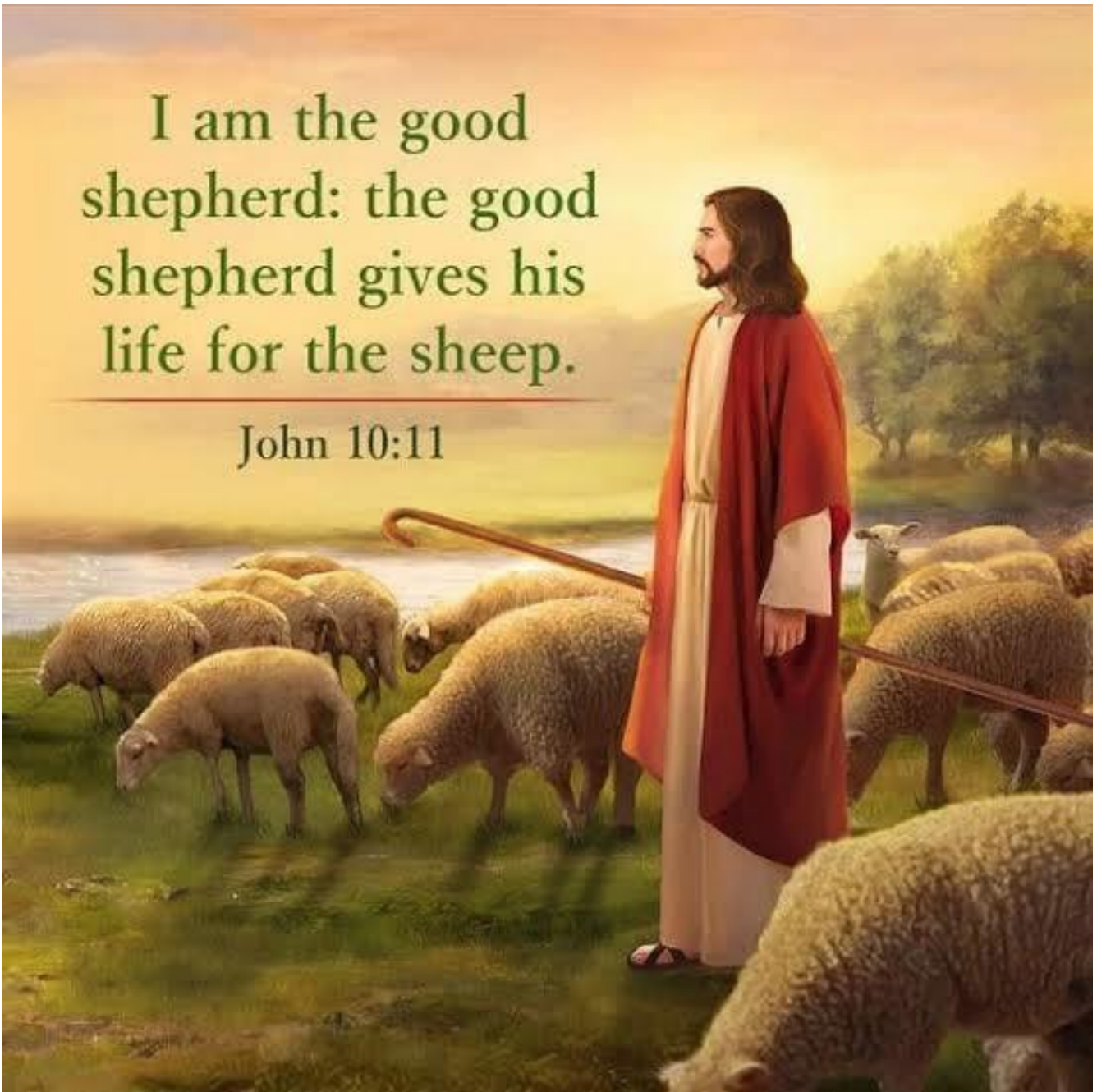


I am the good  
shepherd: the good  
shepherd gives his  
life for the sheep.

John 10:11



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## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. The bread and wine do not symbolize or represent the body and blood of Christ, but are the real presence, as he says of "This is my body . . . This is my blood."

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to first speak with the Pastor.

*When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Cor. 11:28), come to His supper rejoicing, just as Jesus asks, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy. Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than the Holy Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest. Please note: For those with special needs, cups in the center of the tray are non-alcoholic. A gluten free host is available from pastor upon request*

For further study, see Matt. 5:23f; 10d2f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### *Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Lays Down His Life for the Sheep*

The Lord Jesus is "*the good shepherd*" who "*lays down his life for the sheep*" (John 10:11). His life is not taken from Him, but He lays it down willingly, of His own accord, because He knows and loves the sheep. As the One sent by the Father, He has the "*authority to lay it down*" and the "*authority to take it up again*" (John 10:18). So has He done, and now He continues to love and serve as the Good Shepherd of the sheep by the voice of His Gospel. He thus calls all people into the fold of His Church, so that there may be "*one flock, one shepherd*" (John 10:16). That is why the apostles "*were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead*" (Acts 4:2). Since "*there is salvation in no one else,*" His voice rings out to this day through the preaching of His name, "*for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved*" (Acts 4:12). His voice comforts our hearts against all condemnation and gives us courage to "*love one another*" and "*to lay down our lives for the brothers,*" as He laid down His life for us (1 John 3:16, 23). *(Taken from the lectionary summaries on the LCMS website)*

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024 – 8:00 & 11:00 am

Divine Service III LSB 184

## + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN OF INVOCATION: LSB 549 ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;  
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;  
3 Ye seed of Is-rael's cho-sen race, Ye ran-somed from the fall,  
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da-vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.  
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



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Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.  
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet  
And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all.

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

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

**C** Amen.

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

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## + **SERVICE OF THE WORD** +

*INTROIT (read responsively)*

Psalm 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

I am the good | shepherd.\*

**I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.**

The LORD is my | shepherd;\*

**I | shall not want.**

He makes me lie down in green | pastures.\*

**He leads me beside still | waters.**

He re- | stores my soul.\*

**He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name's sake.**

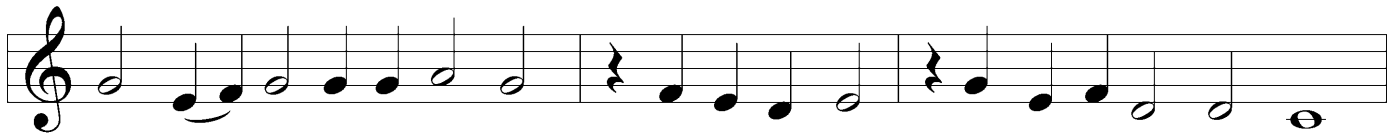
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are | with me;\*

**your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

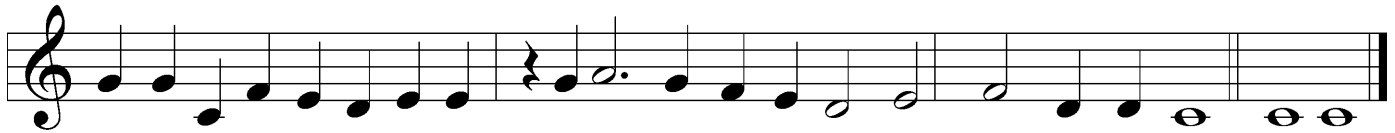
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my | enemies;\*

**you anoint my head with oil; my cup | overflows.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,\*  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



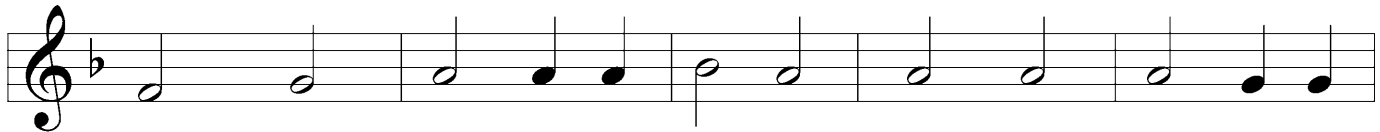
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

I am the good | shepherd.\*

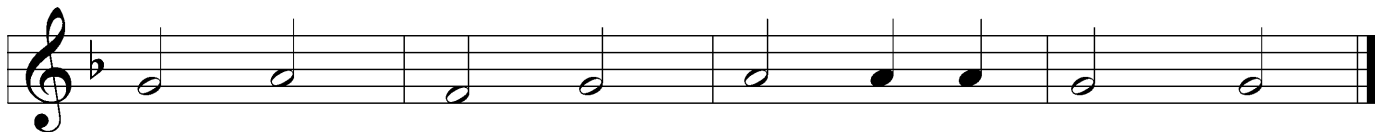
I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for  
the sheep.

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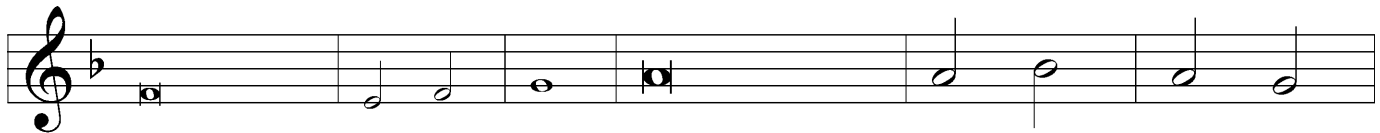
**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



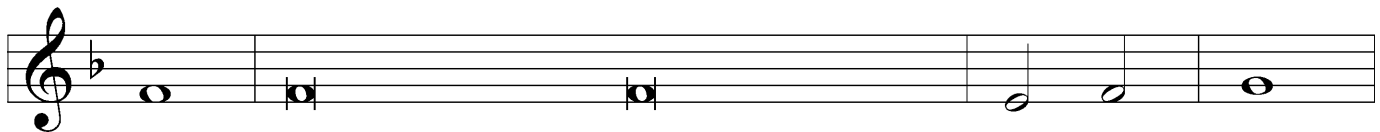
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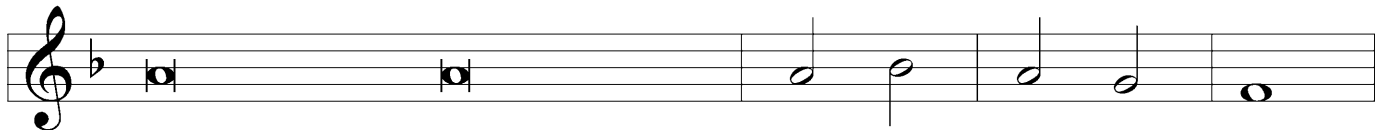
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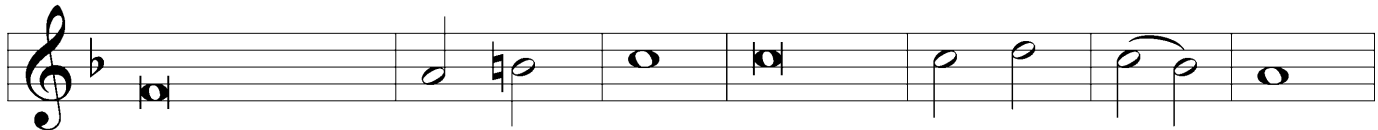
**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



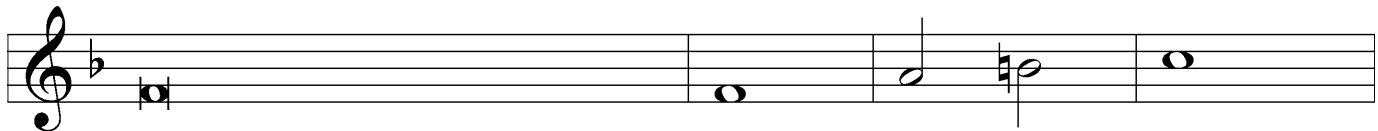
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



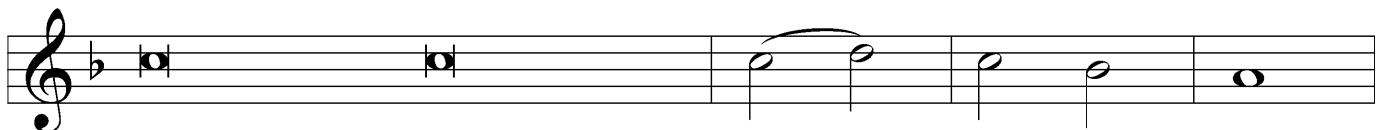
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



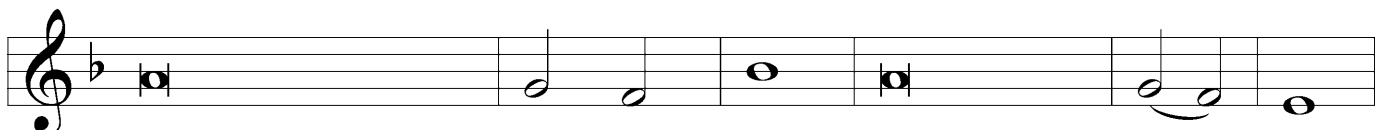
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



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



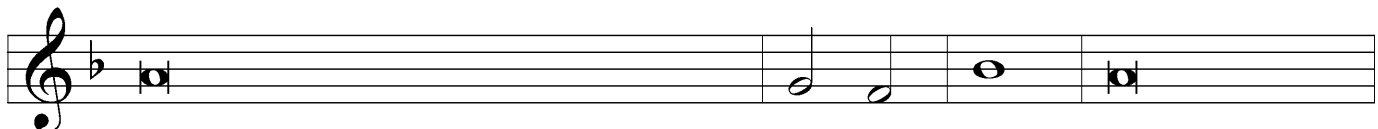
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



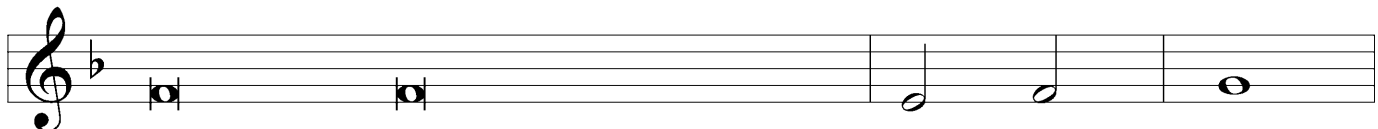
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

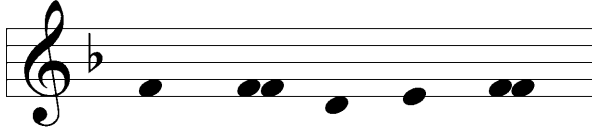


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

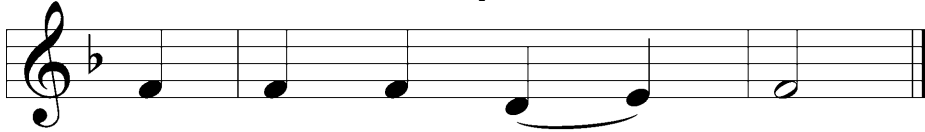


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

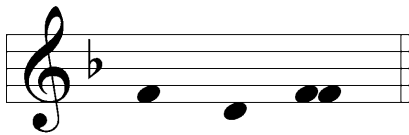
*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY*



**P** The Lord be with you.

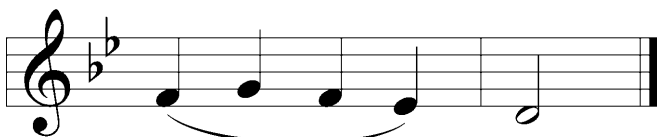


**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**C** Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

(Sit)

*FIRST READING*

Acts 4:1–12

<sup>1</sup>As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, <sup>2</sup>greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. <sup>3</sup>And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup>On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in



Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*PSALM (chanted responsively)*

Psalm 23; antiphon: v. 6



<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my | shepherd;\*

**I | shall not want.**

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green | pastures.\*

**He leads me beside still | waters.**

<sup>3</sup>He re- | stores my soul.\*

**He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | name’s sake.**

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are | with me;\*

**your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my | enemies;\*

**you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup | overflows.**

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days | of my life,\*

**and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.**

*EPISTLE*

1 John 3:16–24

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup>By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup>for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup>and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(Stand)*

*ALLELUIA*

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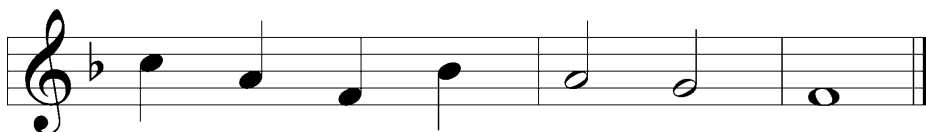


**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

*HOLY GOSPEL*

John 10:11–18

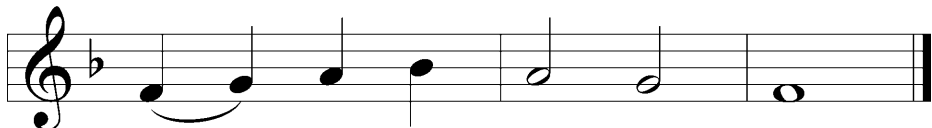
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### *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.**

*(Sit)*

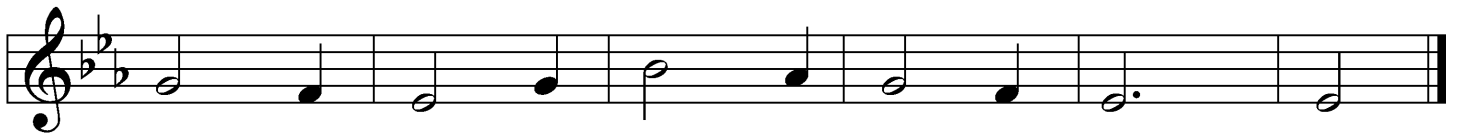
*HYMN OF THE DAY: LSB 709 THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS*



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 And, oh, what transport of delight  
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days  
 Thy goodness faileth never;  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
 Within Thy house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-77

Tune: Irish, c. 18th cent.

Text and tune: Public domain

*SERMON*

*(Stand)*

OFFERTORY

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**C** 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 Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

PREFACE

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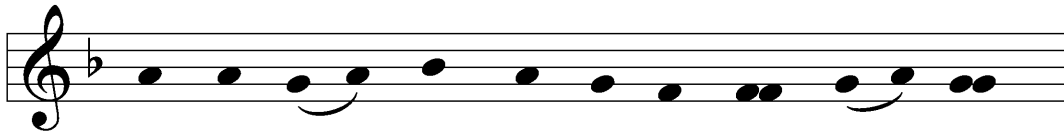
**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

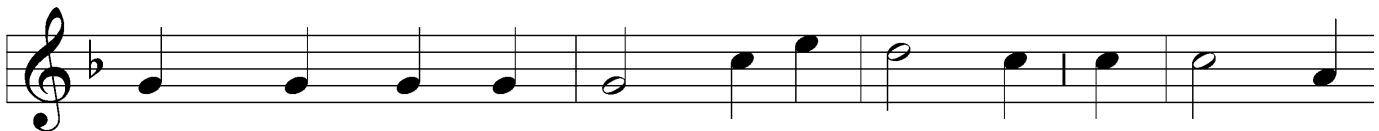
**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was 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:

*SANCTUS*

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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



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



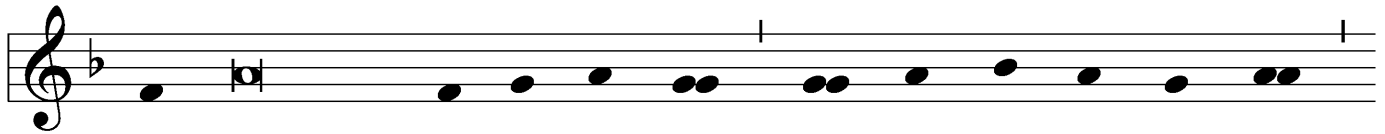
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



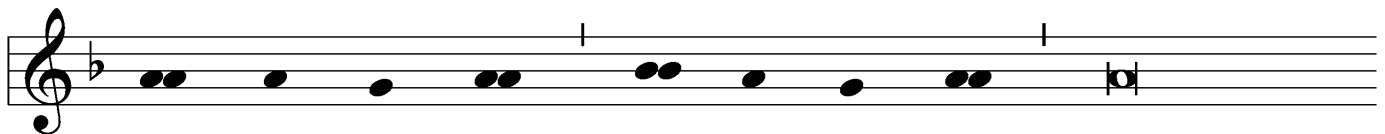
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*LORD'S PRAYER*

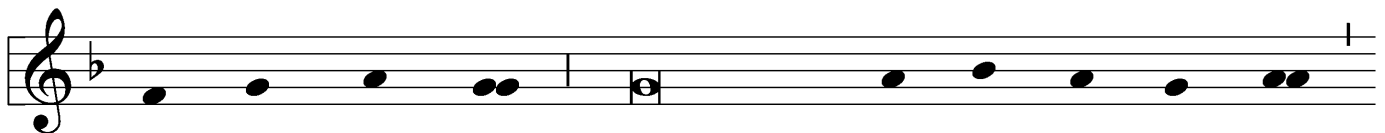
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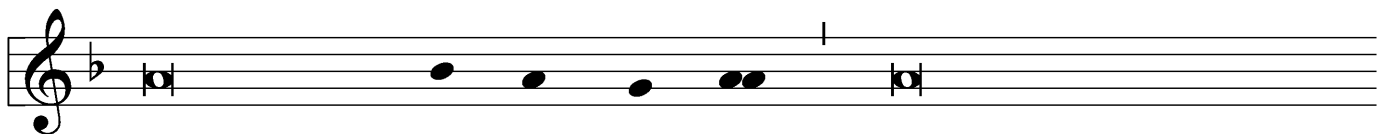
**P** Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;

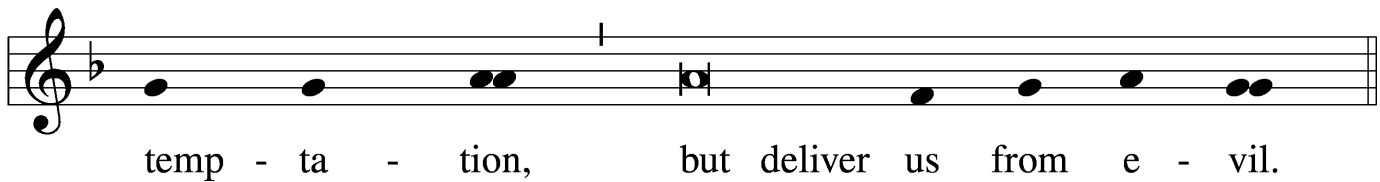


and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to





temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



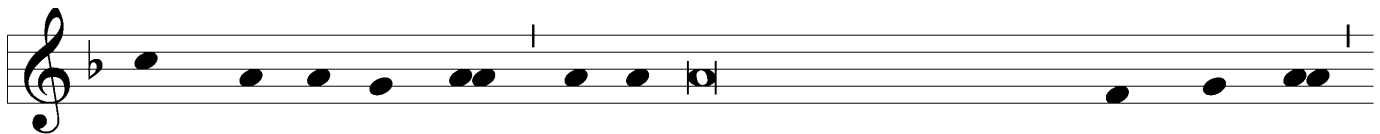
**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



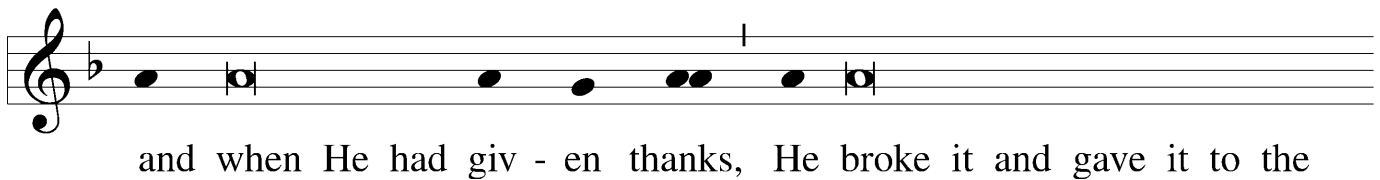
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD*

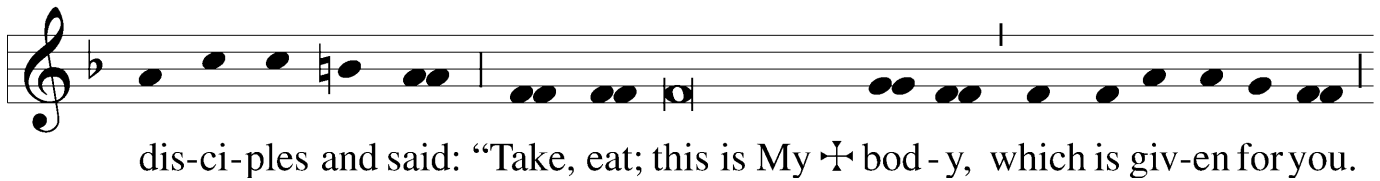
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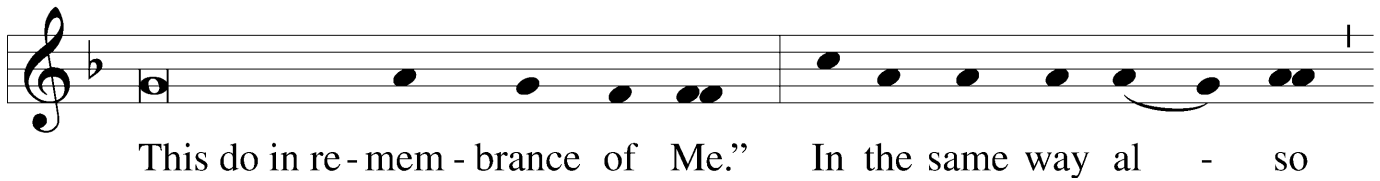
**P** Our Lord Je - sus Christ, on the night when He was be - trayed, took bread,



and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



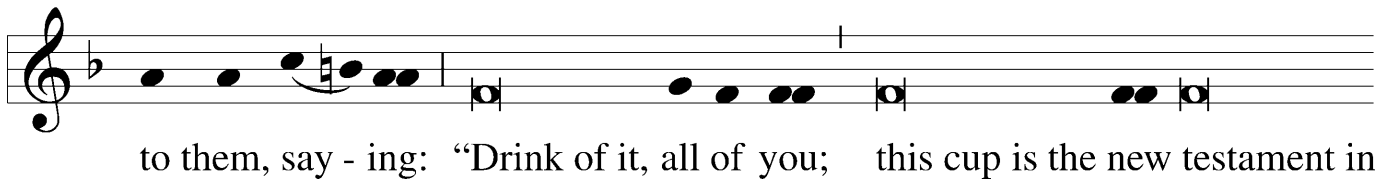
dis - ci - ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My bod - y, which is giv - en for you.



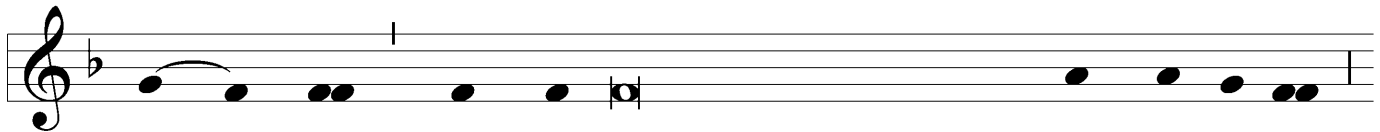
This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv - en thanks, He gave it



to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in



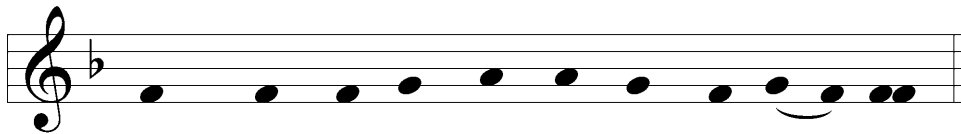
My † blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.



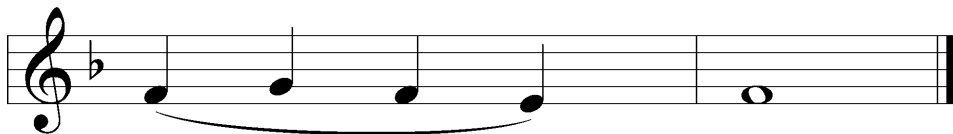
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me.”

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



**C** A - men.

*AGNUS DEI*

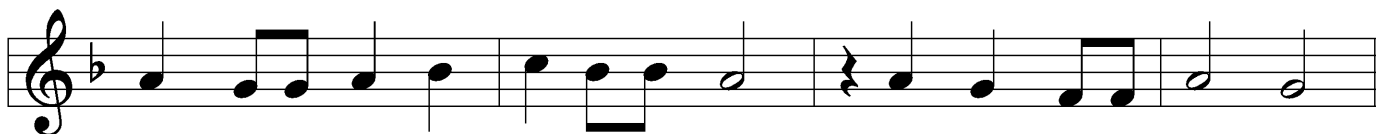
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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

(Sit)

*DISTRIBUTION*

*DISTRIBUTION HYMN: LSB 710 THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'LL NOT WANT*

1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me  
 2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I  
 4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence  
 5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly

down to lie In pas - tures green; He  
 walk doth make With - in the paths of  
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,  
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with  
 fol - low me; And in God's house for -

lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
 righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.  
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.  
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, 1650, Edinburgh

Tune: William Gardiner, 1770-1853

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*DISTRIBUTION HYMN: LSB 641 YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART*

*Refrain*



You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat.



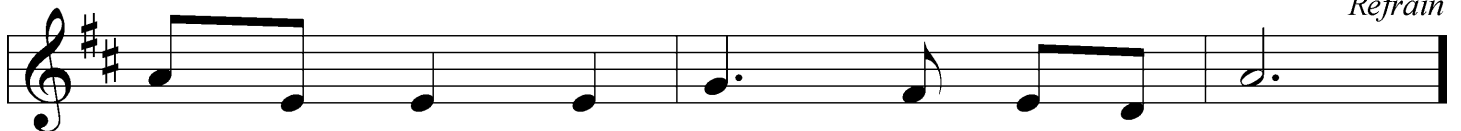
Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and  
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and  
3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of  
4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal  
5 You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less



heed his voice; So when You call Your  
grat - i - tude That You should count us  
Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one  
tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -  
let us be, To serve each oth - er



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - jice.  
wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.  
loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?  
not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.  
in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

*Refrain*

Text: Omer E. Westendorf, 1916-97

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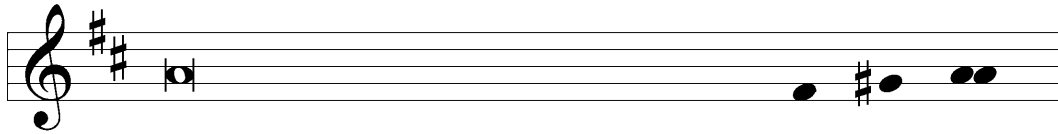
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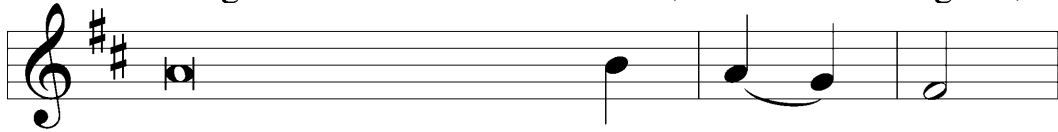
**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

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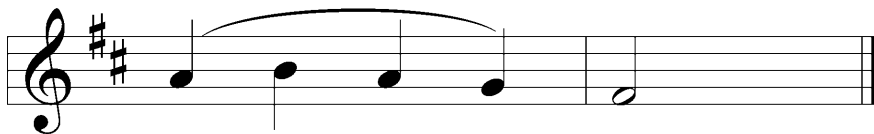
**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



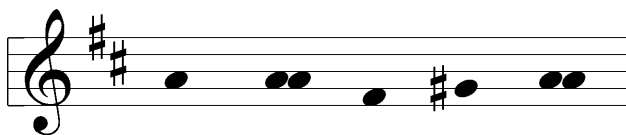
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**A** Let us pray.

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 in 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.



**C** A - men.



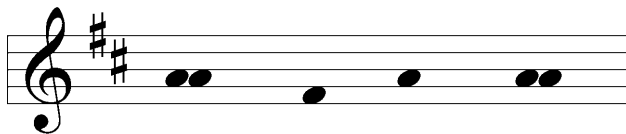
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

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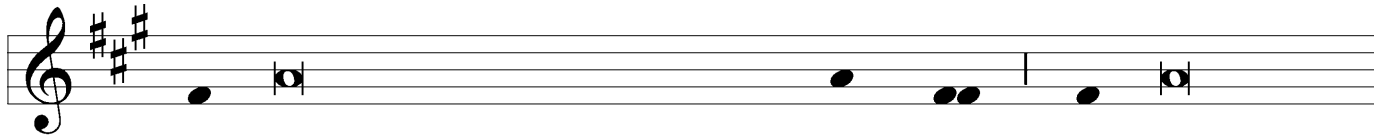
**A** Bless we the Lord.



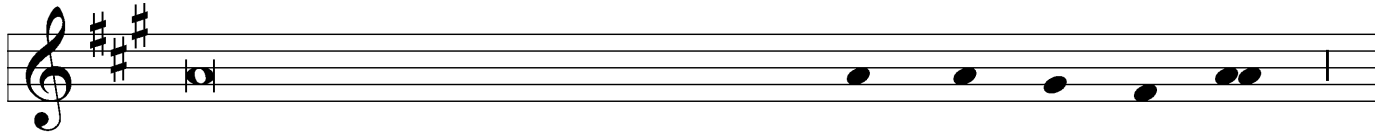
**C** Thanks be to God.

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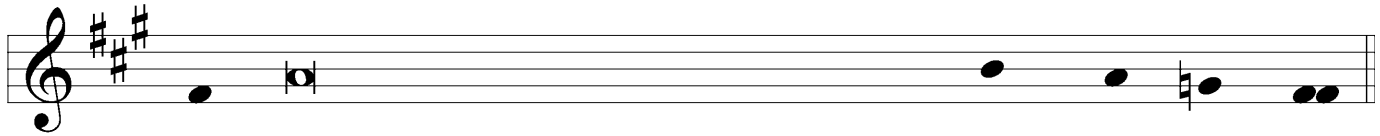
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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

*CLOSING HYMN: LSB 781 WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN*



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive  
3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,  
4 To com - fort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!  
And lambs for whom the Shep-herd bled Are stray-ing from the fold.  
To tend the lone and fa - ther-less Is an - gels' work be - low.

5 The captive to release,  
To God the lost to bring,  
To teach the way of life and peace,  
It is a Christ-like thing.

6 And we believe Thy Word,  
Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,  
We do it unto Thee.

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**Prepare for next week**

Spend a few minutes this week reading and thinking about the appointed scriptures for next week.

Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 150	1 John 4:1-11(12-21)	John 15:1-8
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To set up an appointment for a pastoral visit, please call Pastor Matthews @ 360-701-6197 or your elder.

**Life Quote for the week of April 21, 2024**

“Scripture and prayer are our strongest weapons to change hearts, and we must persist and never give up, no matter how disappointing things get with evil laws being enacted or evil intent coming our way.” *Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



The flowers were placed on the altar today by the altar guild.

**Flower Chart ready!** The flower chart for 2024 is on the bulletin board. If you would like to provide flowers for a worship service, write your name by the Sunday you choose. To order through the church office, the cost of a basic bouquet from the Safeway Floral Department is **\$45.00**. You are encouraged to make your own flower arrangements, and we have vases you may use, if needed. The flowers need to be at church by the 8:00 a.m. service on Sunday. Arrangements can be made for you to bring them on Saturday. *Altar Guild*

### **This Week (and next) at Grace Lutheran and Prince of Peace**

Today 8:00 am Fourth Sunday of Easter Worship Service with Prince of Peace & Grace, in person and via Facebook Live!  
9:30 am Prince of Peace and Grace Lutheran will be studying the book of Revelation lead by Pastor Matthews  
11:00 am Fourth Sunday of Easter Worship Service with Prince of Peace & Grace, in person and via Facebook Live!

Apr 25<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am Bible study on Isaiah with Pastor Matthews  
12:30 pm POP Service of Meditation with Holy Communion

Apr 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Fifth Sunday of Easter Worship Service with Prince of Peace & Grace, in person and via Facebook Live!  
9:30 am Prince of Peace and Grace Lutheran will be studying the book of Revelation lead by Pastor Matthews  
11:00 am Fifth Sunday of Easter Worship Service with Prince of Peace & Grace, in person and via Facebook Live!

Sunday Divine Services are at 8:00 am and 11:00 am – fellowship afterwards. We will also continue to live stream services on Facebook

Live <https://www.facebook.com/POPLakewoodWA/live>

\*Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to watch!

**Self-Study:** Our Self-study material is available in the library. Please take some time to look through material. If you have information to provide in any of the areas please write it down and give it to Neal Rogers or Tom Cabe. This will become the basis for the call committee to seek our next Shephard. Our next self-study meeting will be on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**Call Committee** – the call committee is being formed. Anyone interested in being on the call committee and helping to call our new pastor is requested to contact Tom Cabe or Neal Rogers.

We are looking for volunteers to fill the following positions in Prince of Peace: (descriptions are listed on table talk)

Treasurer/Bookkeeper  
Church Office Secretary  
Trustee – several are needed

**Congregational Meeting:** Our bi-annual congregational meeting will be held on May 5, 2024 at 9:30 am (between services). Please plan to attend as there will be several updates.



# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



## What is the “Office of the Keys”?

When you hear this question, you might think that there is an office somewhere in the church building that holds a lot of keys. But this use of “office” means duty and obligation. For example, when someone is elected to Congress, they are elected to a public office with authority and certain duties. The Office of the Keys is an authority given by Christ to His Church with the duty to forgive repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

## Why is this authority called “keys”?

This authority given to the Church works just like a set of keys that locks and unlocks the gates of heaven. When forgiveness is withheld, the door of heaven is locked. When forgiveness is given, the door of heaven is opened and God’s forgiveness in Christ is poured out on the repentant person!



**Parents:** Trying to understand why the Church would withhold forgiveness may be difficult. Be sure to study John 20:22–23 and Matt. 18:18 with your child. Discuss what it means to be unrepentant as opposed to repentant. An unrepentant person is not sorry for their sins and does not believe in Jesus Christ. A repentant person is sorry for their sins out of love for God and believes in Jesus Christ for salvation!

