The 3rd Sunday of Easter April 14, 2024



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We welcome all our worshipers today.

Today we celebrate Holy Communion!

Should I come forward to the altar during Communion? Absolutely! All Christians are invited to come forward during Communion distribution.

Should I eat and drink the Lord's body and blood? All confirmed members of this congregation and confirmed members of our sister congregations in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) are welcome to partake of the Lord's Supper. If you are a member of a church in another Lutheran church body, or are from another church body or tradition, please speak to the pastor or an elder before you take the Lord's body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. For more of an explanation of our communion practice, please see the card "About Holy Communion" in the pew. Gluten-free wafers are available – please let the pastor or elder know you need one BEFORE the service begins.

Are you saying that only LCMS Lutherans are "good enough" to receive the Lord's Supper? Absolutely not! We all come to the Lord's table recognizing that we are sinners continually in need of Christ's forgiveness, including the forgiveness delivered in the Lord's Supper. But we also recognize that the Scriptures say you can be HARMED by partaking of the Lord's Supper without discerning the Lord's body and blood (1 Corinthians 11:27-32). We at Messiah don't want to be an instrument of harm to your soul.

What will I receive if I don't partake of the Lord's Supper? Come forward and place your arms across your chest at the communion rail. The pastor will give you a blessing. You have received the forgiveness of sins which we ALL need in the absolution at the beginning of the service, and through the proclamation of that forgiveness in Jesus Christ in the reading of His Word and in the sermon. Rejoice!

Divine Service, Setting Three

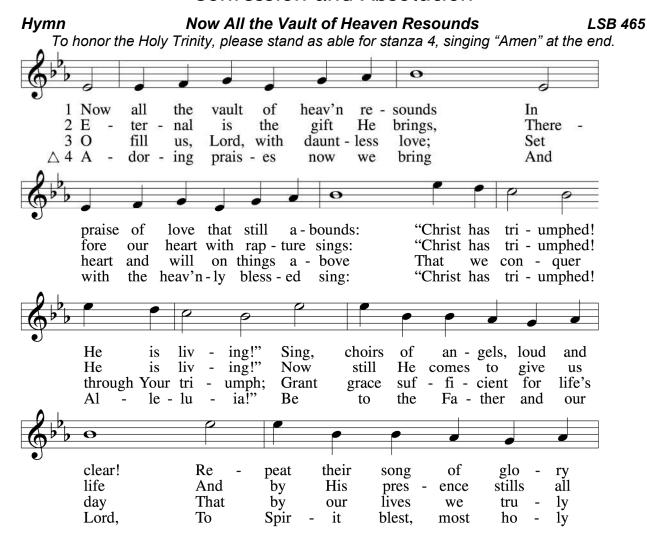
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Preservice Music

Charles Ore, Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Welcome

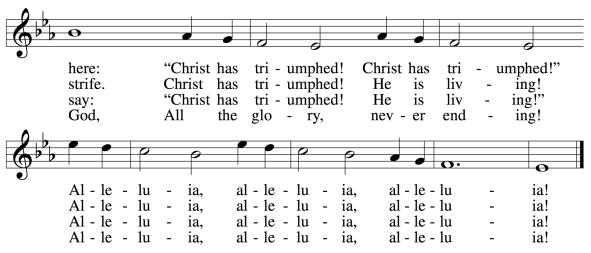
Confession and Absolution



The following symbols are used in this order of service:

P Pastor C Congregation

[→] The sign of the cross may be made by the pastor and/or the congregation.



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

Invocation - Matthew 28:19b

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- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

Exhortation - Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:3

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- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

Confession of Sins LSB 184

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution - John 20:19-23

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- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit - Entrance Psalm

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

The congregation will sing the portions in **bold type**.



In your presence there is full- ness of joy;*

at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

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 | morning.

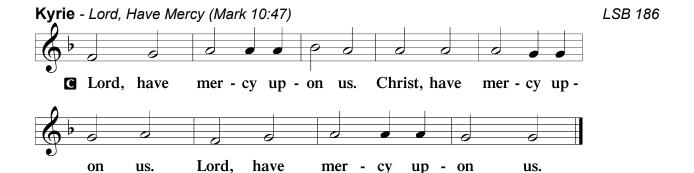
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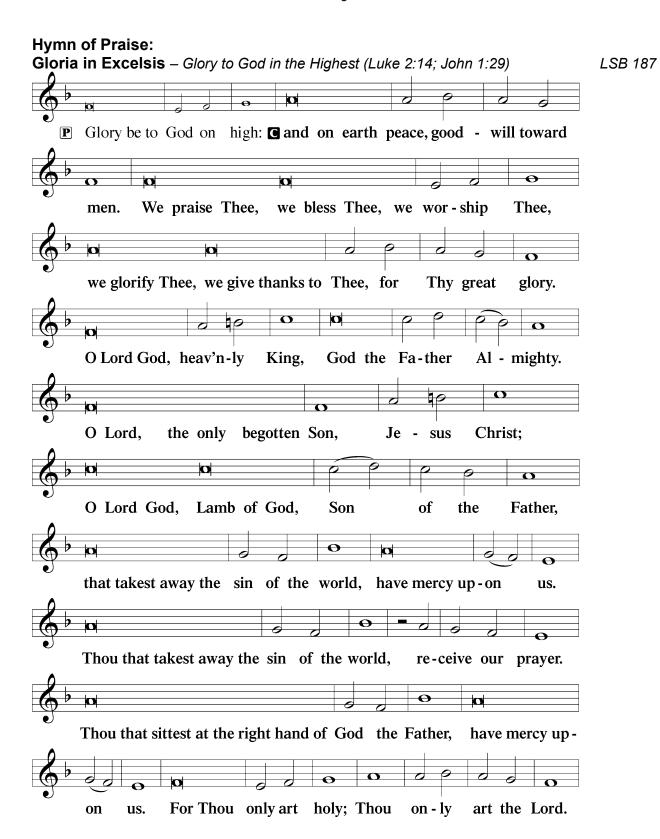
and to the Holy | Spirit;

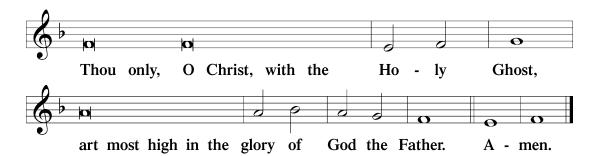
as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

In your presence there is full- ness of joy;* at your right hand are pleasures for- evermore.

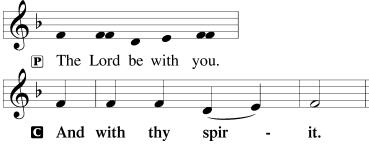






Salutation and Collect of the Day - 2 Timothy 4:22

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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 Amen.

Sit

First Reading Acts 3:11–21

¹¹While [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. ¹²And 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? ¹³The 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. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And 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.

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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Majesty*

Majesty, worship his majesty;
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise;
Majesty, kingdom authority,
Flow from his throne, unto his own; His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus;
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the king.
Majesty, worship his majesty;
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.

He is Lord, lift up his name, the name of Jesus, He is risen from the dead, and he is Lord.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee; Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings!

Epistle 1 John 3:1–7

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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

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

Please stand as able



A We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never | die again;* death no longer has dominion | over him.



A Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us | on the road* and opened to us the | Scriptures?



Holy Gospel Luke 24:36–49

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



³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See 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." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then 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." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these

things. ⁴⁹And 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.



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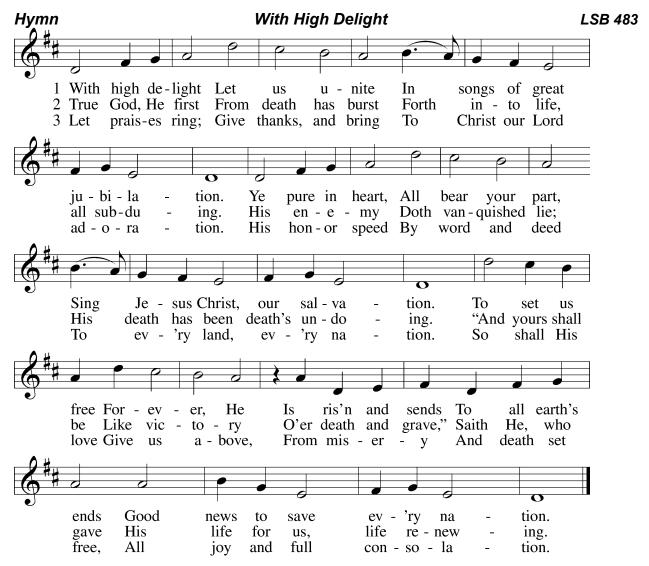
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

whose kingdom will have no end.

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,

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

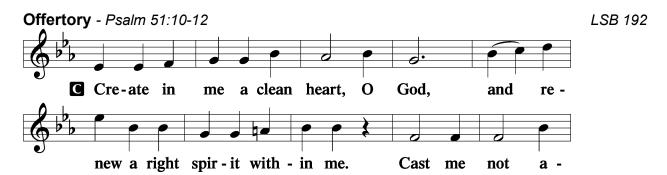
of the world to come. Amen.



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Sermon

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Offering

Kenneth Kosche, We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight

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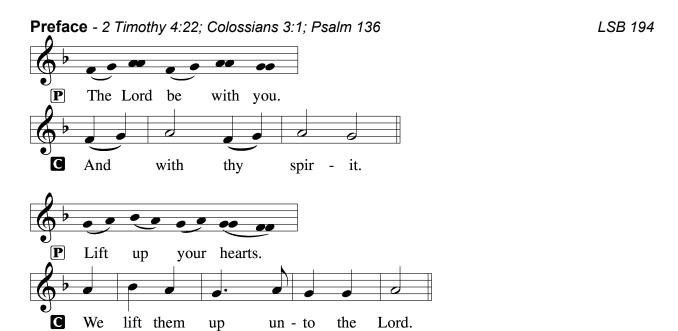
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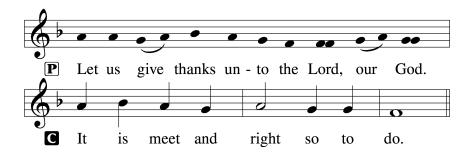
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Service of the Sacrament

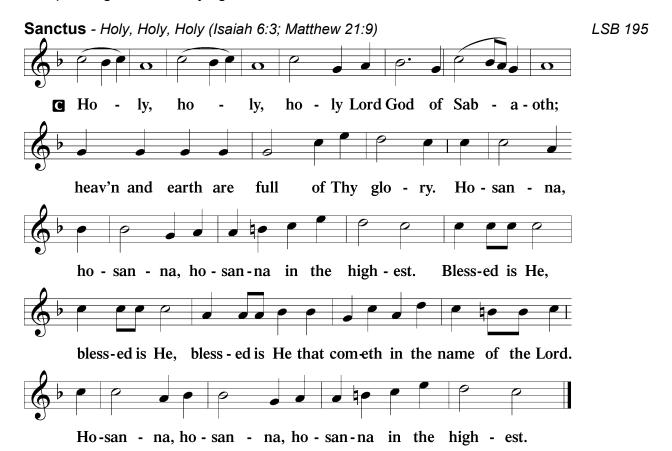
Not sure whether you should come forward for communion?

Please see the inside front cover of this folder.





It is truly meet, 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:



Lord's Prayer - Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,

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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.

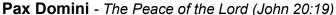
The Words of Our Lord -

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

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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 ⅓ 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."

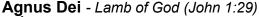


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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.





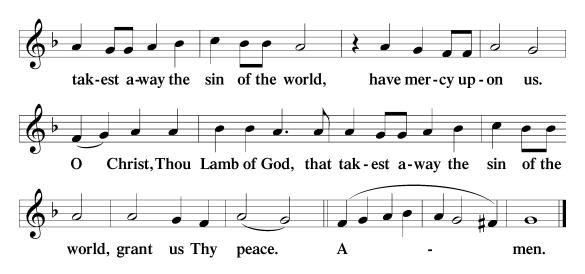
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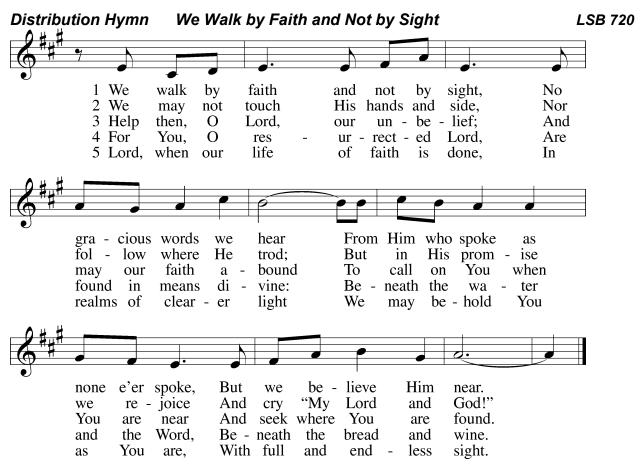
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

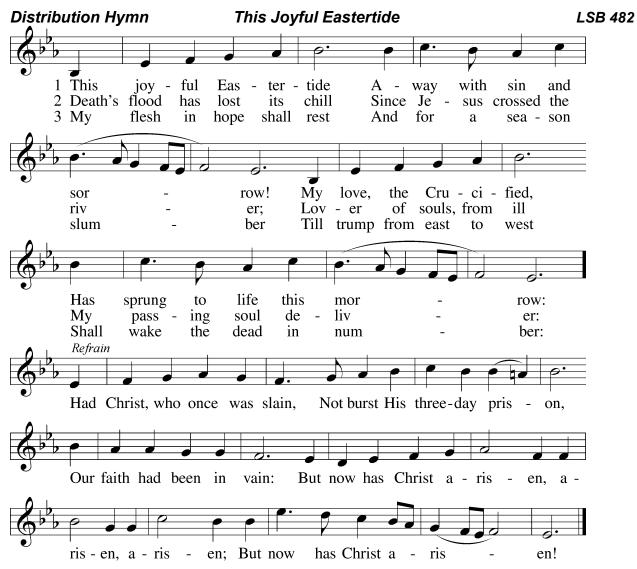


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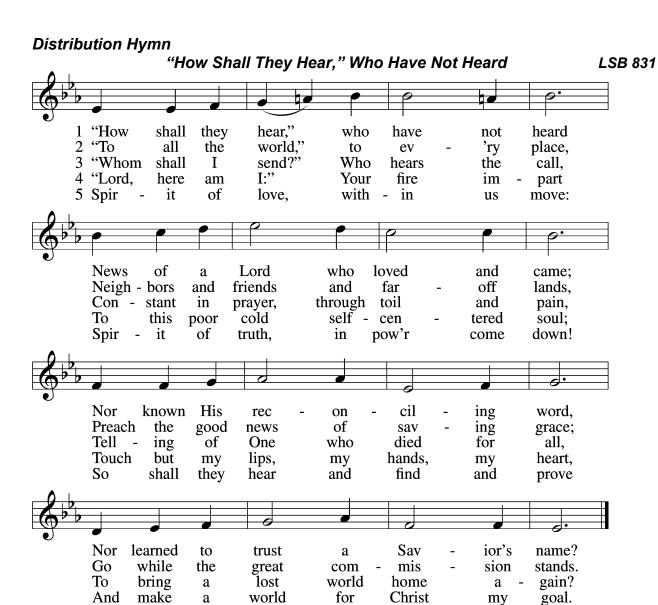


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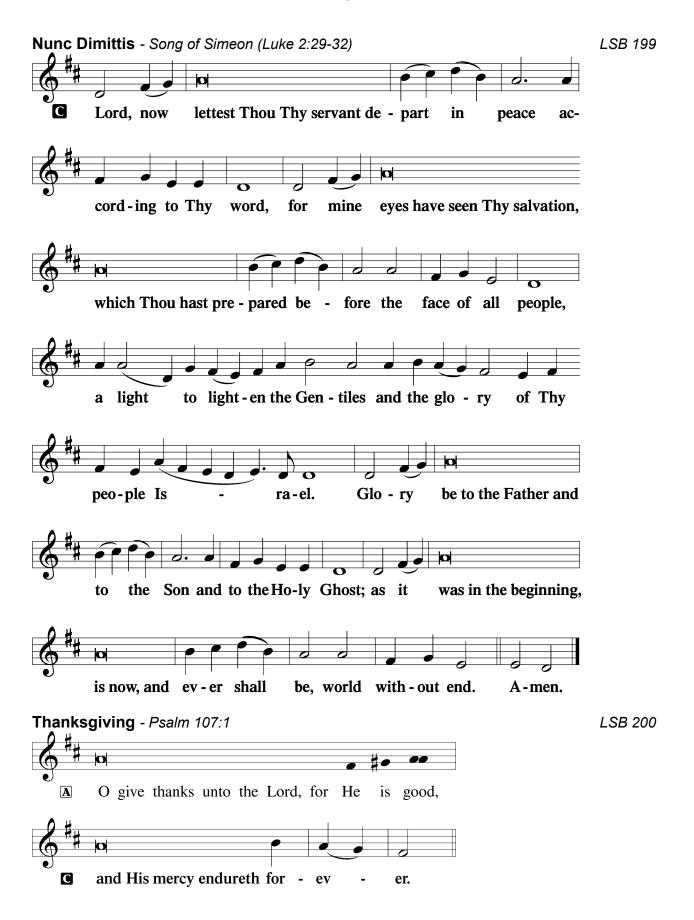
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Please stand as able



Post-Communion Collect

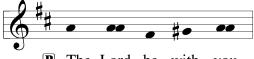
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We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ,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

C Amen.



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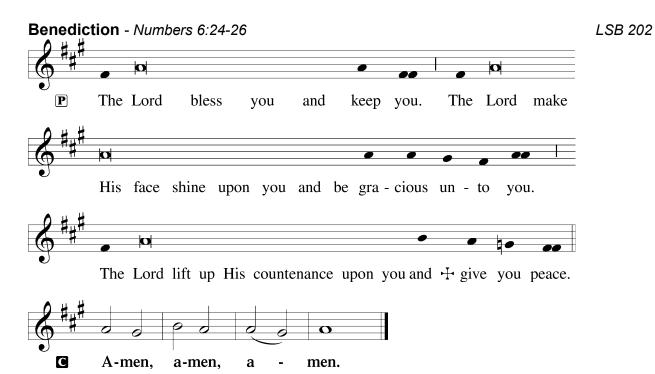
P The Lord be with you.





A Bless we the Lord.







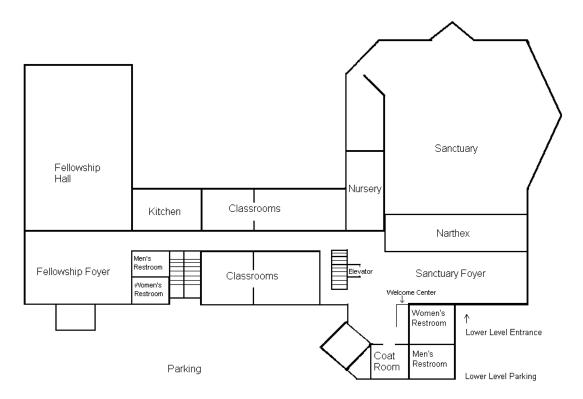
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- Large print bulletins and a hearing loop (please switch your hearing aid to the "T", T-Coil or telephone position) are available for those who desire to use them. Please ask an usher for assistance.
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by spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all through a Word and Sacrament ministry of worship, Christian education, fellowship, evangelism, and service.