

# TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

November 19, 2023

### Our Mission...

To joyfully share the Abundant Life in Jesus' cross with all people today, embracing His hope for tomorrow.

# Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church!

Jesus gives new life wherever His Gospel is preached! If you are a visitor, we welcome you in Jesus' name. Please come again to join us in worship and become acquainted with our family in Christ.

*Visitors* ~ please sign our Guest Book at the back of the church.

*Friendship Registers* ~ Red Worship folders are in the center aisles of the pews. Please sign in each Sunday.

**Sunday school** for three-years-old through High School are held at 8:30 am in the lower level.

Adult Bible Class is held in the Stahlecker Room / Library at 8:30 am each Sunday.

*Hospital visitations* ~ Please let Pastor know if you or a loved one will be in the hospital.

**Rest rooms** (2) are located on the same floor as the Sanctuary, across from the mailboxes. One is handicapped accessible and has a Baby Changing Station.



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#### CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 usher.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Corinthians 1:28; 11:17–34.

#### FOR THOSE with YOUNG CHILDREN...

In Matthew 19, Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. So do we.

While children may often fidget and fuss during the service, we consider the noise that they make to be a form of sacred music – the song of God's children learning more and more what it means to be Christians. And it is for this reason that we invite the children to stay with us for the entire service. We also suggest the following steps to help them learn.

- Sit toward the front where it is easier for them to see what is happening.
- Sing the liturgy and hymns, boldly. The more engaged you are, the more quickly they will learn to follow along.
- Explain to them what is happening throughout the service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to sit in the Narthex. There are also activity books and "quiet time' bags in the back for your children. Ask an Elder or usher for assistance.

Finally, if your attempt to get through the service today was a disaster, come back next week. The more consistently you show up, the easier it will get. And, whenever you come, just like Christ, we will always be overjoyed to have you and your little ones with us.

### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

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### **DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING II** ~ Page 167

#### **PRELUDE**

**WELCOME** ~ Worshippers are kindly asked to fill out the red Friendship Folder found along the center aisle and pass it to the others in your pew. Please be sure to list all the members of your family. Thank you.

#### HYMN of INVOCATION

O Worship the King ~ LSB 804



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- Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!
- O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
   While angels delight to hymn Thee above,
   Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
   With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

### **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **Matthew** 28:19b; 18-20
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

  1 John 1:8-9

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.
- 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.

  John 20:19-23

#### C Amen.

#### SERVICE of the WORD

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#### **INTROIT**

Psalm 143:2, 5-6, 10-11; antiphon: v. 1



Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!\*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,\*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that | you have done;\*

I ponder the work | of your hands.

I stretch out my | hands to you;\*

my soul thirsts for you like a | parched land.

Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!\*

Let your good Spirit lead me on | level ground!

For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!\*

In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

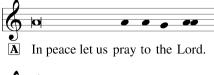
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!\*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

### **KYRIE** ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

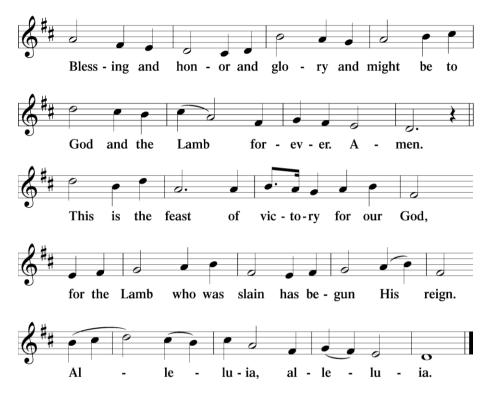
Mark 10:47











### **SALUTATION and COLLECT of the DAY**



2 Timothy 4:22

### **P** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zephaniah 1:7–16

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. <sup>8</sup>And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice— "I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. <sup>9</sup>On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. <sup>10</sup>"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Ouarter, a loud crash from the hills. <sup>11</sup>Wail. O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more: all who weigh out silver are cut off. <sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' <sup>13</sup>Their goods shall be plundered,

and their houses laid waste.

they shall not inhabit them;

Though they build houses,

though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them."

14The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.

15A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,

16a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL** 

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5



These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.\*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,\* in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

#### **EPISTLE READING**

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

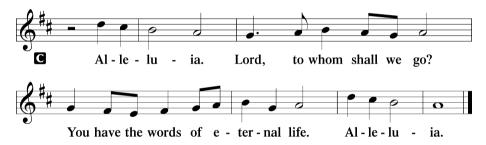
<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for

that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

### **ALLELUIA and VERSE**

John 6:68



#### HOLY GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:14-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more,

saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup>He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup>But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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



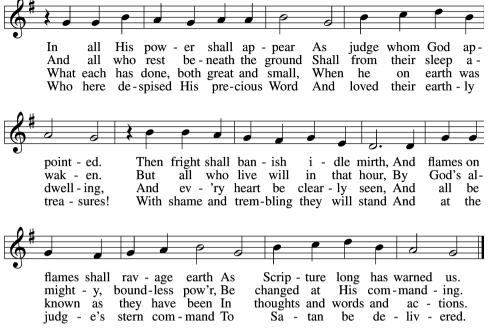
#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### HYMN of the DAY

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near ~ LSB 508



- 1 The day is sure-ly draw-ing near When Je-sus, God's a-noint-ed,
- 2 The fi nal trum-pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak en,
- 3 The books are o-pened then to all, A rec ord tru ly tell ing
- 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car-nal plea-sures,



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- My Savior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smitten;Within the Book of Life I know My name has now been written.I will not doubt, for I am free, And Satan cannot threaten me;There is no condemnation!
- May Christ our intercessor be And through His blood and merit
  Read from His book that we are free With all who life inherit.
  Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His saints in that blest place
  Which He has purchased for us.
- O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;
  We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation.
  O hear and grant our fervent plea: Come, mighty judge, and set us free From death and ev'ry evil.

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### **C** I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

#### And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

### And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYER of the CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

**OFFERING** ~ As the offerings are gathered, worshippers are kindly asked to fill out the red Friendship Folder found along the center aisle and pass it to the others in your pew. Please be sure to list all the members of your family. Thank you.

**OFFERTORY** *Psalm* 116:12-13, 17-19



### **SERVICE of the SACRAMENT**

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### **PREFACE**



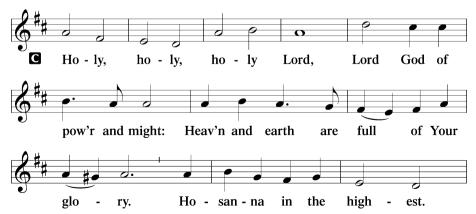
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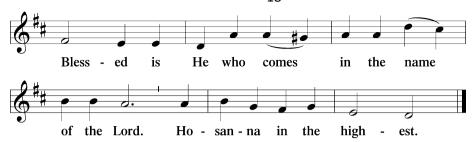


It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## $\textbf{SANCTUS} \sim Holy, \, Holy, \, Holy$

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9





#### PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

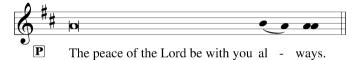
Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

### **PAX DOMINI** ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19





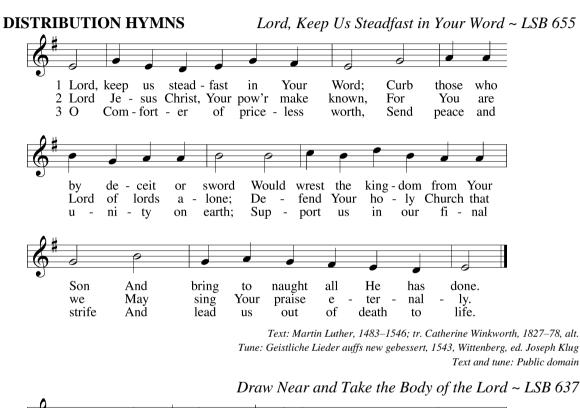
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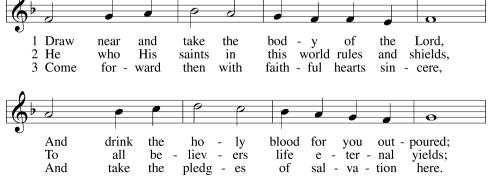
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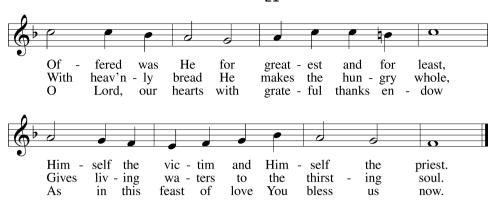




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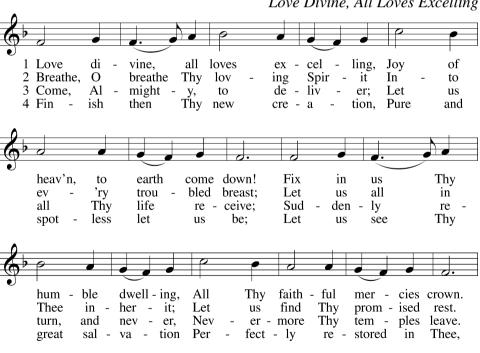


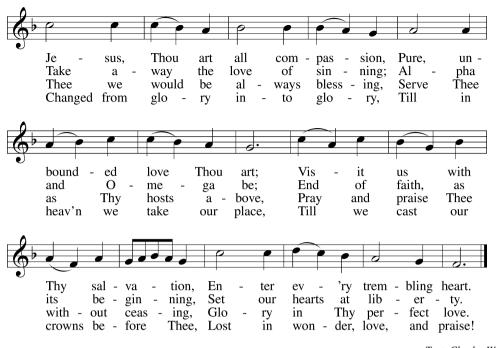




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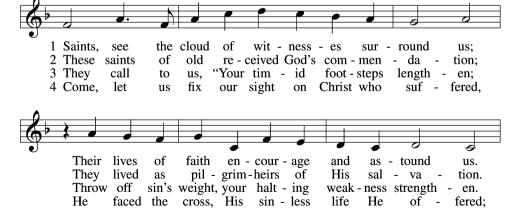
### Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ~ LSB 700

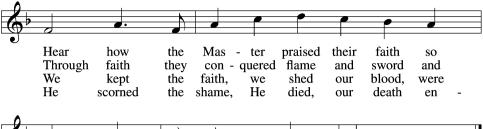




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### Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses ~ LSB 667







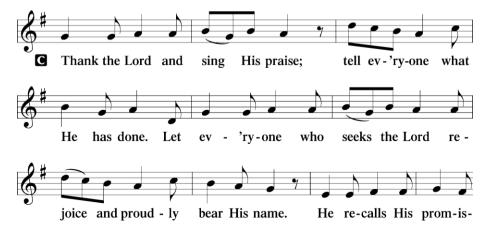
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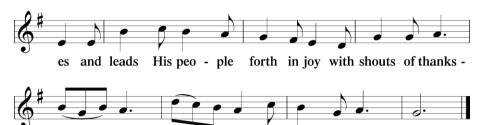
- 5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending, On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending; Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us— With grace precede us.
- 6 You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory!
  Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story;
  Past, present, future—You, the same forever—
  You fail us never!

#### THANK the LORD

Psalm 105:1-3, 42-43; 1 Chronicles 16:8-10



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### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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**P** Let us pray....

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C Amen.

#### BENEDICTION

Number 6:24-26



**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.



### **HYMN to DEPART**

We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God ~ LSB 941



- 1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
- 2 The band of the a pos tles in glo ry sing Your praise;
- 3 You, Christ, are King of glo ry, the ev er last ing Son,
- 4 You sit in splen-did glo ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



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#### **POSTLUDE**