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Prelude

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Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

LSB #570 Just as I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

✠ 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/Stand

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

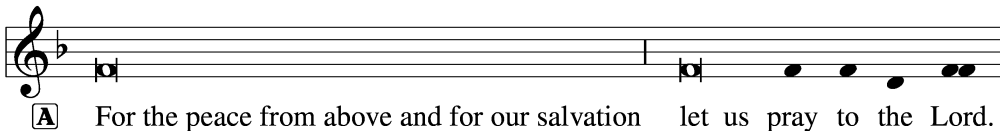
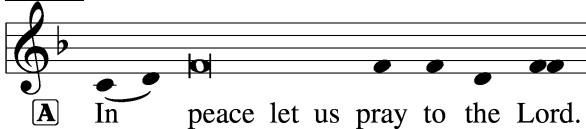
P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

C His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

- P** The LORD has made known His salvation;
C He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.
P He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
C All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
C break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
P Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
C with the lyre and the sound of melody!
P With trumpets and the sound of the horn
C make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!
 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

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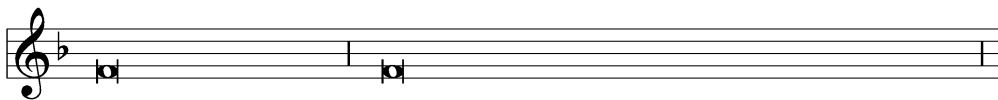
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



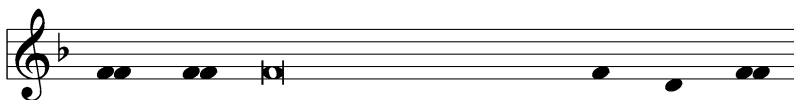
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

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Refrain



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



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



- 1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



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



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

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we

were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" ¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

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

Revelation 21:1-7

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." ⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

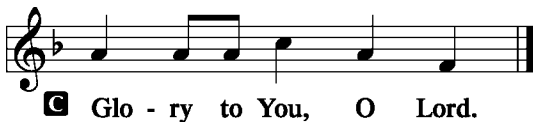


C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 16:12-22

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹²Jesus said: "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁶"A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she

has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.²² So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

TLH #346 Jesus! and Shall It Ever Be



1 Je - sus! and shall it ev - er be, A mor - tal
 2 A - shamed of Je - sus? Soon - er far Let eve - ning
 3 A - shamed of Je - sus? Just as soon Let mid - night
 4 A - shamed of Je - sus, that dear Friend On whom my



man a - shamed of Thee? A - shamed of Thee, whom an -
 blush to own a star. He sheds the beams of light
 be a - shamed of noon. 'Tis mid - night with my soul
 hopes of heav'n de - pend? No; when I blush, be this



- gels praise, Whose glo - ries shine thro' end - less days?
 di - vine O'er this be - night - ed soul of mine.
 till He, Bright Morn - ing Star, bids dark - ness flee.
 my shame, That I no more re - vere His name.

5 Ashamed of Jesus? Yes, I may
 When I've no guilt to wash away,
 No tear to wipe, no joy to crave,
 No fears to quell, no soul to save.

6 Till then—nor is my boasting vain—
 Till then I boast a Savior slain;
 And oh, may this my portion be,
 That Christ is not ashamed of me!

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Sermon

“Easter Turns Sorrow into Joy”

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 ✠ 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 ... one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

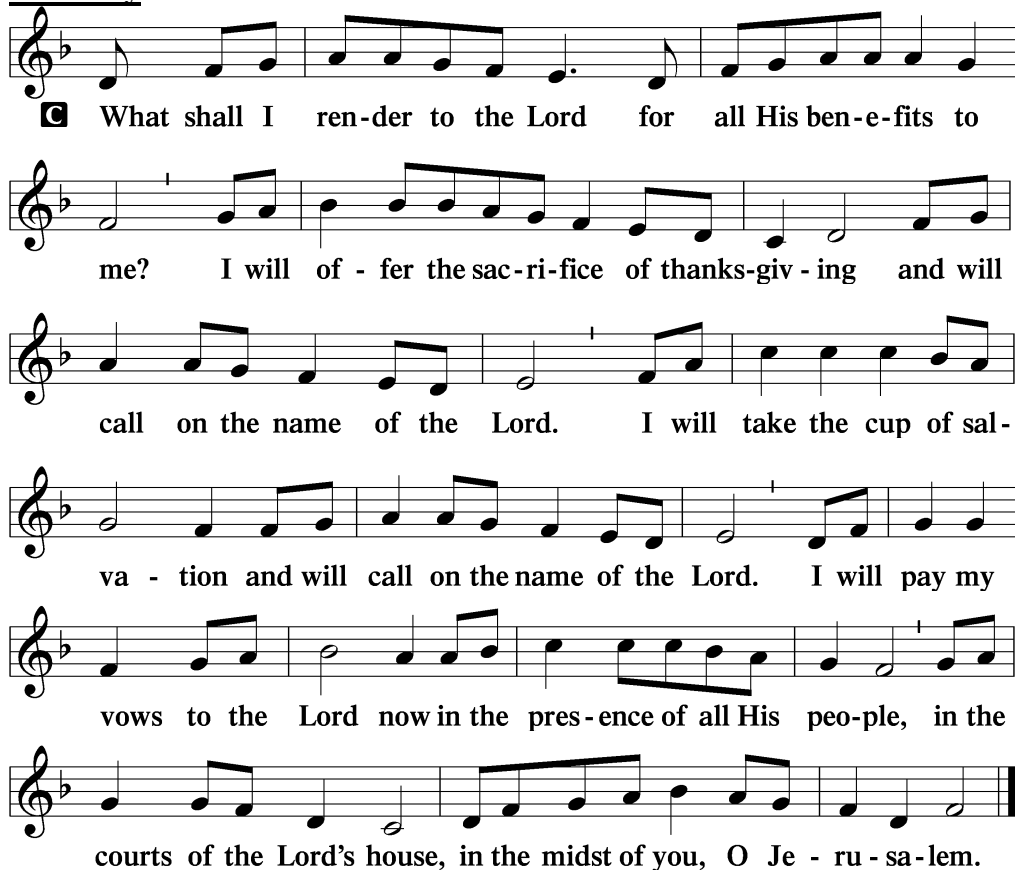
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Offertory

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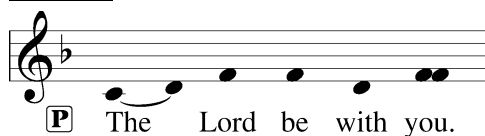


C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.



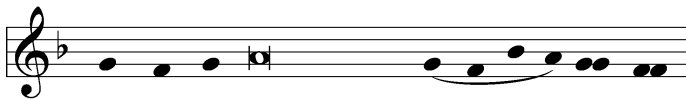
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



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 ✠ 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.”

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.

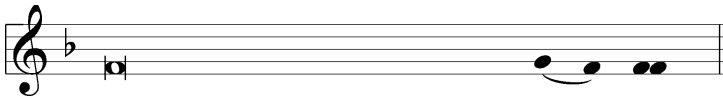
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment.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

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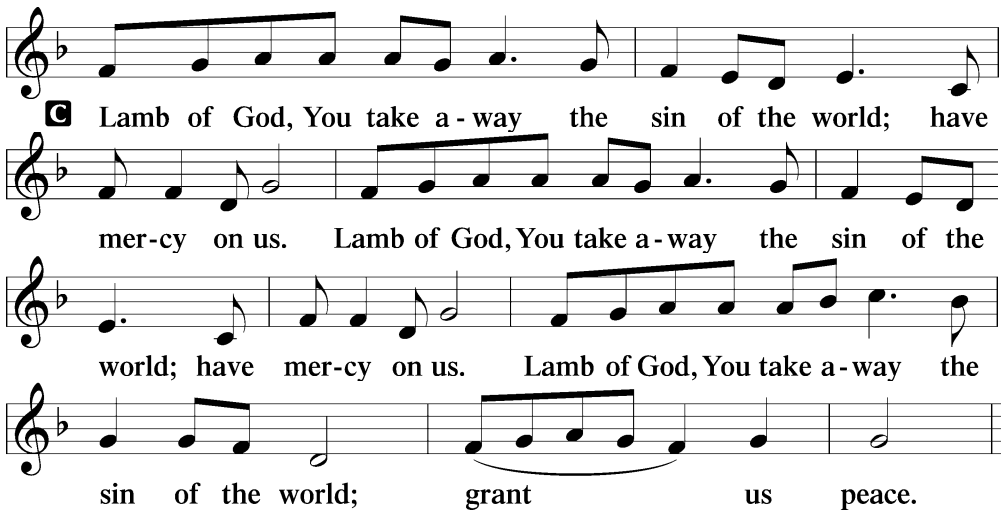


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



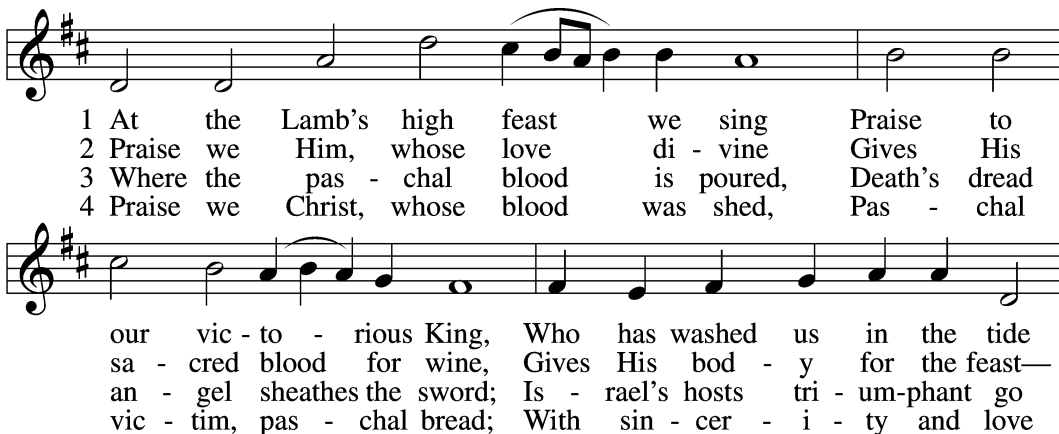
□ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

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 #633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal

our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phiant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
 You have conquered in the fight,
 You have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 Newborn souls in You to be.
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
 Now no more the grave enthral;
 You have opened paradise,
 And Your saints in You shall rise.
 Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, Your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

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LSB #566 By Grace I'm Saved



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
 3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
 4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
 have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
 bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
 true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
 Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
 That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
 What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
 sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
 grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
 God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
 In tribulation's furnace tried,
 By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
 The Father's heart is open wide.
 Where could I help and strength secure
 If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
 In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
 For though I know my heart's condition,
 I also know my Savior's voice.
 My heart is glad, all grief has flown
 Since I am saved by grace alone.

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LSB #845 Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His
 3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let



God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er
 char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and
 we our faults con - fess, And let us love each
 all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry



by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.
 mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.
 oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
 that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

5 Let us recall that in our midst
 Dwells Christ, His only Son;
 As members of His body joined
 We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan
 That names the Savior's name;
 His family embraces all
 Whose Father is the same.

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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 Canticle

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

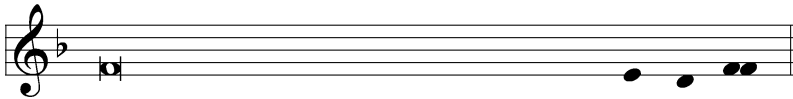
P Let us pray.

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.



Benediction

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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.



Closing Hymn

LSB #803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



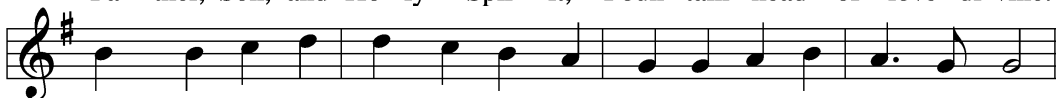
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,
△ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais - ing Thee, their sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di - vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

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Silent Prayer & Postlude

Serving Next Sunday, May 25, 2025

<i>Preacher:</i>	Rev. Jedidiah Maschke
<i>Elder:</i>	Jimmy Ponscak
<i>Reader:</i>	Jarvis Manning
<i>Ushers:</i>	Hal Martin, Jarvis Manning, Lonnie Karges, Jeff Bargmann
<i>Acolytes:</i>	Shane Barry
<i>Accompanist:</i>	Mark Swanson
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Kathryn Smith

***Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Youth Group trip
we are close - we have \$3,630 to go!!***

Need an envelope? See Lora in the office.



NOTE to All Members: To connect your hearing aid to the **Assistive Listen** feature you will need a smart phone. Go to the app store and search for “*Listen Everywhere*” and install. Open the app and follow the directions. You can control the volume through your hearing aid volume buttons or the hearing aid app on your phone (if you have one installed.)

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Why the Church Calendar?

We have just finished celebrating Easter, which follows the season of Lent, and next up is Pentecost and the Ascension. These seasons and special days are part of our church calendar. But, why do we have a church calendar? What is the reason for a calendar? This observation perhaps says it best:

‘The Church Year comprises the annual ordering and sanctifying of time with the Word of the Lord. It is the calendar by which the Church tracks and rehearses the life and work of Christ in an orderly, methodical pattern shaped by the Holy Gospels and the Creed. It does not attempt to consider and examine everything at once but focuses on the multiple facets of the Gospel one at a time, each in due season, from a variety of angles and perspectives, like a jeweler taking in the beauty of a diamond by gradually turning it in his hand to reflect the light from many sides’. (D. Richard Stuckwisch, *The Church Year*, Lutheran Service Book, Companion to the Services, p.181)

Submitted by Bill Scott

Operation Christmas Child Year-Round Shoebox Shopping

For the month of May, we would like donations of personal care items including toothbrushes, washcloths, combs or brushes, nail clippers. Remember we cannot send toothpaste, soap, lotions, or shampoo. Any questions, please contact Bonnie Krenz.

Food bank assistance – we are looking for an additional back up person for the food bank for the next couple of months. If you are interested, please chat with Lora in the office.

Food bank is in great shape. Thank you for all your donations.

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Elders' Corner: Please note below your elder may have changed. 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.

Members

Abbott – Czyn
Dodd - Jenkins
Jones-Magrath
Manning - Smith
Soderstrom – Zuber

Your Elder is:

Bill Scott 909-838-2129
Bob Spiker 775-745-6316
Jarvis Manning 775-461-3493
Jimmy Poncsak 760-792-9014
Tom Dubos 360-608-6383

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LHM SUNDAY 2025

Today we celebrate **Lutheran Hour Sunday**, a special opportunity to recognize and support the work of **Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM)**—a global outreach organization sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in over 60 countries!

Each week, LHM's flagship radio program, **The Lutheran Hour**, proclaims Christ-centered messages of hope and salvation. You can tune in on your radio at 99.7 FM every **Sunday morning at 7:00 AM**. But read on it gets even better!

Through the **LHM website** or—better yet—their easy-to-use **Connect LHM app**, you can listen to the weekly **Lutheran Hour sermon** or access **Daily Devotions** any time that fits your schedule. Whether you're on the go or enjoying a quiet moment at home, these resources are designed to encourage and strengthen your faith every day.

As LHM continues to expand its global impact—reaching people of all ages, backgrounds, and languages with the love of Christ—**your gifts make a difference**. Your support helps share the Gospel with those who may otherwise never hear it.

We thank God for this ministry and for all who make it possible through prayer, participation, and generosity.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Join us for a study led by Pastor Maschke. Together, we will delve into the **Augsburg Confession**, a cornerstone of Lutheran doctrine that boldly proclaims the truths of Scripture and our faith.

Studying the Augsburg Confession is not just a look at history—it's an opportunity to understand what we believe, why we believe it, and how it shapes our lives today. This confession of faith provides clarity on essential teachings such as grace, justification, and the sacraments, helping us grow in confidence as we live and share our faith in a complex world.

Copies of the Augsburg Confession are available to take home for \$8. Whether you're new to Lutheranism or seeking to deepen your knowledge, this study is for you. We look forward to learning together!

Upcoming Events

May 25 – following the service, there will be a congratulation reception for church members who graduated from Bethlehem Lutheran School and from Sierra Lutheran High School. Please join the reception.

VBS 2025 – June 16th – 20th 9:00am – 12:00noon
Epic Australian Adventure – An Unforgettable Journey with Jesus
Sponsored by Bethlehem Lutheran Church

We are going on an epic adventure through Australia, and you are invited! We will encounter amazing animals, lush landscapes, stunning sea life, and wondrous wilderness.

We will be enjoying crafts, snacks, games and bible exploration with science and fun! Most importantly, we will be guided by our Savior, Jesus, who tells us, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life” in our theme verse, John 14:6.

Pre-K through 5th grade – watch for registration details

Annual Men's Retreat in California is coming up 9/19 – 9/21 – If any men are interested in attending, please give your name to Pastor or Lora to get on the list for further information.

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)

Sonya Abbott – *medical issues*
DeAnna McDaniel Blomberg
& her daughter & granddaughter
medical issues

Judi Bugg – *health issues*
(Delbert Bugg’s mother)

Amelia Gansberg - *lung infection*

Grace Marie – *medical issues*
(Lynn Tappan’s great niece)

Richard & Sandra Hartley
medical issues

Ernie Hernandez – *health issues*
(Austin Stone’s father-in-law)

John Huss – *brain tumor recurrence*
(Maschke family friend)

Robyn Izquierdo – *medical issues*
(Jim Gansberg’s daughter)

Gale Jackson – *medical issues*

Amanda Kilbourn – *health issues*
(Heather Bugg’s friend)

Lisa Lariviere (Rindi Fredlund’s mother)

Darlene McClurg – *medical issues*

Dianne Medlock – *medical issues*

Norm Milz – *medical issues*
(Retired pastor of Shepherd of the Sierra)

Mike Tappan – *medical issues*
(Lynn Tappan’s husband)

Steve Timko – *medical issues* – friend and
neighbor of Rev. Abbott

Allyson Underwood – *cancer*

Karen Woodmansee
coping with medical issues

Deacon Mike Hudson – *Pastoral Training*
(Bethany Lutheran Church, Hawthorne, NV)

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.



Armed Forces:

Justin Jorstad (*Sally & Wayne Allen’s grandson*)
Jonathan Krenz – Navy (*David & Bonnie Krenz’s son*)