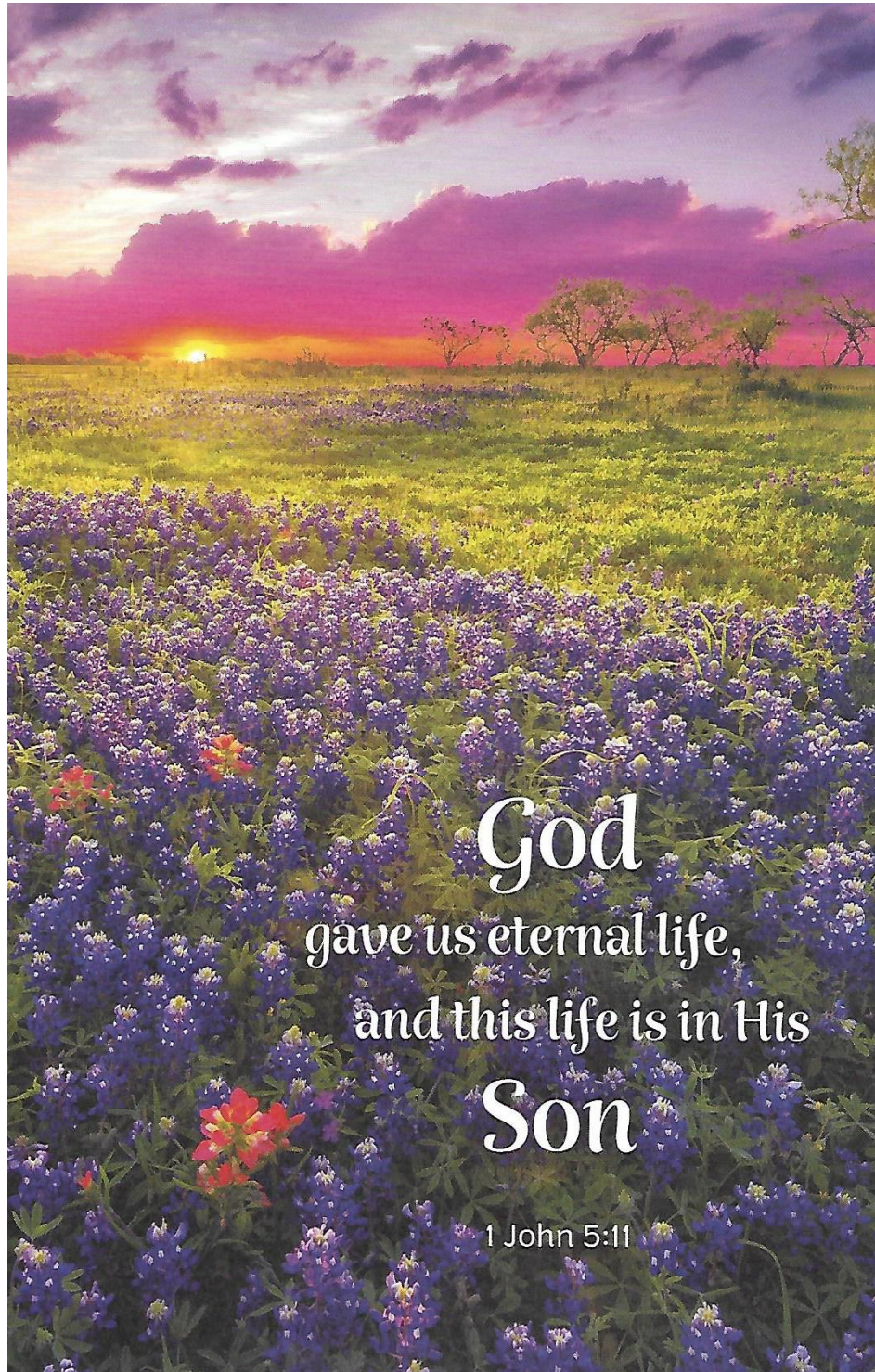


**The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter | Divine Service One  
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God  
gave us eternal life,  
and this life is in His  
Son

1 John 5:11

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**About the Cover:** The eternal life God gives us is full and abundant. That first Easter morning has opened to us a new horizon of eternal life. Christ has overcome the devil, the world, and our sin to give us life by believing in Him. God has taken care to give us His Word and Sacraments so that we may have life by believing in His name.

**The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – May 12, 2024**

**Divine Service, Setting One**

**Ringing of the Bells, Prelude**

**Hymn: *The Church’s One Foundation***

*LSB 644*

- 1 The Church’s one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heav’n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.
  
- 2 Elect from ev’ry nation,  
Yet one o’er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation:  
One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With ev’ry grace endued.

- 3    Though with a scornful wonder  
      The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
      By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
      Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
      Shall be the morn of song.
- 4    Through toil and tribulation  
      And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
      Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious  
      Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
      Shall be the Church at rest.
- 5    Yet she on earth has union  
      With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
      With those whose rest is won.  
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!  
      Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us,  
      May see You face to face.

## Confession & Absolution

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

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.**

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**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.**

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.

**Amen.**

## Introit

*Psalm 27:1a, 4–5, 10, 14; antiphon: v. 7*

Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;\*

be gracious to me and | answer me!

The LORD is my light and my sal- | vation;\*

whom | shall I fear?

**One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:\***

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his | temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;\*

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

**For my father and my mother have for- | saken me,\***

**but the LORD will | take me in.**

Wait | for the LORD;\*

be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the LORD!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

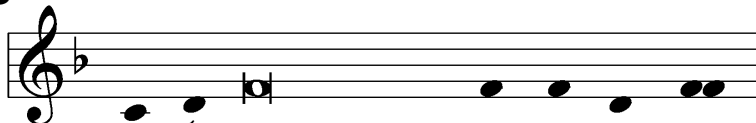
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;\*

be gracious to me and | answer me!

## Kyrie

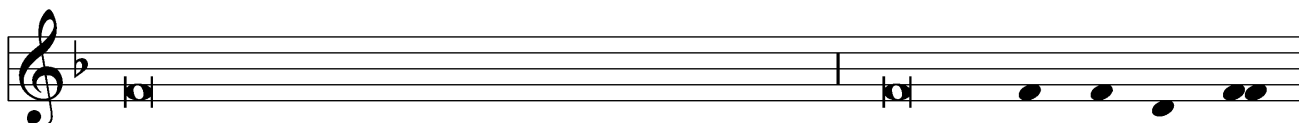
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



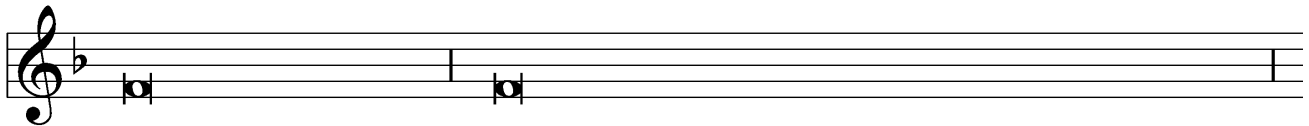
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



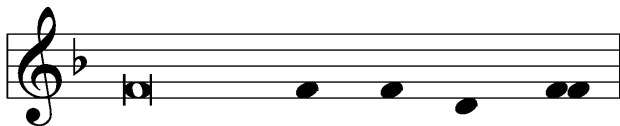
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



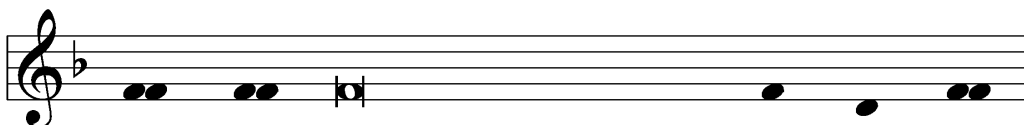
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



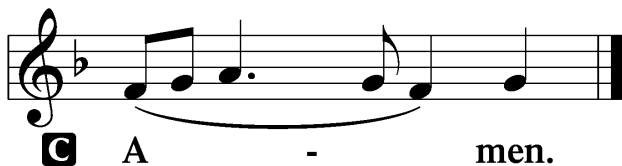
let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



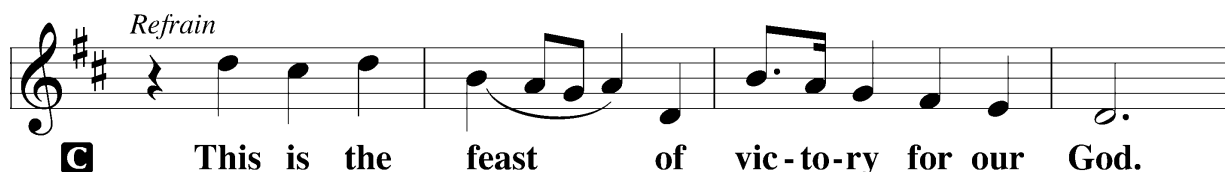
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## This is the Feast of Victory

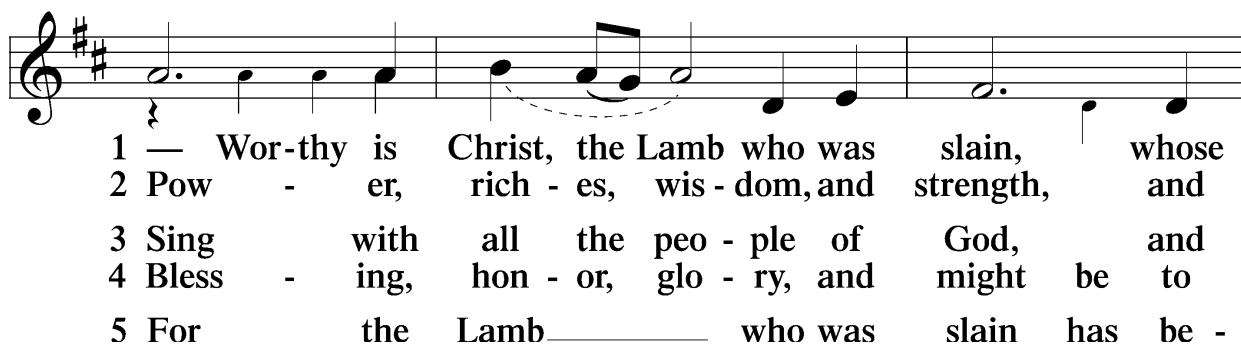
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**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



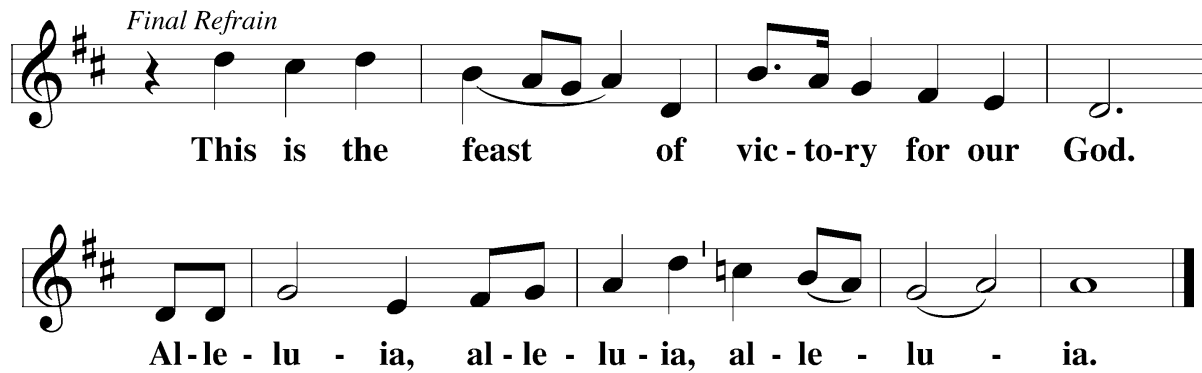
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and  
 4 Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be-



blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia. *Final Refrain*



## Collect of the Day

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Lesson

*Acts 1:12–26*

<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

<sup>20</sup>“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“May his camp become desolate,  
and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

“Let another take his office.’

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know

the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.”  
<sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Choir: God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It**

*setting by Kevin Hildebrand*

- 1 *God's own child, I gladly say it:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it,  
Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many?  
I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free  
Lasting to eternity!*
- 2 *Sin, disturb my soul no longer:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger:  
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me  
Since my Baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood,  
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?*
- 3 *Satan, hear this proclamation:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation,  
I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled,  
All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny,  
God, my Lord, unites with me!*
- 4 *Death, you cannot end my gladness:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness  
To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes  
Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine  
To make life immortal mine.*



5 *There is nothing worth comparing  
 To this lifelong comfort sure!  
 Open-eyed my grave is staring:  
 Even there I'll sleep secure.  
 Though my flesh awaits its raising,  
 Still my soul continues praising:  
 I am baptized into Christ;  
 I'm a child of paradise!*

## Epistle

*1 John 5:9–15*

<sup>9</sup>If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. <sup>10</sup>Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup>And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

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

## Alleluia & Verse

*LSB 156*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 17:11b–19*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

*(Sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup>I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*(Sung)* **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn: *Christ Is the World's Redeemer*

*LSB 539*

- 1 Christ is the world's Redeemer,  
The lover of the pure,  
The font of heav'nly wisdom,  
Our trust and hope secure,  
The armor of His soldiers,  
The Lord of earth and sky,  
Our health while we are living,  
Our life when we shall die.
- 2 Christ has our host surrounded  
With clouds of martyrs bright,  
Who wave their palms in triumph  
And fire us for the fight.  
Then Christ the cross ascended  
To save a world undone  
And, suff'ring for the sinful,  
Our full redemption won.
- 3 Down through the realm of darkness  
He strode in victory,  
And at the hour appointed  
He rose triumphantly.

And now, to heav'n ascended,  
He sits upon the throne  
Whence He had ne'er departed,  
His Father's and His own.

△ 4 Glory to God the Father,  
The unbegotten One,  
All honor be to Jesus,  
His sole-begotten Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit—  
The perfect Trinity.  
Let all the worlds give answer:  
Amen! So let it be.

## Sermon:

### **Apostles' Creed** (8:15)

**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.**

## **Nicene Creed (10:45)**

**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.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

*Offering plates are located in the narthex, where you may leave a gift for the Lord's work.*

## Offertory

LSB 159



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the



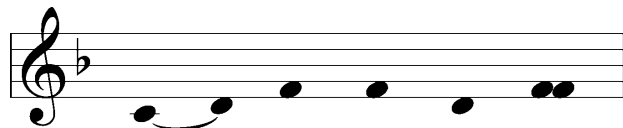
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

*(The 8:15 service concludes with the Lord's Prayer, a concluding collect, the Benediction and the final hymn.)*

## + Service of the Sacrament +

## Preface

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**P** The Lord be with you.



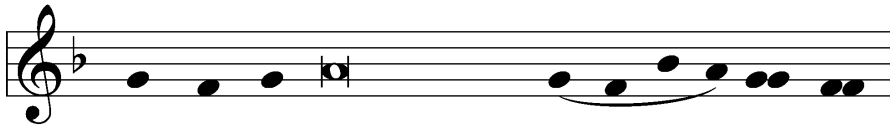
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

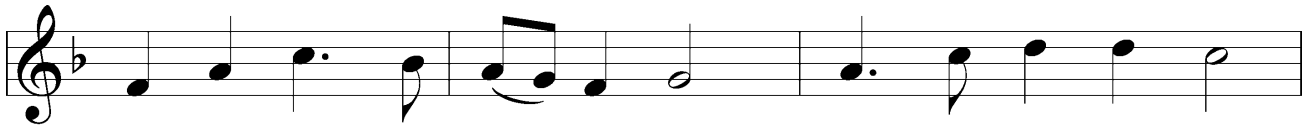


**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. 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

*LSB 161*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer, Words of Institution**

**Pax Domini**

*LSB 163*

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

**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 163*

**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Since **Holy Communion** presupposes a “common unity” of faith and doctrine among those who participate together in this Sacrament, we ask that those who desire to commune with us be confirmed members of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation. Those not able to come to the chancel may speak to the pastor or an elder to commune in their pew. If you have not previously communed here, please speak to the Pastor or an elder. If you are not communing, but would like to come to the chancel for a blessing, please kneel or stand with your arms crossed over your chest.*

**Distribution Hymn: *Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice***

*LSB 556*

- 1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,  
With exultation springing,  
And with united heart and voice  
And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done,  
How His right arm the vict'ry won.  
What price our ransom cost Him!
- 2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;  
Death brooded darkly o'er me.  
Sin was my torment night and day;  
In sin my mother bore me.  
But daily deeper still I fell;  
My life became a living hell,  
So firmly sin possessed me.
- 3 My own good works all came to naught,  
No grace or merit gaining;  
Free will against God's judgment fought,  
Dead to all good remaining.  
My fears increased till sheer despair  
Left only death to be my share;  
The pangs of hell I suffered.
- 4 But God had seen my wretched state  
Before the world's foundation,  
And mindful of His mercies great,  
He planned for my salvation.  
He turned to me a father's heart;  
He did not choose the easy part  
But gave His dearest treasure.



- 5 God said to His beloved Son:  
    "It's time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright jewel of My crown,  
    And bring to all salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free;  
Slay bitter death for them that they  
    May live with You forever."

*Organ Interlude*

- 6 The Son obeyed His Father's will,  
    Was born of virgin mother;  
And God's good pleasure to fulfill,  
    He came to be my brother.  
His royal pow'r disguised He bore;  
A servant's form, like mine, He wore  
    To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me,  
    I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I Myself will be;  
    For you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, and you are Mine,  
And where I am you may remain;  
    The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "Though he will shed My precious blood,  
    Me of My life bereaving,  
All this I suffer for your good;  
    Be steadfast and believing.  
Life will from death the vict'ry win;  
My innocence shall bear your sin,  
    And you are blest forever.
- 9 "Now to My Father I depart,  
    From earth to heav'n ascending,  
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,  
    The Holy Spirit sending;  
In trouble He will comfort you  
And teach you always to be true  
    And into truth shall guide you.

10 “What I on earth have done and taught  
Guide all your life and teaching;  
So shall the kingdom’s work be wrought  
And honored in your preaching.  
But watch lest foes with base alloy  
The heav’nly treasure should destroy;  
This final word I leave you.”

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 165



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

## Post- Communion Collect & Benediction

### Hymn: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

LSB 909

- 1 Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ, our head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious,  
Binding all the Church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever  
And our confidence alone.
- 2 To this temple, where we call You,  
Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
Come with all Your loving-kindness,  
Hear Your people as they pray;  
And Your fullest benediction  
Shed within these walls today.
- 3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful  
All the gifts they ask to gain;  
What they gain from You, forever  
With the blessed to retain;  
And hereafter in Your glory  
Evermore with You to reign.
- △ 4 Praise and honor to the Father,  
Praise and honor to the Son,  
Praise and honor to the Spirit,  
Ever three and ever one:  
One in might and one in glory  
While unending ages run!

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	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/BC
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Monday	9:00 a.m.	Circuit Pastors, Cristo Rey
	6:00 p.m.	Christian Care
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Vicar's Bible Class
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Fitness
	10:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	4:30 p.m.	Bells
Thursday	10:45 a.m.	Peace Quilters
	Pastor in Fort Wayne – No Bible Class	
Saturday	2:00 p.m.	Sunday School Event
Sunday, May 19,2024	10:00 a.m.	Divine Service, HC
	<i>No Sunday School or Bible Class</i>	

Per HIPPA privacy regulations, if you put someone on the prayer list, please make sure you have first secured their permission to do so.

#### **Prayer List**

***Prayer List emphasis for today:*** Members of the congregation receiving treatment for cancer

***Serious health conditions:*** Bethany Albrecht, Fred Poe

***In hospice care:*** Alfred Karsten; ***Hammond Henry, Geneseo:*** Lucy Jahns

***Recovering from Surgery:*** Karen Broberg; ***Undergoing cancer treatment:*** Penny Dawson

***In Illini hospital:*** Kathrine Hopkins

#### **Birthdays**

**5/12** Willis Lemke; **5/15** Scott Ryckeghem; **5/16** Laurel Gray; David Revel; **5/18** Doris Glider

**The current A Dollar for Missions project is to continue a project already begun.** In 2023, DFM funds were raised to begin ministry in as many as four new prisons in central Illinois during 2024. With the funds gathered, Central Illinois District started to fund one in January, and hopes to start more before the end of this year. The current project is to ensure that funds are available so that such new ministries can be continued in 2025. The current target is \$10,000.

**This year on Mother's Day the Mutual Encouragement Committee** has chosen to honor Holy Cross mothers with a gift of \$150 to Pregnancy Resources. We feel this a more meaningful remembrance than a trinket, flower or piece of cake. We hope you agree, and we hope you will follow suit by being as generous as you are able when you fill and return the baby bottles as provided. We thank God for our mothers.

**The Pregnancy Resources Baby Bottle Drive** begins on Mother's Day, May 12, when the bottles will be distributed at the conclusion of our services. Please take a bottle home and place cash or a check (*payable to Pregnancy Resources*) in it, and then return the bottle to church sometime before Father's Day on June 16. Please pray for and support the pro-life work of our community centers, even as you thank God that your parents chose the gift of life for you.

**Holy Cross will be serving a spaghetti dinner** at the Rock Island Christian Care Rescue Mission on Monday, May 13, 2024. Anyone interested in volunteering to help serve please sign-up.

**The Quarterly Voter's Assembly will be held on Tuesday May 14 at 6:00 p.m.** To be eligible to vote at the meeting you must be a communicant member of the congregation (18 years of age or older) who has attended at least one voter's assembly in the past 12 months. If you are a new member, you may attend the meeting and sign the constitution, thereby becoming eligible to vote at the subsequent Voter's Assembly. If you have any questions, please contact the office. This is an important meeting, as information regarding the vacancy and call process will be shared.

**We will celebrate Pentecost Sunday, May 19** with one Divine Service at 10:00 a.m., followed by a congregation dinner. Joining us that day will be Rev. Subramaniam Devanesan, who completed graduate work for an advanced theological degree from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. Sadly, Rev. Devanesan's family will not be joining us, as they were denied entry visas by the U.S. Embassy in Colombo. There will be no Sunday School or Bible Class on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Nomination Form for Suggested Pastor.** Members of our congregation who wish to suggest names of pastors to be considered for our Call List are asked to complete this form. The forms are located in the entryway. When completed, hand it to our secretary, Hope Davenport or deliver it to the office. It will then be forwarded to the District President.

**Wednesday –Fitness and Fellowship.** Come join in for the 20-minute chair exercises that start at 10:00 a.m. At 10:30 a.m. is Coffee Hour Fellowship with friends. Coffee, tea, and treats are served. Everyone is invited!

**Pastor is thinning out his library.** Before you go home, take a look at the table outside his office. Everything is free for the taking.

***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10***

The Sunday School will be hosting a soap-making event on Saturday, May 18th at 2 pm. Come and join us as we make soap in a few ways together! We'll also have some soap science experiments, fun hanging out with each other, and non-soap snacks to share. Because of the supplies needed, please let Susan know at [briedust@yahoo.com](mailto:briedust@yahoo.com) or [309-721-1749](tel:309-721-1749) if you are coming on or before Thursday, May 16th. Thank you, and we hope to see you there!

**LIMITED SPACE FOR “MAKING THE CASE” CONFERENCE...** There are less than 100 slots left for the 2024 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: 12 Time All-American Swimmer Riley Gaines, Mollie Hemingway of Fox News, Mark Hemingway of RealClear Investigations, Pastor Chris Rosebrough of Fighting for the Faith, Aaron Renn of The American Conservative, Pastor Bryan Wolfmüller of “Has American Christianity Failed?,” and Pastor Will Weedon of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. The registration fee is \$160 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available. For more information, visit [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org) or call (618) 223-8385.

## Prayer List

*Please help to keep this list current by calling the church office when a name may be added or removed.*

**Members in Facilities:** Cedarhurst, Moline-Susan Wyant; **Park Vista-** Ron & Carol Luecke; **Woodridge Supportive Living, Galesburg-** Dick Ristau; **Illini Restorative Care-** Henry Setton; **Friendship Manor-** Dick Hochstetler, Phyllis Thorngren; **Mercer Manor, Aledo-**Bob Koehler; **Cedarhurst Memory Care, Moline-** Jan Phillips.

**Serving in the Military:** Alexa Ellis (daughter of Tera Elliott, granddaughter of Mike and Cheryl McLaughlin), Logan Noard (son of Kyle and Marilyn Noard), Stephen Waugaman (grandson of Donna Knudtson), Cameron Moore (grandson of Lew & Maria Steinbrecher), Matthew Glider (grandson of Doris Glider), Andrew Tolley (son of Carole Tolley), David Revel (son of Craig & Laurie Revel), Jeffrey Teuscher (nephew of Willie Swain), Austin Cox (grandson-in-law of Sieg Paulsen), Matthew Patterson (son-in-law of Mike Waters), Leith Masri, (grandson of Marian Jones), Jakob Ryckeghem (grandson of Connie McKean).

**Members of the congregation receiving treatment for cancer:** Rev. Murdock, Sharon McKean, Kathrine Hopkins, Larry Bopes.

**Friends of the congregation receiving treatment for Cancer:** Patti (sister-in-law of Sharon McKean), Natalie Nelson (daughter of Gregg & Tami Winter), Gail Stuenkel, Lisa Crawford, Joanne Lyons, Dave Patterson, Harold Foster, Judy Knudsen, Darlene Atwell, Peggy Arkland (friend of McLaughlin's).

**Serious Health Concerns:** Sandy Lohse, Bob Trueblood (brother of Joyce Spidle), Tony Loritz, friend of Jennifer Swanburg, Susan Raber, Isla Galliart, Emily Scott, Dennis Rusk, Richard Geisler, Heidi Sias, Maureen DeLassus, Kelly Teuscher, Kenny Lackey, Gwen Shrake, Pam and Bill, friends of Gwen Shrake.

**Recovering/Ongoing Health Concerns:** Donald Dawson, Joyce Spidle, Scarlet Durbin, Phyllis Murdock, Sherri Lohse, David Kramer, Donald Dawson, Kristine Westmoreland, Beryl Edwards, Helen White, Gary Johnson, Fred Poe, Carol Ferrell, Susan Jamieson, Joshua Duburg, Sieg Paulsen, Cindy Davenport.