

ORDER OF SERVICE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship ~ Setting One

10:30 AM

INTRODUCTION

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us in the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

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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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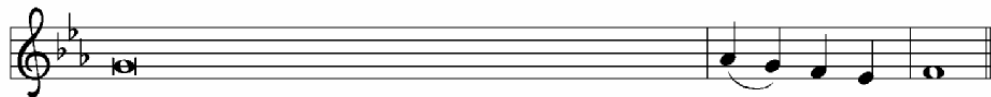
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



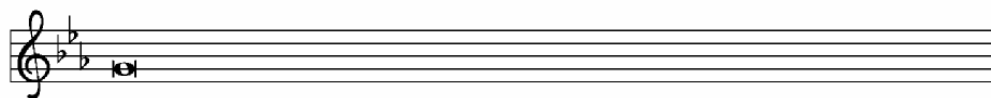
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



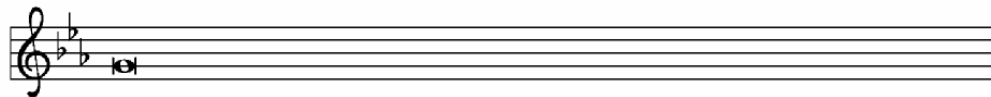
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

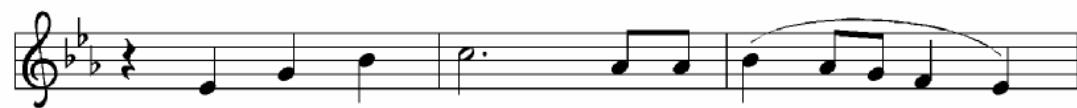


A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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Glory to God



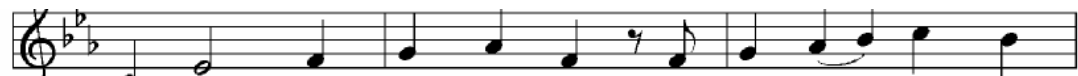
Glo - ry to God in the high -




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 have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

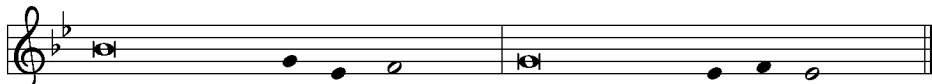
FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

Jesus is raised from the dead as Lord of all creation. The risen Christ comes to all persons regardless of their condition in life. In today's reading, a Roman army officer welcomes Peter's witness to Christ. The Holy Spirit descends on these Roman "outsiders," causing amazement among the witnesses.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

PSALM: Psalm 98

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands. (Ps. 98:5)



Sing to the LORD | a new song,*
for he has done | marvelous things.

**²With his right hand and his | holy arm*
has he won for him- | self the victory.**

³The LORD has made | known his victory,*
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight | of the nations.

**⁴He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the | house of Israel,*
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.**

⁵Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;*
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.

**⁶Sing to the LORD | with the harp,*
with the harp and the | voice of song.**

⁷With trumpets and the sound | of the horn*
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.

**⁸Let the sea make a noise and all | that is in it,*
the lands and those who | dwell therein.**

⁹Let the rivers | clap their hands,*
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,

when he comes to | judge the earth.

**¹⁰In righteousness shall he | judge the world*
and the peo- | ples with equity.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

John calls upon Christians to love God and to love one another. Toward the end of this text, John says exactly what this faithfulness means: we love God when we obey God's commandments.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

Jesus said: ⁹"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

P. The Gospel of Our Lord

C. **Praise to you, O Christ**

CHILDREN'S TIME
THE SERMON

Special Music from our Sunday School Children

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Great God, Your Love Has Called Us"

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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: Called to a love that exceeds our understanding or desire, let us pray that as friends of Christ we would embody Christ's perfect love in our imperfect world. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Called to a love that requires difficult choosing and faithful decision-making, let us pray for self-discipline and forethought to live within the limits of creation's resources. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Called to a love that yearns for peace and reconciliation, let us pray for tolerance and respect between peoples of different cultures and creeds. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Called to love that reaches out to the vulnerable and the fearful, let us pray for the very young, the very old, those in distress, and those who are ill, especially Lou Hagadorn. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Called to a love that bears fruit in action and service, let us pray for the right use of gifts in this congregation so that we welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, and visit the homebound. We pray for strength to live our calling and for our companions, the congregations of the Prairie Valley Parish: First in Clay Center, Zion in Clyde, and the St. Paul Lutheran Churches in Linn and Palmer. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other prayers are offered

A: Called to love that transcends time and place, let us give thanks for all the saints who have served the church in faithfulness, that at the last we will join with them in the perfect love and joy of heaven. May that promise comfort all who mourn, especially Rhonda Webb. 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.**

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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.

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**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**

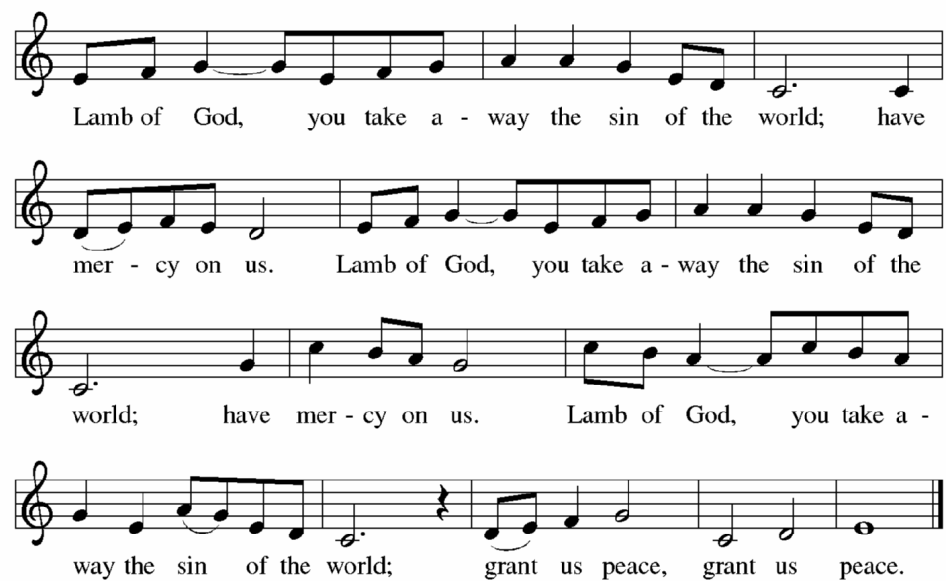
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P This is the feast of victory for our God!

THE COMMUNION

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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

*“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”
(all eight verses)*

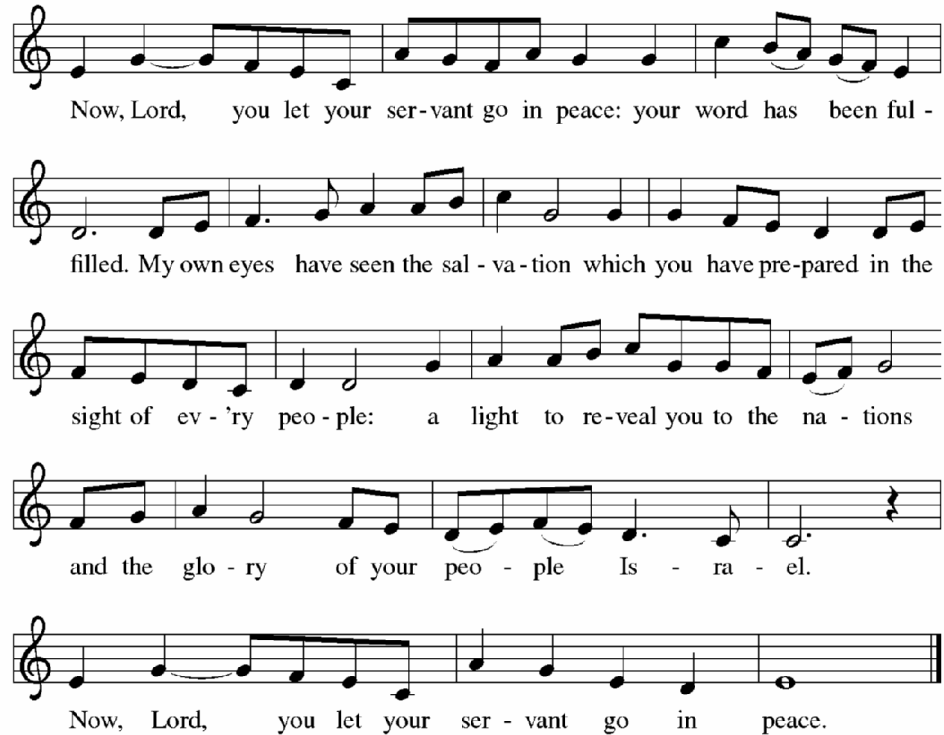
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COMMUNION BLESSING

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 fulfilled. 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**

BLESSING OF GRADUATES

P: O Lord Christ, when you welcomed the children your invitation included each one of us. Your guiding hand has continually been on our young men and women who are now graduating. You have sustained them. You have shared in their laughter and wiped their tears. In times of confusion you have offered direction. In times of sorrow you have offered hope. In times of doubt, your Holy Spirit has lifted them up. Grant, O Savior, to each of our graduates the knowledge of your continued presence as they go forth into the future. Bless them and keep them. Guide their steps. Hold them in the hollow of your hand. 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

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

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

POSTLUDE

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