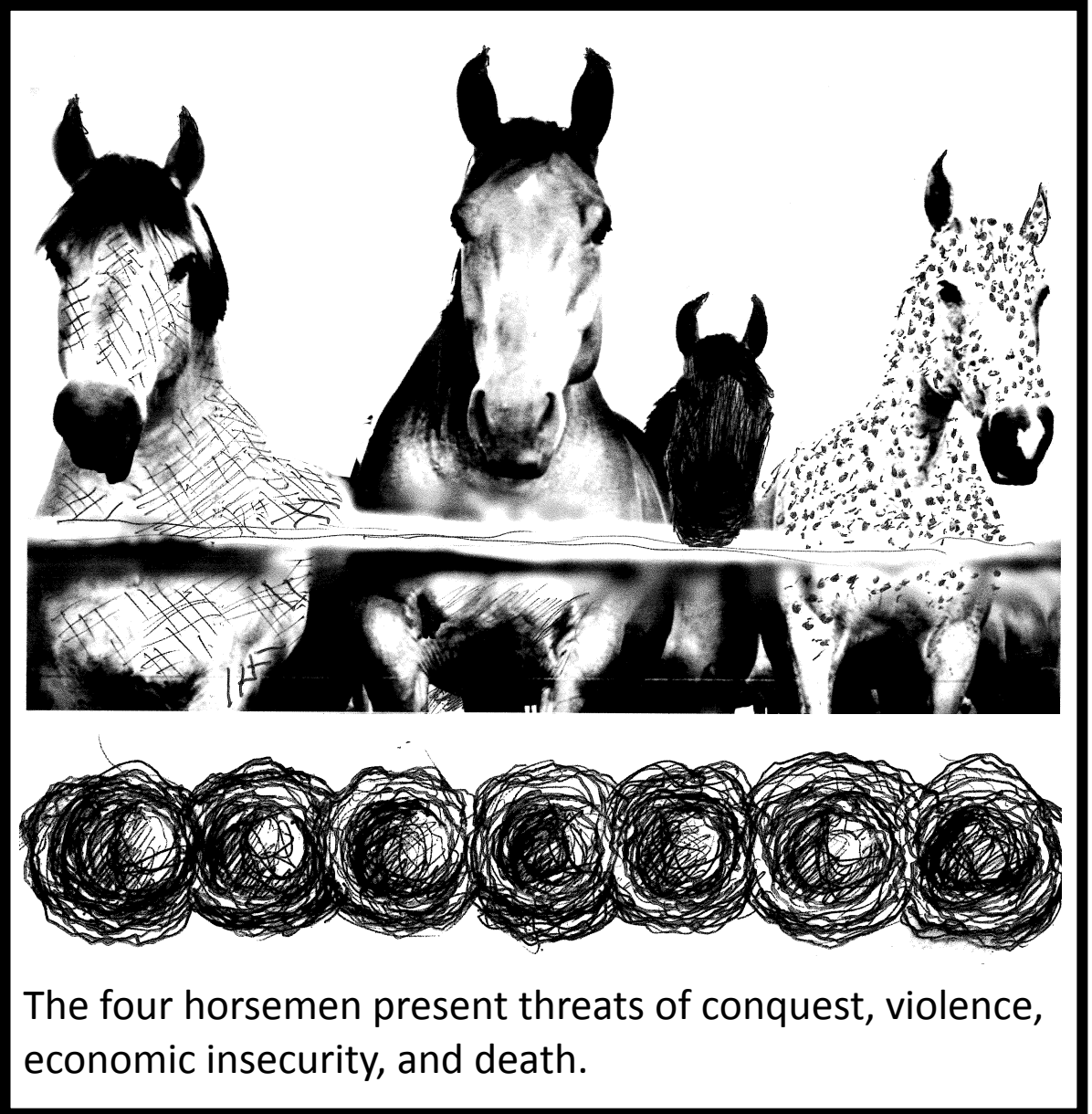


Elim Lutheran Church  
Sunday, May 13, 2018  
8:30am Worship



The four horsemen present threats of conquest, violence, economic insecurity, and death.

- Everyone is invited to sign in on the clipboard in the pew (members, guests, visitors, everyone!). We use this information to update our attendance records.
- You are invited to join in on all the **bold** text.
- Please check your cell phone before the service begins.



## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**ALL:** And also with you.

## GATHERING HYMN: GOD HIMSELF IS PRESENT

1 God him-self is pres-ent; let us now a-dore him and with awe ap-  
 2 God him-self is pres-ent; hear the harps re-sound-ing; see the hosts the  
 3 Light of light e-ter-nal, all things pen-e-trat-ing, for your rays our  
 4 Come, ce-les-tial Be-ing, make our hearts your dwell-ing, ev-'ry car-nal

pear be-fore him! God is in his tem-ple; all with-in keep si-lence,  
 throne sur-round-ing! "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly!" Hear the hymn as-cend-ing,  
 soul is wait-ing. As the ten-der flow-ers, will-ing-ly un-fold-ing,  
 thought dis-pel-ling. By your Ho-ly Spir-it sanc-ti-fy us tru-ly,

pros - trate lie with deep - est rev - 'rence. Him a - lone God we own,  
 songs of saints and an - gels blend - ing. Bow your ear to us here:  
 to the sun their fac - es hold - ing: e - ven so would we do,  
 teach - ing us to love you on - ly. Where we go here be - low,

him, our God and Sav - ior; praise his name for - ev - er!  
 hear, O Christ, the prais - es that your church now rais - es.  
 light from you ob - tain - ing, strength to serve you gain - ing.  
 let us bow be - fore you and in truth a - dore you.

Text: Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697–1769; tr. composite  
 Music: WUNDERBARER KÖNIG, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In violence and unrest

**All: Salvation belongs to our God**

Leader: In economic insecurity, inequity, and injustice

**All: Salvation belongs to our God**

Leader: In disease, despair, and death

**All: Salvation belongs to our God**

## ALL: GLORY



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Saving God,

**All: In seeing violence, injustice, despair, and death,  
fix our eyes upon you and your perfect love  
for every nation, tribe and people.**

**Amen**

*Please be seated*

## READING: REVELATION 6:1-8 AND 7:9-17

Reader: A reading from Revelation, chapters 6 and 7

### Chapter 6

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw the Lamb open one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures call out, as with a voice of thunder, "Come!" <sup>2</sup>I looked, and there was a white horse! Its rider had a bow; a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering and to conquer.

<sup>3</sup>When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature call out, "Come!" <sup>4</sup>And out came another horse, bright red; its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth, so that people would slaughter one another; and he was given a great sword.

<sup>5</sup>When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature call out, "Come!" I looked, and there was a black horse! Its rider held a pair of scales in his hand, <sup>6</sup>and I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a day's pay, and three quarts of barley for a day's pay, but do not damage the olive oil and the wine!"

<sup>7</sup>When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature call out, "Come!" <sup>8</sup>I looked and there was a pale green horse! Its rider's name was Death, and Hades followed with him; they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, famine, and pestilence, and by the wild animals of the earth.

### Chapter 7

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood 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>singing, "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, robed in white,

and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal ;they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**TELLING THE STORY:** Pastor Patrick Torbit — "*A lamb of a different color*"

*("Telling the Story" is recorded most Sundays and is available on our website.)*

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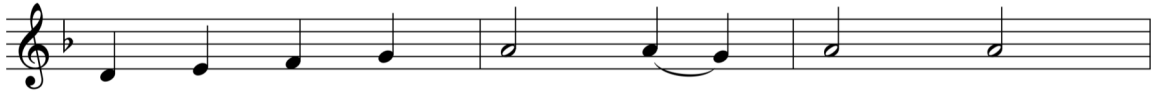
## HYMN OF THE DAY: YOU, LORD, ARE BOTH LAMB AND SHEPHERD



All 1. You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.  
Men 2. Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,  
Women 3. You, who walk each day be - side us,  
All 4. Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



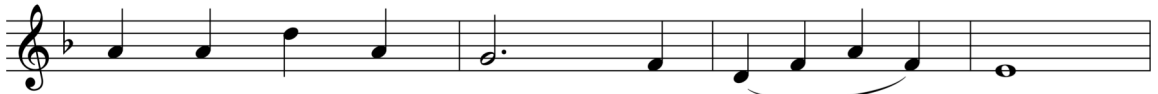
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
Stripped of might up - on the cross,  
Sit in pow - er at God's side.  
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er  
Shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,  
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry.



Of the way you took and gave.  
Beg - gar'd by a sol - dier's toss.  
Have a love that reach - es wide.  
Wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



You, whom we both scorn and crave.  
You, who are both gift and cost.  
You, who are our pil - grim guide.  
You, who are our death and life.

*Please be seated*

## OFFERING

Special Music: Chancel Choir - *"Joy in the Morning"* by N. Sleeth

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*After each petition:*

Leader: Risen Lord,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Leader: Hear our prayers, make us humble like you, and zealous for your gospel. In the name of Jesus,

**All: Amen.**



*Please stand as you are able*

## OFFERTORY SONG: WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

## OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: No offering can equal your own, O Christ,

**All: when you gave yourself completely on our behalf.**

**But still we bring these gifts out of the gratitude of our hearts,  
seeking always to know you more**

**and pattern our lives after yours.**

**Bless what we offer and sanctify our service in your name,  
Amen.**



## DIALOGUE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

Pastor: It is our...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### ALL: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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**

*Please be seated*

### COMMUNION

*Jesus welcomes everyone to his table and so we offer to everyone, without exception, to share in Holy Communion. If you would like to receive communion with us today, please come forward and hold out your hands. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please let the server know. When you receive the bread you may dip it in the red wine or white grape juice. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please leave your hands folded in front of you. If you are a visitor and would feel more comfortable, you are welcome to remain seated.*

## ALL: LAMB OF GOD

*Cantors:* *All:* *To repeat*

1. \*Lamb of God,
2. Prince of Peace, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on
3. Bread of Life,

*Last time*

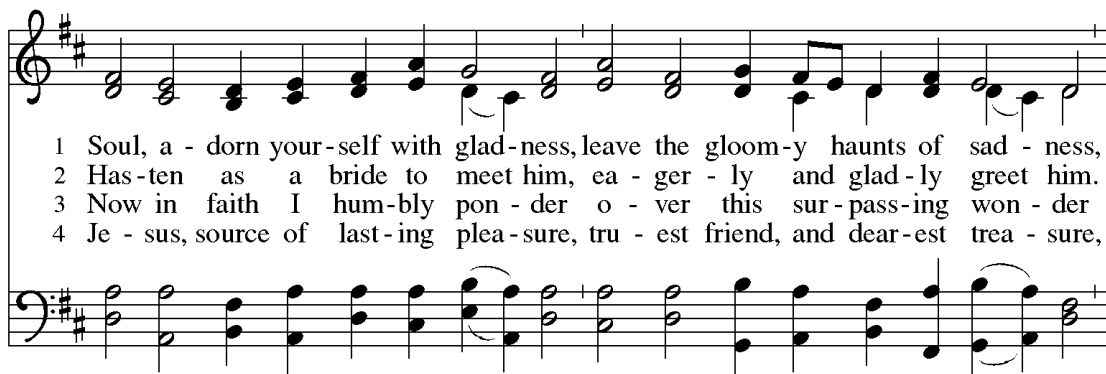
us. world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

\* "Lamb of God" is sung the first and last times.

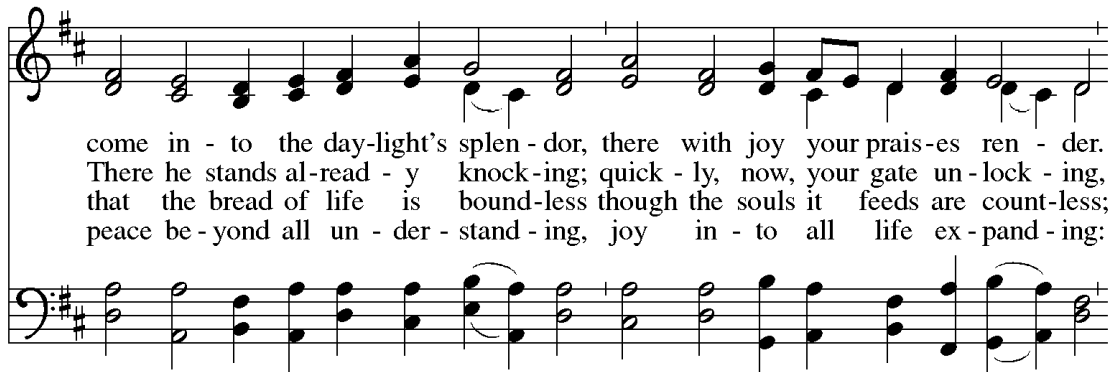
Music: *Mass of Remembrance*, Marty Haugen, © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

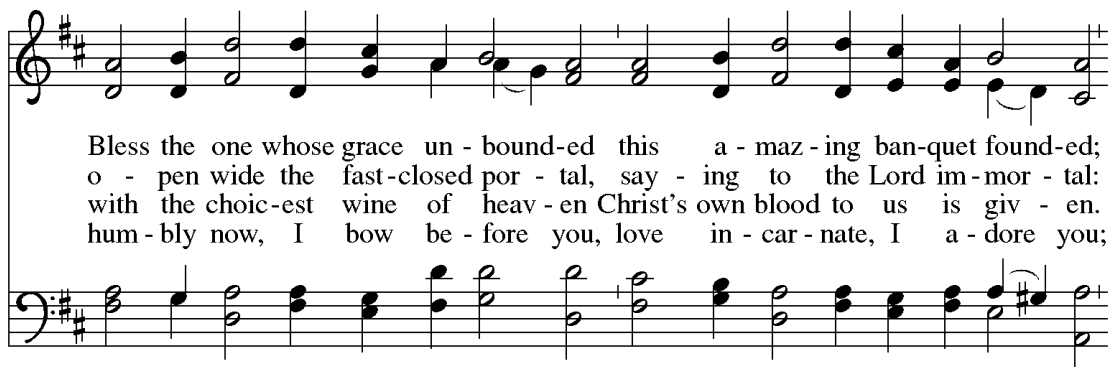
### SOUL, ADORN YOURSELF WITH GLADNESS



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y haunts of sad - ness,  
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.  
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing won - der  
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est trea - sure,



come in - to the day - light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais - es ren - der.  
There he stands al - read - y knock - ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,  
that the bread of life is bound - less though the souls it feeds are count - less;  
peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing;



Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed;  
o - pen wide the fast - closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:  
with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.  
hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;

Christ, though heav'n-ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
 "Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with-in my heart for - ev - er."  
 Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.  
 wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
 Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662  
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**BLESSING**

*Response after blessing: Amen*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: O God,

All: We give you thanks that you have set before us this feast,  
the body and blood of your Son.

By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need  
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## SENDING SONG: GOD OF THE WOMEN



1. God of the wom - en who an - swered your call,  
2. God of the wom - en who walked Je - sus' Way,  
3. God of the wom - en long put to the test,  
4. God of the wom - en who ran from the tomb,



trust - ing your pro - mis - es, giv - ing their all,  
giv - ing their re - sourc - es, learn - ing to pray,  
left out of stor - ies, for - got - ten, op - pressed,  
prayed with the oth - ers in that up - per room,



wom - en like Sar - ah and Han - nah and Ruth,  
Ma - ry, Jo - an - na, Su - san - na, and more,  
qui - et - ly ask - ing: "Who smiled at my birth?"  
then felt your Spir - it on Pen - te - cost Day,



give us their cour - age to live in your truth.  
may we give free - ly as they did be - fore.  
In Je - sus' dy - ing you show us our worth.  
may we so glad - ly pro - claim you to - day.

WORDS: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 1998  
MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody

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## SENDING

Assistant: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**NEXT WEEK: SUMMER SCHEDULE STARTS**

**Sunday, May 20, 2018 - One service at 9:30 a.m.**

**Point:** Jesus’ followers receive the holy spirit; The beast is the opposite of the Lamb, who gives people their true identity. The beast conquers by tyranny (13:7) but the Lamb conquers by the sacrifice that frees.

**Scripture: Acts 2:1-4; Revelation 13:1-18**

**TODAY’S WORSHIP HELPERS**

- OPEN ..... Bulletin Folder
- Cynthia Griffith ..... Bread Baker
- Dolores Frey McCloud ..... Acolyte
- Cynthia Griffith, Walt Griffith ..... Ushers
- Carol Mayo, Cathy Dickson ..... Sacristan/Communion Servers
- Jan Moffet, Jo Ann Andrus ..... Coffee Set-up Host 7:45-8:30
- Robin Butts ..... Assisting Minister
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