

# Hope Lutheran Church

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The Ascension of our Lord

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### THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*God prepares our hearts and minds to meet him in the means of grace by calling us to repent of our sins to him and giving us his absolution. Cleansed in this way, we can come before God in humble confidence.*

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**HYMN - 388, "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"**

### INVOCATION

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



(Cong) **A**

**men.**

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



**Who made**

**heav'n**

**and**

**earth.**

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;



**And You forgave the iniquity**

**of**

**my**

**sin.**



## KYRIE ELEISON



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



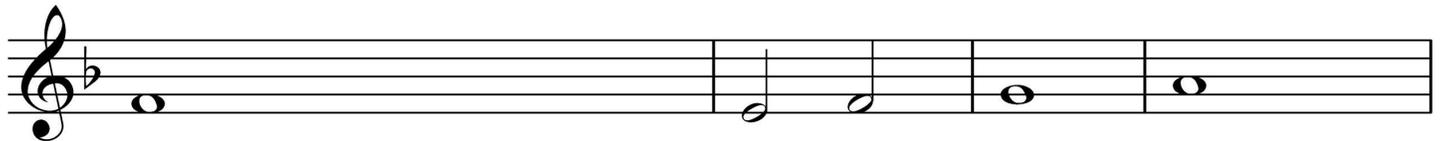
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Glory be to God on high:



And on earth peace, good will toward men.



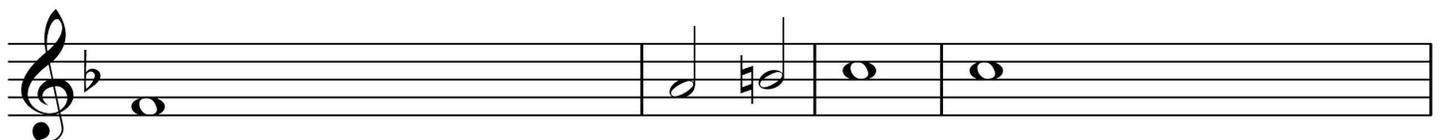
We praise You, we bless You, we wor - ship You, we glorify You,



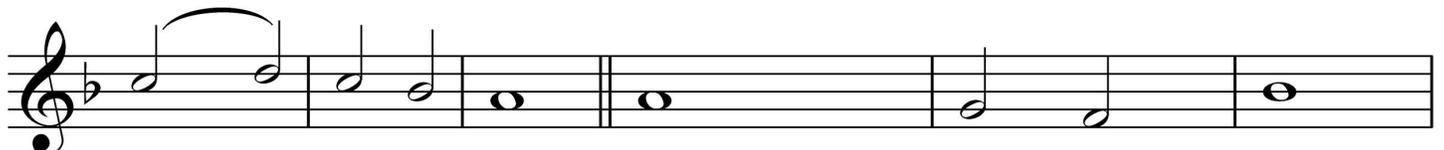
we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God,



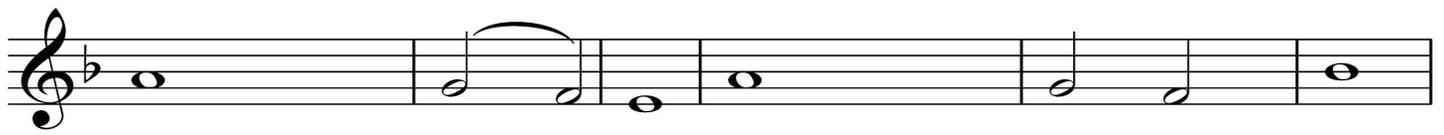
heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



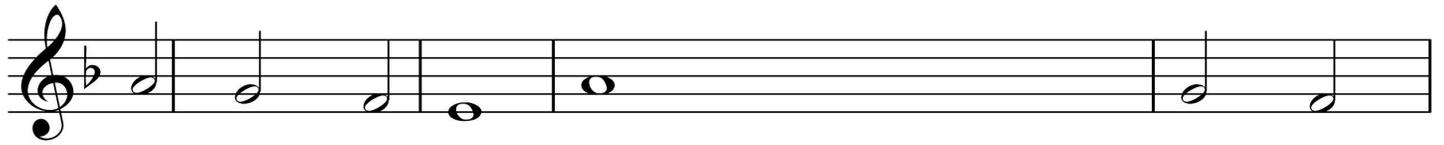
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,



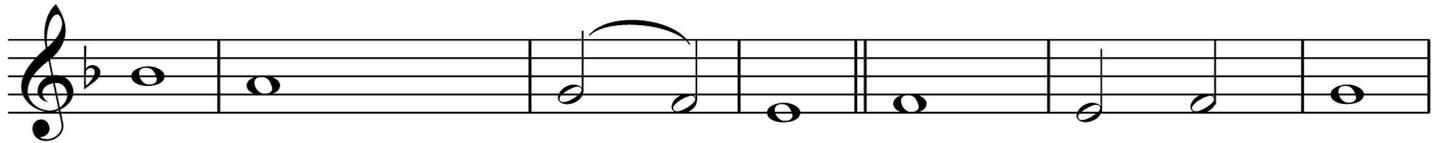
Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world,



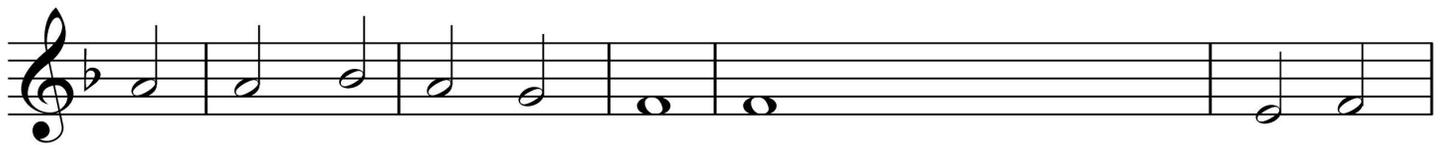
have mercy up - on us. You take away the sin of the world,



re - ceive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the



Father, have mercy up - on us. For You only are holy.



You on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### SALUTATION & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

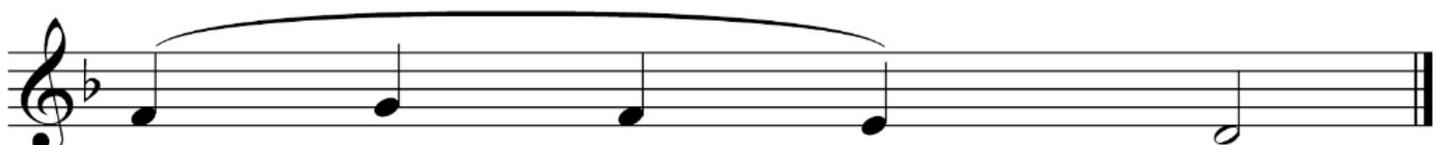
The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

Let us pray:

Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that just as we believe Your only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens, so may we also in heart and mind to heaven ascend, and continually dwell with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.



A - men.



## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

*God instructs and nourishes our faith by means of his Word. Having heard God's inspired Word from the prophets, apostles, and evangelists, we confess God's person and work in creed and in song.*

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### OLD TESTAMENT - 2 Kings 2:5-14

The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, “Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?” And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.<sup>(ESV)</sup>

## PSALM - 47



Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with `loud songs of joy / For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over `all the earth.

**He subdued peoples under us, and nations `under our feet / He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob `whom he loves.**

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound `of a trumpet / Sing praises to God, `sing *praises!*

Sing praises to our King, `sing *praises* / For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises to `him with a psalm!

God reigns over the nations; God sits on `his holy throne / The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God `of Abraham.

**For the shields of the earth `belong to God / he is highly `exalted!**

**Glory be to the Father `and to the Son / and to `the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the be`ginning, is now / and ever shall be, forever`more. Amen.**

## EPISTLE - Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”<sup>(ESV)</sup>

**HYMN - 389, "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing,"** verses 1-4, 7 *Please rise for verse 7*

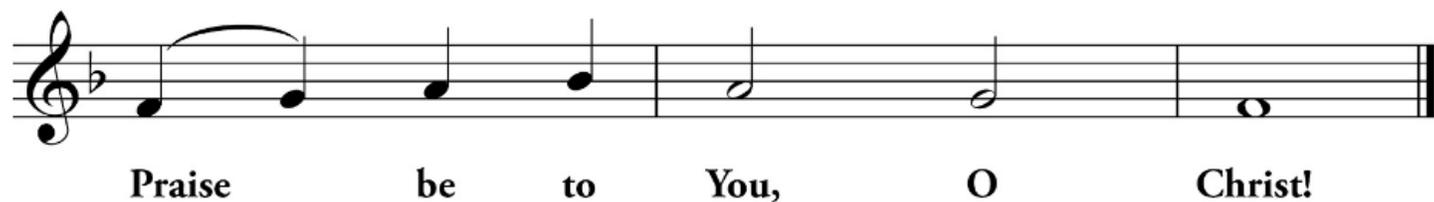
**HOLY GOSPEL - Mark 16:14-20**

*The Gospel is announced*



[At that time, Jesus] appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.<sup>(NKJV)</sup>



## **NICENE CREED**

**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 is seated at the right hand of the Father;**

**And He shall come again with glory  
to judge both the living and the dead;  
Whose kingdom shall 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.**

**CHIEF HYMN - “Up Through the Endless Ranks of Angels”**  
*This hymn is found at the end of the bulletin*

## OFFERTORY VERSE



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 un - to me the joy of  
Your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with  
Your free Spir - it. A - men.

## OFFERING

*Our guests today should not feel obligated to give. The members of Hope can also give through our website. Go to [westjordanlutherans.org](http://westjordanlutherans.org) and click the "give" button*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*The Pastor leads the Congregation in this prayer. Each petition concludes, "Lord in Your mercy," to which the congregation replies, "**Hear our prayer.**"*



## THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*We now partake of the meal which God has given to his people, in which we are united with Christ our savior, and with each other as fellow members of His body.*

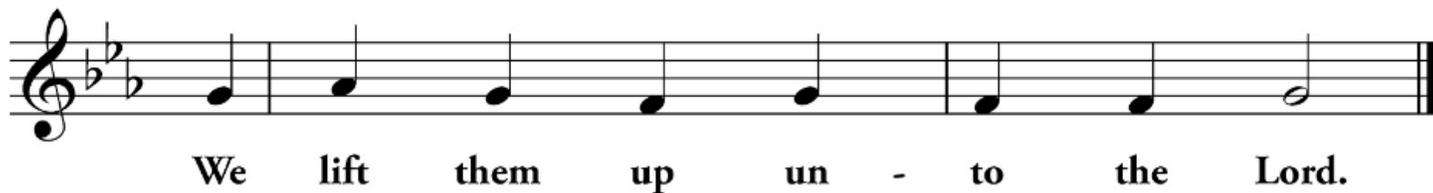
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### PREFACE & PROPER PREFACE

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Lift up your hearts.



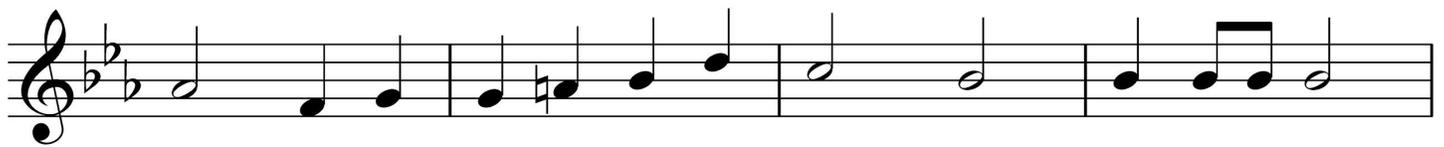
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



*The pastor chants the proper preface*

### SANCTUS





san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He who comes in the



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

### LORD'S PRAYER

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 pow'r and the



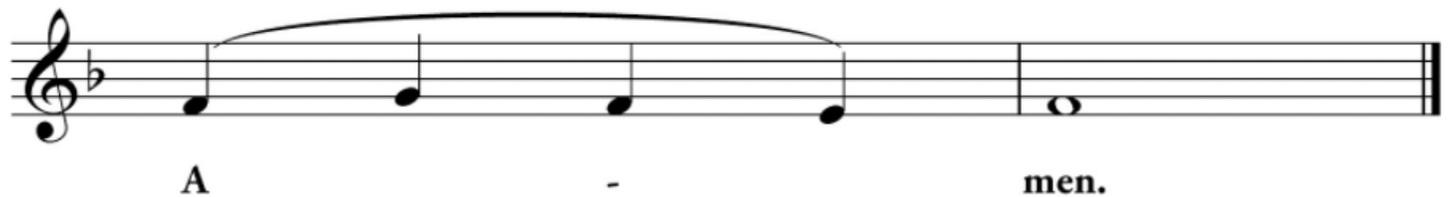
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night on which he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and 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 and for many for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

## PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## AGNUS DEI

Five lines of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world,  
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You  
take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world,  
grant us Your peace. A - men.

## DISTRIBUTION

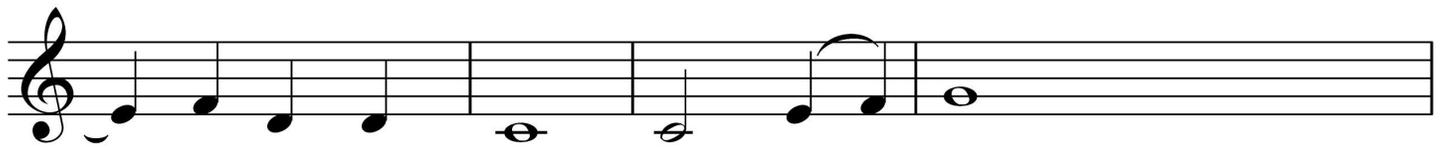
*The Lord's Supper is intended for those who have been instructed in the truths of God's Word, who can examine themselves spiritually, so that they can receive our Lord's body and blood for their spiritual benefit (1 Cor. 11:25-27). If you are not a member of our congregation, please speak with Pastor Webber before communing.*

*All may come forward to receive a blessing.*

## NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now You let Your servant de - part in peace ac -



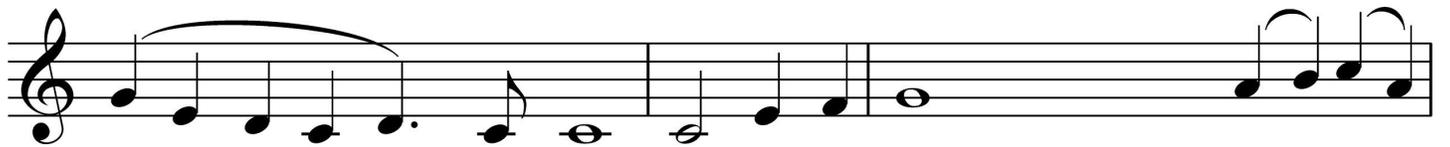
cord-ing to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation,



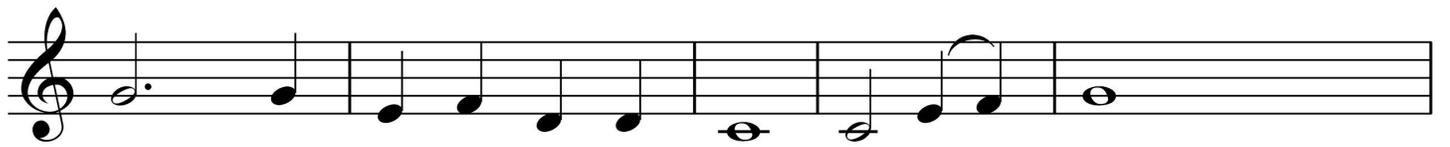
which You have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



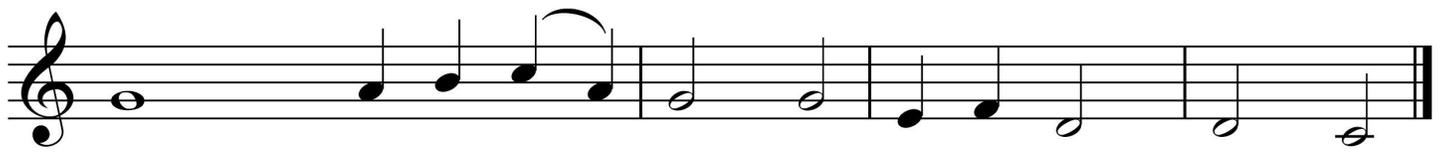
a Light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple



Is - - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and to the



Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, for - ev - er - more. A - men.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

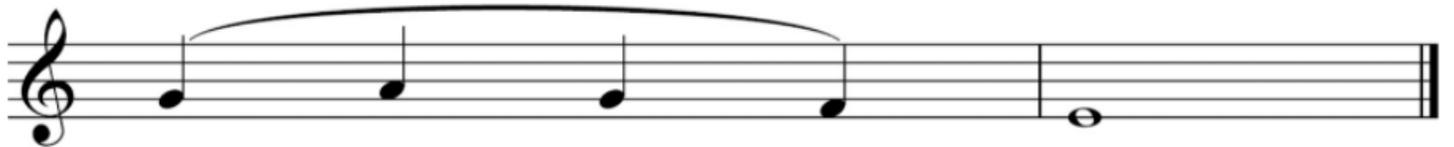
O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good.



And His mercy en - dures for - ev - er.

Let us pray:

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank you that for his sake you have given us pardon and peace in the sacrament, and we ask you not to forsake your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.



A - men.

### DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.



And with your spir - it.

Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give ☩ you peace.



**CLOSING HYMN** - 393, “The Head That Once Was Crowned”

☩ ☩ ☩ **Depart in Peace** ☩ ☩ ☩

*Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are visiting, please sign our guest book before you leave, and know that you are welcome to join us again*

### **The Week Ahead**

Tuesday, May 18

9:30am - Coffee & Fellowship

Wednesday, May 19

7pm - The Divine Service

8pm - Bible Class

Sunday, May 23

9:30am - Sunday School

10:30am - Pentecost Festival Service

12pm - Picnic

### **Pentecost Service & Picnic**

Next Sunday we will be celebrating the festival of Pentecost, the day which marks the “birthday” of the worldwide Christian Church. Following the service we will be holding a picnic meal, hopefully outdoors. You can sign up to bring something on the sheet posted on the sanctuary door.

# Up through Endless Ranks of Angels



1 Up through end - less ranks of an - gels, Cries of tri - umph  
2 Death de - stroy - ing, life re - stor - ing, Prov - en e - qual  
3 To our lives of wan - ton wan - d'ring Send your prom - ised  
4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to breathe the



in his ears, To his heav'n - ly throne as - cend - ing,  
to our need, Now for us be - fore the Fa - ther  
Spir - it - guide; Through our lives of fear and fail - ure  
Spir - it's grace! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Hav - ing van - quished all their fears, Christ looks down up -  
As our broth - er in - ter - cede; Flesh that for the  
With your pow'r and love a - bide; Wel - come us, as  
Oh, to see the Fa - ther's face! Al - le - lu - ia,



on the faith - ful, Leav - ing them in hap - py tears.  
world was wound - ed, Liv - ing, for the wound - ed plead!  
you were wel - comed, To an end - less Eas - ter - tide.  
al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to feel the Son's em - brace!

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