

Service of Holy Communion
in memory of
The Reverend Susan Patricia Lynch
March 17, 1967 – May 27, 2022



June 25, 2022

3 P.M.

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
107 W. 17th Avenue
Coatesville, PA 19320

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Lector: The Rev. Susan Sosnin (Retired)

Gospel Lector: The Rev. David Oppold (Retired)

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Organist: Al Spotts

Guest Musicians: Chip Folk, Eric Stark

Choir: Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Choir
Messiah Lutheran Church, Downingtown Choir

PRELUDE

Give Me Jesus – arr. Lau - combined choirs of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church & Messiah Lutheran Church, Downingtown

Awake My Heart – Organ – with Jenn Williams & Beth Fisher, flautists

How Great Thou Art – arr. Forrest – combined choirs of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church & Messiah Lutheran Church, Downingtown

Borning Cry - Ylvisaker - Evan Albright, tenor

GATHERING

The assembly stands in body or spirit.

- B** Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sister, The Reverend Susan Patricia Lynch, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- B** When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.
- P** All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism, Susan was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed with glory.
- P** Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.
- C** **We glorify you.**
- P** Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.
- C** **We praise you.**
- P** Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.
- C** **We worship you.**
- B** To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.
- C** **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their le - gions
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, he ris - es glo - rious
4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

WORD

FIRST READING:

READ BY: Sandy Haines

☐ A reading from Revelation beginning in the 21st Chapter
Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
‘See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.’
And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Revelation 21:1-6

☐ Word of God, word of life.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM:

Shepherd Me, O God

Refrain
All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from

death in - to life. *to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5* life. *to stanza 4*

Leader or All

1 God is my shep-herd, so noth - ing shall I want, I
2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you
3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I



rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I
 lead me by path - ways of righ - teous - ness and truth, my
 fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your



walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.
 spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.
 rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.



4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of



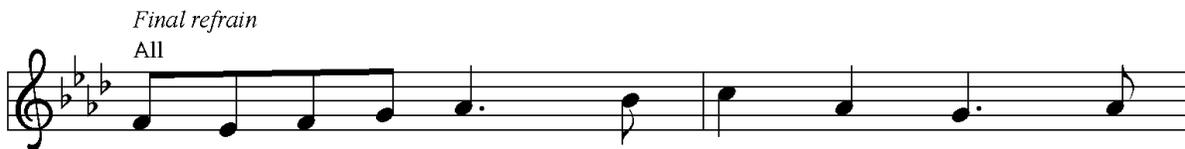
ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.



5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;



I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -



yond my fears, from death in - to life.

SECOND READING:

READ BY: The Rev. Susan Sosnin

☐ A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans beginning in the 8th Chapter

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

☐ Word of God, word of life.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands in body or spirit.

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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL:

READ BY: The Rev. David Oppold

☐ The holy gospel according to Mark beginning in the 16th Chapter.

☐ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.’ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Mark 16:1-8

☐ The gospel of the Lord.

☐ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Richard Elliott

Silence for reflection follows.



HYMN OF THE DAY

The assembly stands in body or spirit.

When in Our Music God Is Glorified



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise;



and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?
let all re - joice who have a voice to raise;



it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue:
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
and may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C **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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

LEAD BY: The Rev. Sem. Mycah McNett

A Let us pray.

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all our sorrow on you, we may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear your loving witness to your light and life. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because Jesus lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

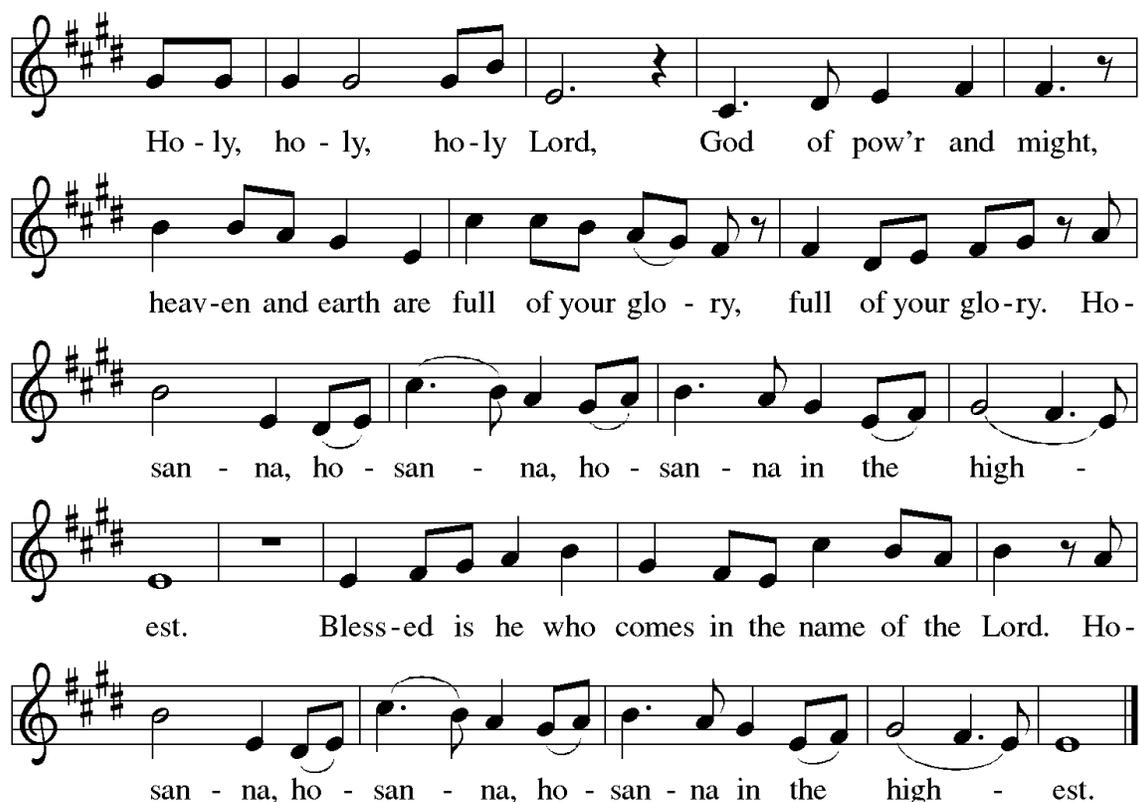
DIALOGUE

- B** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
B Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
B Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **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, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead, and in whom our hope of resurrection dawns. The sting of death has been removed by the glorious promise of his risen life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

- 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C **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

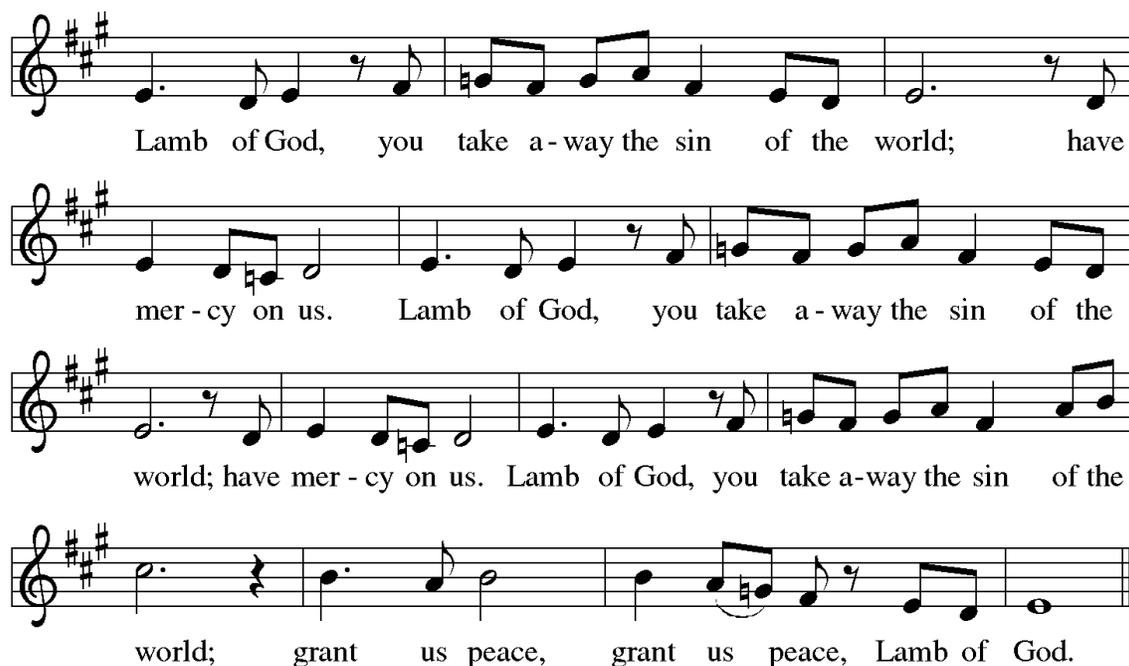
B Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The assembly may be seated.

COMMUNION

Please follow the directions of the ushers as Communion is distributed. Gluten free wafers are available. Please inform the Pastor that you prefer the wafer. Grape juice alternative to the wine is available in the purple cups.

COMMUNION SONG



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, Lamb of God.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Assembly song and other music may accompany the communion.

I'LL FLY AWAY

Lyrics by Albert E. Brumley

*Some glad morning when this life is o'er,
I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).*

Chorus:

*I'll fly away, Oh Glory
I'll fly away; (in the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).*

*When the shadows of this life have gone,
I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)*

Chorus

*Just a few more weary days and then,
I'll fly away;
To a land where joy shall never end,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)*

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God, Whose Word Like Seed Was Planted

Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.

Paul Bouman

God whos Word like seed was plant - ed
Praise to you for faith deep root - ed
Help us in this pre - sent hour
Grant us vi - sion and reach - ing - for - ward
Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spir - it,

by your saints in vir - gin soil,
In this place your Word has blessed.
serve as did your saints of old.
to a fu - ture whom yet un - clear.
Tri - une God whom we a - doree,

now, in this new day we thank you
Praise to you for gener - er - a - tions
Lov - ing, shar - ing, Christ pro - claim - ing;
Give us strength to match your call - ing;
may your Word re - new, sus - tain us,

for the har - vest of their toil. "Al - le - lu - ia!
 who with joy your name con - fessed. "Al - le - lu - ia!
 with a wit - ness clear and bold. "Al - le - lu - ia!
 hope that con - quers doubt and fear. "Al - le - lu - ia!
 as in a - ges gone be - fore! "A - le - lu - ia!

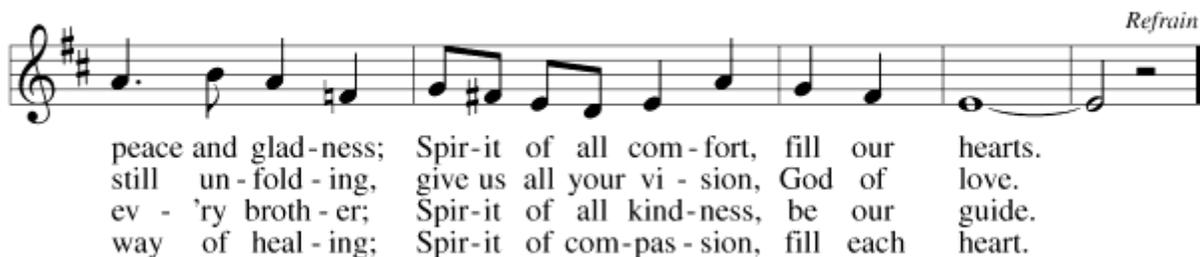
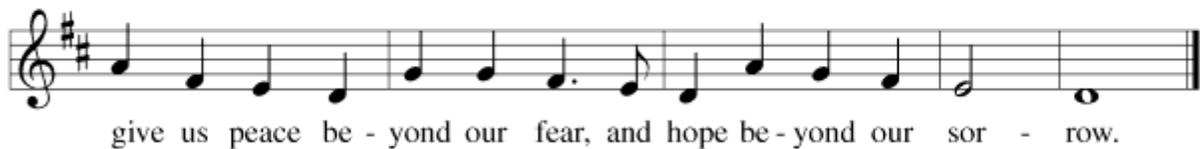
al - le - lu - ia!" is our song of praise to you!
 Al - le - lu - ia!" is the song we join - with theirs!
 Al - le - lu - ia!" be the song our lives lift high
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be our song that fills our days.
 ev - er more!

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ELLIOTT



Healer of Our Every Ill



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

The assembly stands in body or spirit.

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

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

COMMENDATION

- B** Let us commend Susan Patricia Lynch to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.
- B** Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant *Susan*. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.
- C** **Amen.**
- B** The Lord bless her and keep her. The Lord's face shine on her with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon her with favor and ✠ give her peace.
- C** **Amen.**

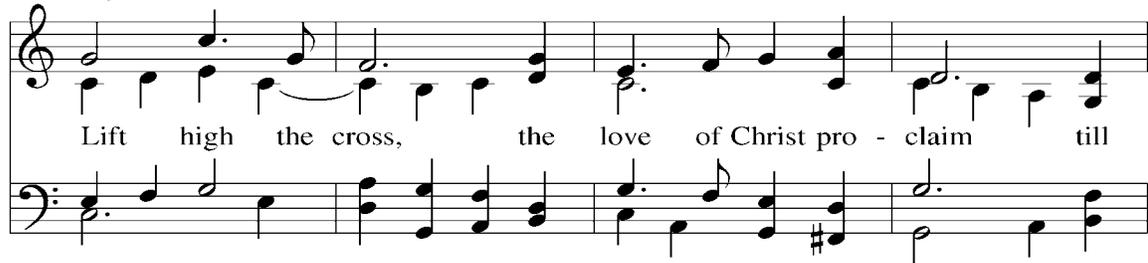
SENDING

- B** The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.
- C** **Amen.**
- B** Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Let us go forth in peace,
- C** **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

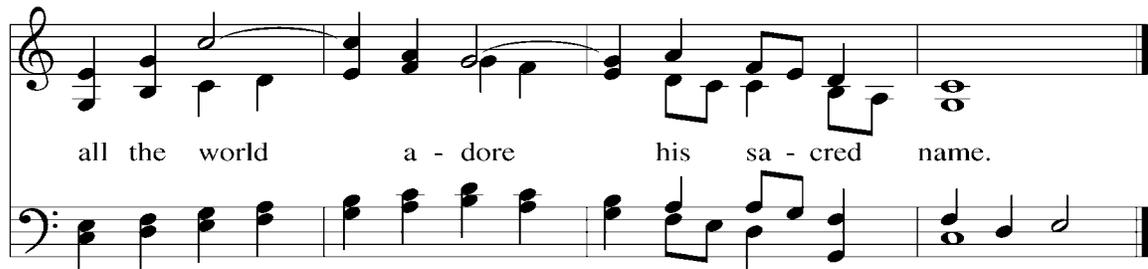
SENDING SONG

Lift High the Cross

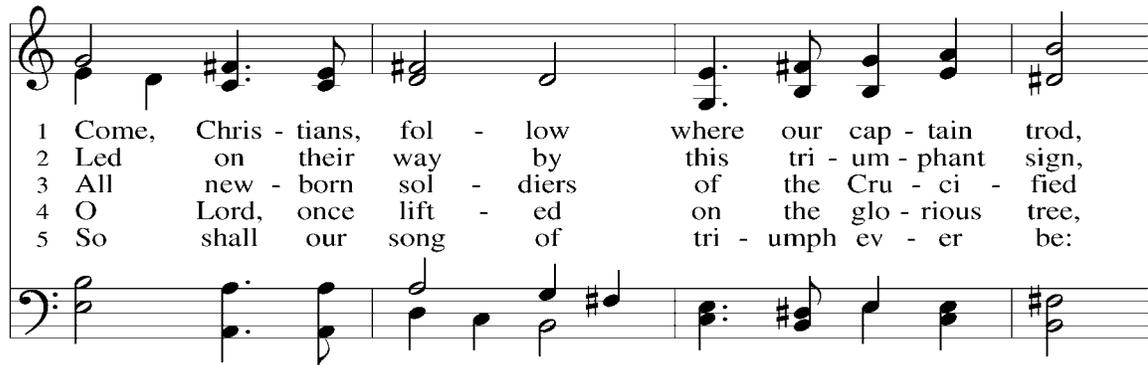
Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

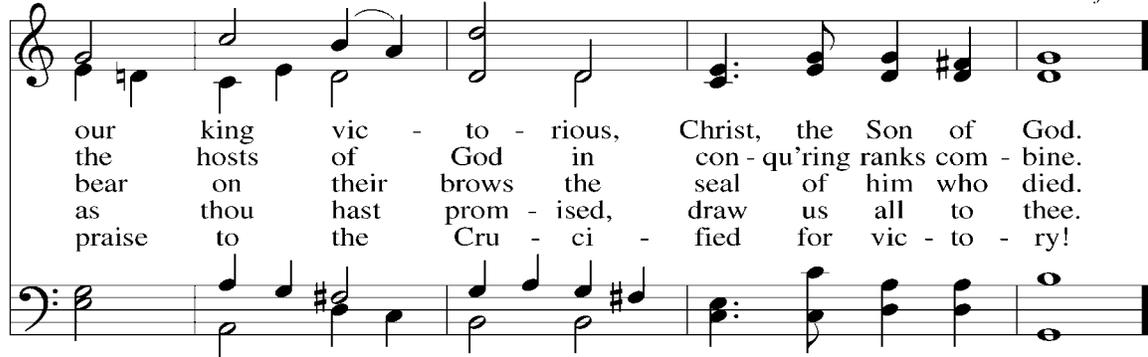


all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied tree,
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
5 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
the hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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RECEPTION – CELEBRATION OF SUSAN

Immediately following the service, everyone is invited to attend a Reception to celebrate Susan's life and ministry in the Church Fellowship Hall. The reception is provided by the generosity of the People of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Coatesville and the People of Messiah Lutheran Church, Downingtown.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to everyone who attended this Service, and especially to the congregation of The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd for hosting the service today and those members of the congregation who provided the refreshments for the Reception.

In addition, we would like to thank the congregation of Messiah Lutheran Church, Downingtown for providing these Service Books and for the hands that are serving at the Reception.

Thank you to all who proclaim the grace of God by their leadership and gifts in this service: Bishop Davenport for presiding; Pastor Timothy Knauss for his pastoral presence; Pastor Elliott for his sermon; for friends who spoke; for those who supported us with editing, technology and planning; and to all the musicians who continue singing the music that carried Susan through her life and into eternity.



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Epitaph

by Merrit Malloy

*When I die
Give what's left of me away
To children
And old men that wait to die.
And if you need to cry,
Cry for your brother
Walking the street beside you.
And when you need me,
Put your arms
Around anyone
And give them
What you need to give to me.
I want to leave you something,
Something better
Than words
Or sounds.
Look for me
In the people I've known
Or loved,
And if you cannot give me away,
At least let me live on in your eyes
And not on your mind.
You can love me most
By letting
Hands touch hands,
By letting
Bodies touch bodies,
And by letting go
Of children
That need to be free.
Love doesn't die,
People do.
So, when all that's left of me
Is love,
Give me away*