**

*[Please stand, as you are able.]*

**\*ENTRANCE HYMN #879:** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*See Insert.*

**\*GREETING**

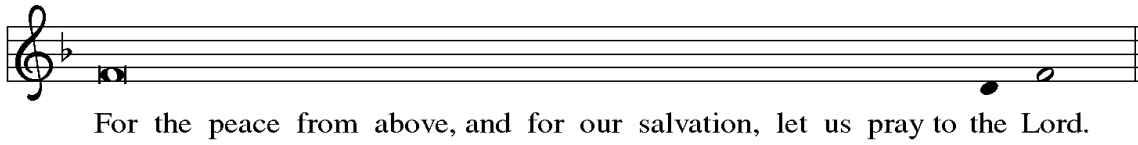
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

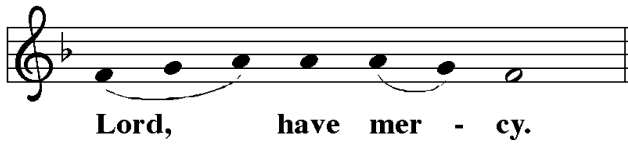
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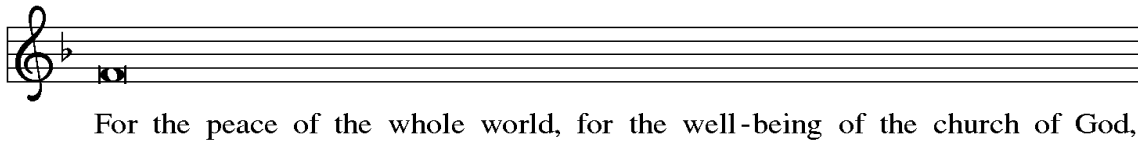
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



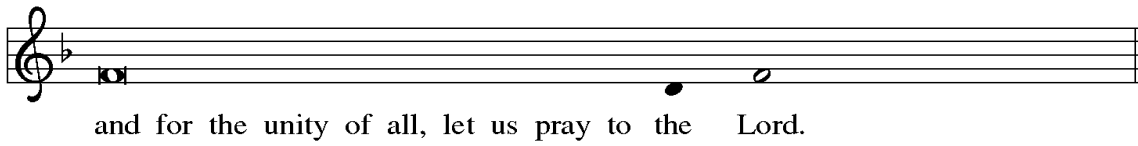
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



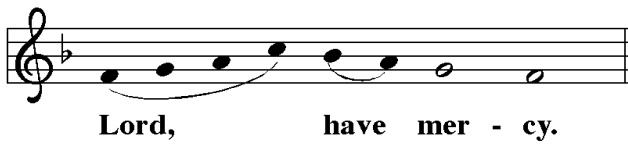
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



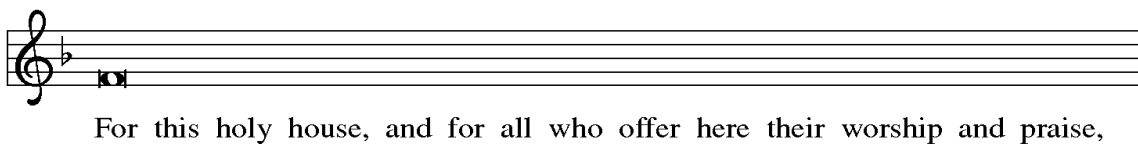
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



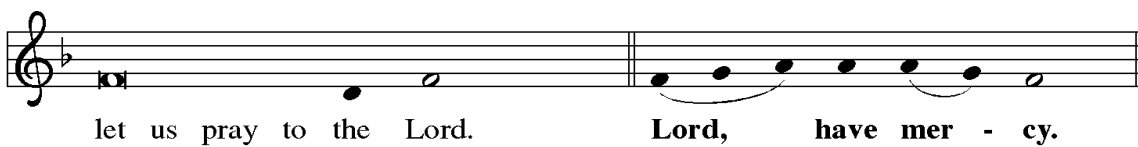
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



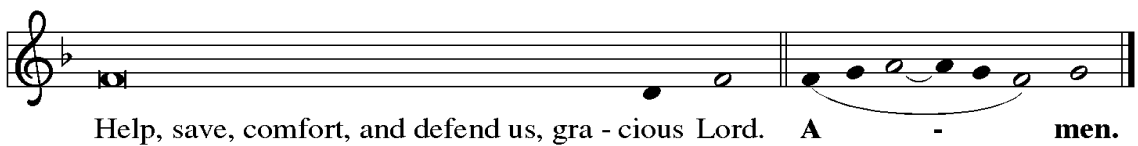
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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 (Cantor only)

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb  
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of  
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,  
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

P: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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 10:44-48

Lector: A reading from Acts

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

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

### PSALM 98

- <sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.
- <sup>2</sup>O LORD, you have made | known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.
- <sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.
- <sup>4</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands; lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing. R
- <sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD| with the harp, with the harp and the | voice of song.
- <sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound | of the horn shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.
- <sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it, the world and those who | dwell therein.
- <sup>8</sup>Let the rivers | clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to | judge the earth.
- <sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness  
and the peo- | ples with equity. R

### SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

Lector says: A reading from First John

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

*[Please stand, as you are able.]*

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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

**\*THE GOSPEL: John 15:9-17**

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

Jesus said: <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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 #666: *What Wondrous Love***

*See Insert.*

**\*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.**

**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.*

Loving God, you call us to be your fruit-bearing church. Strengthen the bonds among all Christian churches. Today we pray for the Moravian Church, giving thanks for the life and witness of Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church and hymnwriter. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, the earth praises you. The seas roar and the hills sing for joy. Fill the earth with your love so that by their song, all creatures of land and sea and sky, burrowing and soaring, may call us to join with them in praise. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Faithful Savior, you conquer the world not with weapons but with undying love. Plant your word in the hearts of the nations' leaders and give them your Spirit, so that the peoples of the world may live in peace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Caring Healer, you forget no one and accompany the lonely. Be present with those who are sick or suffering *especially* **Herman and Marilyn Stehmeier, the Kornahrens family, 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. . Provide for those needing homes or medical care and point us towards life-changing responses to these needs in our own communities. Be with the dying. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, as a mother comforts her child, you comfort us. Bless mothers and mothering people in our lives. Comfort those who miss their mothers, mothers who grieve, those who grieve because they cannot be mothers, and those who have never known a loving mother. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Gentle Redeemer, all who die in you abide in your presence forever. We remember with thanksgiving those who shared your love throughout their lives (*especially*). Keep us united with them in your lasting love. 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** *Blessing, Honor, Glory and Power*

*Florian Peeters*

### \*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 Child, 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, 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.

*Cantor Only*

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: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, 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.

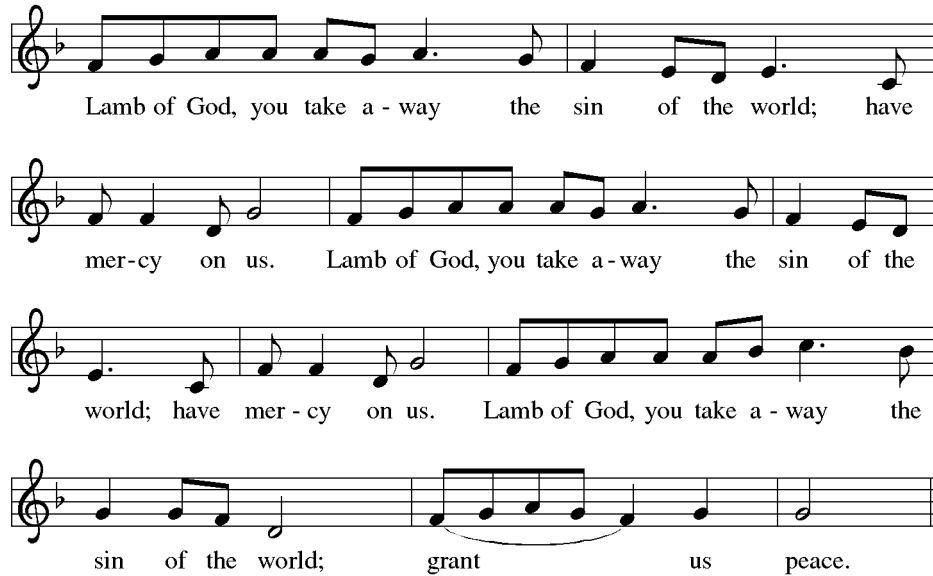
**C: Thanks be to God.**

***[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** (*Cantor only*)



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 #642 Ubi caritas et amor*

*See Insert.*

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 you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN #631:** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*See Insert.*

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Ushers will dismiss by rows beginning with the back rows.**

**POSTLUDE**

**SERVING TODAY**

**Worship Assistant:** Kay Winnett

**Usher:** Lynn Jenkinson

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
James McDanel by Diane, Kirsten, and Preston

**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:** 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](mailto: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](mailto:waycheese@att.net) or (843)224-3854.

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