

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship ~ Setting One

10:30 AM

**INTRODUCTION**

*This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding that we read of in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.*

**PRELUDE**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

*"There in God's Garden"*  
*(verses 1-2, 4, 6)*

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**CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS**

P Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered 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. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Loving God,

C **we fear, we doubt, we do not trust you; we do not love our neighbors as ourselves; we sin against you in thought, word, and deed. We pray for your mercy, forgiveness, and grace. We hope in the gift of your Spirit and we rejoice in the resurrection promise of Jesus Christ, our living Savior. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, 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.**

**GREETING**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.**

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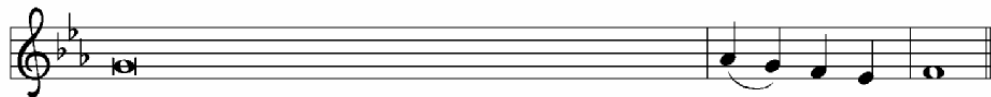
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



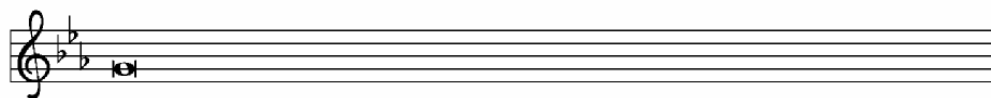
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



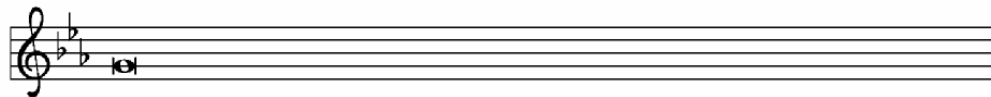
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

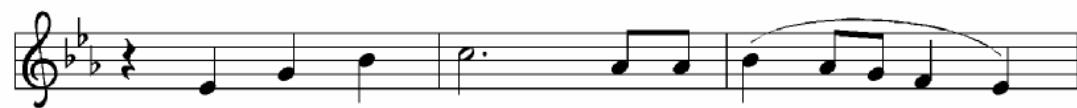


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HYMN OF PRAISE

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## Glory to God



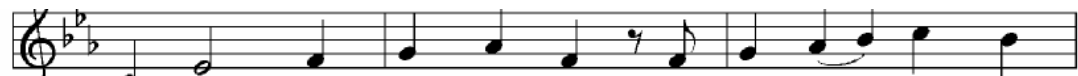
Glo - ry to God in the high -




est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus




Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the




world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the




right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

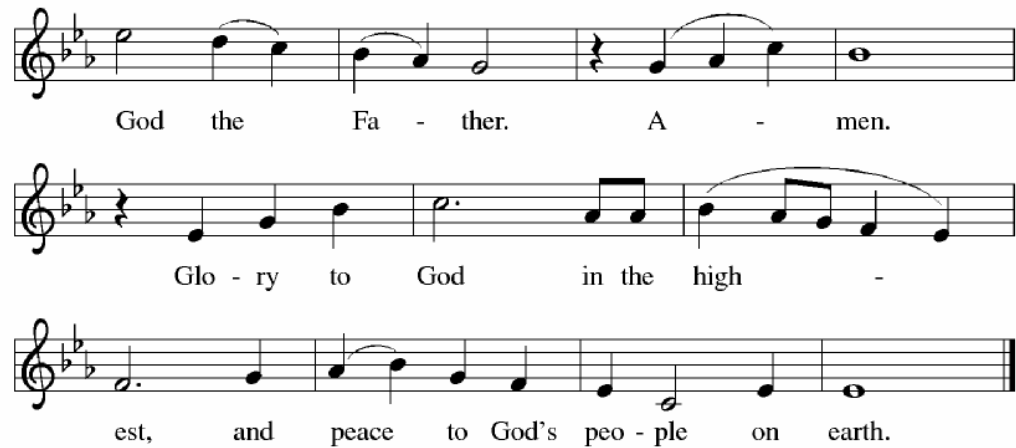


lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of





God the Fa - ther. A - men.  
 Glo - ry to God in the high -  
 est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God,

**C: you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40**

*Philip and Stephen were among the first deacons chosen for service in the early church. After Stephen was martyred, Philip and the rest were scattered but continued to preach. In this encounter, reflection on scripture leads to baptism into the body of Christ.*

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.)<sup>27</sup> So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship<sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.<sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it."<sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"<sup>31</sup> He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.<sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
 and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
 so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
 Who can describe his generation?



one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

P: The Holy Gospel, according to John, the fifteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

#### GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love would bear fruit, for apart from him, they could do nothing.*

Jesus said: <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

P. The Gospel of Our Lord  
C. **Praise to you, O Christ**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**  
**THE SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"We Know That Christ Is Raised"*

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**We believe in one God.**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **THE PRAYERS**

A: Transformed by the life giving power of the empty tomb, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence*

A: Nourished by the body and blood of Christ, and abiding in his resurrected life let us pray that we would reach out in love and service to all who hunger, thirst, or stand in need of grace. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Nourished by the love of our mothers and of all who give motherly care, let us pray for strong bonds and tender affection in families, friendships, and all relationships that unite us with others in love. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Nourished by kind words and gentle touch, let us pray for all who are suffering in body or spirit. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Nourished by the abundance of creation, let us pray for plentiful rains, fertile soil, and safety for all who plant and raise our food. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Nourished by our heritage of freedom, let us pray for just leaders and governments that administer fairly and equitably for all. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Nourished by the true vine that is Christ, let us pray for fruit in all the branches, this congregation and our companions: Pymont Trinity in Stover; St. Mark in Clayton; St. Paul, Brauersville Immanuel, and United Lutheran in Cole Camp. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other prayers are offered*

A: Nourished by the fruitful lives of the saints among us and those who have gone before us, let us pray for that day when we will abide with them in Christ, joined in one great congregation. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Hear our prayers, gracious God, and grant all that we need to live as your Spirit-filled people, in the name of the risen Christ.

C: **Amen.**

### THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

### THE OFFERING

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### Create in Me *Offering Song*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right



spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take



not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of



your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray...Everlasting God,

C: **the whole universe sings a new song of praise; the rivers clap their hands, the hills ring out for joy. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us voices ready to cry out for justice and proclaim resurrection joy wherever your Spirit leads us. In Jesus' name we boldly pray. Amen.**

Preface Dialogue

The Lord be with you. **And** al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right** to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you...And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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P: Remember us in your Kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

**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**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P This is the feast of victory for our God!

THE COMMUNION

ELW 112

Lamb of God

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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

*“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”*  
*“Now We Join in Celebration”*

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COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in grace.

C: **Amen.**

## Now, Lord

Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared 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.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Good Shepherd, lead us from the fulfillment and joy of this meal to bring joy and fulfillment to others. Guide us on paths of justice. Teach us to live for you as servants to one another. Enfold us in your abiding love. We give thanks in the name of the risen Christ.

C **Amen**

**BENEDICTION**

P Children by the grace of God, one in Christ, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, rejoice in the resurrection and live in hope, peace, and joy.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

**SENDING HYMN**

*"This Joyful Eastertide"*

**ELW 391**

## **DISMISSAL**

A      Go in peace. Share the good news.

C      **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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