

*The Holy Baptism of  
Clara Jean and Madelyn Ruth Hendricks*



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

8:30 A.M.

Services streamed live on YouTube at [htlcdbq.com](https://www.htlcdbq.com)

Prelude  
Opening Hymn

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

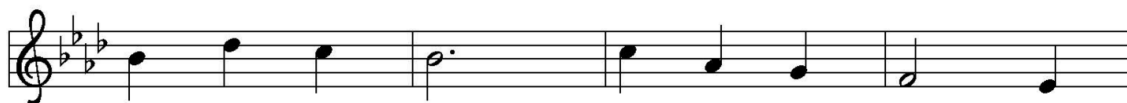
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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es:  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

**GREETING**

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

## THE BAPTISM OF CLARA JEAN & MADELYN RUTH HENDRICKS

Welcome in the name of God who creates, saves, and calls us with grace that lasts forever. **Amen.**

God's love and salvation...

In baptism, we are claimed by the God of living water, a precious and limitless supply of that which gives and sustains life.

Stephanie, Kyle, Meghan, Heather, Christopher:

We present Clara Jean and Madelyn Ruth to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

As you bring Clara and Madelyn to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities...

Do you promise to help Clara and Madelyn grow in the Christian faith and life?

If so, say, "We do!"

Stephanie, Kyle, Meghan, Heather, Christopher: **We do!**

*Congregation, please rise.*

We baptize in public worship...

People of God:

Do you reject the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that pull us away from God?

If so, say, "We do!"

**We do!**

Do you promise to speak the truth about Madelyn and Clara's identities as children of God, affirming them through all circumstances with their first and forever name: Beloved?

Do you promise to hold healthy and safe space for them to grow in faith believing there is nothing they can do to make God love them any more or any less than they already are loved in Jesus? If so, say, "We do!" **We do!**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

There's nothing particularly special about the water we're using today...

Let's pray together and remember some of these stories about the power of water and God's promises.

Saving God,

**we give you thanks for the waters of creation**

**that have nourished the earth since you spoke life into being.**

**We remember Noah and his family rocking back and forth on the floodwaters,**

**Miriam keeping watch over her brother Moses in the Nile, the Israelites fleeing  
through the spray of the Red Sea,**

**the thirsty drinks they took from water that poured from a rock in the desert.**

**You sent your son to be carried**

**by the water and waves of Mary's womb,**

**to be baptized in the Jordan with the crowds,**

**to turn water into wine, to meet the Samaritan woman at the well,**

**to feel the thirst of humanity in life and death.**

**Rain down your Spirit so that, by this water and your word, we are renewed by  
the gifts of Jesus and the truth about love.**

**Amen.**

## **BAPTISM OF CLARA JEAN**

Clara Jean...

Gracious God... **Amen.**

Clara Jean, beloved child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

## **BAPTISM OF MADELYN RUTH**

Madelyn Ruth...

Gracious God... **Amen.**

Madelyn Ruth, beloved child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

*Sponsors light the baptismal candle from the Christ candle and hold it up for all to see.*

Stephanie, Kyle, Meghan, Heather, and Christopher:

Clara Jean and Madelyn Ruth, you are a new creation in Christ!

See? Everything old has passed away, and you are brand new. Be reconciled to God and a blessing in this world.

Clara and Madelyn..

O God, the giver of all life... **Amen.**

Please welcome our newest siblings in Christ, Madelyn Ruth and Clara Jean Hendricks!

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
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oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

## **Prayer of the Day**

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **WORD**

#### **First Reading: Acts 8:26-40**

26An 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.) 27So 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 28and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." 30So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. 32Now 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.

33In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

34The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" 35Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. 36As 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?" 38He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. 39When 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. 40But 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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21**

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

13By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. 15God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 16So 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. 17Love 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. 18There 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. 19We love because he first loved us. 20Those 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. 21The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**



*Please rise*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**Gospel: John 15:1-8**

The Gospel according to John the 15th Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] 1“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. 2He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. 3You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 4Abide 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. 5I 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. 6Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Jason R. Davis



1 To Christ be - long, in Christ be - hold God's  
 2 The brood - ing Spir - it moves un - seen as  
 3 Re - joic - ing in God's prom - ise strong, our



won - ders still un - fold: the bur - ied  
 liv - ing wa - ters stream to quench all  
 trea - sure and our song, in faith we



grain springs forth a - gain with fruit one hun - dred - fold.  
 thirst and bring to birth a new com - mu - ni - ty.  
 cling, and glad - ly sing: to Christ we now be - long.



Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, with  
 The bind - ing shroud is here re - leased, the  
 In Christ a - bide, in Christ be - hold the



Christ from death we rise, drawn through the  
 veil of sin and grief, and in their  
 world be - loved and whole. In love re -



night by dawn - ing light in - to a - bun - dant  
 place a wreath of grace and robes of joy and  
 main, by love pro - claim God's won - ders still un -



life, in - to a - bun - dant life.  
 peace, and robes of joy and peace.  
 told, God's won - ders still un - told.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

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.

*A brief silence.*

*After each prayer:*

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

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.

**Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to share the peace of Christ by greeting your neighbors.*

*Please be seated.*

## **OFFERING**

Thank you for your continued generosity to the mission of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church! Our regular practice is to pass the offering plates through the worship assembly. One-time, recurring, or automatic giving can be done online at the QR code below or at [www.htlcdbq.com/give](http://www.htlcdbq.com/give).

Your faithful response and stewardship of God's gifts make an impact throughout our congregation, Dubuque, and the World!



*Please be seated.*

**OFFERING SONG**

*Alleluia, Sing to Jesus! by Michael Ryan Trinity Ringers*

*Please rise*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

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.**

**Amen.**

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

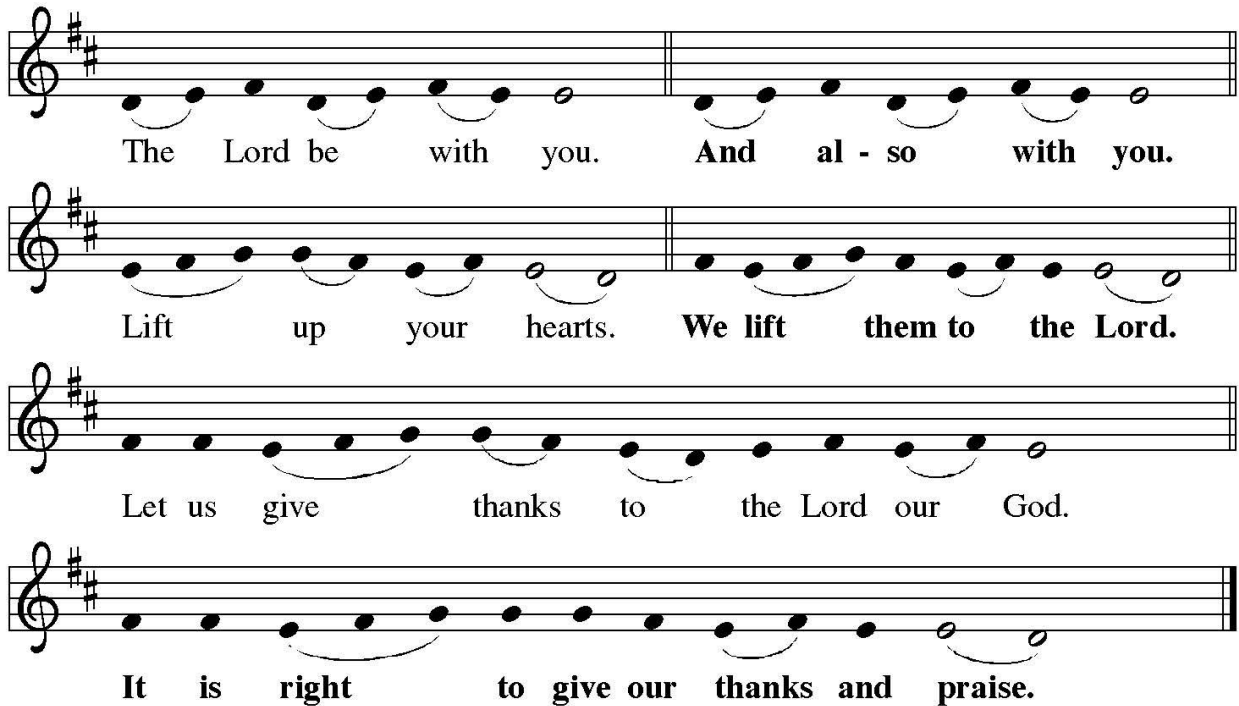
Worship leadership is meant to be shared! You are invited to help lead meaningful and inspiring worship each and every Sunday at HTLC. This is an easy and impactful way to serve! Access the link for volunteer sign-ups and to view our new instructional videos for acolytes, lectors, ushers, and more!



## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

### GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

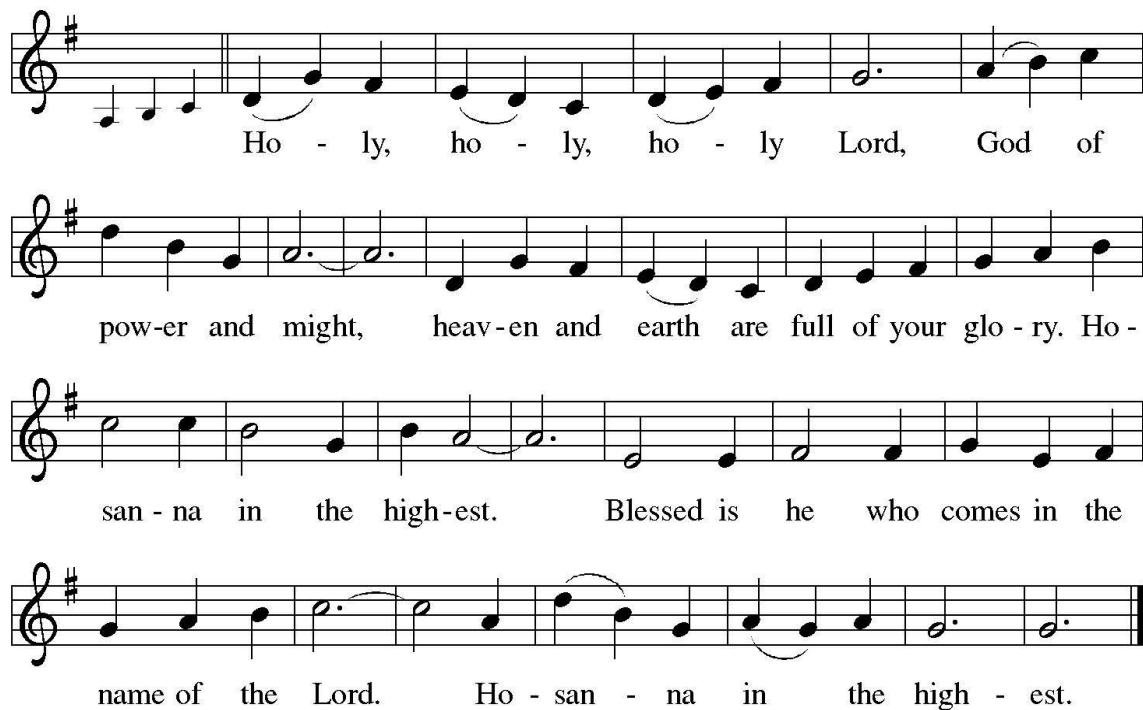
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## Lord's Prayer

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

**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

The risen Christ is made known to us  
in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome to commune at Christ's Holy Supper. We invite everyone to come forward to the altar to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Come forward by way of the center aisle to receive the elements and return by the outside aisle. **If you cannot come forward** to receive communion but would like to receive it directly from the pastor, please let a greeter know and the pastor will bring communion to you. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available as well. Children and adults who do not receive communion are invited to come forward as they wish to receive a blessing.*

# 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 -

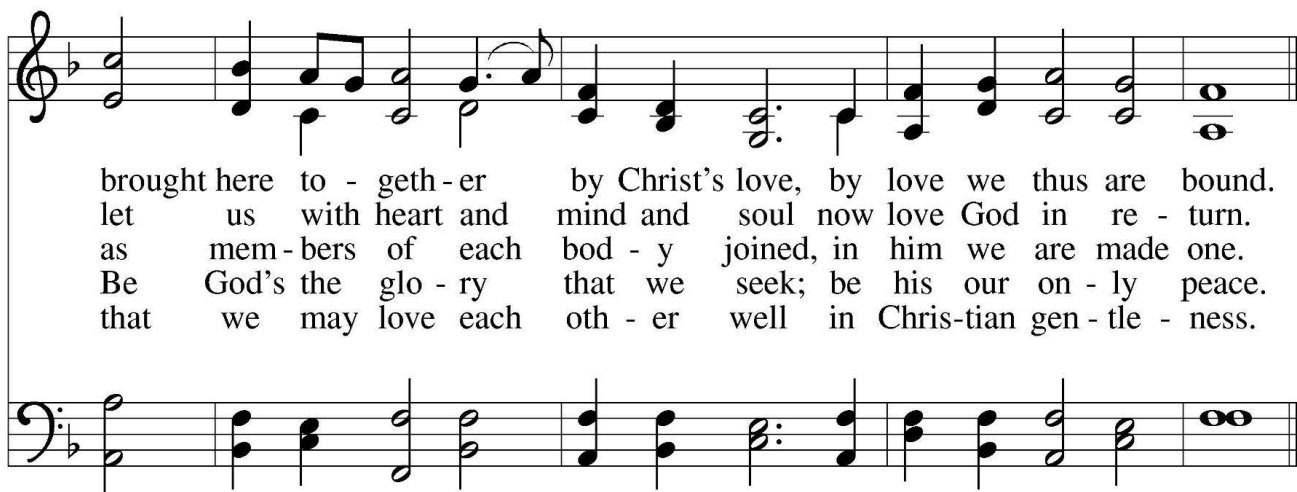


way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.





1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

*Please rise*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**Amen.**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

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.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
bless you now and always.

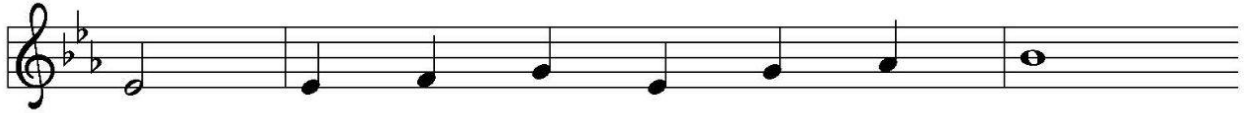
In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✝ , and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

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1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds by Robert A. Hobby*

# Welcome!

**Greeters** are here to help with questions or directions!

**Restrooms** are down the hall and to the left.

**Coffee** join us for coffee and treats at 9:45 down the hall in the Living Faith Center!

**Nursery** We love having children in worship! If you find you or your child needs a break, head on over to the nursery. You will find books, toys, and a changing table. It is just down the hall from the sanctuary. Turn the knob near the door to hear the service from the nursery!

**New Here?** We are so glad you're here! Learn more about all things HTLC what makes this community so special!



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