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**Messiah Lutheran Church**

*(Missouri Synod)*

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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

*Lutheran Service Book (LSB), page 184*

**Preservice Music**

Paul Manz, *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*

**Welcome**

## Confession and Absolution

**Hymn**

***Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing***

**LSB 475**



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph  
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry That love, that life which  
 4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, And sing to-day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 strew His way; Let all the world re-joice and say:  
 can-not die, And sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:  
 one ac-cord The life laid down, the life re-stored:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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*Please stand as able*

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

**Invocation - Matthew 28:19b**

**LSB 184**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

*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.

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

LSB 184

**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,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **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,

**C** **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*

LSB 185

**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 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

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



I am the good | shepherd.\*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

**The LORD is my | shepherd;\***

**I | shall not want.**

**He makes me lie down in green | pastures.\***

**He leads me beside still | waters.**

**He re- | stores my soul.\***

**He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.**

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,  
for you are | with me;\***

**your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my | enemies;\***

**you anoint my head with oil; my cup | overflows.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,\***

**and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.**

**Gloria Patri** - *Glory Be to the Father*

LSB 186



**G** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

**Kyrie** - *Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)*

LSB 186



**G** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Hymn of Praise:

Gloria in Excelsis – *Glory to God in the Highest (Luke 2:14; John 1:29)*

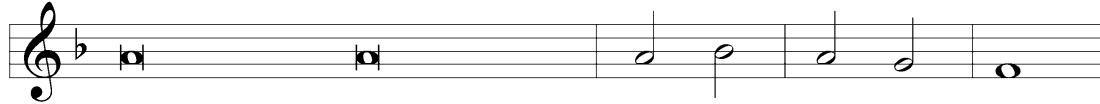
LSB 187



**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



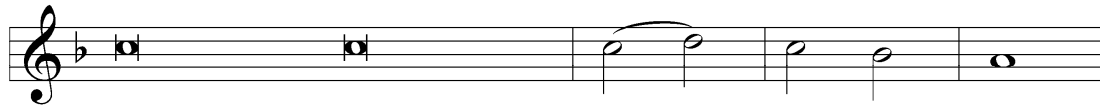
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



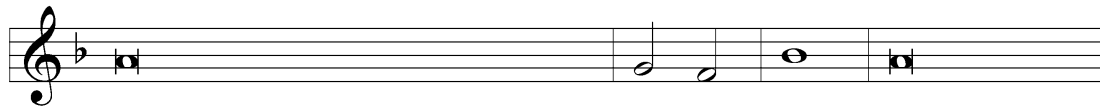
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



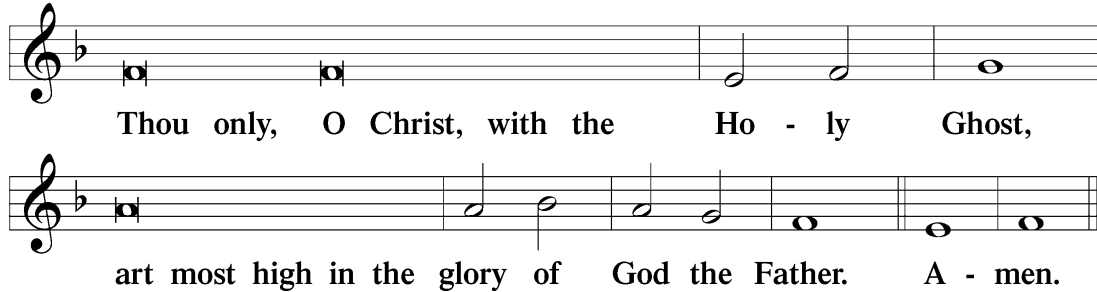
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



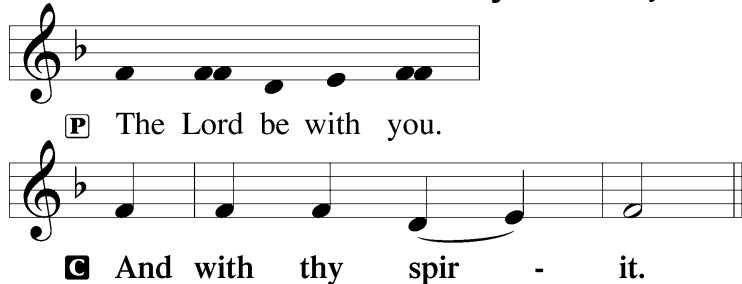
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

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

LSB 189



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### First Reading

Acts 4:1–12

<sup>1</sup>As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else,

for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual (sung by cantor)

*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Christ has risen | from the dead.\*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\*

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

### Epistle

*1 John 3:16–24*

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as able*

### Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 190; Romans 6:9; John 10:14*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

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



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



- A** I am the good | shepherd.\*  
I know my own and my | own know me.



- C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*John 10:11–18*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



- C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

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



- C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

*LSB 191*

- 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*

**Hymn**

**The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

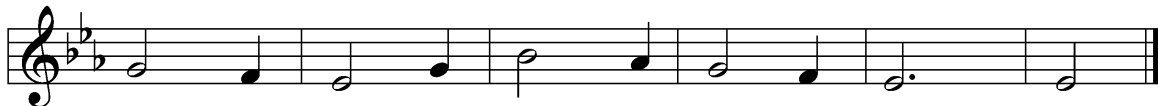
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1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever!

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## Sermon

*Please stand as able*

## Offertory - Psalm 51:10-12

LSB 192



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

*Sit*

## Offering

Donald Rotermund, *Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing*

*During the offering, please fill out the fellowship form found in each pew. Thank you!*

*Please stand as able*

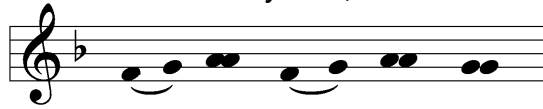
## Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

*Not sure whether you should come forward for communion?  
Please see the inside front cover of this folder.*

**Preface** - 2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

LSB 194



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** 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:

**Sanctus - Holy, Holy, Holy** (*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*)

LSB 195



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Lord's Prayer - Matthew 6:9-13**

LSB 196

**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 –**

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

LSB 197

**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** - *The Peace of the Lord (John 20:19)*

LSB 197



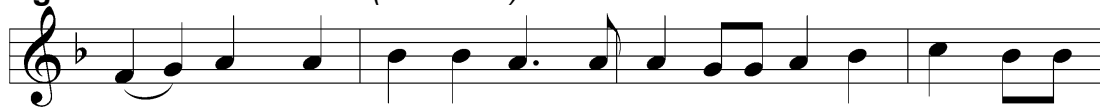
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**G** A - men.

**Agnus Dei** - *Lamb of God (John 1:29)*

LSB 198



**G** 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



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



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



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

**Distribution Hymn****All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

LSB 549



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2 Crown Him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;  
 3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,  
 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
 The God in - car - nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



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 Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
 The God in - car - nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.

- 5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
 The wormwood and the gall,  
 Go, spread your trophies at His feet  
 And crown Him Lord of all.  
 Go, spread your trophies at His feet  
 And crown Him Lord of all.**
- 6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
 On this terrestrial ball  
 To Him all majesty ascribe  
 And crown Him Lord of all.  
 To Him all majesty ascribe  
 And crown Him Lord of all.**
- 7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
 We at His feet may fall!  
 We'll join the everlasting song  
 And crown Him Lord of all.  
 We'll join the everlasting song  
 And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Distribution Hymn      Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing****LSB 737**

1 Re - joi - ce, my heart, be glad and sing, A  
 2 He is your trea - sure, He your joy, Your  
 3 Why spend the day in blank de - spair, In  
 4 Did not His love and truth and pow'r Guard



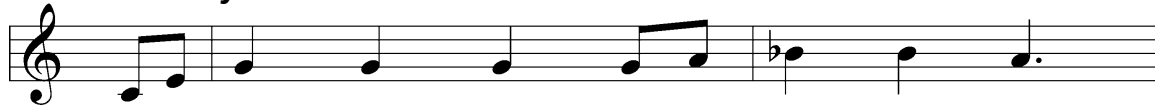
cheer - ful trust main - tain; For God, the source of  
 life and light and Lord, Your coun - sel - or when  
 rest - less thought the night? On your Cre - a - tor  
 ev - 'ry child - hood day? And did He not in



ev - 'ry - thing, Your por - tion shall re - main.  
 doubts an - noy, Your shield and great re - ward.  
 cast your care; He makes your bur - dens light.  
 threat - 'ning hour Turn dread - ed ills a - way?

- 5 He only will with patience chide,  
 His rod falls gently down;  
 And all your sins He casts aside  
 In ocean depths to drown.**
- 6 His wisdom never plans in vain  
 Nor falters nor mistakes.  
 All that His counsels may ordain  
 A blessèd ending makes.**
- 7 Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,  
 And trust His guiding love;  
 Then like a rock your peace shall stand  
 Here and in heav'n above.**



**Distribution Hymn****In Christ There Is No East or West****LSB 653**

1 In Christ there is no east or west,  
 2 With God there is no tribe or race;  
 3 So, broth - ers, sis - ters, praise His name  
 4 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith,  
 5 In Christ now meet both east and west;



In Him no south or north, But one great fel - low -  
 In Him we all are one. He loves us as His  
 Who died to set us free From sin, di - vi - sion,  
 What - e'er your race may be; Who serves my Fa - ther  
 In Him meet south and north. All Chris - tian souls are



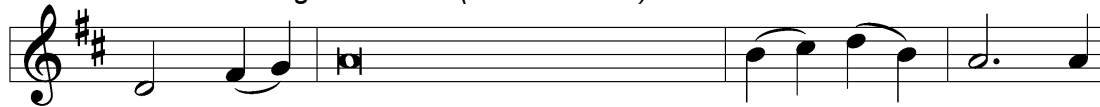
ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.  
 chil - dren through Our faith in His dear Son.  
 hate, and shame, From spite and en - mi - ty!  
 as His child Is sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in Him Through - out the whole wide earth.

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*Please stand as able***Nunc Dimittis - Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32)****LSB 199**

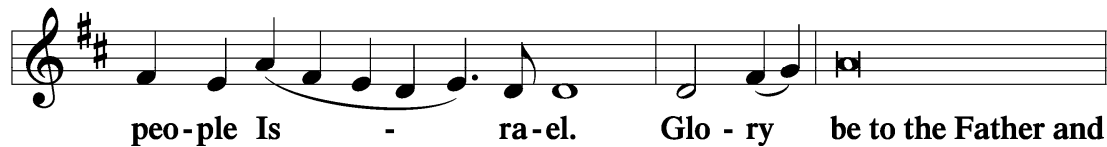
**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

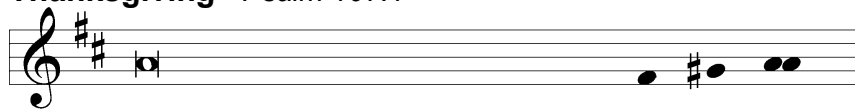


which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

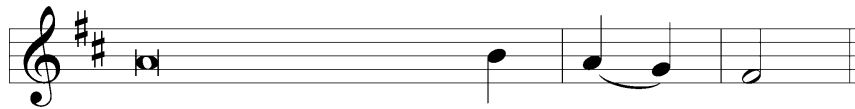


### Thanksgiving - Psalm 107:1

LSB 200



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

### Post-Communion Collect

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**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Salutation and Benedicamus** - 2 Timothy 4:22; Psalm 103:1

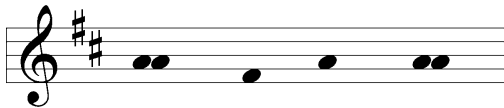
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**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.



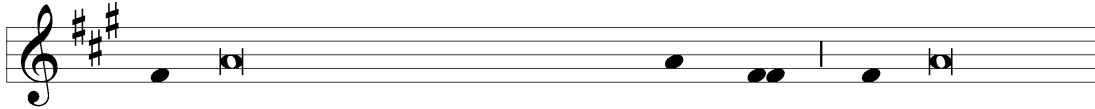
**A** Bless we the Lord.



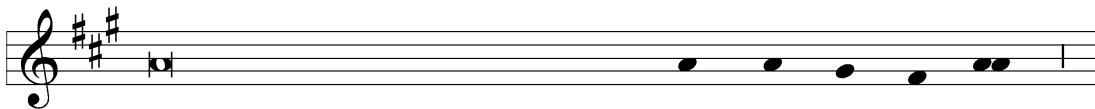
**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction** - Numbers 6:24-26

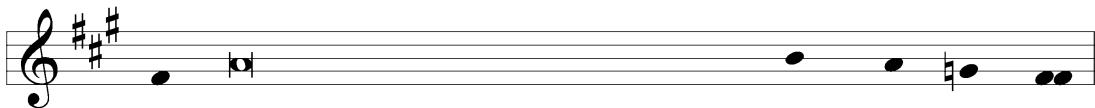
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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Hymn

## Crown Him with Many Crowns

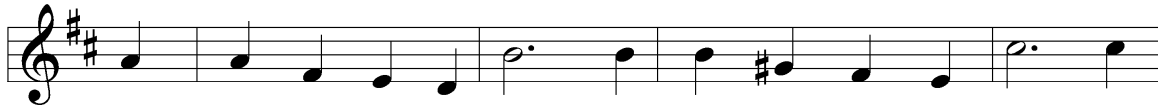
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1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
 Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:  
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri-fied.  
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.  
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
 Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
 Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
 Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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## Postlude

Henry Purcell, *Trumpet Tune*

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## KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

### What is an “acolyte”?

The acolyte is the person (or persons) who lights the candles before the service. The word acolyte comes from the Greek word *akolouthos* which means “follower.” In English, the word acolyte sometimes means “attendant.”

### Why do we use acolytes in the Church?

Acolytes have always been an important part of worship. For centuries, acolytes have attended to the service of God’s people by helping the pastor in many different ways. In our churches today, acolytes

primarily serve by lighting the candles. Acolytes wear robes and sit apart from the congregation because they are helping the pastor to serve God’s people during the service. Wow! What an important job!



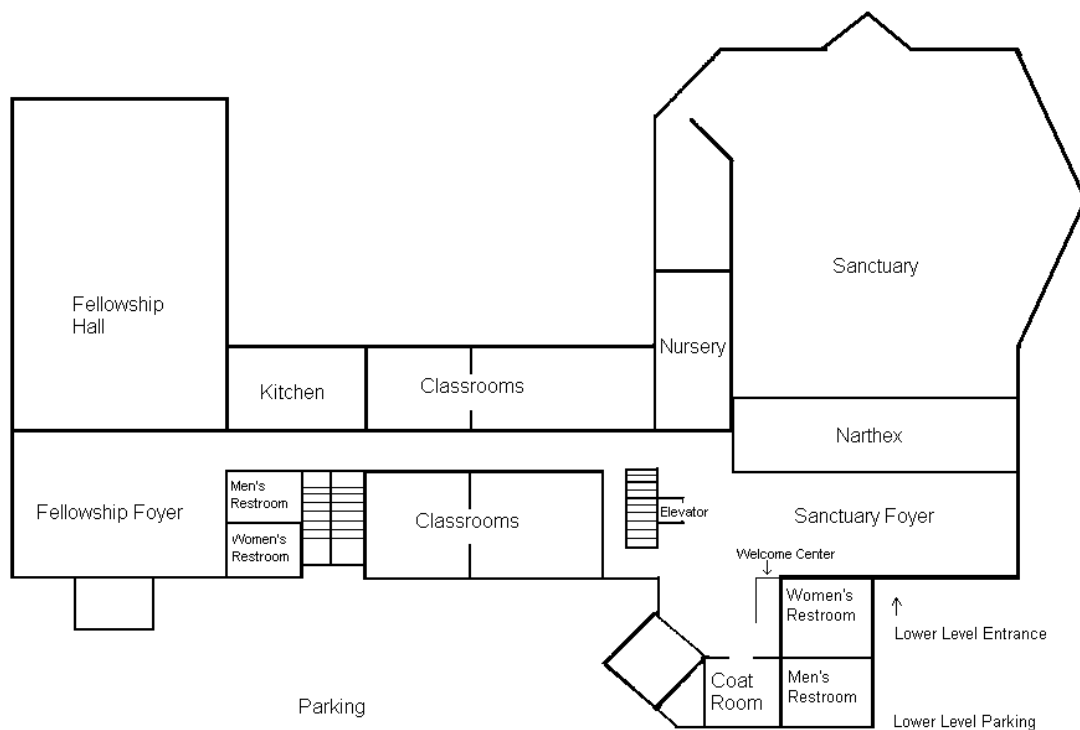
#### Parents:

During the Divine Service, point out the acolyte to your children. If they are too young at the time, encourage them that one day they will get the opportunity to be an acolyte. Remind them that being an acolyte is a very important job for children to have in the church.



## For your convenience ...

- ✦ We love having children with us in worship! However, if you'd like assistance, nursery care is available during worship services. Speak to an elder or usher and they'll recruit help.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ Elevator service will easily transport worshipers to the Sanctuary Foyer. It is accessible through the lower level parking entry (see the schematic below). Please feel free to use it!



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