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The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 12, 2024

David H. Brooks, Pastor

Mission Statement: Welcoming Everyone to Walk the Way of GRACE:
Grow with Jesus • Rejoice in God • Answer with Hope • Care for the Neighbor
• Embrace Community

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WELCOME TO GRACE:

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the LORD.'"

- Psalm 122:1

Worshiping with us the first time? Please fill out a guest card in the pew racks and tell us about yourself. If you have any questions, please ask an usher or any friendly face you see!

Copies of the week's eNews announcements are located in the Narthex.

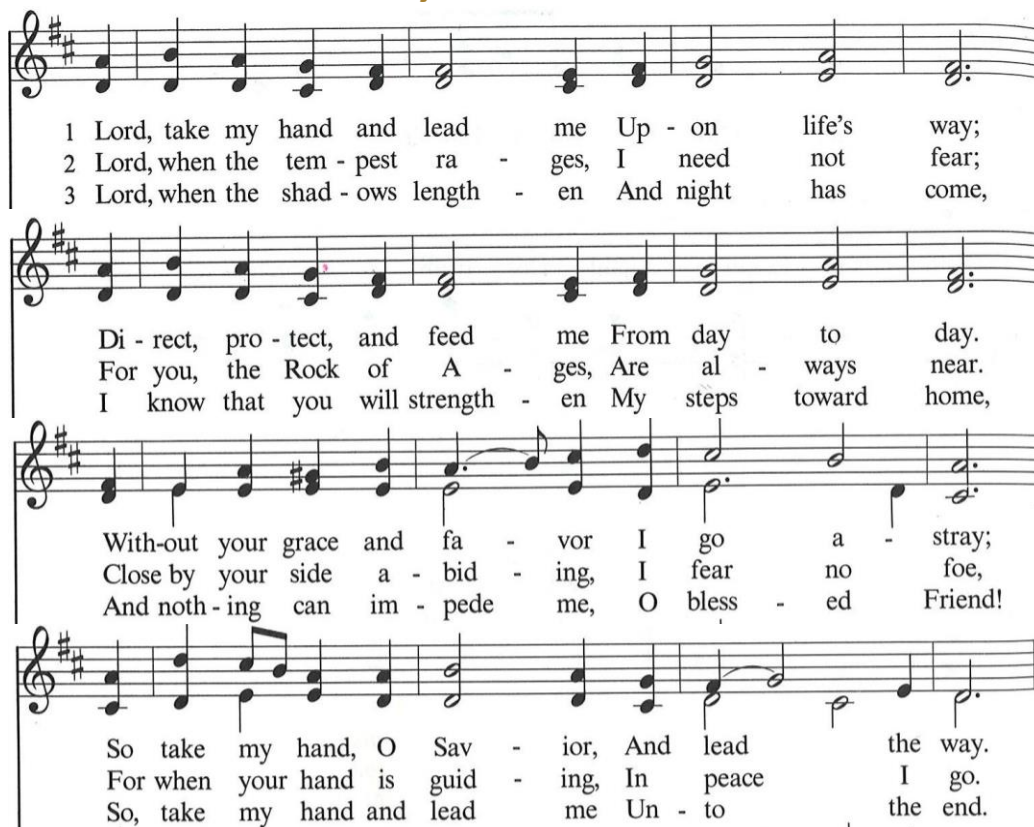
We welcome children in worship services.

Age-appropriate activity bags are located in the Narthex.

PRELUDE: *"Amazing Grace" – arr. Paris*

..... **CALL TO WORSHIP**

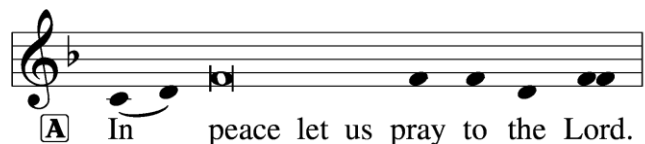
ENTRANCE HYMN: *"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" LBW 333*



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,
Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
For you, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
I know that you will strength - en My steps toward home,
With-out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
And noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!
So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
For when your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
So, take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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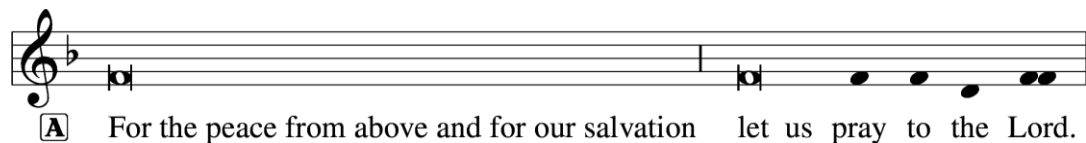
KYRIE:



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



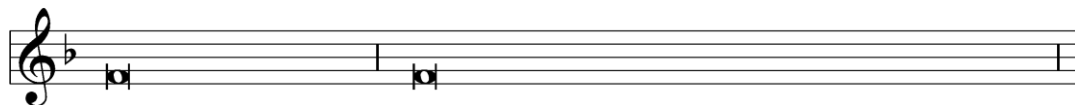
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



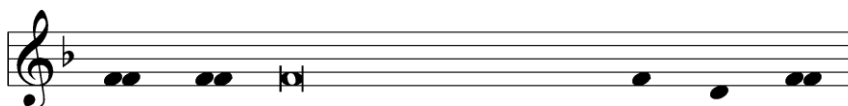
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



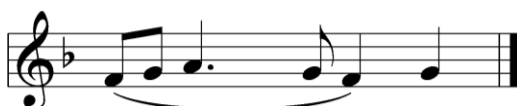
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST:

Refrain



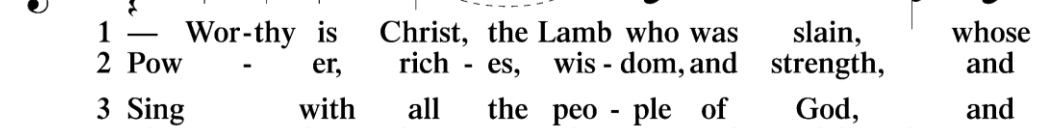
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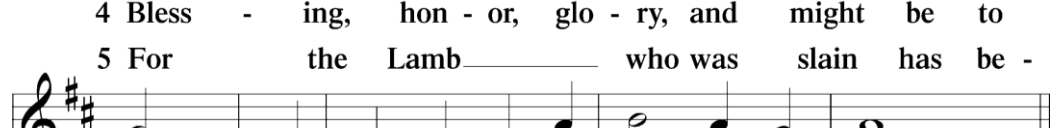
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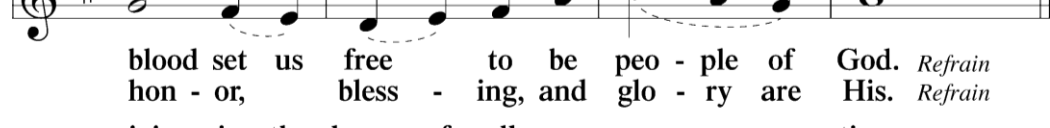
1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



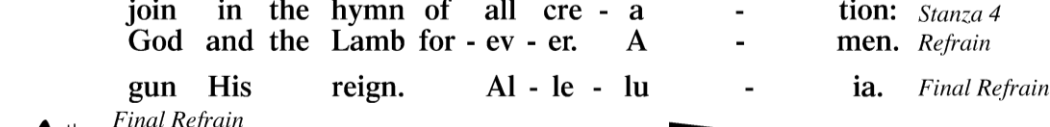
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray . . .

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth Whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON:

Acts 1:12–26 (*Pew Bible, pg. 909*)

The First Lesson is from the 1st Chapter of Acts.

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James.

¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and His brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.

¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."

¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out.

¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

²⁰"For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "'Let another take his office.'

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when He was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to His resurrection."

²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias.

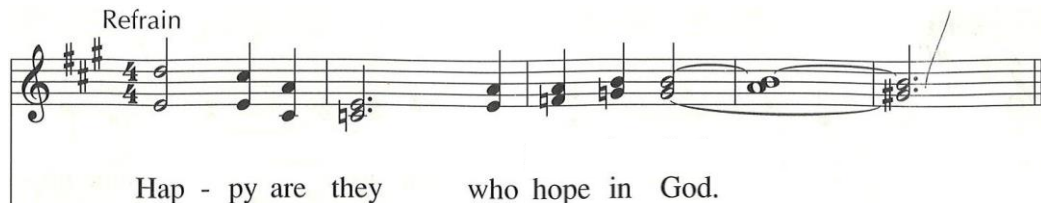
²⁴And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, Who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two You have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place."

²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1: *"Happy Are They" Gather Comprehensive 18*



- 1 Happy are they who do not seek to walk the way of those who sin, but delight in the law of the Lord. Happy, happy are they. **Refrain.**
- 2 Like a tree planted near water, there it blooms, like our God, Whose leaves will not fade, but remain. Happy, happy are they. **Refrain.**
- 3 The wicked, the lawless, who, like the chaff, our God, like wind, will drive away. God will keep watch for the just. Happy, happy are they. **Refrain.**

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EPISTLE LESSON:

1 John 5:9–15 (*Pew Bible, pg. 1023*)

The Epistle Lesson is from the 5th Chapter of First John.

⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that He has borne concerning His Son.

¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning His Son.

¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.

¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us.

¹⁵And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE:



P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth Chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL:

John 17:11b–19 (*Pew Bible, pg. 903*)

[Jesus said:] “Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one.

¹²While I was with them, I kept them in Your name, which You have given Me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

¹³But now I am coming to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

¹⁴I have given them Your Word, and the world has hated them because they are

not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

¹⁵I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one.

¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; Your Word is truth.

¹⁸As You sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate Myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON: **The Rev. Dr. David H. Brooks**

HYMN OF THE DAY: **LSB 909 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"**



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of
3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faith - ful All the gifts they
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or
cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; Come with all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,
ask to gain; What they gain from You, for - ev - er
to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,
Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
Hear Your peo - ple as they pray; And Your full - est
With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter
Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and
help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.
in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.
one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

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CARE OF BAPTIZED CHILDREN

NICENE CREED:

☩ We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the

Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic† and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

..... **WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE LORD**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. . .
- P** Lord in Your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, with the 'hand wave of peace', as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3).

OFFERTORY: **“Be Thou My Vision”** (Choir at 8:30 AM); **“Softly Now the Light of Day” – Hatton** (11 AM)

OFFERTORY:

[†]meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of the Christian doctrine

C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

..... OUR LORD GIVES HIMSELF TO US

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

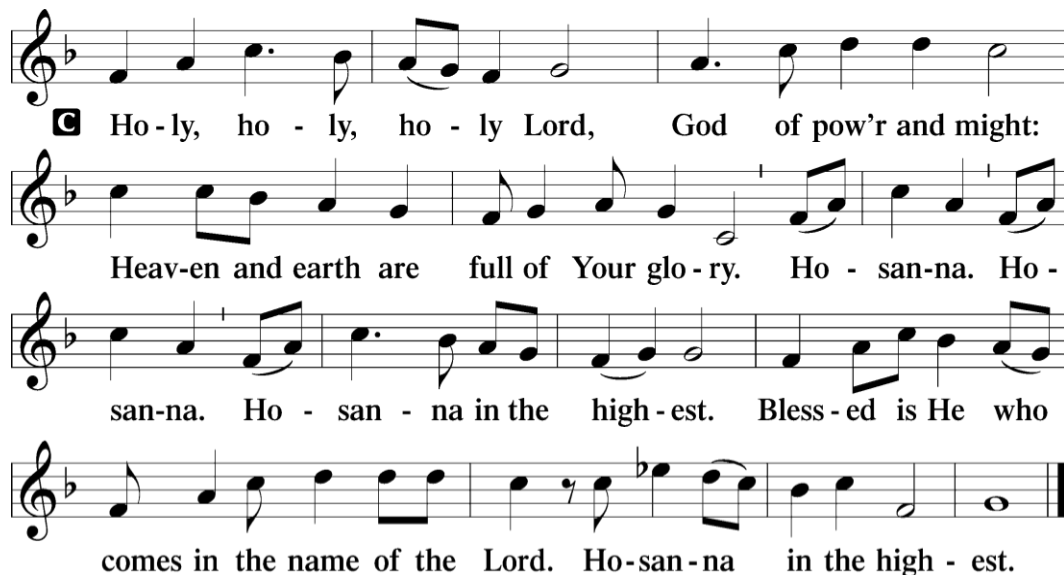
PREFACE:

P The Lord be with you.
C And al - so with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



- 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, . . . and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

- P** You are indeed Holy, O God, the Fountain of all holiness; You bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence . . .

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

- C** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

- P** Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of Your Son . . . with us the great and promised feast.

- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P** Send now, we pray, Your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fullness of the Kingdom of Heaven, and may receive our inheritance with all Your saints in light.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Join our prayers with those of Your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our Great High Priest until He comes as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

PAX DOMINI:

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI:

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION:

Receiving Holy Communion

As Lutheran Christians, we believe, teach, and confess that Jesus Christ gives us His own true Body and Blood via the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 10:16). We trust His promise that this Supper is for the forgiveness of our sins, the increase of our faith, and the strengthening of our life as the Church. Baptized Christians who share our confession, repent of their sins, and seek the Lord's blessing are welcome to receive. *First time guests are kindly asked to speak to our pastor or an usher before receiving communion.* Those not communing are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

[For silent prayer before communing]

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[For silent prayer after receiving the Sacrament]

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: **LSB 770 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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LBW 385 "What Wondrous Love Is This"



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And

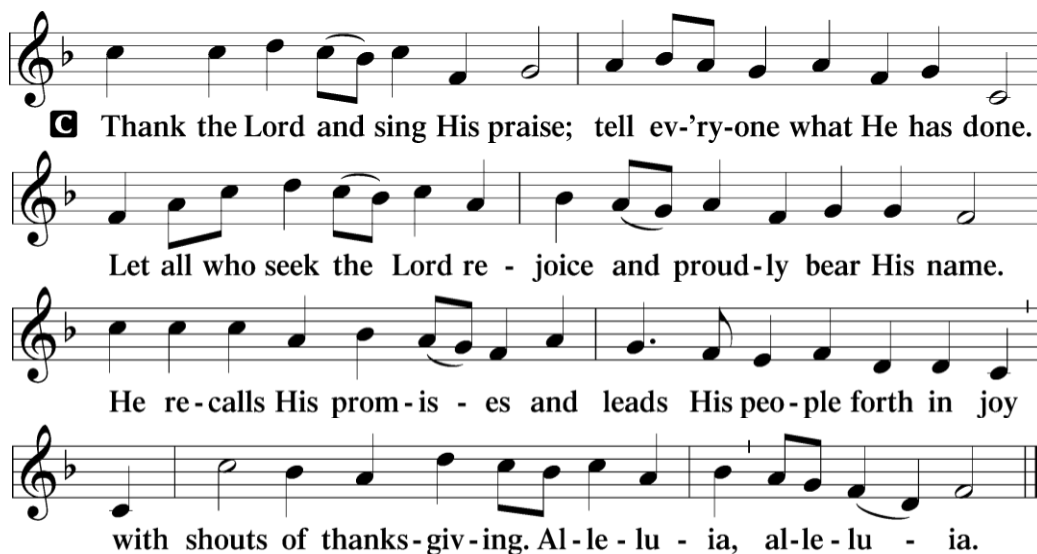
won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll

caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
 neath God's right-eous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown for my
 is the great I Am, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
 sing his love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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THANK THE LORD:



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls His prom-is-es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

P 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.

C Amen.

..... **GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT**

BENEDICTION:

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.

CLOSING HYMN: LBW 260 "On Our Way Rejoicing"

1 On our way re - joic - ing Glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther Joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; Van-quished is the foe.
Un - to God the Sav - ior Thank-ful hearts we bring;

Christ with-out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
Un - to God the Spir - it Bow we and a - dore,

Who, if we be faith - ful, Can our hope de-stroy?
On our way re - joic - ing Now and ev - er-more.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; As we for-ward move,

Hear-ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

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DISMISSAL:

- P** We go in the strength and joy of God! Let us not forget the things that our eyes have seen or let them fade from our hearts as long as we live (Deut 4:9). So let us recall what the Lord has set before us.
- P** What is the Sacrament of the Altar?
- C** It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.
- P** Where is this written?
- C** The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: 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."
- P** So go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
- C** Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY:

Organist: Erin Hodge

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Communion Assistants</u>
8:30 AM	Tom McGill* & Dave Pittman <u>Greeter:</u> Jan Kolba	Judy Ferren	Dean Kolba
11:00 AM	Frank Oruwari & Leonard Hango* <u>Greeter:</u> Kathy Peterson <u>Altar Guild:</u> Donna Gesell, Setup, Between Services & Clean-up	Joyce Rea	Gary Stuhlmiller
		<u>A/V Operator:</u> Barb Tippin	

*Acolyte



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