



Church of the Savior

L U T H E R A N

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Fifth Sunday of Easter



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Welcome to Church of the Savior – Lutheran:

We are a community of believers, seekers, and doubters. We affirm all of God's people just as they are. We are a welcoming and inclusive community that does not require you to change in any way to worship with us.

We strive to make love grow both in our congregational life and in our nursery school. We recognize all the love we have is given to us from the Holy Spirit, we are but reflections of God's love. One of the ways we make love grow is by being accepting and existing the way Jesus taught us; living in harmony together no matter one's race, nationality, or gender. We strive to create and ensure the safest and most loving environment for everyone. We look forward to growing in faith with you.

With Regard to Holy Communion:

We celebrate Holy Communion nearly every week at Church of the Savior. Holy Communion is a sacred meal in which Christ comes to us in bread and wine. "This is my body given for you... This is my blood shed for you." We believe those words to be true. Christ is truly present in Holy Communion. When we receive the bread and wine of this meal, we receive his body and blood "in, with, and under the forms" of the consecrated bread and wine. All of God's beautiful children are welcome to our Lord's table — it's our Lord's table, after all, and all are invited. Let's be clear — it is not "my" table, or "our" table or a "Lutheran" table. It is our Lord's table, and he sends out the invitations — to everyone under the sun. This includes you to come forward just as are.

For the bread we provide two types of host, with gluten and without. If you would like gluten free let Pastor Paul know when you come forward. We offer both red wine and white grape juice.

To the Parents of Children:

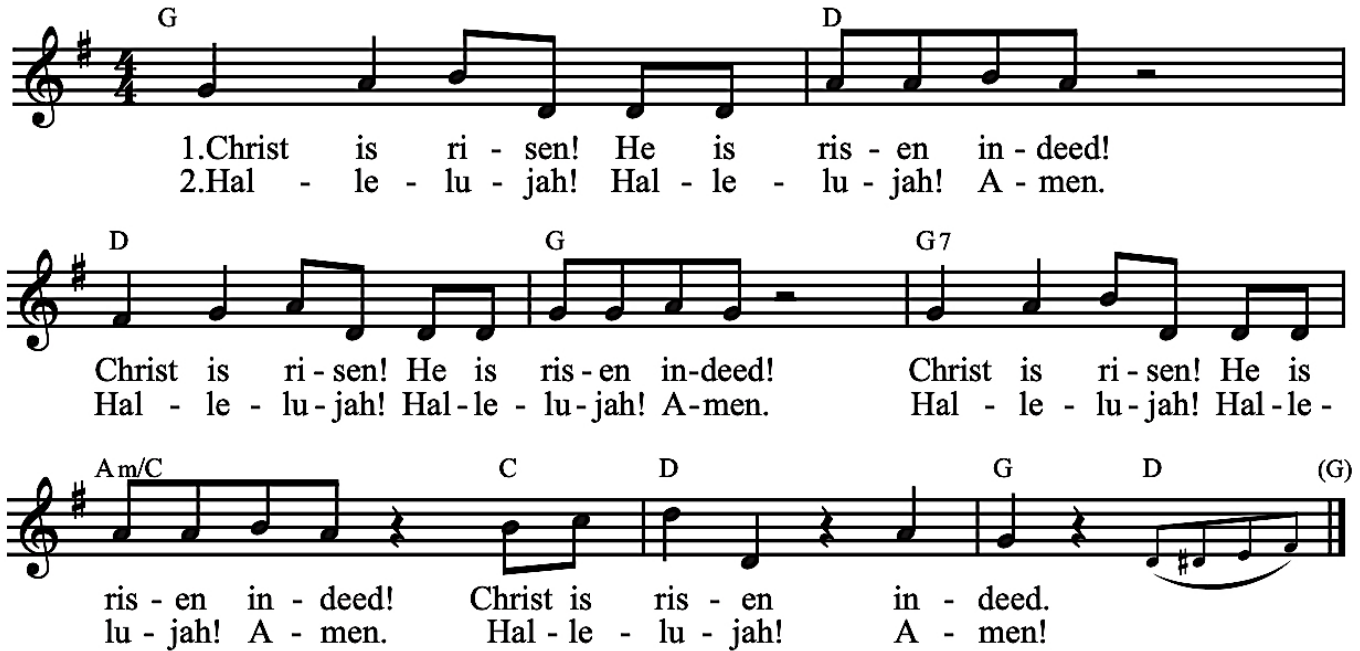
Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is going on. Little one's tire of seeing the back of others' heads.

Explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, ushers, choir, and the people who make worship happen. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in their house of worship. The presence of your child is a gift to Church of the Savior. We are blessed to welcome and worship with our children. We know that it took a lot of work to get to this pew today; you are doing a really good job!

PRELUDE: Christ Is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!



1.Christ is ri - sen! He is ris - en in - deed!
2.Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men.

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Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

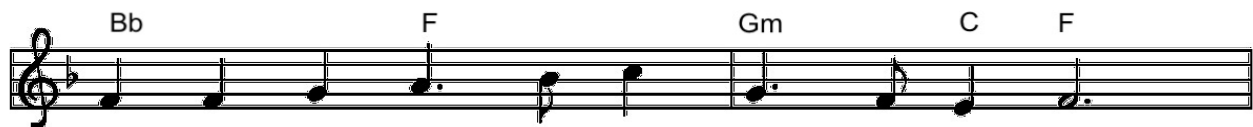
PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Morning and Evening



1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, sun - set and dawn - ing,
 2 Gra - cious Lord, hear me, par - don and spare me;
 3 Ills that still grieve me soon are to leave me;
 4 To God in heav - en all praise be giv - en!



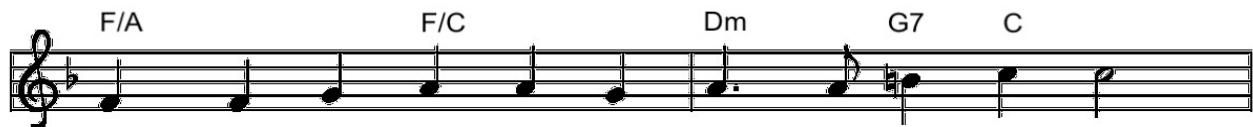
wealth, peace, and glad - ness, com - fort in sad - ness:
 calm all my ter - rors, blot out my er - rors,
 though bil - lows tow - er, and winds gain pow - er,
 O God, we of - fer and glad - ly prof - fer



these are your works, rich in glo - ry di - vine!
 that jus - ti - fied in your sight I may stand,
 af - ter the storm the fair sun shows its face.
 gifts from your hand; these a - lone you will prize:



Times with - out num - ber, a - wake or in slum - ber,
 Or - der my go - ings, di - rect all my do - ings;
 Joys e'er in - creas - ing and peace nev - er ceas - ing;
 hearts that re - ceive you and faith to be - lieve you;



your eye ob - serves us, from dan - ger pre - serves us,
 guard me and guide me and stay close be - side me;
 these shall I trea - sure and share in full mea - sure
 hymns that a - dore you are pre - cious be - fore you



caus - ing your mer - cy up - on us to shine,
 all I com - mit to your fa - ther - ly hand,
 when in your man - sions you grant me a place.
 and to your throne like sweet in - cense a - rise.

GREETING

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

THE GLORIA



- 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

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵ Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

¹ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

² **Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.**

⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

¹⁵ **My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those
who persecute me.**

¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸ and “A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical notation is written on three staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff lines.

Staff 1: Chords: Bb, Gm, F, Eb, Bb/F, F, Bb. Lyrics: Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Staff 2: Chords: Bb, Gm, F, Eb, Bb/F, F, Bb. Lyrics: Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Staff 3: Chords: Bb, F, Gm, D, Eb, Bb/F, F, Bb. Lyrics: Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY: Pastor Paul

HYMN OF THE DAY: I Am the Way

Bill Vollinger 2017

Fine

1."I am the way. I am the way.
2."I am the truth. I am the truth.
3."I am the life. I am the life.

Don't let your hearts be trou - led. I am the way.
Don't let your hearts be trou - led. I am the truth.
Don't let your hearts be trou - led. I am the life.

Be - lieve in God. Be - lieve in me."
Be - lieve in God. Be - lieve in me."
Be - lieve in God. Be - lieve in me."

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.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Response: Receive our prayer.

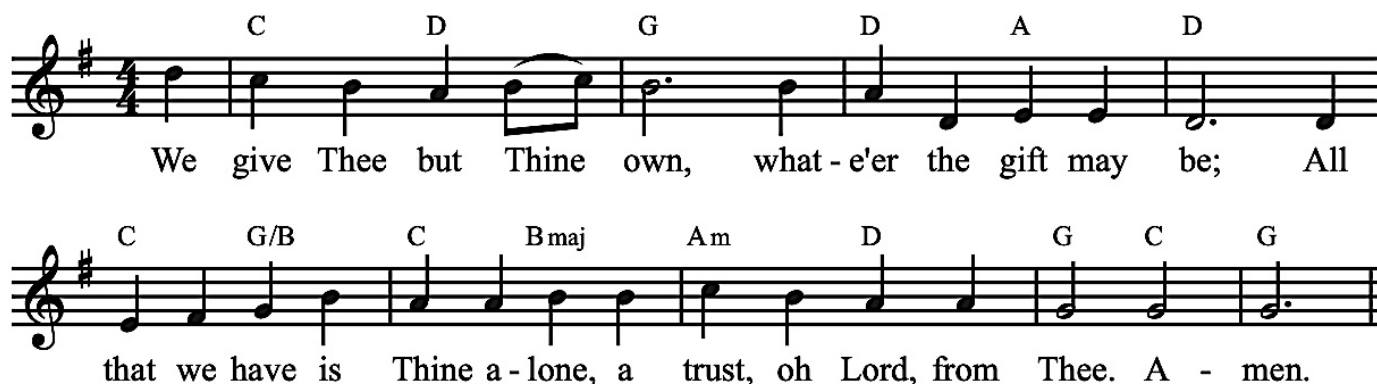
SHARING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC: Choir: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen! (Mozart)

OFFERING



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QR code on right for your offertory giving.



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the offering prayer, with chords C, D, G, D, A, and D written above the notes. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with chords C, G/B, C, Bmaj, Am, D, G, C, and G written above the notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

We give Thee but Thine own, what - e'er the gift may be; All
that we have is Thine a - lone, a trust, oh Lord, from Thee. A - men.

ALL: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

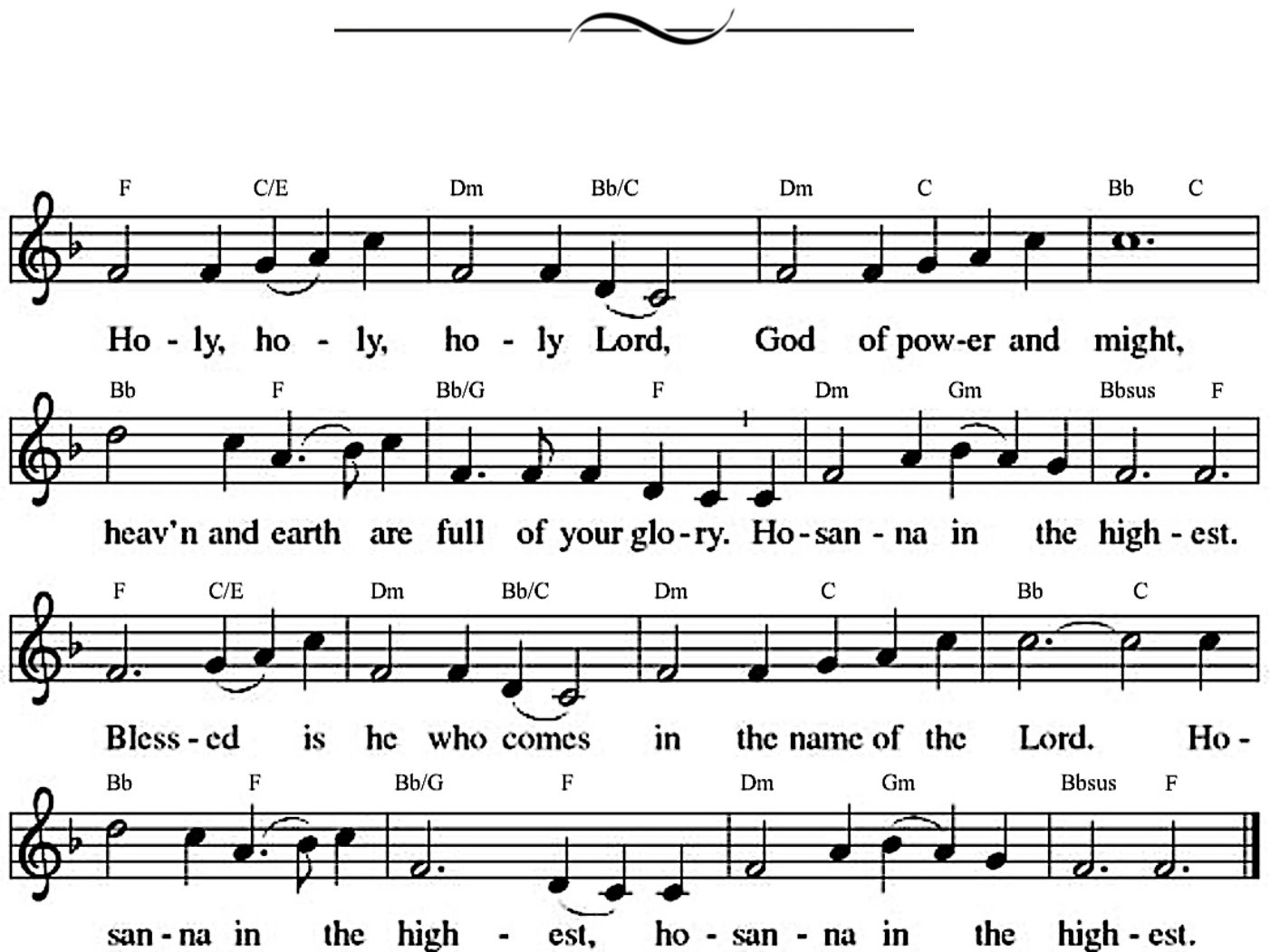
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

PREFACE FOR THE SEASON

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



The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are placed below the notes, and guitar chords are indicated above the staff lines. The music is in a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "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."

F C/E Dm Bb/C Dm C Bb C
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
Bb F Bb/G F Dm Gm Bbsus F
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
F C/E Dm Bb/C Dm C Bb C
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
Bb F Bb/G F Dm Gm Bbsus F
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER


...proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

At conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer


People: Amen

C7 F Dm Gm Bb F Am/E Dm Am/C Bb C



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

Am Gm Dm Bb Bb/G C7 Dm Dm/Bb C F



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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COMMUNION HYMN: Let us Break Bread Together on Our Knees

B \flat 7 E \flat C \flat A \flat B \flat E \flat A \flat

1. Let us break bread to - ge - ther on our knees; _____
 2. Let us drink wine to - ge - ther on our knees; _____

E \flat G \flat /D C \flat F7 B \flat C \flat B \flat /D

— let us break bread to - ge - ther on our knees. _____
 — let us drink wine to - ge - ther on our knees. _____

REFRAIN no chord E \flat E \flat 7/D \flat C7 C7/E F \flat A \flat /E \flat

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

B \flat 7/D B \flat E \flat C \flat A \flat 7 B \flat A \flat /E \flat F \flat E \flat

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me. _____

B \flat 7 E \flat C \flat A \flat B \flat E \flat A \flat

3. Let us praise God to - ge - ther on our knees; _____

E \flat E \flat 7 A \flat B \flat E \flat /G F \flat /A \flat B \flat 7/F *REFRAIN*

— Let us praise God to - ge - ther on our knees. _____



COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace! **Amen.**

G Em Am/C D



Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,

G C G/D D G



the peo-ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave.

G Em Am/C D



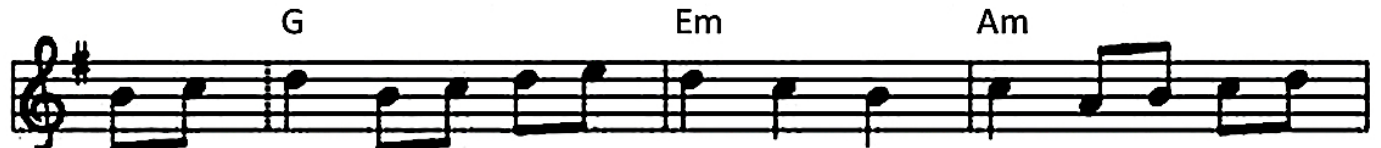
The sup-per is end-ed. Oh, now be ex-tend-ed

G C G/D D G



the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.

G Em Am



The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls

D7 G Em D/A A D



reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.

G Em Am/C D



Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us

G C G/D D G



to work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

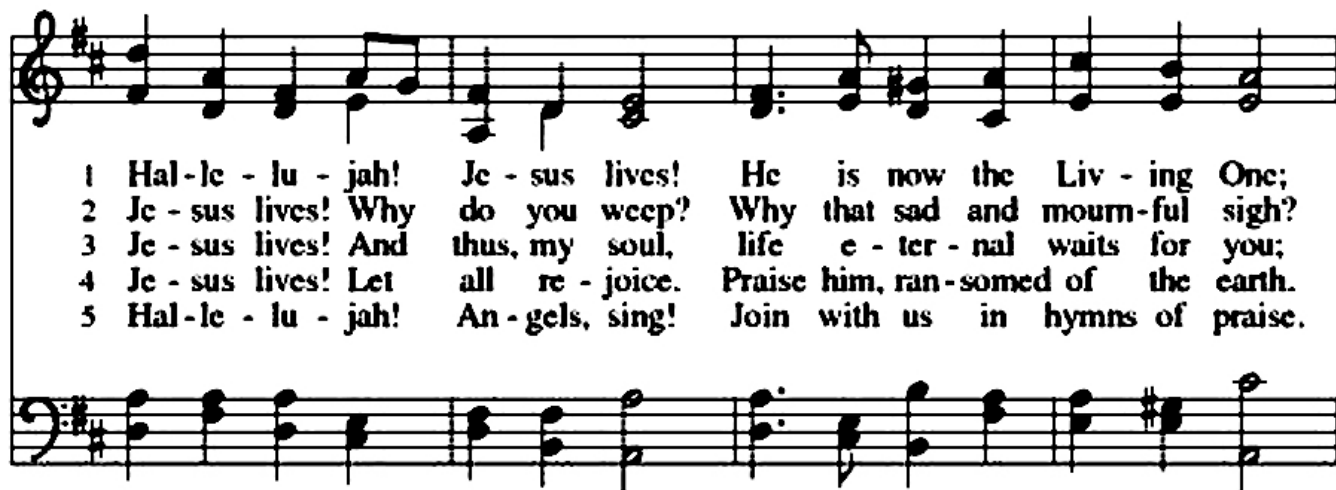
DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

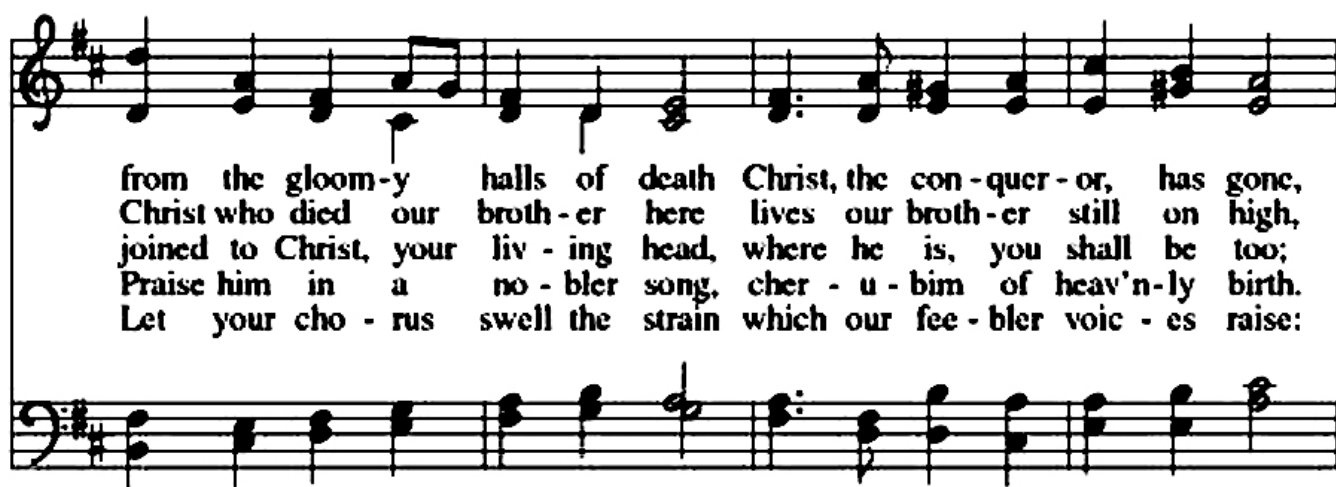
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!


*Go Now
in Peace*

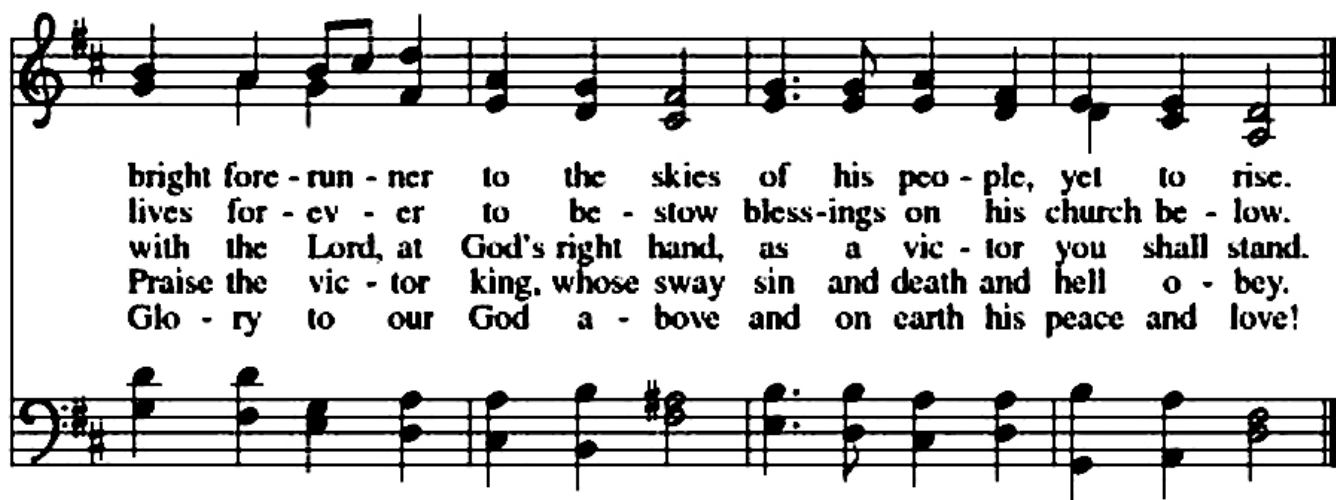
RECESSIONAL HYMN: Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!



1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn-ful sigh?
3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran-somed of the earth.
5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con-quer-or, has gone,
Christ who died our broth-er here lives our broth-er still on high,
joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth.
Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless-ings on his church be - low.
with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.
Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!





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L U T H E R A N

SERVING TODAY

DATE	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASST.	USHER
May 3	Michael Chomin	Susan Conrad	Ed Moderacki
May 10	Maggie Harrer	Vicki Coyle	Rick Henly
May 17	Sally Leara	Brenda Heydt	Antoinette Walder

FLOWERS

May 3	For: In Memory of the Matjasimski, Keese and Duffy families
	From: Marge Duffy
May 10	For: To celebrate all the women who serve as mothers in our lives
	From: Laurie Feingold
May 17	For: 42nd Wedding Anniversary
	From: Wendy & Dennis McFarland

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 3	Sunday School & Coffee Hour
May 16	Community Yard Sale from 9am—3pm
May 17	Sunday School
	Congregational Meeting
May 18	Council Meeting: 7pm Room
May 25	Memorial Day Church & School Closed
May 31	Wee Worship

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