

AS THE  
FATHER  
HAS LOVED  
ME, SO  
HAVE I  
LOVED  
YOU. ABIDE  
IN MY



JOHN 15:9,  
ESV

*Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Trumbauersville, PA*

*May 5, 2024  
9:00am*

# *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*May 5, 2024*

*9:00am*

\*Indicates when all who are able may stand.

## Introduction

*This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.*

\*Prelude *My Heart Ever Faithful* by J. S. Bach

## Announcements

### \*Thanksgiving for Baptism

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy.

C: **Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.  
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.  
We rejoice with glad hearts,  
giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

C: **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

\*Opening Hymn

*In Christ There is No East or West*

ELW #650



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;  
3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.  
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.  
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.  
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

\*Apostolic Greeting

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

C: **And also with you.**



# \*Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**P:** Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**The Liturgy of The Word**

**First Reading**

Acts 10:44-48

**L:** <sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading**

1 John 5:1-6

**L:** <sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <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 the love of God is this, that we obey

his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome,  
<sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the  
victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers  
the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not  
with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the  
Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Hymn      *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*    ELW #366 (vs. 1)



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



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's  
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions  
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious  
4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high  
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun.	Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst.	Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head!	Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell.	Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you.	Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*



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

Text: *Symphonia Sirenium*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909

Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

\*Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

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

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”  
The Gospel of the Lord.

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

\*Repeat Gospel Hymn ~ found of the previous page.

*The Strife Is O’re, the Battle Done*

ELW #366 (vs. 1)

Children’s Message & Sermon:

Rev. John Hansen

\*Hymn of the Day

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

ELW #367



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!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.  
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
Text © 1958 *Service Book and Hymnal*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

## \*The Nicene Creed

P: Let us confess our faith in our risen Lord . . .

C: **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
Who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**\*Prayers of the People**

**L:** 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.*

**L:** Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

**L:** You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

L: Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. We pray especially for:

*All Military Personnel*

*Dorothy Brinkman*

*Kevin Fox*

*Tom Karwowski*

*Rev. Erika Wesch*

*Mark Wilkins*

*Ron Struble*

*June Grove*

*Gary Nace*

*Dominick*

*Evelyn Smoll*

*Christ's Lutheran*

*Ellen Brown*

*Larry Fox*

*Vicky Griffin*

*Annabelle Reith*

*Bruce Faulkner*

*Gavin DeReiter*

*Sarah Wulffleff*

*Adam Schaffer*

*Janel Kirlin*

*Evelyn Shive*

*Gary Atherholt*

*Mary Jane Fitzgerald*

*Evelyn Gerhart (Paul)*

*Bob Hosier*

*Larry Sweigart*

*Loey Weggel*

*June Fenstermacher*

*Bernie Wilkins*

*Andrew Gerhart*

*Morag Lucian*

*The Family of Sue Buechler*

*And for those we name before you, silently or aloud.*

God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation (*ministries may be named*), that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers.

God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us (*especially*). At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Your Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole church. Pour out your Spirit upon (*Name*) to empower and enlighten *her/his* ministry as bishop of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod. Sustain *her/him* as a loving shepherd who

tends the flock of Christ with gentleness, and who leads the Synod's ministries with vision and wisdom. Make *her/him* a faithful steward of your word and sacraments and a source of reconciliation among all people. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the risen Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Please share a sign of Christ's peace with one another in whatever way you feel comfortable.

**Offertory Interlude**

**Offering**

*As the offering is collected, please remember there are a variety of ways to give to the church's ministry. Mail or hand deliver your envelopes during office hours or use the Paypal link at <http://www.christslutheran.com/worship.html>*

**\*Offertory Hymn**

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW #186

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 to me the joy of

your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
 Music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

**\*Offering Prayer**

**P:** Let us pray.  
 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.

**C: Amen.**

**The Liturgy of The Sacrament**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

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

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

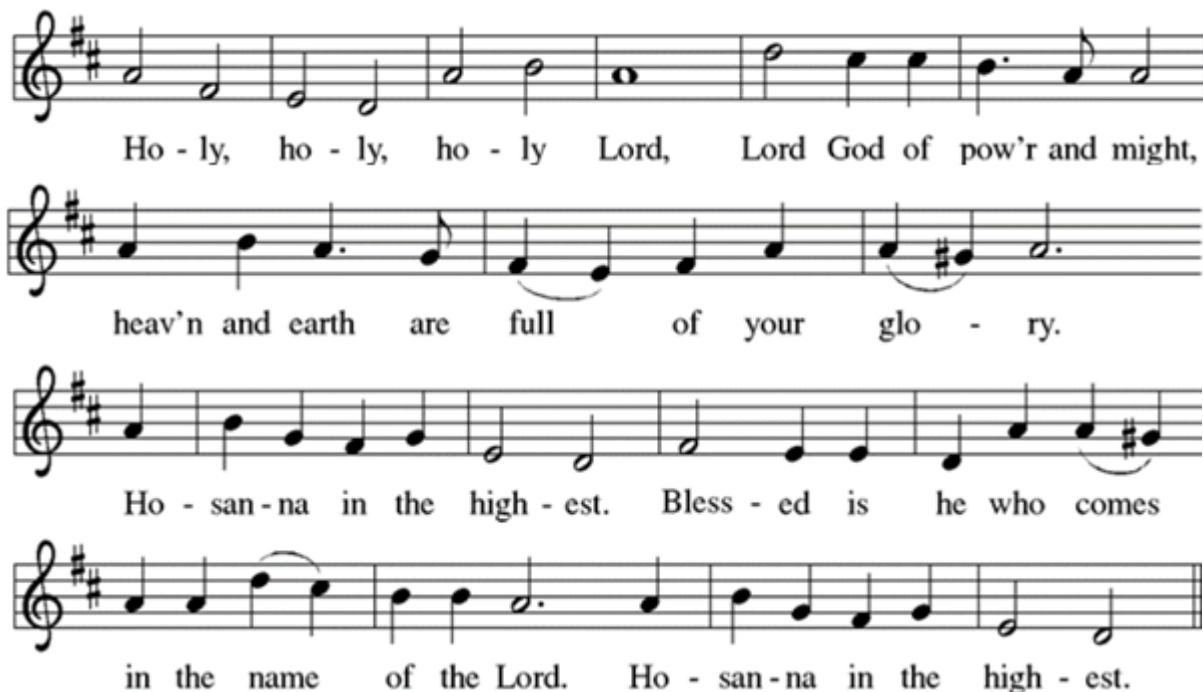
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## \*The Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter  
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*Holy, Holy, Holy



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.

## \*The Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.  
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.  
We give you thanks for his coming into the world

to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.*

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

**C: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

\*Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray in confidence the words our Lord has taught us:

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.**

Invitation to Communion

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

\*The Agnus Dei

*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.

Sharing of the Body & Blood of Christ ~ *All* are welcome at Jesus' table.



\* 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

P: Let us pray.  
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.

C: **Amen.**

\*Benediction

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

C: **Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

ELW #836



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

### \*Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### Postlude

*Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*





# *Welcome to worship at Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church*

PO Box 569 Trumbauersville, PA 18970  
(215) 536-3193

## **Our Mission:**

We gather to **WORSHIP** God,  
**EQUIP** people with a faith that works in everyday life,  
and to **SERVE & WELCOME** all with God's grace.

## **Notes on the Service**

*During the Prayers of the People* there will be a time for you to offer your prayers of intercession, thanksgiving, and praise either aloud or silently.

*Children's Activity Bags and Bulletins* are available from the ushers and may be left in the pews.

Portions from Evangelical Lutheran Worship and [sundaysandseasons.com](http://sundaysandseasons.com), © 2020 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress.

Blessing from [sundaysandseasons.com](http://sundaysandseasons.com) reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #43106.

Readings from Readings for the Assembly © 1995, 1996, 1997 Augsburg Fortress.  
Citations from the Revised Common Lectionary © 1992 Consultation on Common Texts.  
Scripture quotations from NRSV Bible, Copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, adapted and edited with permission by Gordon Lathrop and Gail Ramshaw.

Prelude: My Heart Ever Faithful—Contributor: Johann Sebastian Bach. All rights reserved. Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-736830.

In Christ There is No East or West—Evangelical Lutheran Worship #650. Public Domain.

The Strife Is O're, the Battle Done—Evangelical Lutheran Worship #366. Public Domain.

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds—Evangelical Lutheran Worship #367. Public Domain.

Create in Me a Clean Heart—Evangelical Lutheran Worship #186. Public Domain.

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee—Evangelical Lutheran Worship #836. Public Domain.

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!—Evangelical Lutheran Worship #380. Public Domain.