GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! In preparation for worship we ask you to note the following:

- *Please read the Communion Statement on the back page before communing with us today.*
- *You may remain seated if it is difficult for you to stand during any part of the service.*
- *Please silence phones and fill out an attendance card. Cards may be placed in the plate during the offering.*
- *Prayer cards will be collected during the sermon hymn (please be sure to mark appropriate boxes).*

For those with young children, if needed, the carpeted children's area is available next to the sanctuary doors. The window and speaker allow adults to participate in the service from the children's area.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS
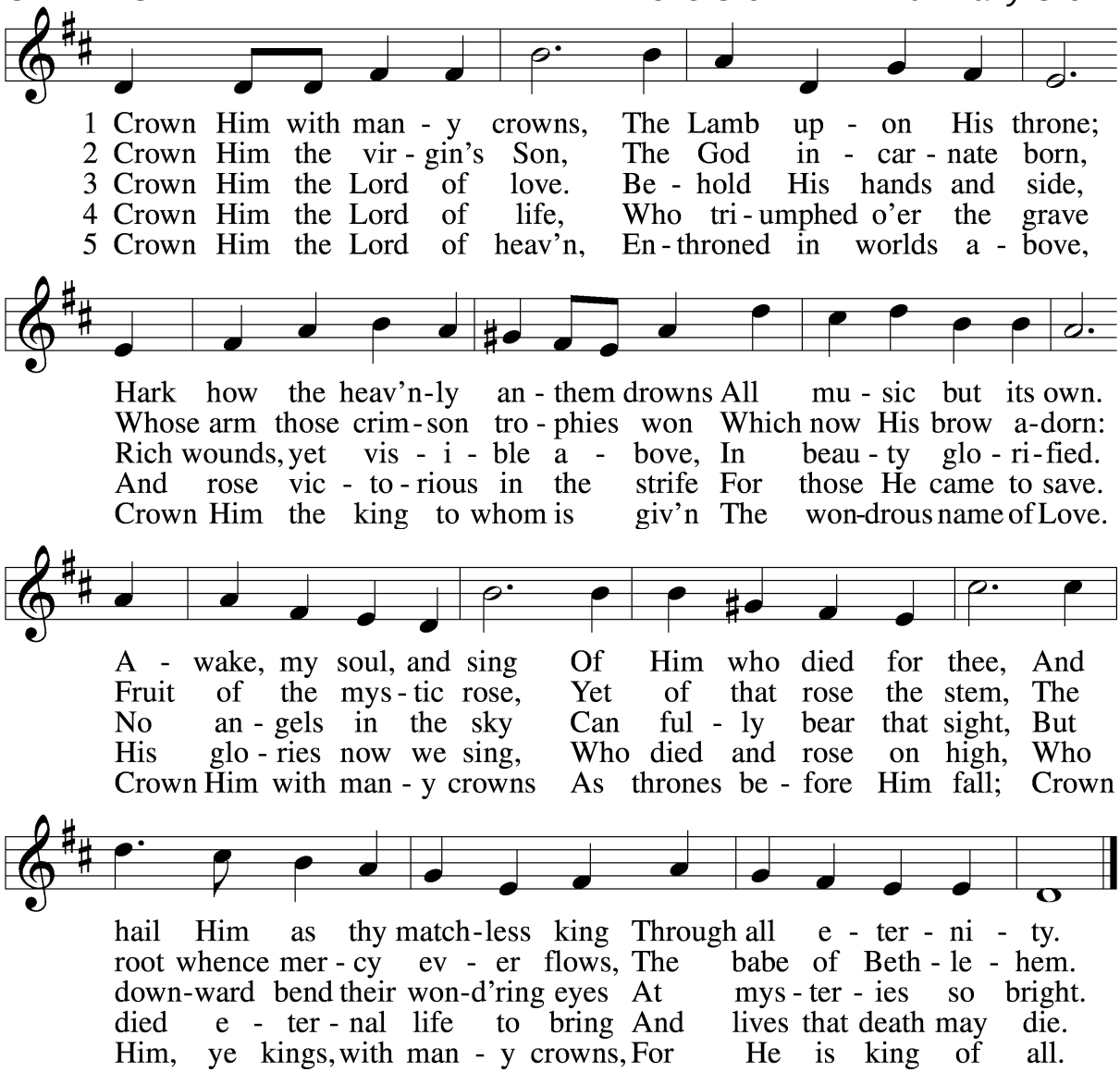
The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen. *Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

OPENING HYMN *525 Crown Him with Many Crowns*



Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

EXHORTATION *1 John 1:8–9*

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION *[John 20:19–23]*

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT *Psalm 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV*

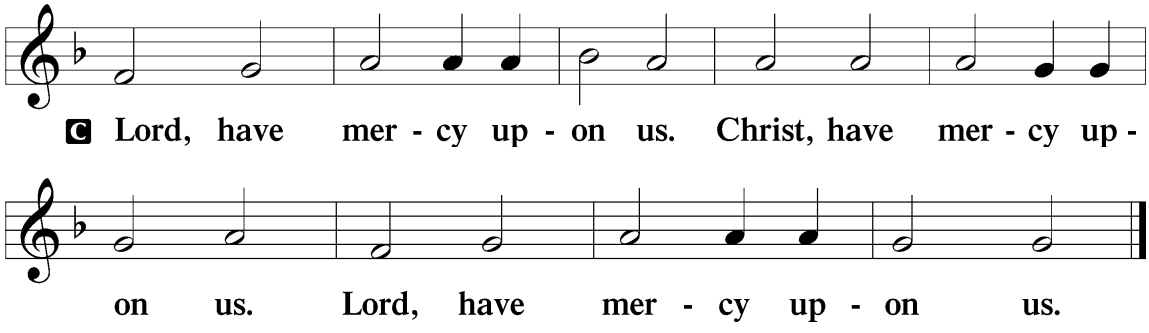
P: In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!
Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.
And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.
Deliver me from all my transgressions. Do not make me the scorn of the fool!
Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!
For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.
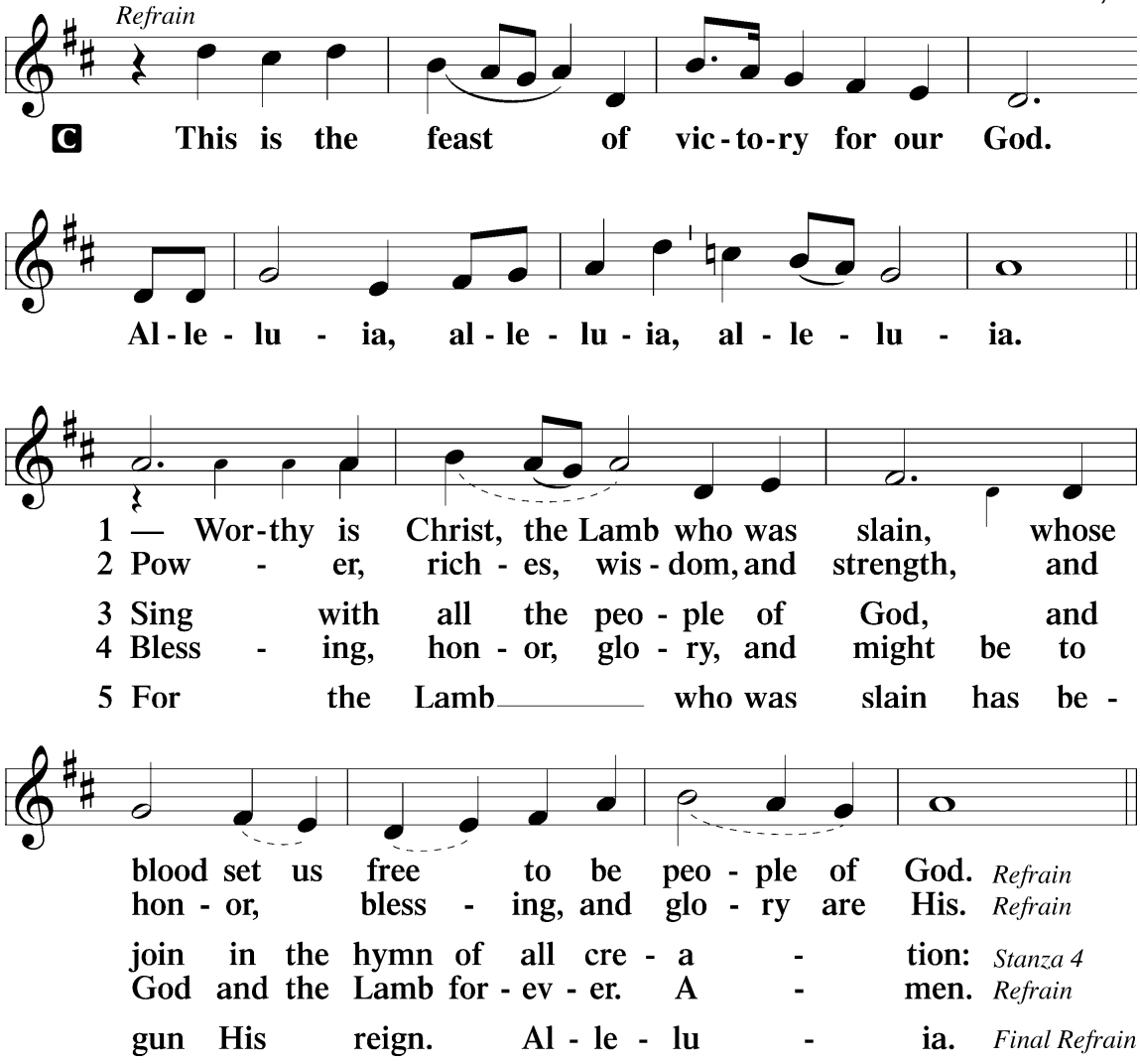
C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

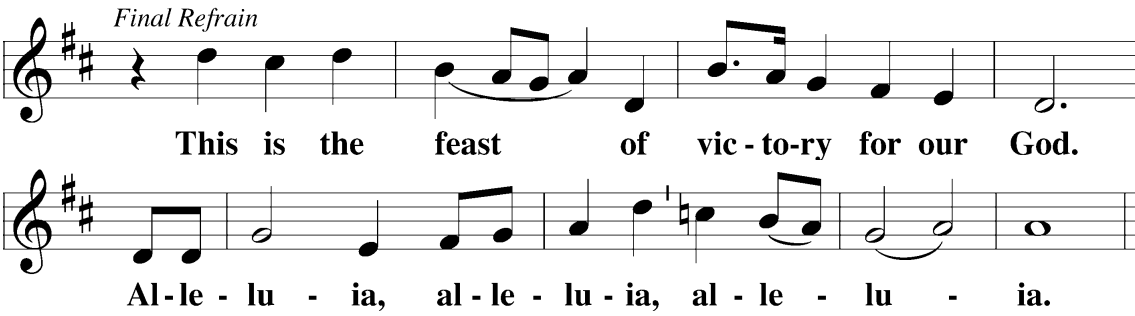
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KYRIE with intro *Mark 10:47*



THIS IS THE FEAST with intro *Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9*





SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY by Elder Don McCage
Elder: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

E: Let us pray. Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24*

11 "For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and
will seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his
sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue
them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and
thick darkness. 13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them
from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them
on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the
country. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of
Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land,
and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be
the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the
Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind
up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will
destroy. I will feed them in justice.
20 "Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge
between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you push with side and

shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, [22]I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. [23]And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24]And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

E: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 95:1–7a; antiphon: v. 7a*

E: [1]Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
C: **[2]Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

E: [3]For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
C: **[4]In his hand are the depths of the earth;**
the heights of the mountains are his also.

E: [5]The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
C: **[6]Oh come, let us worship and bow down;**
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

E: [7]For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

EPISTLE read by Sandra Gutknecht *1 Corinthians 15:20–28*

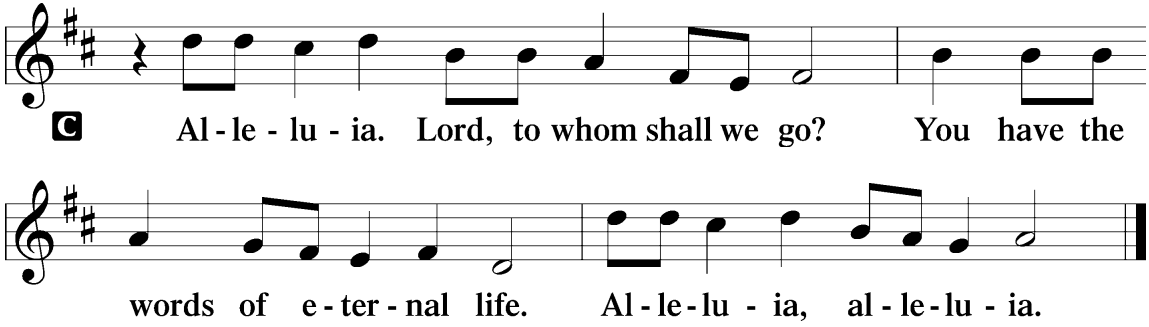
[20]But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21]For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22]For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23]But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. [24]Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. [25]For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. [26]The last enemy to be destroyed is death. [27]For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that

he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. [28]When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE with intro *John 6:68*



HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:31–46*
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[31][Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. [32]Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. [33]And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. [34]Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. [35]For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36]I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' [37]Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? [38]And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? [39]And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' [40]And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

41"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, 43I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' 45Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

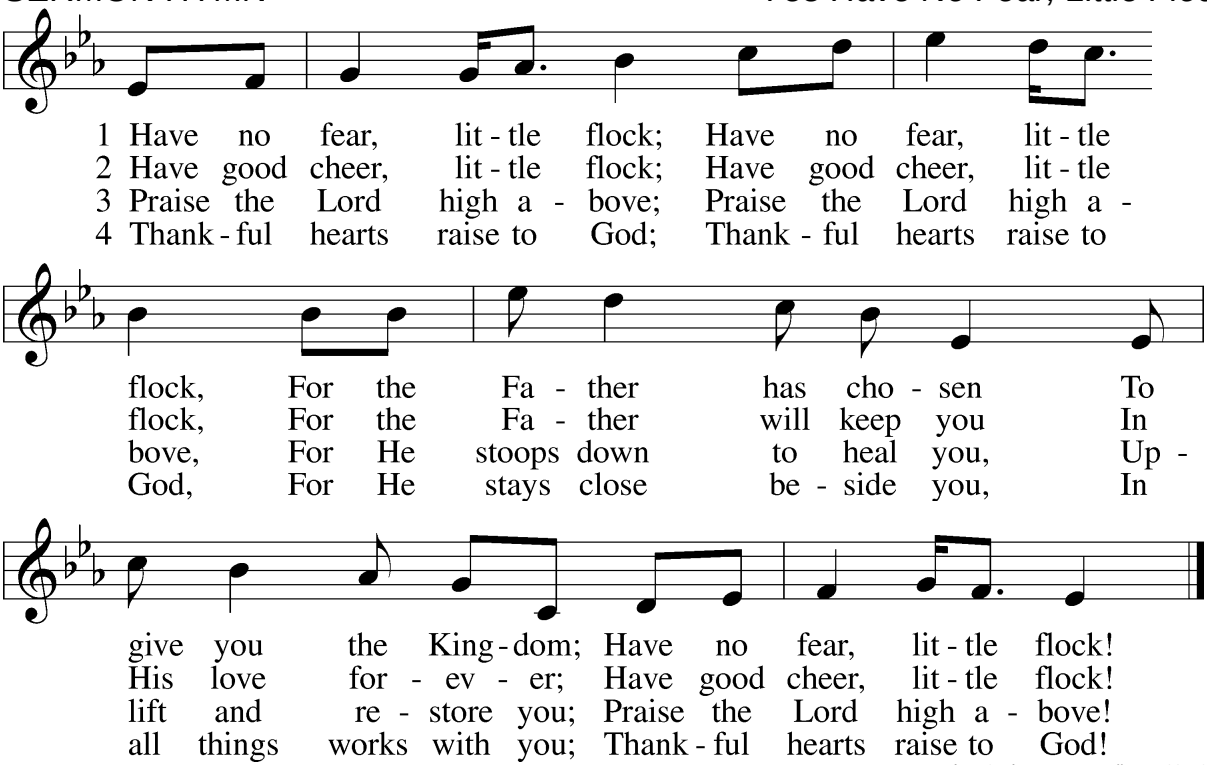
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Prayer requests (blue pew cards) are collected during the following hymn

SERMON HYMN *735 Have No Fear, Little Flock*



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SERMON

Stand

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C: **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

GIVING AND GATHERING OF OUR TITHES AND THANKOFFERINGS

"Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce" Proverbs 3:9

God gives rich blessings for our well-being and use. He also calls us to give back a portion to honor and worship Him. When you give to the Lord through Grace Lutheran Church, you affirm and honor God's work done here.

If you are a first-time visitor, you are our guest and are not expected to make an offering, unless you desire to support our ministry.

Please place attendance and prayer cards in the offering plate.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Deacon: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. O Lord, as we await His return, help us never tire of inviting others to hear the good news of life in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

D: Heavenly Father, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, bring all Your scattered and wandering sheep into Your fold. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

D: Righteous God, we all die in Adam but will be made alive in Christ. Guide our pastors, that they may faithfully proclaim Your Word and we may always look forward to the resurrection of the dead. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

D: Merciful Lord, You have subjected all things under Your Son, who gladly subjects Himself to You. Bless the homes of Your people, that parents may train their children with wisdom and love, and that children may gladly submit and honor their parents. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

D: O God, even as the kingdoms of this world pass away, we pray that You would grant wisdom and protection to all in authority as they carry out their duties. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

D: O Great Physician of body and soul, by Your Word and Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity *[especially _____].* Hold them in Your hands and bring them consolation. Heal them according to Your gracious will, and give us grace to accept and bear our crosses with faith in You, that we would always be prepared to depart this life in faith and come to Your heavenly home. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

D: Father in heaven, with the whole Church in heaven and on earth, we wait with joy for our Lord's triumphant return. Send Him forth, we pray, that He might renew all things and bring us at last to see that kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world. We ask all these through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

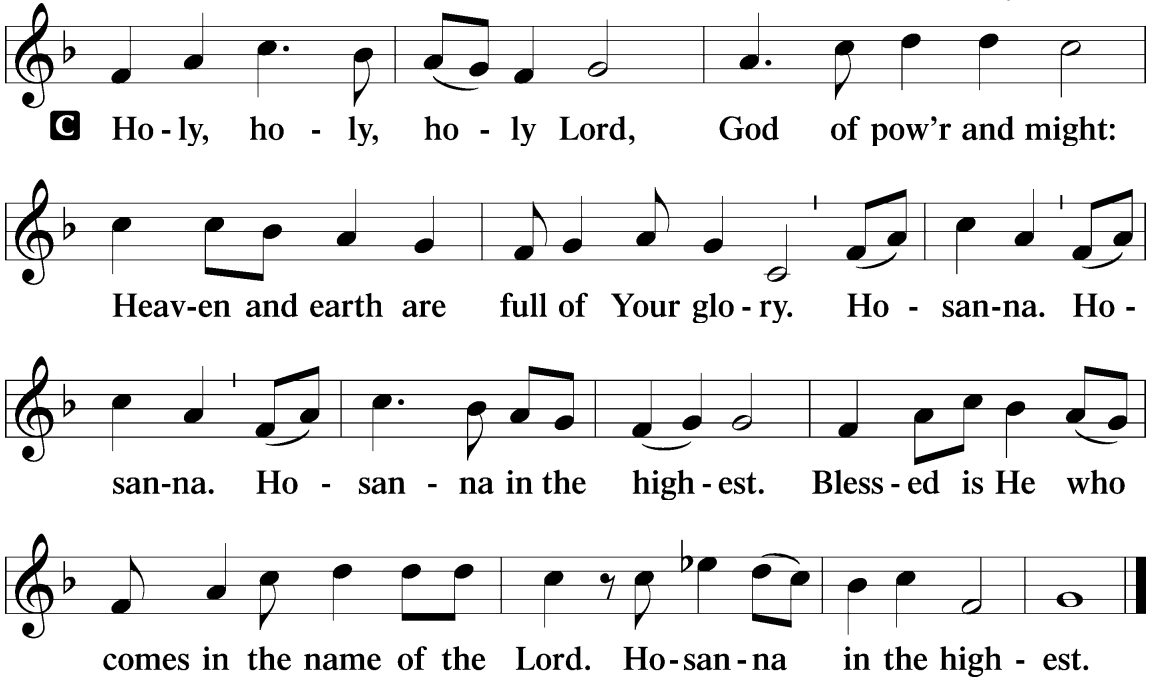
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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 no intro *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

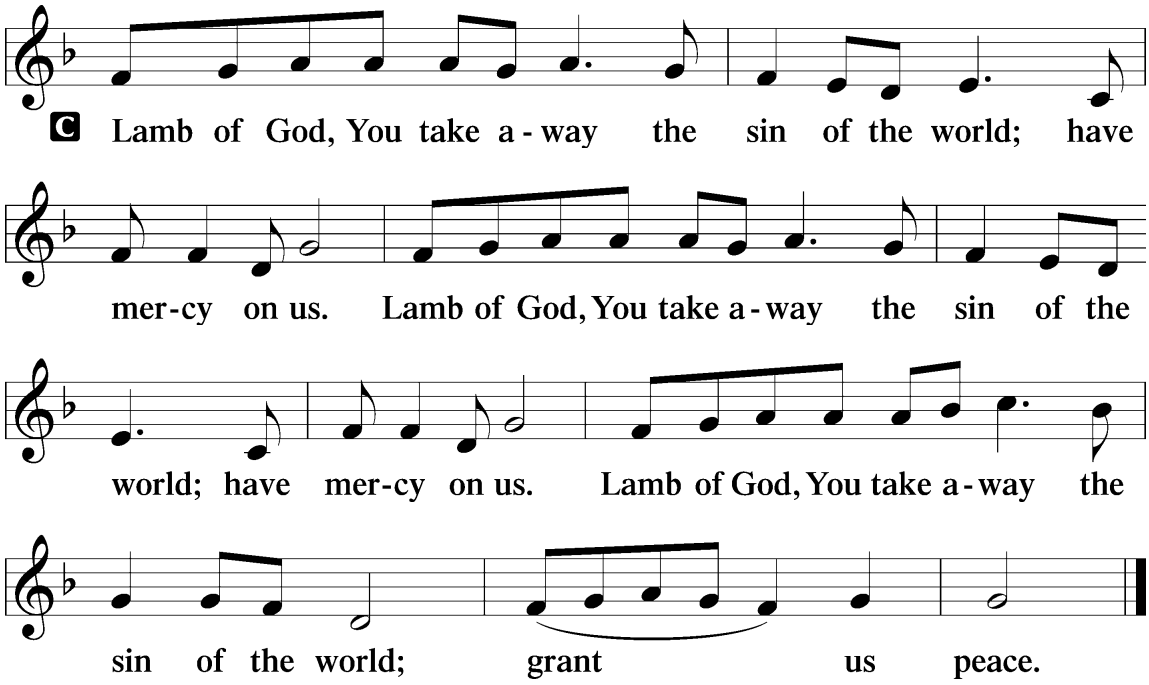
C: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

PAX DOMINI *John 20:19*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

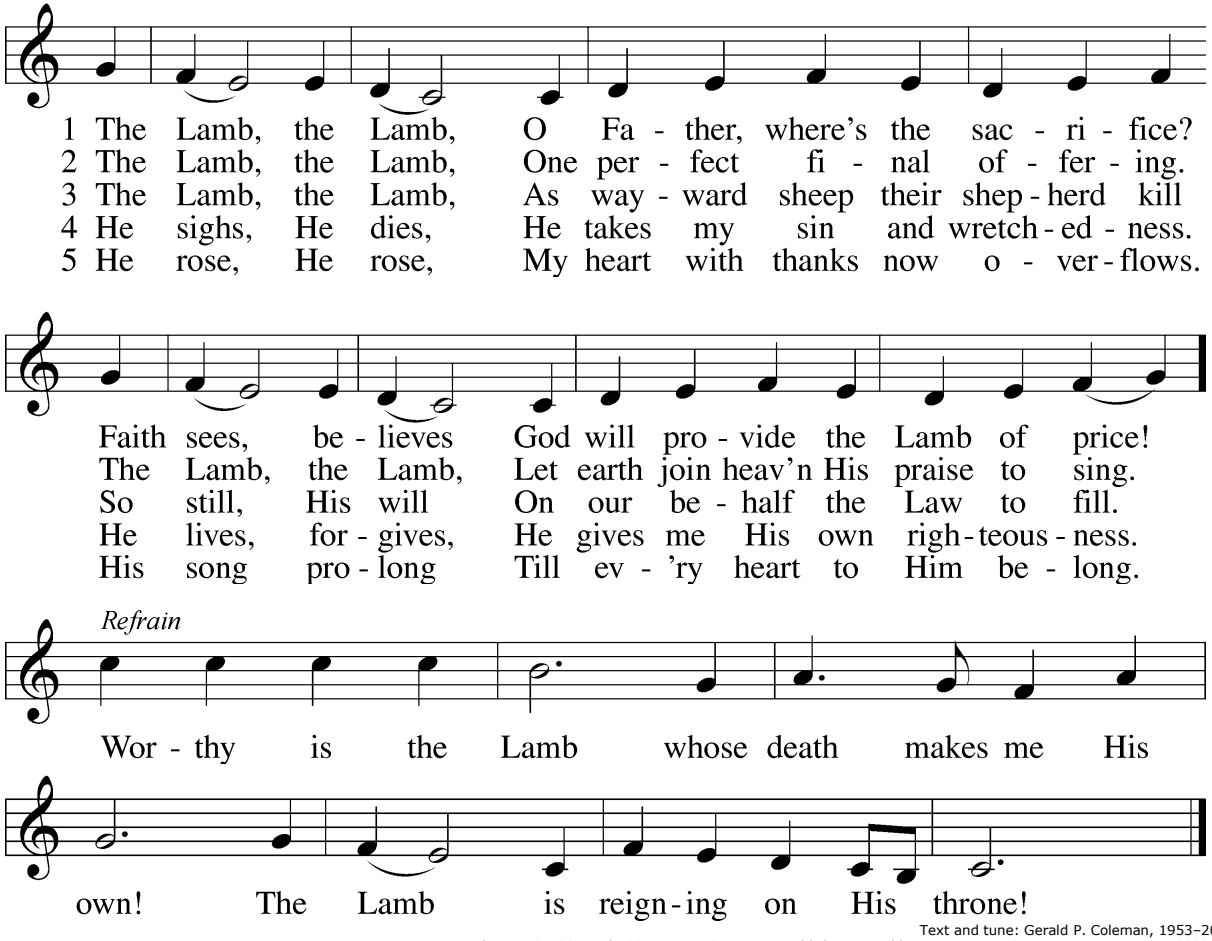
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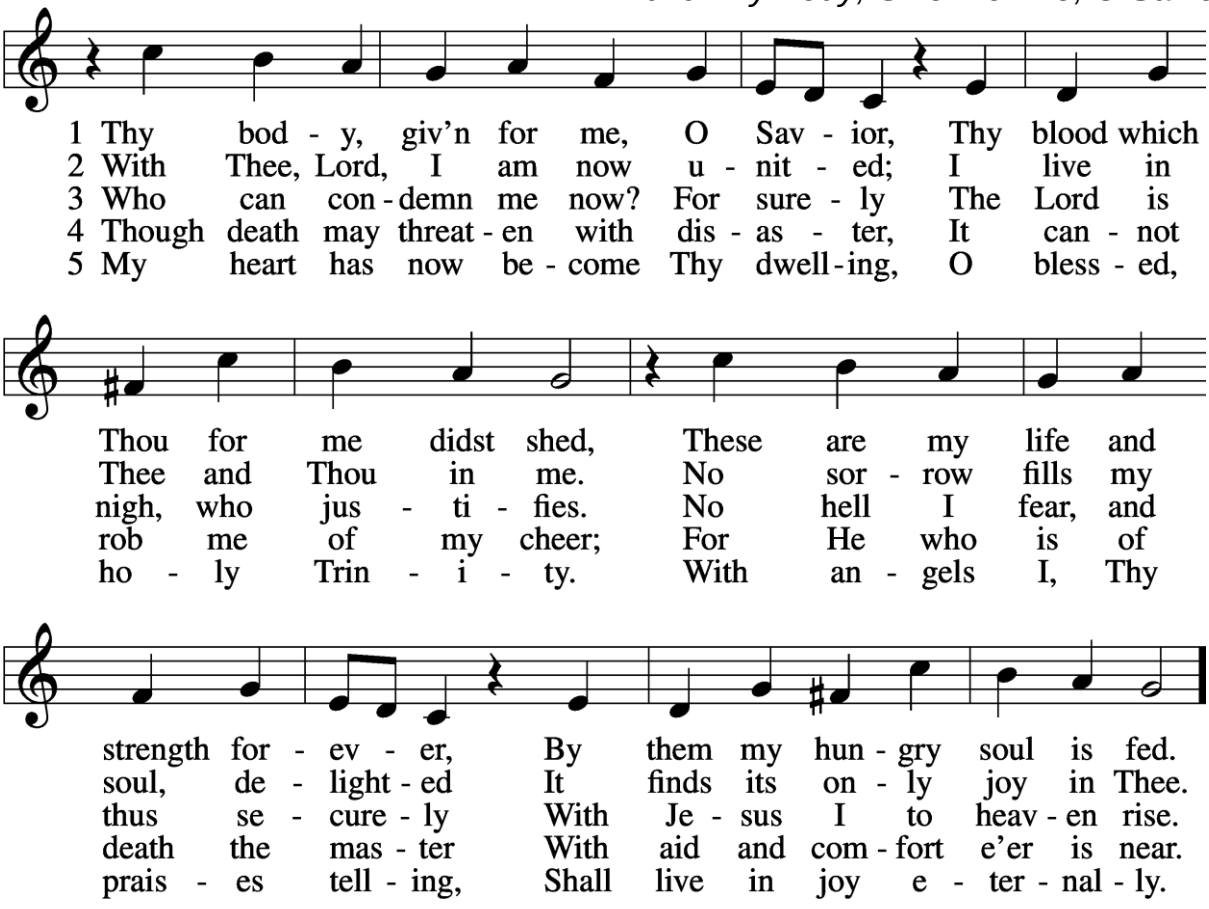


DISTRIBUTION

- *Holy Communion is served in continuous fashion.*
- *Please let the server know if you need gluten-free wafers or wine/water tincture.*
- *If you have difficulty coming forward, you may commune in your pew. Please let the usher know you wish to receive communion.*
- *You are invited to pray the prayers on the back cover as you prepare for Holy Communion.*

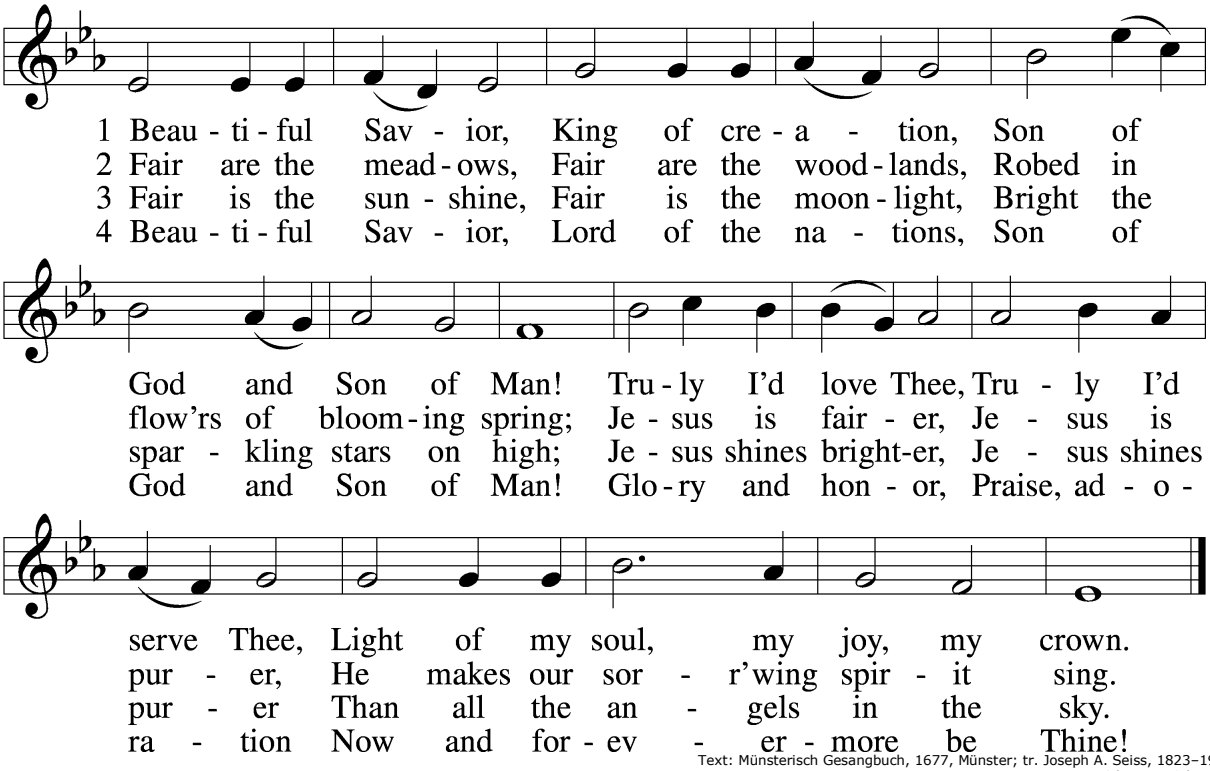
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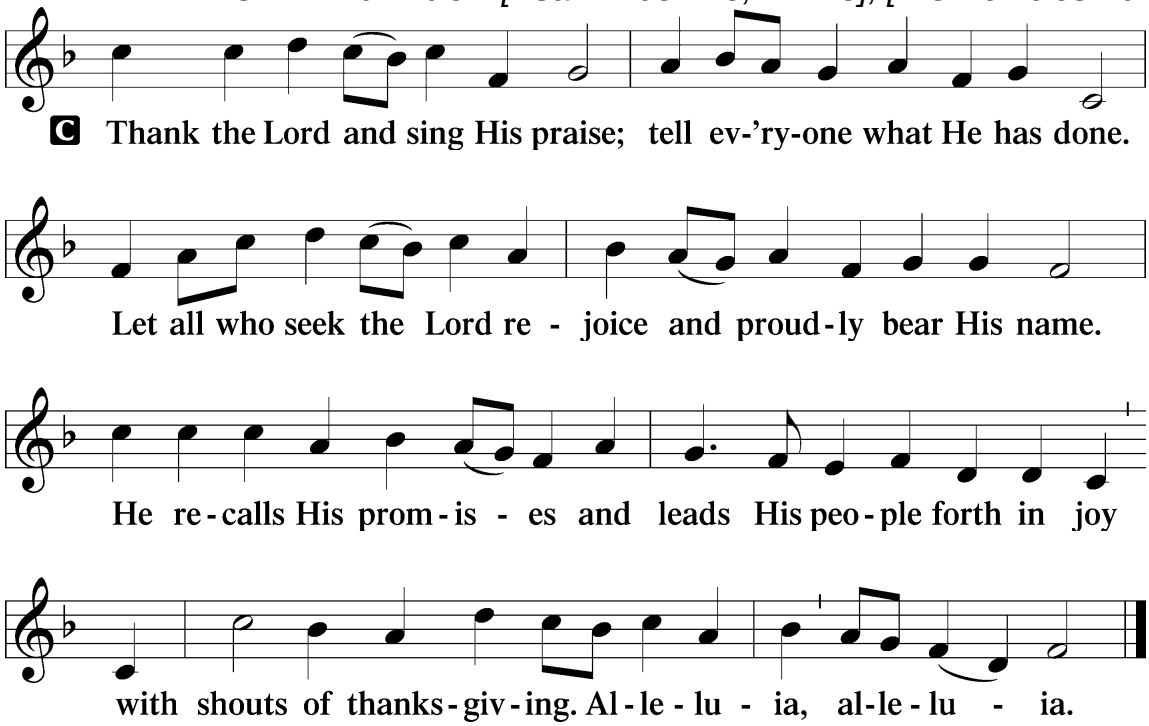
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THE DISMISSAL

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.**

THANK THE LORD with intro *[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]*



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

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

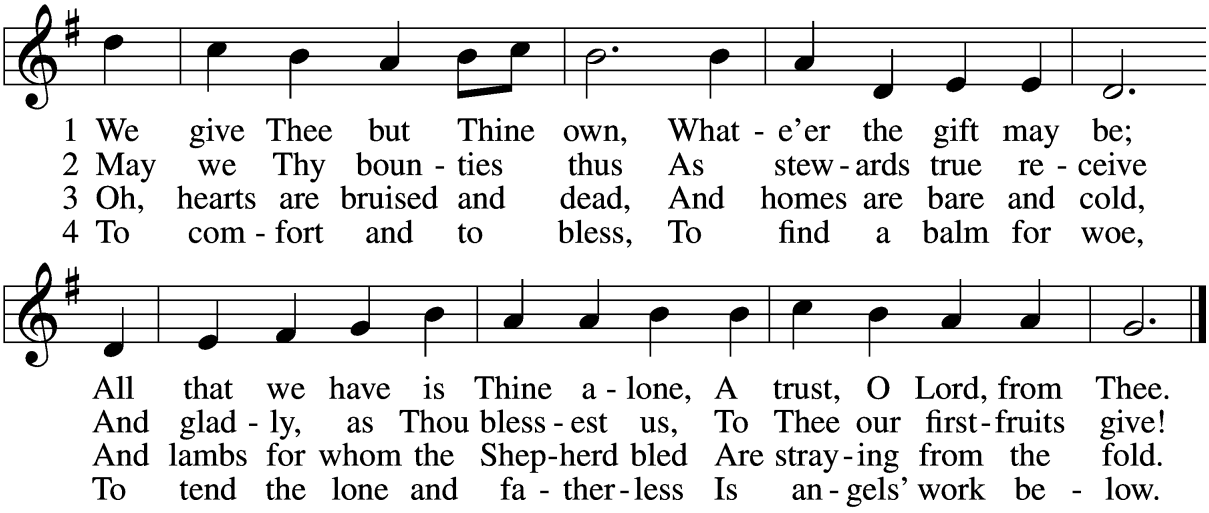
C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

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.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *781 We Give Thee But Thine Own*



5 The captive to release,
To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace,
It is a Christ-like thing.

6 And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, and serve the Lord.

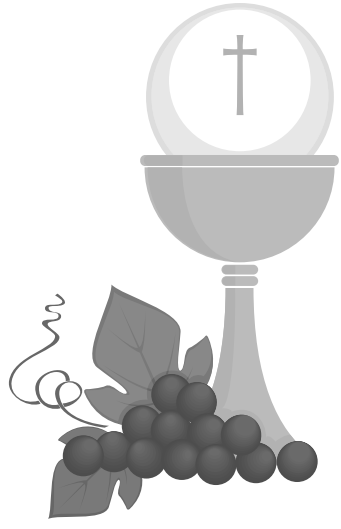
C: **Thanks be to God!**

(We invite you to the fellowship hall for refreshments followed by Bible Study.)

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KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is the "Agnus Dei"?

The "Agnus Dei" (pronounced AHN-yus DAY-ee) has been sung by the Church for almost 1,200 years. "Agnus Dei" is Latin for "Lamb of God." We usually sing these words in the Divine Service after the Words of Institution have been spoken by the pastor.

Why do we use the Agnus Dei?

In John 1:29, John the Baptizer proclaims, through the power of the Holy Spirit, that Jesus is the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." He said this as Jesus was walking up to him. When we sing the Agnus Dei, like John the Baptizer, we are once again hearing, proclaiming and learning the great Gospel message which confesses that Christ is here with us in Holy Communion, giving us His very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. What a great way to recognize the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament!

Parents:
After the Divine Service, read John 1:29–34 with your children. Compare John the Baptizer's words to the Passover story in Ex. 12:1–11, 21–23. Be sure to discuss why John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God." Jesus was the ultimate sacrificial Lamb of God by whose death we have been rescued from sin, death and the power of the devil.

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Holy Communion at Grace Lutheran Church

As we share Holy Communion, we rejoice in the new life Jesus Christ gives us through His redeeming life and death. If you are our guest, you may wonder whether or not to commune with us. From 1 Corinthians 11:26-29, anyone who shares the meal must know what is involved, not take it lightly, and must be truly sorry for his/her sins. That's why our Lutheran practice is a "*close communion*", not open to casual or ill-prepared participation.

But nor is it "for members only." We ask all baptized Christians who wish to commune, including our own members, to affirm the following:

- I believe that because of my sin I cannot by myself become acceptable to God.
- I believe that God forgives and accepts me by His grace through Jesus Christ who died for my sins.
- I believe that I will share in the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine, assuring me of His forgiveness.
- I want to commune today to renew the relationship with Jesus Christ that my baptism sealed, to become stronger for greater Christ-like living, and to rededicate my life in Christian faith, hope and love.

If this is your confession and commitment, we welcome you to commune with us. We can understand if some of the above is new or unclear to you. We encourage you to bring questions to Pastor, who can give more explanation of our beliefs. But because communion is sacred, if the above *is* unclear, we ask that you please defer communing until you have reached a common understanding with us.

May your eating and drinking with the family of believers be a blessing, as God strengthens your faith and empowers you to be a blessing to others!

You may wish to pray as you prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Communion and after you receive it:

Before *Dear Jesus, I come to Your table because You have invited me to receive Your body and blood in the bread and wine. I sincerely repent of all my sins and seek to turn from wrongful ways. Thank You for the strength that You promise for my life. In Your name. Amen!*

After *Dear Lord, I thank You for the comfort You have given me in this Sacrament. Thank You for the assurance that You have forgiven me all my sins, and for the strength and refreshment You have provided to stand again. Help me to be Your light of truth to others as I walk in Your grace and mercy. In Your name. Amen!*