



ASCENSION  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

*Divine Service*  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*Christ has risen from the  
dead. God the Father  
has crowned him with  
glory and honor,  
He has given him  
dominion over the  
works of his hands; he  
has put all things under  
his feet.*

**Gradual**

adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

*Friends of God,*

Alleluia. In the world you will have  
tribulation. But take heart:

I have overcome the world. Alleluia

John 16:33b

Holy Spirit, purify our wills by  
helping us surrender to the greater  
will of God. Intervene in our lives,  
expel Satan, and fill us with the way  
of Christ, Who taught us to pray,  
“Thy will be done.” Amen.

**Richard F. Bansemer**

*We Believe: A Prayer Book Based on the  
Augsburg Confession, p. 81*

MAY 10, 2026 ✝ 8:30 AM & 11 AM

## SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We are so glad that you are here! This is God's House and He put the wiggle in children, so please feel completely at home.

**Sit towards the front:** That's where children can easily see the procession, note the colors and watch the pastor and leaders.

**Help your child look and listen:** Tell them key words that will be used often. Point out crosses, banners and other reminders of Jesus and His Good News.

**Participate joyfully!** Sing, fold your hands for prayer, stand and kneel. Bring them to the Communion rail for a blessing. Your child will model your actions. He or she watches everything that you do.

**Involve your child:** Encourage them to say and pray their parts: *"Amen. Lord have mercy. I believe... Our Father..."* Ascension at Prayer allows you to learn songs and prayers ahead of time so that children recognize them as their own.

**If You and Your Child Must Leave:** There is a nursery for emergencies, but please come back. What we do here promises to engage your children little-by-little and shape them powerfully and forever.

**Rainbow Activity Bags are available at the Usher Table for children five and under.**

If you need help, just ask! We are here to serve Jesus who said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16)



## WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

If you are a visitor, we are delighted to have you join us in worshiping God and hearing His Word! Please take a moment after the service to introduce yourself to our pastor. You are cordially invited to join in our congregation's fellowship and study of God's Word between services and all week long.



## ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

Our greatest desire is to share in the blessing of the Lord's Supper with you! Since this meal unites us spiritually by faith in the Word of God, we ask that you come having prepared your heart. Please read the following questions. If your answer to each is "Yes" then joyfully receive the Lord's gift in His Sacrament.

- Do you come to the Lord's Table for assurance of forgiveness, healing from doubt and shame, and to receive God's gift of a holy life and reconciliation through Jesus?
- Have you been baptized and instructed in the sacrament so that you come to confess the holy, catholic and apostolic faith along with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod?
- Do you believe Jesus' words, that the bread and the wine are, in fact, His own body and blood, given and shed for you?

We invite all those who are not prepared to commune to join our study of God's Word and to speak to our pastor for direction. In the meantime, we invite you to receive a blessing at God's altar this morning. Please fold your hands over your heart during the distribution of the sacrament and join in our prayers for God restore us through repentance, to unity and holiness in Christ alone.

**The "white" individual cups at the center of each tray are alcohol-free.  
For gluten-free communion, please ask the pastor prior to the service.**

# Gathered Together...

## PRELUDE

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

*Don Hustad*

## EASTER GREETING

*Luke 24:6-7; Romans 6:9*

*Stand.*

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Greet one another with the Easter Blessing. Say "Christ is Risen!" and reply, "He is risen indeed!"*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

*Psalm 57:9; 100:4-5*

*Please stand. Turn and face the cross in procession.*

**488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word** ♪ 395 *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright v. 5-6*

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled  
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.  
My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -  
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.  
O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,  
Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

5 O let the harps break forth in  
sound!  
Our joy be all with music  
crowned,  
Our voices gladly blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the  
way—

Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out!  
Jubilation!  
Exultation!  
Tell the story!  
Great is He, the King of Glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is  
past,  
The Lord we love is first and last,  
The end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious  
grace,

Transport us to that happy place  
Beyond all tears and sinning!  
Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!  
Crown of gladness! We are yearning  
For the day of Your returning!

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

- 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.

*Kneel or sit forward. Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- 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** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

*Stand.*

## INTROIT

*Psalm 119:90-93; antiphon: Psalm 119:105, 89*



*Pastor sings antiphon. All sing verses and Gloria.*

Your word is a lamp | to my feet\*  
and a light | to my path.  
Forever, | O LORD,\*  
your word is firmly fixed in the | heavens.

Your faithfulness endures to all gener- |  
ations;\*  
you have established the earth, and it |  
stands fast.

By your appointment they | stand this day,\*  
for all things are your | servants.

Your word is a lamp | to my feet\*  
and a light | to my path.  
Forever, | O LORD,\*  
your word is firmly fixed in the | heavens.

If your law had not been | my delight,\*  
I would have perished in my af- | fliction.  
I will never forget your | precepts,\*  
for by them you have giv- | en me life.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

# KYRIE

Mark 10:47

## Refrain

"Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison" means "Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy."

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son,  
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Lord Jesus, You came to gather the nations into the peace of God's Kingdom. **Refrain**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness. **Refrain**

You will come in glory with salvation for Your people. **Refrain**

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

## Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.  
1. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fath-er, we  
wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry. *Refrain*  
2. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fath-er, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us;  
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fath-er: re-ceive our prayer. *Refrain*

3. For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord.

You a - lone are the Most High Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho-ly Spir-it in the glo-ry of God the Fath-er. A-men. *Refrain*

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

Sit.



The way to true personality leads not through a petty decomposition of God's commandments into innumerable rules dominating every situation in life. Rather the way leads through the opening of oneself to the sun of God. It means being filled with joy by the glory of God, longing to see and to know oneself in His light and in confrontation with Him. This path leads through a love enkindled by the divine beauty of Christ, a love that gives ardor and power to one's will to walk in the ways of the Lord. It implies making room in oneself for the life given in Holy Baptism, making room for God to speak in us...it means especially the clear understanding that we are impotent to form Christ in our soul by our own efforts, but the Lord must transform us. That we cannot save ourselves by our own power, but only by the power of Christ. It requires prayer for the right thoughts and decisions, prayer for love, grasping the fact that our task is a free surrender to grace, letting ourselves be transformed by God.

Dietrich von Hildebrand, *Liturgy and Personality*, ch. 10

# ...Around the Word...

## FIRST READING

ACTS 17:16-31

**A** The First Reading is from Acts, the seventeenth chapter.

While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babblers wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of

heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for

“In him we live and move and have our being”;

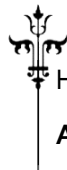
as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we are indeed his offspring.”

Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



He who desires nothing but God is rich and happy.

Alphonsus Ligouri†

## EPISTLE

1 PETER 3:13-22

**A** The Epistle is from First Peter, the third chapter.

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he

might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand.*

## GOSPEL VERSE

John 6:68

*The assembly sings the refrain twice.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 14:15-21

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the

world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## NICENE CREED

<b>C</b> I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.	Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy. 6:4 Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3 Genesis 1:1; John 1:1 Colossians 1:16
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.	Romans 10:9 John 3:16; Matthew 16:16 John 1:2 John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1 Colossians 2:9 John 1:2 John 10:30 Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3 1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23 John 4:41; Luke 15:20 Luke 1:34-35 John 1:14 Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18 John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53 1 Cor. 15:4 Acts 1:9 Acts 7:55 Matthew 26:64 Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12 2 Peter 1:11
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 $\dagger$ of the world to come. Amen.	John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38 Genesis 1:2; 1 John 3:6 John 15:26 Lk 2:14 Ezekiel 11:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21 1 Pt 2:5; Eph. 2:19ff Eph. 4:5; Acts 2:38 1 Cor. 15:35-49; 1 Thess. 4:13-18 Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42 Psalm 106:48

**Us men means all people.**  
**Christian: the ancient text reads “catholic,” meaning the whole**  
**Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.**

*Sit. The children may be invited forward for a children’s message.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

## 732 All Depends on Our Possessing



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant  
2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y  
3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles  
4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, Hope a - new my



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.  
joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.  
and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.  
heart will quick - en; All my long - ing shall be stilled.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en By their God are  
He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly  
I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me  
To His lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der Soul and bod - y



not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.  
guides and rules me Will re - main my help di - vine.  
last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.  
I sur - ren - der, For on God a - lone I build.

5 Well He knows what best to  
grant me;  
All the longing hopes that haunt  
me,  
Joy and sorrow, have their day.  
I shall doubt His wisdom never;  
As God wills, so be it ever;  
I commit to Him my way.

6 If my days on earth He  
lengthen,  
God my weary soul will  
strengthen;  
All my trust in Him I place.  
Earthly wealth is not abiding,  
Like a stream away is gliding;  
Safe I anchor in His grace.

## SERMON

### SUPPLICATION OF THE FAITHFUL

*Ephesians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 11:26*

- P** Heavenly Father, strengthen us, your unworthy servants, for Your service with the power of Your Holy Spirit.
- C** Now let us, the faithful, proclaim the death of the Lord, confess His resurrection, and await His coming with joy. Amen.

# FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO A CHURCH WORK STUDENT

*The student is presented before the altar. The pastor addresses the congregation:*

**P** Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Benjamin Finlay whose faith and life have been nurtured in this congregation, has been led to enter upon a course of study to prepare him to serve as a Pastor in the Church. As he begins his study, we look to the Word of God for encouragement, strength, and guidance.

*Passages of Holy Scripture are read.*

*Romans 12:3–8; Colossians 3:15–17*

Commit your way | to the LORD,\*  
trust in him, and | he will act. **Sung responsively (Tone 1)**  
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!\*  
Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with | singing!

**Know that the LORD, | he is God!\***  
**It is he who made us, and we are his;**  
**we are his people, and the sheep of his | pasture.**  
**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his | courts with praise!\***  
**Give thanks to him; | bless his name!**

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for- | ever,\*  
and his faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

**Glorify to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

*Psalm 37:5, 100*

*The student kneels at the altar. All others stand.*

**P** Let us pray.  
O Lord God, merciful and gracious Father, we give thanks for all the blessings You have bestowed on Benjamin Finlay who has been moved to begin preparation for noble work in Your kingdom. By Your Holy Spirit, grant him a receptive mind and a devoted heart to hear and learn Your holy Word. Grant him the ability to serve You faithfully and effectively after his instruction is completed. Support, strengthen, and protect him during the years that lie ahead so that by Your Word Your Church may be built and increased; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

Heavenly Father, of all the help and blessing you have bestowed on Benjamin, we praise you chiefly for Caroline, his beloved wife, who is your own daughter, anchored with him in Christ by Your Word and promise. Reward her sacrifice by returning her husband to her in still greater faithfulness and adoration. Guard and strengthen her in joy and make her wise and diligent in service though daily communion with Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Go in peace and joy. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and bless and strengthen you for faithful service in His name.

**C** Amen.

# ...And Blessed

All those wishing to commune should examine themselves, as in the following prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, You call to Yourself all those who labor and are heavy burdened, to refresh them and to give rest to their souls. Dear Lord, I pray, let me also experience Your love at the heavenly feast, which You have prepared for Your children on earth. Rescue me here from impenitence and unbelief, so that I do not receive the Sacrament to my damnation. Remove the spotted garment of my flesh and my own righteousness and adorn me with the garment earned by Your blood. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and hereafter make me to sit at Your heavenly table, where You give me to eat of the eternal manna and to drink of the river of Your pleasures. Hear me for Your own sake. Amen.



And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:20

## OFFERING & VOLUNTARY

Please place your tithes and offerings in the plates as the ushers pass by.  
Take a moment to sign and pass along the red books found at the end of each pew.

## OFFERTORY

All stand as the congregation's offerings are brought forward to the altar.

### 774 Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy

Feed Thy chil - dren, God most ho - ly; Com - fort sin - ners  
poor and low - ly. O Thou Bread of Life from heav-en, Bless the  
food Thou here hast giv - en! As these gifts the bod-y nour - ish,  
May our souls in grac - es flour - ish Till with saints in  
heav'n - ly splen - dor At Thy feast due thanks we ren - der.

# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

**L** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** That each Christian, strengthened by the good news of life in Christ, would gladly tell others of the hope that they have, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For this congregation and its catechumens, who have received the Spirit of truth in Holy Baptism, that they may not turn to sin and unbelief but turn ever to Christ and, finding help, always praise God before the world, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For our mothers, that with thanksgiving we may honor them aright as Christ honored and obeyed His mother while here on earth; for all women with child, that God would give them safe delivery; and for all women who long to have children but cannot, that they may find their consolation and fulfillment in Christ and His unfailing love, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the leaders of all nations, that those who seek peace and serve justice would be sustained in their service; and that all who cause evil, violence or oppression would be frustrated, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For faith to offer prayer, in all seasons of life and through all trials, to the One who attends to our every cry. We pray especially for...

*our members*

**Hanna** Bennes  
**John** Henry  
**Janice** Edwards  
**Ardith** Hertzog  
**Jasmine** Timm  
**James** Dake  
**Peri** Hertzog  
**Tony** Byrum  
**Cissi** Burtner  
**Elaine** Elston

and rejoice with...

*our family birthdays:*

**Dewey** Bryson  
**Tom** Hagen  
**Christian** Bennes  
**Valerie** Tarnacki

*those at home:*

**Janet** Miller  
**Lauri** MacDonald  
**Lila** Thompson  
**Doris** Falconieri  
**Jackie** Elam  
**Tom** Hagen  
**Karen** Priebe  
**Roy & Sharon** Gugel  
**Mary** Keefauver  
**Helen** Gounis  
**Louise** Nordman

**Daniel** Richard  
**Bryan** Lucatero  
**Kevin** Bowman

*those dear to us:*

**Levi** Harris  
**Al** Nicholas  
**Hermione** Moul  
**Cassandra** Shropshire

*praise & thanksgiving:*

**St. Peter's** Lutheran  
**Minister Jerrod** Drye

let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For all who receive Holy Communion today, that they would know Christ who does not leave us as orphans, but strengthens the faith and equips the love of His penitent children with His very body and blood, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** We entrust all these petitions to Your care, loving Father, confident in Your great mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is worshiped together with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## PREFACE

*2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136*

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**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:



Make a reckoning! Thunderous Word!

Johann Sebastian Bach

## SANCTUS

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** 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.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matt 26:26f; Mk 14:22f; Lk 22:19f; 1 Cor 11:23f*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI

*John 20:19*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

*John 1:29; Revelation 5:6, 12*

1. 2. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

3. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Sit.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### 603 We Know That Christ Is Raised

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| 1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.<br>Embraced by death, He broke its fearful hold;<br>And our despair He turned to blazing joy.<br>Alleluia!    | 2 We share by water in His saving death.<br>Reborn, we share with Him an Easter life<br>As living members of a living Christ.<br>Alleluia! |
| 3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.<br>The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God.<br>Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.<br>Alleluia! |  |

### 570 Just as I Am, without One Plea

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| 1 Just as I am, without one plea<br>But that Thy blood was shed for me<br>And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,<br>O Lamb of God, I come, I come.   | 4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;<br>Sight, riches, healing of the mind,<br>Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,<br>O Lamb of God, I come, I come. |
| 2 Just as I am and waiting not<br>To rid my soul of one dark blot,<br>To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,<br>O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  | 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,<br>Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;<br>Because Thy promise I believe,<br>O Lamb of God, I come, I come.    |
| 3 Just as I am, though tossed about<br>With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,<br>Fightings and fears within, without,<br>O Lamb of God, I come, I come. | 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown<br>Has broken ev'ry barrier down;<br>Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,<br>O Lamb of God, I come, I come.           |

*After communing it is right to quietly give thanks, as in the following prayer:*

*Merciful Redeemer, You have raised me up to partake at Your table with those who witnessed Your death upon the cross and beheld Your glorious resurrection. Let Your body and Your blood, which You have given to me in the bread and the cup, preserve me from all fear, for You have breathed on me Your peace and the forgiveness of all my sins. Let these gifts work in me true faith that overcomes unbelief and doubt, and the fullness of wisdom that conquers temptation and evil desires according to Your Word, for love unfeigned and for the observing of Your commandments.*

*Show me to be where Your Holy Spirit comes to dwell, and where sin is ever cast out so that, together with these beloved brothers and sisters, I may dwell in Your Kingdom and in holiness, always remembering Your grace and living no longer for myself, but for You, my Lord. So may I share the bread of life with my neighbors and be ever glad, even to depart this life, confident in Your promised rest and the delight of beholding Your beauty forever, to Whom is all power and glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

## 680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

- 1 Thine the amen Thine the praise  
Alleluias angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head  
Thine the breaking of the bread  
Thine the glory Thine the story  
Thine the harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard then the cup is  
lifted up lifted up.
- 2 Thine the life eternally  
Thine the promise let there be  
Thine the vision Thine the tree  
All the earth on bended knee  
Gone the nailing gone the railing  
Gone the pleading gone the cry  
Gone the sighing gone the dying  
what was loss lifted high.
- 3 Thine the truly Thine the yes  
Thine the table we the guest  
Thine the mercy all from Thee  
Thine the glory yet to be  
Then the ringing and the singing  
Then the end of all the war  
Thine the living Thine the loving  
evermore evermore.
- 4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize  
Thine the wonder full surprise  
Thine the banquet then the praise  
Then the justice of Thy ways  
Thine the glory Thine the story  
Then the welcome to the least  
Then the wonder all increasing at  
Thy feast at Thy feast.
- 5 Thine the glory in the night / No more dying only light  
Thine the river Thine the tree / Then the Lamb eternally  
Then the holy holy holy / Celebration jubilee  
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

*Stand.*

## DISMISSAL

*Isaiah 41:10; Romans 5:9-10; Hebrews 9:14; 10:19*

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body  
and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION LITANY

*Psalms 107:1*

- L** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** for His mercy endures forever.
- L** Let us pray.  
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to  
come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true  
faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may,  
together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His  
kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives  
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.
- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with your spirit.
- L** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

- P** 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** Amen.

## DEPARTING HYMN

### 941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;  
3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,  
4 You sit in splen - did glo - ry, en - throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.  
The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise.  
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:  
Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com - mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,  
The mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,  
You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,  
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:  
Sing with the ho - ly Church through-out all the world this song:  
Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;  
So help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;



“O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
“O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,  
Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—  
May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!”  
And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!”  
You o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.  
In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

## POSTLUDE

### Hungarian etude

MacDowell

*Altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Cecilia Pence, Louise Pence, and Carolyn Broome by the Broome and Pence Family.*

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

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### ASCENSION SOUP KITCHEN

**Served lunch to 118 guests this Tuesday.**

The soup kitchen furnishes a hot, well-balanced and fresh lunch every Tuesday from 11am-12:00pm. Everyone is welcome! No ID or referral needed. Currently service is to-go for pick-up in the parking lot.

**Soli Deo Gloria!**

### ASCENSION FOOD PANTRY

**Distributed one week of groceries to 36 families, 87 family members on 5/1 & 5/4.**

The food pantry distributes a week's worth of healthy groceries to individuals with a Nourish Up referral, Mondays and Fridays, 11am-1:30pm. *In need of a referral?* Call the church office at 704-372-7317. Anyone in need will be eligible for up to 12 weeks of groceries per year.

**Soli Deo Gloria!**

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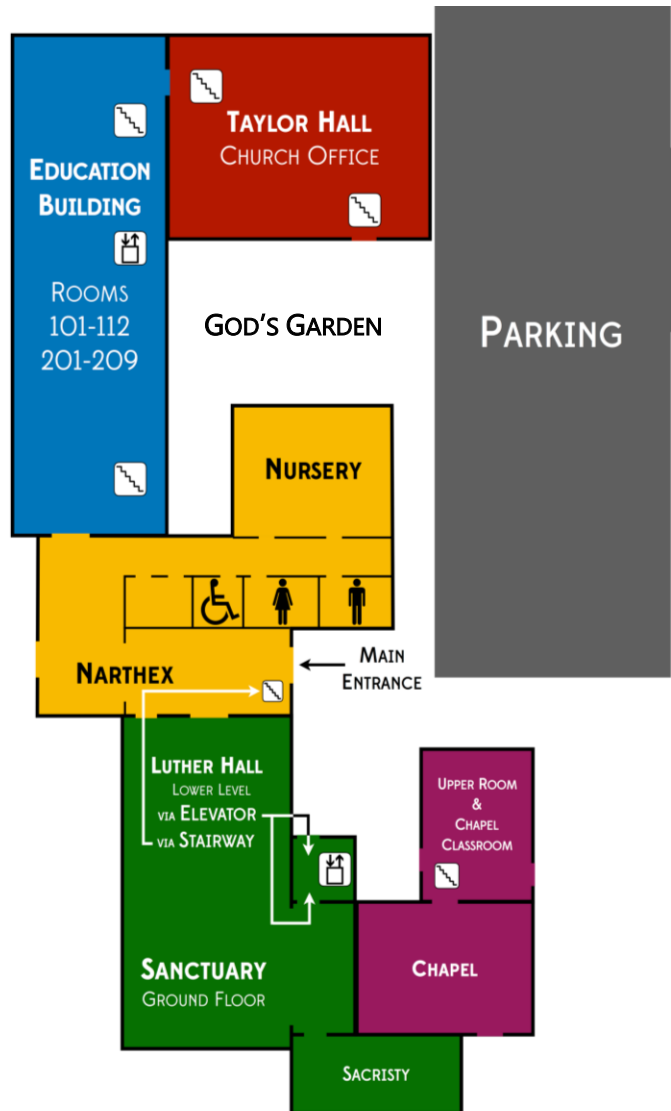
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Serving to-go lunches in the parking lot.

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

Find out the way we receive the Christian Faith in the Lutheran tradition each week.



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