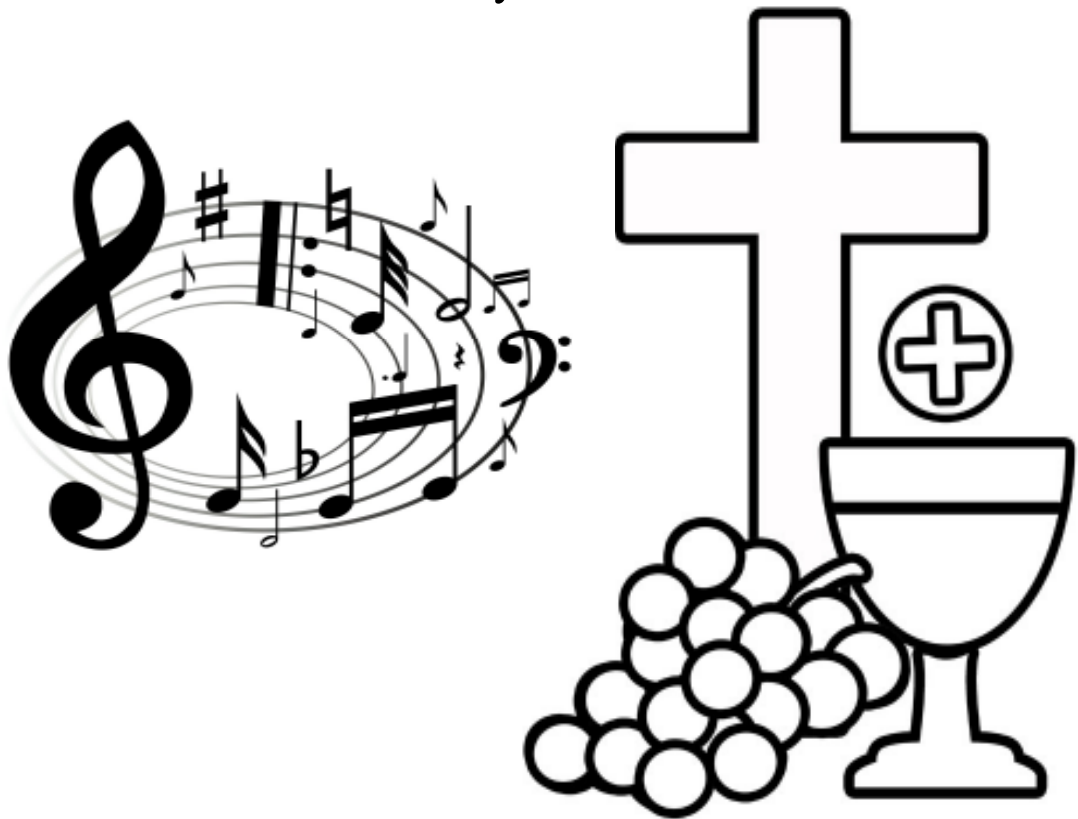


Polka Mass

St. Matthew Lutheran Church,
Lancaster, PA

Fifth Sunday of Easter



with the Heidelberg Brass Band

Polka Mass Service
Celebration of
Word and Sacrament

(Words spoken/sung by the assembly are in boldface type.)

+ **The Gathering** +

PRELUDE:

Helena Polka

arr. Louis Vitak

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins:

In the Name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The assembly sits, kneels or stands as able.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most Merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

Amen

OPENING HYMN

Come Now and Worship

(Tune: Rosamunde)

1. Come now and wor - ship, _____ come now and
 2. We bring our gifts, _____ gifts of our -
 3. We're here to praise you, _____ praise you for

wor - ship the Lord, _____ Come now and wor - ship, _____
 selves and our lives, _____ Fears, now and wor - ries, _____
 this brand new day, _____ You're here to join us, _____

join as we sing and a - dore, _____ Ga - ther to - ge - ther, _____
 all that can cause us such strife, _____ This ce - le - bra - tion _____
 teach us and show us your way, _____ Mold - us and shape us, _____

_____ give Him the praise that is due, _____ Hear us as we come to
 _____ draws us all clo - ser to you, _____ Hear us as we come to
 _____ help us to be more like you, _____ Hear us as we come to

wor - ship, _____ sing - ing praise to you
 wor - ship, _____ sing - ing praise to you,
 wor - ship, _____ sing - ing praise to you,

GREETING

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

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God

(Tune: *Liechtensteiner Polka*)

Yes!

This is a great day to give glo - ry to God! Glo - ry to God!

Glo - ry to God! Yes! This is a great day to give glo - ry to

God! Glo - ry to God, my Lord! For when we see the won - drous

good - ness of his grace and love and peace, oh let us thank and praise him dai - ly for it

all so joy - ful - ly! Oh, yes! This is a great day to give glo - ry to

⊕ To Coda

God! Glo - ry to God! My Lord. _____

O God, you are so won - der - full! _____ Your bless - ings are so

THE SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

(Tune: Im Himmel Gibt's Kein Bier)

Al - le - lu - ia Al -
le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia
Al - le - lu - ia

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL READING

John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is proclaimed

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated

THE SERMON

The assembly stands to proclaim the Word of God in song.

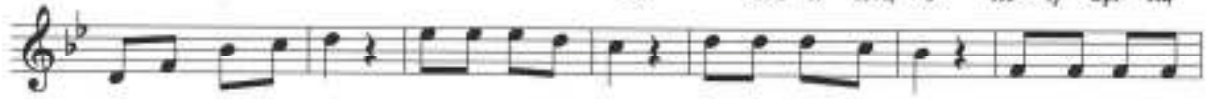
HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Teach Us How to Love

Tune: Baruska - Bohemian Polka



1. Our Fa - ther up in hea - ven,
2. Je - sus Christ our Lord and Sa - vior,
3. God of love, O Ho - ly Spi - rit,



hear us as we pray. Take our sins a - way; help us live each day. Thank you for the
you came down to us. Died up - on the cross to re - deem our loss. Teach us how to
full of power and might. Keep us in your sight. Teach us wrong from right. Thank you for your



gifts you give us. You care for our needs. When you sent your Son to save us, you showed us you
love each oth - er as you love us all. Help us fol - low your ex - am - ple, car - ing for each
love and gra - ces, make us pure and strong. Be our hope and con - so - la - tion. Guide our wea - ry



loved us true. Hear us as we sing your prais - es; help us live our lives for you. Lord,
oth - ers needs. Show - ing that we all are bro - thers by our ve - ry words and deeds.
steps to thee. Through your gui - dance we all hope to live with you e - ter - nal - ly!



teach us how to love as we fol - low in your way. Oh, Lord, teach us how to love



as we fol - low in your way.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The assembly is led in prayer with each petition ending, "Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**"*

+ The Meal +

SHARING THE PEACE

The ministers and assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say, "Peace be with you."

The assembly is seated.

GATHERING OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY

March, Sacred Refuge

C.L. Barnhouse

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray...

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

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. He has destroyed death and brought to us eternal life. With all the witnesses of the resurrection and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

(Tune: Blue Skirt Waltz)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

Lord, God of pow'r and might, hea - ven and earth are

filled, filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high

est, bles - sed is He who comes, comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in 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 in 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

Eucharistic Acclamation

(Tune: Pearly Shells)

Christ has
died; Christ has ri - sen. Christ will come
a - gain for us. Christ has died; Christ is
ri - sen from the dead. Christ will come a - gain for us some - day.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Lamb of God

(Tune: Edelweiss)

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the world's
sin. Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the world's sin. —
— Mer - cy and peace may you grant to us, grant to us for - ev -
er. Lamb of God, Lamb of God, grant to us your peace. —

Hymns during the distribution of Communion...

God of Love

(Tune: *Du, Du Liegst Mir im Herzen*)



1. Lord, Lord, you are the pot - ter, we the ves - sels of clay.
2. Je - sus, we are the branch - es, you are ev - er the vine.
3. We as sheep tend to wan - der, seek - ing trea - sures un - told.



How we long to be mol - ded, look - ing to you, lest we stray. _____
We're re - freshed at the ta - ble, fed with the bread and the wine. _____
Lead us oh gen - tle shep - herd back in - to your lov - ing fold. _____



Al - le - lu - ia, we draw our strength from a - bove. _____



Al - le - lu - ia, trust - ing in you, God of love. _____

Baptized in Water

(Tune: Julida Polka)



(Musical interlude between verses 2 & 3)

1. Bap-tized in wat - er,
2. Fed at your ta - ble,
3. Bap-tized in wat - er,



you call us child - ren, your grace ex - tend - ed we are for - giv - en.
pre - pared for mis - sion. Your pre - cious blood and bo - dy are giv - en.
we are your chil - dren. Fed at your ta - ble, we are co - mis - sioned.



No long - er lost in sin, you grant us free - dom, to live as sons and daugh - ters.
We're strength - ened to serve all peo - ple a - round us! Your feast from hea - ven _____
You send us forth to care for all cre - a - tion, all that you've made and love _____



in your vast king - dom. stounds us!
tru - ly a - - - - - na - - - - - tion!
in ev - 'ry _____



I Love to Go A'Wandering

(Tune: *The Happy Wanderer*)



1. I love to
2. stroll thru
3. moun - tains
4. when at



go a' - wan - der - ing, my Sav - ior's hand in mine, a -
mea - dows green and lush, and splash thru wa - ter falls, The
tall be - fore us stand; the val - leys stretch be - low. The
night the sun doth set, there is yet more to see. The



midst the trees and ho - ney bees and flow'rs of ev' - ry kind.
birds they sing and flap their wings; we hear their va - ried calls.
grand - eur takes my breath a - way; the Lord God made it so.
stars, they span - gle o're the sky, who made all this, tis He.



God of pow'r God of might, God of life, God of



glo - ry, God of joy and de - light, He's ev - er



by my side. We
The
And side.

You Give Us Sunshine

Tune: You Are My Sunshine

1. The warmth of sum - mer,
ma - ker
bread and

the au - tumn bree - zes, the win - ter frost, the green of spring,
of earth and hea - ven, and stars and pla - nets sing your praise;
you give us wine, Lord, the bless - ed fruit of heav'n a - bove.

The sea - sons' chan - ges de - clare your prai - ses, and we join with
we lift our voi - ces to join the cho - rus as we bless your
You give your - self as our dai - ly bread now; a most com - plete dis -

them as we sing. You give us sun - shine and gen - tle rain, Lord. The snow in
won - der - ful ways.
play of your love.

win - ter, morn - ing dew. All that we have Lord, we have been giv - en,

so we give our lives now to you you.

1, 2. 3.

2. You are the
3. You give us

Let Us Sing

(Tune: *Muss i dem*)



1. Let us sing! Let us sing! Let us sing to Christ, our
2. pray. Let us pray. Let us pray to God a -
3. go. Let us go. Let us go and spread God's



King! Sing to Christ, our King, as we thank him for this day. _____ God is
bove. Pray to God a - bove, as we strive to do His will. _____ He will
love. Go and spread God's love, as He first showed love to us. _____ To both



good! God is kind! God will give us peace of mind. Give us peace of mind, if we fol low
hear ev - 'ry prayer and will ans - wer ev - 'ry care. Ans - wer ev - 'ry care, if we lis - ten
neigh - bors and strang - ers and all who cross our path, all who cross our path, to ful - fill God's



in his way! _____ No-thing we can do can change his grace. His love for us
to Him still. _____ He is stand - ing here with op - en arms. Oh, how won - drous
great com mand. _____ As our hearts are filled to o - ver flow - ing, the love of



will nev - er end! _____ Ev - 'ry day, all life long, let us praise his love in song,
is our _____ God! _____ Ev - 'ry mo - ment He's rea - dy to lis - ten to our hearts.
Christ will a - bound! _____ We will go and we'll know that with God's e - ter - nal grace,



pass his love a - long, trust - ing God to lead our way. _____ Let us
Lis ten to our hearts, if we take the time to pray. _____ Let us
all may see his face, when we love them in His name. _____

Psalm 47

Tune: Red Raven Polka

1. Come, clap your hands!
2. Lord has ascend - ed,
3. God rules the na - tions,

Shout with and to the blessed God sound - is his with joy! trium - phets, king - dom! For our Lord God is the All should bow be -

awe - some, and who is ru - ler ov - er all! Fa - ther, who reigns from on high! fore him, how be - fore his feet.

We Our Let's come no - ble to - geth - er King reigns; shout - ing songs of the earth and be - u - ni -

cheer. As we come to - geth - er, glad. Let us come to - geth - er, ty. Spread his love and mer - cy,

our and to Lord praise his ev - 'ry joins ho - ly we here. 2. The name. meet.

The assembly stands

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

+ **The Sending** +

THE BLESSING

Almighty God, Father + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen

SENDING HYMN

Rise Up, Disciples

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THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Happy-Go-Lucky Polka

A.. Hofner


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Rise Up, Disciples

(Tune: Pennsylvania Polka)


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1. Rise up, dis - ci - ples, go tell the good news —
3. Go now, my chil - dren, there's much to be done, —



that God the Son is ri - sen, — Go out, be joy - ful; the King of the Jews —
for ma - ry still don't know me. — Be bold and tell ev' - ry daugh - ter and son —



has van - quished death's dark pri - son. — He came down from hea - ven; he's now ev' - ry - where —
the won - drous old, old sto - ry. — We know it, we feel it, we can't hold it in; —



as God the Ho - ly Spi - rit, — bring - ing hope to all who hear it, and us for
God's love is so e - nor - mous, — mov - ing us to raise the cho - rus: Re - joice ye



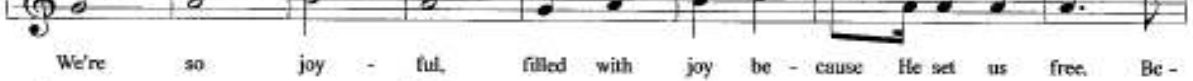
death, we no long - er fear it.
all for He so a - dores us!



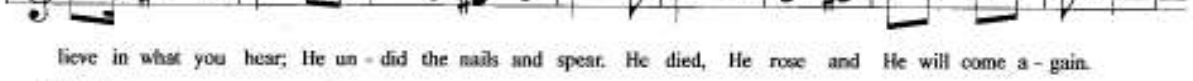
2. As we wor - ship, we sing prais - es to the Three in One.



We give thanks to God a - bove for send - ing us His son.



We're so joy - ful, filled with joy be - cause He set us free, Be -



lieve in what you hear; He un - did the nails and spear. He died, He rose and He will come a - gain.



D.S. al Fine

How the Polka Mass came to be...

Since the time he was a seminarian at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, the Rev. Glenn Beard, Jr. dreamed of having his band perform a Polka Mass. After moving back to his native Lancaster County in the mid-1990s, he began to do some research and put together ideas for the Mass.

Pastor Beard learned about Father Frank Perkovich, a Roman Catholic priest who served several congregations in Minnesota. Fr. Perkovich developed a Polka Mass that quickly became quite popular and he was inducted into the National Polka Hall of Fame because of his work! Fr. Perkovich granted Pr. Beard personal permission to use any or all of his work and inspired Pr. Beard to pursue this work. In 2014, at age 85, Fr. Perkovich celebrated his 60th jubilee with a Polka Mass, of course, in Chisholm, MN. A highlight for Fr. Perkovich was performing the Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome before Pope John Paul II in 1983! "*You Give Us Sunshine*," "*Let Us Sing*" and "*Lord, Teach Us How to Love*" are from Fr. Perkovich's Mass collection.

Others have had an influence on this Polka Mass as well. The Hymn of Praise, "*Glory to God*" is from the work of Pastor Edward Battiste who was serving at St. John Lutheran Church, Greenville, Ohio, when Pastor Beard first reached out to him in 1996. The Hymn of Praise, "*Glory to God*," is based on the popular German tune, the *Liechtensteiner Polka*. Pr. Battiste also granted permission and his blessing to use any or all of his work in developing a service.

It wasn't until late in the year, in 2014, when movement really took off on putting together the "Polka Mass with the Heidelberg Brass Band." An old friend and former member of the band, Dr. C. Jay Hertzog, came to visit Pr. Beard and was asked to use the organ and accordion music Pr. Beard acquired from Fr. Perkovich and Pr. Battiste, to arrange musical parts for brass band. Pr. Beard's wife, Lisa, learned of this request and lit a fire under Hertzog so that the first draft of this Mass could be performed on Sunday, May 17, 2015, in celebration of Pr. Beard's 25th ordination anniversary, at Trinity Lutheran Church, New Holland, PA.

Dr. Hertzog received considerable assistance from a fellow Lutheran who had originally observed a Polka Mass celebrated at Hope Lutheran Church, Palm Desert, CA. Pastor Carl Witt, Jr., at Hope Church, first began celebrating a Polka Mass, using familiar tunes, while serving a congregation in Las Vegas, NV. He indicated that it was always one of the most popular worship services of the year. He, too, granted permission for Pr. Beard to use any and all of the material from his service. "*Come Now and Worship*," the Gospel Acclamation, Eucharistic Acclamation and the Sanctus, *Holy, Holy, Holy*, are all from the Mass as celebrated at Hope, Palm Desert, CA. All of these tunes are familiar and popular.

Lisa Beard wrote original lyrics for the Lamb of God, to the tune of *Edehweis*, as well as four hymns, "*God of Love*," "*I Love to Go A' Wandering*," "*Rise Up, Disciples*," and "*Let Us Sing*." She spent countless hours organizing the original version of this service and deserves an incredible amount of recognition for her work in making this service a reality.

Brent Snyder, a music educator and a wonderful friend of the Beards from their first parish, was an incredible source of wisdom and guidance as hymns were transposed and reworked for use in this service.

"*Baptized in Water*" and "*Psalm 47*" are Pastor Beard's first attempts at hymn-lyric writing, but will likely not be his last!