

Crown of Life Lutheran Church
May 12, 2024



+ Seventh Sunday Of Easter +

✠ In the Name of Jesus Christ ✠

The PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: “God’s Own Child I Gladly Say It”

Handbell Choir [10:45]

The PASTORAL WELCOME:

The Congregation stands and turns to face the cross at the rear of the Sanctuary.

The EASTER ACCLAMATION:

(From today’s Gospel)

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P** Alleluia! Christ has ascended!
- C** He has ascended indeed! Alleluia!
- P** This Jesus who ascended into heaven
- C** will come back as we saw Him go. Alleluia!

The HYMN: “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

(Lutheran Service Book #493)

We stand for the final stanza of doxology

1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -
3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why
4 "You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up

hymns through - out the world shall ring; Al - le - lu - ia,
on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,
stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia,
to the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
al - le - lu - ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers
al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they
al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall

trod, As - cends un - to the throne of
see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -
say; "This is His glo - rious tri - umph
see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -

God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
day!" Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
ty." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Continued...



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

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
 And be our future great reward.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Then, throned with You forever, we
 Shall praise Your name eternally.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

△ 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
 All praise to You let earth accord:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 You are, while endless ages run,
 With Father and with Spirit one.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The INVOCATION:

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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.

The CONFESSION OF SINS 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.**

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.

The INTROIT is chanted responsively:

(Psalm 27:1a, 4–5, 10, 14; antiphon: v. 7)

Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;* be gracious to me and | answer me!

The LORD is my light and my sal- | vation;* whom | shall I fear?

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:*

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
 to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His | temple.**

For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of | trouble;*

He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high up- | on a rock.

For my father and my mother have for- | saken me,* but the LORD will | take me in.

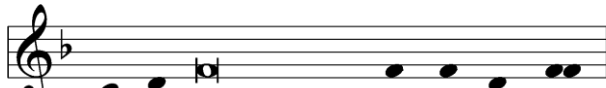
Wait | for the LORD;* be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the LORD!

**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.**

Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;* be gracious to me and | answer me!

The KYRIE: "Lord, have mercy."


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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.



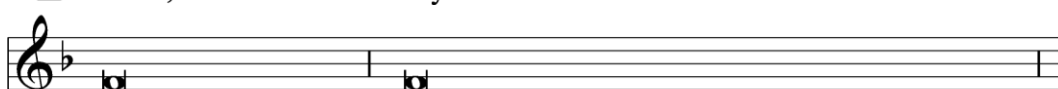
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



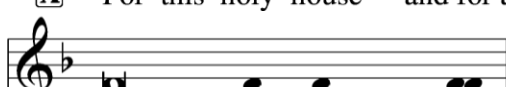
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



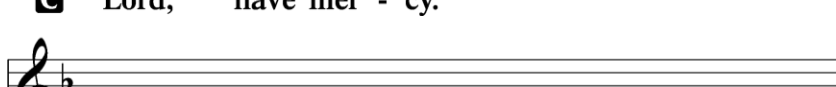
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

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.

- 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.

(We are seated for)

The CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

The FIRST READING:

Acts 1:12-26

Between Christ's Ascension and Pentecost, Matthias is chosen to complete the Twelve. He qualifies as an apostle, for he is known as "a witness to His resurrection."

Then [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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The PSALMODY:

Psalm 1



Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the | wicked,*
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of | scoffers;
but his delight is in the law | of the LORD,* and on His law he meditates | day and night.

**He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not | wither.* In all that he does, he | prospers.**

The wicked | are not so,* but are like chaff that the wind | drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,*
nor sinners in the congregation of the | righteous;
for the LORD knows the way of the | righteous,* but the way of the wicked will | perish.

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

The EPISTLE:

1 John 5:9-15

The Holy Spirit is proof that we “live in God” – His love active within us is a second proof.

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(We stand for)

The GOSPEL PROCESSION

(LSB #489)

Refrain
All

Ascension Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;

Day when our ris - en Lord Rose in the heav - ens to reign. reign.

All

Ascension 1 He who was nailed to the cross Is rul - er and

Lord of all peo - ple. All things cre -

at - ed on earth Sing to the glo - ry of God:

Refrain is repeated.

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

+ St. John 17: 11b-19 +

Jesus prays to the Father for His disciples: "As You sent Me...I have sent them."

[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."

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

After the Gospel is read, the Refrain is sung again.

Refrain
All

Ascension Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;

Day when our ris - en Lord Rose in the heav - ens to reign.

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

(We are seated for)

The HYMN OF THE DAY: "The Church's One Foundation"

(LSB #644)



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

The SERMON: “JESUS PRAYS: “KEEP THEM...” & “GIVE THEM...” & “KEEP THEM...”
& “SANCTIFY THEM...”

(We stand for)

The PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

The GREETING OF PEACE:

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

*Worshipers are encouraged to greet each other with words such as
“Peace be with you,” or “The peace of the Lord.”*

(We are seated for)

The OFFERING OF OUR FIRST-FRUIT GIFTS AND TITHES:

*Please sign the “Friends in Christ” Register which is given to the first person of
each row and then is passed to the others next to you.*

A WORD ABOUT THE LORD’S SUPPER:

*We rejoice in the gifts our Lord gives through His Holy Supper. Affirming the truths of His
Word we also take seriously the call to a common confession of faith as we kneel at the altar.
We ask all our guest worshipers to respect our pastoral practice of Close Communion.*

+ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

The PREFACE:

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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.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.



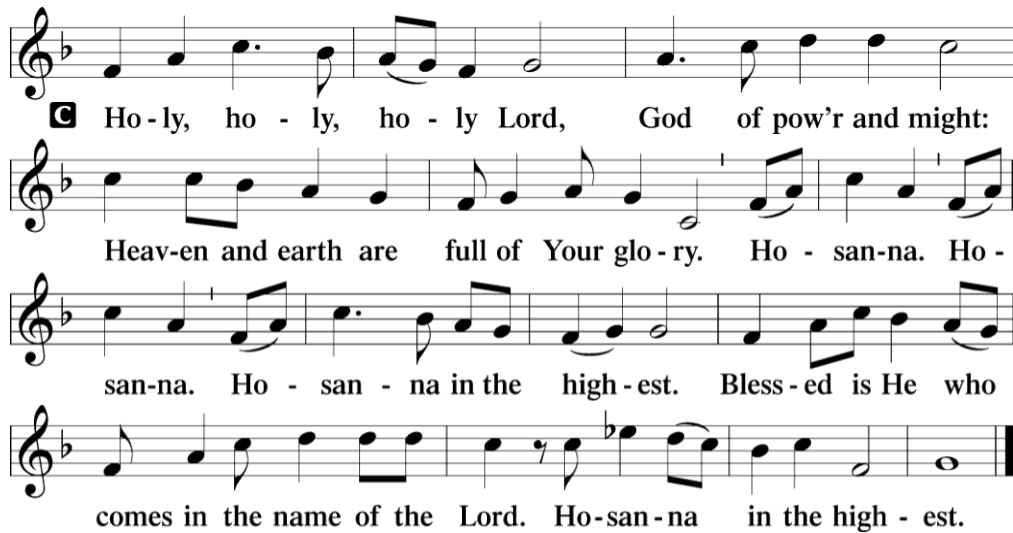
The PROPER PREFACE:

- 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, 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:

The SANCTUS: “Holy, holy, holy Lord...”

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C Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

The PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

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- 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. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. 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. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

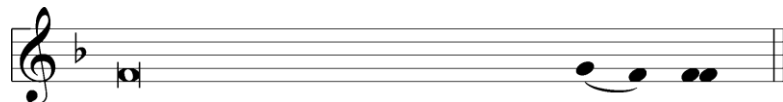
The LORD'S PRAYER:

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

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- 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.”



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

The AGNUS DEI: “Lamb of God”



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.

(We are seated for)

The DISTRIBUTION:

[10:45 Divine Service]

“Thy Word”

Adult Handbell Choir

“Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.” – Psalm 119:105

“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”

(LSB #622, stanzas 1-4,8)



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for
 2 Al - though You did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel
 3 Yet, Sav - ior, You are not con - fined To an - y
 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious
 8 For Your con - sol - ing sup - per, Lord, Be praised through-



our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y
 hosts are dwell - ing, And in Your pres - ence
 hab - i - ta - tion; But You are pres - ent
 Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y
 out all a - ges! Pre - serve it, for in



and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion
 they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,
 e - ven now Here with Your con - gre - ga - tion.
 and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.
 ev - 'ry place The world a - gainst it ra - ges.

As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
 And though Your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry
 Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Un - moved by
 This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are
 Grant that this sac - ra - ment may be A bless - ed

You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
 and Your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,
 an - y dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.
 pos - si - ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y.
 com - fort un - to me When liv - ing and when dy - ing.

“In Holy Conversation”

(LSB #772)

1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion We speak to God in prayer,
 2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions Be - gin in child - like ways;
 3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, In si - lence or by word,

And at His in - vi - ta - tion Our deep - est thoughts we share.
 We bring our sup - pli - ca - tions And words of thanks and praise.
 In ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion Through Je - sus, we are heard.

We come, His will o - bey - ing, As chil - dren bring - ing needs;
 With care our Fa - ther lis - tens To ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,
 So let us pray se - cure - ly, Ex - press - ing hopes and fears

And to sup - port our pray - ing, His Spir - it in - ter - cedes.
 Then an - swers our pe - ti - tions In ways He knows are best.
 With con - fi - dence that sure - ly Our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

Please open the Lutheran Service Book in the pew in front of or next to you for the following hymn also sung during the Distribution of the Lord's Supper.

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

(LSB #922)

(We stand for)

The COMMON DISMISSAL:

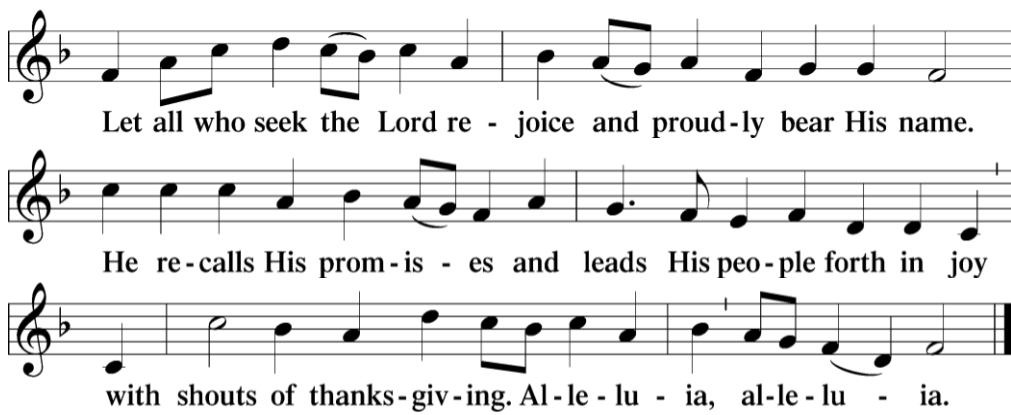
- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.
- G** Amen.

The POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: **“Thank the Lord...”**

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

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The POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

- P** 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.

The BENEDICTION:

(Hebrews 13:20-21)

- P** May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through † Jesus Christ,
- C** to Whom be glory forever and ever! Amen.

Silent Prayer

(We are seated for)

The GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- P** Live this day and this week in the peace of Christ.
- C** Thanks be to God!

† To God Alone Be the Glory †

The PRESIDING MINISTER Pastor Brian Kachelmeier
 The PREACHER Pastor Mark Barz
 The LAY READERS Willis Koops (8:00 am), Kyle McClure (10:45 am)
 The ORGANIST Connie Barz

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