

**Prelude**

**A** Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

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

**Announcements and Opening Prayer**

Stand

**Opening Hymn**

**LSB #605 Father Welcomes all His Children**

*Refrain*



Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren,	come to Me,	For My king - dom
2 In the wa - ter,	in the Word,	In His prom - ise,
3 Let us dai - ly	die to sin;	Let us dai - ly



is of these.	Life and	love I	have to give,
be as - sured:	Those who are	bap - tized	and be - lieve
rise with Him,	Walk in the love	of Christ	our Lord,

*Refrain*



Mer - cy	for	your	sin.
Shall be	born	a	gain.
Live in the	peace	of	God.

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## ✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

*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.

**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.**

*Kneel/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.

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

*Stand*

### **Introit**

**P** In Your presence there is fullness of joy;

**C** **at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

**P** I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up

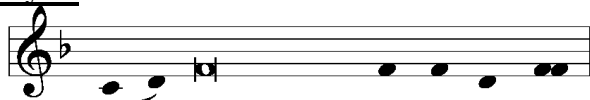
**C** **and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

**P** O LORD my God, I cried to You for help,

**C** **and You have healed me.**

- P** O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol;  
**C** You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.  
**P** Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,  
**C** and give thanks to His holy name.  
**P** For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.  
**C** Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.  
 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.

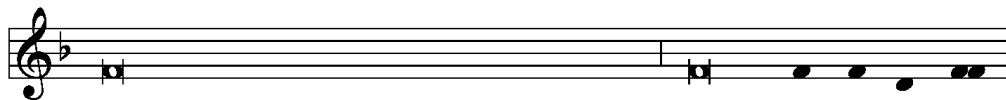
**Kyrie**




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




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



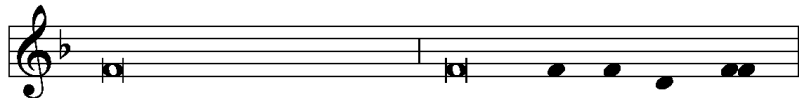
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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



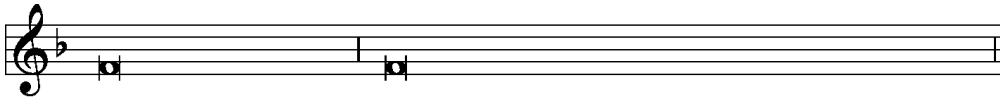
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



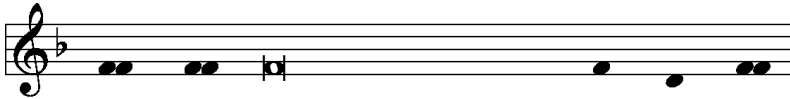
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



**C** A - men.

### Hymn of Praise

#### **This Is the Feast**

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**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-ty 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.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

**First Reading***Acts 3:11–21*

<sup>11</sup>While the lame man who was now healed clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon’s, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. <sup>17</sup>“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual**

Christ has risen from the dead. God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor. He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

**Epistle***1 John 3:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps

on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

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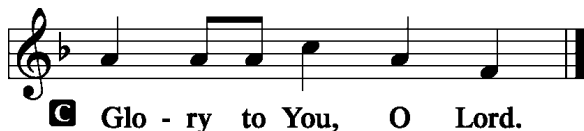


**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel**

*Luke 24:36-49*

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



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

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them. <sup>44</sup>Then he 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.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should

suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,<sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.<sup>49</sup> And 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.”

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







ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.  
gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.  
free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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## Sermon

“Reflecting the Presence”

*Rev. Dr. Jedidiah Maschke*

*Stand*

## 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

(at the end of the prayers)

**P** ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Offering

### Offertory

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**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



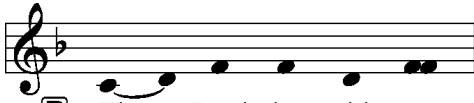
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

## ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



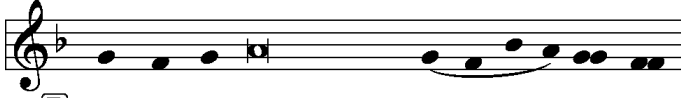
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



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



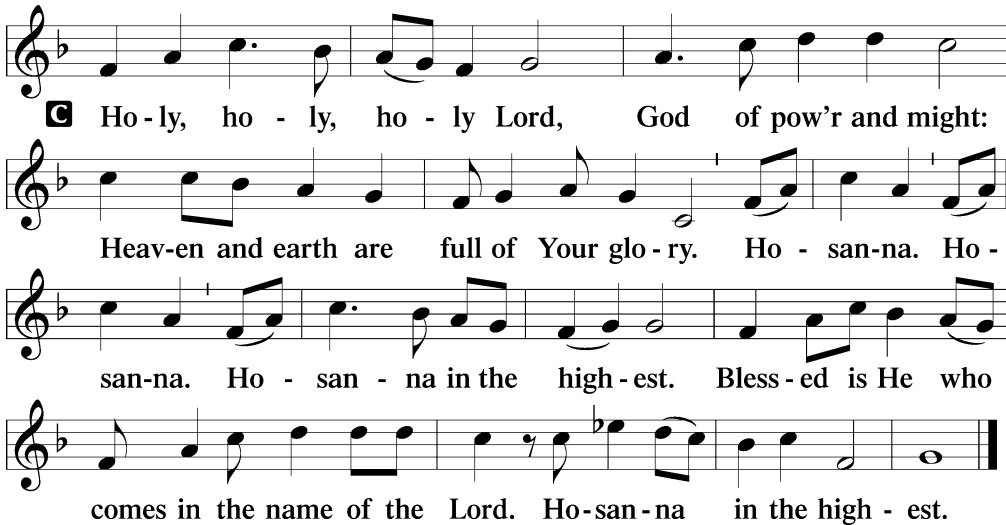
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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

**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:

## Sanctus



**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.

## 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.

## 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### Proclamation of Christ

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

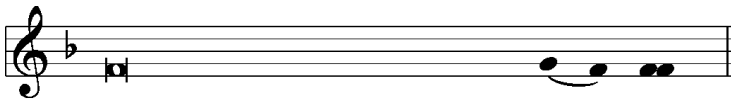
**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. 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



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

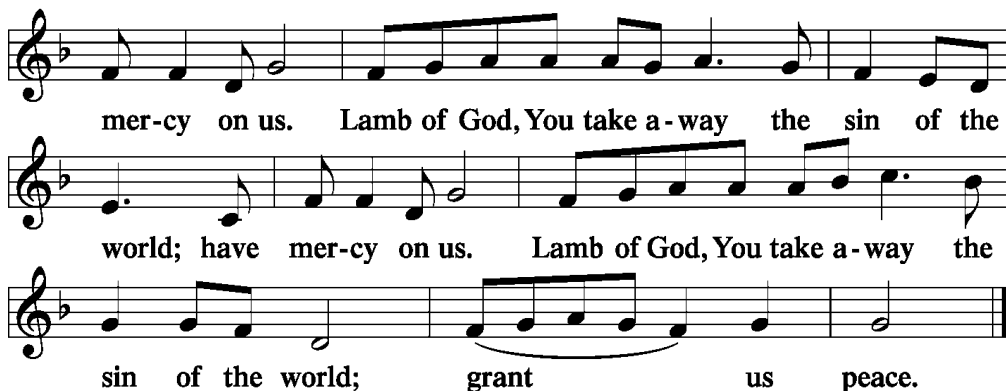


**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei



**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.

*Sit*

**Distribution**

*Please fill out a white communion card and leave it in the basket next to the hand sanitizer as you come forward for communion. If you have not communed with us before, please see our statement of belief about communion on the inside front cover of the bulletin. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please ask the pastor for one. Also available in the center of the communion trays are two individual cups with water and a drop of wine.*

**LSB #725 Children of the Heavenly Father**



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His  
 in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose  
 heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

## LSB #700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us  
 4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy  
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in  
 all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -  
 spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
 Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.  
 turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.  
 great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -  
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha  
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee  
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in

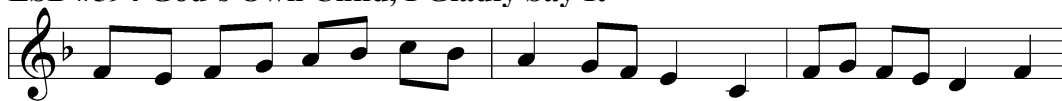


bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as  
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee  
 heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

# LSB #594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized  
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized  
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized  
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized  
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:  
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



treas - ures man - y? I have one worth  
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance  
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized





va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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## The 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.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## Post-Communion Cantic

### Thank the Lord

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



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

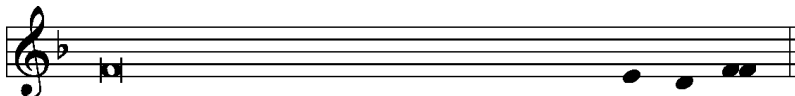
**P** Let us pray.

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.

## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn

### LSB #392 God Loves Me Dearly



1	God	loves	me	dear	-	ly,	Grants	me	sal	-	
2	I	was	in	slav	-	'ry,	Sin,	death,	and	-	
3	He	sent	forth	Je	-	sus,	My	dear	Re	-	
4	Je	-	sus,	my	Sav	-	ior,	Him	-	self	did
5	Now	I	will	praise	You,	O	Love	E	-		



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.  
 dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.  
 deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.  
 of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.  
 ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



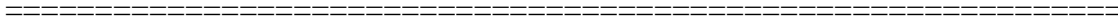
dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

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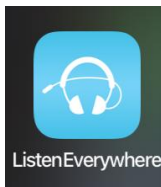
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**Silent Prayer & Postlude**



**NOTE to All Members:** To connect your hearing aid to the **Listen Everywhere** feature you will need a smart phone. You can control the volume through your hearing aid volume buttons or the hearing aid app on your phone (if you have one installed.)

1. On your phone, connect to the "BLC Guest" network with password Bethlehem1837.
2. Go to the app store and search Listen Everywhere and download.
3. Open the app and touch "Allow" when asked.



**Serving Next Sunday, April 21, 2024 (9:30am service only)**

<i>Presiding Minister:</i>	Rev. Jedidiah Maschke
<i>Elder:</i>	Bob Spiker, Jimmy Poncsak
<i>Ushers:</i>	Jeff Bargmann, Stan Zuber
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Abi Maschke
<i>Accompanist:</i>	Beverly Baumgartner
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Faith Lee

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*The Elders and Pastor Maschke have decided to extend the 9:30am service through **April**. Pastor Maschke will be serving with assistance from the elders.*

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***Elders' Corner*** – If you have something you would like to discuss with your Elder concerning the church and your life, please don't hesitate to contact him. If there is no answer, please leave a voicemail and/or message.

<b><i>Members</i></b>	<b><i>Your Elder is:</i></b>	
Abbott – Broderick	Bill Scott	909-838-2129
Bugg - Karges	Bob Spiker	775-745-6316
Keeney – Magrath	Jarvis Manning	775-461-3493
Manning – Radtke	Bob Spiker	775-745-6316
Reyburn – Tappan	Jimmy Poncsak	760-792-9014
Theiss – Zuber	Josh Karges	775-230-6212

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***BLC Food Bank is in need of***  
***refried beans, macaroni & cheese, chicken top ramen, and***  
***canned chicken.***

***Thanks for all your help this past year.***



***Do you have musical talent you would like to share with your fellow church family? Let Lora in the office know what your talent is and how you would like to offer your talent on Sundays. Looking for all kinds, singing, instrumental, single, duets, trios, groups and all ages.***

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**From April 1st through April 17th**, Bethlehem members can help others in need by gathering the following items to be taken to the LWML CNH District convention: Baby items such as diapers, wipes, clothes, booties; children and adult socks; and hand or bath towels. There is a box in narthex to place your items.

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Arabella Mendoza is headed to Washington DC to represent the state of Nevada in the Scripps National Spelling Bee! Bethlehem Lutheran School will be hosting a raffle from Wednesday, April 10 through Thursday, April 18 with proceeds going towards travel expenses for Arabella and her family.

Ticket prices are:

\$5 a ticket

\$25 for half a wingspan

\$50 for a whole wingspan

Tickets can be purchased in the Bethlehem School office.

Baskets that will be raffled off include: Golf at Silver Oak Golf Course, Mini Golf at Magic Carpet in Reno, Reno Ice passes, a Gift card to Great Basin, and a Gift card to Land Ocean in Reno.

**Questions? Contact Anna Maschke @ [amaschke@blcs.org](mailto:amaschke@blcs.org)**

**Future Events (Mark Your Calendars)**

**Discovering Discipleship: New Member Class  
Today, Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 11:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

*You are invited!* Want to join our church or find out more about what we believe, teach, and confess? Come to our Discovering Discipleship class. This class covers the basics of what we believe as Lutherans and how that works in our lives at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School. People who have taken this class have appreciated the chance to grow in their faith and in their understanding of our church and most of all, our Savior. Got questions? This fun, informative class gives you the opportunity to ask anything you like. Lunch is provided. Please RSVP with the church office if you plan to come by calling 882-5252 or email [lspiker@blcs.org](mailto:lspiker@blcs.org).

**NEW DATE! April 28<sup>th</sup> - Voter's Meeting – All members are urged to attend. A light luncheon will be provided. A copy of the agenda is available in the narthex.**

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**May 5<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00pm** The Bethlehem Women in Mission is sponsoring a tea cup party. All ladies, young to mature, are invited. Bring a friend. Mark it on your calendar now. Prizes will be awarded based on a variety of details related to the tea cup you bring. Search for that special tea or coffee cup now. The program will be followed by a light lunch of tea, sandwiches, and cookies.

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**August 23 – 25<sup>th</sup> – Men's Retreat** @ Redwood Christian Park in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Cost will probably be around \$225/guy for standard cabins, and a bit more to stay in a cottage. Let me know if you are interested in coming. We will be carpooling. Pastor Maschke.

Watch for further details to sign up.

Trinity Lutheran Church in Gardnerville is Hiring a Communications Director. If you or someone you know is looking for a part-time (20 hours per week) with a background in marketing communications, please ask them to email their resume to [jobs@trinitygv.com](mailto:jobs@trinitygv.com). A full job description can be found on their website at [trinitygv.com/jobs](http://trinitygv.com/jobs).

### Liturgical Worship:

Here at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, our Divine Service is liturgical. That means worship that is carefully written down in a form that is purposeful, correct, and timeless. Liturgical forms of worship are designed to proclaim and teach the gospel. The liturgy does this by using a structure that teaches who God is, who we are, and how Christ makes our meeting possible.

There are two main parts to the Divine Service. The first part focuses us on God's Word. After being called to worship by a holy God, the next part of our Lutheran liturgy is a corporate confession of sin and an assurance of God's forgiveness in Christ. Next, having been declared forgiven, we are consecrated as God's people by the hearing and the preaching of His Word. Then we confess our faith by reciting either the Apostles or the Nicene creed.

In the second part of the Divine Service, our attention is directed to God's sacramental presence. Now that we are forgiven of sin, having heard the Word of God, and being united by our confession of faith, we approach the Lords' table. Here, we receive the body and blood of our Savior along with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of sin and for our spiritual nourishment. Our service concludes as God commissions His people with a blessing to love and serve the word for His sake.

Bill Scott, Elder



### **Armed Forces:**

Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Caleb Kern – Army (Colin & Kathleen Wigglesworth's nephew)

Justin Jorstad (*Sally & Wayne Allen's grandson*)

Jonathan Krenz – Navy – (*David & Bonnie Krenz's son*)

MSgt (E-7) Benjamin Welter – 192<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Squadron

## Weekly Prayer Page

*“And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us.” (1 John 5:14)*

### **Remember in Your Prayers – (New Additions noted in Bold print)**

Wayne Allen – *medical issues*  
(Sally Allen’s husband)  
Judi Bugg – *health issues*  
(Delbert Bugg’s mother)  
Mark de la Torre – *acute kidney failure*  
(School parent)  
Jeanne Denison – *shoulder operation*  
Desiree – *cancer issues*  
(Carrie Suessmith’s sister)  
Richard & Sandra Hartley  
*medical issues*  
Michael Henningsen – *melanoma cancer*  
(Marshall Henningsen’s brother)  
Ernie Hernandez – *health issues*  
(Austin Stone’s father-in-law)  
Lyle Hill – *throat surgery*  
(Susan Misner’s brother-in-law)  
John Huss – *brain tumor recovery*  
(Maschke family’s friend)  
Robyn Izquierdo – *medical issues*  
(Jim Gansberg’s daughter)  
Amanda Kilbourn – *health issues*  
(Heather Bugg’s friend)  
Lisa Lariviere – (Rindi Fredlund’s mother)

Lauralie Mann Abbott Larkins  
*medical issues – (Bill Abbott’s sister)*  
Pastor Jedidiah Maschke  
*prostate cancer recovery*  
Darlene McClurg – *medical issues*  
**Family & Friends of Earl Medlock**  
(Dianne Medlock’s husband)  
Mari Stevens – *kidney issues*  
Mike Tappan – *medical issues*  
(Lynn Tappan’s husband)  
Allyson Underwood – *cancer*  
Zoey Ward – *medical issues*  
Eli Wilburn – *medical issues*  
(Pat Stevens’ grandson)  
Misty Willer – *brain tumors*  
(Sue Farcello’s friend’s daughter)  
Karen Woodmansee  
*coping with medical issues*  
Shepherd of the Sierra Lutheran Church &  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
(Pastoral search)  
Deacon Mike Hudson – *Pastoral Training*  
(Bethany Lutheran Church, Hawthorne, NV)  
Sierra Lutheran High School  
(Principal Search)

### **Guidelines for the Weekly Prayer Page**

- 1) Anyone requesting prayers from the church must receive permission from the person before adding him/her.
- 2) People will be added to the prayer list for two weeks, after which they will be removed, or by contacting the Church Secretary, be included for another two weeks.
- 3) Prayers will be offered for the friends and family of the deceased until three weeks after the memorial/funeral service or burial.

If you have any questions or concerns about these guidelines, please speak to your Elder, Lora Spiker, the Church Secretary, or Pastor Maschke. Please submit your prayer request with pertinent information to the Church Office by Wednesday.