

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GAINESVILLE, FL

Enriching the lives of people we meet by sharing the grace of God.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

Pastor Jonathan Rockey



**THE PRELUDE**

**Widmung (Dedication) op.25 no.1**

**By: Robert Schumann**

*(Please stand.)*

**THE WELCOME AND SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**THE OPENING HYMN**

**Great is Thy Faithfulness**

*LSB 809*

1  
 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
 There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
 Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;  
 As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

2  
 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
 Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
 Join with all nature in manifold witness  
 To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

Refrain  
 Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
 Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3  
 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
 Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
 Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
 Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

**THE INVOCATION**

*LSB 167*

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

**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.**

*(Please continue standing or kneel.)*

**THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*LSB 167*

**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:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of

my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please stand.)*

**THE KYRIE**

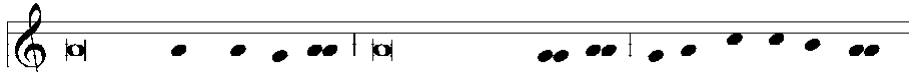
*LSB 168*



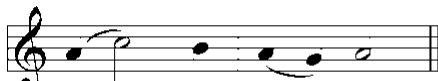
**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



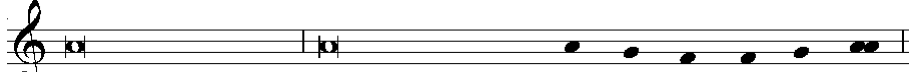
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



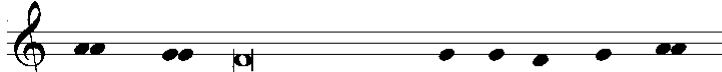
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

# THIS IS THE FEAST

LSB 171



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



**C** 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.



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



lu - ia. 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.



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.



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

*(Please be seated.)*

## THE FIRST READING

*Acts 20:17-35*

<sup>17</sup>Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. <sup>18</sup>And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup>servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup>how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup>testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup>But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup>And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, <sup>27</sup>for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup>Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup>and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. <sup>32</sup>And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup>I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup>You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup>In all things I have

shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE EPISTLE READING

*Revelation 7:9-17*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>“Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand.)*

## THE ALLELUIA VERSE

*LSB 173*



## THE HOLY GOSPEL

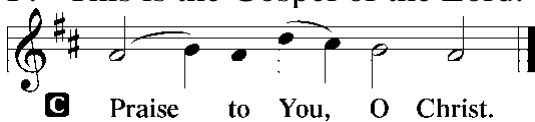
*John 10:22-30*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## THE NICENE CREED

*LSB 174*

**C: 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 men 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 worshiped 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.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**Stephanie Karolus**

**THE SERMON**

**“Shepherd AND Lamb”**

**Pastor Jonathan Rockey**

**A HYMN OF PRAISE**

**The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

*LSB 709*

1  
The King of love my shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His  
And He is mine forever.

4  
In death’s dark vale I fear no ill  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.

2  
Where streams of living water flow,  
My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.

5  
Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

3  
Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid  
And home rejoicing brought me.

6  
And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77  
Text: Public domain

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Please stand.)*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Prayer Requests may be texted to 352-448-7240 during the service.**

**Please include your name in the request.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*LSB 179*

**THE BENEDICTION FOR FOLKS AT HOME**

*LSB 183*

*(Please be seated.)*

**THE OFFERING**

**THE VOLUNTARY**

**A Mother’s Prayer**

**By: Carole Bayer Sager & David Foster**

I pray you'll be my eyes and watch her where she goes,  
and help her to be wise, help me to let go.  
Ev'ry mothers' prayer, ev'ry child knows.  
Lead her to a place, guide her with your grace  
to a place where she'll be safe.

I pray she finds your light and holds it in her heart.  
As darkness falls each night remind her where you are.  
Ev'ry mothers' prayer, ev'ry child knows.  
Need to find a place. guide her with your grace.  
Give her faith so she'll be safe.

*(Please stand.)*



## THE PREFACE


LSB 177



**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.

## THE PROPER PREFACE

**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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## THE SANCTUS

LSB 178



**C** 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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE PAX DOMINI**

*LSB 180*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

**G** A - men.

**THE AGNUS DEI**

*LSB 180*

**G** 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.

*(Please be seated.)*

**THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE COMMUNION MUSIC**

- LBW 212 Let Us Break Bread Together
- LSB 482 This Joyful Eastertide
- LSB 478 The Day of Resurrection

*(Please stand.)*

## THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

*LSB 181*



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice 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.

## THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

*LSB 183*

**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.

**C:** Amen.

## THE BENEDICTION

*LSB 183*



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



**C** A - - - men.

**PLEASE BE SEATED AND ENJOY THE MUSIC**

**THE POSTLUDE**

**Voice of Spring Waltz  
By: Johann Strauss Jr.**

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**Flowers today have been provided by the Ebert Family dedicating a happy heavenly birthday to a wonderful brother, Bob Baldree and the Jones Family celebrating Debbie's birthday May 10th, grateful for all of the blessings received and in honor of all the Moms on this blessed Mother's Day.**

**Serving Today**

**Altar Guild**

Mary Brabham  
Leeann Lee

**College Lunch**

Suspended until Fall

**Lector**

Katherine Gross

**Production Team**

Jonathan Albertin  
Jacob Behrendt  
Brandi Dotson

**Card Ministry**

Karen Natzke

**Communion Assist**

Jon Visscher

**Music**

Hye Jin Park  
Pianist/Organist  
Alek Concepcion, Soloist  
QiQi Anderson, 1st violin  
Rowoon Lee, 2nd violin

**Ushers**

Matthew Dudeck,  
Jim Gorske,  
Dan Hamann  
Jorge Rojas

**Information**

**2022 Vacation Bible School** will be June 24-25. Registration is open. Contact Miss Stephanie.

**FLC Food Train** is available for members of our church who need just a little love and help during a challenging time of death or illness or surgery. Contact the office.

Apr-Jun 2022 **Portals of Prayer** are available in the Narthex.

**FLC Card Ministry** meets the first Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm.

**Miriam Circle** will meet Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. This will be the last meeting until September.

Reminder that **Care Notes** are available in the office lobby to assist you.

**RightNow Media** is a great book and video resource for parents and children.

**Sunday 5/8/2022**

College Lunch – Suspended until the Fall  
Youth Group – Not meeting today in  
celebration of Mother’s Day

**Tuesday 5/10/2022**

Miriam Circle – 10:00am in FLC Library  
Grief Share Support Group – 1:00pm FHall

**Wednesday 5/11/2022**

Bell Choir – No rehearsals in May  
Adult Choir – No rehearsals in May

**Sunday 5/15/2022**

**Coffee & Donuts** before Bible Study & Worship  
**Adult Bible Study** – 8:45am FHall  
**VPK-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School** – 9:00am  
**Worship with Holy Communion** 10:00am  
**Ethan David Eddy Baptism**(Gregalot’s grandson)  
**Confirmation Class of 2022**

**College Lunch** – Suspended until the Fall  
**Youth Group Meeting** - Meeting May 22nd

**Readings – May 15th**

*Acts 11:1-18*  
*Revelation 21:1-7*  
*John 16:12-22*

**Birthdays this month**

Stephen (Tre) Burr III 5/1    Juanita Bagnall 5/12  
Julia Salt 5/2    John Gresley III 5/15  
Badger Moring Jr. 5/3    Laura Cecil 5/15  
Maggie Spillane 5/4    Alice Vlasak 5/17  
John Blackburn III 5/5    John Dudeck 5/22  
HannahGrace Glover 5/6    Martin Simpson 5/28  
Mary Broling 5/9    Christa Vigil 5/29  
Debbie Jones 5/10    Russell Trippensee 5/31  
Karen Simpson 5/10

**Anniversaries this month**

The Dudecks 5/4  
The Halabrins 5/9  
The Holloways 5/9  
John Glover and Julie Kahlfeldt-Glover 5/17  
The Trippensees 5/24  
The Spillanes 5/27  
Graham and Alison Glover 5/29

**First Lutheran Church Staff**

**Pastor John Glover**  
Senior Pastor

**Stephanie Karolus**  
Director of Christian Education

**Angie Burr**  
Director of Open Arms  
Child Development Center

**Hye Jin Park**  
Director of Music

**Leeann Lee**  
Church Administrator

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated in our worship every Sunday.

We welcome to our communion table all baptized Christians who:

- come confessing their sins to God,
- believe in Jesus Christ as the only Savior from sin,
- desire to live a new life in Christ, and
- recognize the true bodily presence of the Lord Jesus in and with the bread and the wine.

Young people who have not yet taken part in our Communion preparation classes are invited to come forward with their parents for a blessing.

- We have gluten free wafers on the platens for those allergic to wheat.
- Apple juice is also available in the center portion of the communion trays for those wishing not to partake in wine.

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## **INFORMATION FOR VISITORS**

**Please stop and speak with Pastor John or DCE Stephanie**

\*The bold portions are the parts the congregation say together.

\*Prayers of the Church are prayers for others throughout the world, family, and friends.

\*Confession and Absolution we confess our sins to God and Pastor grants us forgiveness

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Available in the Narthex

Cry Room

Children's Bags

Bathrooms

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