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# SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP



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



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# Worship Notes Third Sunday of Easter – May 1, 2022

We welcome our members and guests who are worshiping with us today, and pray God's rich blessings upon you during this time of worship!

## THEME

Jesus summons followers, leaders, rebels, and all creatures to confess the name of the Lord. Paul's murderous persecution of Christians becomes passionate Gospel preaching. Living creatures of heaven and earth heap ascriptions of praise upon the Lamb of God. Disciples witness Jesus' miraculous intervention in Word and deed. So it is with the Church. We are forgiven; we are fed; we witness Jesus' miracles; and we are called to believe the preaching of His most precious Gospel.

### ORDER

Today we follow Setting One of the Divine Service. Our "alleluias" have returned to worship, and our hymn of praise, one of the settings of the *great* hymn of praise taken from Revelation 5 (*today's* 2<sup>nd</sup> *reading*) and 19, is "*Worthy is Christ*" or, as we more commonly know it, "*This is the Feast*".

# HYMN OF THE DAY

The spirited Easter hymn by Georg Vetter, *With High Delight Let Us Unite*, originally comprised 13 stanzas! The last several Lutheran hymn books have pared it down to three stanzas, with a current translation by Martin H. Franzmann. The hymn first appeared in a hymnal of the Bohemian Brethren in 1566. The hymn praises Christ in exuberant terms, who, through His resurrection and ascension, became mediator between heaven and earth. (*This is even more evident in some of the omitted stanzas.*) The grand tune has been paired with this text since its first appearance in 1566, but it appears to have its beginning in the late Middle Ages as a French pastoral song. We sing it as our opening hymn today.

# The Lord's Supper

In preparation for reception of the Lord's Supper (*Holy Communion*), it is important that we review and understand what the Bible, and therefore the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, teaches regarding this sacrament:

The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine in Holy Communion<sup>1</sup>, and that these are means by which He forgives our sins<sup>2</sup>, strengthens us for daily living, and draws us into closer fellowship with Him and other believers. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal<sup>3</sup>. For those receiving Holy Communion, examine yourself with these questions:

Do I believe that I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?

Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?

Do I believe that Christ's true body and blood are present in this holy meal for my forgiveness?

Do I truly intend with the help of God to correct my sinful life?

According to Christ's Word in the Holy Scriptures, and in confession with the true Christian faith, at Immanuel we observe the practice of **close communion**. We believe that all who commune must confess the same holy faith, as Holy Scripture teaches. Since one's church affiliation indicates an individual's confession of faith, we ask that only those who have been instructed in the above teaching and are **confirmed members of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod** commune. If you have not been instructed in this teaching on Holy Communion, are in doubt, or hold a different confession of faith<sup>4</sup>, you are still welcome to come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.

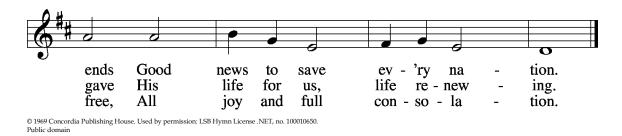
<sup>1</sup>Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23 <sup>2</sup>Matthew 26:28; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19 <sup>3</sup>1 Corinthians 11:28-32 <sup>4</sup>1Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

# Third Sunday of Easter – May 1, 2022

Divine Service, Setting One (LSB 151)

# Prelude, Ringing of the Church Bells, and Welcome to Worship

Hymn - With High Delight Let Us Unite LSB 483 1 With high de-light Let u - nite In songs of great us 2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life, 3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring То Christ our Lord  $\overline{\mathbf{O}}$ ju - bi - la Ye pure in heart, All tion. bear your part. Doth van-quished lie; all sub-du ing. His en - e - my hon-or speed By His ad - o - ration. word and deed 0 Sing Je - sus Christ. tion. our sal - va To set us His death has been death's un - do ing. "And yours shall \_ To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na So shall His tion. free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends То all earth's be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who From mis - er - y love Give us a - bove. And death set



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

# Invocation, Confession of Sins, and Absolution

▶ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

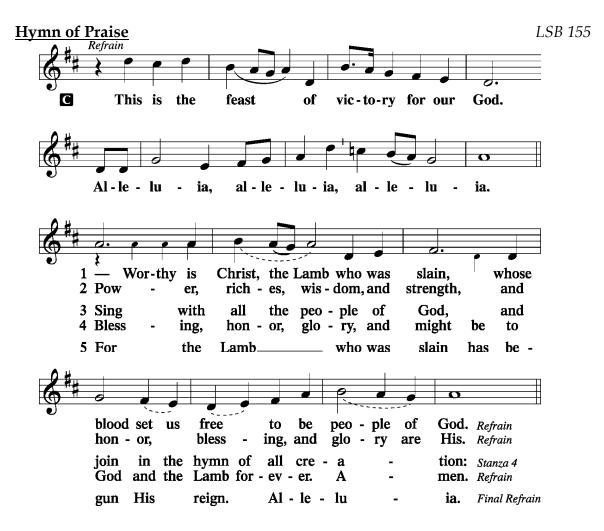
**C** Amen.

- **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.

- **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.

- 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.





# Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

# **P** Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

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# **First Reading**

# Acts 9:1-22

# The conversion of Saul

<sup>1</sup>But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" <sup>5</sup>And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup>And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup>For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup>So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; <sup>19</sup>and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." <sup>21</sup>And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" <sup>22</sup>But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

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

# Revelation 5:8-14

# Second Reading

# "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain."

<sup>8</sup>And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, <sup>10</sup>and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" <sup>13</sup>And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Handbell Anthem – <u>Crown Him with Many Crowns</u> (*arr. Barbara Kinyon*) Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne; Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

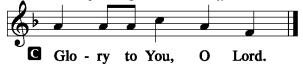
Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save. His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die. Crown Him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above, Crown Him the king to whom is given the wondrous name of Love. Crown Him with many crowns as thrones before Him fall; Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is king of all.

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### Holy Gospel

John 21:1–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.



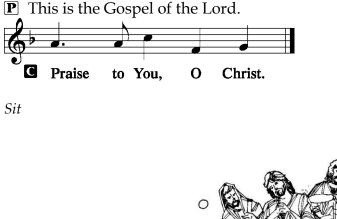
#### Jesus appears to the disciples as they fish.

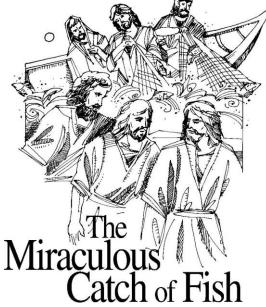
<sup>1</sup>After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. <sup>8</sup>The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn.

<sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.







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# Sermon

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# The Nicene Creed

**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.

# Prayer of the Church

- ▶ Lord of life, we are sustained by the spiritual food You alone provide, and our lives depend on Your powerful Word. As You have gathered us here around the proclamation of Your Gospel, make us worthy to receive the bounty prepared for us in Your Son's death and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

After each petition:

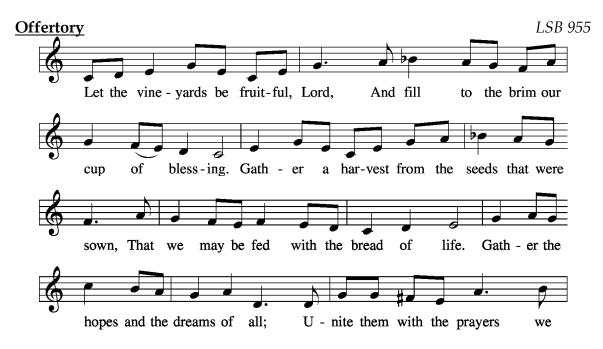
# P Lord, in Your mercy,C hear our prayer.

Our prayers conclude:

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

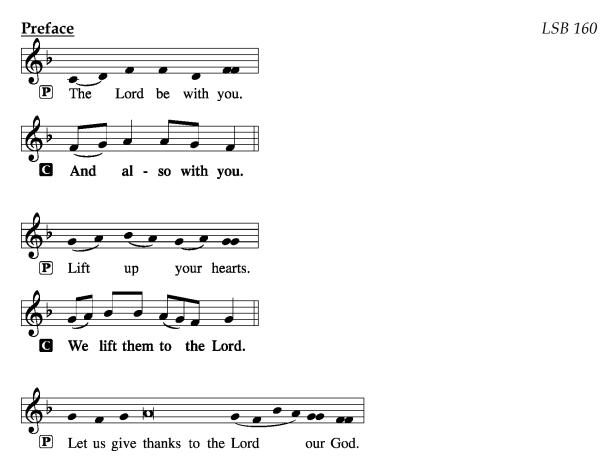
**C** Amen.

*Our offerings are brought forward and the altar is prepared for the Lord's Supper as the offertory is sung* 



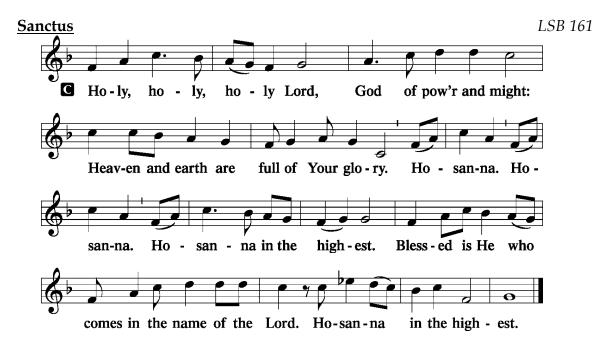


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It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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.

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**C** Amen.

# **Consecration - The Words of Our Lord**

 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."

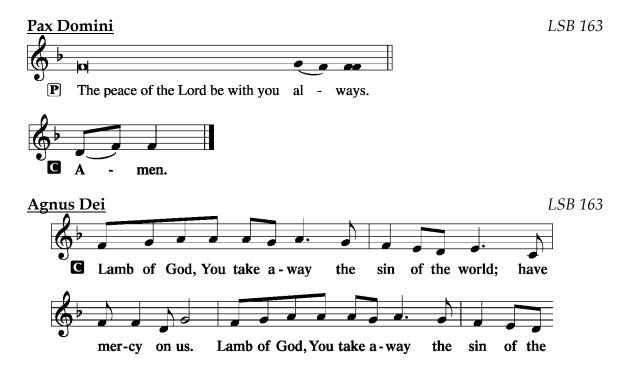
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

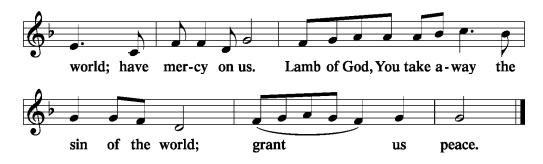
- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

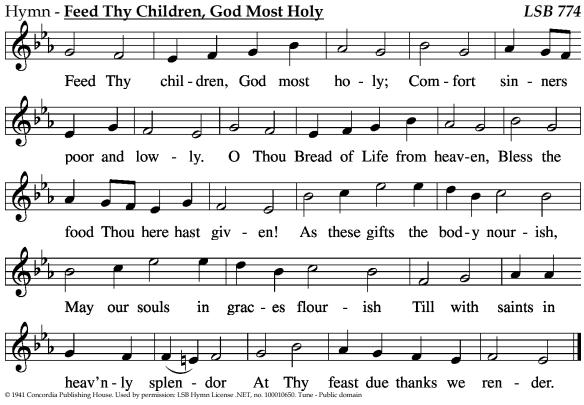
**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is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

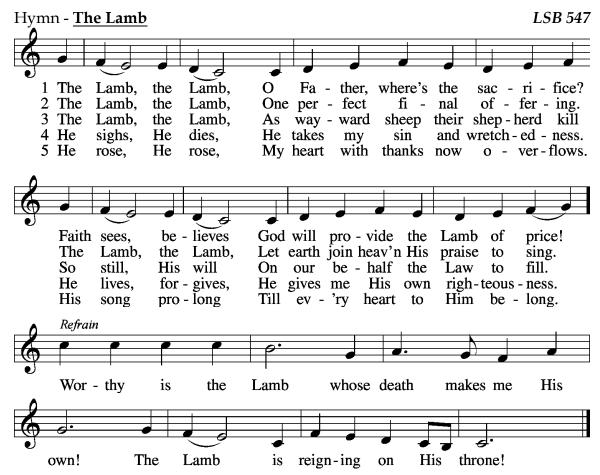




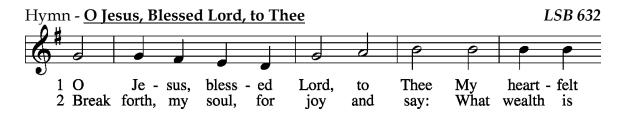
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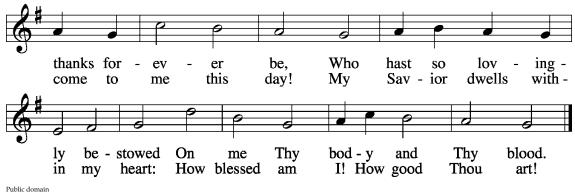
# **Reception of the Lord's Supper**





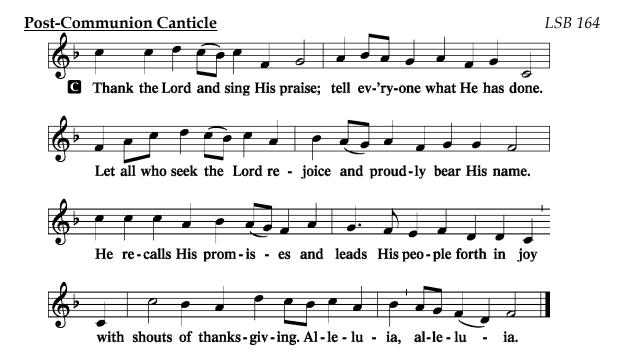
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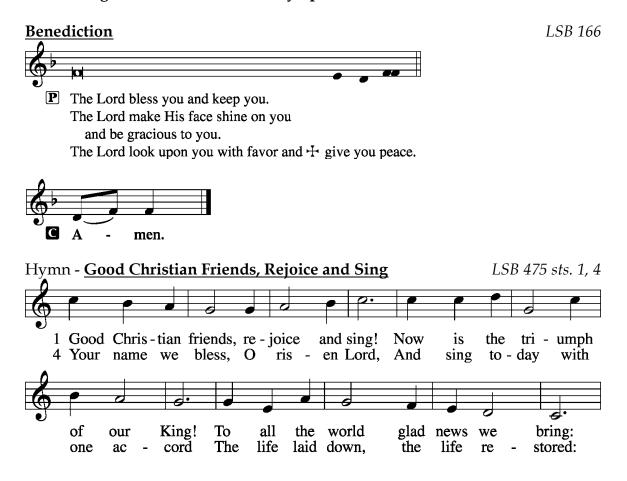
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# **Post-Communion Collect**

- **P** Let us pray:
- **C** 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 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. Amen.





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# Silent Prayer

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# Announcements and Postlude

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# You may prepare for next week by reading:

#### Acts 20:17-25

Keep watch over the flock.

# Psalm 23

"The Lord is my shepherd."

#### **Revelation 7:9-12**

"The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd."

#### John 10:22-30

"My sheep hear My voice."

# Hymn – "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (LSB 709)

<u>Serving Today:</u> Presiding Minister: Preacher: Organist: Choir: Elders:

Pastor Alex Schrader Pastor Rory Karg Clayton Klein Immanuel Handbells 8:00 – Phil Weinstein 10:30 – Andrew Hackmann

# **Chancel Flowers:**

The flowers in the chancel this weekend are given to the praise and glory of God in joyful celebration of Delores Miller's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLACE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL THE CHART IS AVAILABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!

# Concordia Seminary Placements:

We rejoice that a vicar, **Joel Her**, has been assigned to Immanuel for the 2022-2023 year, and we look forward to welcoming he and his family later this year.

In addition, seminarian **Matthew Riley** was assigned to St. James Lutheran Church in Quincy, IL as a vicar through the Residential Alternate Route.

And finally, former vicar **Sam St. John** has received his first placement as associate pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church in Tucson, AZ.

God's richest blessings to all of these men, and their families, as they begin their new ministries!