# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**April 28, 2024** 



## ELW SETTING 6 LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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## We are glad you are with us today.

We are a family of faith living and growing together in Christ.

This bulletin is filled with information about the life of the church, you are invited to take it home for reference and further reflection during the week. Various updates and additional church information, along with the Pastor Tim's sermons, are posted each week on our website — www.holyspirit-elca.org. Welcome cards/envelopes are located in the pew rack. Please take a moment to fill out the information and return it to the offering plate.

Our sound system includes a T-system hearing loop, which allows worshipers with T-system compatible hearing aids to tune in directly to the worship leaders' microphones for clearer sound. There are two hearing unit headsets available in the narthex for use. Additionally, large print bulletins are available at the sanctuary door.

As we worship and celebrate communion this morning we remind you that this is the Lord's table. Jesus is the host. We are his guests. God welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live! Please extend your hand to receive the bread, then take a cup from the tray. Please indicate if you prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer. Those not receiving communion are welcome to receive a blessing.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Holy Spirit, please see Pastor Tim. Membership comes through baptism or affirmation of faith.

Please let us know if we can be of service to you in any way!

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#### **SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION.**

PRELUDE Voluntary Handel

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sins, calling for God's transforming power. Silence is kept for reflection.
- P Source of all life,
- C we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.

We fear that we are not good enough.

We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it.

We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us.

Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

- P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

GREETING

**GATHERING HYMN** *Hymn is printed on page 20* 

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

**ELW 379** 

- 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.

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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.

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

**Pastor Tim Linstrom** 

FIRST READING Acts 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

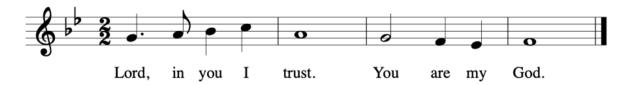
<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized

him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:25-31 Hal Hopson

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- L REFRAIN
- C REFRAIN
- L I come with praise before the Lord, Release me from all strife: The poor will feast at tables full And find eternal life.
- C REFRAIN
- L The far-flung corners of the earth Shall turn to God and sing; As nations of the world shall rise To hail the Lord as King.
- C REFRAIN
- L The mighty on their knees will bow; As mortals, they discern That, as from dust God gave them breath, To dust they shall return.
- C REFRAIN
- L Descendants of the coming years Who walk the paths well trod Will sing to children yet unborn The mighty acts of God.
- C REFRAIN

### **SECOND READING**

#### 1 John 4:7-21

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

- A The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL VERSE**





You have the words of e-ter - nal life.

Al-le-lu - ia.

GOSPEL John 15:1-8

- P The Holy Gospel according to John, the tenth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.
- P [Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."
- P The Gospel of the Lord
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **SERMON**

**Pastor Tim Linstrom** 

Please Stand

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

**ELW 377** 

Hymn printed on pages 21

#### **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 OF THE CHURCH

A 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.

We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace,

- C hear our prayer.
- A For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. We pray for those serving in the military and their families, especially Amelia Eastman, Thomas Menter (grandson of Louise), Dylan Utterback (son of Julie & Joel), Jim Detjen (brother of Mary), and Kimberly Koblas (daughter of Wendy & Jim). God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering. We especially pray for **Katie Bally**, **Ruth Berman**, **Ethan Cloonan**, **Amy Dohler**, **Jane Ernst**, **Elizabeth Falato**, **Jean Gates**,

Ohnona, Ken Rosko, Tom Weglarz, Allison Wittich, John Bertrand (son of Carol Bertrand), Carol Gloudeman (sister-inlaw of Eileen and Tom Weglarz), Jim Hanzel (uncle of Patrick Cantagallo), Dana Imlah (daughter of Mary Lou Gilliam), Phil Larson (friend of Nila Bilstad), Todd Luedtke (friends of Darlene and Larry Neumann), Sally Navarro (friend of Ruth Ann Grockis), the Chase Petersen family (friends of Amy Dohler), Bruce Tagge (father of Tim Tagge), Jacob Rosenkranz (friends of the Prosk family), Michael Ungari, Lenita Spears, (relatives & friends of the Labellartes), Coco & Lukas (grandchildren of JoAnne Schwarcz), baby Ryan and his family (friends of the Pedersen family). Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace,

- C hear our prayer.
- A For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A 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.
- C Amen.

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C and also with you.

All the people greet one another through the sharing of the peace.

#### THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING "Fruitful Trees the Spirit's Sowing" Schultz/Jirsa Nancy Fencl, Flute

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here

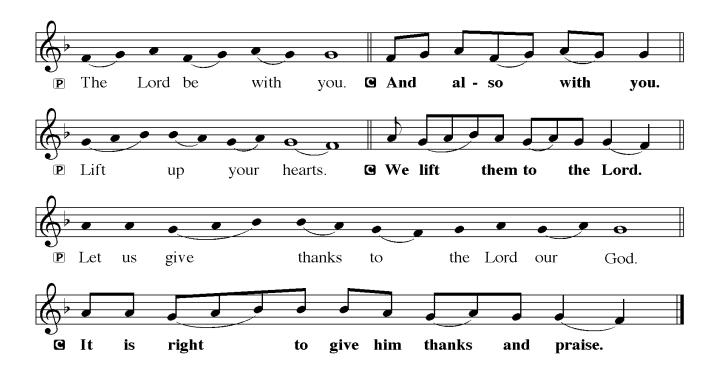
be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,

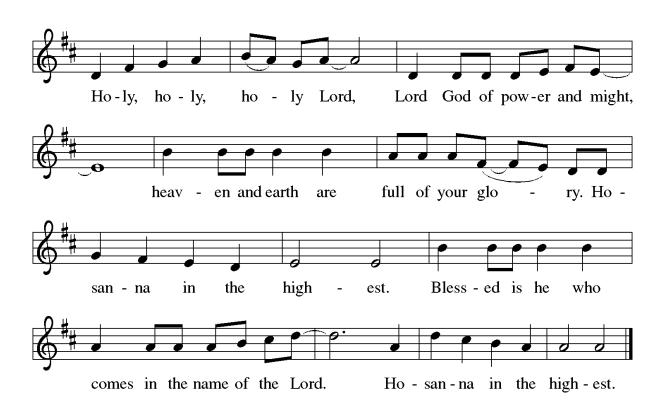
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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, 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.



P Blessed are you, O holy God:

you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.

He is your Light, shining in our darkness

and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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 preaching and healing,

his dying and rising, and his promise to come again,

we await that day when all the universe

will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,

that, refreshed with this heavenly food,

we may be light for the world,

revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,

in your holy Church, both now and forever.

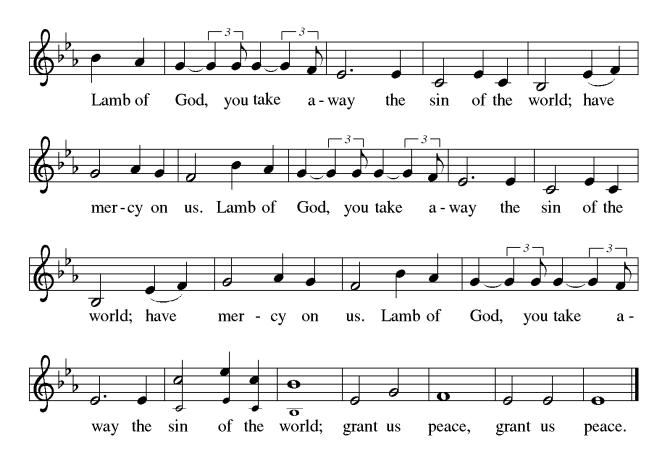
#### C Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

P All who believe in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are welcome at the table of the Lord. Let us pray together as our Lord taught us.

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

### **COMMUNION CANTICLE**



**COMMUNION HYMN** 

"O Blessed Spring"

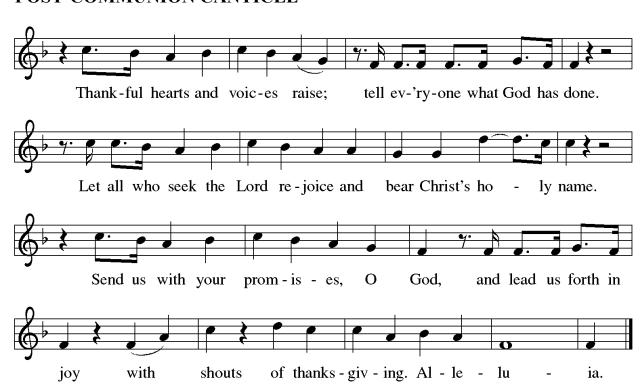
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## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

- P The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

- A Shepherding God,
  you have prepared a table before us
  and nourished us with your love.
  Send us forth from this banquet
  to proclaim your goodness
  and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
  our redeemer and friend.
- C Amen.

#### **BENEDICTION**

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always.
- C Amen.

**SENDING HYMN** 

"Let All Things Now Living"

ELW 881

Hymn is printed on page 23

### **DISMISSAL**

- A Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Fughetta Pachelbel.

### **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY** — Next Sunday, May 5

Join us as we celebrate with our seven confirmands and their families at their Confirmation next Sunday. We celebrate and congratulate; Gabrielle Brown, Lucas Davenport, Carmen Petreanu, Samantha Pink, Katherine Prosk, Anna Tantillo, and Tyler Zehnder. After two years of study these seven will be Affirming the promises of their Baptism. A time of congratulations and fellowship will follow the worship service.

### **CHURCH WORK DAY** - Saturday, May 11

There are always cleaning and maintenance tasks that need to be performed at our wonderful facility. But we need everyone to pitch in as they can. Join us on Saturday May 11 between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm and lend a hand as you are available. If you're looking for service hours or a family service project, this is a great option.

### SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES —

Holy Spirit will be sending three delegates to the Metro Chicago Synod assembly on June1at the Q Center in St.. Charles, Illinois. This is the annual meeting where we have elections, approve the budget, and participate in workshops that facilitate the ongoing meaningful work of the larger church. If you are interested in representing our congregation at this event, please see Pastor Tim for more information and registration.

<u>C.O.O.L.</u> — Is in need of Cereal and peanut butter

**EXPOS** — Expos will be pausing their monthly meetings for the upcoming spring and summer months. Any special gatherings will be announced as they are scheduled.

**QUILTERS** — Quilting ministry meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

**PRAYER GROUP** — Our prayer group meets at 9:30 am on Thursday mornings in the Sanctuary. If you'd like to pray with us, please come! We'd love for you to join us.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY — Thursday Bible Study meets from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. and everyone is encouraged to attend. Besides delving into the Holy Scriptures, we also study contemporary theologians, our Lutheran roots, and current issues as they impact our lives. We are currently starting a new study on C.S. Lewis' best selling book "Mere Christianity". Rejecting the boundaries that divide Christianity's many denominations, Lewis provides an unequaled opportunity for believers and nonbelievers alike to hear a powerful, rational case for the Christian faith. It is a collection of scintillating brilliance that remains strikingly fresh for the modern reader and at the same time confirms C.S. Lewis' reputation as one of the leading writers and thinkers of our age. Join us for some spirited discernment and conversation! We always close our time together in prayer.

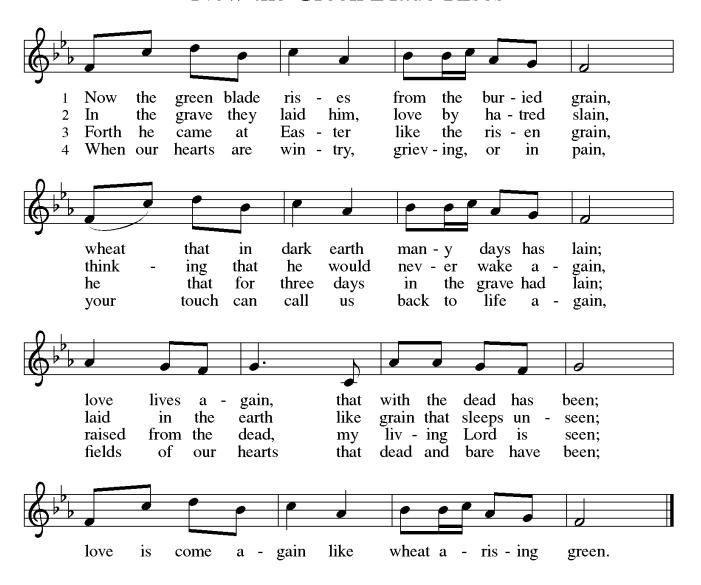
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## Now the Green Blade Rises



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### Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

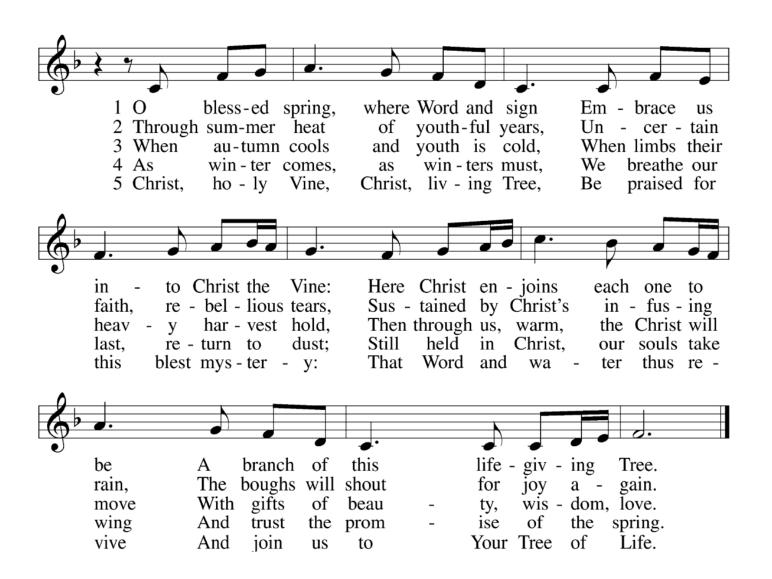


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## O Blessed Spring

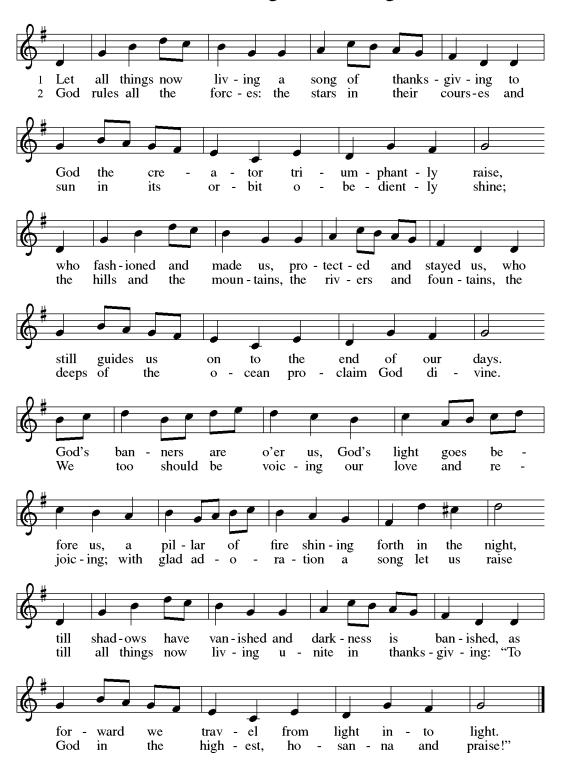


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HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS		
Sunday, April 28	9:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	10:30 a.m.	Meet & Greet
	10:45 a.m.	Bell Choir
Tuesday, April 30	4:15 p.m.	LYFE
	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Exams
Wednesday May 1	4:45 p.m.	Confirmation Exams
	6:15 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:15 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thursday May 2	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Group
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study
Sunday, May 5	9:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Confirmation Celebration
	10:45 a.m.	Brass Choir

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Ciara Crews

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**Organist:** Kathy Roderer

**Children's Ministry Director:** Jennifer Williams

**Assistant Minister** Joe Labellkarte

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