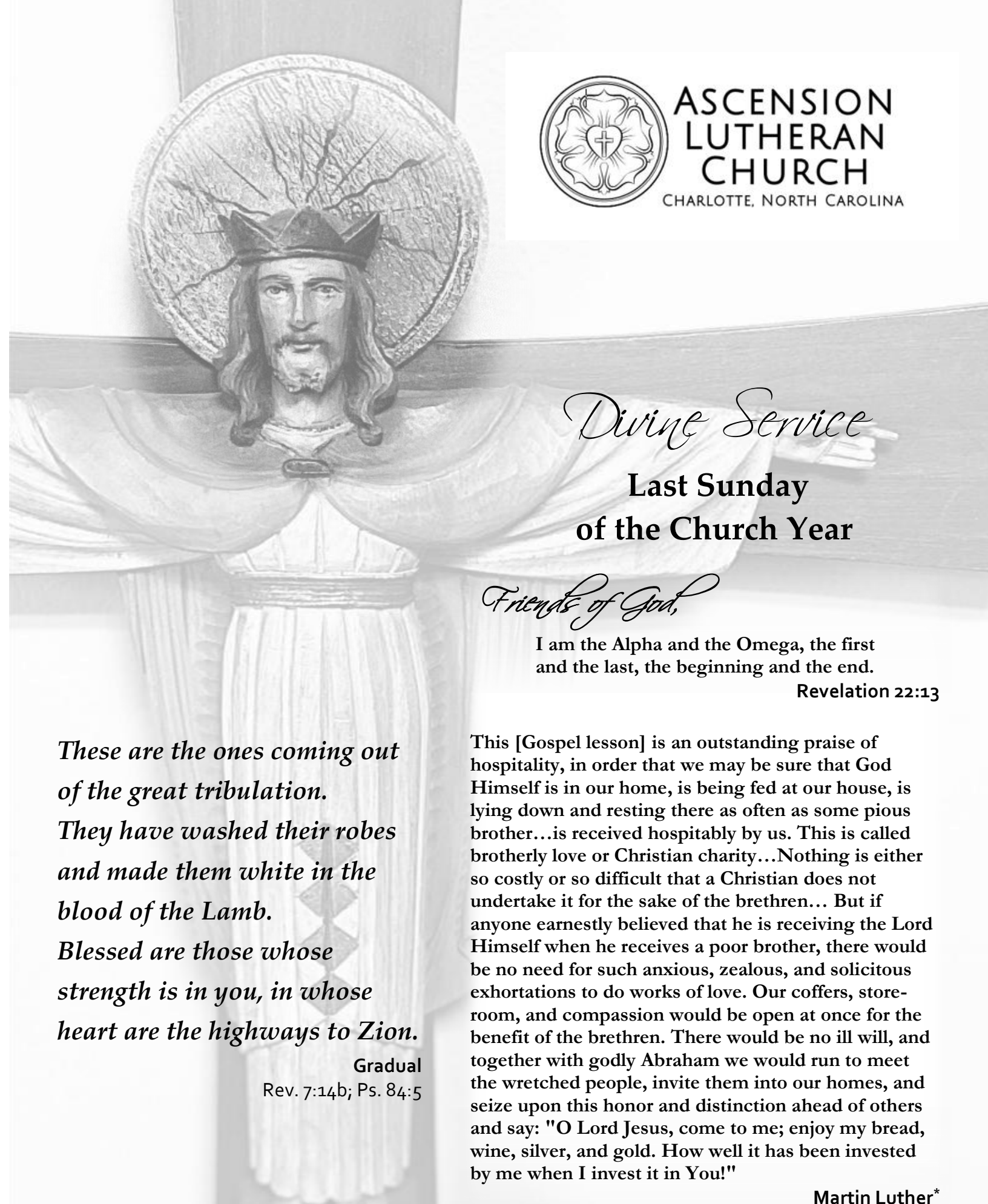


ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Divine Service

Last Sunday of the Church Year

Friends of God,

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.
Revelation 22:13

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Gradual
Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5

This [Gospel lesson] is an outstanding praise of hospitality, in order that we may be sure that God Himself is in our home, is being fed at our house, is lying down and resting there as often as some pious brother…is received hospitably by us. This is called brotherly love or Christian charity…Nothing is either so costly or so difficult that a Christian does not undertake it for the sake of the brethren… But if anyone earnestly believed that he is receiving the Lord Himself when he receives a poor brother, there would be no need for such anxious, zealous, and solicitous exhortations to do works of love. Our coffers, store-room, and compassion would be open at once for the benefit of the brethren. There would be no ill will, and together with godly Abraham we would run to meet the wretched people, invite them into our homes, and seize upon this honor and distinction ahead of others and say: "O Lord Jesus, come to me; enjoy my bread, wine, silver, and gold. How well it has been invested by me when I invest it in You!"

Martin Luther*

NOVEMBER 22, 2026 ✝ 8:30AM & 11:00AM

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 to 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

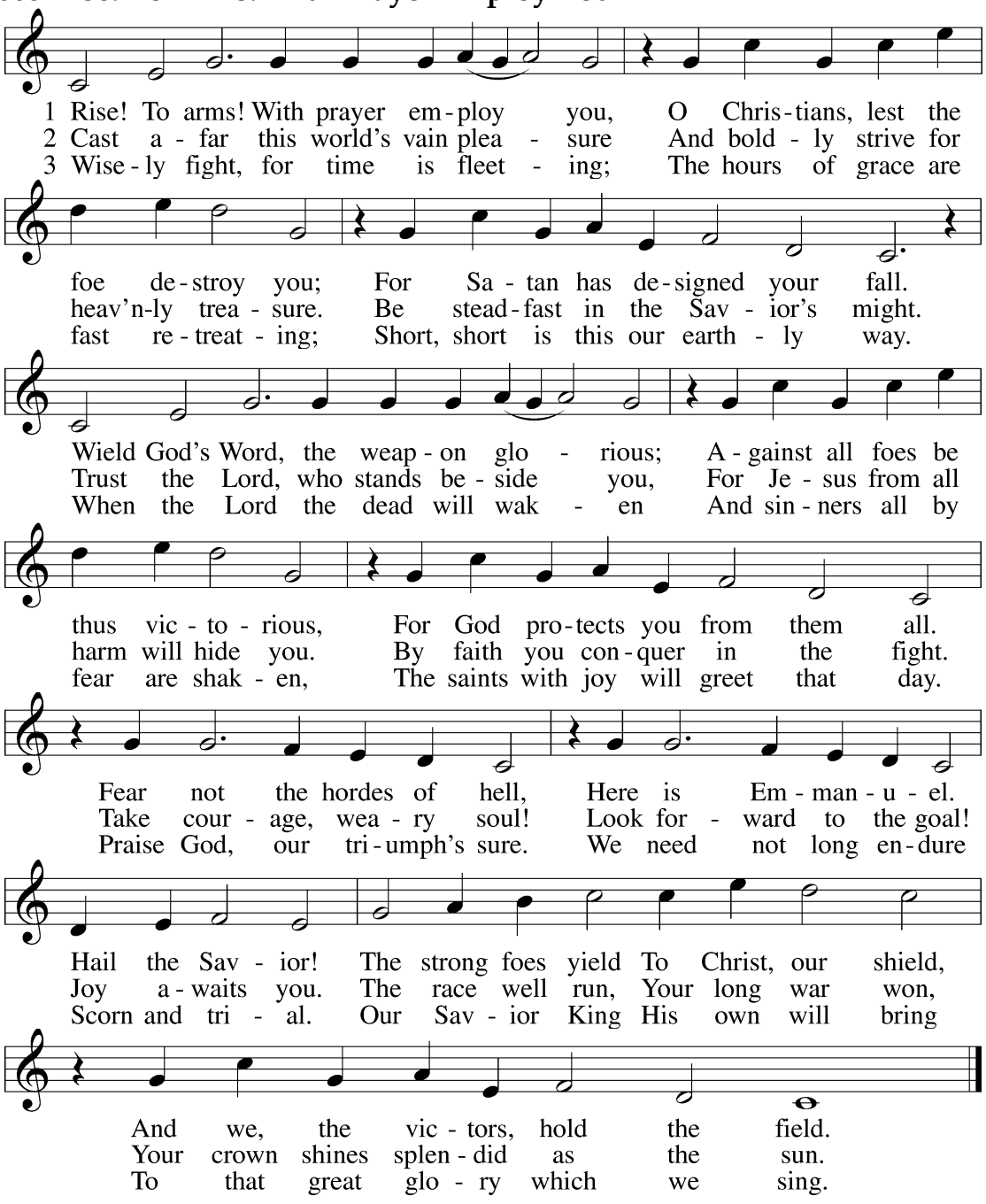
Fantasy in A Minor *J. S. Bach*

As the prelude begins, please prepare for worship by composing yourself for prayer.
At the end of the announcements, please stand.

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

Turn and face the cross in procession.

668 Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You



Invocation

1 Kings 8:27-30; Matthew 18:20; 28:18-20

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession and 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.** *1 John 1:8-9*

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.**

Luke 18:13-14

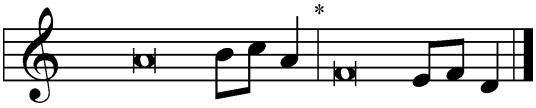
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 5:8; John 3:16; John 20:21-23*

C **Amen.**

Stand.

Introit

Psalm 39:4-5a, 7-8, 12; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13



Leader sings antiphon. All sing verses and Gloria.

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,*
the home of | righteousness.

O Lord, make me know my end and
what is the measure | of my days;*
let me know how fleeting | I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,*
and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*
My hope | is in you.

Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*
Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

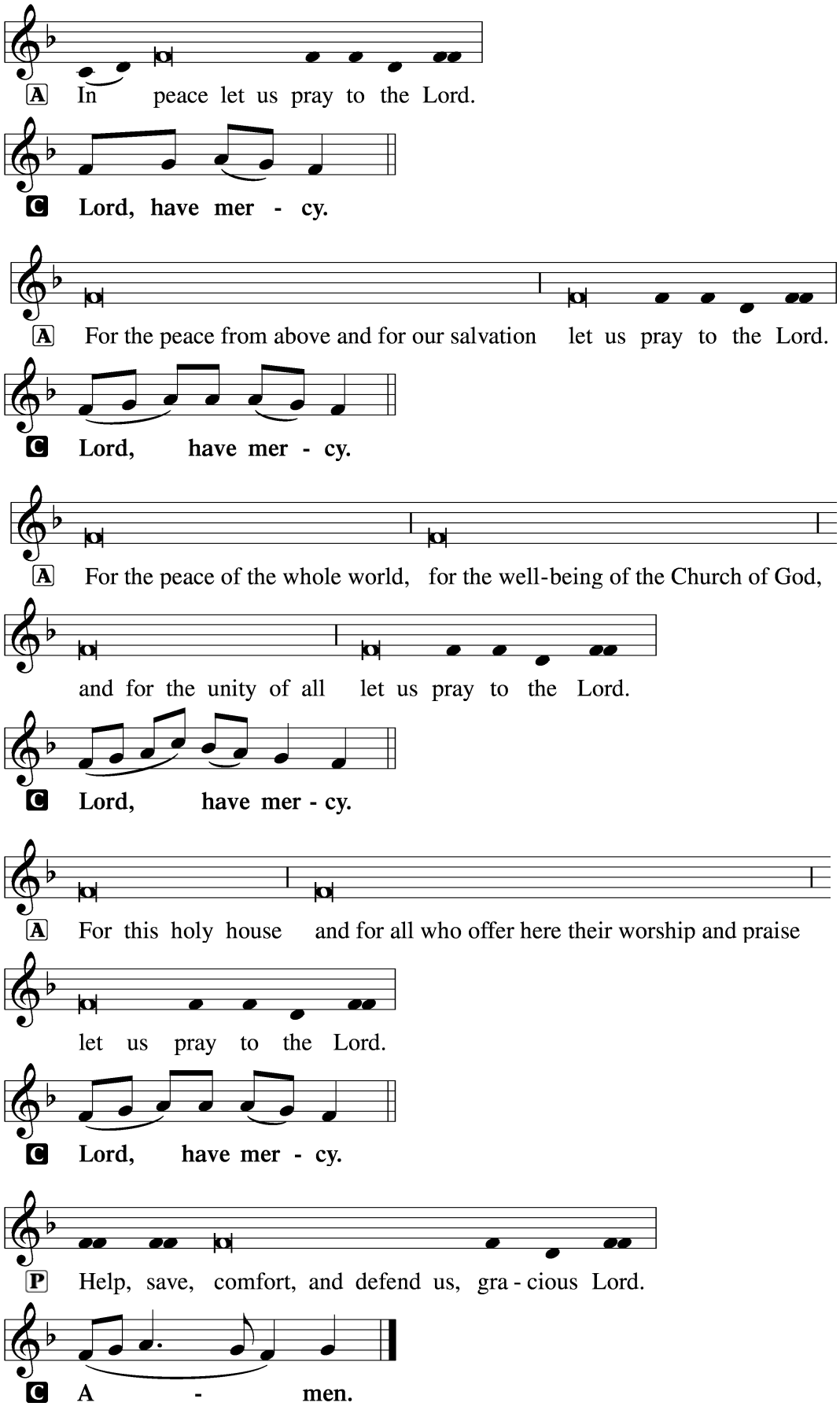
Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace | at my tears!*
For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my | fathers.

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.

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,* the home of | righteousness.

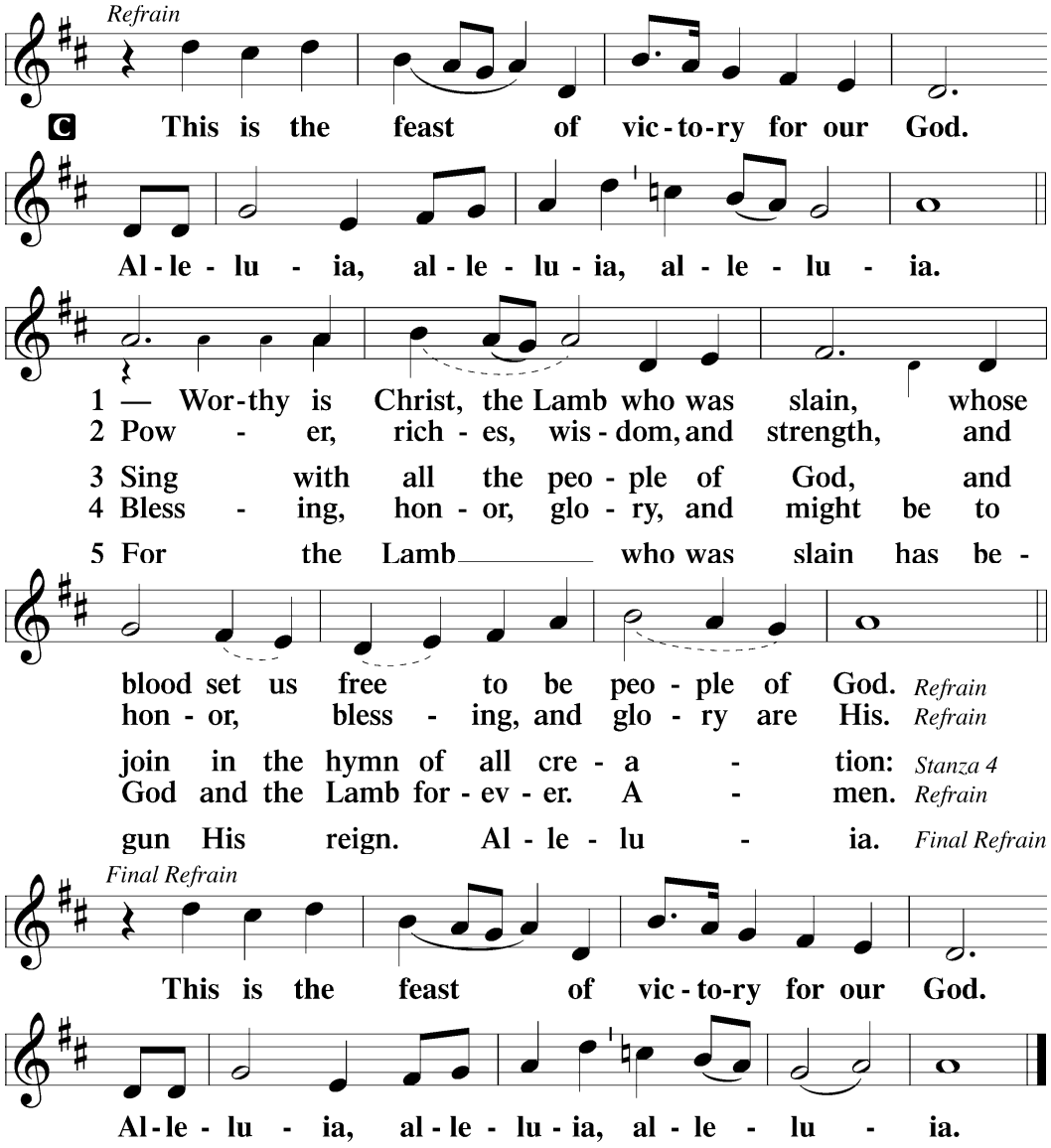
KYRIE

Mark 10:47; Luke 18:13; Romans 8:34; 1 John 2:1



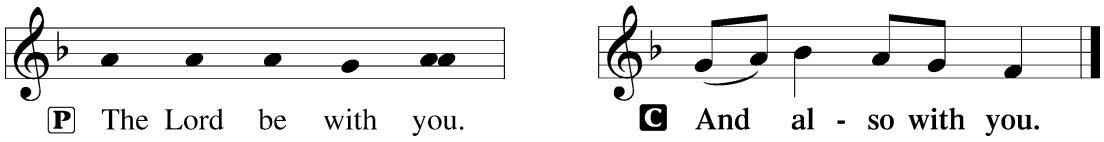
This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9



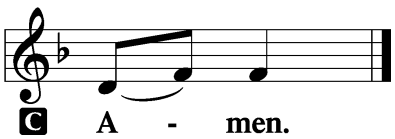
Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22



P Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit.

..Around the Word...

Old Testament Reading — *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

A The Old Testament Reading is from Ezekiel, the thirty-fourth chapter.

"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle — *1 Corinthians 15:20-28*

A The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

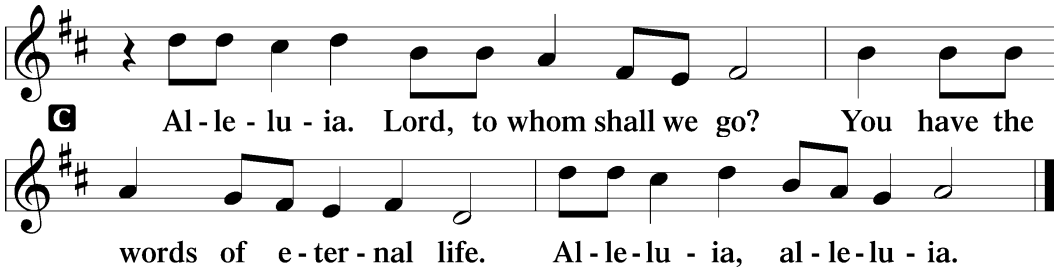
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

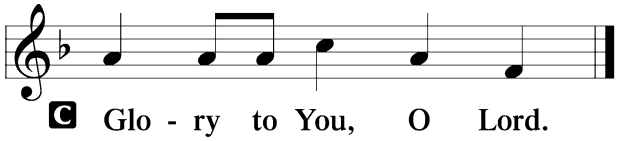
John 6:68



HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 25:31-46

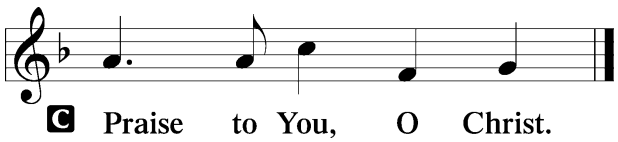
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.





And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

Daniel 12:2-3

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,** *Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3*
maker of heaven and earth. *Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, *John 3:16; Romans 10:9*
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, *Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:35*
born of the virgin Mary, *Galatians 4:4; Matthew 1:23-25*
suffered under Pontius Pilate, *Matthew 27:26; John 19:1-3*
was crucified, died and was buried. *Mark 15:25; John 19:30; Luke 23:53*
He descended into hell. *Acts 2:24; 1 Peter 3:19*
The third day He rose again from the dead. *1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6*
He ascended into heaven *Acts 1:9*
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. *Acts 7:55*
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. *Acts 10:42; Matt. 26:64*
I believe in the Holy Spirit, *John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38*
the holy Christian Church, *1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22*
the communion of saints, *Ephesians 4:1-6; 15-16; Revelation 7:9-17*
the forgiveness of sins, *Luke 24:46-48; Acts 13:38; Col. 1:14; 1 John 1:7*
the resurrection of the body, *John 11:25; 1 Cor. 15:35-49; 1 Thess. 4:13-18*
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen. *Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*

Christian: **the ancient text reads "catholic," meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.**

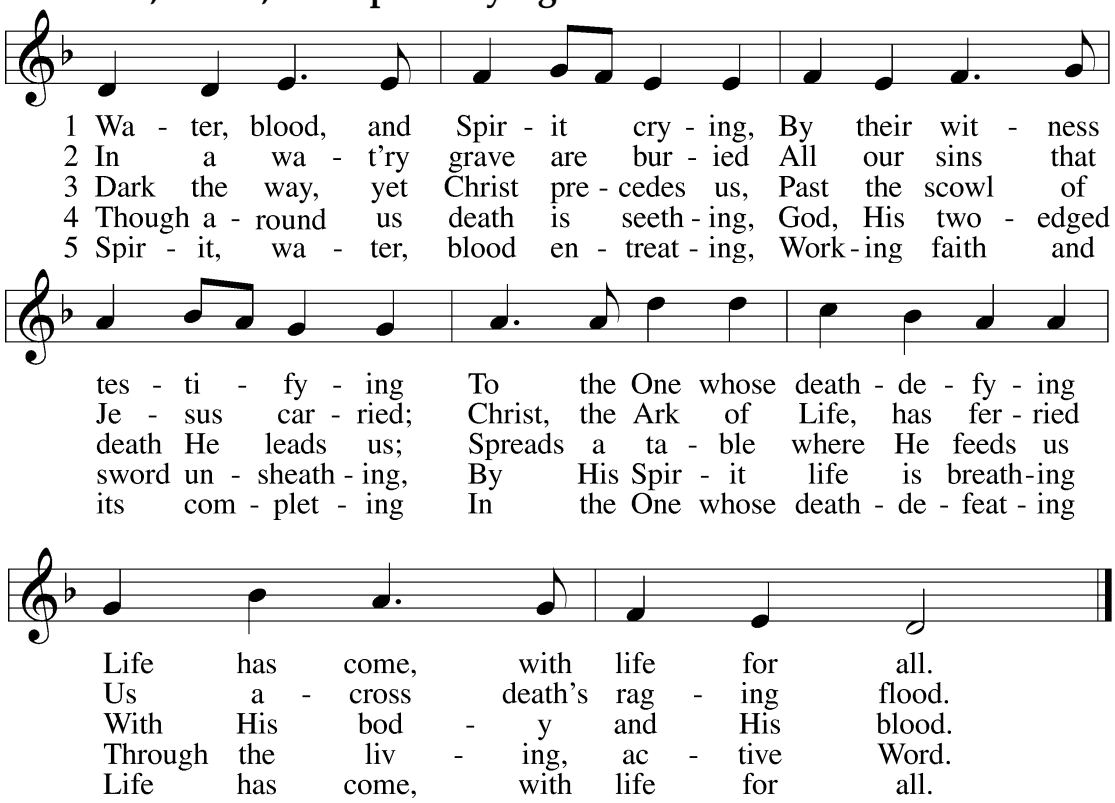
Sit. The children may be invited forward for a children's message.

For he, the devil, worked the deception for the corruption of our nature, but he who was at once just and good and wise used the artifice of deception for the salvation of the one who was corrupted.

St. Gregory of Nyssa (4th C.)
The Great Catechism

Hymn of the Day

597 Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying



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.**

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
"Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.
The Lord your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

Zephaniah 3:14-17

...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.

...looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

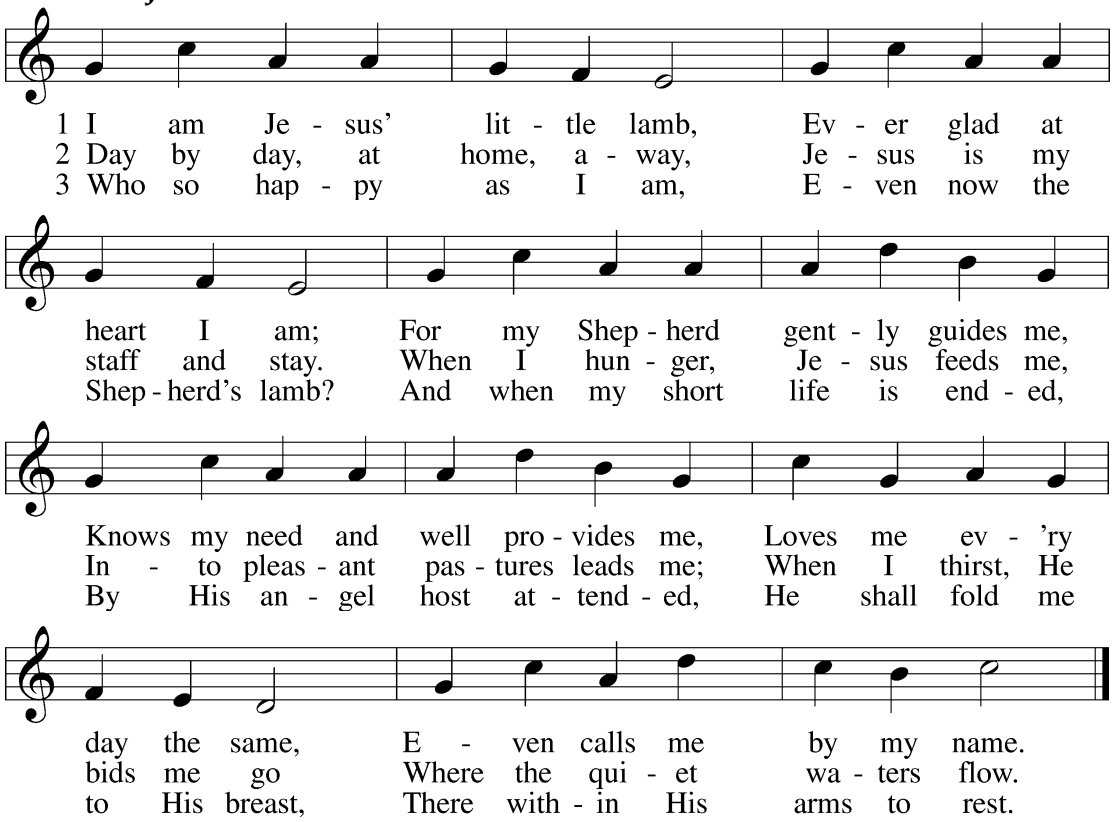
Offering

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

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19

740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb



Stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *1 Timothy 2:1-4*

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For all who anxiously await the Lord's return, that we may never tire of inviting others to hear the good news of life in Christ until the day He returns to judge the living and the dead, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the Holy Spirit to continually descend upon all churches and every home, to bless pastors and parents to rightly teach, and children to gladly listen and learn obedience, that we might, with the Spirit, give witness to the wisdom and love of God the Father and the Son, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For all in authority to learn the way of the King of Kings and, in service to God's wisdom and truth, act as true and faithful servants to all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the needy, sorrowful, sick and all those facing adversity, that God would hold them in His almighty hands and bring them consolation; that He would give us grace to accept and bear our crosses with faith in Christ; and that He would prepare us to depart this life in faith. We pray especially for…

our members:
Kate Duncan
Kaylee, Desi, & baby Rorie
Peri Hertzog
Jan White
Romain Bell
Margie Crane
Curt Schmidt
Jackie Elam
John Strohschein
Ted Cash
John Henry
Jasmine Timm
James Dake
Cissi Burtner
Elaine Elston

those at home:
Janet Miller
Lila Thompson
Doris Falconieri
Tom Hagen
Karen Priebe
Roy & Sharon Gugel
Mary Keefauver
Helen Gounis
Louise Nordman

those dear to us:
Sandra G.
George & Peggy Pappas
Ed Newberg
Lani Fangmeier
Moul Family
Alayna McLaughlin
Brian Marshall
Susan Depalma-Spivey
David Schulz
Matt Perrin
Patti Skinner
Melissa Voelker
Molly
Wyatt Dawson
Ruchelle Smith
Jim Melton
King Family
Carby Family
Judi Domeier
Steve Barringer
Mike Chaney
Toby Gowin

let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who rejoice in the rich blessings of God, that they may remember the Giver of every gift and find their joy complete in giving Him heartfelt thanks. We pray especially for…

our family birthdays:
Tracie Onsager
Janie Swenson
Hailey Wyatt
Natalie Broome
Cassidy Bryant
Jackie Elam
Ellen Eich
Jake Calvello

for blessings on the way:
John & Sandy Banks
All who travel this holiday weekend

let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Father in heaven, in this Holy Communion grant that we be sustained in joy with the whole church in heaven and earth, waiting for the day of the Lord's triumphant return. Send Him forth, we pray, that He might renew all things according to His gracious promises, and bring us at last to see all that you give us to glimpse this day, even the Kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world. We ask all these things in His name, trusting only in His righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sharing the Lord's Peace

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

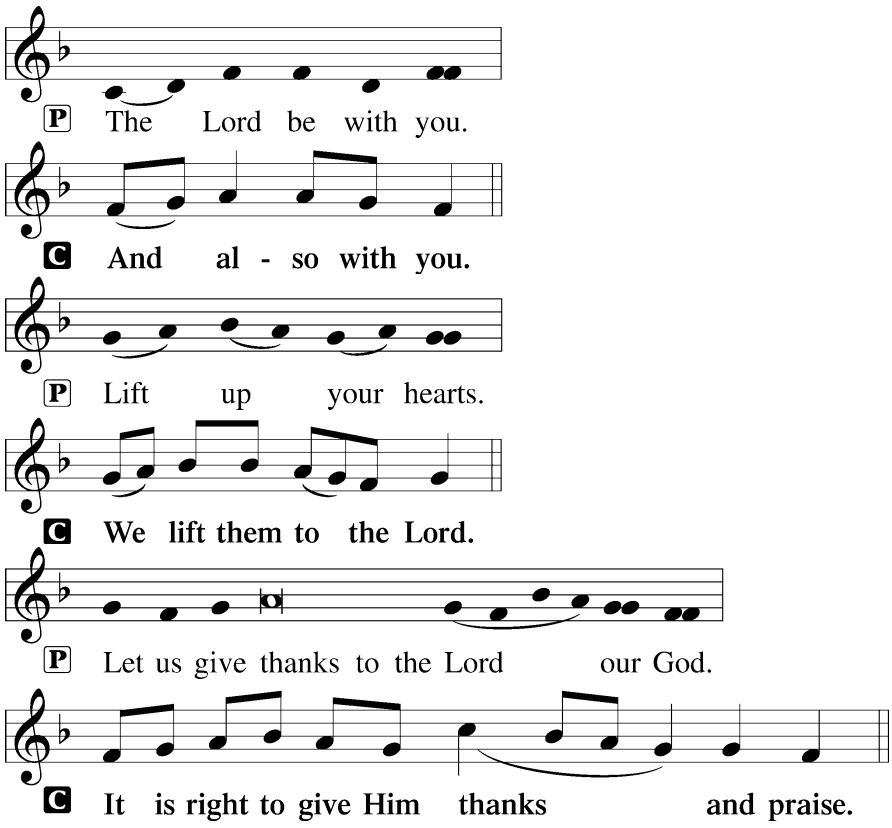
C **And also with you.**

P Let us share His peace with one another.

Greet one another in the Lord's name saying, "Peace be with you!"

Preface

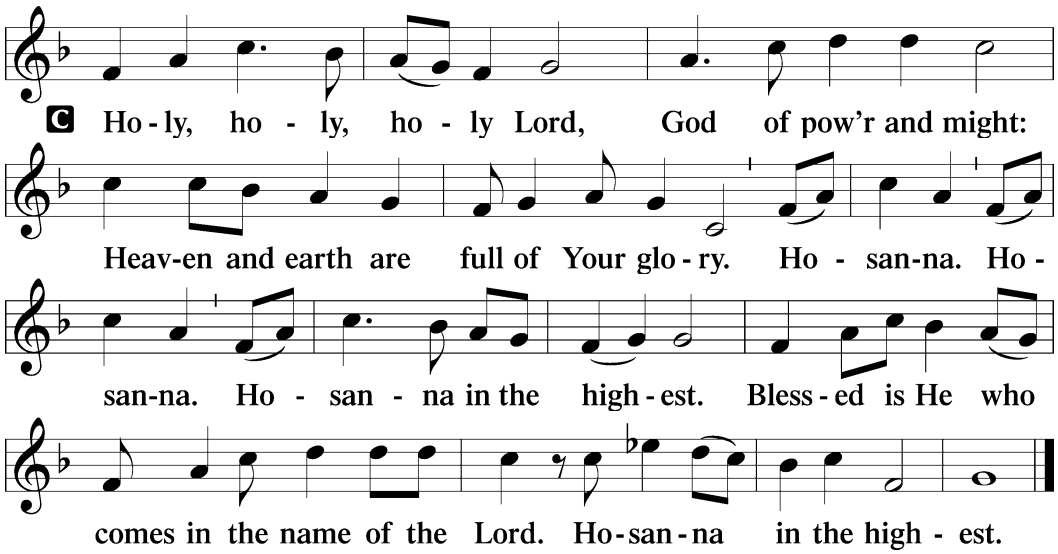
2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136



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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 10:16; Ephesians 1:7

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

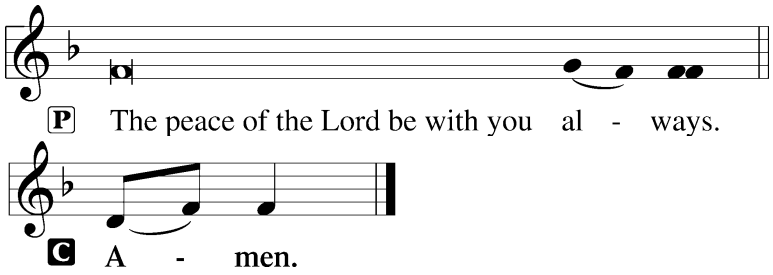
Matt 26:26f; Mk 14:22f; Lk 22:19f; 1 Cor 11:23f

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 ✢ 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 ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

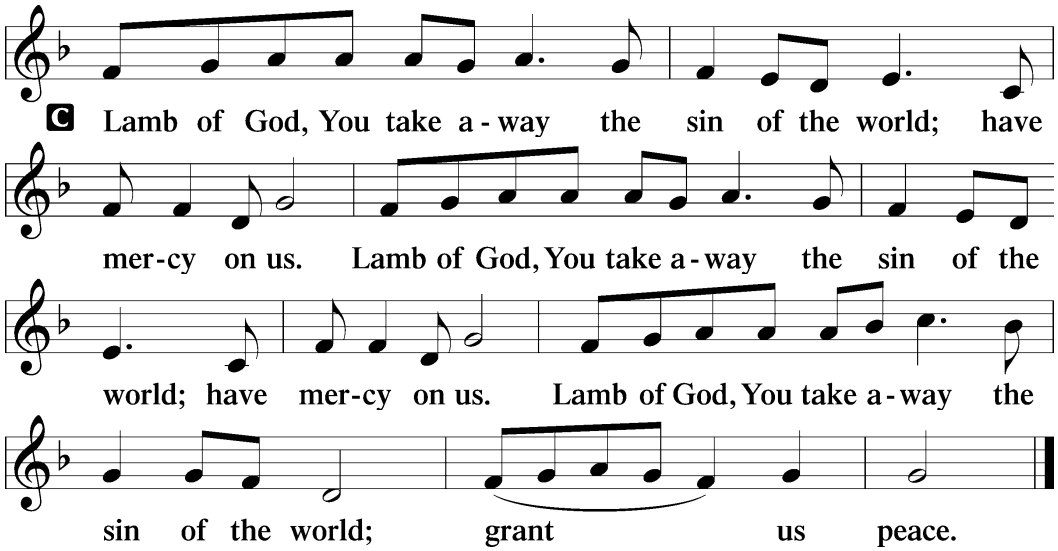
Pax Domini

John 20:19



Agnus Dei

John 1:29



Sit.

Distribution Hymns

Matthew 26:30

743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

1 **Jesus, priceless treasure,**
Fount of purest pleasure,
Truest friend to me,
Ah, how long in anguish
Shall my spirit languish,
Yearning, Lord, for Thee?
Thou art mine,
O Lamb divine!
I will suffer naught to hide Thee;
Naught I ask beside Thee.

2 **In Thine arms I rest me;**
Foes who would molest me
Cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking,
Ev'ry heart be quaking,
Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash
And thunders crash;
Yet, though sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.

3 Satan, I defy thee;
Death, I now decry thee;
Fear, I bid thee cease.
World, thou shalt not harm me
Nor thy threats alarm me
While I sing of peace.
God's great pow'r
Guards ev'ry hour;
Earth and all its depths adore Him,
Silent bow before Him.

4 Hence, all earthly treasure!
Jesus is my pleasure,
Jesus is my choice.
Hence, all empty glory!
Naught to me thy story
Told with tempting voice.
Pain or loss,
Or shame or cross,
Shall not from my Savior move me
Since He deigns to love me.

5 Evil world, I leave thee;
Thou canst not deceive me,
Thine appeal is vain.
Sin that once did blind me,
Get thee far behind me,
Come not forth again.
Past thy hour,
O pride and pow'r;
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er
I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

648 Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

1 Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed you for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
You may smile at all your foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply your sons and daughters
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
Ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hov'ring,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring,
Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which God gives them on their way.

4 Savior, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Your name.
Fading are the world's vain pleasures,
All their boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures
None but Zion's children know.

892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord, our God, shall come
And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide:
Come with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

After communing it is right to quietly give thanks, as in the following prayer:
Dear Lord Jesus, we thank and praise You that You have again refreshed us with the gift of Your holy body and blood in this comforting Sacrament. Bless our participation in Your body that we may depart from here with peace and joy, strengthened in our remembrance of Your forgiveness and in our witness to the knowledge that we are reconciled to God, in Your holy name. Amen.

Stand.

DISMISSAL

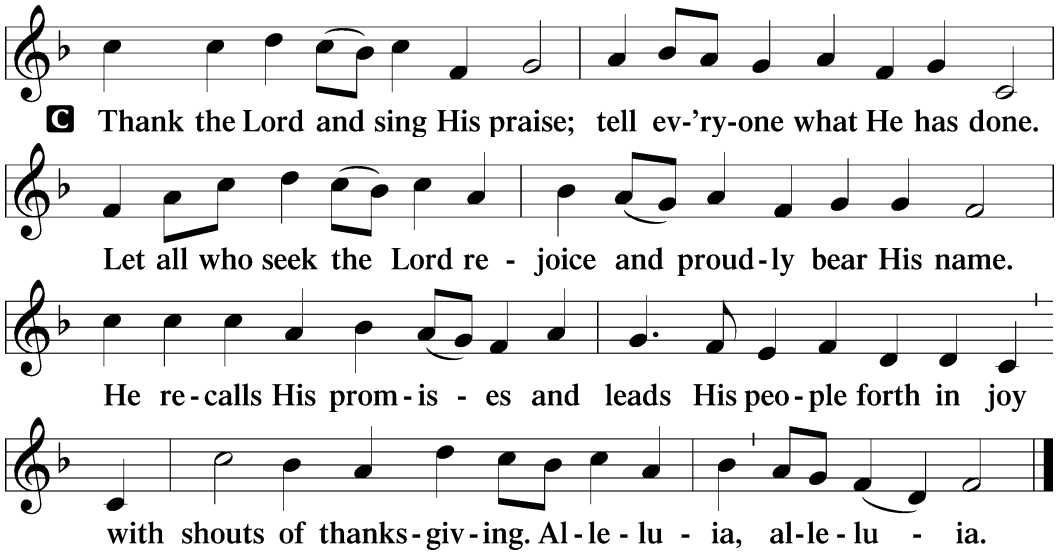
Isaiah 41:10; Romans 5:9-10; Hebrews 9:14; 10:19

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.**

THANK THE LORD

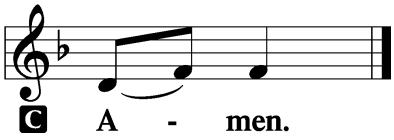
Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43 1 Chronicles 16:8–10



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

L Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Psalm 107:1*



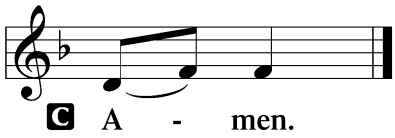
Psalm 103:1

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.



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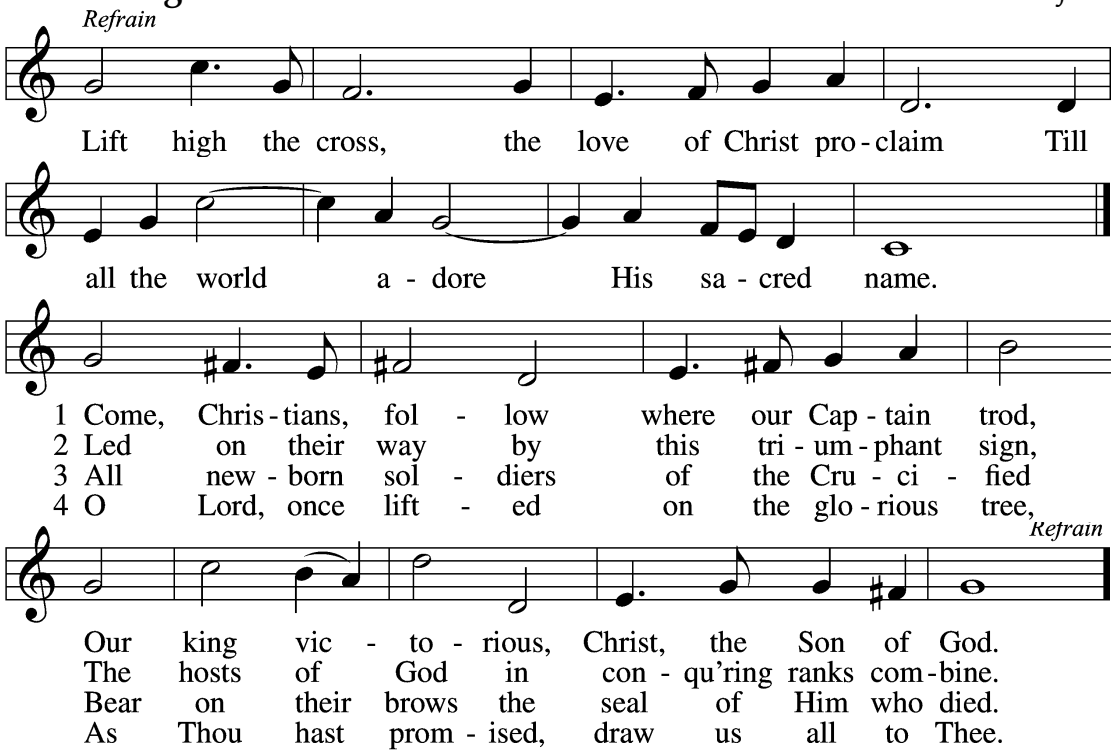
Departing Hymn

837 Lift High the Cross *sts. ref–6*



5 **Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain**

6 **So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain**

Postlude

Cornet Voluntary *Henry Heron*

The altar flowers are given today by Mark Parnow to the Glory of God and in thanks for Pastor Steve, Vicar Andrew and the Office Staff.

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Greeters: Rae Fangmeier, Tim Fangmeier/Kim Miller
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Nursery (under 3 yrs) *Church Nursery*
Ages 3-4 *Ed. Bldg. Rm. 111*
Kindergarten-Grade 2 *Ed. Bldg. Rm. 107*
Grades 3-5 *Ed. Bldg. Rm. 105*
Confirmation (Grades 6-8) *Ed. Bldg. Rm. 209*
High School (Grades 9-12) *Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201*
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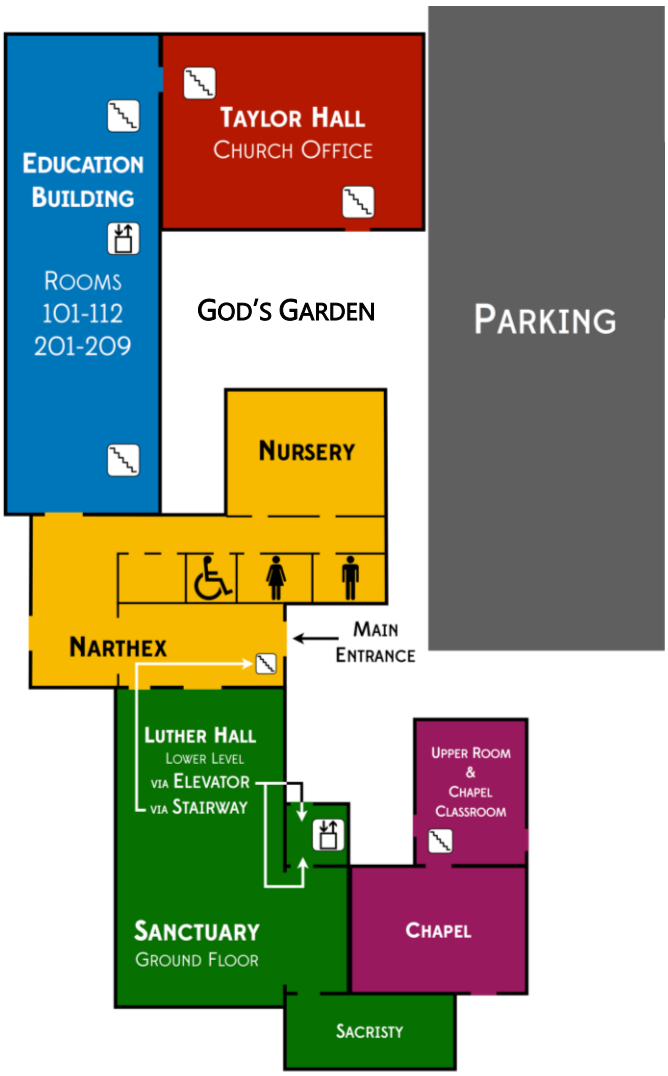

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Worship Broadcast

Sunday Divine Services are broadcast live on the Internet at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Ascension Lutheran Soup Kitchen

Every Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Serving to-go lunches in the parking lot.

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ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES are available for check-out from the sound booth in the rear of the sanctuary.

Those in Critical Need

Members needing financial or physical assistance, please contact pastor for application to the crisis fund or access to folks eager to lend a helping hand.