



ASCENSION  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

*Divine Service*  
**Second 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. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

**Romans 6:9; John 20:29b**

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. And what is this day? It is the Lord Jesus Christ himself, the author of light, who brings the sunrise and the beginning of life, saying of himself: I am the light of day; whoever walks in daylight does not stumble. That is to say, whoever follows Christ in all things will come by this path to the throne of eternal light.*

**Ancient Easter Homily<sup>3</sup>**

APRIL 12, 2026 ✠ 8:30AM & 11AM

## 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 confirmed (or otherwise made public confession of your Christian Faith)?**
- 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

*As the prelude begins, please prepare for worship by composing yourself for prayer.*

## 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

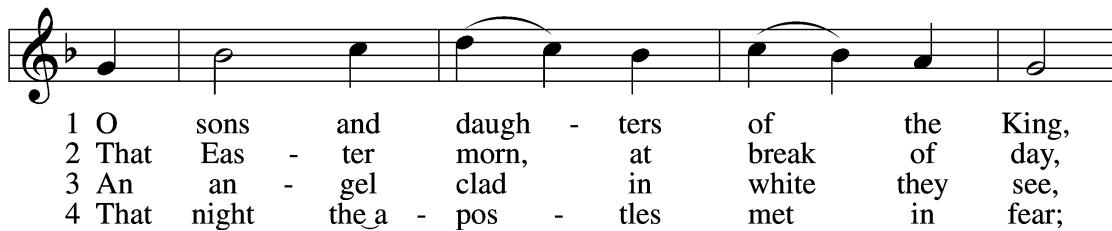
Psalm 57:9; 100:4-5

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

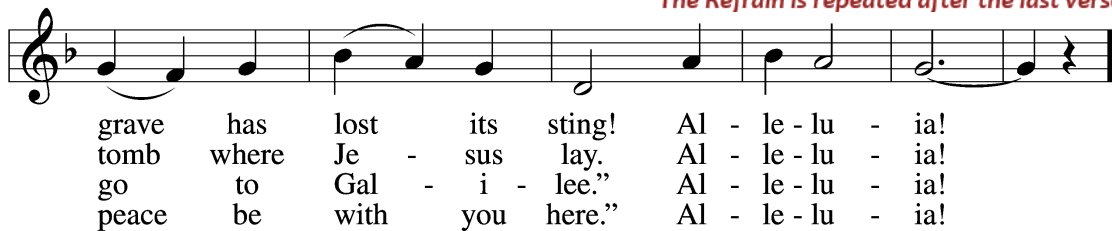
### 471 O Sons and Daughters of the King

sts. ref-4

*Refrain*



*The Refrain is repeated after the last verse.*



## 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.  
**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 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3*



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

Like newborn infants, long for the pure  
spiritual milk, that by it you may grow  
up to sal- | vation—\*  
if indeed you have tasted that the |  
Lord is good.

**Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up-  
| on his name;\***  
make known his deeds among the  
| peoples!

**Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;\***  
tell of all his | wondrous works!

**Glory in his | holy name;\***  
let the hearts of those who seek  
the | LORD rejoice!

**Seek the LORD | and his strength;\***  
seek his presence con- | tinually!

**Remember the wondrous works that  
| he has done,\***  
his miracles, and the judgments  
he | uttered.

**He remembers his covenant for- |  
ever,\***  
the word that he commanded, for  
a thousand gener- | ations.

**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.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure  
spiritual milk, that by it you may grow  
up to sal- | vation—\*  
if indeed you have tasted that the |  
Lord is good.

# 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.

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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.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit.*



The cure for the fear of dying is living.

**Jamie Weisman**

As I Live and Breathe: Notes of a Patient-Doctor, p.18

# ...Around the Word...

## FIRST READING

ACTS 5:29-42

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

But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him

were dispersed and came to nothing. After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.



For when He rose from the dead, having broken the bonds of death, He manifested Himself to us as God, showing that He is Lord of all, both the living and the dead. Let us therefore with boldness, confess Him, glorifying Him in our works and words, that we may be conformed to His image and live as those who are redeemed by His power.

**St. Cyril of Alexandria**  
Commentary on the Gospel of John

## EPISTLE

1 PETER 1:3-9

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved

by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**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.



By descending into Hell, He made Hell captive. He embittered it when it tasted of His flesh. And Isaiah, foretelling this, did cry: Hell, said he, was embittered, when it encountered Thee in the lower regions. It was embittered, for it was abolished. It was embittered, for it was mocked. It was embittered, for it was slain. It was embittered, for it was overthrown. It was embittered, for it was fettered in chains. It took a body, and met God face to face. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took that which was seen, and fell upon the unseen.

O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.

**St. John Chrysostom**  
Easter Sermon

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of

the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**



What was intolerable was not the idea of resurrection, but the message of a resurrection that was no myth.

**Hermann Sasse**  
 We Confess Jesus Christ, p.18<sup>‡</sup>

## NICENE CREED

**C** 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 2:4p 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 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

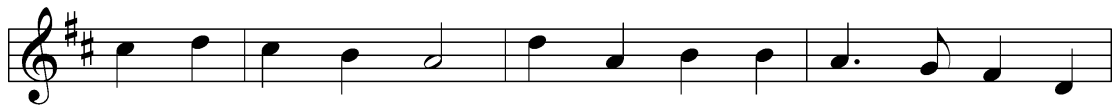
## 531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus



1 Hail, Thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, Thou Gal - i -  
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on  
3 Je - sus, hail! En - throned in glo - ry, There for - ev - er  
4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing Thou art wor - thy



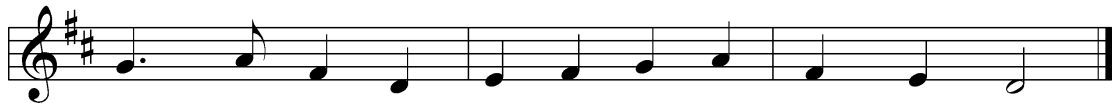
le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; Thou didst  
Thee were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed, Thou hast  
to a - bide; All the heav'n - ly hosts a - dore Thee, Seat - ed  
to re - ceive; High - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Right it



free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior,  
full a - tone - ment made. All Thy peo - ple are for - giv - en  
at Thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners Thou art plead - ing;  
is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its,



Bear - er of our sin and shame! By Thy mer - it  
Through the vir - tue of Thy blood; O - pened is the  
There Thou dost our place pre - pare, Ev - er for us  
All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing our



we find fa - vor: Life is giv - en through Thy name.  
gate of heav - en, Rec - on - ciled are we with God.  
in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
Sav - ior's mer - its, Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise!

## 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.

# ...And Blessed

## OFFERING & VOLUNTARY

*Please place your tithes and offerings in the plates as the ushers pass by.  
Take a moment to sing 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.*

### 465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

v.I, 4

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In  
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And

praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!

He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and  
Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our

clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

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

# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

- L** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For God's people, that we may shed our doubts and come joyfully before God like the apostle Thomas, who saw, believed and rejoiced in the power of Christ's resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all pastors as they preach and teach the Word, and all saints that hearing the Word and believing, they may live in righteousness and godliness before the world until Christ returns, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For our homes, that Christ would give them peace and enliven them with His resurrected life; that He would cause the forgiveness of sins to reign among husbands and wives, parents and children; and that He would demonstrate to those who live alone that they are His children, with a new family too countless to number, accompanied by Christ Himself, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the nations, that they would embrace the Gospel of the resurrected Christ; and that wicked power would be curbed and all rulers brought to the feet of Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the troubled in our midst, that Christ's wounds would continue to bring His gladness, peace and comforting presence to His disciples and for those who weep, that in the difficult night of this world they would confidently expect the blessed joy of Easter morning. We pray especially for...

*our members*

**Ardith** Hertzog  
**Jasmine** Timm  
**James** Dake  
**Cindy** Nelson  
**Peri** Hertzog  
**Tony** Byrum  
**Cissi** Burtner  
**Elaine** Elston

*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

*those dear to us:*

**Jim** Melton  
**LeAnn** Heitkamp  
**Kathy** Bauer  
**Hanson Family**  
**Pat** Kane  
**Al** Nicholas  
**Hermione** Moul  
**Cassandra** Shropshire

and rejoice with...

*our family birthdays:*

**Kelley** Delozier  
**Julie** Conlin  
**Brittany** Hatfield  
**Carl** Calvello

*praise & thanksgiving:*

**Prince of Peace** Lutheran  
**Pastor Quentin** Poulson  
**John** Banks  
**Sandy** Banks  
**Dan** Nelson  
**Evan** Miller

let us pray to the Lord:

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

**L** For all who commune today, that God would give us contrition and faith and so

unite us in confessing His truth and give us to worthily to eat and to drink Christ's body and blood for our forgiveness and life, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For patience and endurance in Christ, that we may have the privilege not only of believing in Him, but also of bearing witness for His sake, in suffering and then in joy, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** O Lord, heavenly Father, give us all things good and beneficial to us and to our salvation, and keep us from all things harmful; through Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior, who lives and reigns 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:

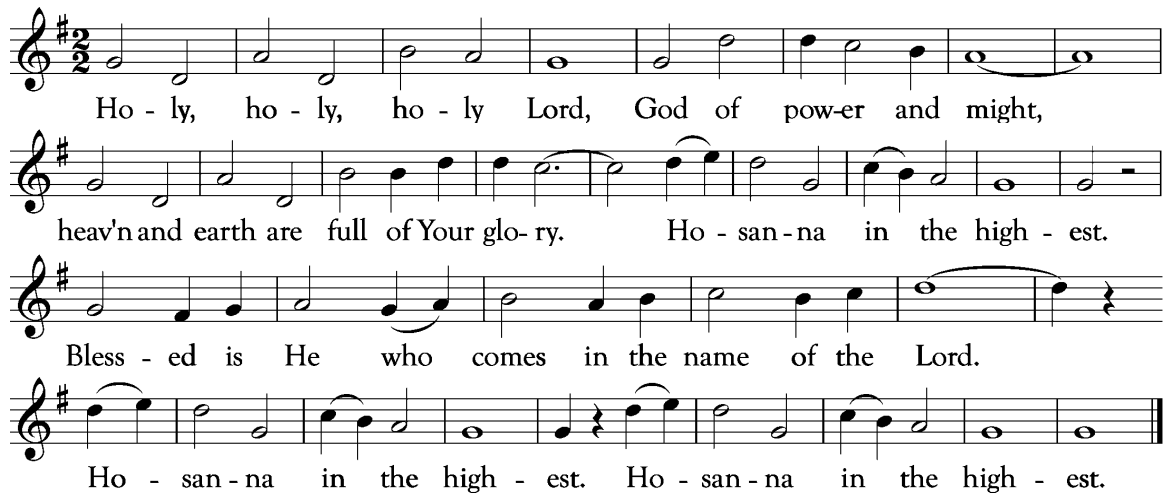


How beautiful is the paschal celebration! Beautiful too is the present assembly. The mysteries (sacraments) contain so much that is both old and new! Our week of feast or rather of joy contains so much community that it is not just we on earth that rejoice but also the powers above that join in our activities and celebrate with us because of the resurrection of Christ...

**St. Proclus of Constantinople †**

## 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

### 829 Christ the Eternal Lord

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| 1 Christ the eternal Lord,<br>Whose promise here we claim,<br>Whose gifts of grace are freely poured<br>On all who name Your name;<br>With thankfulness and praise<br>We stand before Your throne,<br>Intent to serve You all our days<br>And make Your glory known. | 3 Christ the redeeming Son,<br>Who shares our human birth,<br>And by His death salvation won<br>For ev'ry child of earth;<br>Inspire our hearts, we pray,<br>To tell Your love abroad,<br>That all may honor Christ today<br>And follow Him as Lord.                  |
| 2 Christ the unchanging Word<br>To ev'ry passing age,<br>Whose timeless teachings still are heard<br>Set forth on Scripture's page;<br>Transform our thought and mind,<br>Enlighten all who read,<br>Within Your Word by faith to find<br>The bread of life indeed.  | 4 Christ the unfading Light<br>Of everlasting day,<br>Our Morning Star in splendor bright,<br>The Life, the Truth, the Way;<br>That light of truth You give<br>To servants as to friends,<br>Your way to walk, Your life to live,<br>Till earth's brief journey ends. |
| 5 Christ the ascended King<br>Exalted high above,<br>Whose praise unending ages sing,<br>Whom yet unseen we love;<br>When mortal life is past<br>Your voice from heaven's throne<br>Shall call Your children home at last<br>To know as we are known.                |   |

## 620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

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| 1 Jesus comes today with healing,<br>Knocking at my door, appealing,<br>Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.<br>He Himself makes preparation,<br>And I hear His invitation:<br>“Come and taste the blessed feast.” | 4 God descends with heav'nly power,<br>Gives Himself to me this hour<br>In this ordinary sign.<br>On my tongue His pledge receiving,<br>I accept His grace, believing<br>That I taste His love divine.             |
| 2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,<br>Yet in bread and wine abiding<br>In this holy sacrament,<br>Gives the bread of life, once broken,<br>And the cup, the precious token<br>Of His sacred covenant.       | 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,<br>Whose own feast of love I savor,<br>Bidden by His gracious call.<br>Wedding garments He provides me,<br>With a robe of white He hides me,<br>Fits me for the royal hall. |
| 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,<br>I receive the Savior holy,<br>Blood and body, giv'n for me,<br>Very Lamb of God from heaven,<br>Who to bitter death was given,<br>Hung upon the cursèd tree.            | 6 Now have I found consolation,<br>Comfort in my tribulation,<br>Balm to heal the troubled soul.<br>God, my shield from ev'ry terror,<br>Cleanses me from sin and error,<br>Makes my wounded spirit whole.         |

## 767 Jesus, Remember Me

- 1 Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.

*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

### 471 O Sons and Daughters of the King

sts. ref, 5-9



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



5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard  
6 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see,  
7 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied;



That they had seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed  
And look up - on My hands, My feet; Not faith - less  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my

*The Refrain is repeated after st. 9.*



the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!  
but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!  
Lord and God!" he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!

- 8 How blest are they who have not seen  
And yet whose faith has constant been,  
For they eternal life shall win.  
Alleluia!

- 9 On this most holy day of days  
Be laud and jubilee and praise:  
To God your hearts and voices raise.  
Alleluia! *Refrain*

## POSTLUDE

## 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 18 families,  
52 family members on 4/6.**

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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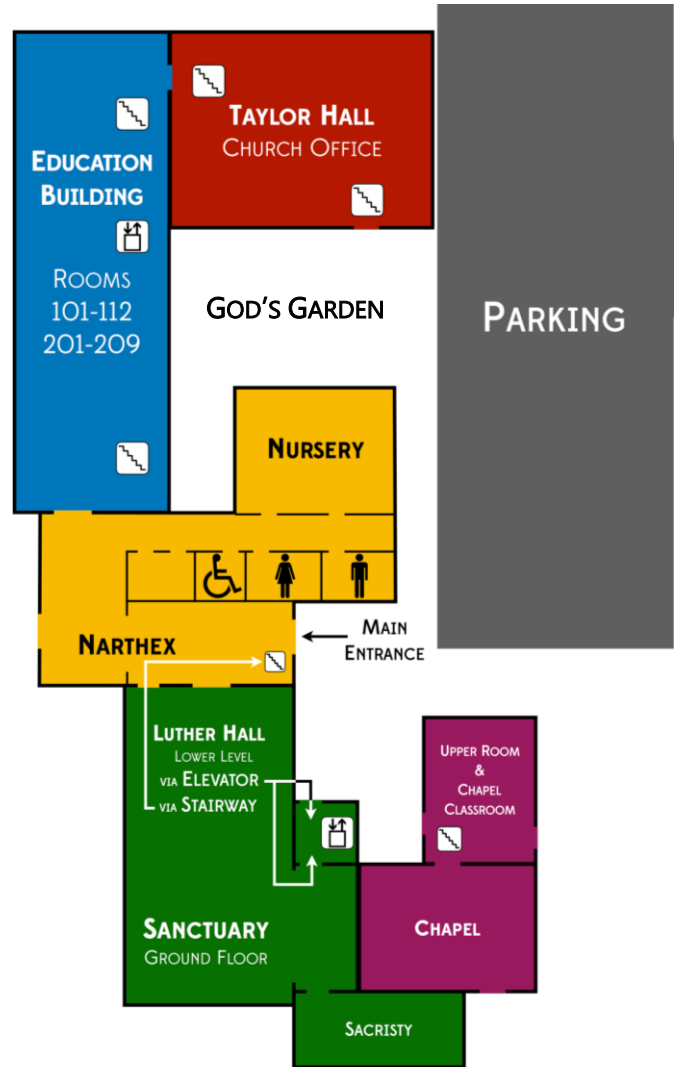
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# Welcome!

## 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.

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

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



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A NURSERY for children age 3 and under is located across the hallway from the restrooms. The worship service can be seen and heard from the nursery. A baby-changing table is available in the accessible restroom.



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.