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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023



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Sunday mornings:

10:00am Worship (In-person & virtual options)

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Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Holy Communion happens at every service and is open to all baptized.

Restrooms are located downstairs.

Concordia Church continues to follow Chicago Department of Health and CDC guidelines to ensure appropriate protocols are in place for the health and safety of our worshippers, leaders, and staff. Please visit www.concordiafaith.org for the latest updates.

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Prelude

“Praeludium in A Minor” by Johann Caspar Simon

Acclamation

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Hymn

ELW#379 *“Now the Green Blade Rises”*



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

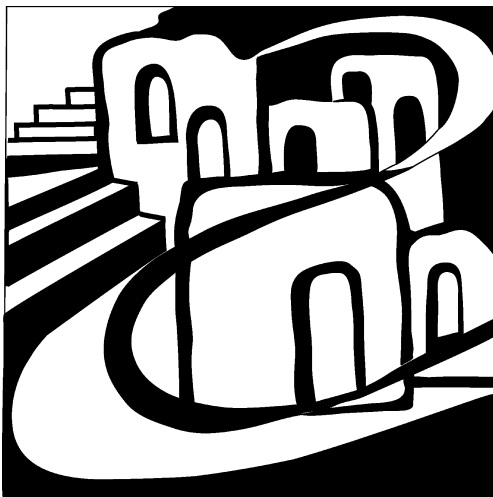
P: The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



Growth in the discipline of worship

All of us are far too shoddy and undisciplined in our responsibilities. God help us now to fill up the empty pews at the services of worship in our church.

-Historical quote from September 6, 1953

Hymn of Praise

ELW #394 "Hail Thee, Festival Day" v. 1, 2

congregation sings refrain, choir sings verses

Refrain



Hail thee, fes - ti-val day! Blest day to be hal-lowed for - ev - er;



day when our Lord was raised, break-ing the king - dom of death.



<i>Easter</i>	1	All	the	fair	beau - ty	of	earth	from the
<i>Ascension</i>	1	He	who	was	nailed	to	the	cross
<i>Pentecost</i>	1	Bright	and	in	like - ness	of	fire,	on . .
	3	God	the	Al -	might - y,	the	Lord,	the . .
	5	Spir -	it	of	life	and	of	pow'r,
								now . .



death	of	the	win -	ter	a -	ris -	ing!	Ev -	'ry	good
rul -	er	and	Lord	of	all	peo -	ple.	All	things	cre -
those	who	a -	wait	his	ap -	pear -	ing,	he	whom	the
rul -	er	of	earth	and	the	heav -	ens,	guard	us	from
flow	in	us,	fount	of	our	be -	ing,	light	that	en -

Refrain

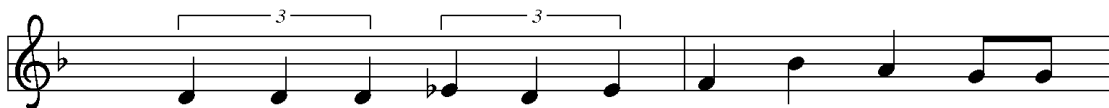


gift	of	the	year	now	with	its	mas -	ter	re -	turns:
at -	ed	on	earth	sing	to	the	glo -	ry	of	God:
Lord	had	fore -	told	sud -	den -	ly,	swift -	ly	de -	scends:
harm	with	-	out;	cleanse	us	from	e -	vil	with -	in:
light -	ens	us	all,	life	that	in	all	may	a -	bide:

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Hymn of Praise con't

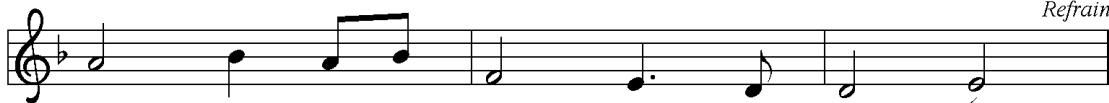
ELW #394 "Hail Thee, Festival Day"
congregation sings refrain, choir sings verses



Easter 2 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, the au - thor of
Ascension 2 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the
Pentecost 2 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the
 4 Je - sus, the health of the world, en - light - en our
 6 Praise to the giv - er of good! O Lov - er and



life and cre - a - tion. Tread - ing the path - way of
 glo - ry of blos - som; heav - en its gates now un -
 glo - ry of blos - som; heav - en its gates now un -
 minds, great re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -
 Au - thor of con - cord, pour out your balm on our



death, new life you give to us all:
 bars, fling - ing its in - crease of light:
 bars, fling - ing its in - crease of light:
 preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:
 days; or - der our ways in your peace:

First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Hymn

“*Alleluia*” by William Boyce

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,
“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸and “A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

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They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.


¹⁰Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel

John 14:1-14

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you O Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation (Repeat)

Sermon

Rev. Nicholas Zook

1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross,
 2 Oh, that old rug - ged cross so de - spised by the world,
 3 In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
 4 To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,

the em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;
 has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;
 a won - drous beau - ty I see;
 its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;

and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
 for the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove,
 for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,
 Christ will call me some day to my home far a - way,

for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 to bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
 to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

Hymn of the Day con't "On a Hill Far Away (The Old Rugged Cross)"

Refrain

So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross,
cross, the old rug - ged cross,

till my tro - phies at last I lay down;

I will cling to the old rug - ged cross,
cross, the old rug - ged cross,

and ex - change it some day for a crown.

Apostle's Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

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.

**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.**

Easter Prayers of Intercession

A: We are united to Christ in his death and resurrection through our baptism. As members of his risen body, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

A: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Hear us, risen Lord.

A: Holy God, you raise up leaders in your church who preach salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ. Inspire us to go and tell this good news throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, we pray for the resurrection of our world when Christ will rule and the establishment of your kingdom will bring an end to war, violence, injustice and death. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, as Christ's presence in our community, you call us to love and serve our neighbors. Bless the ministries of Concordia Church and Concordia Place with the spirit of our risen Lord that your saving grace may fill the lives of all we serve. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, you wipe away the tears of all who cry to you in distress. Bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort those who struggle and seek your presence, especially those we now name before you *Lola, Bonnie, Gary, Glen, Lupe, Galen, Mike, Harry, Dennis, Sandie, Gianna, Bob, Luis, Pam, Vickie*, and those whose names we speak silently or aloud [*pause for names*] ...Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, you have swallowed up death forever through the resurrection of your Son. Speak to those who mourn with the promise of new life in Christ with those they love. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and hopes, and fill us with the risen life of Jesus Christ, your Son.

C: Amen.

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

You are invited to share the sign of peace with others.

The Offering

See page 22 for ways to support our ministries

Offertory Anthem

“Nearer Medley”

Temple Talk: 20th Anniversary Scrapbook Presentation

by Brenda Swartz, President & CEO

Recognition Presentation

by Daniel Formeller, Council President

Dan Formeller: Baptized into the body of Christ, we are all called to offer ourselves in service to our neighbors so that God’s love and grace made known to us in Jesus Christ will be known throughout the world. It is our privilege today to recognize Brenda Swartz who has been engaged in the work of this congregation for 20 years as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Concordia Place.

P: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, we thank you for Brenda Swartz and for the ministry you have delivered to our church, community and neighbors through her hands. Accept our grateful prayer of thanksgiving for her visionary leadership and our life together in this congregation, and we ask that you continue to bless her work through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen .

Offertory Hymn

ELW #188 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"



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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,



and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Offertory Prayer

A: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

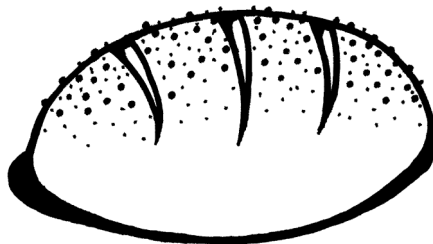
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should and at all times.....
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



Sanctus

Setting 4



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



heav'n 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.

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

P: Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

- P: 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.
- P: 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.
- P: With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**
- P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
- C: Come, Holy Spirit.**
- P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
- C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

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

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Communion Invitation

We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.

Communion is served by continuous table around the altar, and you are asked to take a place as openings appear.

Communion Anthem

“Joy in the Morning”

Communion Hymn

ELW #493 *“Taste and See”*

Refrain – All



Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All



1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . . me.
3 Wor-ship . . . the Lord, all you peo-ple.



Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
You'll want for noth - ing . . . if you ask.



my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;
I called the Lord, . . . who an - swered me;
Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;

Refrain



for God has been so good to me.
from all my trou - bles I was set free.
in God we need put all our trust.

Post Communion Blessing

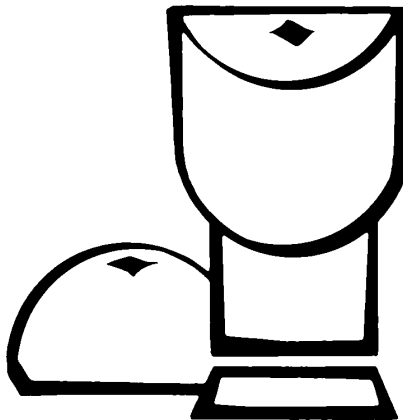
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.



Closing Hymn

ELW #389 "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing!"

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Blessing

P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.
Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

A: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Prelude in C Major” by J.S. Bach

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook

Usher:

Deacons: Jennifer Phillips & Christina

Organist: Paul Dykstra

Formeller

Song leaders: Jade Ferrell, Leah Dexter,

Lectors: Mark Neukirch & Mark Croll

Benjamin Burney & Anthony Lopez

Concordia Church Choir

Marisa Buchheit

Dan Lantvit

Betsy Ries

Benjamin Burney

Mary-Ann Lupa

Linda Storbeck

Jade Ferrell

Rich Gaul

Wilma Stevens

Announcements

Reception Honoring Brenda Swartz—TODAY!

Following worship today, we'll gather downstairs in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate Brenda's 20 Years of service as President/CEO of Concordia Place. We hope you'll join us.

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Stewardship Temple Talks

May 7th: Brenda Swartz's 20 Years with Concordia Place

As we are in the midst of our 2023 stewardship campaign, we are hosting temple talks during worship on Sundays. The purpose of these temple talks will be to both provide educational information about various ministries and other aspects of our church, along with sharing ways that you can get involved with these ministries of the church.

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Quilt & Cookbook Projects

In celebration of Concordia Church's 125th Anniversary, we are making a quilt and organizing a cookbook!

-Quilt squares are available in the back; we encourage your household to complete one to represent Concordia's impact on your faith journey.

Instructions are attached to the template.

-Recipes can be submitted on paper (pick up sheets in the back of church) or electronically via email to Jen. Should you have questions about either project, connect with Jen Phillips after church or at jphillips@concordiafaith.org.

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- 1) Mobile: Text 'Concordia' to 73256 and follow the link or scan the QR code here
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125th Anniversary Project Updates!

Deadline: June 25th

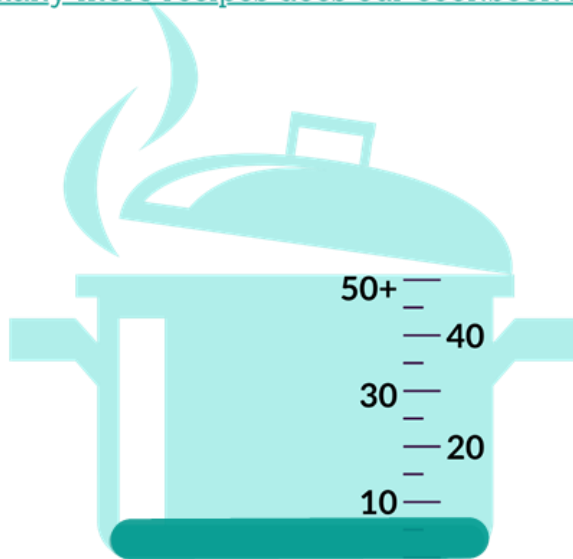
How many more quilt squares does our quilt need?

				45	44	43
42	41	40	39	38	37	36
35	34	33	32	31	30	29
28	27	26	25	24	23	22
21	20	19	18	17	16	15
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To learn more and get involved, visit:
www.concordiafaith.org/125th/quilt-project

Deadline: June 25th

How many more recipes does our cookbook need?



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Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615
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Hymn of Praise

ELW #394 "Hail Thee, Festival Day"

Text: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, 530–609; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: SALVE FESTA DIES, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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Gospel Acclamation

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Hymn of the Day

TFF #77 "On a Hill Far Away (The Old Rugged Cross)"

Text: George Bennard, 1873–1958
Music: THE OLD RUGGED CROSS, George Bennard, 1873–1958

Offertory Hymn

ELW #188 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

Sanctus & Lamb of God

Setting 4

Closing Hymn

ELW #389 "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936
Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789
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