

# Easter tide

MAY 11, 2025 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (JUBILATE)



*Jesus, My Lord* (2003). Nicholas Chammat. Digital Art.

R. LUTHER, OF BLESSED MEMORY, PRESENTS, AMONG OTHER ARTICLES, THIS AS WELL:



IN THE SAME WAY I ALSO SAY AND CONFESS THAT IN THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR THE TRUE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST ARE ORALLY EATEN AND DRUNK IN THE BREAD AND WINE, EVEN IF THE PRIESTS WHO DISTRIBUTE THEM OR THOSE WHO RECEIVE THEM DO NOT BELIEVE OR OTHERWISE MISUSE THE SACRAMENT. IT DOES NOT REST ON MAN'S BELIEF BUT ON THE WORD AND ORDINANCE OF GOD—UNLESS THEY FIRST CHANGE GOD'S WORD AND ORDINANCE AND MISINTERPRET THEM, AS THE ENEMIES OF THE SACRAMENT DO AT THE PRESENT TIME. THEY, INDEED, HAVE ONLY BREAD AND WINE, FOR THEY DO NOT ALSO HAVE THE WORDS AND INSTITUTED ORDINANCE OF GOD BUT HAVE PERVERTED AND CHANGED IT ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN IMAGINATION. [LW 37:367]

-FORMULA, SOLID DECLARATION. ARTICLE VII. THE HOLY SUPPER. 32.

# DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE

“Our churches are falsely accused of abolishing the Mass. The Mass is held among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved”. -Augsburg Confession. Article XXIV. The Mass. 1-2a.



## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Please stand and face the processional cross.*

*Lutheran Service Book 477*

**“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”**

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:  
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:  
△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:

Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re-treat;  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;

He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled—  
Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir-it, Fount of love and sanc-ti - ty!

Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.  
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re-deem - er, Whom we wor-ship and a - dore.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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## EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

# CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*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.

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

**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.

*[Hebrews 10:22]*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 124:8*

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

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Psalm 32:5*

*Please remain standing upright during Eastertide in honor of our Lord's rising from the tomb.*

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

## **The Ninth Commandment**

*You shall not covet your neighbor's house.*

*What does this mean?*

*We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.*

### **Preparation for Confession and Absolution according to the Ninth Commandment:**

- *Do I have strong wants, desires, or cravings that consume my thoughts?*
- *Do I resent or envy those who have more than I?*
- *Do I neglect my marriage, family, church, and other relationships in a desperate attempt to satisfy the wants and desires of my flesh?*
- *Have my wants kept me from being happy with and thankful for what God has given me?*

**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.

**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.

*[John 20:19-23]*

**C** Amen.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## INTROIT

*Psalms 66:3, 5, 8-9; antiphon: Psalm 66:1-2*



**L** Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia,\*  
Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.

**L** Say to God, How awesome | are your deeds!\*  
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you."

**C** Come and see what | God has done:\*  
he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.

**L** Bless our God, O | peoples;\*  
let the sound of his | praise be heard,

**C** who has kept our soul among the | living\*  
and has not let our | feet slip.



**C** 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.

**L** Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia,\*  
Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.

## KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

*Mark 10:47*



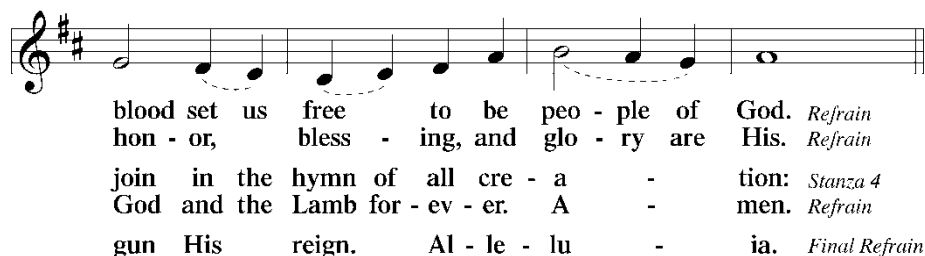
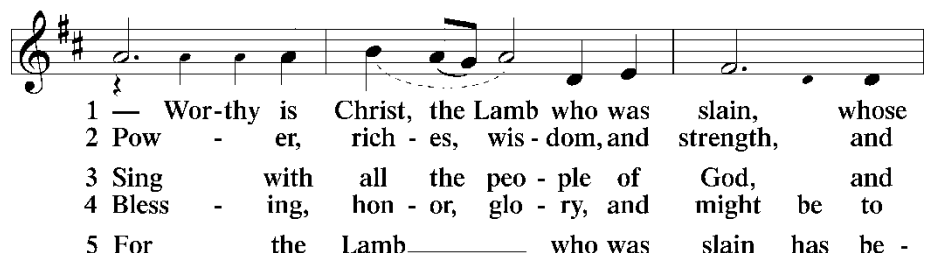
**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



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

# HYMN OF PRAISE ~ *This Is the Feast*

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9



## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to 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.

## PROPHECY

Isaiah 40:25–31

**A** The Prophecy for the Fourth Sunday of Easter is from Isaiah, chapter 40.

**A** Thus says the LORD God: “To whom will you liken Me, or to whom shall I be equal?” says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things, who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, by the greatness of His might and the strength of His power; not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel: “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my just claim is passed over by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The

everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

1 Peter 2:11–20

**A** The Epistle is from 1 Peter, chapter two.

**A** Dearly Beloved: I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to

silence the ignorance of foolish men—as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalm 111:9a; Luke 24:26



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**L** He sent redemption to his people.



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**L** Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

**John 16:16-22**

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



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

**P** At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father." Then some of His disciples said among themselves, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I go to the Father'?" They said therefore, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is saying." Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A

little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'? Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you."



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



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

## APOSTLES' CREED

[Matthew 10:32]

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

## CATECHETICAL RECITATION

## The Fourth Commandment

**P** What is the Fourth Commandment?

**C** Honor your father and your mother.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

*Sitting*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 475

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”



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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## SERMON

*Standing*

## OFFERTORY

*Psalms 51:10–12*



**C** 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.

*Sitting*

## OFFERING

*Standing*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

**P** How awesome are Your works, O Lord — chiefly the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Show the light of Your honor and great power to those in error's darkness, that by the Holy Spirit's work they would submit themselves to Christ's gracious redemption. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Preserve Your Church, O Lord, from every sorrow and mockery of the enemy. In this little while between Christ's resurrection and our own, do not let the threats of persecution, loss or discomfort turn us from the joy and confidence of His redemption. Sustain all preachers faithful to their calling, all confessors steadfast in their trials, and all Christians firm in the faith for life. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Father in heaven, You have given us a mirror of Your love in the vocation of mothers who nurture, guide and raise their children in all things good. Bless them in their calling. Sustain them through weary and difficult times. Remember in compassion all who are barren, and bring them comfort through the children of Your Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Lord of all, You have appointed the authorities of this world for our good. Direct their hearts and minds to rule according to Your will. Give us faith in Your heavenly authority, which will not permit the righteous to be moved. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Father, on the day when this little while ends, we will ask nothing. Now, in every need, we are bold to ask everything in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Mediator. Hear our supplications and intercessions for every need [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Give joy in the midst of sorrow here at the Sacrament of the Altar. Grant us repentance, a firm faith and a united confession, that we may have honest fellowship in the blessings of Christ's testament. With consciences thus cleansed from evil and renewed in You, enable us to stand undaunted until the day of visitation. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord God, of Your fatherly goodness You allow Your children to come under Your chastening rod to conform us to Your only begotten Son here in suffering on earth and hereafter in glory. Comfort us by Your Holy Spirit in all temptations and afflictions, that we would not despair, but trust continually in Your Son's promise that our trials will endure but a little while and then be followed by eternal joy. Grant that we would overcome all evil in patient hope and at last obtain eternal salvation; 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.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3*

*Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.*

*Please remain standing.*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

**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*



**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.

*Please remain standing upright during Eastertide in honor of our Lord's rising from the tomb.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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

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

**P** Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,  
and when He had giv-en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the  
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My bod-y, which is giv-en for you.  
This do in re-mem-brance of Me." In the same way al-so  
He took the cup after sup-per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it  
to them, say-ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in  
My blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.  
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

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

John 20:19

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

## AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29

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.

*Sitting*

*About participation in the Lord's Supper:*

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.*

*Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. [Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than Holy Communion are asked to cross their arms over their chest.]*

*For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.*

*(Above is the "Model Communion Card Statement" from Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper, a 1983 report by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)*

# MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

*Lutheran Service Book 631*

**"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"**

1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,  
3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;  
4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need

Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;  
Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;  
This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;  
An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.

Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,  
Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long  
It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;

And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.  
Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.  
The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.  
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

**5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;  
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;  
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:  
Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.**

**6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;  
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;  
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;  
Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.**

**7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.**

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1 Thee we a - dore, O hid - den Sav - ior, Thee,  
 2 In this me - mo - rial of Thy death, O Lord,  
 3 Thou, like the pel - i - can to feed her brood,  
 4 Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord and God:  
 5 O Christ, whom now be - neath a veil we see,



Who in Thy Sac - ra - ment art pleased to be;  
 Thou dost Thy bod - y and Thy blood af - ford:  
 Didst pierce Thy - self to give us liv - ing food;  
 Cleanse us, un - clean, with Thy most cleans - ing blood;  
 May what we thirst for soon our por - tion be:



Both flesh and spir - it in Thy pres - ence fail,  
 Oh, may our souls for - ev - er feed on Thee,  
 Thy blood, O Lord, one drop has pow'r to win  
 In - crease our faith and love, that we may know  
 To gaze on Thee un - veiled and see Thy face,



Yet here Thy pres - ence we de - vout - ly hail.  
 And Thou, O Christ, for - ev - er pre - cious be.  
 For - give - ness for our world and all its sin.  
 The hope and peace which from Thy pres - ence flow.  
 The vi - sion of Thy glo - ry, and Thy grace. A - men.

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# NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

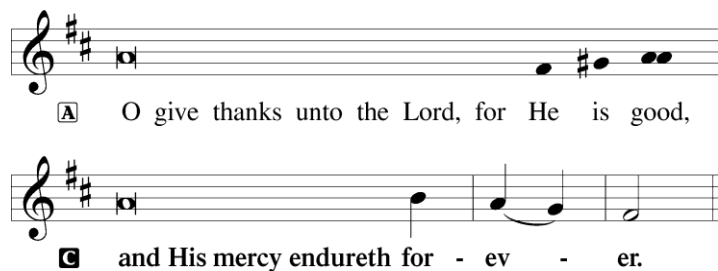
Luke 2:29-32



**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,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING

Psalms 107:1



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT


**P** Let us pray.

O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, 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



**P** The Lord be with you.



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



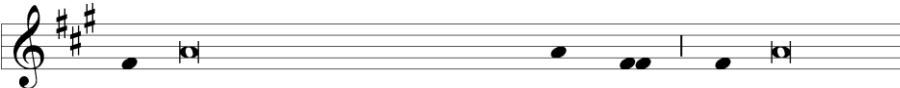
**A** Bless we the Lord.



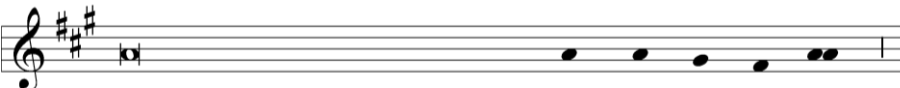
**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

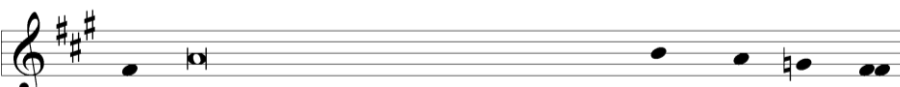
Numbers 6:24-26

The first staff of music is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It contains two measures: the first measure has a quarter note F# and a half note A; the second measure has a quarter note B and a half note D.


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

The second staff continues the melody from the first staff. It starts with a whole rest, followed by a quarter note E, a quarter note D, a quarter note C#, and a half note B.

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

The third staff begins with a new melodic phrase. It starts with a quarter note F#, a half note A, and a whole note B. This is followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note D, a quarter note C#, and a half note B.

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

The fourth staff concludes the hymn. It features a series of eighth notes: F# (quarter), A (quarter), B (half), C# (quarter), D (quarter), and ends with a double bar line.

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

# EASTER ACCLAMATION

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 482

“This Joyful Eastertide”

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and  
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the  
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son

sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill  
slum - ber Till trump from east to west

Has sprung to life this mor - row:  
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:  
Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

*Refrain*

Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,  
Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -  
ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

Text and tune: Public domain

POSTLUDE



## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

### **Presiding Minister**

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

### **Altar Assistant(s)**

Grayson Beckman, *Chair of Elders*

Edie Durden, *Acolyte*

Jude Miller, *Gospel Bearer*

### **Organist**

Abby Warnke, *Director of Music*

### **Cantor**

Adrian Popescu

### **Altar Guild**

Linda Rathje/Margaret Beckman/Kati Durden

### **Usher(s)**

Ryan Licht/Isaac Beckman

(Greg Ison)

### **Fellowship Host(s)**

TBD

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

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### **Altar Guild**

Whitney Worthington/Ryan Licht/Kati Durden

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### **Fellowship Host(s)**

The Schoellen family

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OVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,  
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE GREATEST AND MOST IMPORTANT  
COMMANDMENT. THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS  
YOURSELF."

-JESUS CHRIST (MT. 22:37-39)

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 5/11	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter (Jubilate)</b> Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The History of the Kingdom of Israel</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass
Monday 5/12	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 5/13	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 5/14	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:15 AM
Thursday 5/15	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 5/16	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 5/17	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 5/18	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter (Cantate)</b> Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The History of the Kingdom of Israel</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Church Board Meeting	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass Following Fellowship Hour

# LOVING THE LORD

## ✝ **Adult Bible Study: *The History of the Kingdom of Israel***

Sundays, through June 15 at 9:00 A.M.

Church fellowship hall

A barren woman's miraculous pregnancy. God passed over for a human king. The wicked sons of a righteous prophet. A king's crimes of murder and adultery. A son's coup against his father's throne. A prophet's persecution. The Word of God lost and found again. These are just a handful of what you will encounter in this provocative Bible study covering the history of the kingdom of Israel. We began with 1 and 2 Samuel, now we will pick up with 1 Kings, as we continue the turbulent history of God's people and their Lord's unwavering faithfulness.

## ✝ **Summer Adult Bible Study: *The Books of the Church***

Sundays, beginning July 13 at 9:00 A.M.

Church fellowship hall

God has blessed us with His inspired Word in the canon of Holy Scripture. From Genesis to Revelation, God has given us everything we need to establish the doctrine of His Church. Nevertheless, there are ecclesiastical texts that, while not inspired by the Holy Spirit, are still helpful in recording the history of God's people and clarifying biblical contexts. Even Martin Luther retained many of these texts in his German translation of the Bible. Lutherans since have also included them in their daily lectionary. And the Jews in Jesus' day made frequent use of them in their Septuagint (Greek translation of the Old Testament).

This might explain why the Bible itself makes references to them. For example, when Jesus calls Himself "the Light of the world" (John 8:12), it's in the context of Hanukkah which originated in 1 Maccabees. And the author of Hebrews refers to Tobit when he says, "some have entertained angels unawares" (13:2), and 2 Maccabees when Hebrews says, "women received back their dead, raised to life again" (11:35). Because these texts have been judged as worthwhile reading in the Church, yet not to detract from God's inspired Word in Sunday Adult Bible Class, we would like to begin a supplemental Small Group Bible Study.

Concordia Publishing House (LCMS) has compiled *The Apocrypha: The Lutheran Edition with Notes*. It is available for purchase at \$44.99 through its website ([cph.org](http://cph.org)). This is a nice companion volume to your *Lutheran Study Bible*. However, a bare bones version of the texts is also available at no cost online via [apocrypha.org](http://apocrypha.org).



### **✝ Sermons on YouTube**

Missed a sermon? Had to walk out halfway through? Want to hear it again? No problem! Most sermons are now being recorded and posted to an official YouTube channel for you to watch at your leisure. Simply type in <https://www.youtube.com/@lcaatlanta> and you will be directed to the YouTube page where you have access to Pastor Miller's sermons online. Sermons are posted in the order of the date they were preached.

## LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

### **✝ Goal Met for Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) Project!**

A few years ago, we pledged a commitment to Lutheran Bible Translators to financially support their effort to translate the Gospel of Mark into the language of Southern Africa's Batswana people. Because the Gospel of Mark is sixteen chapters, and the cost to translate each chapter works out to be \$1,000 on average, we pledged to give \$16,000. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we have raised more than promised: \$16,199! God bless His Holy Word!

# LIFTING HOLY HANDS

## Celebrations

### *Birthdays:*

- ✝ Jack Morr, 5/13

### *Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries):*

- ✝ J.P. Morr, 5/11
- ✝ Greg Ison, 5/12
- ✝ Brian Beckman, 5/13

### *Wedding Anniversaries:*

- ✝ None this week

### *Membership Anniversaries:*

- ✝ None this week

## Recent Requests

### *For comfort, health, and recovery:*

- ✝ Phyllis Beckman (mother of Brian Beckman)
- ✝ Bill Bigelow (brother of Anne Bigelow)
- ✝ Garey Durden (father of Drew Durden)
- ✝ Hellen Kalugendo
- ✝ Wilma Meyer (grandmother of J.P. Morr)
- ✝ Samantha Salgado (wife of Homero Salgado)
- ✝ Mary Schnakenberg (sister of Clara Smith)
- ✝ Pat Vines (mother of Darlene Beckman's friend)
- ✝ Jason Wilson (coworker of Hellen Kalugendo)

## Ongoing Requests

### *For family and friends of the congregation:*

- ✝ David Abee (brother of Nancy Grossberg)
- ✝ Will Edinger (friend of the Beckmans)
- ✝ Ruth Henry
- ✝ John Kateen
- ✝ Dee Keiger (sister of Eileen Buehl)
- ✝ Betty Licht
- ✝ Donald Licht
- ✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)
- ✝ Charles Schnell (former member), for his formation as a pastor.

### *For the leaders of Church and state:*

- ✝ Director Barbara Collins-Hopkins & Open Arms Board
- ✝ English District Bishop Jeffrey G. Miskus & all district officials
- ✝ LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials
- ✝ Pastor David Miller & Church Board of Lutheran Church of the Ascension
- ✝ Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to Dominican Republic
- ✝ President Donald Trump & all U.S. government officials

**A**LL THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE HOLY SUPPER'S INSTITUTION TESTIFY THAT THESE WORDS OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST (WHICH IN THEMSELVES ARE SIMPLE, PLAIN, CLEAR, FIRM, AND BEYOND DOUBT), CANNOT AND MUST NOT BE UNDERSTOOD OTHER THAN IN THEIR USUAL, PROPER, AND COMMON MEANING. FOR CHRIST GIVES THIS COMMAND AT THE TABLE AND AT SUPPER. THERE IS CERTAINLY NO DOUBT THAT HE SPEAKS OF REAL, NATURAL BREAD AND OF NATURAL WINE. ALSO, HE SPEAKS OF ORAL EATING AND DRINKING, SO THERE CAN BE NO METAPHOR (I.E., A CHANGE OF MEANING) IN THE WORD *BREAD*, AS THOUGH CHRIST'S BODY WERE A SPIRITUAL BREAD OR A SPIRITUAL FOOD OF SOULS. CHRIST IS CAREFUL NOT TO USE METONYMY EITHER. IN OTHER WORDS, THERE IS NO CHANGE OF MEANING IN THE WORD *BODY*. HE DOES NOT SPEAK ABOUT A SIGN FOR HIS BODY, OR ABOUT <A SYMBOL> OR FIGURATIVE BODY, OR ABOUT THE POWER OF HIS BODY AND THE BENEFITS THAT HE HAS EARNED BY THE SACRIFICE OF HIS BODY <FOR US>. INSTEAD, HE SPEAKS ABOUT HIS TRUE, ESSENTIAL BODY (WHICH HE DELIVERED INTO DEATH FOR US) AND ABOUT HIS TRUE, ESSENTIAL BLOOD (WHICH HE SHED FOR US ON THE TREE OF THE CROSS FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS).

SURELY THERE IS NO INTERPRETER OF JESUS CHRIST'S WORDS AS FAITHFUL AND SURE AS THE LORD CHRIST HIMSELF. HE UNDERSTANDS BEST HIS WORDS AND HIS HEART AND OPINION. HE IS THE WISEST AND MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE FOR EXPLAINING THEM. HE DOES NOT USE ALLEGORY TO MAKE HIS LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT AND HIS EVER-ABIDING COVENANT AND UNION. HE DOES NOT USE ALLEGORY ELSEWHERE IN <PRESENTING AND CONFIRMING> ALL ARTICLES OF FAITH, AND IN THE INSTITUTION OF ALL OTHER SIGNS OF THE COVENANT AND OF GRACE OR SACRAMENTS (E.G., CIRCUMCISION, THE VARIOUS OFFERINGS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, AND HOLY BAPTISM). HE DOES NOT USE ALLEGORICAL WORDS, BUT ENTIRELY PROPER, SIMPLE, BELIEVABLE, AND CLEAR WORDS. IN ORDER THAT NO MISUNDERSTANDING CAN TAKE PLACE, HE EXPLAINS THEM MORE CLEARLY WITH THE WORDS "GIVEN FOR YOU," "SHED FOR YOU." HE ALSO LETS HIS DISCIPLES REST IN THE SIMPLE, PROPER SENSE, AND COMMANDS THEM THAT THEY SHOULD TEACH ALL NATIONS TO KEEP WHAT HE HAD COMMANDED THEM, THE APOSTLES.

-FORMULA, SOLID DECLARATION. ARTICLE VII. THE HOLY SUPPER. 48-51.



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