

✠ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ✠

May 3, 2026



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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.

# Cantate

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026



*Easter*

### ***What Difference Does It Make?***

Either Jesus is still dead, or Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus claimed he would rise from the dead. “The Son of Man must suffer many things . . . be killed and after three days rise again” (Mark 8:31). So if Jesus remains dead, he is both a failure and a fraud. If Christ has not been raised, we are still in our sin. But Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! And that makes all the difference in the world! Jesus lives! The season of Easter is a 50-day celebration of that fact.

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

### ***He Lives to Be the Only Way to Heaven***

The Fifth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as “Cantate” Sunday. The Sunday derives its name from the Latin words of the Introit of the day (i.e. the opening verses): “Sing (*cantate*) to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.” (Psalm 98:1).

The gospel is the most inclusive message in the world. It maintains that God wants all people to be saved. At the same time, the gospel is also the most exclusive message in the world, for it maintains that salvation can only be found only through faith in God’s Son, Jesus Christ.

In today’s Gospel, notice that Jesus didn’t say, “I will *show* you the true way to eternal life.” The prophets, evangelists, and apostles could say that. We can say that too. But only Jesus can say, “*I am* the way. *I am* the truth. *I am* the life you crave.”

Jesus is not *a* way into heaven. He is *the* way. There is no other way to God the Father in heaven than through faith in the One who died and rose again. The unbelieving world finds the claims that Christianity is exclusive and that Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven to be offensive. Yet this is the very truth upon which Christ builds 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.

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## The Preparation

### Opening Hymn

449 "This Joyful Eastertide"



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide a - way with sin and  
2 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the  
3 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
riv - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill  
slum - ber till trump from east to west



has sprung to life this mor - row.  
my pass - ing soul de - liv - er.  
shall wake the dead in num - ber.

### *Refrain*



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on,



our faith had been in vain: but now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



## 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

(Psalm 51:1; Mark 10:47; Luke 17:13)

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**A - men.**

# Song of Praise

938 "This Is the Feast" (stanzas 1 - 3)

The hymn will be sung like so:

**Refrain** (with no introduction) ..... **Stanzas 1-3** (with no refrain in between them) ..... **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!



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



blood set us free — to be peo - ple of God.  
hon - or, — bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *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!

# 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.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## First Reading

Acts 4:8-12

*St. Peter told the Jewish leaders that the man they had crucified was raised to life and therefore is the only man in whom salvation is found.*

<sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel, <sup>9</sup> if we are being questioned today for a kind act that was done for the lame man, as to how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead! By him this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup> This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you builders, which has become the cornerstone.

<sup>12</sup> “There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 118 A "This Is the Day the LORD Has Made"

*The Church sings Psalm 118 in services that celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Since it was the last psalm in the Passover liturgy at the time of Jesus, it might have been sung when Jesus instituted Holy Communion.*

### Refrain



This is the day the LORD has made, let us re-joice and be glad!



This is the day the LORD has made, let us re-joice and be glad!

### Tone



**The LORD is my strength and / my defense;  
he has become my sal- / vation.  
The LORD's right hand is / lifted high;  
the LORD's right hand has done / mighty things!  
I will not / die but live,  
and will proclaim what the / LORD has done.**

### Refrain

**I will give you thanks, for you / answered me;  
you have become my sal- / vation.  
The stone the builders re- / jected  
has become the / cornerstone;  
the LORD has / done this,  
and it is marvelous / in our eyes.**

**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**

**1 Peter 2:4-10**

*People stumble over the claim that Jesus is the only way to heaven. But that truth is the cornerstone on which Christ builds his Church.*

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, the Living Stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious, <sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones, are being built as a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, in order to bring spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it says in Scripture:

See, I lay a stone in Zion,  
a chosen and precious cornerstone,  
and the one who believes in him will certainly not be put to shame.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, for you who believe, this is an honor. But for those who do not believe:

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,

<sup>8</sup> and,

a stone over which they stumble  
and a rock over which they fall.

Because they continue to disobey the word, they stumble over it. And that is the consequence appointed for them.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

John 14:6

*Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced*



*Refrain*



9 “Have I been with you so long,” Jesus answered, “and you still do not know me, Philip? The one who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”  
 10 Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I am telling you I am not speaking on my own, but the Father who remains in me is doing his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me. Or else believe because of the works themselves.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

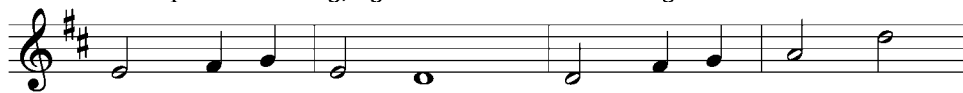
*Please be seated*

**Hymn of the Day**

467 “With High Delight Let Us Unite”



1 With high de - light let us u - nite in songs of  
 2 True God, he first from death has burst forth in - to  
 3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks and bring to Christ our



sweet ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, each  
 life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my shall  
 Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by



take your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion.  
 van - quished be; his death has been death's un - do - ing.  
 word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion.



To set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to  
 “And yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave,” said  
 So shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and



all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.  
 he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.  
 death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

## **Easter Acclamation**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **Sermon**

John 14:1-11

*“What Jesus Does with Troubled Hearts”*

## **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**

Easter I

Let us pray.

Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy this Easter, for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts and implant it in our minds. Through the good news of your resurrection renew our hope and revive our faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. You have put our sin to death and have given us a new life. Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life in all we do. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb and ease their pain by reminding them that their loved ones will one day rise again. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Lord, many people grieve without hope. Let the message of resurrection reach them and awaken faith in their hearts. Use us as your instruments to bring the word of life to their souls and the message of hope to their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Stay by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. Remind them that your victory over death is a fact, and comfort them with your promise to raise them and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Special prayers and intercessions*

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us in your Word and in the feast of your Sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory.

**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"*

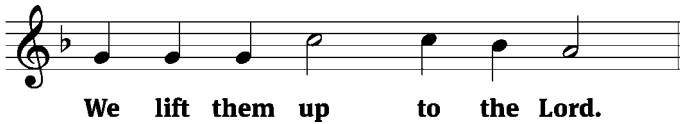
## Prefaces

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

The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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)*



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 T 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 T 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."

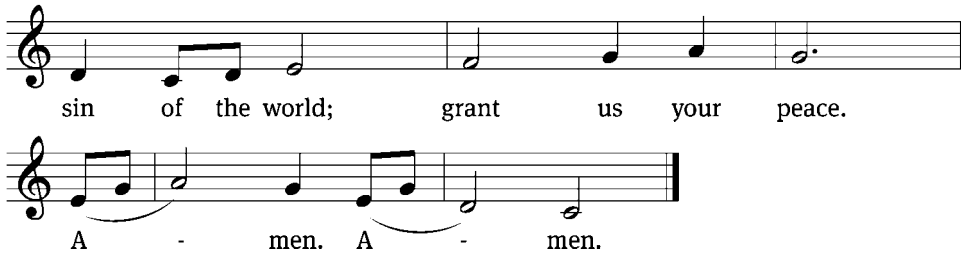
**Peace of the Lord**    *Pax Domini*    (John 14:27; 20:19; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)

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 score is written on six staves. The first staff contains a short melodic phrase. The second and third staves form the first line of the hymn, with lyrics: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us." The fourth and fifth staves form the second line, with lyrics: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us." The sixth staff begins the third line with the lyrics: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the". The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.



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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 T in peace.

**Amen.**

## 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.*



1 He's ris - en, he's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;  
 2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry  
 3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,  
 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;  
 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



he o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate Word.  
 the Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.  
 and death, hell, and Sa - tan he van - quished, his foes.  
 Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.  
 pro - claim the blest ti - dings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song  
 In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,  
 The con - quer - ing Lord lifts his ban - ner on high;  
 For all our trans - gres - sions his blood does a - tone;  
 Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



and earth, sea, and moun - tain, the prais - es pro - long.  
 for Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.  
 he lives, yes, he lives, and will nev - er - more die.  
 re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are his own.  
 with Fa - ther and Spir - it he ev - er shall reign.

# Distribution Hymns

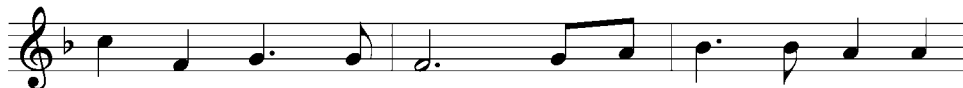
## 470 "Like the Golden Sun Ascending"



1 Like the gold - en sun as - cend - ing, break - ing through the  
 2 Thanks to you, O Christ vic - to - rious! Thanks to you, O  
 3 You have died for my trans - gres - sion, all my sins on  
 4 For the joy your ad - vent gave me, for your gos - pel's



gloom of night, on the earth its glo - ry spend - ing so that  
 Lord of life! Death has now no pow - er o'er us, you have  
 you were laid. You have won for me sal - va - tion, on the  
 great re - ward, for your bap - tism which has saved me, for your



dark - ness takes to flight, thus my Je - sus from the  
 con - quered in the strife. Thanks be - cause you did a -  
 cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall a -  
 sup - per and your Word; for your death, the bit - ter



grave and death's dis - mal, dread - ful cave rose tri -  
 rise and have o - pened par - a - dise! None can  
 rise and shall meet you in the skies. Death it -  
 scorn, for your res - ur - rec - tion morn: Lord, I



um - phant Eas - ter morn - ing at the ear - ly pur - ple dawn - ing.  
 ful - ly sing the glo - ry of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry.  
 self is tran - si - to - ry; I shall lift my head in glo - ry.  
 thank you and ex - tol you, and in heav'n I shall be - hold you.

## Post-Communion Canticle

948 "Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise"

*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)*

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 T give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Closing Hymn

514 "You Are the Way; through You Alone"



- 1 You are the way; thro' you a - lone can we the Fa - ther find;
- 2 You are the truth; your Word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
- 3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm,
- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



in you, O Christ, has God re - vealed his heart and will and mind.  
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
and those who put their trust in you nor death nor hell shall harm.  
that truth to keep, that life to win whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

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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!

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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.

**"The Congregation at Prayer,"** a document offering suggestions for daily devotions and Scripture readings, is also posted on the "[Worship Resources](#)" page of our church website.

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

*Paschal, meaning "having to do with the Passover," is a word associated with Easter. It was at the conclusion of the Jewish Passover Festival (sometimes referred to as 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. They are also inscribed with the Greek letters Alpha (Α) 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 Jesus is risen from the dead and lives among his people never to die again. It is then lit for every service during the season of Easter as believers continue to celebrate Jesus' 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 faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.*