

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024

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VISITORS please sign our GUEST BOOK located in the narthex. VISITORS and MEMBERS please add your name to the Friendship Register book at the end of the pew and pass it down to others in your pew. 556 Dear Christians. One and All. Rejoice sts. 1. 3–4. 7. 10 1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion 3 My own good works all came to naught. No grace or mer - it 4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be - fore the world's foun-Me, I 7 To said: "Stay close to me He am your rock and 10 "What on earth have done and taught Guide all your life Ι and with u - nit - ed heart and voice spring-ing, And And ho - ly a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead gain - ing; Free will to all da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for cas - tle. Your ran - som I My - self will be: For vou Ι shall the king-dom's work be wrought And teach - ing: So hon - ored rap - ture sing - ing, Pro-claim the won-ders God has done. How good re - main - ing. Left My fears in-creased till sheer de - spair my sal - va - tion. He turned to me а fa - ther's heart: He striveand wres - tle. am yours, and you are Mine, For Ι And in your preach-ing. But watch lest foes with base al - loy The His right arm the vic-t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him! death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered. on - ly did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure. where I am you may re-main; The foe shall not di - vide us. trea - sure should de-stroy; This fi - nal word I leave you." heav'n-lv

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# **Confession and Absolution**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



# Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 66:1-2, 8-9, 20; antiphon: v. 16

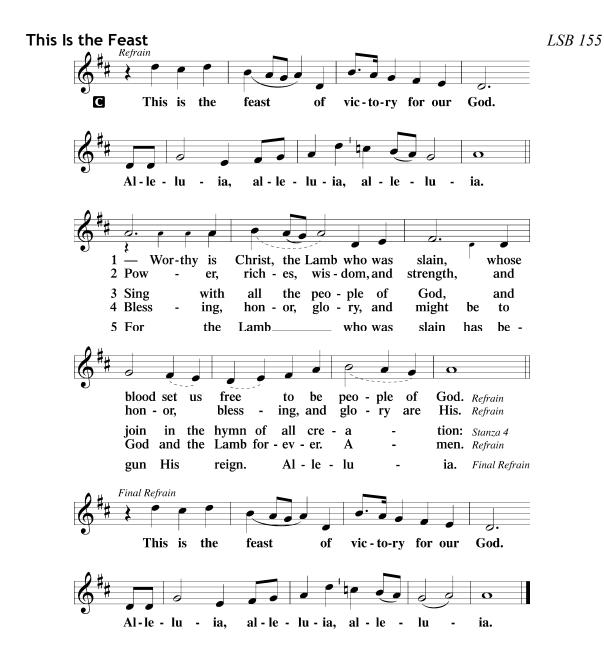


Come and hear, all you who | fear God,\* and I will tell what he has done | for my soul. Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;\* sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise! Bless our God, O | peoples;\* let the sound of his | praise be heard, who has kept our soul among the | living\* and has not let our | feet slip. Blessèd | be God,\* because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me! Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. Amen. Come and hear, all you who | fear God,\* and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

### Kyrie

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- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A 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.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.



### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen.

#### First Reading

Acts 10:34–48

<sup>34</sup>Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup>For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

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

### **Epistle**

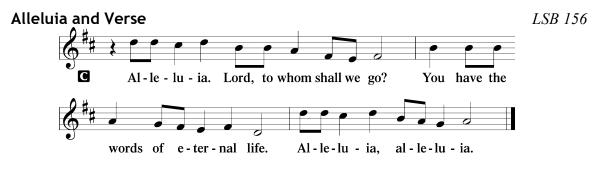
<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

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



#### Stand



#### Holy Gospel

John 15:9–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

### C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so have I 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>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

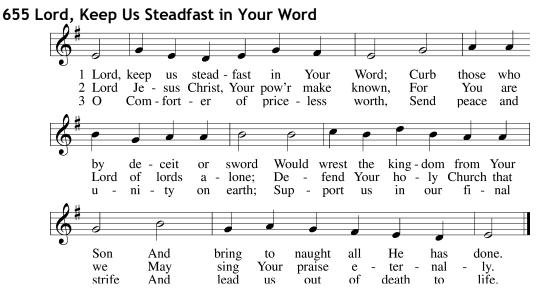
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.



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#### Sermon

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### Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, You invite us freely to come and hear Your Word. Bless and increase our faith, that we may rightly fear You and learn what You have done for our souls. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Lord of all, You make known the good news of peace through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Bless and direct the work of our missionaries, that in every nation there would be people who fear God, do what is right and, believing in Jesus, receive forgiveness of sins through His name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**. Father of love, out of great love for You and for sinners, our Lord Jesus laid down His life for the world. Increase in us true love for one another, that like our Lord, we may also lay down our lives for our friends. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Almighty Father, You rule this world by Your established authorities in ways that we do not always understand; yet in the name of Jesus, we may ask You anything freely as friends and sons. Bless our nation's leaders, and cause them to serve wisely for our good. Give earthly peace and justice that is in accord with Your commandments and the order You have revealed. Bring an end to injustice, violence and disdain for Your truth, and let us receive all good with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Lord God, the Giver of all that is good, grant Your healing and support to all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity *[especially \_\_\_\_\_]*. Give them also the gift of Your grace to accept and bear their crosses with faith in You, that finally they would be prepared to depart this life and receive the gift of eternal life in Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Merciful God, at the death of Your Son, You gave the testimony of Your Spirit in the water and blood that poured from His wounded side. Grant that, having received this testimony in the water of Baptism, we may also receive it in the body and blood of Jesus in the Holy Supper and so overcome the world by our faith in Him. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).



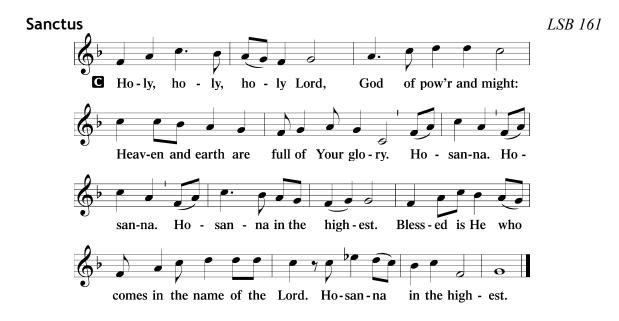
# Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

- 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 Him thanks and praise.

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P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

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Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

# The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

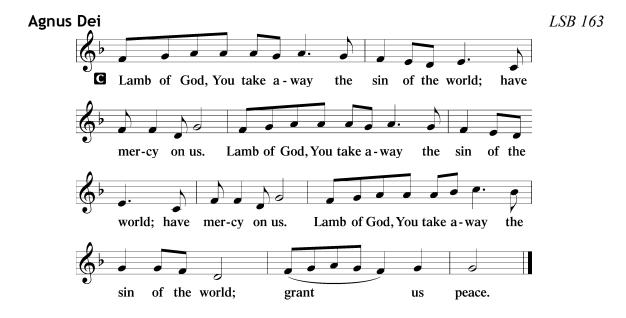
Lord's Prayer

 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.

#### Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



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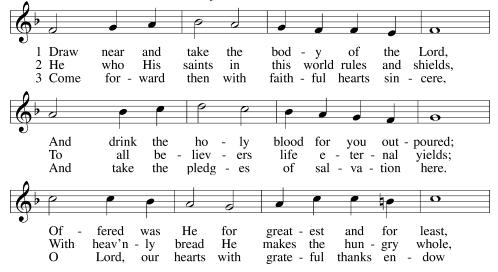
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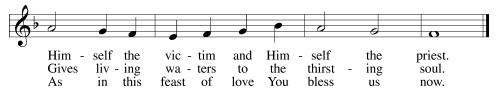
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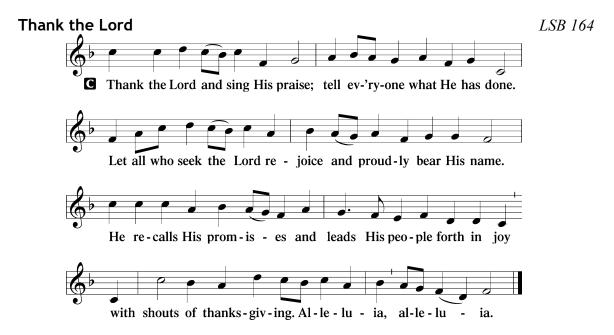
#### 637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord





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Stand



### **Post-Communion Collect**

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

### Benediction

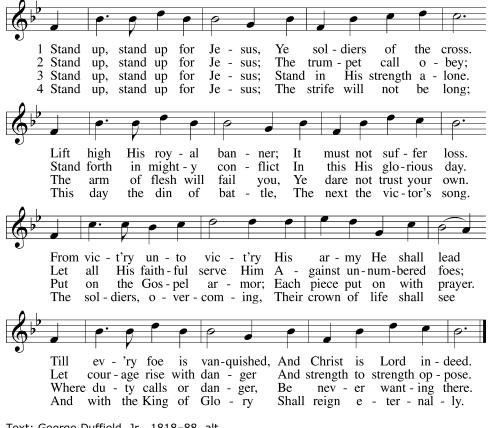
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

# 660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus



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Flowers were placed on the altar by Rich Cheney in memory of his son, Stephen, and in honor of his oldest daughter Sarah's 47<sup>th</sup> birthday.

# **REMEMBER IN PRAYER....**

MEMBERS: Betty Libke, Luda Wiesert, Marc Burgess, Paula Walker, Don Dove Lloyd Davis, Corenne Jackson, Dorothy Vetter-Akins, Lee Bess, Donna Geisler, John Stoecker, Truman Baird, Barbara Best Sherry Hornung, Mary Jenkins, Sharon Gee

**HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:** Vern Gleaves, Inge Smith, Jan Stoecker **WORLD:** For our nation and all of God's world dealing with health issues, unrest and violence, weather-related damage, hunger and drought in many countries.

**MILITARY:** For our military serving around the world, some who continue to serve in harm's way. Keep them safe and trusting in Your protective care.

FOOD PANTRY: The blessing of the UO Student Food Pantry housed here at Grace.

### Weekday Bible study opportunities:

# Women's Bible study on Zoom meets on Wednesday mornings at 10am.

The Women's group <u>will be studying Exodus</u> with Pastor Joe. If you would like to be added to the email list to receive the Zoom link each week, contact Barb Ronne at  $\underline{im@glchurch.org}$ . Meeting (even remotely) provides a wonderful way for us to bond with each other, share our burdens and joys, and study God's Word in-depth. Consider joining this study group!

A men's Bible study on Zoom meets on Thursday mornings at 10 am.

<u>They will study the book of Exodus.</u> Contact Randy Ronne at <u>rvr@glchurch.org</u> to be added to the email list to receive the Zoom link each week.

**DO YOU NEED HELP WITH SOMETHING?** Call Janet Borchard (541-579-1467) or Elaine Barbisan (541-343-0452) and they will work to find a church member to help you with house and yard needs you might not be able to do yourself.

<u>**CHURCH OUTSIDE CLEANUP:**</u> Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. All willing and able members are welcome to come and do a little Spring cleaning of the grounds.

What's Happening at Grace This Week						
Sunday/Today	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study				
	10:00 am	Worship Service				
	11:15 am	Coffee Fellowship				
	5:00 pm	Young Adults meet				
Monday May 6 <sup>th</sup>	1:30 pm	Onward! Not Alone meets				
Wednesday May 8st	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study				
	6:00 pm	(Zumba Class)				
	6:15 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal				
	7:15 pm	Vocal Choir Rehearsal				
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Men's Bible Study				
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 pm	Grief Group meets				
	6:00 pm	(Zumba Class)				
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Bible Study				
	10:00 am	Worship Service				

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

When was the last time you had to memorize something? Did you memorize Bible verses in Sunday School? Let's do it again. Starting on Pentecost Sunday, we'll be challenged to learn and memorize a piece of Scripture for each week through the Summer. The Scripture will be printed in the bulletin each week and each week will be a new piece of Scripture. It may be one verse or a couple of verses. Let's read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the Word together.