FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

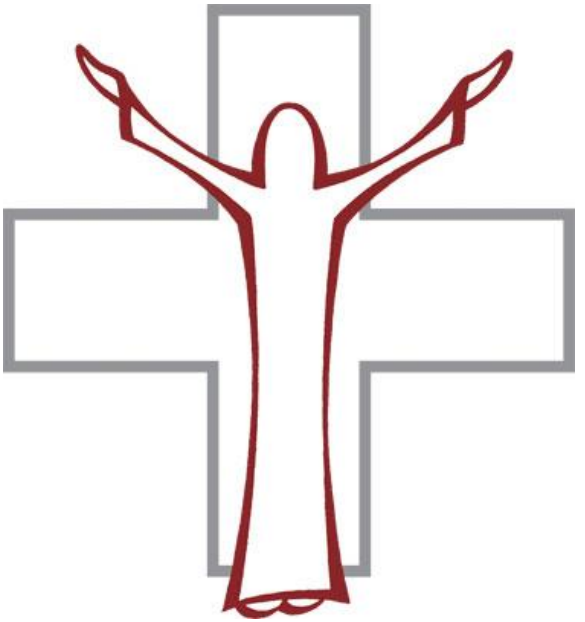
The Ascension of Our Lord (observed)

May 21, 2023

Divine Service, Setting Two – LSB 167

8:00 & 10:30*am, 5:00 pm

*livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube



AS WE GATHER

Ascension Day is an opportunity for God's people to celebrate Christ the King taking His throne in glory, honor, and authority at God the Father's right hand. Like the ancient believers, who clapped their hands and shouted praises to God at the coronation of their king, we rejoice in the victory King Jesus earned for us, His people, by means of His death and resurrection. Our praises keep rolling from our Easter celebration some forty days ago, all the way to today and even beyond, as we witness Jesus now seated in glory and majesty. Shout your praises to God! The same King who is exalted over all things in heaven and on earth is the King who stoops to serve us as we gather to worship Him!

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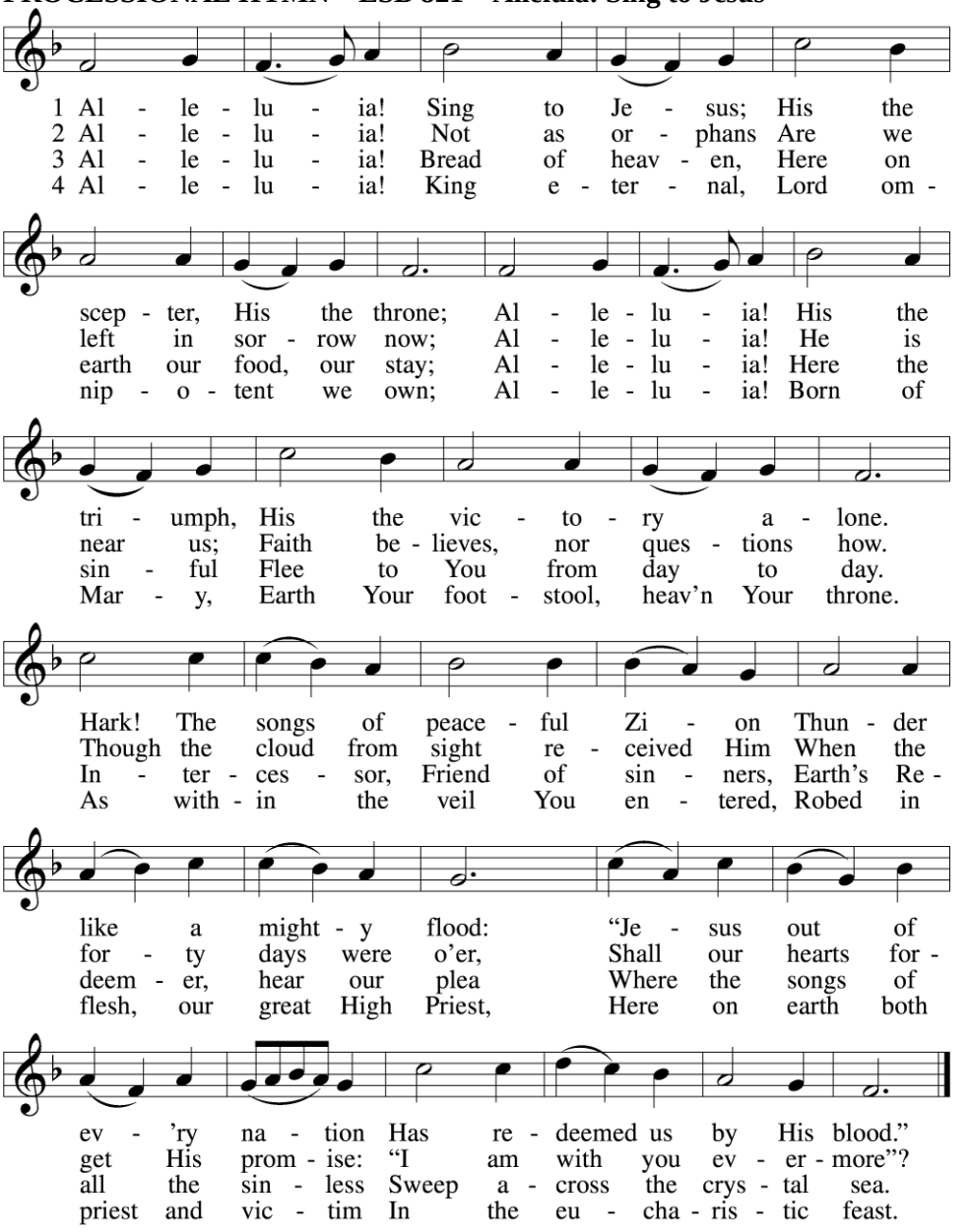
✢ ✢ ✢ GATHERING ✢ ✢ ✢

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – *Prelude and Fugue in A Major, BWV 536* (J.S. Bach)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – LSB 821 – Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood."

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION 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.**

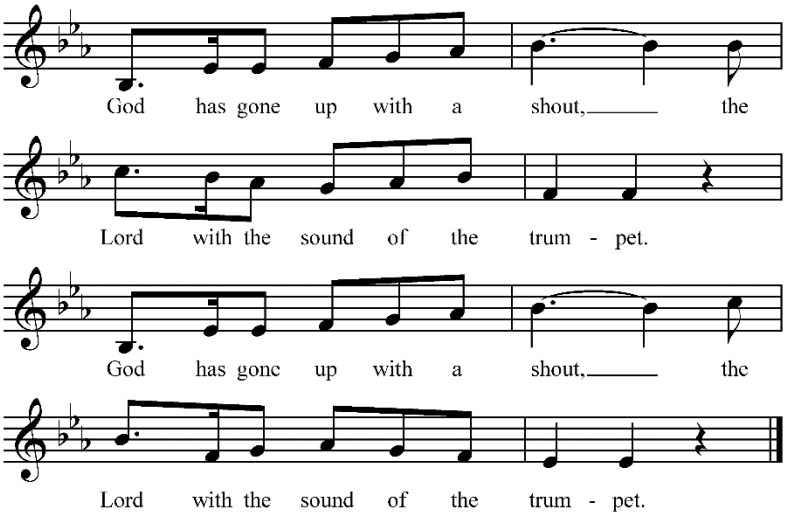
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**.

✢ ✢ ✢ WORD ✢ ✢ ✢

INTROIT – Psalm 110:1, 4-5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5

The choir sings the antiphon, followed by the congregation.
The congregation repeats the antiphon after the verses.



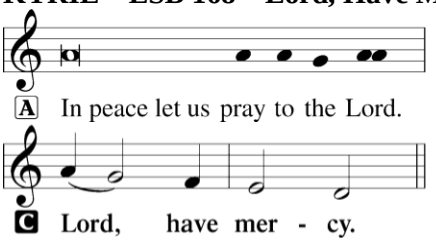
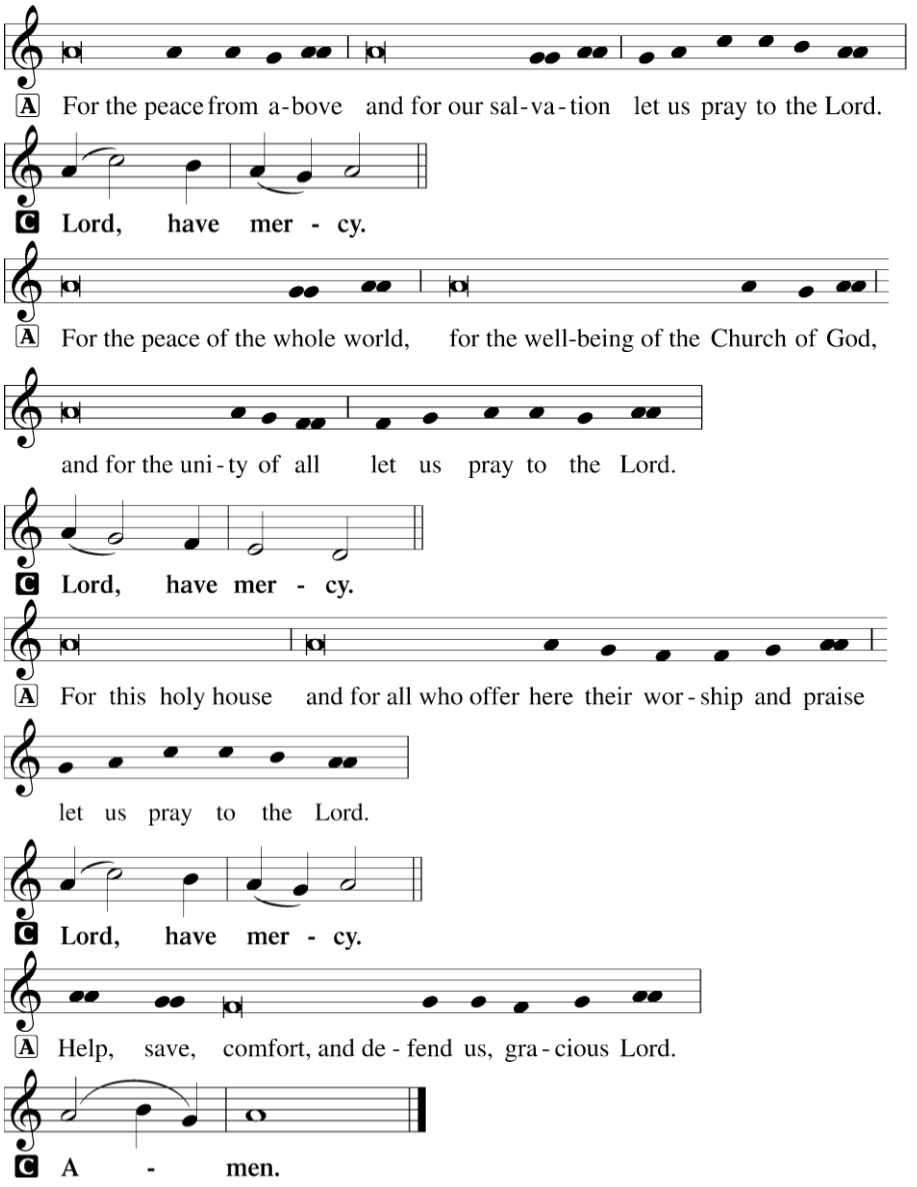
The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool."

The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind,
"You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizidek."

The Lord is at your right hand;
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath. **ANTIPHON**

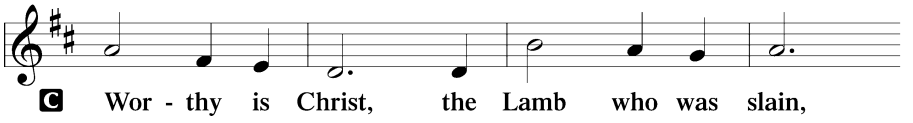
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen. **ANTIPHON**

KYRIE – LSB 168 – Lord, Have Mercy *– Mark 10:47*



HYMN OF PRAISE – LSB 171 – This is the Feast – *Revelation. 5:12-13; 19:5-9*

P *This is the feast of victory for our God! Alleluia!*



Today Jesus Christ our Lord went up to heaven; let our hearts go up with him…Just as he ascended without leaving us, so too we are already with him in heaven, although his promises have not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.
-Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430)

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:

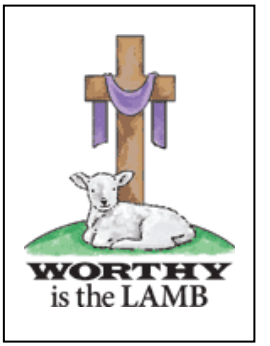
Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

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.



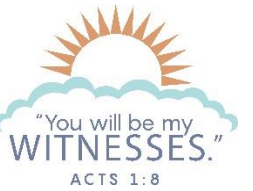
SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY– *2 Timothy 4:22*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray… one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**



FIRST LESSON – Acts 1:1–11– "Jesus ascends to His throne of victory."

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

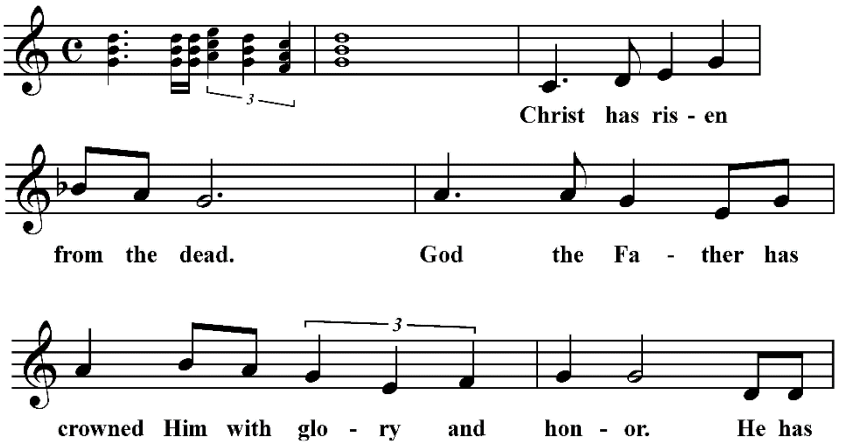
And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

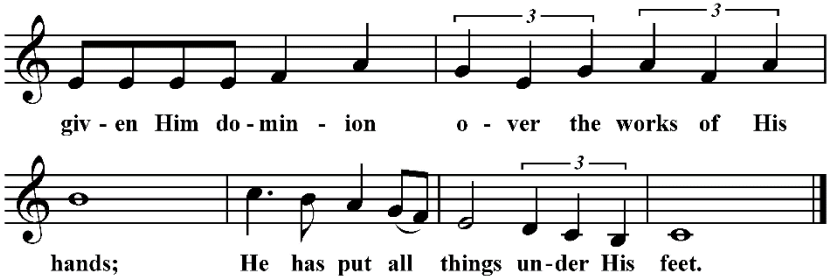
So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL – *Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6* – **The congregation sings all.**





EPISTLE – Ephesians 1:15–23 – Christ is seated at His Father's right hand.

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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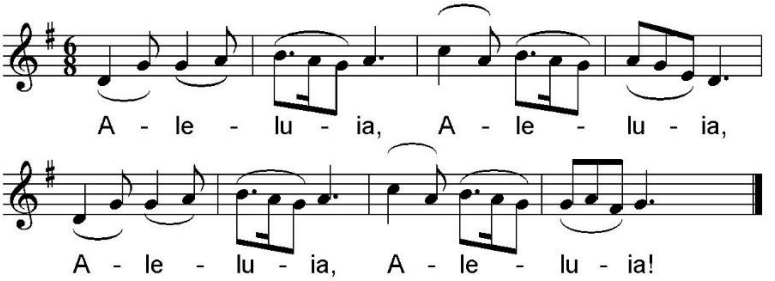
C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and VERSE – *Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:20b*
The congregation sings the refrain before and after each verse

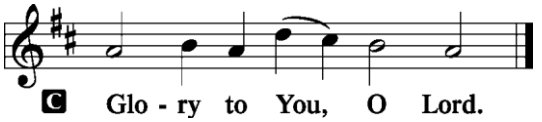


Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him. **REFRAIN**

Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. **REFRAIN**

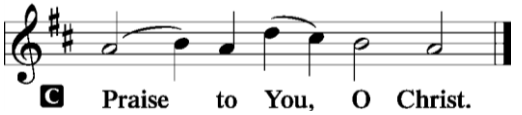
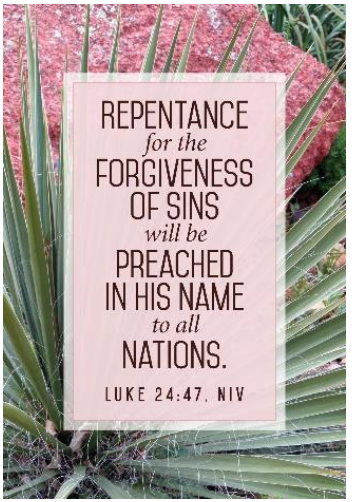
HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 24:44–53 – Jesus departs from His disciples and is carried into heaven.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

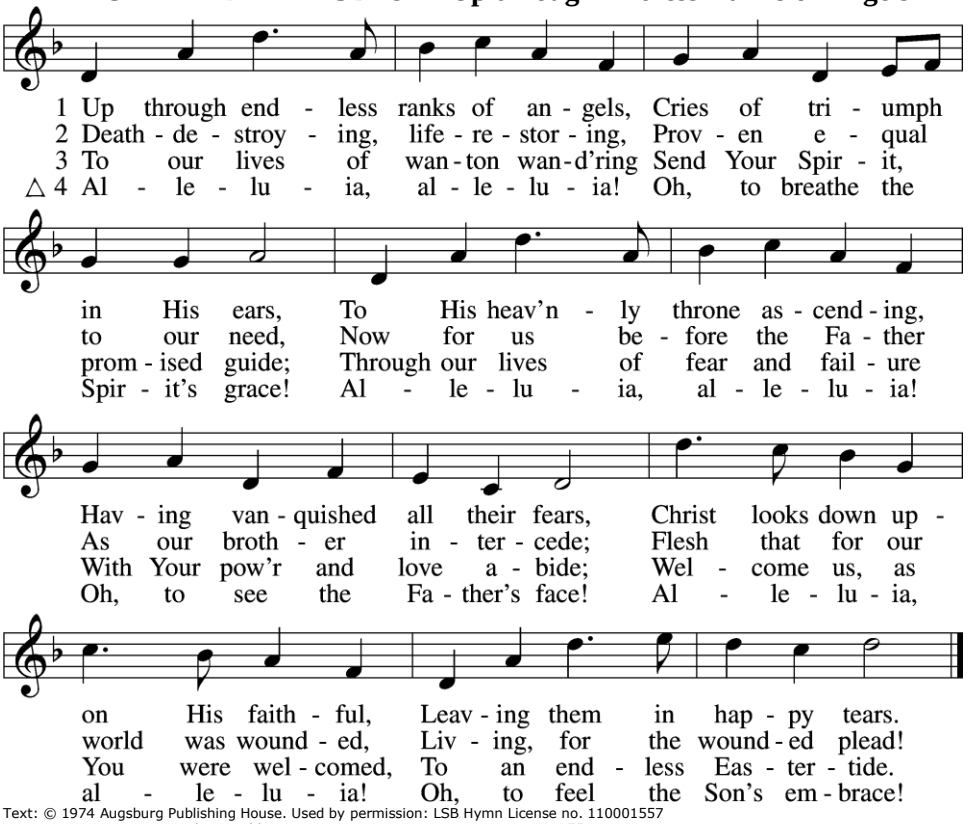


44Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you,
that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be
fulfilled.” 45Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46and said to them, “Thus it is
written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47and that repentance and
forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48You
are witnesses of these things. 49And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay
in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

50Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. 51While he
blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. 52And they worshiped him and
returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



10:30am – Children’s Message

HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 491 – Up through Endless Ranks of Angels

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SERMON – *The Coronation of the King of Kings* – Luke 24:44-53

8 am – NICENE CREED

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 ✢ of the world to come. Amen.

10:30 am & 5 pm – 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

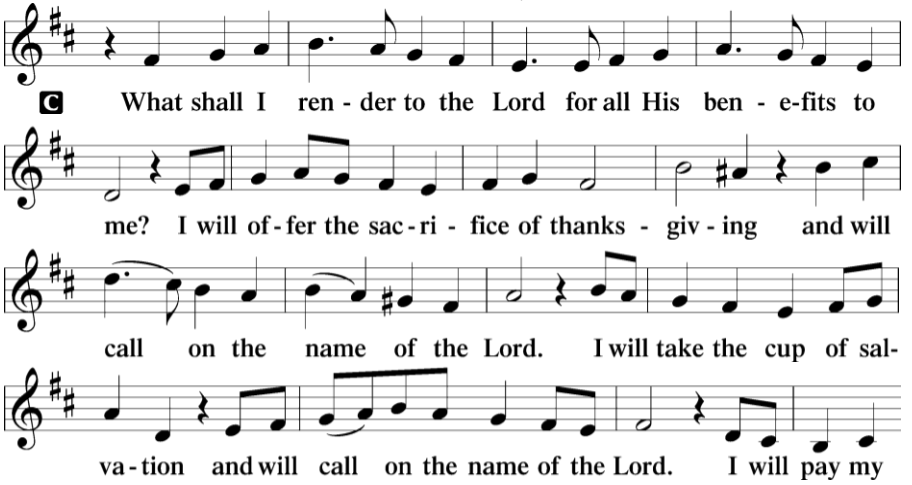
A Lord, in Your mercy,

C **reign in our hearts.**

A … one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

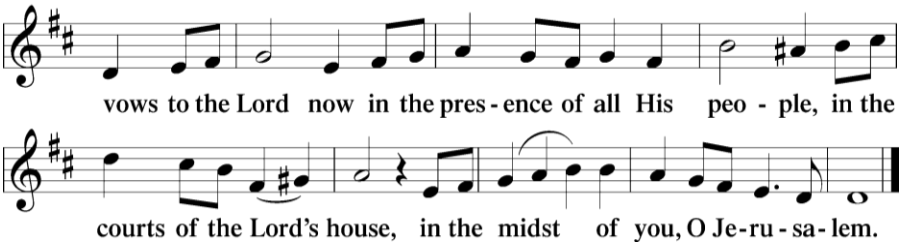
OFFERING – 8:00 am - *God Is Gone Up on High Today*
(arr. John Harper)
10:30 am – *Alleluia* (William Boyce, arr. Mark Schweizer)

OFFERTORY – LSB 176 – *Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*

God is gone up on high today.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Jesus is king of bliss for aye [ever].
Alleluia, alleluia.

Set at the Father's own right hand.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Sovereign of sky and sea and land.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Now Christ has vanquished every foe.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Benedicamus Domino.
[Let us bless the Lord.]
Alleluia, alleluia.

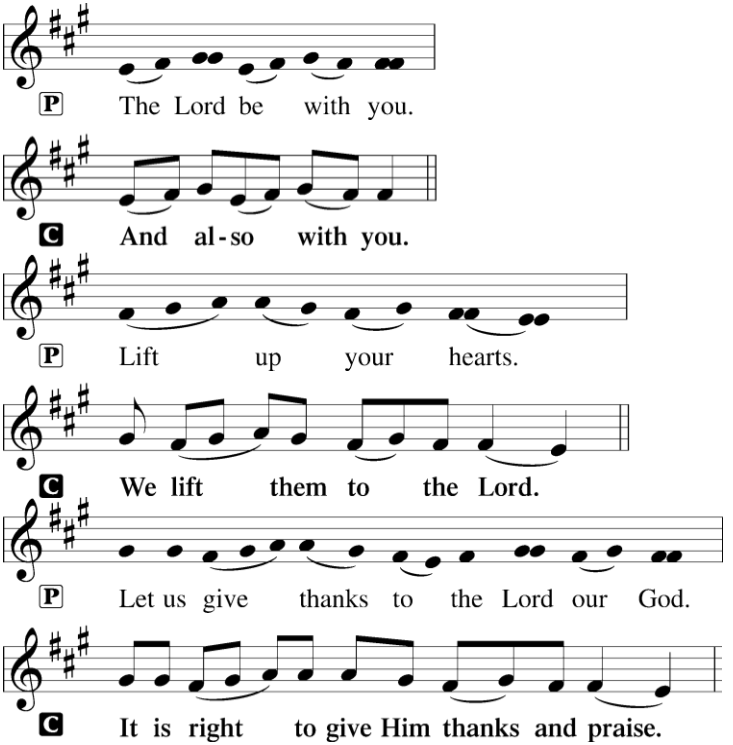
15th-century Ascensiontide carol



10:30 am & 5 pm – Continues with the **Lord's Prayer** *(page 13)*
and concludes with the **Benediction and Closing Hymn** *(pages 17-18).*

✢ ✢ ✢ SACRAMENT ✢ ✢ ✢

beginning at LSB 177

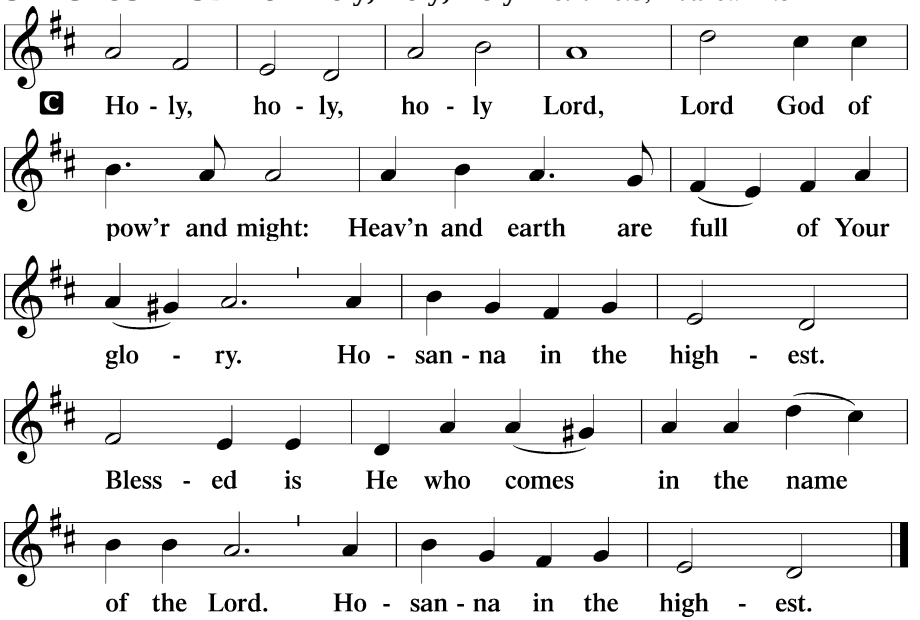
PREFACE

For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that **in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is *truly* present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.**

Participation in this meal indicates that you **believe, have been baptized, and have been taught** according to our Lord's command **and are in doctrinal agreement** with this confession.

- **If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith**, we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- **If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper**, please speak with one of our pastors.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary…evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS – LSB 178 – Holy, Holy, Holy – *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth… one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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

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

P …So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

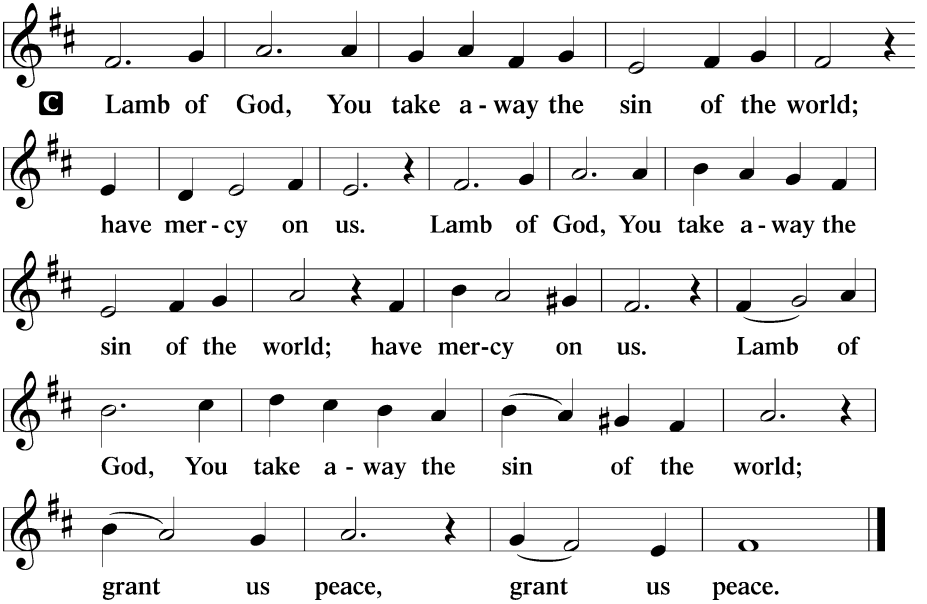
LORD'S PRAYER

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 – The Peace of the Lord – *John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI – LSB 180 – Lamb of God – *John 1:29*



Distribution Notes:

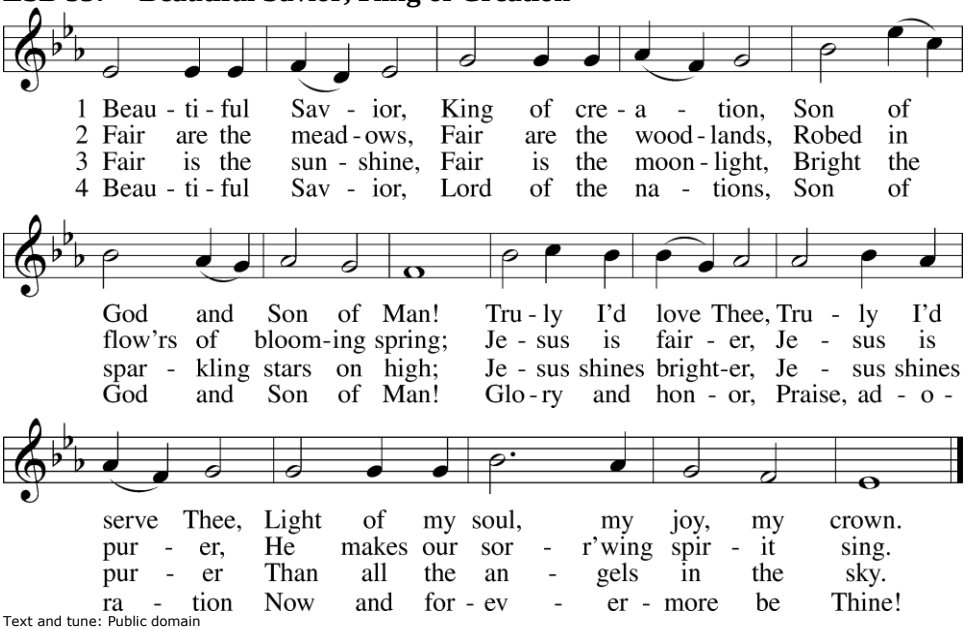
If you need **gluten-free wafers**, please let one of the pastors know.

Non-alcoholic grape juice, containing *a trace amount of wine*, is available in the center of the tray.

DISTRIBUTION

Anthem – *Alleluia* (William Boyce, arr. Mark Schweizer)

LSB 537 – Beautiful Savior, King of Creation



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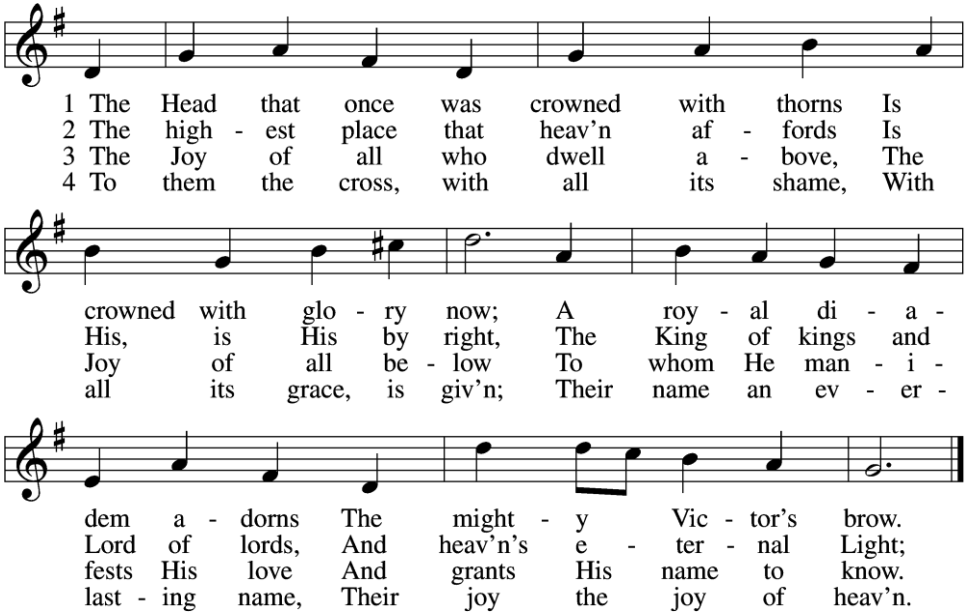
LSB 532 – The Head that Once Was Crowned with Thorns



5 They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with Him above,
Their profit and their joy to know
The myst'ry of His love.

6 The cross He bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to Him:
His people's hope, His people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

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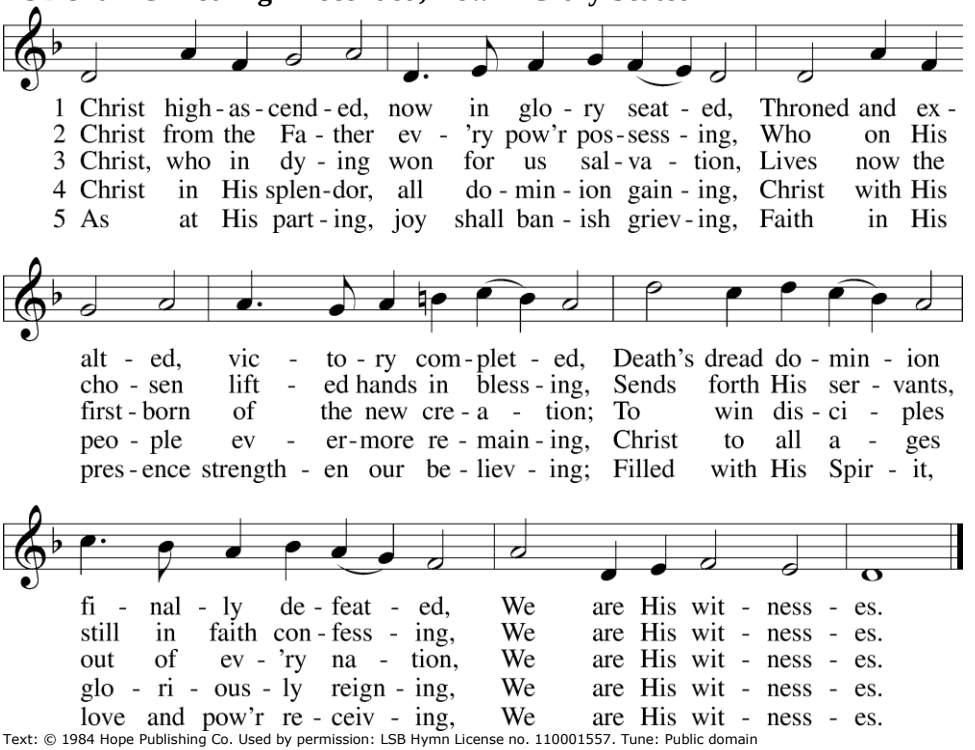
LSB 840 – Christ High-Ascended, Now in Glory Seated



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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – LSB 680 – Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

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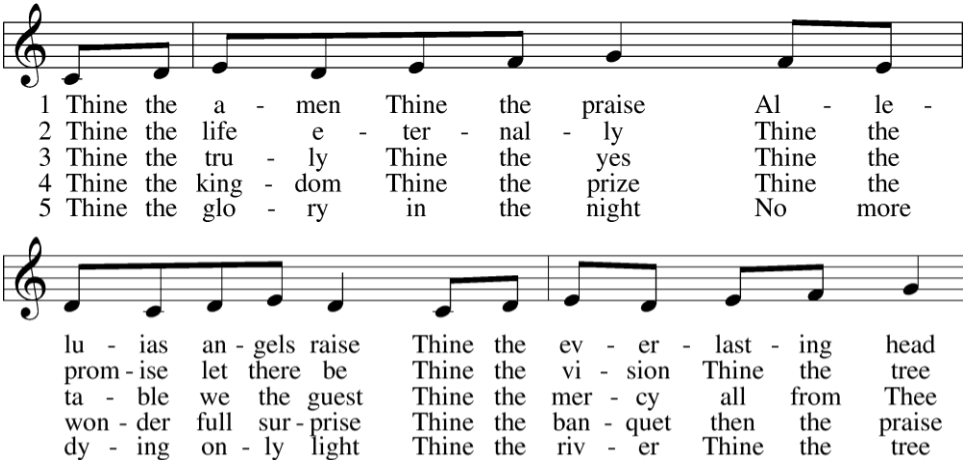
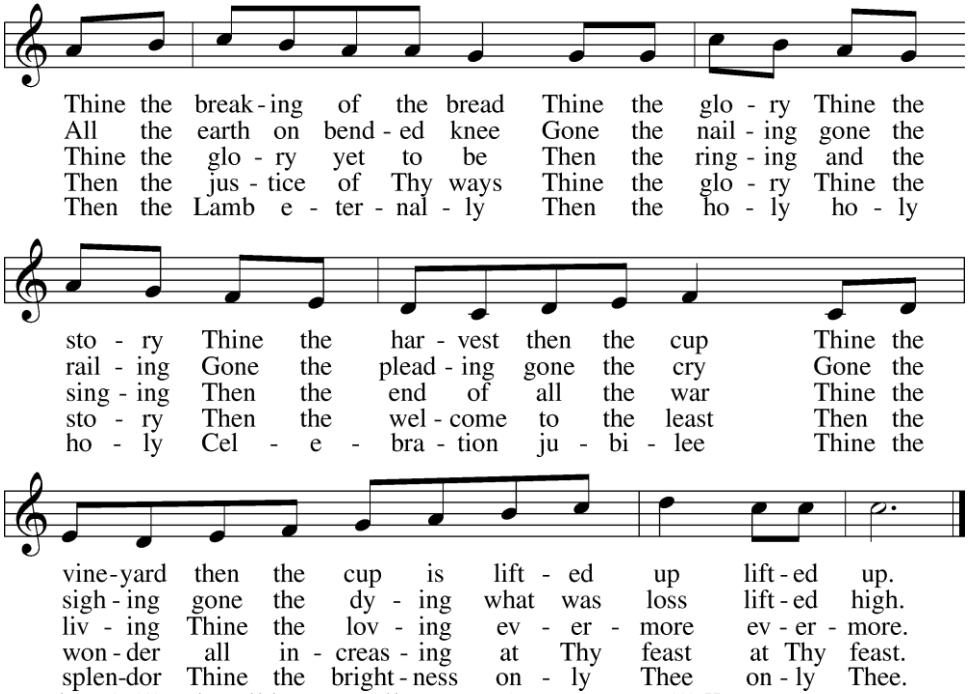
Verse 1: Women *Verse 3: Choir*
Verse 2: Men **Verses 4-5: All**





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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P … one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION – *Numbers 6:24-26*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

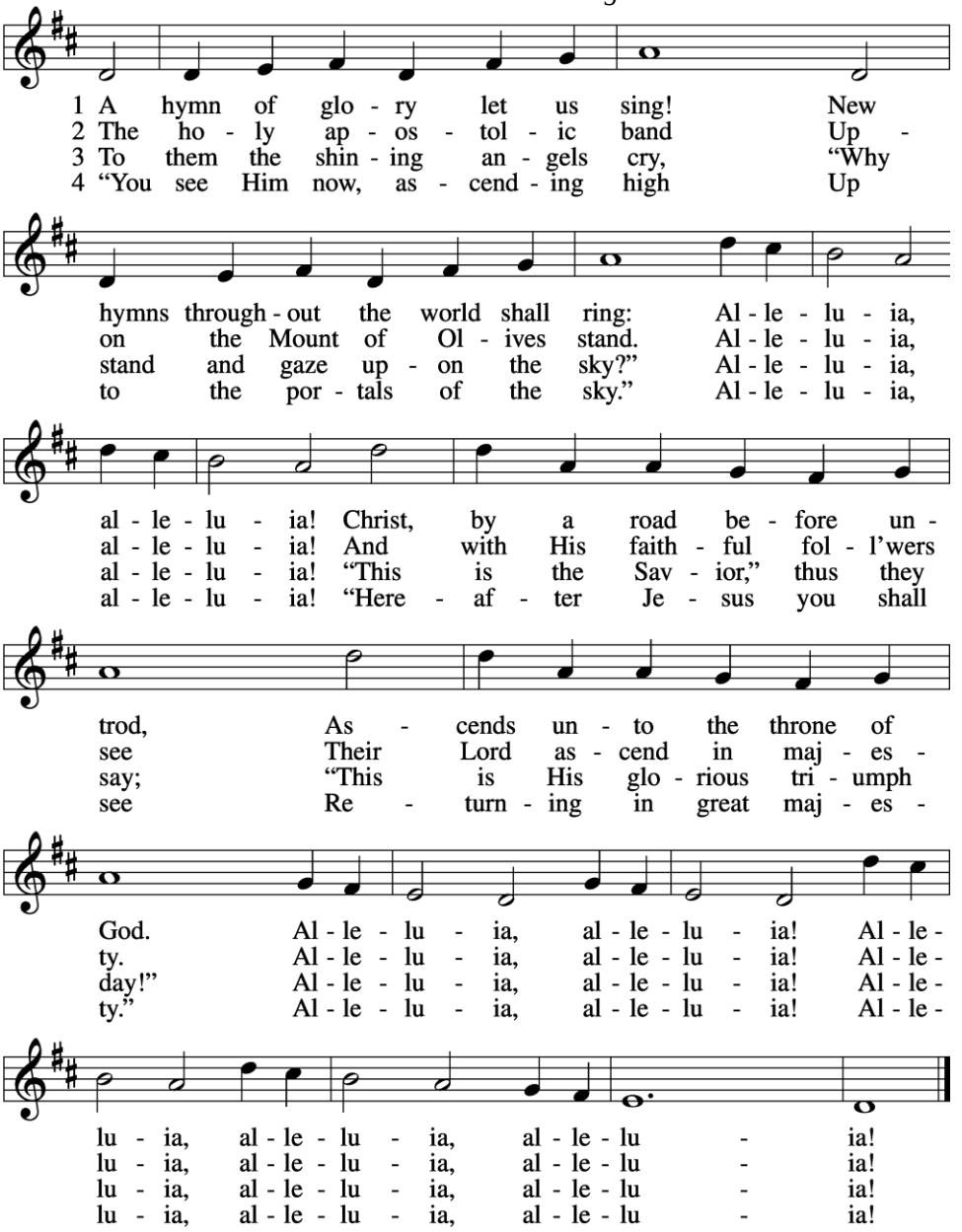
C **Amen.**

P Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

HYMN TO DEPART – LSB 493 – A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

The choir sings verses 3 & 4.



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Gradual: "Christ Has Risen From the Dead" – Setting: Jonathan Mueller

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Post-Communion Hymn: "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" – Setting: Carl Schalk

Thank you to John Morrow, our guest organist today.

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!

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POST-SERVICE MUSIC – *Finale from "March on a Theme by Handel"* (A. Guilmant, Op. 15)

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Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God *by the Huss children* in celebration of **Dave & Cara's** 35th wedding anniversary TODAY.

Congregational Safety & Crisis Management Training

TODAY - Sunday, May 21 (11:30am)
Monday, May 22 (6:30pm)
Sunday, June 4 (11:30am)

Plan to attend one of these trainings for volunteers at church events. This is **required** for all VBS volunteers, Servanteens, Sunday School teachers, and ministry team event volunteers, and open to any member of Faith who would like to be better informed and prepared.

Topics covered will include general safety and emergency preparedness training and protocols within our facility, so **ALL members of the congregation are encouraged to attend.**

Tuesday, May 25

1:00pm – Staff meeting
5:00pm – Lutheran Men's Gemütlichkeit
5:15pm – First Steps in Music
6:00pm – Children's Choir
6:30pm – PPC
8:25pm – Men's Softball (TL4)

Wednesday, May 24 | 10am

Special presentation by Deb Pedziwol, Director of Partnership Development for **Pan African Association of Christian Surgeons** (PAACS) to share the good news story of how Christ uses medicine to open the door to salvation for so many in Africa.

CR Powell (son of Randy & Kathy) has been involved with this program at their hospital in Gabon for several years. Contact *Kathy* with questions. *Learn more...*

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