

Messiah Lutheran Church

(Missouri Synod) 2727 Five Mile Rd. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49525 616-363-2553 <u>www.messiahgr.org</u> 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

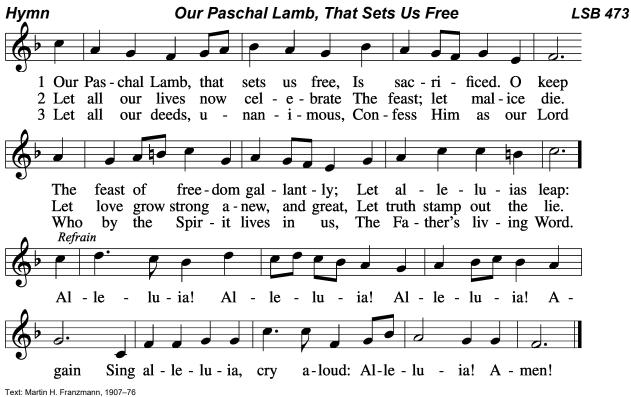
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Preservice Music

J.S. Bach, "Little" Prelude and Fugue in F

Welcome

Confession and Absolution



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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

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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C Amen.

The following symbols are used in this order of service: P Pastor 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

- 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

- **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.

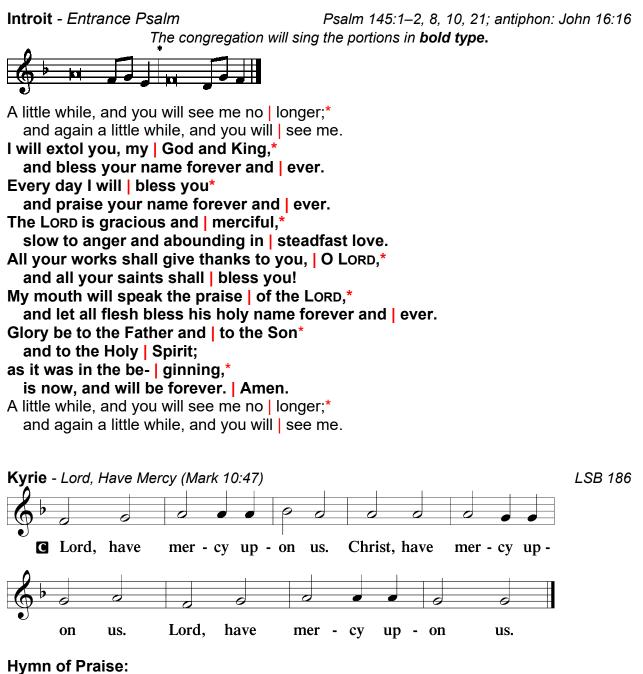
Absolution - John 20:19-23

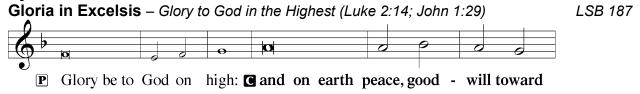
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
-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

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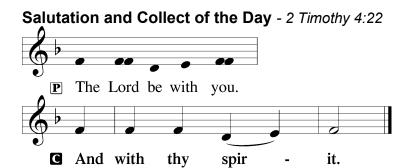
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Service of the Word





O Ο O We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship men. Thee, Ø O 9 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. 0 O 0 O O Lord God, heav'n-ly God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. King, Ο 10 O the only begotten Son, O Lord, Je - sus Christ; O O 0 0 O Lord God, Lamb of God, of the Father, Son 0 O O 0 0 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us. Θ O Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer. ο O O Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -O For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord. on us. Θ O O O Christ, with the Thou only, Ho - ly Ghost, 0 0 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.



P Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through 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 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.
³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Peace I Leave with You

"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives, give I to you. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Lo, I am with you now forever and ever.

Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. For I will not leave you comfortless; I will come again."

(John 14:18, 27; Matthew 28:20b)

Epistle

1 John 4:1–21

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

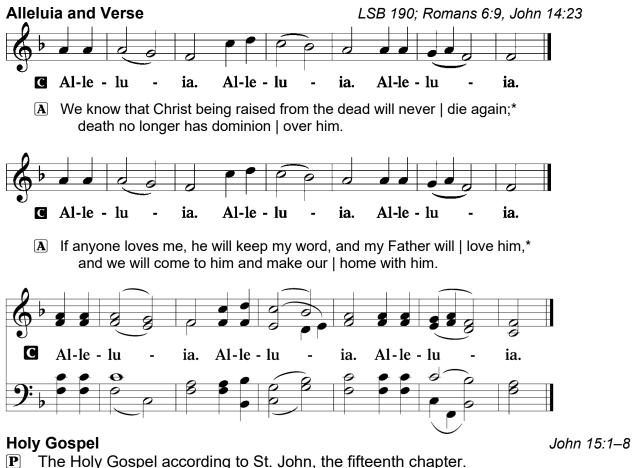
⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

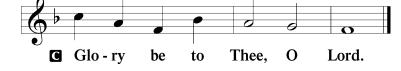
¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able





¹[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

G 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.

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To honor the Holy Trinity, please stand as able

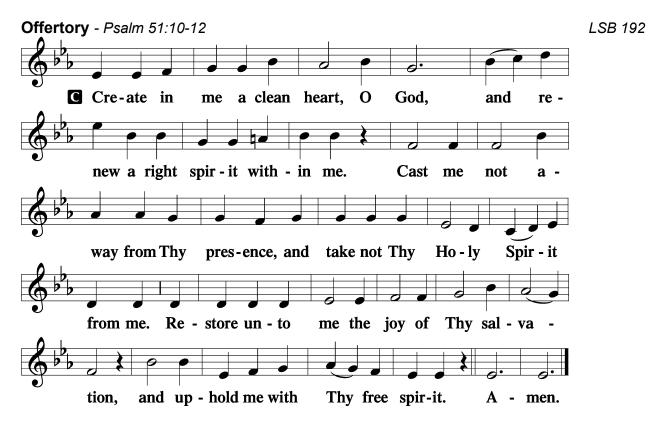
 \triangle 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia! Amen.

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And Your saints in You shall rise.

Sermon

Please stand as able



Sit

Offering Richard Gieseke, Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love During the offering, please fill out the fellowship form found in each pew. Thank you!

Please stand as able

Prayer of the Church

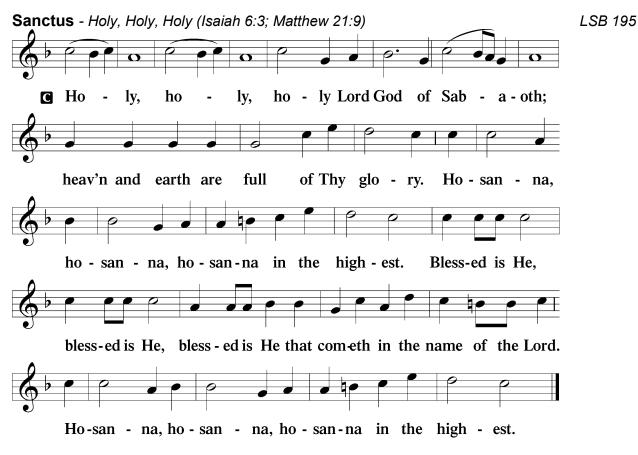
Service of the Sacrament

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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

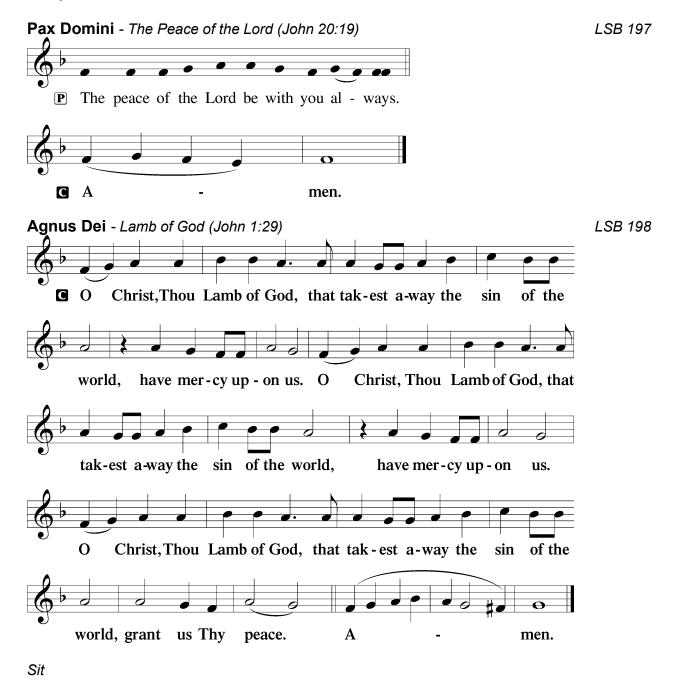
 Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the 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 + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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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."

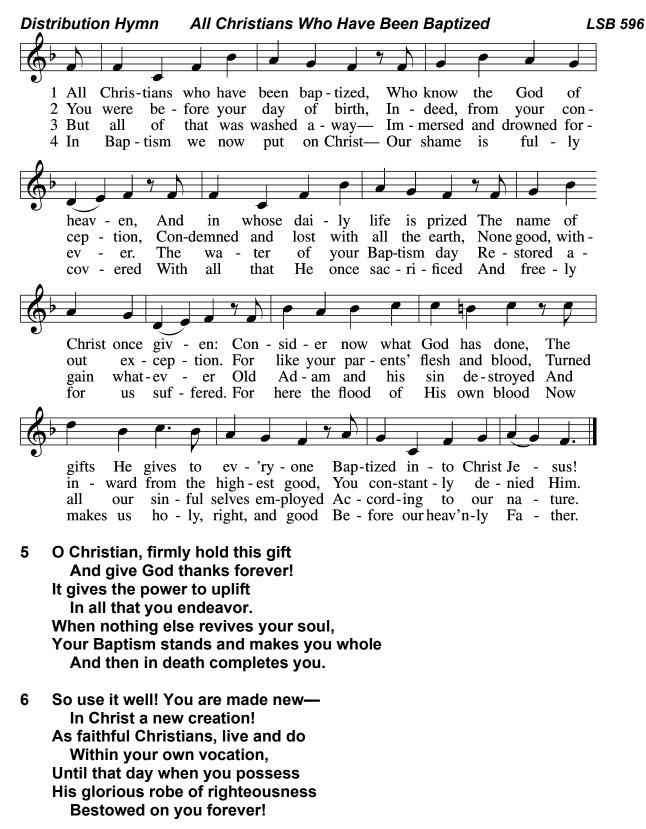


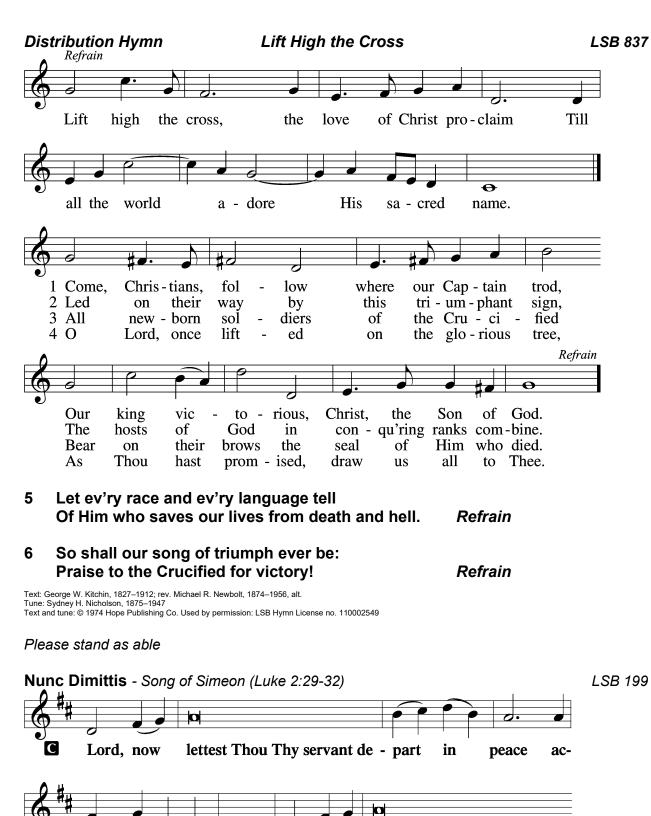
Distribution Hymn

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Songs for the Divine Service 980 Refrain Fill Je - su, Je - su, us with Your love, Show The neigh-bors we have from You. us how to serve 0 of His friends, Si - lent-ly wash-es their 1 Kneels at the feet 2 Neigh-bors are wealth - y and poor, Var - ied in col - or and These are the ones we will 3 These are the ones we will serve; 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, Si - lent-ly wash-ing their Refrain -Mas - ter who pours out Him-self feet, for them. Neigh-bors are near - by and far race; a way. these are neigh-bors to love; All us and You. feet: This is the way we will live with You.

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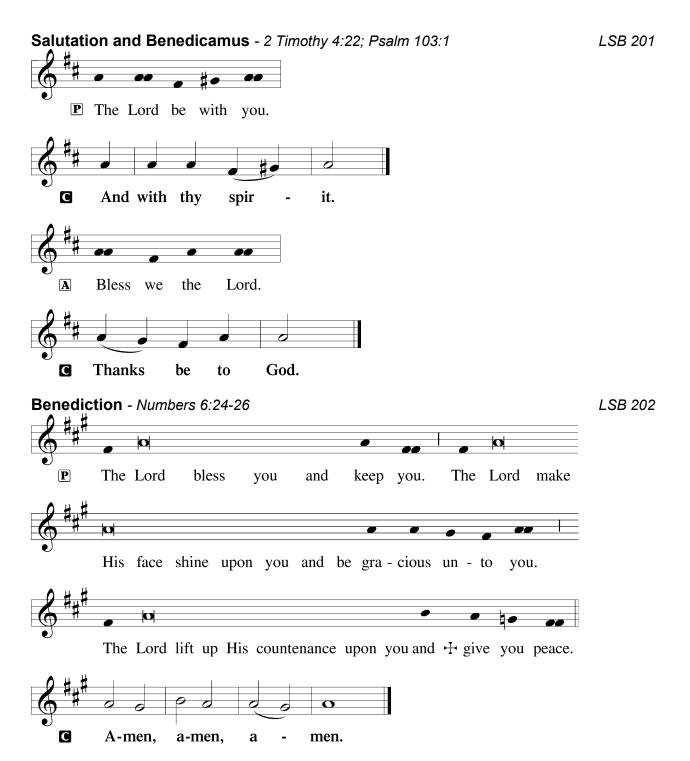
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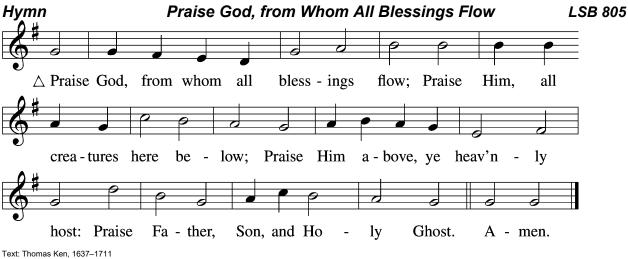
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P Let us pray.

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

C Amen.





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Postlude

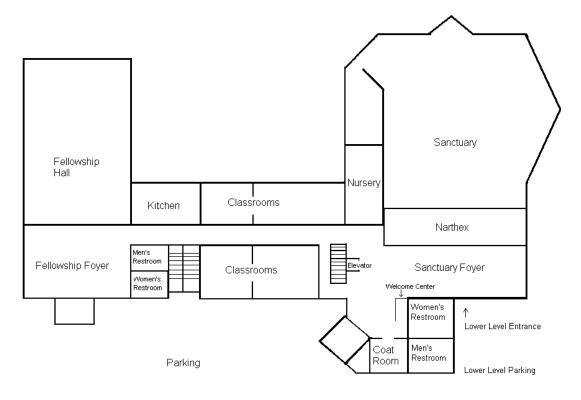
Paul Manz, Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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- 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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Our Mission Is To Know Christ and to Make Him Known

by spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all through a Word and Sacrament ministry of worship, Christian education, fellowship, evangelism, and service.