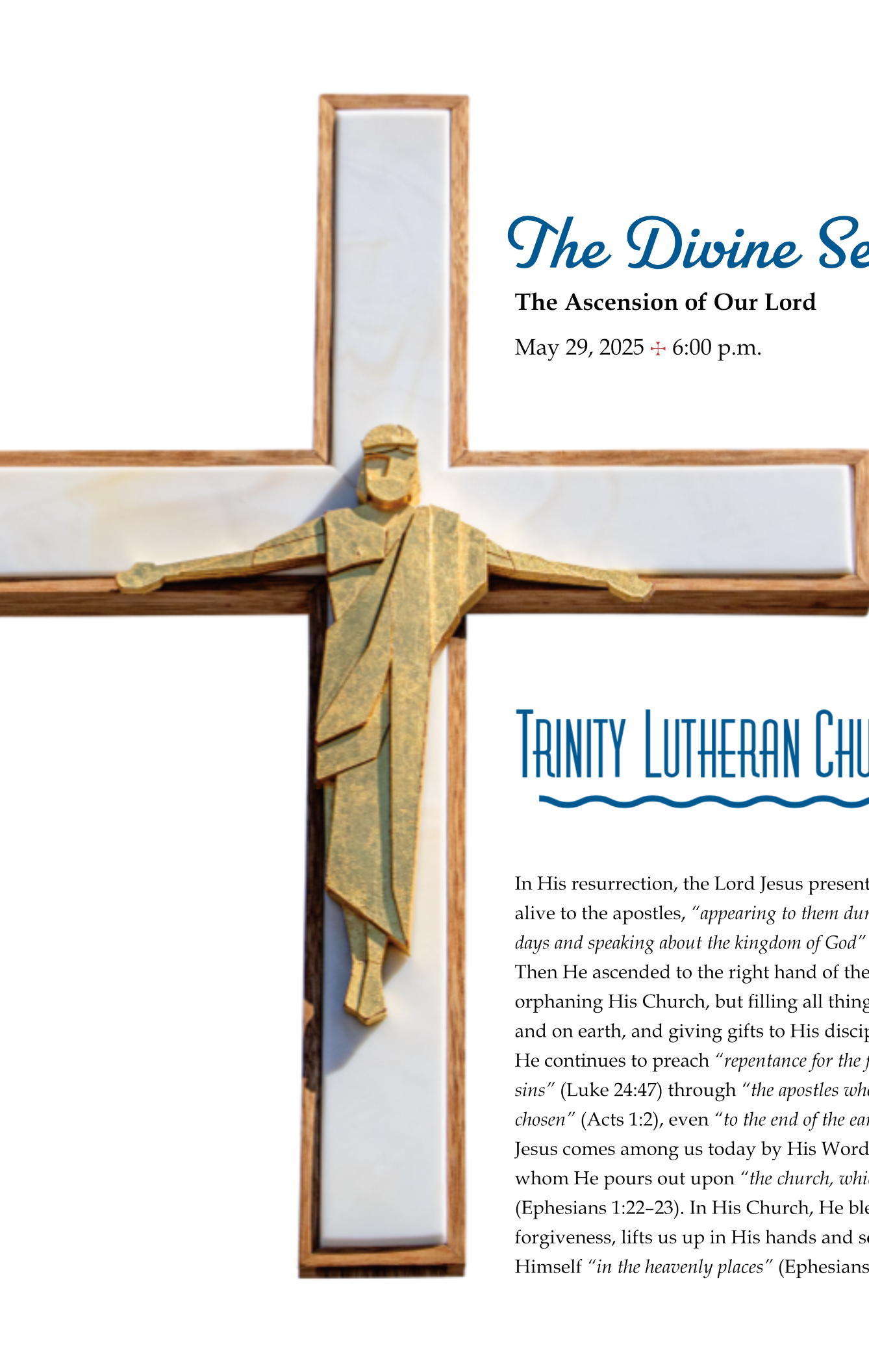




# *The Divine Service*

**The Ascension of Our Lord**

May 29, 2025 ✝ 6:00 p.m.

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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In His resurrection, the Lord Jesus presented Himself alive to the apostles, *"appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God"* (Acts 1:3). Then He ascended to the right hand of the Father, not orphaning His Church, but filling all things in heaven and on earth, and giving gifts to His disciples. So today, He continues to preach *"repentance for the forgiveness of sins"* (Luke 24:47) through *"the apostles whom he had chosen"* (Acts 1:2), even *"to the end of the earth"* (Acts 1:8). Jesus comes among us today by His Word and Spirit, whom He pours out upon *"the church, which is his body"* (Ephesians 1:22-23). In His Church, He blesses us with forgiveness, lifts us up in His hands and seats us with Himself *"in the heavenly places"* (Ephesians 1:20).

## *A Word of Christian Welcome*

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Psalm 122:1*

**GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE** be yours in the Name of our Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus Christ and a word of Christian welcome:

We are delighted the Holy Spirit has brought you to hear and receive the blessings of the Word of God with us in the Divine Service, our Lord's gracious serving of us in grace as we gather in worship. We hope to make you comfortable and know you might have a few questions. Trinity welcomes many guests who may not be familiar with Lutheran worship or our congregation. This service folder contains the order of worship for the Divine Service.

The Lord's Supper, that is, Holy Communion is administered at this altar according to the Lord's institution. Out of love for our Lord's Word and His instruction, we take seriously the spiritual care and welfare of those who commune at our altar. Please take a moment to read about worthy reception of the Lord's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins on page 23.

### *A Special Welcome to Parents with Young Children*

**WE ARE BLESSED YOU ARE HERE.** Children are a heritage from the Lord and full members of Christ's kingdom. Parents and their children are welcome to sit toward the front of the sanctuary so that the children can see and hear the service clearly. Don't worry, they won't bother the pastors. Here your children may watch the pastors, note the colors, and smell the candles. They'll be learning all we do revolves around the altar. Jesus promises to engage them with His Word and Spirit (St. Mark 10:13-16).

Engage your children through the Divine Service by teaching them the liturgy and the importance of hearing. Encourage them to speak the responses with you, "And with thy spirit!" and sing, Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy!" The children will follow your lead and they are very capable of learning challenging words. If you need help, look around: your brothers and sisters in Christ are delighted to assist.

The Family Room in the Narthex may be used if you need to step out, but please hurry back! Jesus desires children hear His Word in the Divine Service. To find this room, turn right after exiting the Nave and it is the first door on your right. A nursery is available with chairs, a single person restroom, a changing station, and busy bags with sensory toys. You'll be able to see and hear everything in the service from here.

Children's bulletins are available in the Narthex. These contain a simple presentation of the Sunday's themes and readings and serve as a teaching resource for the home.



## ✠ A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP ✠

*O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open me heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ, as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His Name. Amen.*

*Prayers for worship preparation may be found inside the front cover of the hymnal.*

## ORGAN PRELUDE

*Passacaglia in D Minor D. Buxtehude*

## BELLS' CALL TO WORSHIP

## WORD OF WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

**Lutheran Service Book 491 Up through Endless Ranks of Angels**



1 Up through end - less ranks of an - gels, Cries of tri - umph  
2 Death - de - stroy - ing, life - re - stor - ing, Prov - en e - qual  
3 To our lives of wan - ton wan - d'ring Send Your Spir - it,  
△ 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to breathe the

in His ears, To His heav'n - ly throne as - cend - ing,  
to our need, Now for us be - fore the Fa - ther  
prom - ised guide; Through our lives of fear and fail - ure  
Spir - it's grace! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Hav - ing van - quished all their fears, Christ looks down up -  
As our broth - er in - ter - cede; Flesh that for our  
With Your pow'r and love a - bide; Wel - come us, as  
Oh, to see the Fa - ther's face! Al - le - lu - ia,

on His faith - ful, Leav - ing them in hap - py tears.  
world was wound - ed, Liv - ing, for the wound - ed plead!  
You were wel - comed, To an end - less Eas - ter - tide.  
al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to feel the Son's em - brace!

# The Preparation

*At the announcement of the Pastor, the Congregation stands and turns.  
Confession and Absolution are spoken in the Nave.*

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:8-9; John 20:19-23*

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

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** 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.*

**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. Amen.

**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 *Psalm 110:1, 4-5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5*

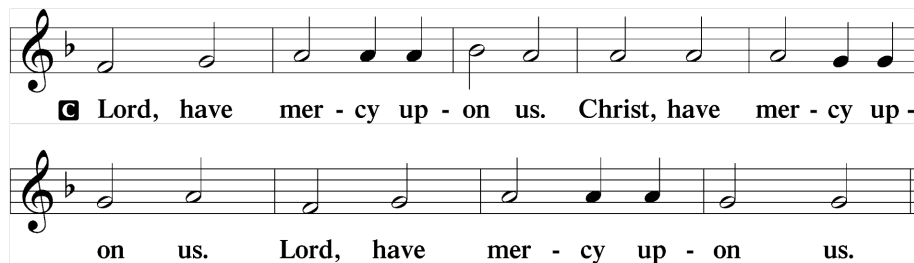
*The Kantor sings the antiphon and first verses. The Congregation sings in unison the verses in bold.*



**A** God has gone up | with a shout,\*  
the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.  
The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my | right hand,\*  
until I make your enemies your | footstool."

- C** The LORD has sworn and will not | change his mind,\*  
 “You are a priest forever after the order of Mel- | chizedek.”  
 The Lord is at your | right hand;\*  
 he will shatter kings on the day | of his wrath.
- C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
 and to the Holy | Spirit;  
 as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- A** God has gone up | with a shout,\*  
 the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

## KYRIE *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.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**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*

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

**P** Let us pray.

**P** Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

*The Congregation is seated for the Readings.*



## FIRST READING *Acts 1:1-11*

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore

the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

**P** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL *Adapted from Matthew 28:7, Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

*The Congregation sings the Gradual in Unison.*



**C** 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 *Ephesians 1:15-23*

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the

immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**P** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*The Congregation stands for the Alleluia and the Holy Gospel.*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE *Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:20b*

*The Congregation sings the Alleluia and the Kantor sings the Appointed Verse.*



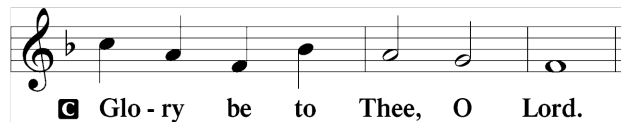
**A** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Alleluia.



## HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 24:44-53*

*The Gospel is read from its traditional place, the Gospel horn of the Altar.*

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



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

witnesses of these things. And 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."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

*The Paschal Candle is extinguished following the reading of the Gospel signifying Christ's bodily Ascension.*

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



## CREEDAL HYMN

### Lutheran Service Book 964 We All Believe in One True God

The Kantor sings stanza 1 and the Congregation sings stanzas 2 and 3.

1 We all be - lieve in one true God, Who cre - at - ed  
2 We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, His own Son, our  
3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who, in high - est

earth and heav - en, The Fa - ther, who to us in love  
Lord, pos - sess - ing An e - qual God - head, throne, and might,  
heav - en dwell - ing With God the Fa - ther and the Son,  
Has the right of chil - dren giv - en. He in soul and  
Source of ev - 'ry grace and bless - ing; Born of Mar - y,  
Com - forts us be - yond all tell - ing; Who the Church, His  
bod - y feeds us; All we need His hand pro - vides us;  
vir - gin moth - er, By the pow - er of the Spir - it,  
own cre - a - tion, Keeps in u - ni - ty of spir - it.

Through all snares and per - ils leads us, Watch - ing that no  
Word made flesh, our el - der broth - er; That the lost might  
Here for - give - ness and sal - va - tion Dai - ly come through  
harm be - tide us. He cares for us by  
life in - her - it, Was cru - ci - fied for  
Je - sus' mer - it. All flesh shall rise, and  
day and night; All things are gov - erned by His might.  
all our sin And raised by God to life a - gain.  
we shall be In bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.

A - men, a - men. A - men.

*The Congregation is seated for the Sermon Hymn.*

## SERMON HYMN

### *Lutheran Service Book 494 See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph*

1 See, the Lord as - cends in tri - umph; Con - qu'ring King in  
2 Who is this that comes in glo - ry With the trump of  
3 While He lifts His hands in bless - ing, He is part - ed  
4 Now our heav'n - ly Aar - on en - ters With His blood with -  
5 He has raised our hu - man na - ture On the clouds to

roy - al state, Rid - ing on the clouds, His char - iot, To His  
ju - bi - lee? Lord of bat - tles, God of ar - mies, He has  
from His friends; While their ea - ger eyes be - hold Him, He up -  
in the veil; Josh - ua now is come to Ca - naan, And the  
God's right hand; There we sit in heav'n - ly plac - es, There with

heav'n - ly pal - ace gate. Hark! The choirs of an - gel voic - es  
gained the vic - to - ry. He who on the cross did suf - fer,  
on the clouds as - cends. He who walked with God and pleased Him,  
kings be - fore Him quail. Now He plants the tribes of Is - rael  
Him in glo - ry stand. Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels;

Joy - ful al - le - lu - ias sing, And the por - tals  
He who from the grave a - rose, He has van - quished  
Preach - ing truth and doom to come, He, our E - noch,  
In their prom - ised rest - ing place; Now our great E -  
Man with God is on the throne. By our might - y

high are lift - ed To re - ceive their heav'n - ly King.  
sin and Sa - tan; He by death has crushed His foes.  
is trans - lat - ed To His ev - er - last - ing home.  
li - jah of - fers Dou - ble por - tion of His grace.  
Lord's as - cen - sion We by faith be - hold our own.

## SERMON

## ORGAN OFFERTORY

*He's Risen, He's Risen* Dr. Jeffrey Blersch

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Almighty and most merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give You thanks for all Your goodness and tender mercies, especially for the gift of Your dear Son and for the revelation of Your will and grace. Implant Your Word in us that, with good and honest hearts, we may keep it and bring forth the fruits of faith.

We humbly implore You to rule and govern Your Church throughout the world. Bless all those who proclaim Your truth that we may be preserved in the pure doctrine of Your saving Word and that faith in You may be strengthened, love toward others increased, and Your kingdom extended. Send forth laborers into Your harvest, and sustain those whom You have sent that the Word of reconciliation may be proclaimed to all people and the Gospel preached in all the world.

Grant health and prosperity to all who are in authority, especially to the president and congress of these United States, the governor and legislature of Missouri, and to all those who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Grant them grace to rule according to Your good pleasure for the maintenance of righteousness and the hindrance and punishment of wickedness, that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty.

According to Your good pleasure, turn the hearts of our enemies and adversaries that they may cease their hostilities and walk with us in meekness and in peace.

Comfort, O God, with Your Holy Spirit all who are in trouble, want, sickness, anguish of labor, peril of death, or any other adversity. Grant courage and steadfastness especially to those who suffer for Your name's sake that they may receive and accept their afflictions in the confidence that You will acknowledge them as Your own.

Although we have deserved Your righteous wrath and punishment, yet, we ask You, O most merciful Father, not to remember the sins of our youth nor our many transgressions. Out of Your unspeakable goodness and mercy defend us from all harm and danger to body and soul. Preserve us from false doctrine, from war and bloodshed, from plague and pestilence, from all calamity by fire and water, from hail and tempest, from failure of harvest and from famine, from anguish of heart and despair of Your mercy, and from an evil death. In every time of trouble, show Yourself a very present help, the Savior of all, especially to those who believe.

Cause all needed fruits of the earth to prosper that we may enjoy them in due season. Give success to the Christian training of the young, to all lawful occupations on land, sea, and air, and to all pure arts and useful knowledge, crowning them with Your blessing.

Receive, O God, our bodies and souls and all our talents, together with the offerings we bring You, for by His blood Your Son has purchased us to be Your own that we may live under Him in His kingdom.

These and whatsoever other things You would have us ask of You, O God, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only Son, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*If you desire to supply a regular intercession for the Prayer of the Church, please complete a Prayer Request Card located in your pew and place it in the offering box in the narthex. You may also contact the Church*

Office or visit the [Submit a Prayer Request](#) page on our website.

### **Record of Attendance and Offerings**

Your presence is meaningful for us. Please take a moment to record your attendance in the red book at the end of your pew. Offerings may be placed in the collection box in the Narthex or online.

## *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.

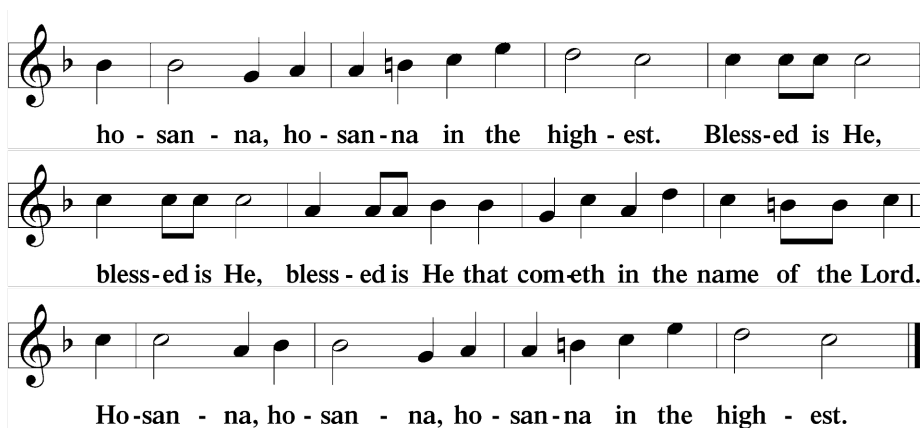
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **SANCTUS** 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.

## LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

*The Pastor chants the Lord's Prayer and the Congregation sings the Doxology.*



**P** Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,  
 Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it  
 is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;  
 and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who  
 tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to  
 temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.  
**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

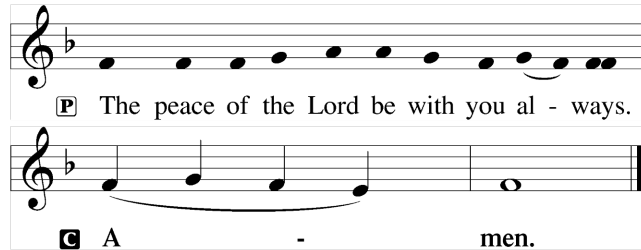


## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

**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."

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."

## PAX DOMINI *John 20:19*



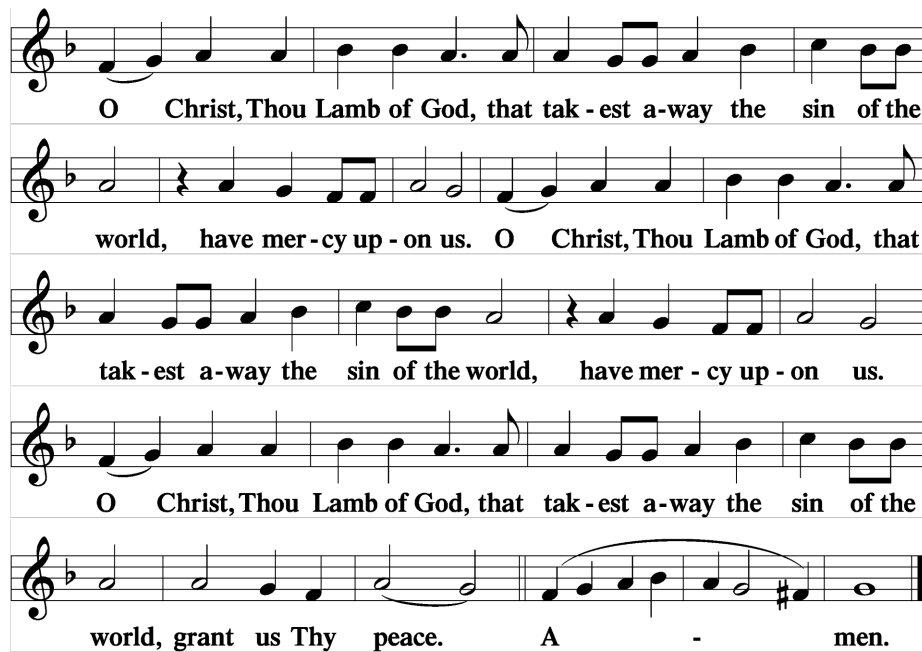
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

**G** A - men.

The musical notation for 'Pax Domini' is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for 'The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.' and the second staff contains the melody for 'A - men.'.

## AGNUS DEI *John 1:29*

*The Organist will begin playing the Canticle and gradually reduce the sound. The Congregation will sing a capella beginning at "have mercy upon 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, 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.

The musical notation for 'Agnus Dei' is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the staves. The notation includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a single voice part.

*The Congregation is seated for the Distribution.*

## DISTRIBUTION

*Holy Communion—The Lord Jesus is concerned about the spiritual care of all who commune at His Altar (1 Corinthians 11:27, 28). Our pastors desire to care for all our guests according to the Lord's instruction and would desire a conversation with you (1 Corinthians 4:1; Hebrews 13:1) prior to communing. The altar is open to those who are members of our congregation or sister congregations of the LCMS and are not under church discipline (1 Corinthians 1:10; 5:4, 5; 10:17). If you are a guest today, please read Our Teaching and Belief Concerning the Lord's Supper on page 23.*

### *Prayer for the Right Reception of the Lord's Supper*

*Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name. Amen.*

## HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

### *Lutheran Service Book 701 Draw Us to Thee*

1 Draw us to Thee, For then shall we Walk in Thy  
2 Draw us to Thee, Lord, lov - ing - ly; Let us de -  
3 Draw us to Thee; O grant that we May walk the  
4 Draw us to Thee That al - so we Thy heav'n - ly  
5 Draw us to Thee Un - ceas - ing - ly, In - to Thy

steps for - ev - er And has - ten on Where Thou art  
part with glad - ness That we may be For - ev - er  
road to heav - en! Di - rect our way Lest we should  
bliss in - her - it And ev - er dwell Where sin and  
king - dom take us; Let us for - e'er Thy glo - ry

gone To be with Thee, dear Sav - ior.  
free From sor - row, grief, and sad - ness.  
stray And from Thy paths be driv - en.  
hell No more can vex our spir - it.  
share, Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

*Lutheran Service Book 636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the  
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with  
3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther  
4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's  
lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -  
cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of  
this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is

splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.  
mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.  
heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.  
bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:

Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing  
O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you  
Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the  
With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to

ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and  
there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -  
gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you  
us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -

ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.  
riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.  
la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
Peace beyond all understanding,  
Joy into all life expanding:  
Humbly now, I bow before You;  
Love incarnate, I adore You;  
Worthily let me receive You  
And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,  
Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
At Your feet I cry, my maker,  
Let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven,  
For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
You once left Your throne in heaven  
On the cross for me to languish  
And to die in bitter anguish,  
To forego all joy and gladness  
And to shed Your blood in sadness.  
By this blood redeemed and living,  
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,  
Let me gladly here obey You.  
By Your love I am invited,  
Be Your love with love requited;  
By this Supper let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Through the gift of grace You give me  
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving after Receiving the Lord's Supper***

*Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.*

## DISMISSAL

*The Congregation stands for the Dismissal.*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.

## NUNC DIMITTIS *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 with - out 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.

**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.

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

## BENEDICAMUS *Psalms 103:1*

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

**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.

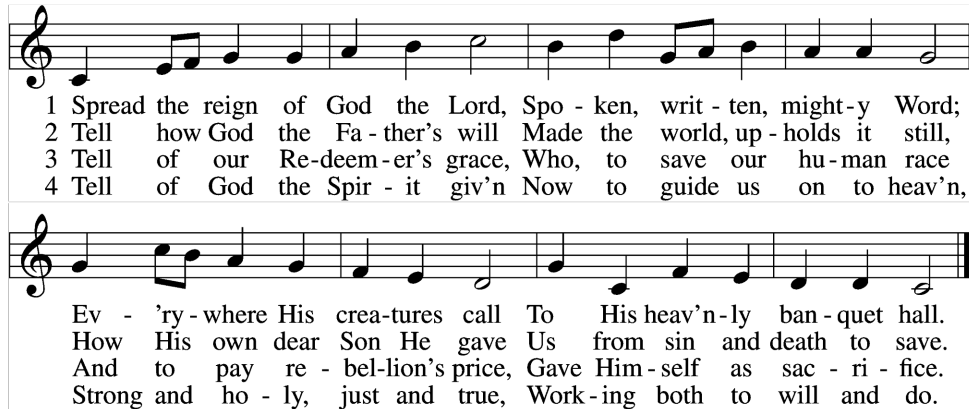
**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

*Please turn and face the Processional Cross as it passes.*

## HYMN TO DEPART

*Lutheran Service Book 830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord*



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;  
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,  
3 Tell of our Re-deem-er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race  
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,  
Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban - quet hall.  
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.  
And to pay re - bel-lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;  
Ripe the promise of its yield.  
But the reapers, oh, how few  
For the work there is to do!

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,  
Rouse to action heart and mind;  
Let the gath'ring nations all  
See Your light and heed Your call.

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

*An original setting of Dear Christians One and All Rejoice Matthew Frerking*

### ✠ A PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP ✠

*Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness of my sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

## *Serving in God's House Today*

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**Liturgist:** Pastor Joseph McCalley

**Crucifer:** Ryan Mott

**Torchbearers:** Zach Mott & Andy Bier

**Elder:** Jim Cherrington

**Usher:** Mike Brame

**Altar Guild:** Chris Bailey & Karen Niederjohn

**Organist:** Matthew Frerking



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## ***Our Belief and Teaching Concerning the Lord's Supper***

### **What is Holy Communion?**

Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper, or the Sacrament of the Altar is administered at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that along with the bread and the wine we receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 22:22-24; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26). Our Lord has shed His true blood and instituted His Supper for our benefit, that we might be joined to Him. We therefore take Him at His Word, believing and trusting in His gift and promise, without adding to or taking away from what He has said. This eating and drinking is a true participation, a communion, in the very same body and blood of Christ present on the cross of Calvary, not symbolic or representative (1 Corinthians 10:16). Through the gift of Communion, the Lord bestows on us the forgiveness of sins and strengthens our union with Him and with one another.

### **Who should receive the Lord's Supper?**

Our Lord desires that those who commune should know and believe what they are receiving in Holy Communion unto their benefit and not unto harm (1 Corinthians 11:29). Communicants should be instructed in God's Word so that they can properly examine themselves prior to communing (1 Corinthians 11:28), and should be united as one body in the faith (Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:17). Our pastors and those gathered here desire and pray for your presence at this altar to receive the Lord's gifts. To achieve this unity in confession, our pastors desire a conversation with those who are not yet instructed or believe differently (belong to another church body or denomination) because Holy Communion is a public confession of agreement with all doctrine believed, taught, and confessed here. We also ask guests from other LCMS congregations to speak with the pastors before communing.

All who are communicant members in a congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, those Lutheran churches that are in altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS and not under church discipline may commune here. All other guests are invited to come to the communion rail for a blessing from the Pastor. Please cross your arms at the rail to receive the blessing.

### **How do I eat and drink Christ's body and blood?**

Communicants may receive the host by having it placed directly into the mouth or by having it placed in the palm of the hand. If the communicant wishes to take the individual cup, please receive one from the tray as the elder comes to your place at the communion rail. Drink from the individual cup when the pastor comes to your place at the communion rail with the chalice and speaks the words of distribution. If the communicant wishes to receive the chalice wait for the individual cup to pass and the pastor will commune you from the chalice.

If an individual has a sensitivity to gluten, a special host is available. Please request this host from the pastor when he comes to your place. Alcohol-removed wine is also available in the pink glasses of the individual cup should an individual have need.

**The Lord's Supper may be received in the pew if needed.  
Please notify a Pastor, Elder, or Usher.**



## **AUDIO AND PRINT ASSISTANCE**

Hearing-assist and live-captioning devices are available for the hearing-impaired. If either device may assist in your hearing and meditation on the Word of God, the ushers will be able to offer assistance. The large print edition of the hymnal is also available. Please speak with an usher, elder, or pastor.



## **ACCESSIBILITY**

For those who may not be able to or comfortable navigating the stairs to the lower level, a lift is located just outside the sanctuary overflow area. Ushers or church members are able to assist with operation of the lift.



## **RECORDING**

Trinity publishes a recording of worship services both on our website and on YouTube (TrinityCoMo). Sermons are also available on our website.



## **RESTROOMS**

Restrooms are located in the hallway off the sanctuary overflow area (facing forward toward the altar, the open area to the left). Proceed through the door in the overflow area and you will find the restrooms to your right. From the Narthex, proceed past the stairs and turn right once you pass through the wooden double doors.



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