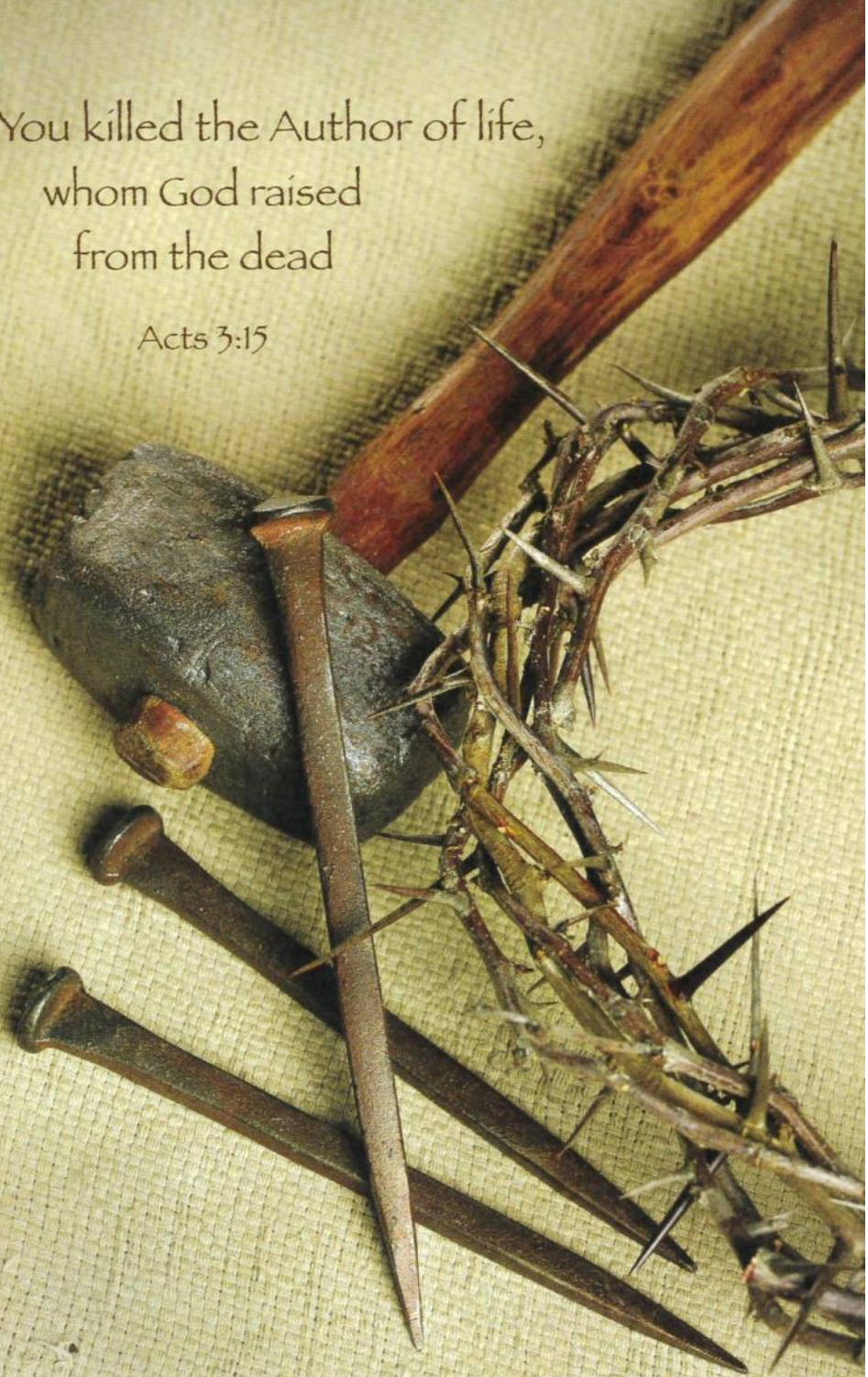


You killed the Author of life,  
whom God raised  
from the dead

Acts 3:15



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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 a.m. April 14, 2024

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### Thoughts as we gather:

The Preaching of Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins Makes Us Pure

The risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples “that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead” and “that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations” (Luke 24:46–47). Therefore, St. Peter preaches repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem. As he proclaims that Jesus fulfilled all that “God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets” (Acts 3:18), He also convicts the people of their sin, because they “delivered over and denied” this Lord Jesus and “killed the Author of life.” Yet God “glorified His servant Jesus” and raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:13–15). St. Peter calls the people to repent, so that their “sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19–20). Through this forgiveness of sins and by faith in this forgiveness, the Father shows His love for us in order that “we should be called children of God; and so we are” (1 John 3:1). Thus, we hope in Him and are made pure even “as He is pure,” because “He appeared in order to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin” (1 John 3:3, 5)

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

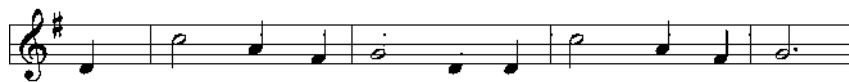
### 480 He’s Risen, He’s Risen



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, true 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 tid - ings 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 their 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.

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*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.

*Stand*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

*Psalm 30:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b*

In Your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up  
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,  
and You have healed me.

**O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol;  
You restored me to life from among those who go down to the  
pit.**

Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,  
and give thanks to His holy name.

**For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.**

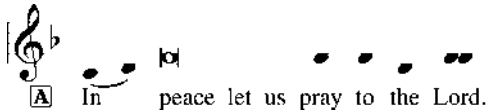
**Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morn-  
ing.**

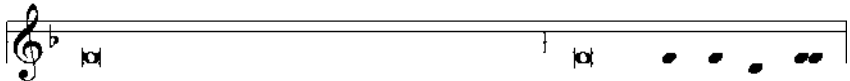
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

In Your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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



[C] Lord, have mer - cy.



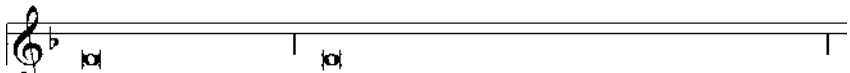
[A] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



[C] Lord, have mer - cy.



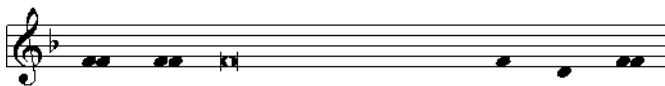
[A] For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

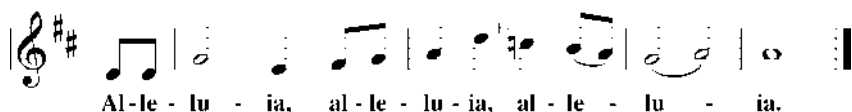
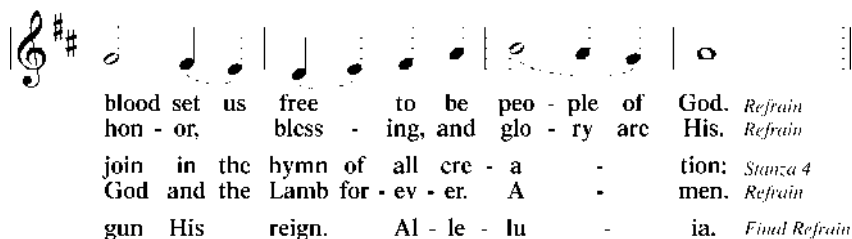
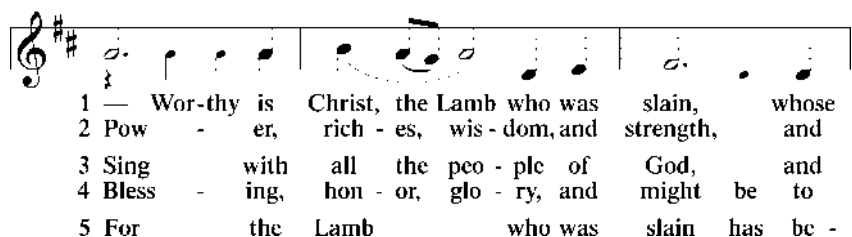
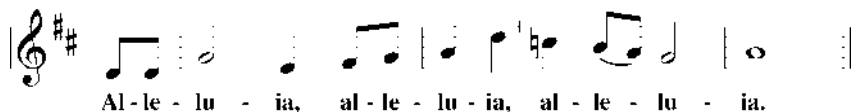


[A] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

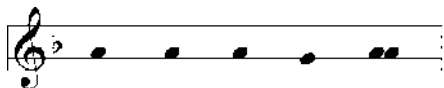


**THIS IS THE FEAST**

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## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



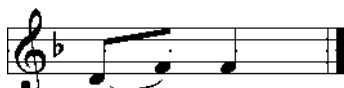
**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Let us pray.

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



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

### FIRST READING

*Acts 3:11–21*

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And His name—by faith in His name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets long ago."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

*Psalm 4; antiphon: v. 7*

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!  
You have given me relief when I was in distress.  
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

<sup>2</sup>**O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?  
How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?**

<sup>3</sup>But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for Himself;  
the LORD hears when I call to Him.

<sup>4</sup>**Be angry, and do not sin;  
ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer right sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?  
Lift up the light of Your face upon us, O LORD!"**

<sup>7</sup>You have put more joy in my heart  
than they have when their grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>**In peace I will both lie down and sleep;  
for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*1 John 3:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.


<sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that He appeared to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous.

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


**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*





**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

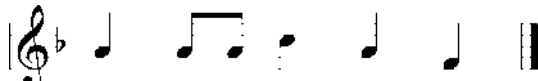


words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 24:36-49*

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




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

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus Himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Touch Me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, He said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and He took it and ate before them.

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

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



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## 483 With High Delight Let Us Unite



1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great  
2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,  
3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,  
all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van - quished lie;  
ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us  
His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall  
To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's  
be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who  
love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



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

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## SERMON MORE AMAZING THAN A MIRACLE

*Acts 3:11-21*

*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.

*Sit*

## OFFERING

*Stand*

## OFFERTORY

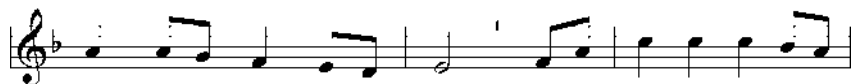
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**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



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.

*Sit*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, in Your presence we find fullness of joy, and by Your right hand, Christ Jesus, You win and deliver peace forevermore. In the midst of this world's sins and sorrows, give us peace in the knowledge of His salvation and confident hope in the resurrection of the dead. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

- P** Heavenly Father, by the incarnation of Your Son and the reconciliation of His cross, You have made us Your children and gathered us into Your Holy Church. Sustain the preaching of Your Holy Word and its message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name among us and all the nations of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give peace, Lord, to our homes and enliven them by Christ's resurrected life. Let the forgiveness of sins reign among husbands and wives, parents and children. Assure those who live alone that they, too, are Your children, upheld by Your right hand. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, preserve our nation and its leaders, especially Joseph, our president, and Gavin, our governor. Preserve order and decency in this fallen world by their hands and restrain the sins and deceptions of the lawless, that we may practice righteousness while awaiting the eternal peace promised in Christ's wounds alone. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** God of all comfort, You have compassion on those who are afflicted. Remember and have mercy on [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all those in need of Your healing and deliverance. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Your Son's crucifixion all sins have been blotted out. Send us now the blessed refreshment of His bodily presence in the Sacrament of the Altar, and make us fit partakers in repentance for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

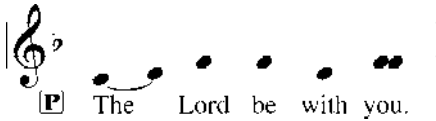
## Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an Elder.

## PREFACE

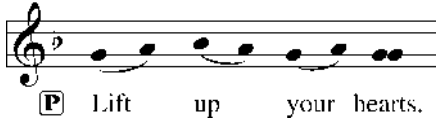
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**P** The Lord be with you.



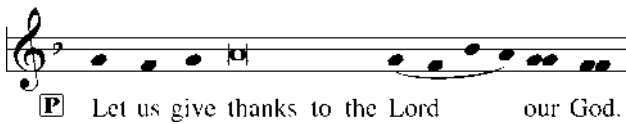
**C** And al - so with you.



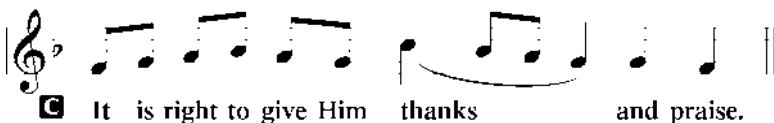
**P** Lift up your hearts.



**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

*LSB 161*

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

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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- 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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- 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.**



## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## PAX DOMINI

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



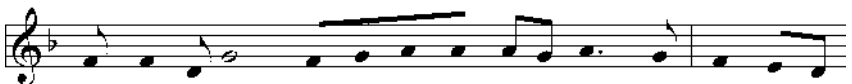
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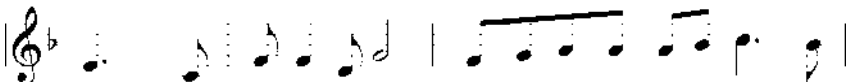
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**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



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



sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

## DISTRIBUTION

### 628 Your Table I Approach



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;  
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.  
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.  
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.


- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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## 643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing




1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,  
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,




The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave,  
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.




The Sup-er is end-ed, O now be ex-tend-ed  
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve,  
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all,  
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us  
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing



To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.  
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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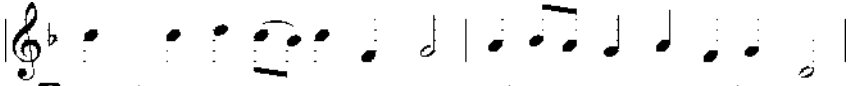
*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

- 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*

**THANK THE LORD**

*LSB 164*



**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.

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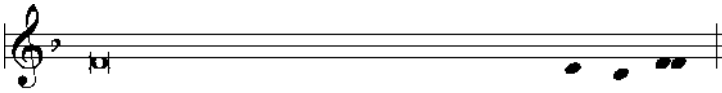
**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



# BENEDICTION

*LSB 166*



**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.



*Sit*

### 392 God Loves Me Dearly



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




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

*Refrain*



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



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

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**SERVING SERVICE TODAY:**

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**SUNDAY READINGS**

The readings for Sunday, April 21, 2024 are:

Acts 4:1-12  
Psalm 23 (antiphon: v. 6)  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18



### April 14 – Easter 3

**1 John 3:2** – “Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is.” This is the essence of our sanctification: becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection, but in the meantime, we strive toward that goal because we want to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. By His grace we share His destiny in eternal life, and therefore we desire to share His life of service now.

## THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

<b>Sun. (04/14)</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship Bible Study
<b>Mon. (04/15)</b>	4:30 p.m.	Adult Confirmation Class
<b>Tues. (04/16)</b>	9:00 a.m.	Comfort Quilters
<b>Wed. (04/17)</b>	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
<b>Sat. (04/20)</b>	8:30 a.m.	Men's Club
<b>Sun. (04/21)</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship Bible Study

### ATTENDANCE:

04/07/2024	9:00 a.m.	46
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We welcome you and invite you to join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall after service. Be sure to check in with Debbie in the Narthex before service. Visitors are asked to sign the guest book in the Narthex, please include your address and home church. If this is your first time attending Holy Communion at Ascension, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder prior to the service.*

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Flowers on the altar today are for the Glory of God by Sheryl Truslow in memory of her mom.

### **ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Adult Confirmation Class will meet on Monday, April 15, at 4:30 p.m.

### **COMFORT QUILTERS**

Comfort Quilters will be meeting on Tuesday, April 16 at 9:00 a.m.

### **MEN'S CLUB**

The next meeting of the Men's Club will be on Saturday, April 20 at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men are welcome.

### **AFTERNOON TEA**

Dear Sisters in Christ, you are cordially invited to attend an Afternoon Tea on Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Ascension's Social Hall. There will be prizes, games, food, and laughter. Please let Lynn Fairgrief know how many will be attending—765-418-0368.

### **THANK YOU**

Blessings to my Ascension Church Family! I wanted to say a huge "Thank You" to everyone for the prayers, cards, and words of encouragement. I'm excited to announce that the tumor was found to be "Benign"! Praise be to God! I love that I was able to see and visit with many of you and I hope to be back again soon. Keep up the awesome work sisters and brothers in Christ—your work is not in vain. To God Be the Glory!! Amen! Sharon Pennington

Prayer and Praises” is your personal invitation to join with the Prayer Ministry of our church in daily prayer. If you would like someone to stay on the prayer list, please call the church office at 760-247-7392, put your request on the prayer cards in the church, or go on-line at [www.ascensionav.org](http://www.ascensionav.org). Otherwise, names will be removed after two months.

### ACCORDING TO THEIR NEED:

Angela Alder  
Tricia Blake  
Durfee Family  
Jennifer Millgate  
Mildred Sears  
Rory Tighe  
Bill & Jan Blanton  
Karrie Burke  
Renee Cates  
Dick Connors  
William Creek  
Oscar Duenas  
Lynn Fairgrief  
Faigie Gawn  
Government  
Raquel Gudino  
Roger Hall  
Jeanne Hecksel  
Dawn Husel  
Linda Kienle  
Debbie Lange  
Doug & Corky Lumley  
Kelly Marscheider  
David McDonald  
Daniel Midgely  
Jay Miner  
Renee Moore  
Dennis Nelson  
Michelle Nichol  
Jessie Oswald  
Tim & Marguerite Pastella  
Heidi Perry  
Kelley Pulone  
Dave Riffel  
Rose & Iris  
Ernie Schmidt  
Noreen Selle  
Bea Shelby  
Manuel Sousa  
Carol Thomas  
Diana Thornbury  
Lisa Marie Van Slyke  
Rosa & Paul Wallace  
Stacy Wilson  
Larry Young

### GRIEF & STRENGTH:

Family of Katy Morris

Mary Beuerle  
Devin Coole  
Gamas Family  
Beverly Moglich  
Kevin Smith  
Ray Beauchamp  
Sue Boers  
Sherry Burke  
Cindy Celaya  
Beth Craig  
Kathy Davis  
Christine Dunne  
Christian Frash  
Chris Gibson  
Jay & Becky Graham  
Kurt Gutowsky  
Pastor Harris  
Hedden Family  
Linda Kaufman  
Emma Kraus  
Rylee LaTrace  
Steve & Debbie Martines  
Al & Betty Lu Mayer  
Judy Meadows  
Military  
Justin Morales  
Herbert Moran  
Amanda Netzell  
Cindy Nielsen  
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Michelle Peterson  
Marilyn Quade  
Crystal Roblero  
Beth Rubio  
Chris Segard  
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Short Family  
Ron Stark  
Ora Thomas  
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### SAFE TRAVELS:

Sue Brooks



**About the Cover:** The world tried to write an end to the Author of life with the implements of death. But a hammer, nails, and a crown of thorns have been used by God in His greater plan to bring us salvation. Christ has been raised from the dead to never die again (see Romans 6:9). Death cannot be the end of the Author of life. Because we are in Him, our end is only life.