

*And when he had
said these things...*

HE WAS LIFTED UP

*and a cloud took
him out of their sight.*

ACTS 1:9, ESV



FAMILY OF GOD

LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Children by grace,
Extending Christ's embrace"

Sunday of the Ascension
May 17th, 2026
9:30 am

Today we worship with the liturgy from
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) setting three

Gather

Prelude

"I Come With Joy "


arr. David Dahl

Welcome

*Opening Hymn

"God Is Here"

ELW 526



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of
praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en;
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

 world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

 wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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ABBOT'S LEICH
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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

"This is the Feast"

Refrain § 140



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



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

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



*Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O God of glory,

C: your Son, Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Psalm

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P: ¹Clap your hands, | all you peoples;

C: Shout to God with a | joyful sound.

P: ²For the Lord Most High is | to be feared:

C: A great king over | all the earth,

P: ³who subdues the | peoples under us,

C: And the nations un- | der our feet;

P: ⁴who chooses our inheri- | tance for us,

C: The pride of Jacob, | whom God loves.

P: ⁵God has gone up | with a shout,

C: The Lord with the sound | of the ram's horn.

P: ⁶Sing praises to | God, sing praises;

C: Sing praises to our | king, sing praises.

P: ⁷For God is king of | all the earth;

C: Sing praises | with a song.

P: ⁸God reigns o- | ver the nations;

C: God is en- | throned on high.

P: ⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the | God of Abraham.

C: The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- | ly exalted.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Announcement

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of

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these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Erin Koster

*Hymn of the Day

"Thine the Amen"

ELW 826

1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light

thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly

thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
 Music: Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929
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THINE
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thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

*Nicene Creed

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.

Dedication of the Memorial Garden

*Prayers of The People

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

*Peace

P: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Holy Communion

Offering

"God Is Our Refuge and Strength"

Allan Pote

Lyrics

Chancel Choir

Refrain:

God is our refuge and strength;
a present help in time of trouble.
Though the mountains shake
in the heart of the sea.
Though the waters roar and foam,
we will not fear.

He is the Word, we are his hands,
He will lead us.
He is the air, we are his song.
We will celebrate his presence
all the day long.

He is the rain, we are the stones,
He will cleanse us.

Come and behold the work of the Lord,
the awesome acts of God.
He is in the midst of his people,
in all the earth.

He is the air, we are his song.
We will celebrate his presence
all the day long.

*Offertory Response

"Be Not Afraid"
Sing 2 times

ELW 388

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

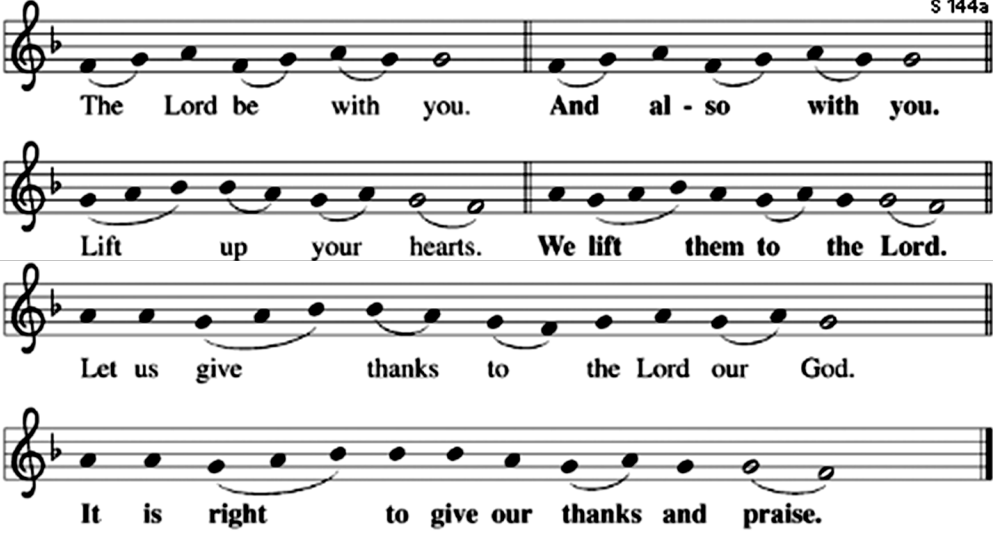
*Offertory Prayer

P: Risen Lord, 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.

*Great Thanksgiving

S 144a

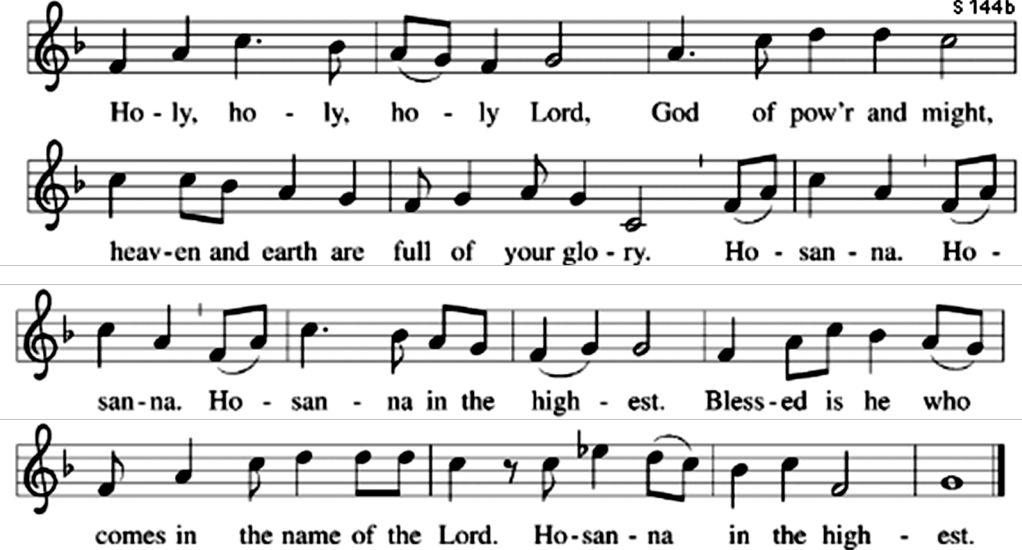


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

*Sanctus

S 144b



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

*Words of Institution

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.

*Lord's Prayer

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

§ 146

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.

Communion Distribution

Communion Hymn

"I Come With Joy"

ELW 482



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936
Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835
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DOVE OF PEACE
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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. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

Ministry Opportunities

Blessing

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.

*Sending Hymn

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

ELW 393



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
 4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals of the
 5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - l'wers
 sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they
 sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
 cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
 see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.
 say, "this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



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

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 Music: Geistliche Erbhengelage, Köln, 1623
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LASST UNS ERFREUEN
 LM 3rd alleluia

*Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

arr. Hal Hopson

Today's Worship Participants

Lector: Andrew Peterson
Chancel Choir

Chancel flowers

Cindy and John Buesgens

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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Tom Anderson
The Loos family as they grieve David's father
Jack Umland

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR*

Connie Young
Gen Loberg
Connie Anderson, for health concerns
Alan Aleckson, who is still recovering from surgery at home
Janice McFadden, for health concerns

*Those on the prayer list will be named for 4 weeks in the bulletin. If you wish to have someone named longer, please notify us and we will extend them on the prayer list for another four weeks. We appreciate updates on all those for whom we pray. Thank you for your prayers.

Announcements

The New Church Website is coming along and we need pictures! If you have any *church related* pictures please send them to the admin email address.

Quarterly Donation Statements will be available upon request. Call or email the church office to arrange delivery.

Vacation Bible Study registration is open! From Monday June 15 to Thursday June 18 we'll be going on a "Tropical Trek" There is no cost to sign up and it's open to all kids, from preschool age to middle school. Ask Pr. Erin if you have questions! You can register on our website. Sign up to volunteer in the narthex.

Social Ministry—For May we will be helping North Hennepin Community College food pantry. Due to recent SNAP Benefit changes, they are expecting higher usage. Their current needs are:

Meal options such as macaroni & cheese, ravioli, soup & peanut butter & jelly Personal hygiene items like shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, hand soap Household items: toilet paper, Lysol wipes, dishwasher soap & laundry detergent

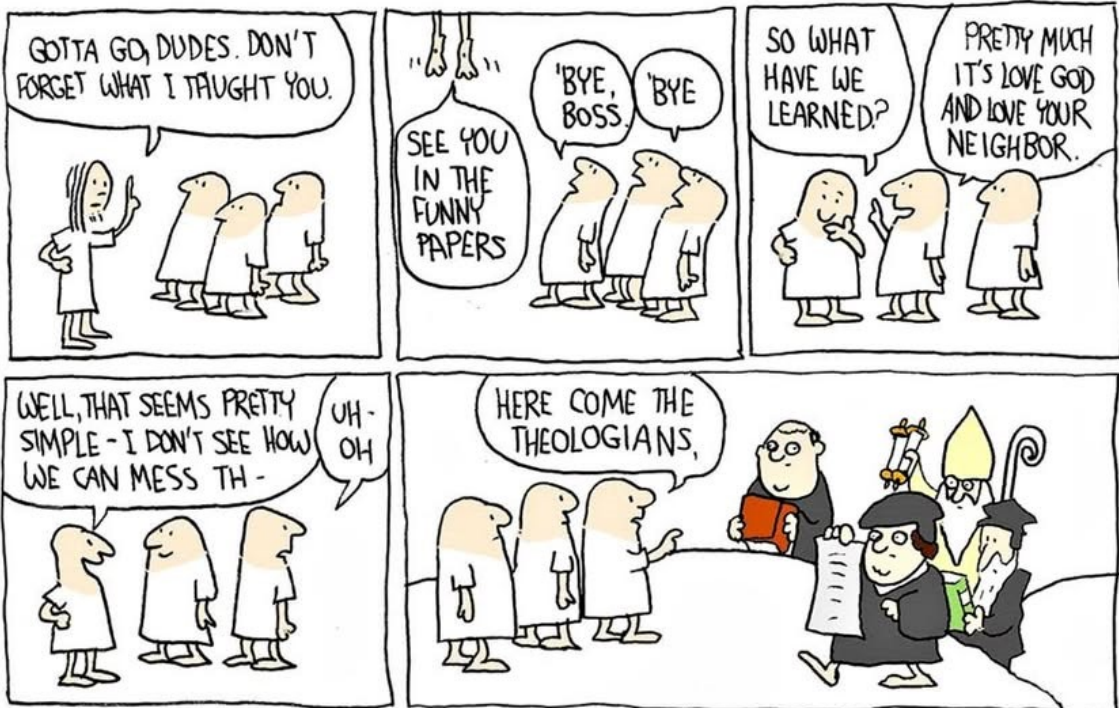
A CPR class will be held on May 19th 7 pm-8:15 pm. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Contact David Loos at 612-532-4778 if you have questions.

Church Basement Ladies, A Second Helping Join Ruth Circle once again as we check in on the Church Basement Ladies. Sunday, August 16, 2:00pm performance of A Second Helping at the Plymouth Playhouse. The cost is \$44.10/ticket, note in the comment line CBL. Or contact Stephanie Statz for electronic payment, stephstatz24@gmail.com Sign up is in the Narthex, we have 25 tickets reserved. We can get more if needed, one name per line.

There are two available tickets for the upcoming Minnesota Twins game event on May 19th

RIC Committee—our kickoff is Sunday May 31 after worship. Thank you to those who signed up! Talk to Pr. Paul or Pr. Erin if you have questions.

Worship will be held outside next





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