

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

A North American Lutheran Church Congregation

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

PRELUDE *Please gather in silence to prepare for worship*

Stand

GATHERING HYMN

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel, sit or stand

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

Stand

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Cantor, then All Lord, have mer - cy. *Cantor, then All* Christ, have mer -
cy. *Cantor, then All* Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo - ple of good will. 1. We

Verse 1
praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we
glo-ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.

Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo - ple of good will.

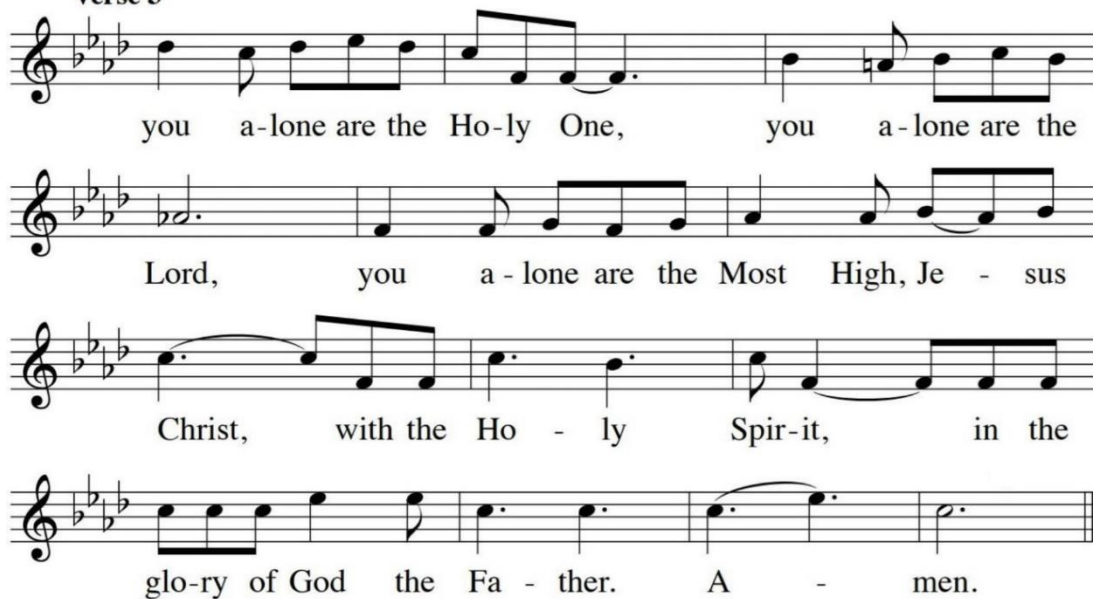
Verse 2

2. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord
God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa -
ther, you take a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us; you take a - way the
sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa -
ther, have mer - cy on us.

Refrain

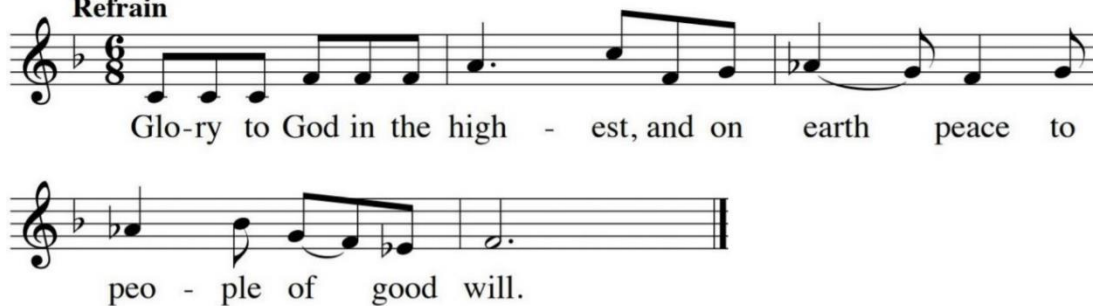
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo - ple of good will. 3. For

Verse 3



you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the
Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the
glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo - ple of good will.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Pastoral Prayer

C **Amen.**



SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

ADMISTERED TO RIDGE ANDERSON MARKER

P In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Word of God we are reborn children of God, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission to the world. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Affirmation of the Parents

Bryant and Ava Marker

P Bryant and Ava, called by the Holy Spirit and trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your son Ridge baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

P As you bring Ridge to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with him among God's faithful people,
to bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
to teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
to place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and to nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
and grow into mature Christian discipleship.

P Do you promise to help Ridge grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

Affirmation of the Congregation:

P People of God, as the Spirit enables, do you promise to support Bryant & Ava as they endeavor to raise Ridge in the nurture and love of Christ?

C **We do.**

Stand

Profession of Faith

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Parents: We renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving at the Font

P The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

All Blessed be God now and forever.

P By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

All Blessed be God now and forever.

P In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God now and forever.

P Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that Ridge may be given new life and be made an heir of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All Amen.

Be Seated

Baptism

P Ridge Anderson Marker,
I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

P Ridge, child of covenant, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All Praise be to God!

Welcome and Introduction to Congregation

P Bryant and Ava, we present you with this candle as a reminder of our Lord's words: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life."

SOLO "God Claims You" – Farr

Soloist Kylene Terhune

Prayer

P Ever-living God,
in your mercy you call us into a new covenant through your Holy Sacraments.
We thank you for receiving Ridge into your family.
Keep him in your love, guide him as he grows.
Protect him from every peril of childhood, and all the dangers and temptations of life. Bring him to his own confession of Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior,
in whose name we pray.

All Amen.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 3:1-7

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

⁴"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. ⁵"For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some

to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 86:1-17

R ¹Hear me, LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

C ²**Guard my life, for I am faithful to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.**

You are my God; ³have mercy on me, Lord,
for I call to you all day long.

⁴**Bring joy to your servant, Lord,
for I put my trust in you.**

⁵You, Lord, are forgiving and good,
abounding in love to all who call to you.

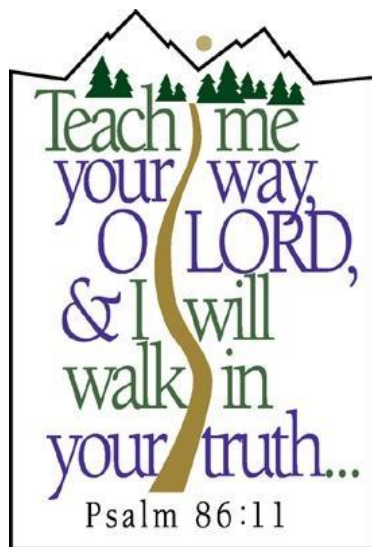
⁶**Hear my prayer, LORD;
listen to my cry for mercy.**

⁷When I am in distress, I call to you,
because you answer me.

⁸**Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;
no deeds can compare with yours.**

⁹All the nations you have made
will come and worship before you, Lord;
they will bring glory to your name.

¹⁰**For you are great and do marvelous deeds;
you alone are God.**



- ¹¹ Teach me your way, LORD,
that I may rely on your faithfulness;
give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name.
- ¹² **I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;
I will glorify your name forever.**
- ¹³ For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the depths,
from the realm of the dead.
- ¹⁴ **Arrogant foes are attacking me, O God;
ruthless people are trying to kill me—
they have no regard for you.**
- ¹⁵ But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God,
slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.
- ¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mercy on me;
show your strength in behalf of your servant;
save me, because I serve you
just as my mother did.**
- ¹⁷ Give me a sign of your goodness,
that my enemies may see it and be put to shame,
for you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:3-11

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God,
 did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
 by taking the very nature of a servant,
 being made in human likeness.
⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
 he humbled himself
 by becoming obedient to death—
 even death on a cross!
⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
 and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

R The word of the Lord.

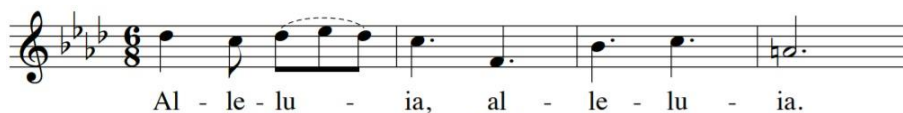
C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT



Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:20-28

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰ Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him.

²¹ "What is it you want?" he asked.

She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."

²² "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?"

"We can," they answered.

²³ Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."

²⁴ When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. ²⁵ Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated

SERMON "The Seven Deadly Sins: Pride vs. Humility"

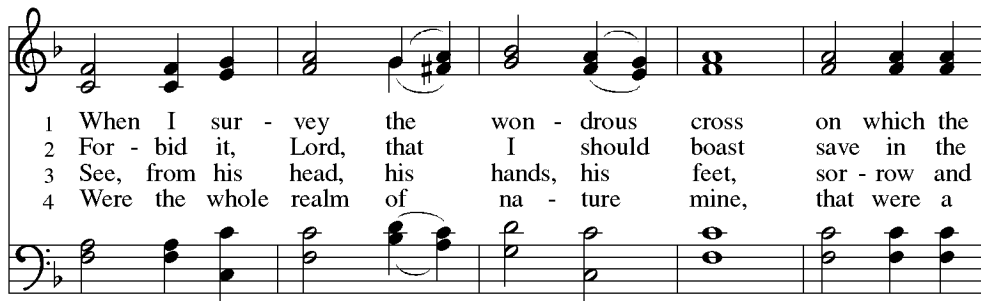
Moment of silent reflection after sermon

Pastor Phil Hohulin

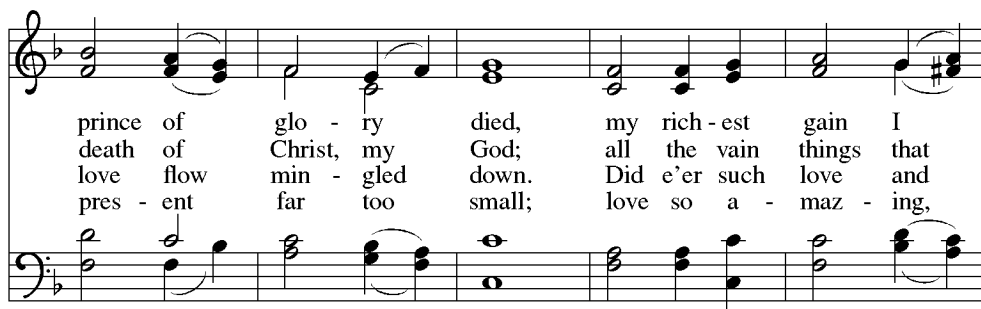
Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872



Kneel/sit/stand

THE PRAYERS

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their need:

A Holy God, save us from every vice that would conspire against us and strengthen in us every virtue in conformity to your Son. Help us respond to those around us with the same humility that you have first shown to us. Let us put our complete trust in you alone. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Hope of all, give us the courage to share Christ with all we meet so that the world will be transformed by your love. Particularly, we pray for the work of our ministry partner, H2O Wright State. Give new birth to discipleship and strengthen the faith of the students they serve. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, bring the healing grace of your presence on all those who are sick and suffering, [particularly] Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Ruler of all, bestow your wisdom, strength, protection, and courage upon all who serve in our armed forces. Grant also these virtues to all elected representatives of our republic. Guard them from corruption and temptation. Conform their wills to your will and enable them to lead according to your statutes. Assist them to ensure the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to all, from first heartbeat to last. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

Head of the Church, bless the leaders of our denomination: our bishop Dan Selbo; his assistants Amy, Gemechis, Phillip, Andrew, Eric, Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky; and the staff and faculty of our North American Lutheran Seminary. Raise a new generation of pastors to shepherd your flock. Enhance the missional efforts of all congregations that faithfully proclaim your word. Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Stand
PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

Be seated
OFFERING

Special Music

Stand
OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with a supporting bass line in the Bass clef. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." The score consists of two systems of music, each with a Treble and Bass staff. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with a steady rhythm.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Music: OLD HUNDREDETH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

DIALOGUE

The musical score for the Dialogue section consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with the vocal direction *Presider* above the first measure and *All* above the last measure. The lyrics for this staff are "The Lord be with you. And al - so with". The second staff begins with *Presider* above the first measure and *All* above the last measure. The lyrics are "you. Lift up your hearts. We". The third staff begins with *Presider* above the first measure. The lyrics are "lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the". The fourth staff begins with *All* above the first measure. The lyrics are "Lord our God. It is right and just."

PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, and with angels and archangels, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly
Lord, God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

Be seated

AGNUS DEI

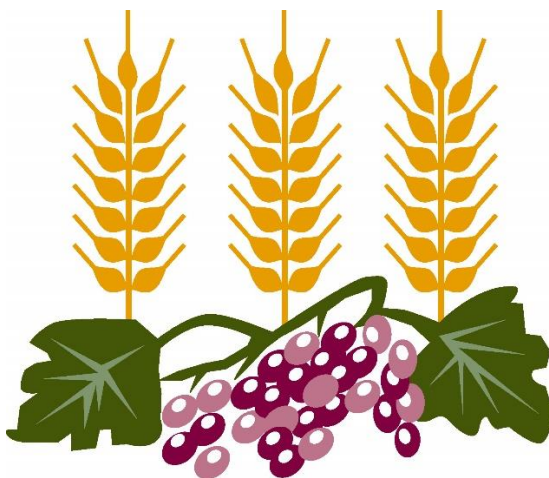
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us. *(Repeat from beginning)* Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

**White grape juice is in the center of each communion tray. Gluten-free wafers available at the rail upon request.*

We believe that Holy Communion is the sacrament of the real presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As we partake of the *bread and the *wine, we trust Jesus' promise that we receive His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sin and strength to serve Him. If you are a baptized and repentant Christian who desires to commune with us, you are thereby publicly declaring your oneness in faith with us, and you too recognize the Lord's Body and Blood as fulfilling God's Covenant of Grace for us.

*The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: Amen.*



Stand

PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING (V2 Only)

Shout for Joy Loud and Long



1 Shout for joy loud and long, God be praised with a song! To the Lord
2 By God's word all was made, heav'n and earth, light and shade, na-ture's won -
3 Yet our pride makes us fall; so Christ came for us all— not the righ -
4 Now has Christ tru - ly ris'n, and his Spir - it is giv'n to all those



we be - long: chil-dren of our mak - er, God the great life giv - er.
ders dis-played, we to rule cre - a - tion from its first foun-da - tion.
teous to call— by his cross and pas - sion, bring - ing us sal - va - tion.
un - der heav'n who now walk be - side him, though they once de - nied him.

Refrain



Shout for joy, joy, joy! Shout for joy, joy, joy!



God is love, God is light, God is ev - er - last - ing!

Text: David Mowbray, b. 1938

Music: PERSONENT HODIE. *Piae cantiones*, 1582

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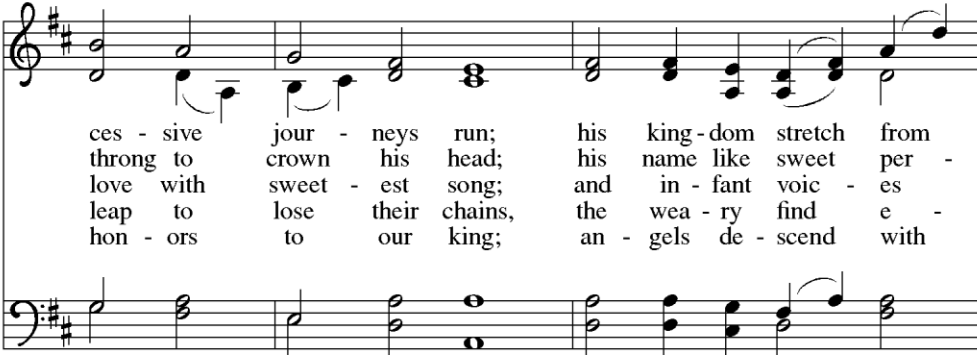
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

SENDING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Altar Flowers today are in honor of the baptism of Ridge Anderson Marker



Welcome to our guests!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to come and get to know us at the pace that fits who you are, where you are on your spiritual journey, and to explore with us what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter, Tidings of Grace, please send an email to our administrative assistant, Brenda, at gracewcsecretary@yahoo.com.

may the God of

hope

fill you with all

JOY

and

PEACE

as you trust in him.

ROMANS 15:13, niv



Servant Schedule



Communion Servers

Carol Rothfuss & Shirley Schryver

Assistant Minister

Lector

April 7	Shirley Schryver	Nancy Oliver
April 14	N'Anne Knight	Roseann Costantino
April 21	Joe Costantino	Kinsella Jergens
April 28	Sandy Rice	George Reinhart

Sunday School

Young Learners (Prek—K)

Disciples (Early Elementary)

April 7	Sally & Sandy	Chris
April 14	Wanda & Steve	Heather
April 21	Pam & Sandy	Cassie
April 28	Diane & N'Anne	Julie





Grace Council



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Partick Terhune~Property



As a congregation of the
North American Lutheran Church
we are guided by four core values:

1. Christ Centered
2. Mission Driven
3. Traditionally Grounded
4. Congregationally Focused



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