



May 3 and 4, 2019

Franconia Mennonite Church
Telford, PA



Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Music

Various Selections led by choir

Thanksgiving for Baptism

The assembly rises and faces the font

Holy God, you are an endless fountain of mercy,
flooding us with grace upon grace.

In these waters, we are made new.

In these waters, you adopt us into your family.

In these waters, we become beloved community.

We belong to the beloved community.

Loving Christ, your forgiveness is wider than the sea.

In these waters, we have a new beginning.

In these waters, we die and rise with you.

In these waters, we become your Easter people.

We belong to the beloved community.

Spirit of life and truth, you move us into the future.
In these waters, our hearts are stirred.
In these waters, our hope is refreshed.
In these waters, our mission is renewed.
We belong to the beloved community.

Siblings in Christ, we belong to the beloved community:
forgiven, unbound, drenched with grace,
set free for a future full of hope, not fear.
We belong to the beloved community. Alleluia! Amen.

Prayer of the Day

The presiding minister prays the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O Lord God, you gather us together as the beloved community in the body of Christ. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading:

Micah 6:6-8

A reading from Micah

⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

1 John 4:7-21

A reading from First John,

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

Ride On, King Jesus
SEPA Mass Choir

Traditional Spiritual

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew:
Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? ³⁷He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

The assembly is seated.

Sermonic Anthem

I am Alpha and Omega
SEPA Mass Choir

Israel Houghton

Sermon

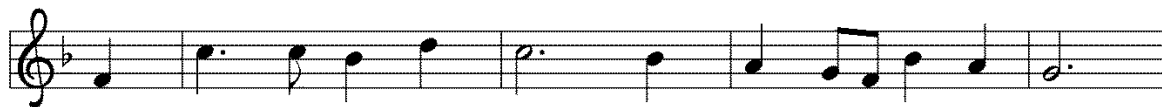
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Hymn of the Day

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:
ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:
with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

Refrain



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

- 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,
the love, the word, the tide.
Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,
praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*
- 7 Oh, praise the living Christ
with faith's bright songful voice!
Announce the gospel to the world
and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

Music: CHRISTPRAISE RAY, Carol Doran, b. 1936

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Prayers of Intercession

With the hope of the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray for the church the world and all those in need.

A brief silence is kept. Each petition ends:

Hear us, O God

Your mercy is great.

The prayers are concluded:

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray trusting in your mercy through our savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering

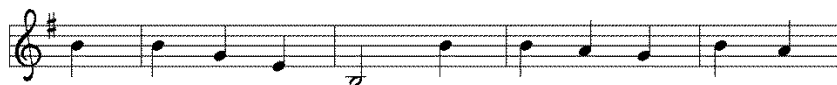
If you are at the front of a section, please look for the offering baskets and pass them down the row and toward the back of the worship space. The person at the end of the section should bring the offering basket to the worship assistant at the rear, center of the worship space.

Today's offering supports the work of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod's Vitality Team. Checks may be written to "SEPA SYNOD" with "VITALITY TEAM" on the memo line.

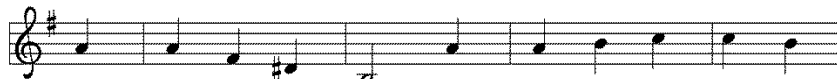


Offertory

Oh, Sing to the Lord *Cantad al Señor*



- 1 *Can - tad al Se - ñor un cãn - ti - co nue - vo.*
1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

2 *Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.
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¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

4 *Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
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Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

3 *Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

5 *¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

Thanksgiving at the Table

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.... join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en 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.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,

you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets

to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry;

our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,

to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen
Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen
Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

We invite you to pray in the language of your heart.

Invitation to Communion

Communion will be distributed by intinction in your section. Receive the bread and dip it in the cup. All bread is gluten-free. The wine is red; grape juice is white.

You are invited to come for individual prayer and anointing during Holy Communion. After receiving Communion, you may proceed to one of the prayer partners along the back and sides of the worship space.

Communion Hymns

Eat This Bread *Jesus Christ, Bread of Life*

Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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Beloved, God's Chosen



1 Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment
2 With - in, call forth Wis - dom, to dwell in you rich - ly;
3 Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment



com - pas - sion, for - give - ness, and good - ness of heart.
let peace rule your hearts and that peace be of Christ.
com - pas - sion, for - give - ness, and good - ness of heart.



A - bove all, be - fore all, let love be your rai - ment
And from the heart's cham - ber, be - lov - ed and ho - ly,
A - bove all, be - fore all, let love be your rai - ment



that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so - nant part.
let sing - ing thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er rise.
that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so - nant part.

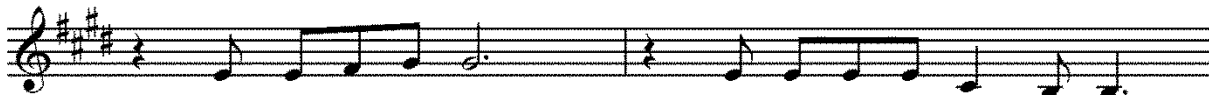
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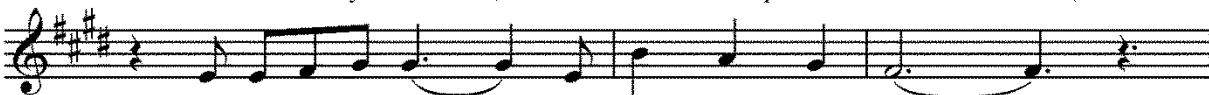
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For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table



Cantor: 1. For eve - ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble, ___
All: 2. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble, ___
All: 3. For just and un - just a place at the ta - ble, ___
All: 4. For eve - ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble, ___



for eve - ry - one born, ___ clean wa - ter and bread, ___
a voice to be heard, ___ a part in the song, ___
the u - ser, the used, ___ with need to for - give, ___
to live with-out fear, ___ and sim - ply to be, ___



a shel - ter, a space, ___ a safe place for grow - ing, ___
the hands of a child, ___ in hands that are wrin - kled, ___
in an - ger, in hurt, ___ a mind - set of mer - cy, ___
to work, to speak out, ___ to wit - ness and wor - ship, ___



for eve - ry - one born, ___ a star ___ o - ver - head.
for young and for old, ___ the right ___ to be - long.
for just and un - just, ___ a new ___ way to live.
for eve - ry - one born, ___ the right ___ to be free.

Refrain

All: And God___ will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice, and joy, _____ com -
 pas - sion and peace: yes, God_____ will de - light when we are cre -
 a - tors of jus - tice, _____ jus - tice and joy.

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Victory Is Mine

- 1 Vic-to-ry is mine; vic-to-ry is mine; vic-to-ry to-day is mine.
- 2 Joy is mine; joy is mine; joy to-day is mine.
- 3 Peace is mine; peace is mine; peace to-day is mine.

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| I told Sa - tan, | “Get thee be-hind.” | Vic-to-ry to-day is mine. |
| I told Sa - tan, | “Get thee be-hind.” | Joy to-day is mine. |
| I told Sa - tan, | “Get thee be-hind.” | Peace to-day is mine. |

Text: traditional
 Music: VICTORY IS MINE, traditional

Post Communion Blessing

When all have communed, the Assembly stands.

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

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray,

Holy and compassionate God,

In bread and wine you give us gifts

that form us to be humble and courageous.

May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness,

that we might speak a living voice

of healing and justice

to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and send us in mission to the world

Blessing of Ingathering items

Let us pray,

The assembly responds,

Amen.

Benediction

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,

Bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all

And also with you

The assembly is invited to share a sign of peace with one another.

Leading us in Worship

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- Preacher** The Rev. Dr. Wyvetta Bollock
*Assistant to the Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in
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 The Rev. Timothy Knauss
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