

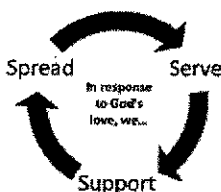
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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Worship –9:00 AM

+ Service of Holy Communion +

Divine Service, Setting One (LSB)

AS WE GATHER – Today we consider why we follow Jesus. In the Gospel, we see many people stop following Jesus because His words offend them. When Jesus asks the disciples if they want to stop following Him as well, Peter answers, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” Not only does Jesus have the words of eternal life, but He also gives us the food of eternal life—His body and blood. As we gather for worship, we gather around God’s Word and God’s Meal—the Lord’s Supper.

PRESERVICE MUSIC “Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing” by Valerie A. Flocter

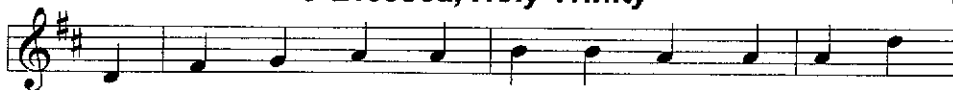
WELCOME

[♯]Means please stand; [♮]Means please be seated]

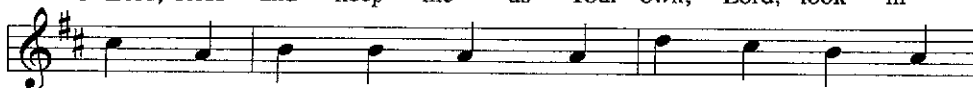
♮OPENING HYMN

O Blessed, Holy Trinity

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1 O bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Di - vine, e -
2 My soul and bod - y keep from harm, And o - ver
3 The Fa - ther's love shield me this day; The Son's pure
4 My Mak - er, hold me in Your hand; O Christ, for -
5 Lord, bless and keep me as Your own; Lord, look in



ter - nal U - ni - ty, O Fa - ther, Son, and
all ex - tend Your arm; Let Sa - tan cause me
wis - dom cheer my way; The Ho - ly Spir - it's
giv - en let me stand; Blest Com - fort - er, do
kind - ness from Your throne; Lord, shine un - fail - ing

(continued)



Ho - ly Ghost, This day Your name be up - per - most.
no dis - tress Nor bring me shame and wretch - ed - ness.
joy and light Drive from my heart the shades of night.
not de - part; With faith and love en - rich my heart.
peace on me By grace sur - round - ed; set me free.

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INVOCATION

P *In the name of the Father and of the \div Son and of the Holy Spirit.* **C** Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENES

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 \div Son and of the Holy Spirit.* **C** Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 111:1-5, 9; antiphon: v. 10

P *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.* **C** **His praise endures forever!**

P *Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,*

C **in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

P *Great are the works of the LORD,*

C **studied by all who delight in them.**

P *Full of splendor and majesty is his work,*

C **and his righteousness endures forever.**

P *He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;*

C **the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

P *He provides food for those who fear him;*

C **he remembers his covenant forever.**

P *He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.*

C **Holy and awesome is his name!**

All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.* **C** **His praise endures forever!**

KYRIE

P *In peace let us pray to the Lord.*



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P *For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P *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 mer - cy.

P *For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

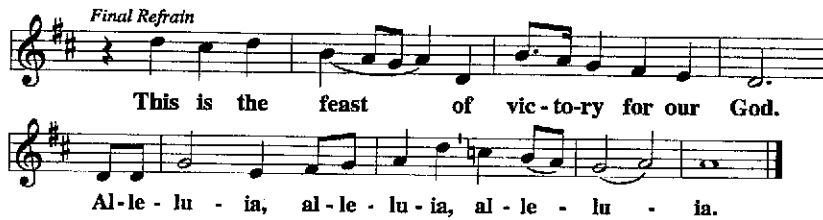


blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



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

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*



G And al - so with you.

P *Let us pray.*

All: Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

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Proverbs 9:1-10

A *This is the Word of the Lord.*

G Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

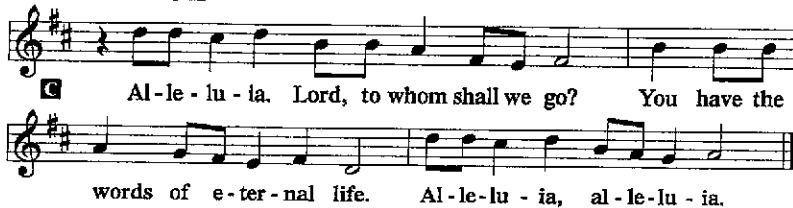
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Ephesians 5:6-21

A *This is the Word of the Lord.*

G Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

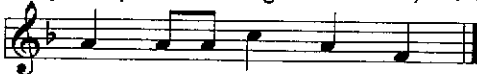


Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

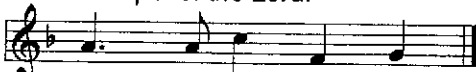
John 6:51-69

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



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



G Praise to You, O Christ.



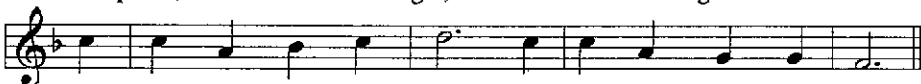
1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;
 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing;
 What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
 Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;
 And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
 That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless
 But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,
 Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
 The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.
 Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.
 And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

5. Let me depart this life
 Confiding in my Savior;
 By grace receive my soul
 That it may live forever;
 And let my body have
 A quiet resting place
 Within a Christian grave;
 And let it sleep in peace.

6. And on that final day
 When all the dead are waking,
 Stretch out Your mighty hand,
 My deathly slumber breaking.
 Then let me hear Your voice,
 Redeem this earthly frame,
 And bid me to rejoice
 With those who love Your name.

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SERMON

“CHOOSE THE VICTORIOUS LIFE”

Joshua 24:14-18

Rev. Roger Krause, Guest Pastor

NICENE CREED

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 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 worshipped 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.

OFFERING / CHORAL SELECTION

"He is Exalted"

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nitè them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord Jesus Christ, You descend from the heavens to feed Your people with the food of eternal life. As we follow You, help us to feed others both with earthly food and with heavenly food. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,* **C** *let me with holy food be fed.*
- P** *Lord, we bring before You all those who have stopped following You. We pray that You would soften their hearts and give us wisdom to share Your words of eternal life so that they might follow You again. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,* **C** *let me with holy food be fed.*
- P** *Lord, Your ways are not our ways. Your thoughts are not our thoughts. Help us not to seek our own way but to seek Your way and Your wisdom. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,* **C** *let me with holy food be fed.*
- C** *let me with holy food be fed.*
- P** *Lord, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief. Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,* **C** *let me with holy food be fed.*
- P** *Lord, strengthen all those who struggle with addictions. Break their bondage and lead them to get the help they need. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,* **C** *let me with holy food be fed.*

- P** Lord, aid all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church. Embolden them as they bring Your Word to Your people so that more and more people follow Your way. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread, **C** let me with holy food be fed.
- P** Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread, **C** let me with holy food be fed.
- P** Lord Jesus, we commend all these things to Your infinite wisdom and guiding, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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.

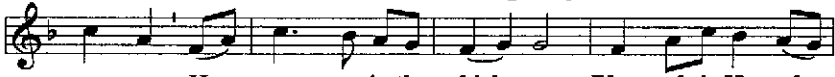
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, is the living bread that came down from heaven to bring us eternal life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

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. 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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

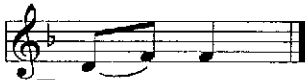
P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

C 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.

Reminder: gluten free wafer (by holding up an index finger to the elder), and non-alcoholic wine (the white grape juice in the center) are also available.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Eat This Bread [Congregation sings Refrain; Choir sings verses]

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Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and nev-er be hun - gry.

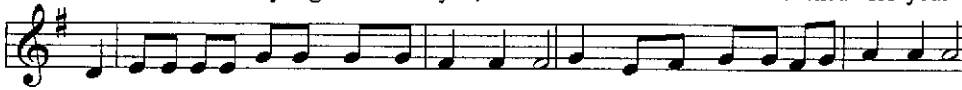


Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

Cantor or Choir



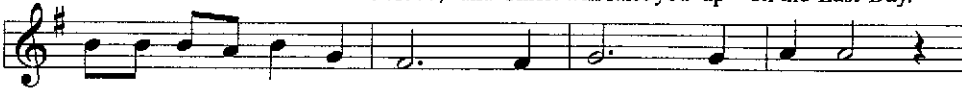
1 This is His bod - y giv - en for you; this is His blood that was shed for you.



2 As of-ten as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death un-til He comes a-gain.



3 Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day.



4 An - y - one who eats this bread will live for - ev - er.



5 If we be-lieve and eat this bread, we will have e - ter - nal life.

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Solo Selection

"King of Kings"

Kyra Hatton

Seek Ye First

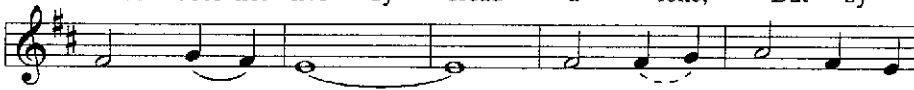
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1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His

2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and

3 Man does not live by bread a - lone, But by



right - teous - ness.

And all these things shall be

ye shall find,

Knock and the door shall be

ev - 'ry word

That pro - ceeds from the



add - ed un - to you!

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

o - pened un - to you,

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

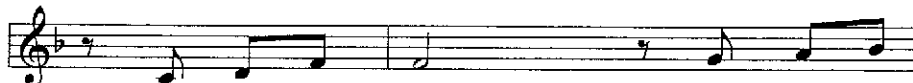
mouth of the Lord,

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

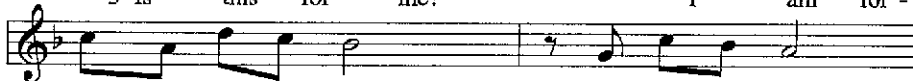
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What Is This Bread

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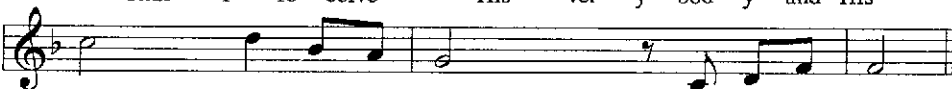
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| 1 | What | is | this | bread? | Christ's | bod - y |
| 2 | What | is | this | wine? | The | blood of |
| 3 | So | who | am | I, | That | I should |
| 4 | Yet | is | God | here? | Oh, | yes! By |
| 5 | Is | this | for | me? | I | am for - |



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|----------|-----------------------|----------|-------|------------|--------|
| ris - en | from the dead: | This | bread | we | break, |
| Je - sus | shed for mine; | The | cup | of | grace |
| live | and He should die | Un - der | the | rod? | |
| Word | and prom - ise clear, | In | mouth | and | soul |
| giv - en | and set free! | I | do | be - lieve | |



| | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------|-------|------------|--------|---------|----------|------------|------|----------------|-----|------|
| This | life | we | take, | Was | crushed | to | pay | for | our | re - |
| Brings | His | em - brace | | Of | life | and | love | un - til | I | |
| My | God, | my | God, | Why | have | You | not | for - sak - en | | |
| He | makes | us | whole— | Christ, | tru - ly | pres - ent | in | this | | |
| That | I | re - ceive | | His | ver - y | bod - y | and | His | | |



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|--------|---|-------|-----|------|-----|------|----|--------|
| lease. | O | taste | and | see— | the | Lord | is | peace. |
| sing! | O | taste | and | see— | the | Lord | is | King. |
| me? | O | taste | and | see— | the | Lord | is | free. |
| meal. | O | taste | and | see— | the | Lord | is | real. |
| blood. | O | taste | and | see— | the | Lord | is | good. |

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank the Lord



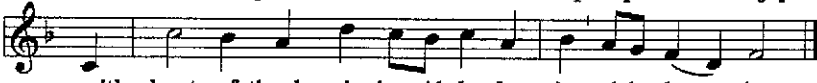
G Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P *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.*



BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

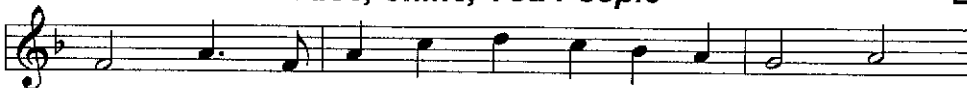
P *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you His peace.*



CLOSING HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People

LSB 825



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
 He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
 Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing.
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
 All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
 To all the world go out and tell the
 Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
 driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
 sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthday: Robert Showalter]

POSTLUDE

"Festive March"

by G. F. Handel

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WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

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 Altar Guild Elsie Leiker & Marisa Showalter
 Communion Assistant David Kurth
 Counters..... Brian Albee & Valerie Klein
 Greeter Sharon Milliken
 Organist / Music Director Beth Buss
 Special Music: Christ Choristers; Beth Buss, Director; Soloist: Kyra Hatton
 Service Web Recorder Robert Showalter
 Service Live Streaming..... Renee Ortado
 Ushers **Phil Vandre, *Naomi Kettner, Tim Cueva, Cameron Hatton, Devin Monasmith

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