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The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 7, 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!

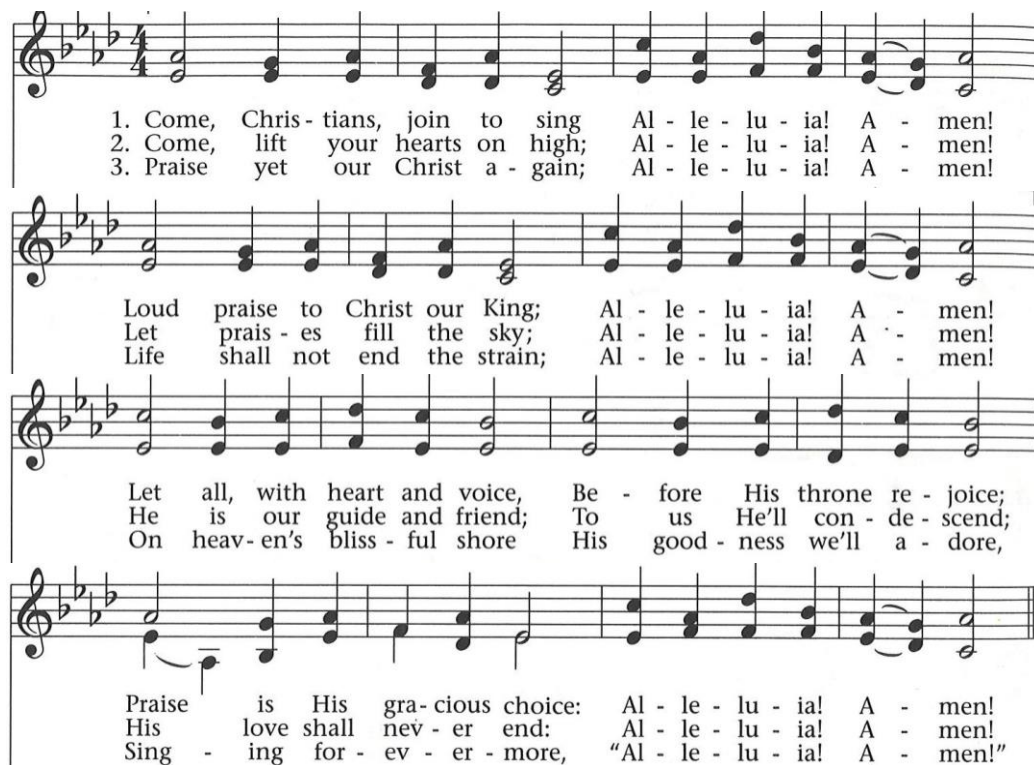
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We welcome children in worship services.
Age appropriate activity bags are located in the Narthex.

PRELUDE: *"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"*

..... CALL TO WORSHIP

ENTRANCE HYMN: *Baptist Hymnal "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*



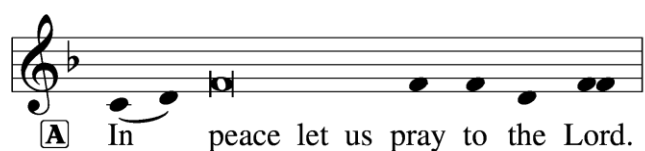
1. Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, Be - fore His throne re - joice;
He is our guide and friend; To us He'll con - de - scend;
On heav - en's bliss - ful shore His good - ness we'll a - dore,

Praise is His gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
His love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
Sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

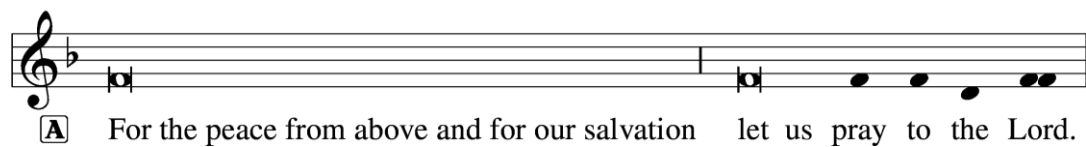
KYRIE:



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.



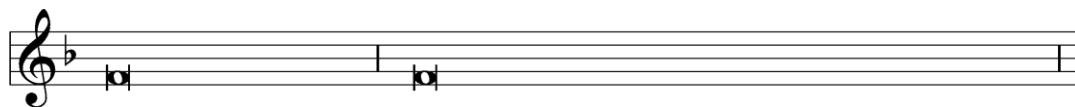
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



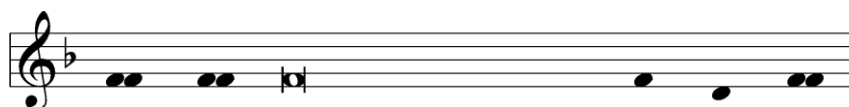
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



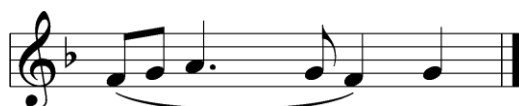
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST:

Refrain



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

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

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 . . .

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.

OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

THE FIRST LESSON:

Acts 4:32–35 (*Pew Bible, pg. 912*)

The First Lesson is from the 4th Chapter of Acts.

³²*The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.*

³³*And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the*

resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

³⁴*There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148: *"Let All Praise the Name of the Lord"*

Refrain:



1 Praise the Lord from the heavens,
Praise Him, praise Him in the heights.
Praise Him all you His angels.
Praise Him, praise Him all you His hosts.

Refrain.

2 Praise Him sun and moon;
Praise Him, all you shining stars.
Praise Him, praise Him you highest heavens,
And you waters above the heavens. **Refrain.**

3 Mountains and all hills,
Fruit trees and all cedars;
Beasts both wild and tame,
Creeping things and birds on the wing.
Refrain.

4 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
Princes and all judges of the earth,
Young men and maidens as well,
The old and the young together.
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
For His name alone is exalted. **Refrain.**

5 His splendor above earth and heaven.
He exalts the strength of His people.
Refrain.

EPISTLE LESSON:

1 John 1:1—2:2 (*Pew Bible, pg. 1021*)

The Epistle Lesson is from the 1ST and 2nd Chapters of First John.

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

⁶If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

⁷But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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 twentieth Chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL:

John 20:19–31 (*Pew Bible, pg. 906*)

¹⁹*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."*

²⁰*When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.*

²¹*Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you."*

²²*And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.*

²³*If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."*

²⁴*Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.*

²⁵*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."

²⁶*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."*

²⁷*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."*

²⁸*Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!"*

²⁹*Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*

³⁰*Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but 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.*

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 (8:30 AM only): **LSB 470 “O Sons and Daughters of the King”**

1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had
7 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied; He saw the

hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.
feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.

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

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HYMN OF THE DAY (11:00 AM only): **LSB 605 “Father Welcomes”**

Refrain

Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly
through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,
Life for - ev - er has been won.

1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
is of these. Life and love I have to give, *Refrain*
Mer - cy for your sin.

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11 AM): **See bulletin insert.**

NICENE CREED (8:30 Only):

C 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.

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

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

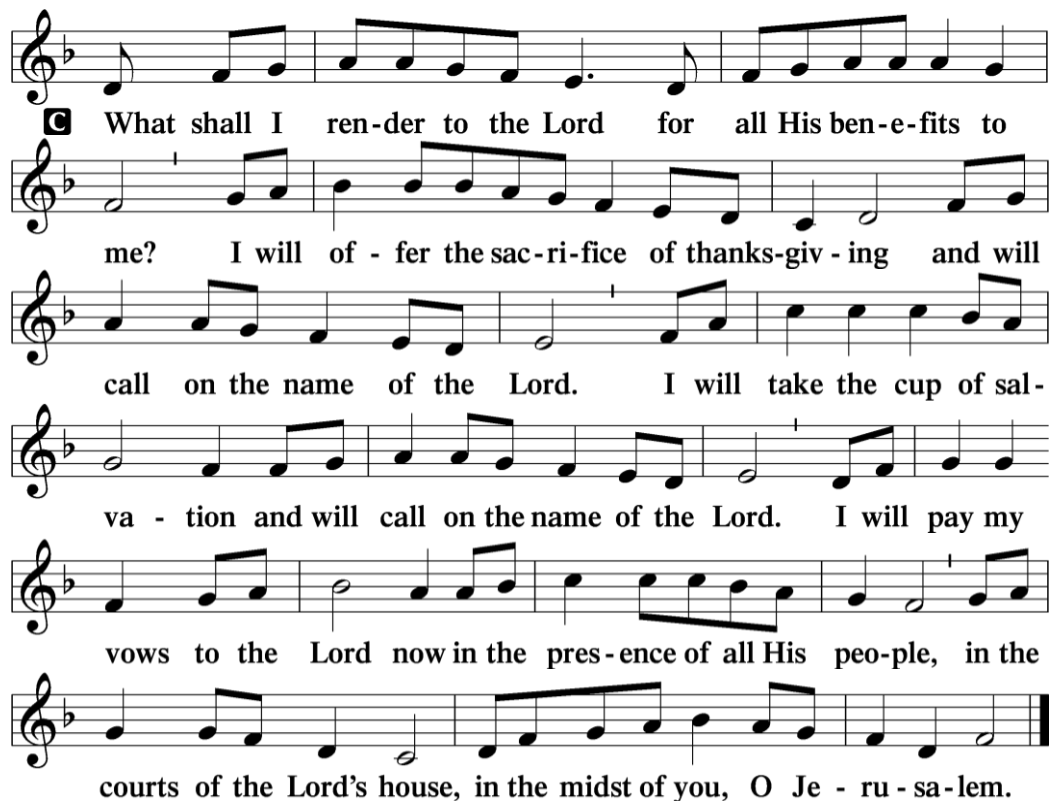
C Amen.

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: **"How Firm A Foundation"** (No Choir Today)

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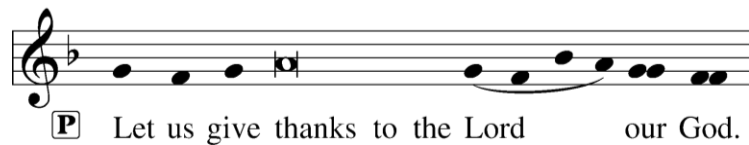


C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple,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

..... OUR LORD GIVES HIMSELF TO US

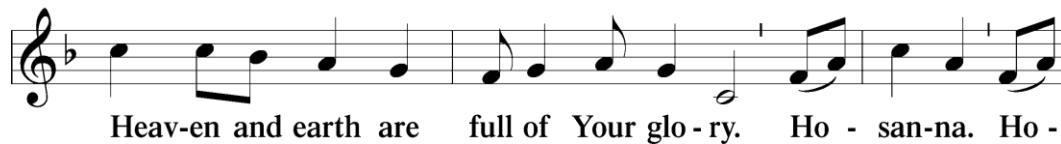
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE:



P 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:

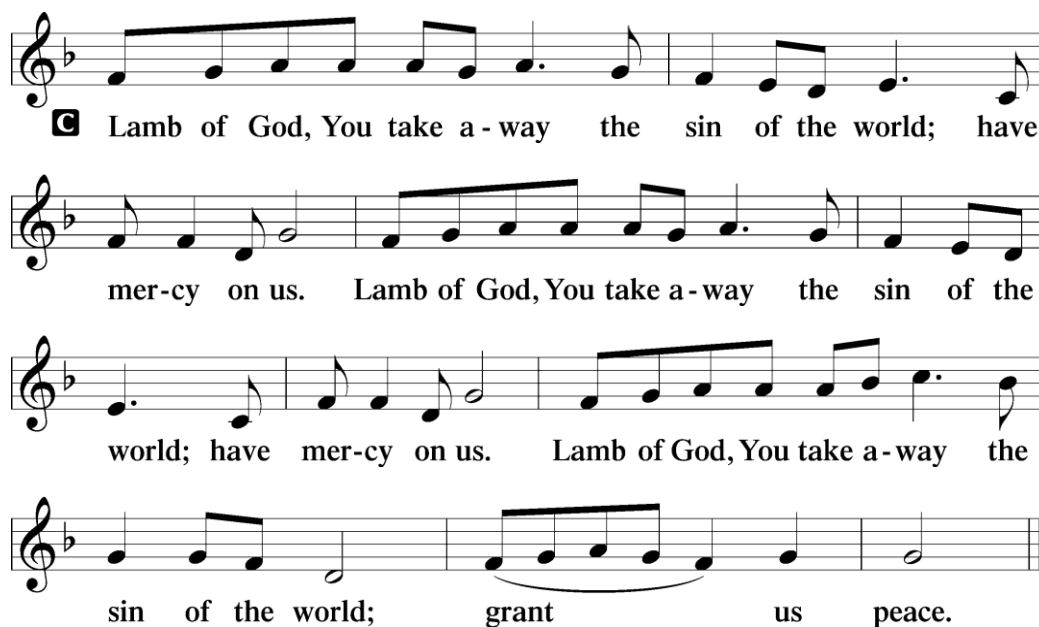
C **Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is 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:



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.



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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *LBW 513 "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life"*



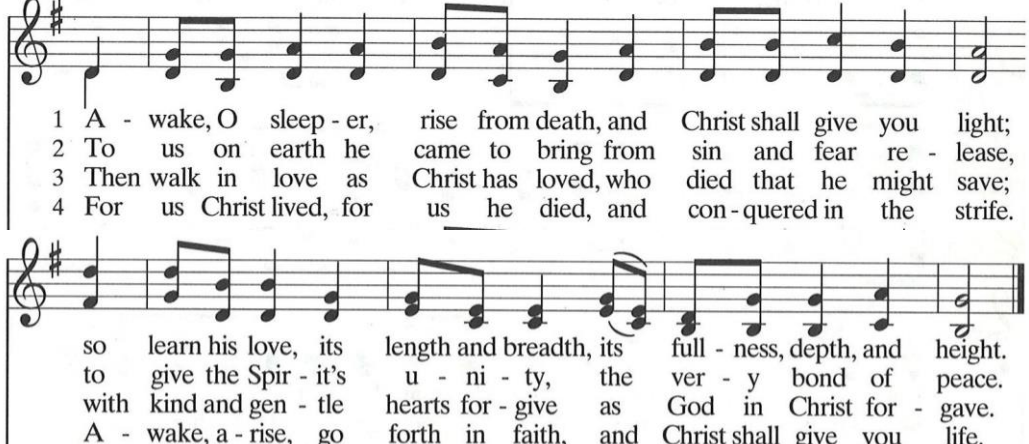
1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: Such a
 2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: Such a
 3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: Such a

way as gives us breath; Such a truth as ends all
 light as shows a feast; Such a feast as mends in
 joy as none can move; Such a love as none can

strife; Such a life as con - quers death.
 length; Such a strength as makes his guest.
 part; Such a heart as joys in love.

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WOV 745 "Awake, O Sleeper"

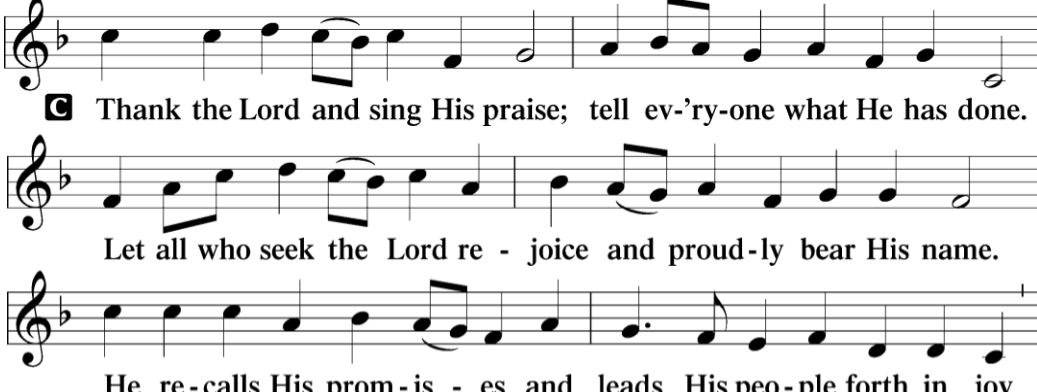


1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
 2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
 3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
 4 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.

so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
 to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
 with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
 A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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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.

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> Kathy Pittman	Judy Ferren	Geoff Heintzelman
11:00 AM	Frank Oruwari & Drew Young <u>Greeter:</u> Chris Wethman	Kent Silvernail	Bev Hudgins
	<u>Altar Guild:</u> John Kolba, Setup; Frank Oruwari, between Services & Clean up	<u>A/V Operator:</u> Joe Wethman	
		*Acolyte	

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CLOSING HYMN: *LBW 363 "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"*

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound To dis - tant
3 Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, Un - touched, un -
4 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, Where col - or,
emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, He comes to claim the
moved by hu - man pains, But dai - ly, in the
scorn, or wealth di - vide, He suf - fers still, yet
prais - es ring. In death his love shall nev - er die.
here and now And con - quer ev - 'ry place and time.
midst of life, Our Sav - ior with the Fa - ther reigns.
loves the more, And lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.

5 Christ is alive! Ascended Lord— Till, in the end, his love adored
He rules the world his Father made, Shall be to all on earth displayed.

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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 benefits does Baptism give?
- C** It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.
- P** Which are these words and promises of God?
- C** Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."
(Mark 16:16)
- P** So go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
- C** Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE