

John 15:1-8

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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus Christ Is the True Vine Who Bears Much Fruit in Us

"God is love," and He has manifested Himself to us by sending "his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him" (1 John 4:9, 16). By the ministry of the Gospel, "he has given us of his Spirit," so that we also believe and confess "that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh." In this way, we "abide in him and he in us," and we "love one another" (1 John 4:2, 7, 13). Such divine love is exemplified in Philip's preaching of "the good news about Jesus" to the Ethiopian eunuch. And when "they came to some water," the eunuch was baptized into the very Gospel that Philip had preached (Acts 8:35–38). That Ethiopian was thereby grafted into "the true vine," Jesus Christ (John 15:1), just as we are. Already we are clean because of the Word that Christ has spoken to us and by the washing of water with His Word. We now abide in Him by faith in His forgiveness. As He abides in us, both body and soul, with His own body and His blood, He "bears much fruit" in us (John 15:3–5). (Taken from the lectionary summaries on the LCMS website)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

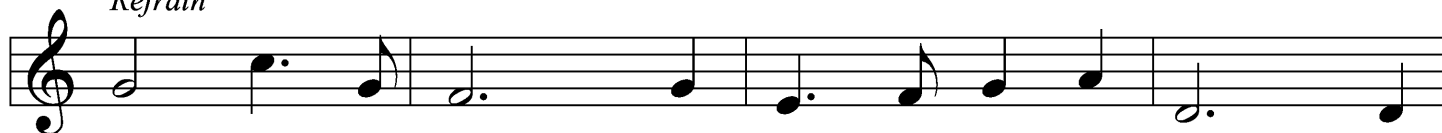
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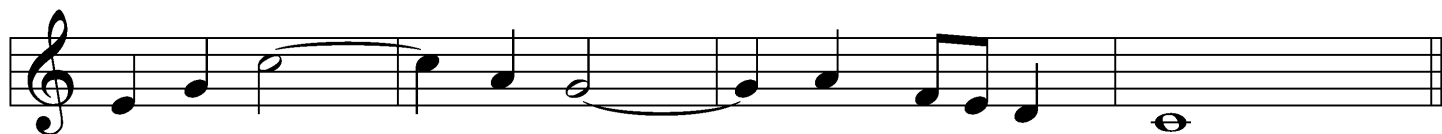
+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN OF INVOCATION: LSB 837 LIFT HIGH THE CROSS sts. ref-6

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

Refrain



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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Tune: Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947

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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 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21

A little while, and you will see me no | longer;*

and again a little while, and you will | see me.

I will extol you, my | God and King,*

and bless your name forever and | ever.

Every day I will | bless you*

and praise your name forever and | ever.

The LORD is gracious and | merciful,*

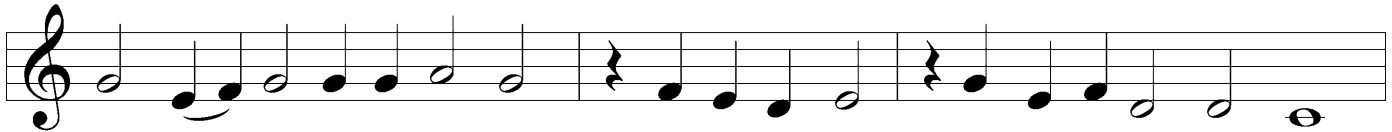
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

All your works shall give thanks to you, | O LORD,*

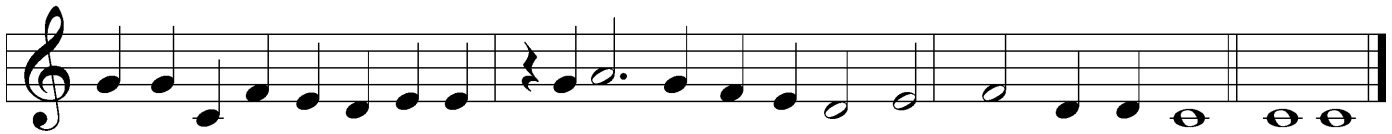
and all your saints shall | bless you!

My mouth will speak the praise | of the LORD,*

and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.



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



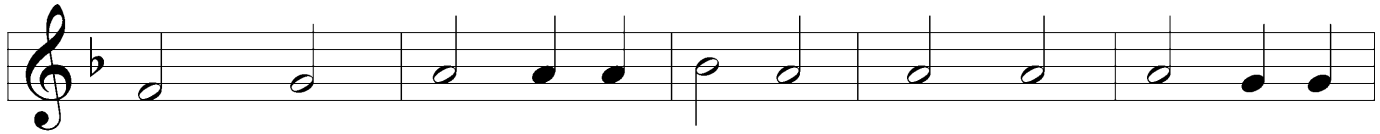
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

A little while, and you will see me no | longer;*

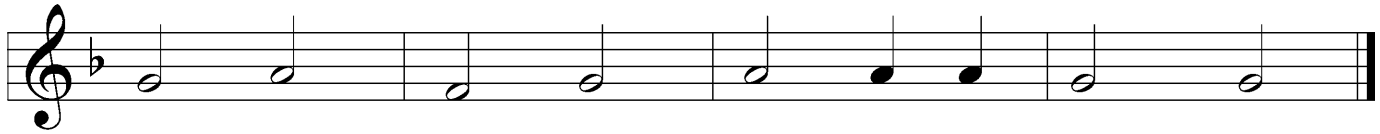
and again a little while, and you will | see me.

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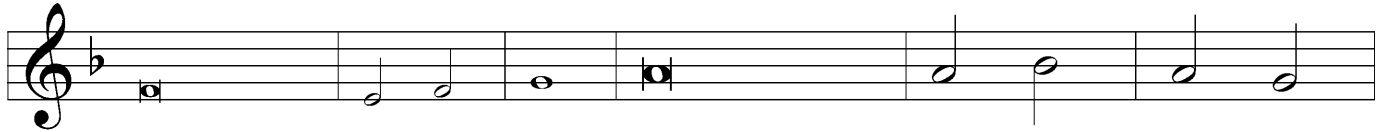
C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



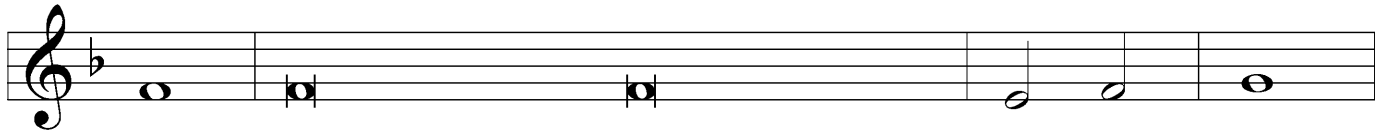
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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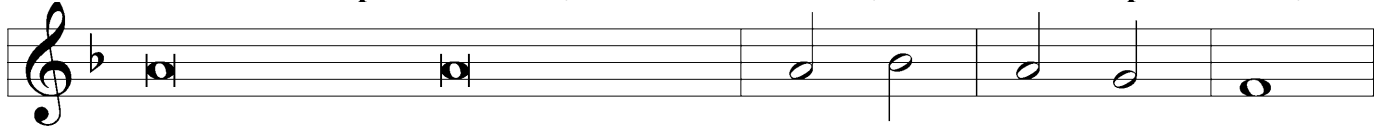
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P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



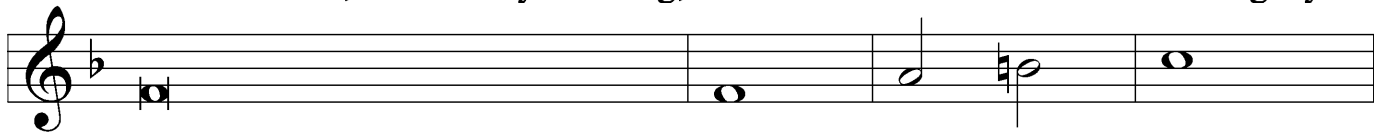
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



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



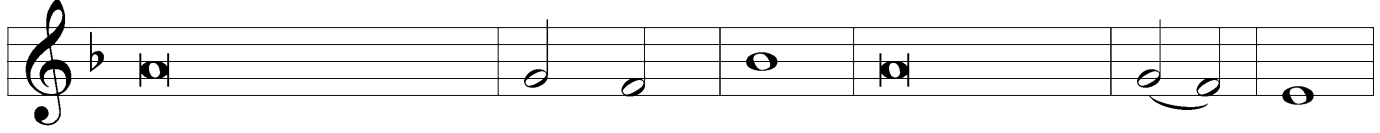
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



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



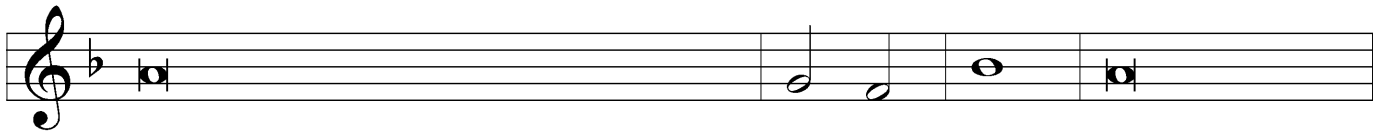
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



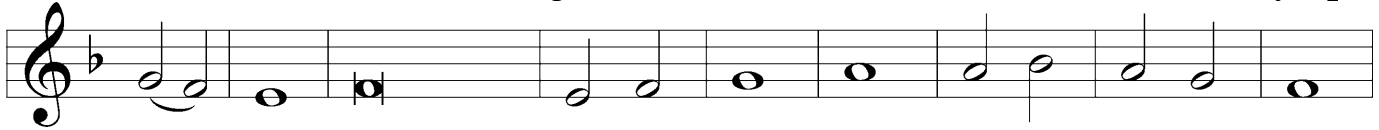
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



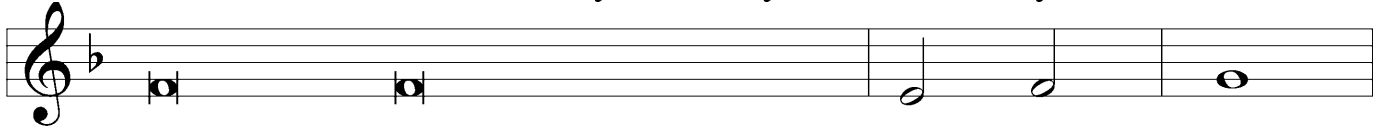
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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.

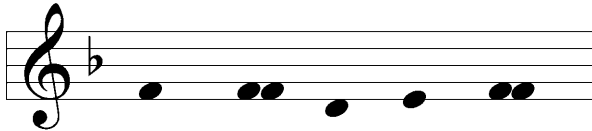


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



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

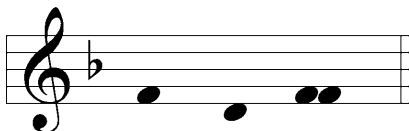
SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

C O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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.

(Sit)

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26–40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place.

²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM (chanted responsively)

Psalm 150; antiphon: v. 6



¹Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctu- | ary;*

praise him in his mighty | heavens!

²Praise him for his | mighty deeds;*

praise him according to his excellent | greatness!

³Praise him with | trumpet sound;*

praise him with | lute and harp!

⁴Praise him with tambou- | rine and dance;*

praise him with | strings and pipe!

⁵Praise him with sounding | cymbals;*

praise him with loud clashing | cymbals!

⁶Let everything that has breath | praise the LORD!*

Praise | the LORD!

EPISTLE

1 John 4:1–21

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we

might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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ALLELUIA

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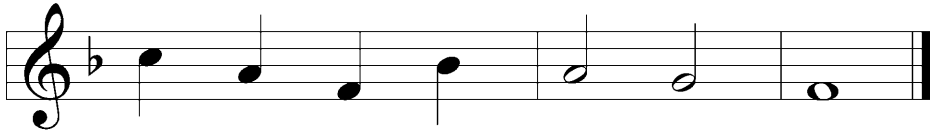


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HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

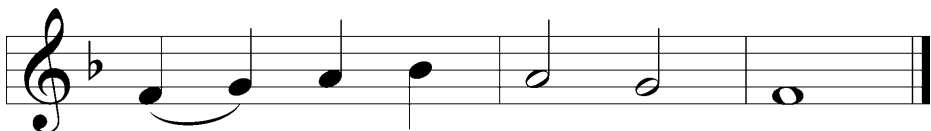
The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

(Sit)

HYMN OF THE DAY: LSB 633 AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
 You have conquered in the fight,
 You have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
 Now no more the grave enthrall;
 You have opened paradise,
 And Your saints in You shall rise.
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 Newborn souls in You to be.
 Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.

Alleluia!

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SERMON

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OFFERTORY

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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 Offerings can be placed in the covenant box in the church prior to or after service. At this time, the usher will bring forward the offerings to the pastor to be placed on the altar. You may also choose to mail in or drop off an offering during the week. Giving is also available online for Prince of Peace through our church's website www.poplakewood.org at the top right of the web page under "giving"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

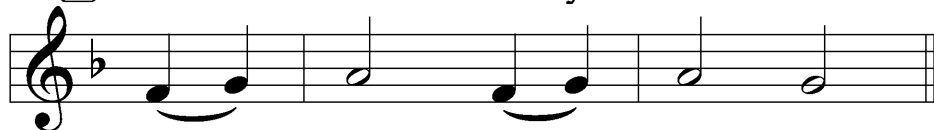
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PREFACE

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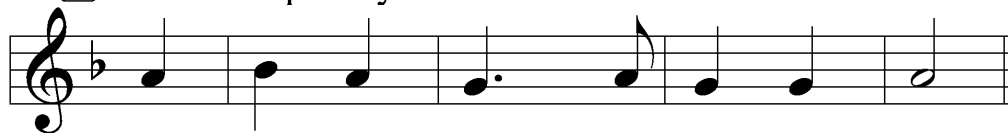
P The Lord be with you.



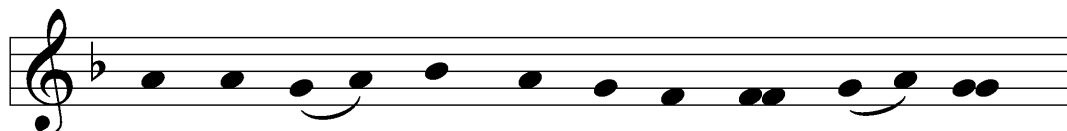
C And with thy spir - it.



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.

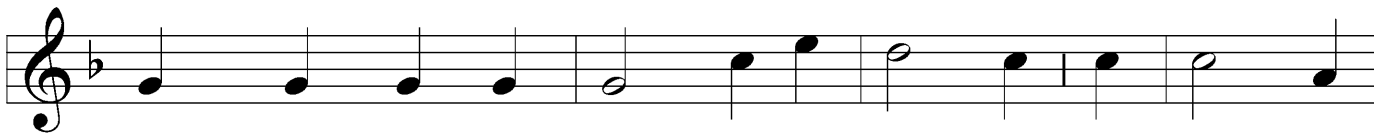
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed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



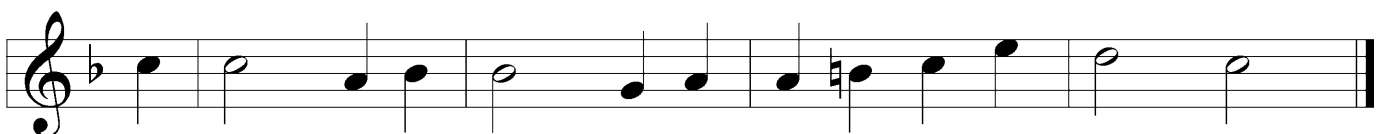
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



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



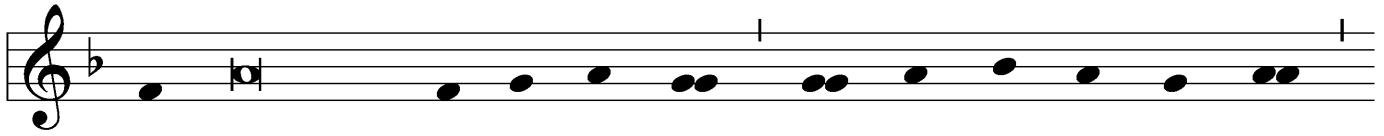
bles-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



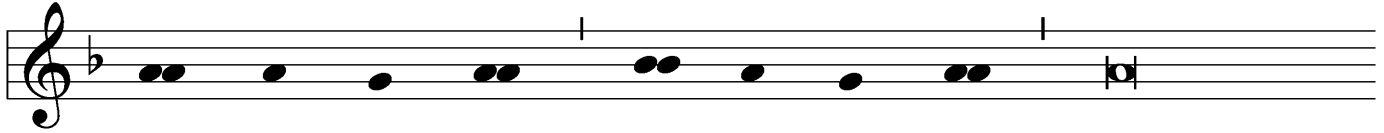
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

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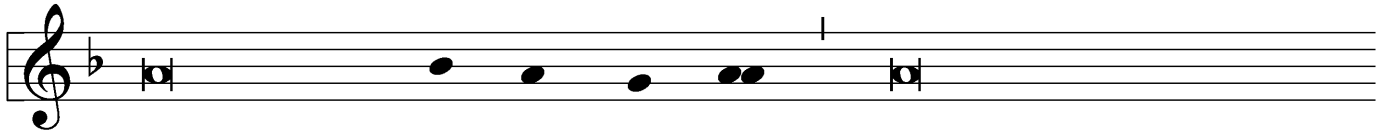
P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



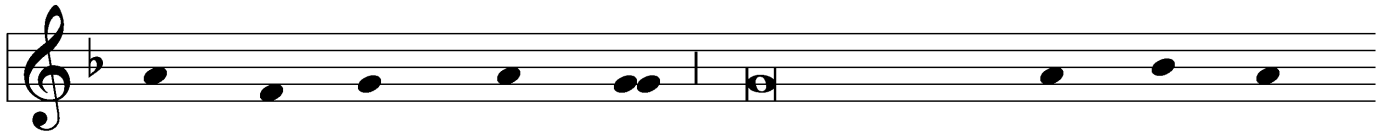
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



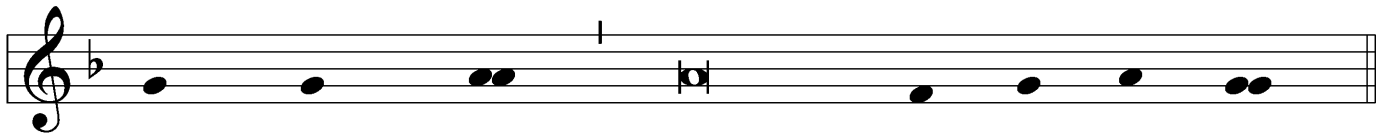
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



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.



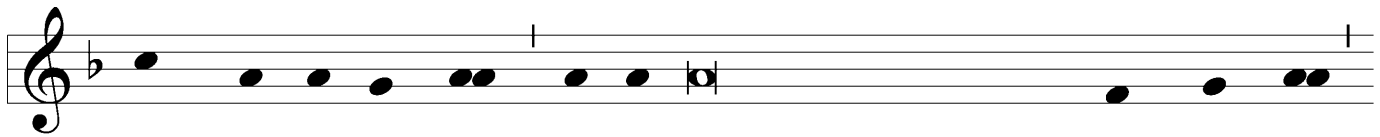
C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



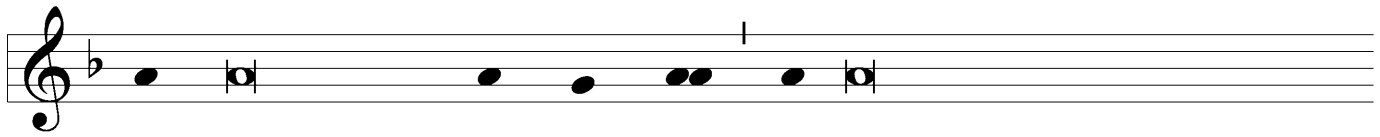
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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,



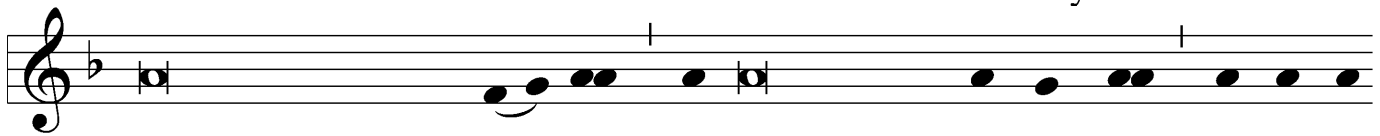
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



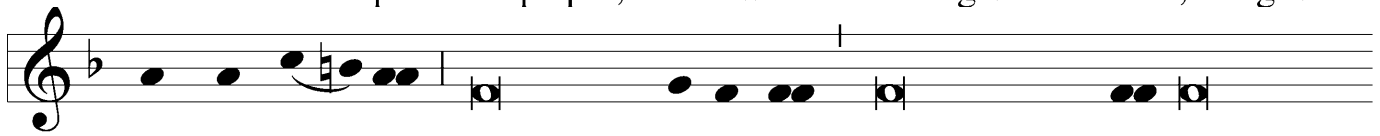
dis - ci - ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ bod - y, which is giv - en for you.



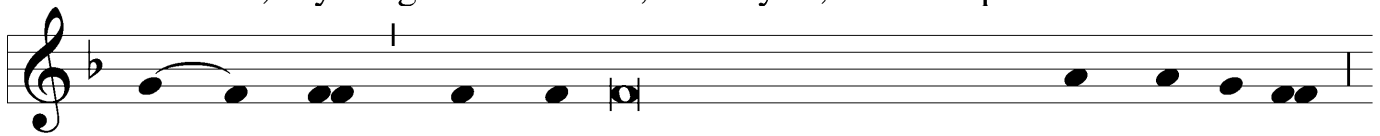
This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



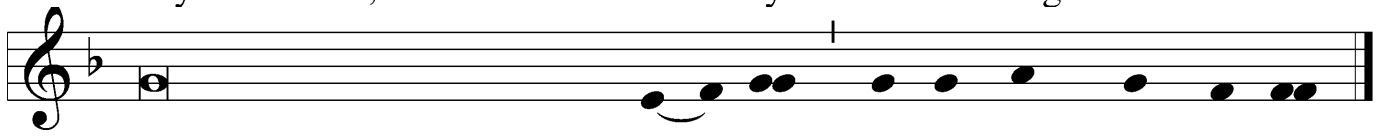
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv - en thanks, He gave it



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



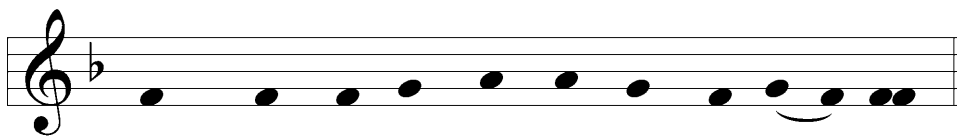
My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the for - give - ness of sins.



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

PAX DOMINI

LSB 197



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



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

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 571 GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessèd Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

Text: Heiliges Lippen- und Hertzens-Opfer, c. 1778, Stettin; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

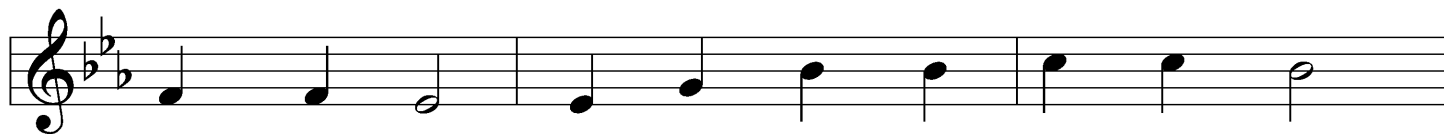
Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–93

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: LSB 611 CHIEF OF SINNERS THOUGH I BE



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
 5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
 heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
 wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
 all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
 and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
 All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
 Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
 hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.
 need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793–1873, alt.

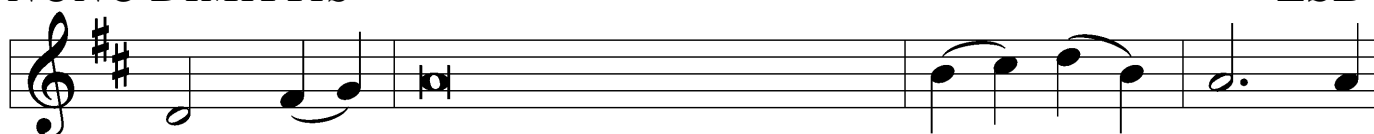
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NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199



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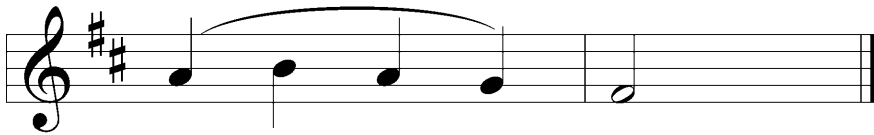
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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

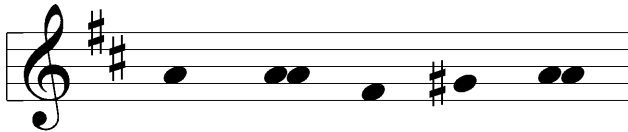
C and His mercy endureth for-ev-er.

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.



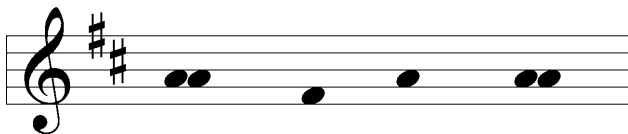
P The Lord be with you.



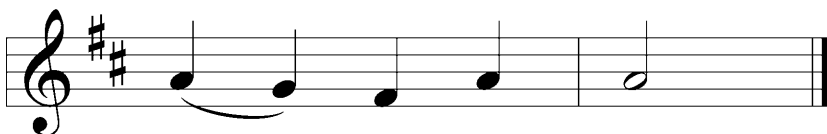
C And with thy spir - it.

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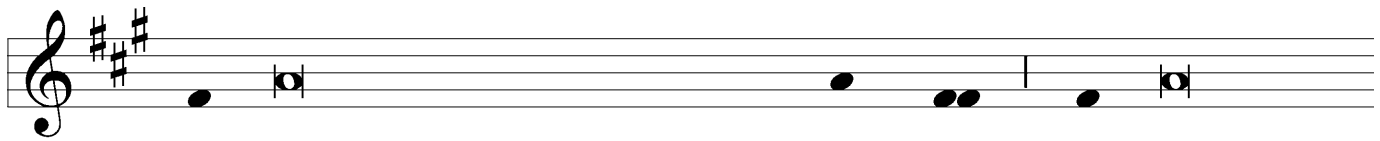
A Bless we the Lord.



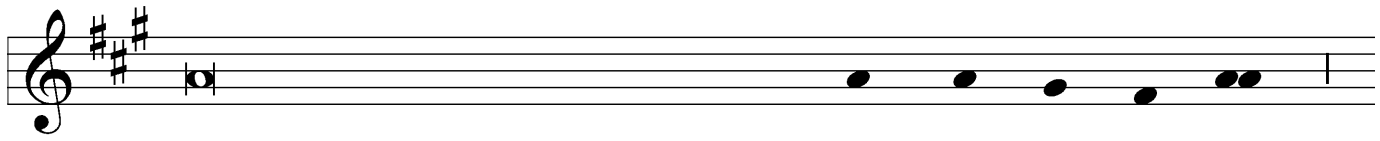
C Thanks be to God.

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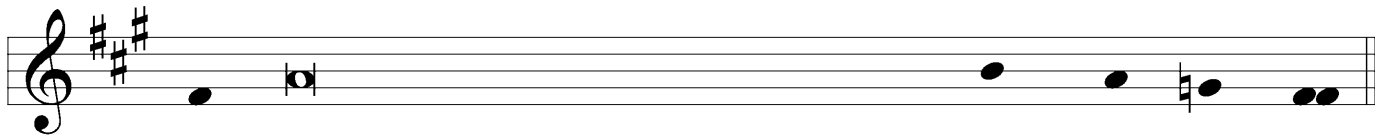
LSB 202



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



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

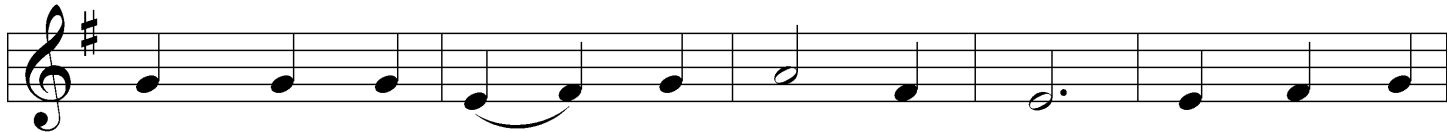


The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



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

CLOSING HYMN: *LSB 865 LORD, HELP US EVER TO RETAIN*



1 Lord, help us ev - er to re - tain The Cat - e -
2 Help us Your ho - ly Law to learn, To mourn our
3 Hear us, dear Fa - ther, when we pray For need - ed
4 Lord, when we fall or go a - stray, Ab - solve and



chism's _____ doc - trine plain As Lu - ther taught the
sin and from it turn In faith to You and
help from day to day That as Your chil - dren
lift us up, we pray; And through the Sac - ra -



Word of truth In sim - ple style to ten - der youth.
to Your Son And Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One.
we may live, Whom You bap - tized and so re - ceived.
ment in - crease Our faith till we de - part in peace.

Text: Ludwig Helmbold, 1532–98; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.

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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 10:34-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-18

John 15:9-17

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 28, 2024

“It is He who sustains us each and every day. It is He who brings us into the world, and He who draws our earthly lives to a close at the proper time. It is He who was born for us, He who died for us, He who rose for us, and He who reigns on high for us. His is the pattern of our lives.”

*Deaconess Bethany Stoeber, Director-at-Large, LFL of Kansas Lutherans
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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 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!
- May 2nd 11:00 am Bible study on Isaiah with Pastor Matthews
 12:30 pm POP Service of Meditation with Holy Communion
- May 5th 8:00 am Sixth Sunday of Easter Worship Service with Prince of Peace & Grace, in person and via Facebook Live!
 9:30 am Congregational Meeting
 11:00 am Sixth Sunday of Easter Worship Service with Prince of Peace & Grace, in person and via Facebook Live!
 12:30 pm Elder's Meeting
 12:30 pm Taco Bar Brunch by Food Closet

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 May 23rd at 6:00 pm.

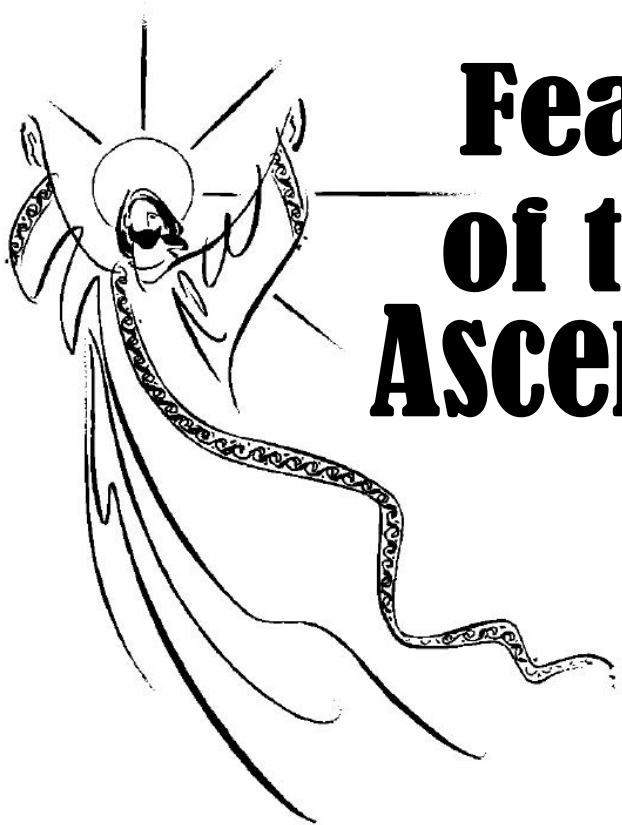
Call Committee – the call committee is being formed. Anyone interested in being on the call committee and helping to call our new pastor is requested to contact Tom Cabe or Neal Rogers.

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.

Temple Servant: Temple Servant listing for this quarter is available to be picked up from the table talk. If you are interested in serving, please contact Tom Cabe to be included on the temple servant listing.



Feast of the Ascension

Divine Service

w/ Holy Communion

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

140 E 56th Avenue - Tacoma, WA 98404

(3 blocks east of Pacific Ave. S.)

May 9, 2024 – 7:00pm

Please plan to attend this special service and take opportunity to join in worship with our sister congregations in the Tacoma area!