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**Our mission is to share
the Good News
of grace and love with all
through worship, service,
and fellowship.**



Our Vision:
Joy is a spiritual community
sharing the love of Christ in a
challenging world.



Third Sunday of Easter - April 19, 2026

PRELUDE



“Softly and Tenderly”- JOY Handbell Choir

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C **Amen.**

P Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.



P Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who
is to come. You lead us beside still waters.
We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.
We thank you for the waters that nourish
us.
Blessed are you.



C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

**P Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.**

**We give you thanks for your life-giving
death and resurrection.**

**We praise you for joining us in joy and
sorrow. Blessed are you.**



C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

**P Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil
and our cup overflows.**

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.



C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

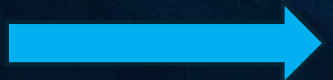
P Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen”

ELW #377



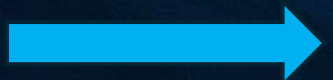
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Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

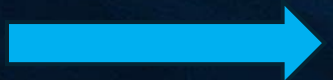
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!



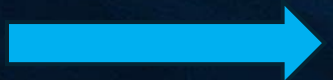
Refrain

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**



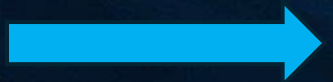
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**Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing,
our constant surprise.**



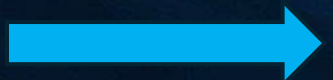
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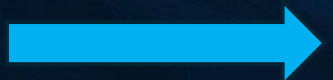
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**Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me.**



Refrain

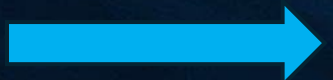
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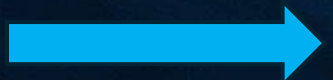
**Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
death put asunder,
and Easter is bright.**

**Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.**



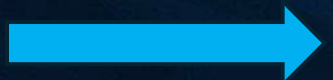
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Give God the glory! Alleluia!**



5

**City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM!**



Refrain

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

Greeting

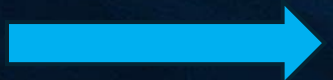
P: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

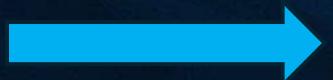
“Glory to God”

ELW page 204



1

**Glory be to God in heaven;
peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of
surpassing worth:**

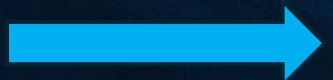


**we exalt you, we adore you,
we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.**

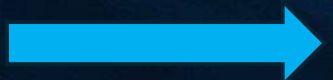


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**Glory be to Christ forever,
Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior,
you have come from heav'n above;**

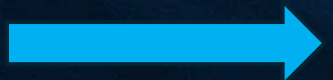


**on the cross you died to save us;
now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us;
in your promise firm we stand.**



3

**Holy One we now acclaim you;
Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you,
God most high, yet near to all:**

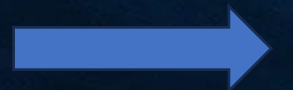


**Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,
in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit,
glory be to God on high!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: 11:00



Walking with Jesus On the road to Emmaus

ACTS

2:14a, 36-41

*Receiving
God's promise
through
baptism.*



**They received His
Word and were
Baptised**

Acts 2:41



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P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116: 1-4, 12-19

***R: I will call on the name of the Lord
(Ps: 116:13)***

¹ I love the LORD, who has | heard my
voice, and listened to my | supplication,



² *for the LORD has given I ear to me
whenever I called.*

³ The cords of death entangled me; the
anguish of the grave I came upon me;
I came to I grief and sorrow.



⁴ *Then I called upon the name I of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, I save my life."* **R**

I will call on the name of the Lord

¹² How shall I re- I pay the LORD for all the good things God has I done for me?



***13 I will lift the cup | of salvation
and call on the name | of the LORD.***

***14 I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people.***

***15 Precious in your | sight, O LORD,
is the death | of your servants.***



¹⁶ O LORD, truly I | am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your
handmaid; you have freed me | from
my bonds.



***17 I will offer you the sacrifice I of
thanksgiving and call upon the name I of
the LORD. R***

I will call on the name of the Lord



18 I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people,

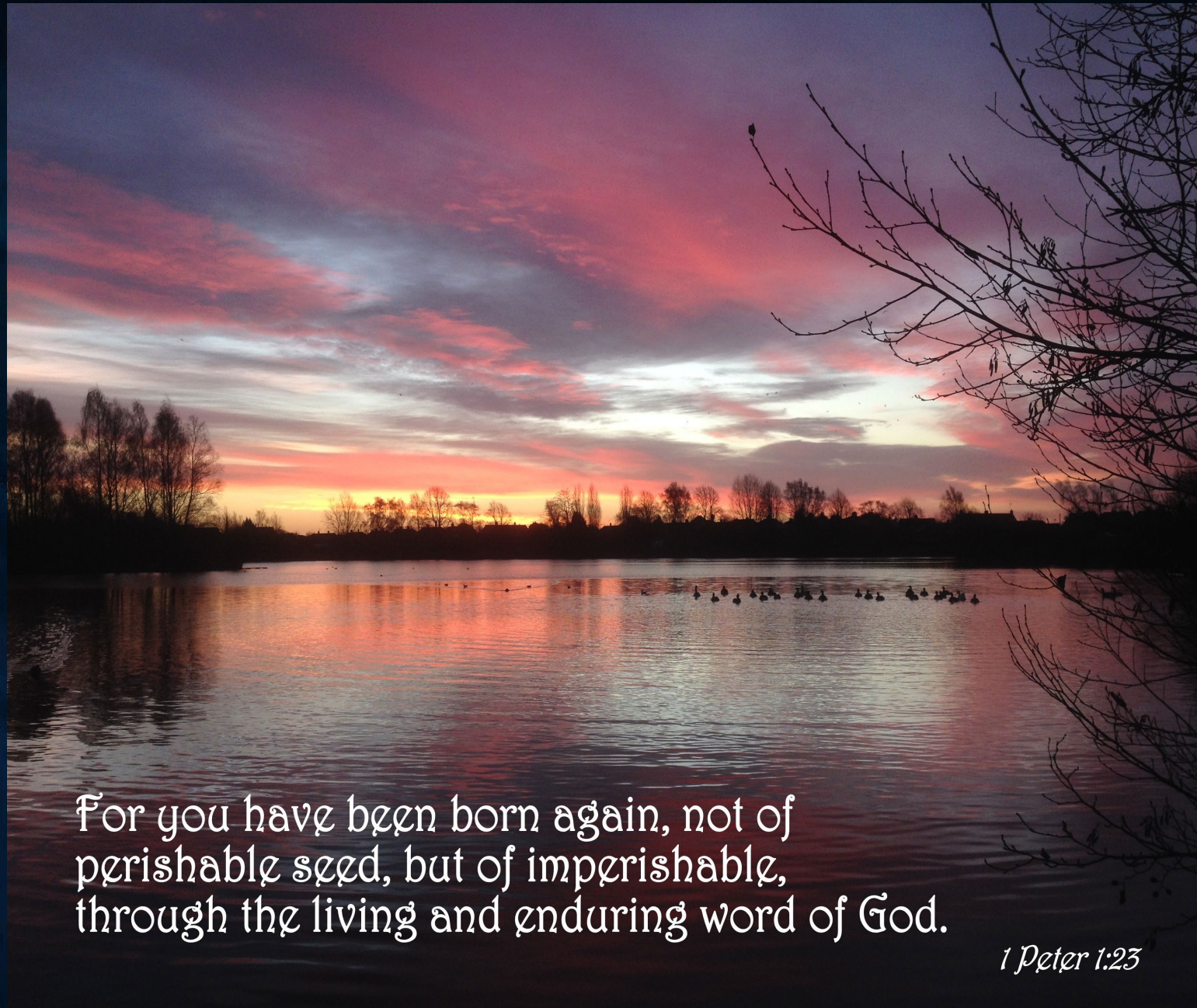
19 *in the courts of | the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

Hallelujah! R

I will call on the name of the Lord

**1 Peter
1:17-23**

***Born anew
through the
living word of
God.***



For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

1 Peter 1:23



P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:15 AM)



“This is My Father’s World”-
arr. Mark Hayes

SPECIAL MUSIC (11:00 AM)



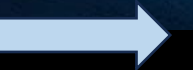
“Behold the Lord of Love”- JOY Choir

Congregation please join in when indicated.



Congregation please sing:

**Crown him the Lord of love,
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified.**



**All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me.
Thy praise shall never,
never fail
throughout eternity.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“Alleluia”

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**Alleluia! Lord and Savior:
open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us;
speak until our hearts are stirred.**

**Alleluia! Lord, we sing
for the good news that you bring.**

**P: The Holy
Gospel
According to
Luke
24:13-35**

**C: Glory to
you O Lord**





P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



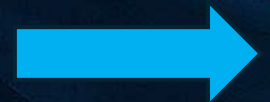
***Today's
Message Is
Given By:***

***Pastor
Art Wuertz***

***a moment of silence
for reflection***

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Day of Arising”



1

**Day of arising,
Christ on the roadway
unknown companion
walks with his own.**



**When they invite him,
as fades the first day,
and bread is broken,
Christ is made known.**



2

**When we are walking,
doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness,
slowness of heart,**



**yet Christ walks with
us ever awaiting
our invitation:
Stay, do not part.**



3

**"Lo, I am with you,"
Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise,
this is Christ's sign:**



**when the church gathers,
when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us
in bread and wine.**



4

**Christ our companion,
hope for the journey,
bread of compassion,
open our eyes.**



**Grant us your vision,
set all hearts burning
that all creation
with you may rise.**

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,**



**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and
the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

A pair of hands is shown in a prayer position, with fingers interlaced and palms facing each other. The hands are positioned in the center-left of the frame. The background is a bright, warm, golden-yellow light, likely from a setting or rising sun, creating a soft, ethereal atmosphere. The light is slightly out of focus, with some bokeh effects visible in the lower right corner. The overall composition is simple and evocative, emphasizing the act of prayer.

**Response after each petition is:
“Receive our prayer”**

Passing of the Peace

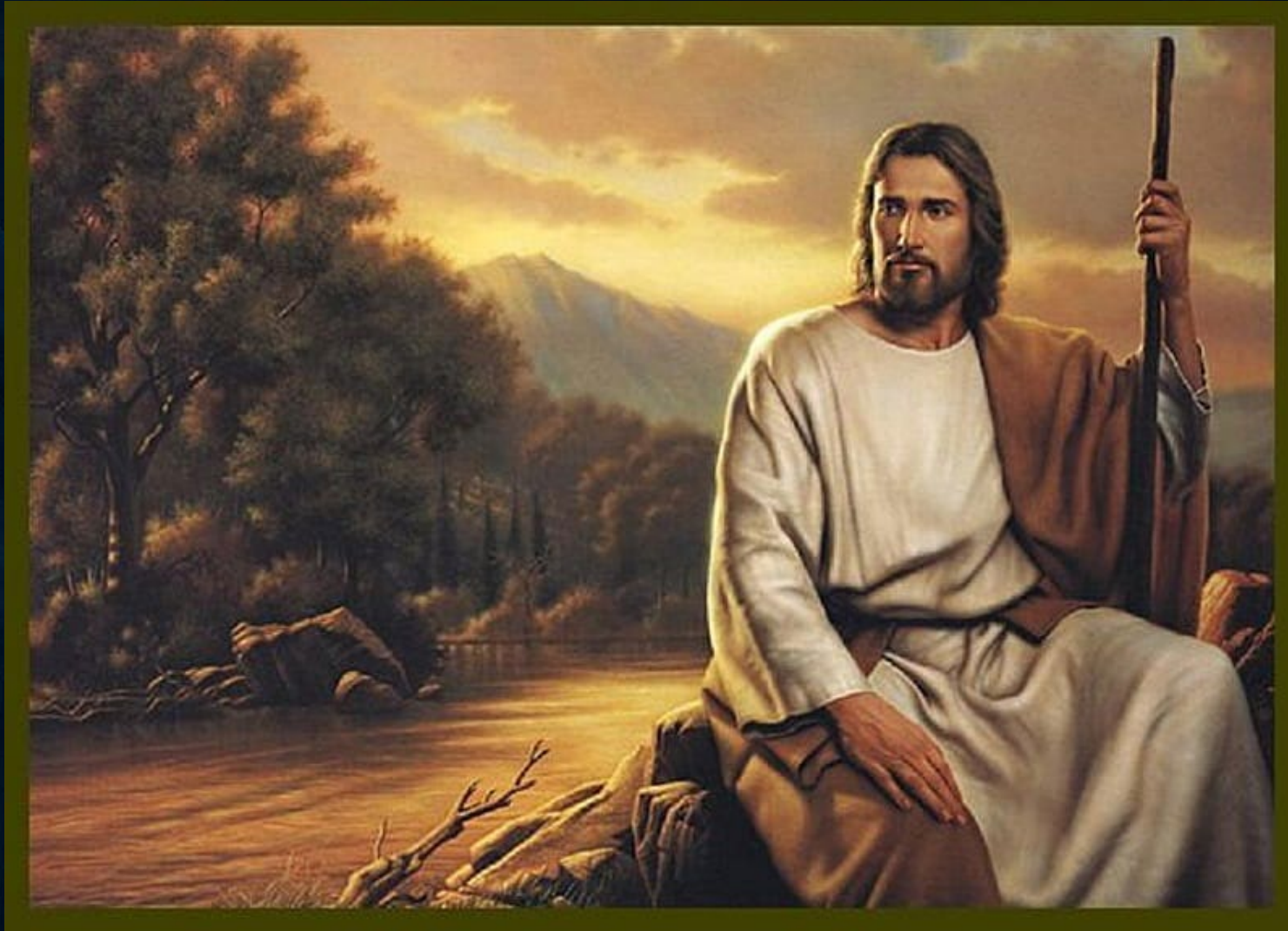
P: The peace of the
Lord be with you
always.

C: And also
with you.

*(Share the sign of peace
in the manner you feel most comfortable.)*



OFFERTORY (8:15 AM)



“Jesus, My Lord”-com. John Fischer

OFFERTORY (11:00 AM)

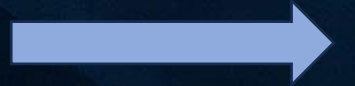


“Jesus, My Lord” - Marcia Meier

CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY

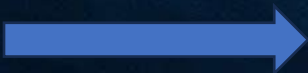
“Thine Is The Glory”

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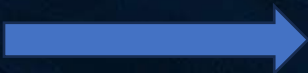


3

**No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;**



**make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above.**



Refrain

**Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!**

Offertory Prayer

A: Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to
give you glory. You have set a table before
us, a glimpse of that great day when we
will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish



A: us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may
follow us and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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 our thanks
and praise.

***It is indeed
right...***



SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

ELW page 207



**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**



**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer

***Words of
Institution***



The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the table of new life.
Receive the risen Lord.

C: Amen.

ALL baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table.

Altar rail communion will be observed today.

Gluten-free wafers (distributed by Assistant Minister) and grape juice

(Clear juice in center of tray) are also offered, if desired.

***If you would like to receive communion at your seat,
please let the usher know.***

“LAMB OF GOD”

ELW page 208



1

**O Lamb of God,
you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save:
have mercy now, we pray.**



2

**O Lamb of God,
you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave:
have mercy now, we pray.**



3

**O Lamb of God,
you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made:
give us your peace, we pray.**

Communion Meditation (11:00 AM)



“This is My Father’s World”-arr. Mark Hayes

DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

*“As We Gather At Your
Table”*

ELW # 522



1

**As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.**



**Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.**



2

**Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.**



**Give us, Christ,
your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.**



3

**Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.**



**There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.**

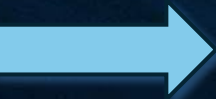
“Come, Let Us Eat”

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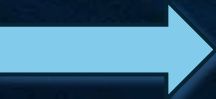


1

**Come, let us eat,
for now the feast is spread,
come, let us eat,
for now the feast is spread.**

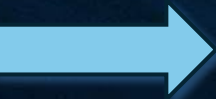


**Our Lord's body
let us take together,
our Lord's body
let us take together.**

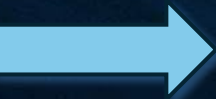


2

**Come, let us drink,
for now the wine is poured,
come, let us drink,
for now the wine is poured.**

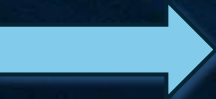


**Jesus' blood poured
let us drink together,
Jesus' blood poured
let us drink together.**

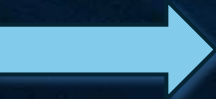


3

**In Jesus' presence now
we meet and rest,
in Jesus' presence now
we meet and rest.**



**In the presence of
our Lord we gather,
in the presence of
our Lord we gather.**



4

**Rise, then, to spread
abroad God's mighty word,
rise, then, to spread
abroad God's mighty word.**



**Jesus risen will
bring in the kingdom,
Jesus risen will
bring in the kingdom.**

***“Soul Adorn Yourself
With Gladness”***

ELW # 488



1

**Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
come into the daylight's splendor,
there with joy your praises render.**



**Bless the one whose grace unbounded
this amazing banquet founded;
Christ, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
deigns to dwell with you most lowly.**



2

**Hasten as a bride to meet him,
eagerly and gladly greet him.
There he stands already knocking;
quickly, now, your gate unlocking,**



**open wide the fast-closed portal,
saying to the Lord immortal:
"Come, and leave your loved one
never;
dwell within my heart forever."**



3

**Now in faith I humbly ponder
over this surpassing wonder
that the bread of life is boundless
though the souls it feeds are
countless;**



**with the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.**

**Oh, most glorious consolation,
pledge and seal of my salvation.**



4

**Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
truest friend, and dearest treasure,
peace beyond all understanding,
joy into all life expanding:**



**humbly now, I bow before you,
love incarnate, I adore you;
worthily let me receive you,
and, so favored, never leave you.**

Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord
Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

A: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

Blessing:

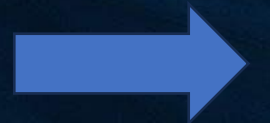
P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✝ bless you now and forever.

C: AMEN

SENDING HYMN:

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

ELW # 857



Lord

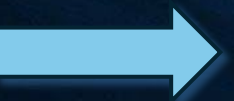
I lift Your name on high

Lord

I love to sing Your praises



**I'm so glad You're
in my life
I'm so glad You came
to save us**



Chorus

You came from
heaven to earth
To show the way



**From the earth
to the cross
My debt to pay**



**From the cross
to the grave
From the grave
to the sky
Lord I lift
Your name on high**



Lord

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Chorus

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**From the cross
to the grave
From the grave
to the sky
Lord I lift
Your name on high**

Sending

A: Go in peace.

Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia!

POSTLUDE



“O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly” - arr. Anne K. Organ

