

# ✝ ASCENSION OF OUR LORD ✝

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## About Our Worship Service

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to take away our sins. We gather for the Divine Service not merely for the sake of ritual or tradition. Nor do we come to worship primarily to give something back to God. Rather, we meet together to hear and receive what God has done for us. In Word and Sacrament, our gracious Lord gives those who believe in him forgiveness of sins, unity with him in new life, and the promise of eternal salvation in heaven! Through this same gospel he motivates and equips us to follow his holy will for our lives. We hope that you are comforted with the message of Jesus Christ's love for you as you worship today. Please join us again soon!

## Visitors

Thank you for joining us for worship! Please read the following notes about our congregation. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please speak with the pastor.

### Our Practice of Closed Communion

If you have not communed with us before, please read the notes printed later in this bulletin under the section titled "Our Holy Communion Practices."

### Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the downstairs fellowship hall. A wheelchair accessible restroom is located at the front of the church, through the doors to the left of the chancel.

### Guest Book

If you feel comfortable doing so, please sign our guest book located in the narthex so we can have a record of your visit.

### Parent's Room

Parents with crying children are welcome to use the parent's room, located off the narthex.

### Chair Lifts

Chair lifts are located off the northwest entrance for those who need to go to the fellowship hall on the lower level but have difficulty with stairs.

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*Easter*

## ***Because He Lives***

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is not fairytale or fable. It is a historic fact that a real man named Jesus of Nazareth rose from the dead, outside of Jerusalem, around 2,000 years ago. However, we do ourselves a disservice if we simply recall the historic details of that first Easter Sunday without thinking about their significance. So, what does Jesus' resurrection from the dead mean for us Christians? It will be our privilege and pleasure to use the fifty days of Easter to ponder the many blessings God gives to us through Jesus *because he lives*.

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## ***He Reigns Over Everything for the Benefit of His Church***

When the Church gathers, it regularly remembers Christ's ascension. The words "He ascended into heaven" are found in the three ecumenical creeds Christians use to confess their faith. In addition, the Church sets aside a day each year to focus on Christ's ascension. This is for good reason. Jesus' ascension marked the fact that his work was complete, in one sense. Never again will a sacrifice for sins need to be made. However, Jesus' ascension also marks that, in another sense, his work is just beginning. Through the Church, Jesus now proclaims forgiveness of sins throughout the world.

The Church consists of people like us who are often weak and timid witnesses for Christ. So, Jesus promised to send us his Spirit to give us power from heaven, that we might take the gospel to the ends of the earth. More, he ascended into heaven and sat down on the throne of God. He lives and reigns over everything for the benefit of his Church.

# The Service

## Setting Four

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***Welcome to God's house in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!***

*Please enter the sanctuary quietly so you and others can prepare your hearts for God's worship service.*

*A personal prayer for before worship is printed on the first page of the blue hymnal.*

*The hymns are located in the middle to back portion of the blue hymnal.*

*There will be no pre-service announcements.*

*Our worship begins with the tolling of the bells, followed by the opening hymn.*

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## The Preparation

### Preservice Music

*"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"*

*Edith Hermanson, flute ..... Juanita Becker, piano*

### Tolling of the Bells

### Opening Hymn

521 *"Christ the Eternal Lord"*



- 1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, whose prom - ise here we claim,
- 2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word to ev - 'ry pass - ing age,
- 3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son who shares our hu - man birth,
- 4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light of ev - er - last - ing day,



whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured on all who name your name;  
whose time - less teach - ings still are heard set forth on Scrip - ture's page;  
and by his death sal - va - tion won for ev - 'ry child of earth;  
our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, the Life, the Truth, the Way;



with thank - ful - ness and praise we stand be - fore your throne,  
trans - form our thought and mind, en - light - en all who read,  
in - spire our hearts, we pray, to tell your love a - broad,  
that light of truth you give to ser - vants as to friends,



in - tent to serve you all our days and make your glo - ry known.  
with - in your Word by faith to find the bread of life in - deed.  
that all may hon - or Christ to - day and fol - low him as Lord.  
your way to walk, your life to live, till earth's brief jour - ney ends.

*Please stand for the last stanza and direct your attention to the processional cross as it is brought to the chancel*



5 Christ the as - cend - ed King ex - alt - ed high a - bove,



whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, whom yet un - seen we love;



when mor - tal life is past your voice from heav - en's throne



shall call your chil - dren home at last to know as we are known.

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## Invocation

*(Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)*

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

**Amen.**

## Confession

*(1 John 1:8-9; Luke 18:13)*

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just**

**and will forgive us our sins**

**and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

## **Absolution**

*(Matthew 16:19; John 20:21-23)*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Ascension Dialogue**

Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights above. *(Psalm 148:1)*

**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.** *(Psalm 148:2)*

How majestic is the LORD's name in all the earth!

**He has set his glory above the heavens.** *(cf. Psalm 8:1)*

For the LORD is the Most High over all the earth.

**He is exalted far above all gods.** *(cf. Psalm 97:9)*

God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets. *(Psalm 47:5)*

**God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.** *(Psalm 47:8)*

Praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted.  
His splendor is above the earth and the heavens. (Psalm 148:13)

## This Is the Feast (CW 938)

(Revelation 5:6-14; 11:15-17; 19:6-9)

The hymn will be sung like so: **Refrain, Verse 3, Verse 4** (no refrain in between the verses), **Final Refrain**

*Refrain*



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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



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

*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!

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# The Word

## Salutation

*(Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

*(Matthew 7:7-11; Philippians 4:6)*

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens, and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that, at your command and by your power, we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Children's Choir

*606 v 1 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"*

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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## First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

*Jesus ascends to rule over all things as his Church serves as his witnesses.*

<sup>1</sup> I wrote my first book, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began doing and teaching <sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After he had suffered, he presented himself alive to the apostles with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and told them things about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup> Once, when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for what the Father promised, which you heard from me. <sup>5</sup> For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup> So when they were together with him, they asked, “Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

<sup>7</sup> He said to them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>9</sup> After he said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> They were looking intently into the sky as he went away. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

The Word of the Lord.

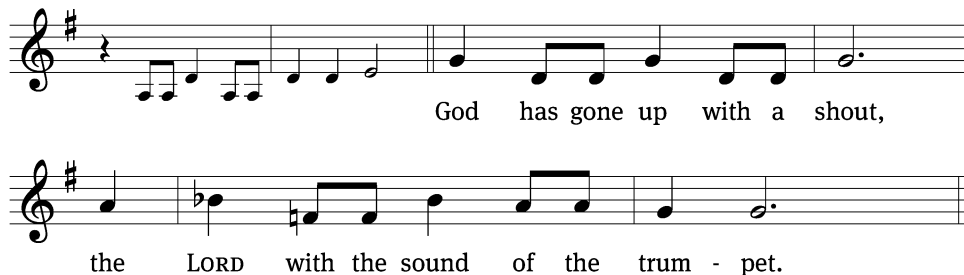
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

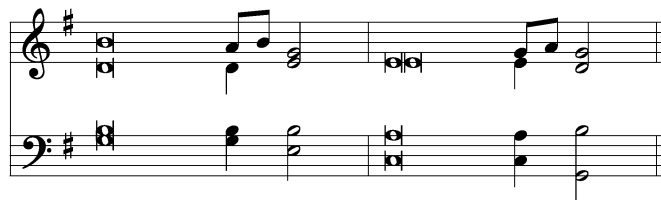
Psalm 47 A      *“God Has Gone Up with a Shout”*

*The Church sings Psalm 47 in services that commemorate the ascension of our Lord Jesus in heaven. The psalm emphasizes the totality of the empire of God.*

*Refrain*



*Tone*



**Clap your hands, all you / nations;  
shout to God with / cries of joy.  
For the LORD Most High is / awesome,  
the great King over / all the earth.  
God reigns over the / nations;  
God is seated on his / holy throne.**

*Refrain*

**God has ascended amid / shouts of joy,  
the LORD amid the sounding of / trumpets.  
Sing praises to God, sing / praises;  
sing praises to our King, sing / praises.  
For God is the King of / all the earth;  
sing to him a / psalm of praise.  
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,**

as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

*Refrain*

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## Second Reading

Revelation 19:11-16

*St. John sees the ascended Lord as a warrior riding on a white horse fighting against all those who oppose Christ's gospel and his Church.*

<sup>11</sup> I saw heaven standing open, and there was a white horse! Its rider is called Faithful and True, and he judges and makes war in righteousness. <sup>12</sup> His eyes are like blazing flames, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him, which no one knows except he himself. <sup>13</sup> He is also clothed in a garment that had been dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. <sup>14</sup> The armies in heaven, which were clothed with white, clean, fine linen, were following him on white horses. <sup>15</sup> Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. He will shepherd them with an iron staff. He himself is going to trample the winepress of the fierce anger of the Almighty God. <sup>16</sup> On his garment and on his thigh this name is written: King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced*

## Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:20



*Refrain*



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

*Tone*



Surely I am with you al - ways, to the very end of the age.

*Refrain*

*The pastor processes to the nave floor for the Gospel, symbolizing Christ's presence among us in his Word*

## Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

*Before he ascended, Jesus promised to send the disciples power from on high to carry out the mission of the Church.*

<sup>44</sup> He said to them, “These are my words, which I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms.”

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He said to them, “This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup> He led them out as far as the vicinity of Bethany. He lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup> And while he was blessing them, he parted from them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> So they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup> They were continually in the temple courts, praising and blessing God. Amen.


The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

## Hymn of the Day

472 “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New songs through-  
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the  
3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, “Why stand and  
4 “You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the



out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Mount of Ol - ives stand, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, as - cends un -  
and with his fol - low - ers they see their Lord as -  
"This is the Sav - ior," thus they say. "This is his  
"Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall see re - turn - ing



to the throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
cend in maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
glo - rious tri - umph day." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
in great maj - es - ty." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

- 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!

## Easter Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## Sermon

Acts 1:1-11

*“You Will Never Be Alone”*

## Nicene Creed *Credo*

*(Romans 10:9-10; Philippians 2:10-11)*

*Please stand*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **Offering Collection**

*(Proverbs 3:9-10; Matthew 6:19-34; Romans 12:1; 2 Corinthians 9:7-11; Galatians 6:6-10)*

### **Offerings**

*God, who blesses us with all we gave, gives us the privilege of thanking him in many ways. One way is by offering a portion of our income to financially support the ministry of our congregation and synod.*

*If you are a guest, please do not feel like you must give an offering.*

*We are happy to share with you the free, good news of Jesus' gracious love for you!*

*If you would like to give an offering, you can place it in the collection plate when it is passed to you.*

*If you wish to give your offering via [PayPal](#), you can scan the QR code on the last page of this bulletin.*

*Thank you for your financial support of our congregation!*

### **Friendship Registers**

*You are invited to write your name in the Friendship Register - the maroon book at the end of each pew.*

*Please write down your name and the names of those with you, check any appropriate box, and provide your contact information if you want the pastor to speak with you.*

## **Prayer of the Church**

## **Ascension of Our Lord**

Confident of our Lord's return, let us approach our Father's throne of mercy on behalf of the Church and of all people.

Gracious Lord God, amid shouts of joy we celebrate your Son's ascension into heaven where he is now seated in majesty at your right hand. Grant your Church steadfastness in these latter days that she may hold to the truth and boldly confess the saving name of Jesus.

**As the devil, the world, and our sinful nature seek to silence our witness, grant us courage to believe and confess that Jesus is Lord.**

Even as your beloved Son intercedes on behalf of his Church, so has he commanded us to pray for others.

**Hear us, O Lord, as we implore you to show mercy to those in need:**

to the sick, the lonely, and the depressed grant relief;  
to the dying and those who mourn bring comfort;  
to the hungry, the homeless, and the unemployed send your help;  
to the elderly, give joy for living life to the full;  
to the young, send patience to wait for the fuller life to come;  
to husbands and wives and their families and to single parents who raise their children alone  
grant wisdom and strength.

**Bestow your blessings to all who depend on your power and grace.**

Almighty Father, you are the good Giver of all that we have. In your mercy continue to grant us daily bread, supplying us with what we need before we even ask.

**Teach us to be thankful and content, whether we have plenty or are in need.**

Come with your guidance, O Lord, and pour out your blessings on all who have gathered here to proclaim your love in speech, song, and symbol. May our worship enrich us so that our work for others adorns your love among them.

**Lead us to praise you as we joyfully wait for your return.**

O Lord, heavenly Father, we remember the sufferings and death of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising his victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from his ascension before you, where he always intercedes for us as our own high priest. 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.**

*Special prayers and intercessions*

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

To you alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please stand*



# The Sacrament

*Visitors, before approaching the altar, please read the notes printed later in this bulletin under the section titled "Our Holy Communion Practices"*

## Prefaces

*(2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 107:1)*

The Lord be with you.



**And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts.



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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy Sanctus

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might.  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

(John 1:3; Romans 8:32)

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

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.

## Words of Institution *Verba*

(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

## Peace of the Lord *Pax Domini*

(John 14:27; 20:19; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)

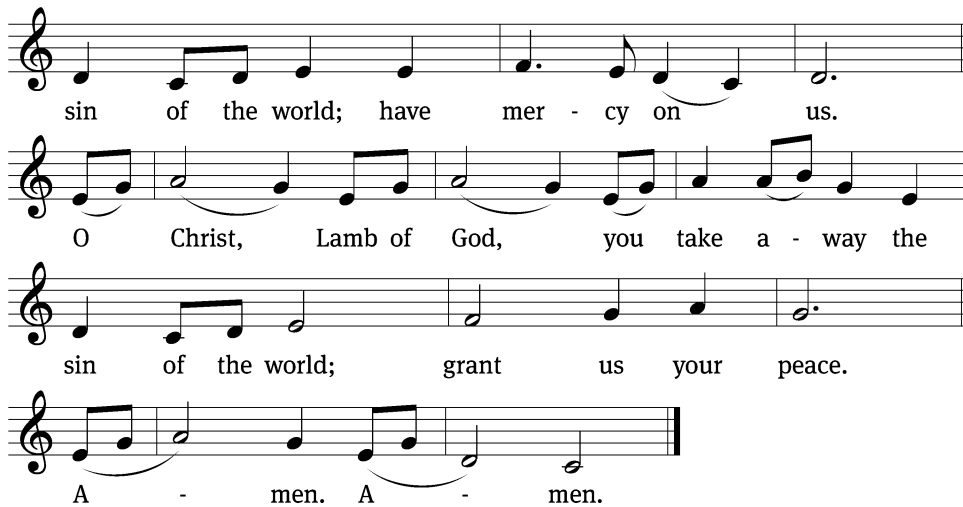
The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
Amen.

## O Christ, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

(John 1:29; Isaiah 53:4-7; 1 Peter 1:18-19)

The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef. The first staff contains a short melodic phrase. The second staff begins the main melody with the lyrics "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the". The third staff continues the melody with "sin of the world; have mer - cy on us." and ends with a double bar line. The fourth staff repeats the beginning of the melody with the lyrics "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the".

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



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*Please be seated*

## Distribution of Holy Communion

*(1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 2:42)*

*As he distributes the elements, the pastor says to the communicants:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

**Amen.**

The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

**Amen.**

*As he dismisses the communicants, the pastor says:*

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go + in peace.

**Amen.**

# Distribution Hymn

474 "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"



1 Hail the day that sees him rise to his  
 2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; lift your  
 3 See, the heav'n its Lord re - ceives, yet he  
 4 See, he lifts his hands a - bove; see, he



throne a - bove the skies! Christ, the Lamb for  
 heads, e - ter - nal gates! He has con - quered  
 loves the earth he leaves; though re - turn - ing  
 shows the prints of love. Hark! His gra - cious



sin - ners giv'n, re - as - cends his na - tive heav'n.  
 death and sin; take the King of glo - ry in!  
 to his throne, still he calls the world his own.  
 lips be - stow bless - ings on his Church be - low.

5 Still for us he intercedes,  
 his atoning death he pleads.  
 He, the first of all our race,  
 near himself prepares a place.

6 There we shall with him remain,  
 partners in his endless reign,  
 there his face unclouded see,  
 live with him eternally.

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## Distribution Hymn

476 "On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"



1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build the hope of my as -  
2 Since Christ re - turned to claim his throne, great gifts for me ob -  
3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, re - call - ing your as -



cen - sion. This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled all doubt and ap - pre -  
tain - ing, my heart will rest in him a - lone, no oth - er rest re -  
cen - sion, that I may serve you faith - ful - ly, in thanks for my re -



hen - sion, for where the head is, there as well I know his  
main - ing, for where my trea - sure went be - fore, there all my  
demp - tion; and then, when all my days will cease, let me de -



mem - bers are to dwell when Christ shall come and call them.  
thoughts will ev - er soar to still their deep - est yearn - ing.  
part in joy and peace in an - swer to my plead - ing.

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## Our Holy Communion Practices

*(Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:27-29; Ephesians 4:4-6; 1 John 1:3; 2 John 9-11)*

### Visitors

*Before approaching the altar to receive Holy Communion, please read the following notes:*

*The Holy Bible teaches the celebration of the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in faith and teaching. To be "in communion" means to share and hold in common. By receiving Holy Communion, we are not only sharing Christ's true body and blood, but we are also confessing that we publicly hold in common the same teachings of God's Holy Word.*

*We therefore invite to Holy Communion only those Christians who share the same teachings to which we hold, all the while recognizing the true spiritual unity and fellowship of all believers in God's Holy Christian Church (i.e. the Communion of Saints). Confirmed members of Nain and confirmed visiting members of sister congregations in the WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) and the ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) are welcome to commune with us.*

*If you are a member of another Lutheran synod, another Christian denomination, or of another belief, we ask that you refrain from communing with us at this time. We do this out of love and in accordance with God's words through St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29. The pastor would be happy to speak with you if you have interest in communing in the future or have any other questions or concerns about our practices. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and for respecting our beliefs.*

### Communicants

*"Christian Questions," a guide for personal preparation before receiving Holy Communion is printed on pages 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayers for before and after communing are printed on the first page of the hymnal.*

*The usher will direct you to the front of the nave, where you will commune. When the pastor distributes the bread and body of Christ, he will say, "The body of Christ, given for you." When he distributes the wine and blood of Christ, he will say, "The blood of Christ, poured out for you." Before consuming the sacramental elements, you may respond to the pastor's words by saying, "Amen" (which is Hebrew for, "Truly," or "Yes, it is so") as a way to confess your belief that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of your sins.*

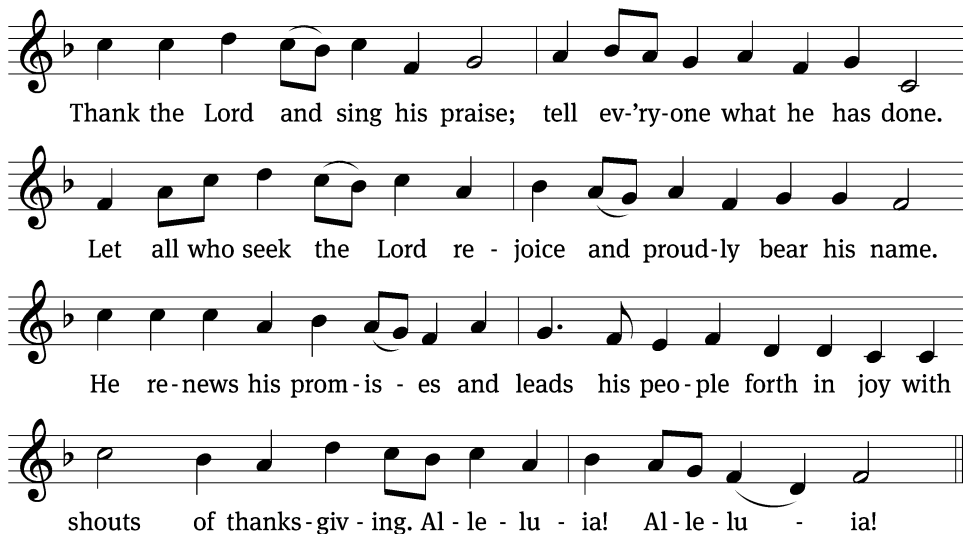
### Children and Non-Communicants

*Children and other non-communicants are welcome to approach the altar to receive a blessing from the pastor. He will make the sign of the cross on the head of each and say, "The Lord bless you." Non-Communicant adults are asked to cross their arms over their chest to indicate that they do not intend to commune.*

## Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise (CW 948)

(Psalm 105:1-5; Isaiah 55:12)

*Please stand as the canticle is introduced*



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-news 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!

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## Thanksgiving

(Psalm 118:1)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

## Proclamation

(1 Corinthians 11:26)

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## Post-Communion Prayer

(Romans 15:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 3:12, 5:11)

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**



## Blessing

(Numbers 6:24-26)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Please remain standing for the first stanza of the closing hymn and direct your attention to the processional cross as it is brought out of the nave*

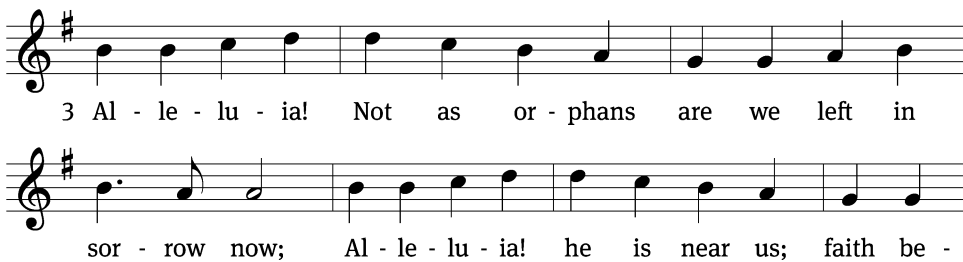
## Closing Hymn

606 w 2, 3 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

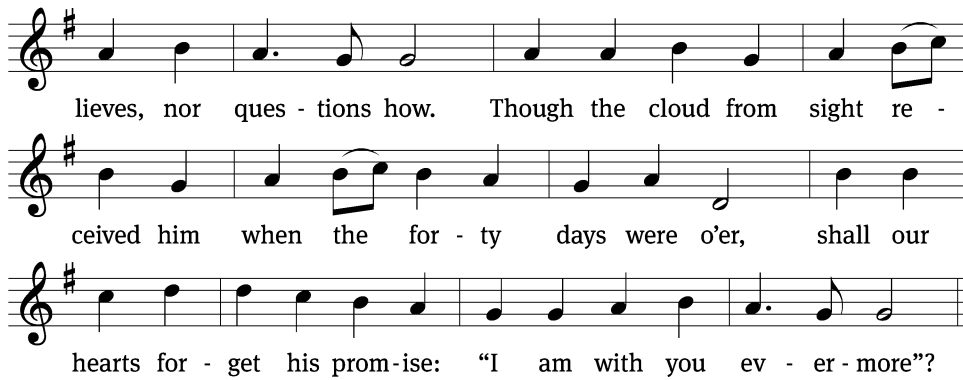


2 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

*Please be seated*



3 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -



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***There will not be any post-service announcements.***

***You will not be ushered out.*** You may depart any time after the service ends.

A ***personal prayer for after worship*** is printed on the first page of the hymnal.

If you haven't done so already, ***please write your name in the Friendship Register before you leave.***

***Thank you for joining us*** as we together worshiped our Triune God. The Lord be with you this week!

### ***The Paschal Candle***

*Paschal, meaning "having to do with the Passover," is a word associated with Easter, for it was at the conclusion of the Jewish Passover Festival (the "Pasch") that Jesus rose from the dead and proved himself to be the true Passover Lamb whose blood removes the threat of death (cf. Exodus 12; 1 Corinthians 6:6-8).*

*Paschal Candles are usually very large, white, and inscribed with a cross and the Greek letters Alpha (A) and Omega (Ω) - the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet - which symbolize that Christ is eternal, the beginning and end (Revelation 1:8; 22:13).*

*The Paschal Candle is lit every Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday to symbolize that Christ is alive and lives among his people. It is then lit for every service during the season of Easter as we continue to celebrate Christ's resurrection. The candle is also lit at Holy Baptisms and Christian funerals, reminding us of the believer's new birth and resurrection to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*



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Joe Lopina for operating the A/V equipment for the live stream... Ashley Leyrer for serving on Altar Duty...  
and the Campbell family for making the rough cross we display during the seasons of Lent and Easter.*

*For more information about today's Scripture readings, the current season of the Church Year, and the words and symbols featured on the paraments, please visit the "[Worship Resources](#)" page of our website to read this Sunday's "**About the Propers**," a weekly document that explains the changeable parts of the service.*

*All worshipers are encouraged to take home a copy of our **weekly newsletter**, the "**Nain Messenger**" to stay informed about all congregational news. Printed copies are available on the countertop in the narthex.*

*Nain is a member congregation of the **Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod**.*

*For more information about our synod, please visit its website: [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)*

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