

*It is now the third day  
since these things happened*



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### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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#### Thoughts as we gather:

*The Risen Lord Jesus Is with Us in Holy Baptism and in ‘the Breaking of the Bread’*

From “before the foundation of the world” until heaven and earth pass away, “the word of the Lord remains forever” (1 Peter 1:20, 25). This “living and abiding word of God” is the preaching of Christ Jesus, namely that God “raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory” (1 Peter 1:21, 23). By this living word, we “have been born again” to eternal life (1 Peter 1:23) and ransomed from our sinful and mortal life “with the precious blood of Christ” (1 Peter 1:18–19). This living word also calls us to repentance, to dying and rising in Holy Baptism “in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins” (Acts 2:38). In this, we receive the Holy Spirit “for you and for your children and for all who are far off” (Acts 2:39). Through the preaching of His cross and resurrection, Jesus draws near to bring us “into His glory” (Luke 24:26). As He opens the Scriptures, He opens our minds to comprehend “the things concerning Himself” (Luke 24:27), and He brings us to know Him “in the breaking of the bread” (Luke 24:35).

# CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

## 644 The Church's One Foundation

sts. 1-5



1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E-lect from ev-'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib-u-la-tion And tu-mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth has u-nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre-a-tion By wa-ter and the Word.  
Her char-ter of sal-va-tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
By schisms rent a-sun-der, By her-e-sies dis-tressed,  
She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er-more  
And mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;  
One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food,  
Yet saints their watch arc keep-ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,  
O bless-ed heav'n-ly cho-rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
And to one hope she press-es With ev-'ry grace en-dued.  
And soon the night of weep-ing Shall be the morn of song.  
And the great Church vic-to-rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
That we, like saints be-fore us, May see You face to face.

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*Stand*

*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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

*Psalm 133; antiphon: v. 1*

Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
when brothers dwell in unity!

**It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down on the collar of his robes!**

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!  
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

**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.**

Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
when brothers dwell in unity!

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



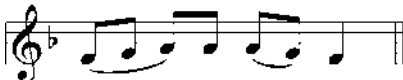
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** 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.

**P** 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.

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



**C** A - men.

*Refrain*

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

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

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

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

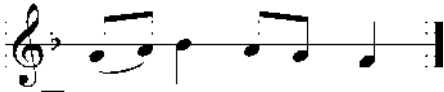
*Final Refrain*

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

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

# SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

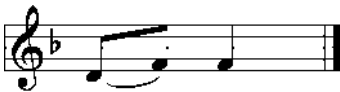
**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**P** Let us pray.

O God, 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 2:14a, 36-41*

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, .

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

<sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.” <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

- <sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because He has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- <sup>2</sup>**Because He inclined His ear to me,  
therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**
- <sup>3</sup>The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.
- <sup>4</sup>**Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”**
- <sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.
- <sup>6</sup>**The LORD preserves the simple;  
when I was brought low, He saved me.**
- <sup>7</sup>Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
- <sup>8</sup>**For You have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling;**
- <sup>9</sup>I will walk before the LORD  
in the land of the living.
- <sup>10</sup>**I believed, even when I spoke,  
“I am greatly afflicted”;**
- <sup>11</sup>I said in my alarm,  
“All mankind are liars.”
- <sup>12</sup>**What shall I render to the LORD  
for all His benefits to me?**
- <sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD,
- <sup>14</sup>**I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all His people.**

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:17-25

<sup>17</sup>If you call on Him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was fore-known before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, <sup>21</sup>who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>for

“All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,  
<sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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**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 24:13-35

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

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

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. <sup>17</sup>And He said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered Him, "Are You the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered Him up to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find His body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see." <sup>25</sup>And He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?" <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

<sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if He were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged Him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So He went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When He was at table with them, He took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. And He vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?" <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**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



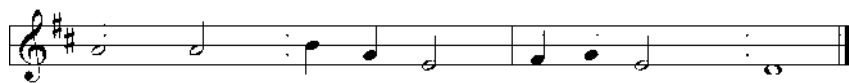
ju-bi-la-tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,  
 all sub-du-ing, His en-c-emy Doth van-quished lie;  
 ad-o-ra-tion. His hon-or speed By word and deed



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-ry 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

*Stand*

## NICENE CREED

**☩** 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  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

## OFFERING

**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.

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.

God of all compassion, Your Spirit opens the Holy Scriptures to the hearts of Your people. Enlighten us by the resurrection light that never fades, that our hearts may burn in faith toward You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Blessed Lord, You have established Your Church so that Your promise of eternal life might be delivered to us, to our children and to all who are far off — to everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself. Grant us faithful pastors to proclaim repentance and forgiveness through Word and Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, grant that Your Word may be the foundation of every Christian home; that husbands and wives may be united in faith and hope; and that children may hear and be nurtured in this Word by faithful parents. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, stifle the powers of darkness and end the reign of war, violence and terror. Give leaders who will seek peace and work for the common good. Instill in them a love of righteousness, and guide them in the pursuit of justice for all. Bless Donald, our president; the Congress of the United States; Gavin, our governor; all state and local officials; all medical and emergency workers; and all members of the armed forces. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O God, You have not forgotten us in our afflictions or abandoned us in our weakness. Deliver the sick and suffering according to Your will, and give comfort to the dying, especially to those who have requested our prayers [*including \_\_\_\_\_*]. Guard us against despair, and grant us patience in days of trouble as we await Your perfect healing. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful Lord, Your compassion is made known to us through Your Son's breaking of the bread. Open our hearts and mouths to receive forgiveness in the body and blood of Christ, who suffered for us and has entered into His glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, through the life, death and resurrection of Your Son, You have delivered our souls from death, our eyes from tears and our feet from stumbling. Comfort all who mourn with this truth, that they may not grieve as others do who have no such hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** These things and whatever else You know that we need, kind Father, grant us for the sake of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## 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

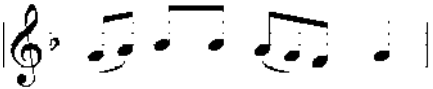
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- P** The Lord be with you.



- 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*

**G** 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

*LSB 161*

**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

*LSB 162*

**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 always.

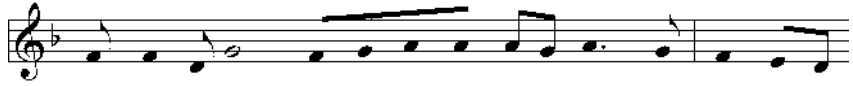


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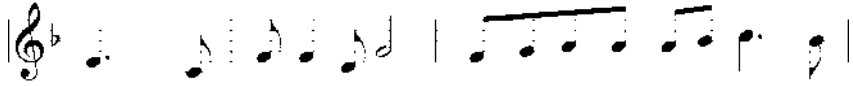
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Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



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

## 620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my  
2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and  
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the  
4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.  
wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,  
Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,  
me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His  
Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the  
Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter  
On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."  
pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.  
death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.  
grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
Whose own feast of love I savor,  
Bidden by His gracious call.  
Wedding garments He provides me,  
With a robe of white He hides me,  
Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,  
Comfort in my tribulation,  
Balm to heal the troubled soul.  
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
Cleanses me from sin and error,  
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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## 630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling



1 Now, my tongue, the mys - t'ry tell - ing Of the glo - rious  
 2 Giv'n for us, and con - de - scend - ing To be born for  
 3 That last night at sup - per ly - ing Mid the Twelve, His  
 4 Word made flesh, the bread He tak - eth, By His word His  
 Δ 5 Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing To the Fa - ther



bod - y sing, And the blood, all price ex - cel - ling,  
 us be - low, He with us in con - verse blend - ing,  
 cho - sen band, Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing,  
 flesh to be; Wine His sa - cred blood He mak - eth,  
 and the Son, Hon - or, thanks, and praise ad - dress - ing,



Which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King, Once on earth a -  
 Dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, Till He closed with  
 Keeps the feast its rites de - mand; Then, more pre - cious  
 Though the sens - es fail to see; Faith a - lone the  
 While e - ter - nal a - ges run; Ev - er too His



mong us dwell - ing, Shed for this world's ran - som - ing.  
 won - drous end - ing His most pa - tient life of woc.  
 food sup - ply - ing, Gives Him - self with His own hand.  
 true heart wak - eth To be - hold the mys - ter - y.  
 love con - fess - ing Who from both with both is One.

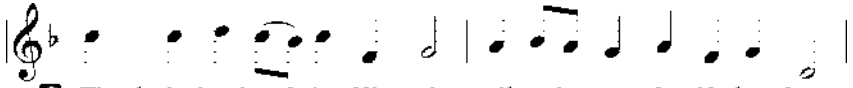
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*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

- 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.

# 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

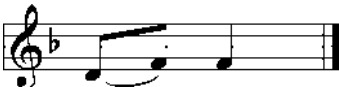


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing, Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

# POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**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.



**C** A - men.

# 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.



**C** A - men.

## 466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



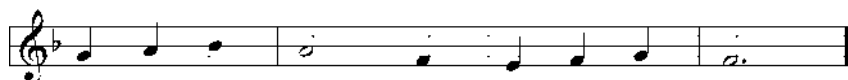
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!  
 4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;  
 5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - joyce and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.  
 He has a - ris - en this world to save.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.

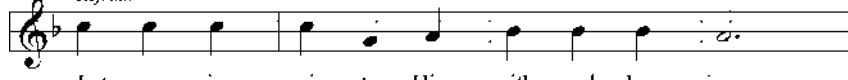


For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
 He who gives life did death un - der - go;  
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;  
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;  
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 And in its con - quest His might did show.  
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."  
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."  
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

### *Refrain*



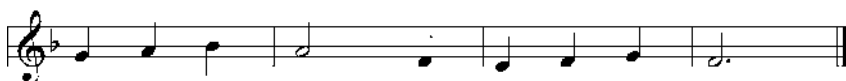
Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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**SERVING SERVICE TODAY:**

**ELDER**

Joe Yancho

**HEAD USHER**

Bruce Benson

**SUNDAY READINGS**

The readings for Sunday, April 26, 2026 are:

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23 (antiphon: v. 1)

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

**April 19 – Third Sunday of Easter**

**1 Peter 1:18–19 – “You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”** Christ ransomed us and bought us back from the slavery into which we were born. We do not belong to ourselves, to the devil or to the world. We belong to Jesus. Therefore, we live our lives not in accordance with our own wisdom, but in line with God’s Word.

## THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

<b>Sun. (04/19)</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Service Bible Study
<b>Mon. (04/20)</b>	4:00 p.m.	Youth Confirmation
<b>Wed. (04/22)</b>	11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Bible Study Adult Confirmation
<b>Thurs. (04/23)</b>	6:00 p.m.	NAMI Peer Connections
<b>Sun. (04/26)</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Service Bible Study

**ATTENDANCE:**

04/12/2026	9:00 a.m.	47
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**OFFERING:**

Needed weekly:	\$ 4,501.00	Needed YTD	\$ 67,515.00
Rec'vd. 04/12/2026	<u>\$ 3,423.43</u>	Rec'vd YTD	<u>\$ 73,603.13</u>
Short Weekly	\$ (1,077.57)	Over YTD	\$ 6,088.13

## **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.*

### **EVANGELISM MEETING**

Evangelism meeting today. We will meet after Bible Study, around 11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome! Please contact Eunice for more information.

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to all who made our Easter Pancake Breakfast a success. Thank you to our kitchen crew, Maria, Luis, Penny, Diane, Kathy B., and Lynn. Thanks to all who helped setup and helped cleanup. And thanks to all that brought all the yummy food. Thanks to all! ~ Kathy Valvo

### **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

*YOUTH*—Confirmation Class will be held on Monday, April 20, at 4:00 p.m.

*ADULT*—Confirmation Class will be held on Wednesday, April 22, at 6:00 p.m.

### **NAMI**

The next meeting for NAMI's Peer Connections will be held on Thursday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m. both in person and via Zoom.

### **PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT MISSIONS**

We raised a total of \$1,926 for missions. Thank you from the Elders and the Outreach Committee to everyone that donated. Our congregation is the best!

# **UPCOMING** *Events*

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies Gathering “Garden of Friends”

**Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>** – Men’s Gathering “Bicycling Along”

**Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Summer BBQ at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** - Parish Nurse event “Fall into Cleanliness”

**Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**—LWML Zone Celebration at 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** – Oktoberfest Potluck at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** – Advent by Candlelight - immediately after service at approximately 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** – Congregational Christmas Party- at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

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  
 Gaylon Pastella  
 Gwen Strasburg  
 Bob Albert  
 Red & MaryAnn Beck  
 Bill Blanton  
 Sue Brooks  
 Gabrielle Butcher  
 Mari Caroland  
 Maddie Cervantes  
 Cathy Connors  
 Scott Crawley  
 Nick & Julie DeRose  
 Christine Dunne  
 Egger Family  
 Heidi Evans  
 Christian Frash  
 Faigie Gawn  
 Government  
 Pastor Harris  
 Jeanne Hecksel  
 Kareem Jacobs  
 Addison Lange  
 Anthony Lopez  
 Brian McMahan  
 Military  
 Adam Nieto  
 Glenn & Nancy Pastella  
 Tim & Marguerite Pastella  
 Michele Rawlins  
 Ronnie  
 Short Family  
 Larry & Robin Thompson  
 Richard Torrez  
 Donna Wagers  
 John Worstell  
**Grief & Strength:**  
 Family of Pastor Castillo  
 Penny Gonzalez & Family

Mary Beuerle  
 Devin Coole  
 Jennifer Millgate  
 Mildred Sears  
 Rory Tighe  
 Brendan Anderson  
 Marilyn Belka  
 Grayson Blomberg  
 Karrie Burke  
 Marcia Byron  
 Dan Catherwood  
 Carolyne Chaney  
 Patrick Coole  
 William Creek  
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 Raquel Gudino  
 Kelly Havens  
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 Linda Merkle  
 Grace Miskimen  
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 Curtis & Cyndy Todd  
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 Joni Wageman  
 Cynthia Yancho  
**Thanksgiving:**  
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Charles Blake  
 Judy Cutler  
 Beverly Moglich  
 Kevin Smith  
 Mike Adams  
 Dave Anderson  
 Vivian Bingnam  
 Sue Boers  
 Kyle Burton  
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**About the Cover:** When the two disciples encountered Christ on the road to Emmaus, their hopeful hearts had grown cold at their Lord’s death three days earlier. However, their hearts burned within them as the risen Lord opened the Scriptures to them. The living, breathing, bread-breaking Lord who appeared to them sent them running in the night to confirm what they had seen and heard with the other disciples, saying, “The Lord has risen indeed!” (Luke 24:34).