

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church

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Mission Statement:

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church is a community of faith grounded in love for God and love for our neighbors.



May 31, 2026

Holy Trinity

Celice Clark, Accompanist

Prelude: "Canzonetti" Noel Goemanne

"Gigue on 'Holy, Holy, Holy'" arr. Joyce Jones

Welcome, Friends in Christ,

*To assist in worship, this bulletin includes all portions of our service; prayers, readings, hymns, congregational responses in **bold**.*

We also provide activity bags for children. You may request these from an usher to use during the service. Parents, please note, these contain a snack.

Please know that EVERYONE is invited to receive communion, where we are all guests at God's table.

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Welcome and Introduction: Pastor James West

Call to Worship: "Worship God with Music" by Natalie Sleeth

(You may stand, in body or spirit)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving
you honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.



Opening Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!" *Hymn 413*

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.

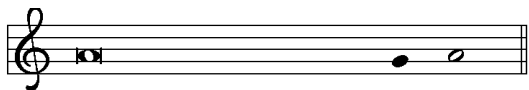
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Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

Greeting

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

And also with you.

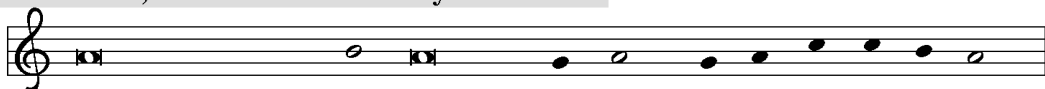
Kyrie *(Congregation sings the highlighted refrain)*



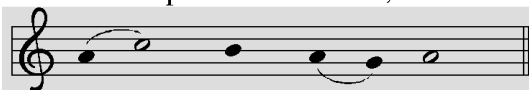
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



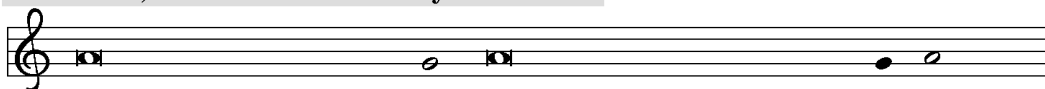
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



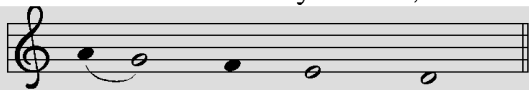
Lord, have mer - cy.



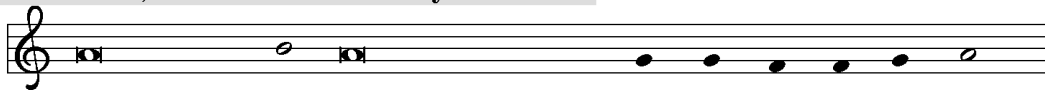
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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: (Congregation sings the highlighted section)

Refrain

Assisting minister

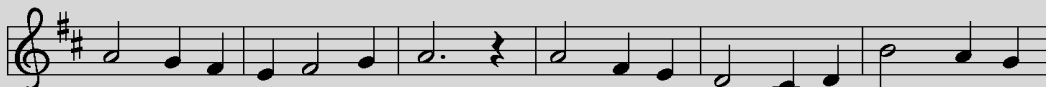


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God,

we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(You may be seated)

First Reading: Genesis Chapter 1:1 through 2:4a

¹When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹²The earth

brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea

and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.”³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude.

² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

¹ O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

² **Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴ **what are humans that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?**

⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶ **You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,**

⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ **the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

⁹ O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal;
agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will
be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

(You may stand, in body or spirit)

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.

Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew Chapter 28.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(You may be seated)

Sermon: Pastor James West

Sermon Notes:

Sermon Hymn: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" Hymn 414

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900

Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

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.**

Intercessory Prayer

Each petition ends: “God of grace,”
Response is **“hear our prayer.”**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

*Online
Giving*



Offertory: **“Sing Ye Joyfully!”** *by Don Besig*

(You may stand, in body or spirit)

Receiving of Gifts

Offering Prayer

Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus, Amen.

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.

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”

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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of four staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the second line. The third staff contains the third line. The fourth staff contains the fourth line. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God,
you alone are holy,
you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;
within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life;

near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.
We thank you, O God.

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 his love for us
on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

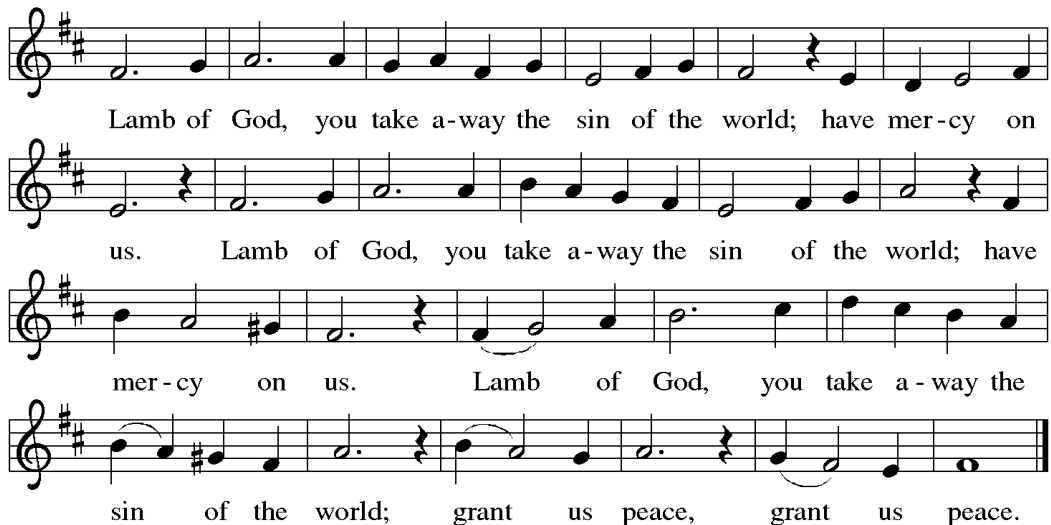
Invitation to Communion

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

*We commune by 'Intinction', by dipping the wafer in wine or grape juice. We are all guests at God's table. **Everyone** is invited to receive communion.*

(You may be seated)

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, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: "All Glory Be to God on High" *Hymn 410*



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -
 2 O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and
 3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -



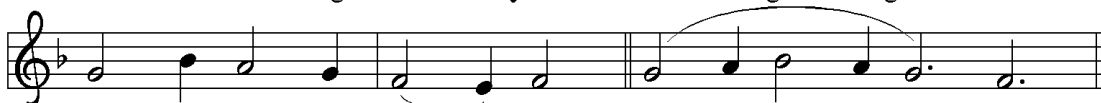
friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the
 hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we
 au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and
 la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -



strife at last is end - ed. God shows good-will to
 give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,
 source of all true plea - sure; O Lamb of God, O
 sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and



one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank
 and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your
 Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and
 bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our



God for grace and mer - cy!
 lord - ship is our bless - ing.
 on us all have mer - cy.
 lives are in your keep - ing. A - - - men.

Text: Nikolaus Decius, 1485–1550; tr. composite

Music: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH, plainsong; adapt. Nikolaus Decius

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Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Compassionate God,
**through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

Ministry Calendar

Today—May 31—Sunday

9:00 a.m.: Worship—**Welcome to Pastor James West!**

Many of you may remember Pastor West from his time with us in September of 2024. He was a parish pastor for 10 years in Michigan and Ohio, a Navy and Marine Corps Chaplain for 20 years and then an interim minister in CA, PA and CO. We are happy to have him back with us this morning.

June Annual Reports and updated Directories ready to pick up.

AND... the “Jesus Shaped Way” books arrived. Please pick one up and check off your name on the sheet next to the books.

June 01—Monday

Pastor ‘s Birthday—Pastor out of the office.

June 02—Tuesday

Make up Memorial Day—Pastor out of the office

June 03—Wednesday

8:00 a.m.: Sacred Space (Zoom)

4:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

June 04—Thursday

1:00 p.m.: Quilting

June 06—Saturday

2:00 p.m.: Pastor's Birthday Celebration in Longmont

June 13—Saturday

11:00 a.m.: Celebration of Life service for Marilyn Anderson

June 07—Sunday

9:00 a.m.: Worship—begin new liturgy—Now the Feast

June Annual Reports and updated Directories ready to pick up.

June 08—Monday

9:00 a.m.: PEO IU Meeting

June 10—Wednesday

All Day: NoCo Pastor's meeting in Brush—Pastor out of office.

8:00 a.m.: Sacred Space (Zoom)

4:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

June 11—Thursday

1:00 p.m.: Quilting

June 12—Friday

11:00 a.m.: Good Sam Service

June 13—Saturday

11:00 a.m.: Marilyn Anderson Celebration of Life Service

June 14—Sunday

Annual Meeting, immediately after church. Electing Council members.

2nd Quarter Offering—going to Salud.

(You may stand, in body or spirit)

Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, + one God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: “Come, Join the Dance of Trinity” *Hymn 412*



1 Come, join the dance of Trin-i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin-i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame



the in - ter-weav-ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with-in their dance.
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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Sending

Go into the world:
Dance, laugh, sing, and create.

We go with the assurance of God's blessing.

Go into the world:
Risk, explore, discover, and love.

We go with the assurance of God's grace.

Go into the world:
Believe, hope, struggle, and remember.

We go with the assurance of God's love.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

Postlude: "Variations on Kingsfold" - arr. by Ralph Vaughn Williams



Thank you for serving!

	<i>May 31</i>	<i>June 07</i>
<i>Accompanist:</i>	Celice Clark	Julie Varilek
<i>Choir Director:</i>	Ann Knipping	Ann Knipping
<i>Greeter:</i>	OPEN	OPEN
<i>Lector:</i>	Ralie Deffenbaugh	Paula Stensvaag
<i>Ushers:</i>	Steve Thorn Mike Wold	Josh Young Mike Wold
<i>Tellers:</i>	Josh Young OPEN	OPEN OPEN
<i>Altar Care:</i>	Tara McConnell	OPEN
<i>Communion Asst:</i>	OPEN OPEN OPEN	Paula Stensvaag OPEN OPEN
<i>AV Engineer:</i>	Bruce Adams	Steve Peter
<i>Fellowship Host:</i>	OPEN	OPEN
<i>Flower Sponsor:</i>	OPEN	Sallie Brackman
<i>Flower Arranger:</i>	Brackman	Jarmin

Think of us in this way,
as servants of Christ
and stewards of
God's mysteries.

