



**LUTHERAN  
CHURCH OF  
OUR SAVIOR**

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# *Lutheran Church of Our Savior*

*Divine Service*

Sundays

10:00 a.m.

*5825 Bollinger Road, Cupertino, California*



*"And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." - Acts 2:42*

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**GUESTS! Welcome!** We're grateful for your presence and sincerely hope that you will find our *liturgical service* to be a blessing as it ties us to the church of past, the church in heaven, and to the church of the present – to whom it bears the blessings of God's Word and Sacraments today.

## **HOLY COMMUNION and GUESTS (both returning and first-time)...**



All communicants are to have been instructed in and confess the articles of faith to which we adhere as a member congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Therefore, **guests** (*both returning and first-time*) who—before the service—inform a pastor that they are communicant members-in-good-standing of a congregation in communion fellowship with those of The LCMS will be invited to commune. **We thank guests who are not communicants of sister congregations** for honoring our convictions and remaining in the pew during communion distribution. We sincerely desire that you commune with us. To that end, we urge you to ask a pastor about the class which would prepare you to receive communion in congregations of The LCMS. **All communicants are encouraged to review Christian Questions with Their Answers in the hymnal, pp. 329-330.**

**COMMUNION in the PEW...** If, due to health issues, you're unable to commune at the altar, be sure to indicate to an usher before the service your desire to be communed in the pew.

## **The Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus Christ Is Our Good Shepherd**

### **Summary of Scripture Lessons for the Day**

Although we "*were straying like sheep,*" the Lord Jesus Christ has willingly suffered and died for us, bearing our sins "*in his body on the tree*" (1 Peter 2:24–25). We are healed by His wounds (1 Peter 2:24), and in His resurrection He gathers us to Himself as our Good Shepherd, by whose righteousness we "*have life and have it abundantly*" (John 10:10). Now through other shepherds whom He calls and sends in His name, He guards and keeps us in the green pastures of His Church, leading us beside the quiet waters of our Baptism and spreading the feast of His table before us. Since He has called us by the Gospel to be His own dear sheep, we also "*hear his voice*" and "*know his voice*" (John 10:3–4) in the faithful preaching of His Gospel, and we follow Him by faith. When we receive His Gospel, we have the abundant life and common unity of the entire flock under one Good Shepherd, in "*the apostles' teaching and the fellowship*" and in "*the breaking of bread and the prayers*" (Acts 2:42).

# ✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

## Setting Two

PRELUDEPROCESSIONAL HYMN ..... # 534

1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, First - be - got - ten  
 2 Though the low - liest form now veil You As of old in  
 3 Pas - chal Lamb, Your of - f'ring, fin - ished Once for all when  
 4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, Strick - en rock with



from the dead, You a - lone, our strong de - fend - er,  
 Beth - le - hem, Here as there Your an - gels hail You,  
 You were slain, In its full - ness un - di - min - ished  
 stream - ing side, Heav'n and earth with loud ho - san - na



Lift - ing up Your peo - ple's head. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Wor - ship You, the Lamb who died, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! We in wor - ship  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Cleans - ing souls from  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ris'n, as - cend - ed,



liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!  
 join with them; We in wor - ship join with them.  
 ev - 'ry stain; Cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.  
 glo - ri - fied! Ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

*The sign of the cross ( ✠ ) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### INVOCATION

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

**P** *In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C** **Amen.**

### EXHORTATION

*1 John 1:8–9*

**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, our sins, and His promise of Absolution)*

### CONFESSION OF SINS

**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.**

### ABSOLUTION

*[John 20:19–23]*

**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.**



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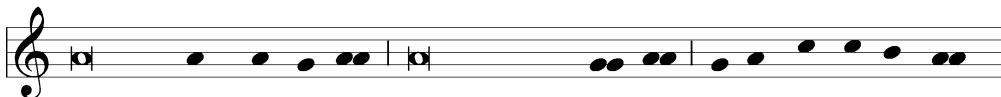
Mark 10:47



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



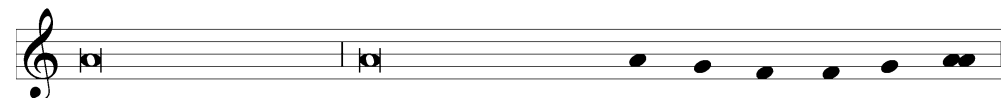
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



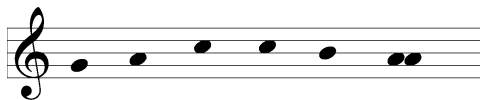
and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



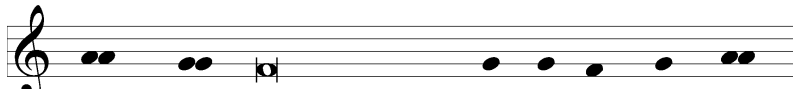
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

**HYMN OF PRAISE** ~ *This Is the Feast*

*Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9*



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



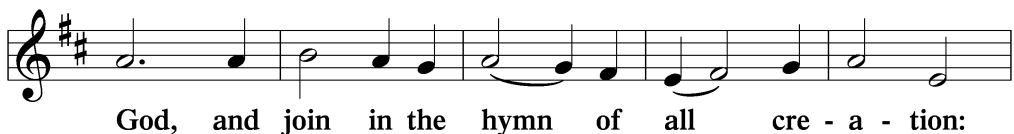
hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



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



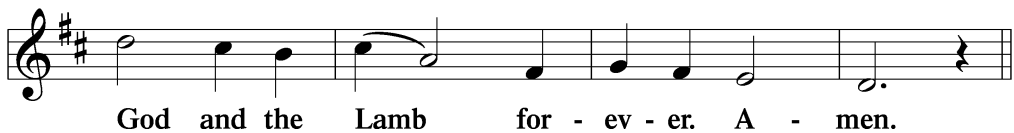
lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



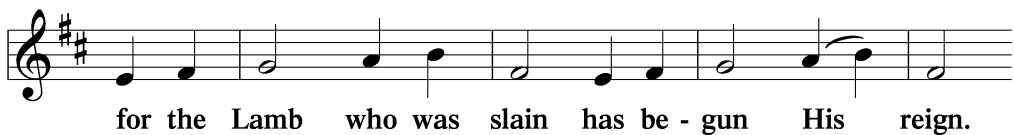
Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



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



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.



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

## SALUTATION



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** *Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C** **Amen.**

## READINGS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

*First Reading:* Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**



- P** <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my | shepherd;\*  
I | shall not want.
- C** <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green | pastures.\*  
He leads me beside still | waters.
- P** <sup>3</sup>He re- | stores my soul.\*  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his | name's sake.
- C** <sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil,  
for you are | with me;\*  
your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.
- P** <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence  
of my | enemies;\*  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup | overflows.
- C** <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days | of my life,\*  
and I shall dwell in the house of  
the LORD for- | ever.
- C** 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.



**Epistle:** 1 Peter 2:19–25

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia:**

*John 6:68*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**The Holy Gospel:** John 10:1–10

**P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.*

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee

from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

**P** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

THE CREED ~ *Apostles' Creed*

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 And, oh, what transport of delight  
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days  
 Thy goodness faileth never;  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
 Within Thy house forever!

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SERMON

*"They Know His Voice" – John 10:1-4*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition: **P** "LORD, in your mercy," or

**P** "Let us pray to the Lord"

**C** "Hear our prayer!"

**C** "LORD, have mercy."

## OFFERTORY



**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.

# *The Service of Holy Communion*

- ✠ **Guests** (both returning and first-time), please refer to “Holy Communion and Guests” on page two.
- ✠ **Communicants**, to receive the Body of Christ in your hand, **extend your hand**. To receive our Lord’s Blood from either the individual glass or the Common Cup, **extend your open hand** when the cup you prefer is offered.

## PREFACE

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



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al-so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



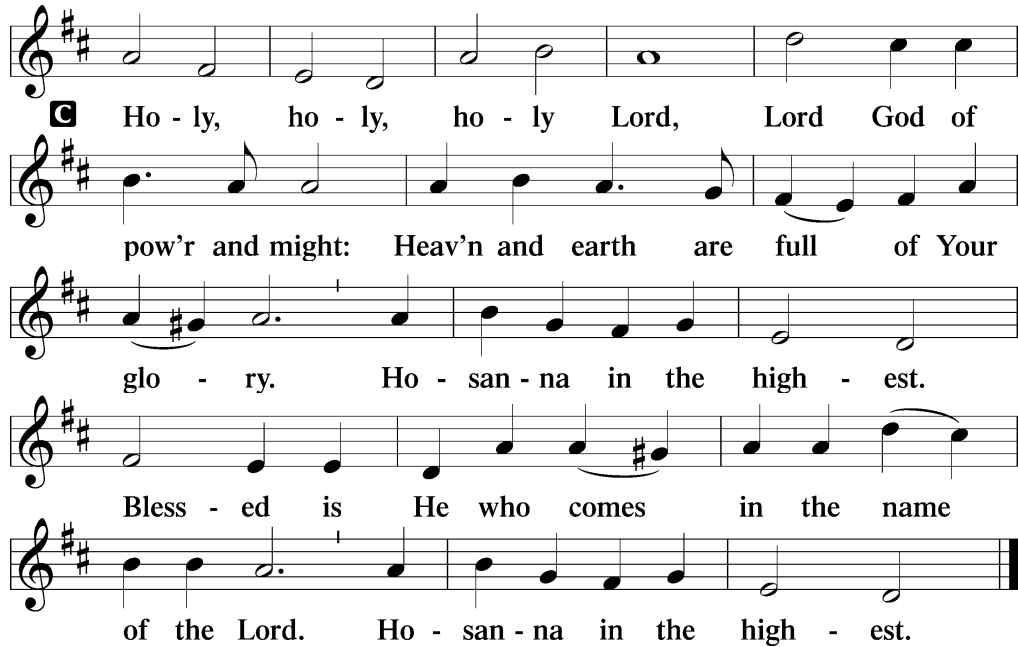
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

( \*notes brief pause as bell tone rings, after which the Prayer continues )

**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;

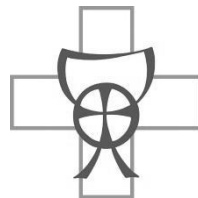
\*give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses

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

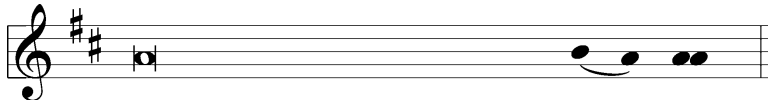
**P** *Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

*In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*



### PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19



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



**C** A - men.

### AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



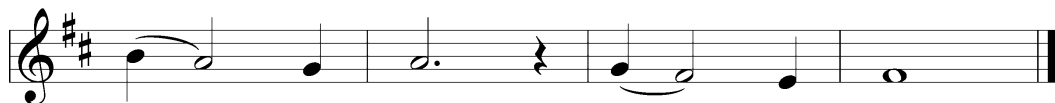
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of  
 2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,  
 3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of  
 4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,  
 food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,  
 Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es  
 lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You  
 Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the  
 To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to  
 Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our  
 food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our  
 You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful  
 Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.  
 thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.  
 branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.  
 God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing      △ 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,  
 To the Father's home on high, Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
 Christ, the truth that frees the captive, Christ, the life and resurrection,  
 Christ, the life that cannot die. Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
 Mediator to the Father, Praise and thanks and adoration  
 Sacrifice and great High Priest: And unending worship be  
 Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions, To the Father and the Spirit  
 There to share Your wedding feast. And to You eternally.



You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and  
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and  
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of  
 4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal  
 5 You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less



heed his voice; So when You call Your  
 grat - i - tude That You should count us  
 Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one  
 tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -  
 let us be, To serve each oth - er



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - jice.  
 wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.  
 loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?  
 not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.



1 Je - sus, Thy bound - less love to me No thought can reach, no  
 2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure  
 3 This love un - wea - ried I pur - sue And daunt - less - ly to  
 4 In suf - f'ring be Thy love my peace, In weak - ness be Thy



tongue de - clare; U - nite my thank - ful heart to Thee,  
 love a - lone; Oh, may Thy love pos - sess me whole,  
 Thee as - pire; Oh, may Thy love my hope re - new,  
 love my pow'r; And when the storms of life shall cease,



And reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly, Thine a -  
 My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my  
 Burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire! And day and night, be  
 O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour, Be Thou my rod and



lone I am; Be Thou a - lone my con - stant flame.  
 heart re - move; My ev - 'ry act, word, thought be love.  
 all my care To guard this sa - cred trea - sure there.  
 staff and guide, And draw me safe - ly to Thy side!



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, You are her one foun-  
 2 O Lord, let this Your lit - tle flock, Your name a - lone con -  
 3 Help us to serve You ev - er - more With hearts both pure and  
 4 And for Your Gos - pel let us dare To sac - ri - fice all



da - tion; In You she trusts, be - fore You bows, And  
 fess - ing, Con - tin - ue in Your lov - ing care, True  
 low - ly; And may Your Word, that light di - vine, Shine  
 trea - sure; Teach us to bear Your bless - ed cross, To



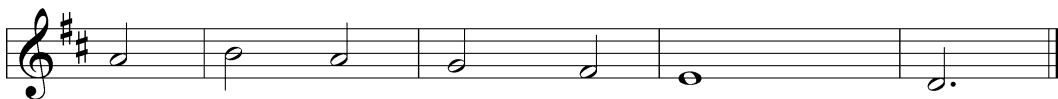
waits for Your sal - va - tion. Built on this rock se - cure,  
 u - ni - ty pos - sess - ing. Your sac - ra - ments, O Lord,  
 on in splen - dor ho - ly That we re - pen - tance show,  
 find in You all plea - sure. O grant us stead - fast - ness



Your Church shall en - dure Though all the world de -  
 And Your sav - ing Word To us, Lord, pure re -  
 In faith ev - er grow; The pow'r of sin de -  
 In joy and dis - tress, Lest we, Lord, You for -



cay And all things pass a - way.  
 tain. Grant that they may re - main  
 stroy And e - vils that an - noy.  
 sake. Let us by grace par - take



O hear, O hear us, Je - sus!  
 Our on - ly strength and com - fort.  
 O make us faith - ful Chris - tians.  
 Of end - less joy and glad - ness.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ~ Thank the Lord [Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8-10]



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what



He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks 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 -



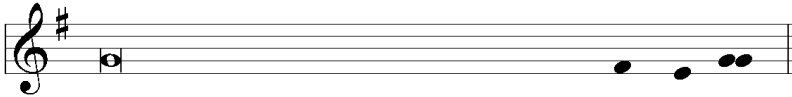
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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** *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** A - men.



**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** A - - - men.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** ..... # 722



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,  
Then 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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**POSTLUDE**

## ~ Announcements ~

### ◆ *Sunday Christian Education Classes* ◆

Adult, Youth, and Children's Christian Education Classes are offered each Sunday. Christian Education classes begin at 8:30 a.m. See below for Sunday morning offerings...

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** ... *PK-Grade 5* – Meets in designated classroom(s). Parents, please pick up your children by 9:35 a.m.

**YOUTH CLASS** ... *Grade 6-High School* – Class meets in Fireside Rm. Topic: "The Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross." Taught by Pastor D. Bestul.

**ADULT CLASS** ... Class meets in Parish Hall. Topic: "Suffering, and Our Lord's Reply." Taught by Pastor J. Bestul.

*COFFEE AND DONUTS in the Courtyard before and after Sunday worship services.*

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

**Mon:** 8:30 am – **Agnus Dei Lutheran Classical Academy** – Meets Mon-Fri  
9:30 am – **Church Office Closed**

**Tue:** 12:00 pm – **Phone-In Bible Study** – Meets by phone or online  
7:30 pm – **Voters Assembly Meeting** – Meets in Fireside Rm

**Wed:** 9:00 am – **LCOS Homeschool Together Day** – Meets until 3:00 pm  
10:00 am – **Morning Chapel**

**Thu:** 10:30 am – **All Saints Bible Study** – Meets in Fireside Rm  
6:00 pm – **Choir Rehearsal** – Meets in choir loft

**Sat:** 9:30 am – **Spring Women's Event** – Meets in Parish Hall (*See opposite for info*)

**Sun:** 8:30 am – **Christian Education** (*See above for class meeting locations*)  
10:00 am – **The Divine Service**

**"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD"** ...

◆ **For the HARD-OF-HEARING** ... Hearing-assistance devices available from the ushers.

[Those with pacemakers should check with physician before using devices]. Additionally,

◆ **For CHILDREN** ... A room from which the service can both be seen and heard is in the back of the sanctuary for children who may need it during the service.

**PRIVATE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION** ... If you'd like to schedule an appointment for private (individual) confession and absolution, please speak with one of the pastors.

**REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS** ... The Lord bids us pray for each other (1 Tim 2:1; Jms 5:16); therefore, we name in prayer: Fran Jenkins, Barbara Bestul, Julie Ryan (homebound, or otherwise unable to attend); John and Jenn Wolf Family (LCOS-supported missionaries).

**WORDS OF WISDOM** ... "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver."  
Proverbs 25:11

**LWML SPRING WOMEN'S EVENT** ... All women and teens are cordially invited to join us for the Spring Women's Event, "*Speak With Grace: Communication Tools for Meaningful Faith Conversations*" on **May 2, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.**, at **LCOS**, which features our own Elaine Lung as main presenter. Please see the flyer in the narthex for more details. The Spring Women's Event is presented by Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML).

**"WHAT ABOUT...?"** ... Have you ever wondered: "What about...Baptism?" "What about...Death and Dying?" or "What about...Lutheran Worship?" Know someone who has? Find wonderful brief pamphlets from The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's "What About...?" Series on the narthex cart. *Today's feature: "What About...Creation and Evolution?"*

**LET'S LOCK THEM AND CHECK THEM** ... Once again, in recent days a person has been found sleeping inside one of the buildings of Lutheran Church of Our Savior, leaving debris to be removed and requiring the space to be cleaned. Together, for the safety of our people and property, let's ensure that doors are locked (outside of regular use) and also checked (when leaving or locking). Thank you.

**YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS?** ... The hymns selected for worship are generally intended to serve the Word (lessons) of the day. But when more than one hymn might serve, we like to sing the hymns that people like to sing. Do you have a favorite hymn or two from the hymnal (*Lutheran Service Book*)? If so, let us know—Suggestions may be made at the narthex cart.

**TODAY'S LIGHT** ... Looking for a Bible reading guide? Concordia Publishing House has published *Today's Light*, a quarterly magazine that helps users 'dig into' the Scriptures day-by-day. Samples of *Today's Light* may be found on the narthex cart. Take one.

**LWML MITES BOX** ... The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Mites Box will be in the narthex next Sunday to receive contributions for LWML projects.

**VOTERS ASSEMBLY APRIL MEETING** ... The April meeting of the LCOS Voters Assembly is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2026, 7:30 p.m., to meet in the Fireside Rm. If voters are unable to attend due to illness or business travel, please notify the assembly (Secretary Paul Kvamme) or the assembly thru the Church Office. Thank you.

**PREPARING FOR SUNDAY MORNING** ... In preparation for next Sunday morn... *Occasion:* Fifth Sunday of Easter; *Lessons:* Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21; *Hymn of the Day:* 633, "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing."

<b>SERVING WEEK OF:</b>	<b>April 26</b>	<b>May 3</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	L. Ristow, J. Bestul, J. Pries, H. Mitby	T. Marting, M. Stephens, D. Bestul
<b>Acolyte</b>	Joseph Bestul	Henry Mitby
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Stephanie Bestul, Yvette Lanza	Elaine Lung, Kathy Matulewicz
<b>Comm. Music</b>	Paul Kvamme	Walter Mitby
<b>Counters</b>	Team 3	Team 4
<b>Greeters</b>	Dan & Alyssa Delaney	Tim & Dana Marting