

**Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday**

**April 13, 2025**



**+ St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church +**

**470 Church Hill Road, Ferndale, PA 18921**

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### **The Entrance Rite**

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

### **\*Prayer & Prelude**

### **Announcements**

### **PALM SUNDAY ACCLAMATION**

The presiding minister begins from the center aisle; the assembly responds in the bold print. Please stand as you are able.

**P: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**C: Hosanna in the highest!**

## BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The palms are raised high in the air.

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Let us pray,

We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and palm branches of palm in his path. Bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail Jesus as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence. In the name of the Father, and + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One,  
you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
but our lives do not always reflect you  
and your love for the world.  
We do not show others the tender compassion  
you have shown to us.  
We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality  
you grant to all people.  
We oppress others,  
even though you have set us free again and again.  
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.  
Transform our lives  
and guide us again in the way of the cross.  
Amen.

Beloved in Christ,  
God's arms are always stretched open wide  
to welcome the wandering ones home.  
In ✝ Christ your sins are forgiven.  
You have a place in God's house forever.  
Amen.

**Opening Hymn: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"**  
**LBW 108 vs 1,3&4**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **The Apostolic Greeting**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**C** *And also with you.*

# The Kyrie



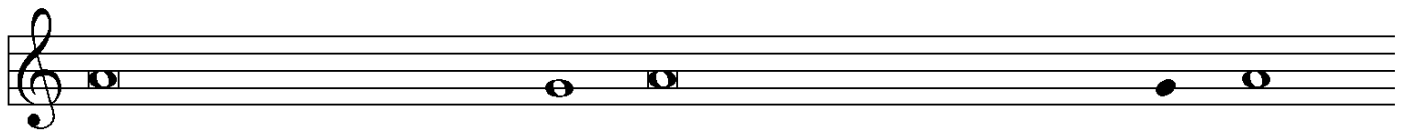
**Ⓐ** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.      **Ⓒ** Lord,      have   mer   -   cy.



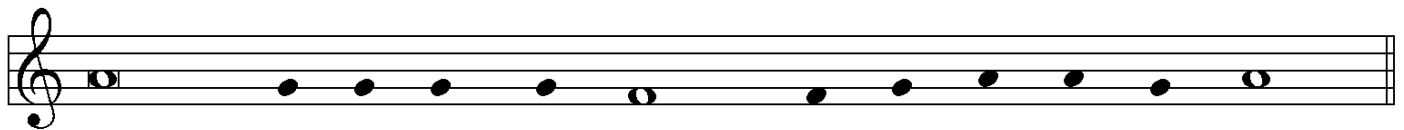
**Ⓐ** For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**☞ Lord, have mer - cy.**



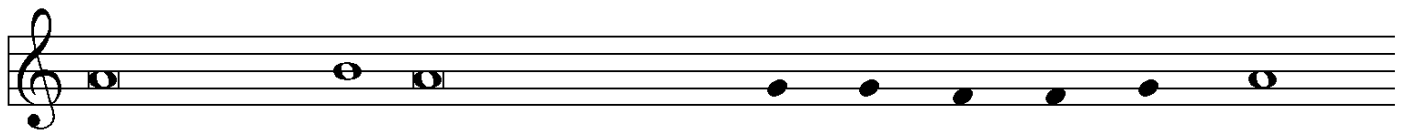
**¶** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



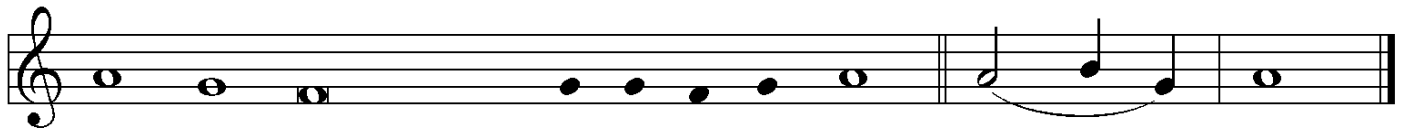
**☞ Lord, have mer - cy.**



**Ⓐ** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **☩ Lord, have mer - cy.**

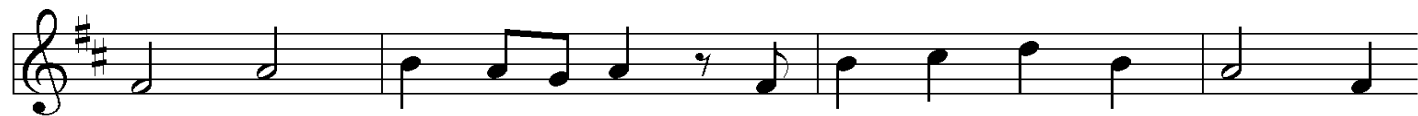


**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

# The Hymn of Praise



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



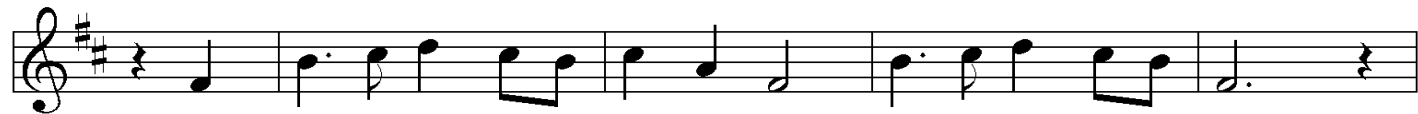
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



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

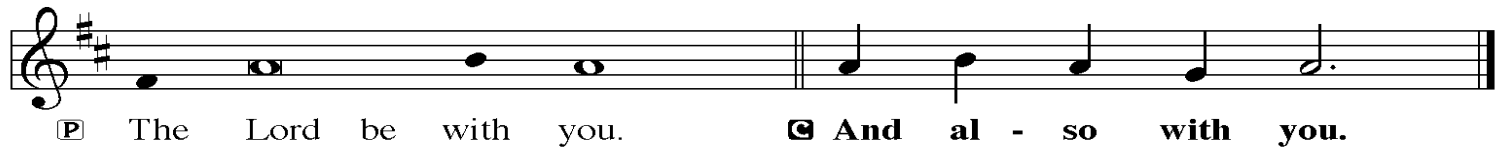


you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

## The Prayer of the Day



**A** O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

***C Amen***

## \*The First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4a-9

*The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.*

4The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he awakens—  
awakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

### **\*The Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16**

*Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)*

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I <sup>|</sup> am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat <sup>|</sup> and my belly.  
<sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my <sup>|</sup> years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones <sup>|</sup> are  
consumed.**  
<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a  
dismay to <sup>|</sup> my acquaintances;  
when they see me in the street <sup>|</sup> they avoid me.  
<sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, <sup>|</sup> out of mind;  
I am as useless as a <sup>|</sup> broken pot. R**  
<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is <sup>|</sup> all around;  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to <sup>|</sup> take my life.  
<sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in <sup>|</sup> you, O Lord.  
I have said, “You <sup>|</sup> are my God.**  
<sup>15</sup>My times are <sup>|</sup> in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those  
who <sup>|</sup> persecute me.  
<sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine up- <sup>|</sup> on your servant;  
save me in your <sup>|</sup> steadfast love.” R**



## **\*The Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11**

*Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.*

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

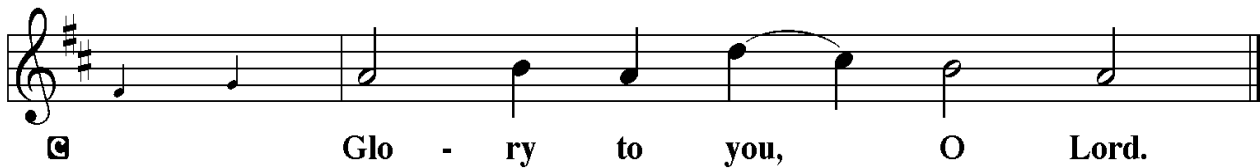
## The Verse



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in stead - fast love.

## The Gospel Lesson: Luke 22:14-23:56

*P (The Gospel Lesson is announced)*



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

*Through the teachings and events of the passion story we see and hear the great contradictions that characterize the coming of God's reign. The leader serves the followers, proud Peter is revealed in his cowardice, and Jesus—the innocent bringer of life—is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.*

Today's Passion reading will be recited by our youth. When the narrator states "And the people said" the congregation will respond with the bold. Now let us follow along with St. Luke's telling of the Passion of Our Lord.

P: And the people said:

C: **No, not a thing**

P: And the people said:

C: **Lord, look, hear are two swords.**

P: And the people said:

C: **Lord, should we strike with the sword?**

P: And the people said:

C: **Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?**

P: And the people said:

C: **If you are the Messiah, tell us.**

P: And the people said:

C: **Are you, then, the Son of God?**

P: And the people said:

C: **What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!**

P: And the people said:

C: **We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.**

P: And the people said:

C: **He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.**

P: And the people said:

C: **Away with this fellow! Release Barrabas for us!**

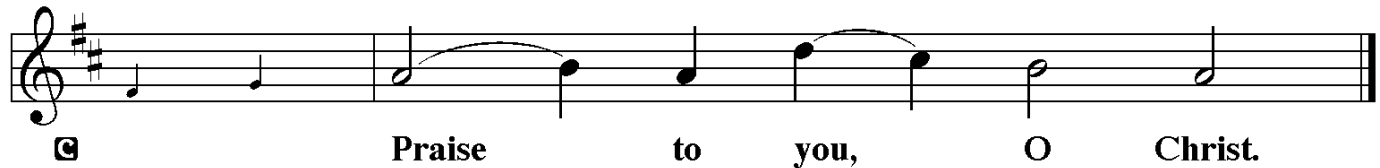
P: And the people said:

C: **Crucify, crucify him!**

**P** And the people said:

**C:** He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God,  
his chosen one!

*(after the completion of the Gospel reading)*



### **\*The Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: “My Song Is Love Unknown”**

**LBW 94 vs 1-4**

### **The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.\***

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## **The Prayers**

A United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*After each petition the congregation will respond: Hear our prayer.*

*The prayers conclude:*

**C** *Amen*

## **The Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

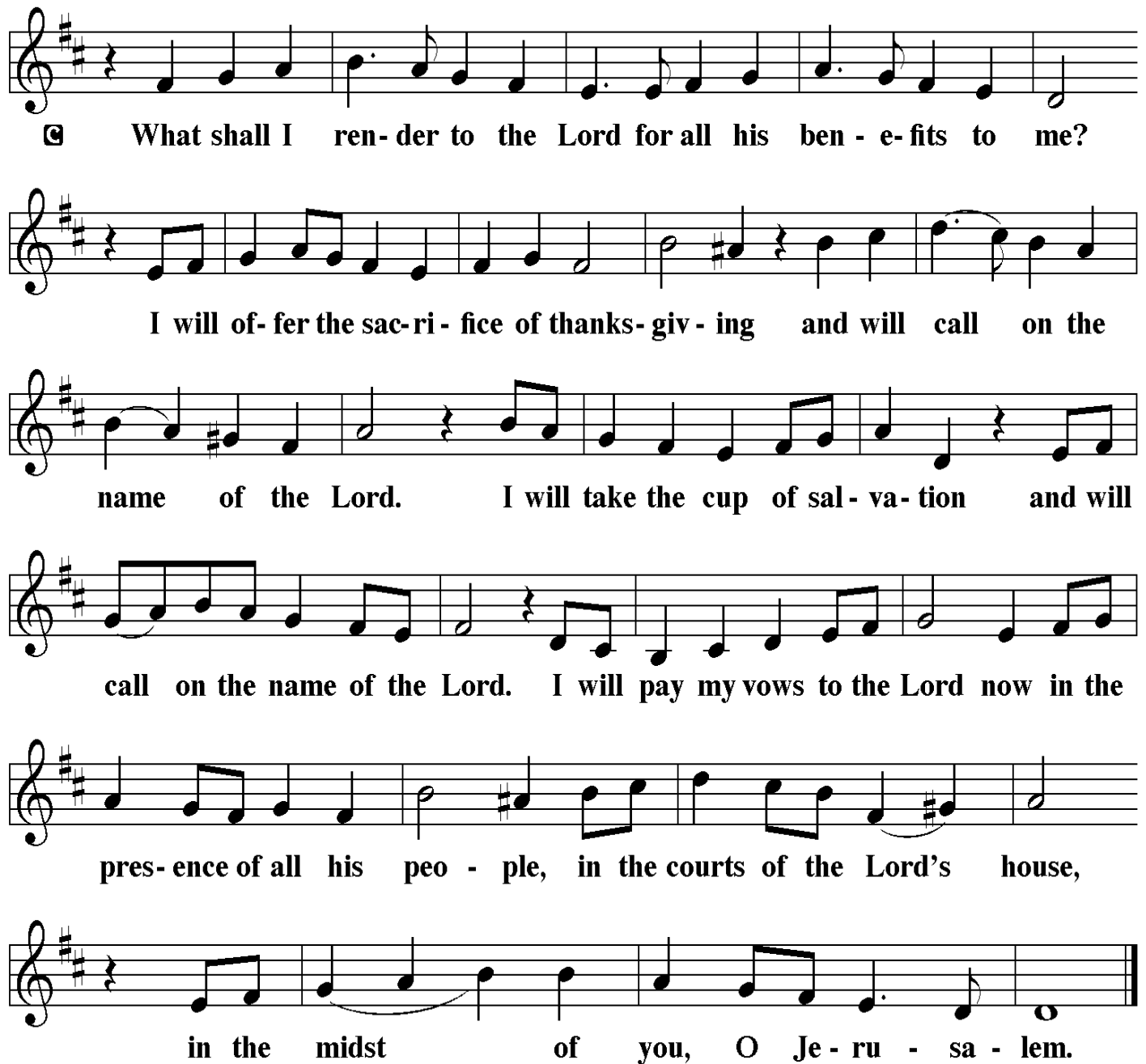
**C** *And also with you.*

## **The Liturgy of Holy Communion**

**\* Offering**

**\* Anthem**

## The Offertory



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben - e-fits to me?

I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks-giv - ing and will call on the

name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal - va - tion and will

call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the

pres-ence of all his peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,

in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

P Gracious Provider,  
you set your immense treasures among us,  
opening your heart to the world.  
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,  
deepen our commitment to sharing those  
treasures with others,  
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*C Amen*

## The Great Thanksgiving

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

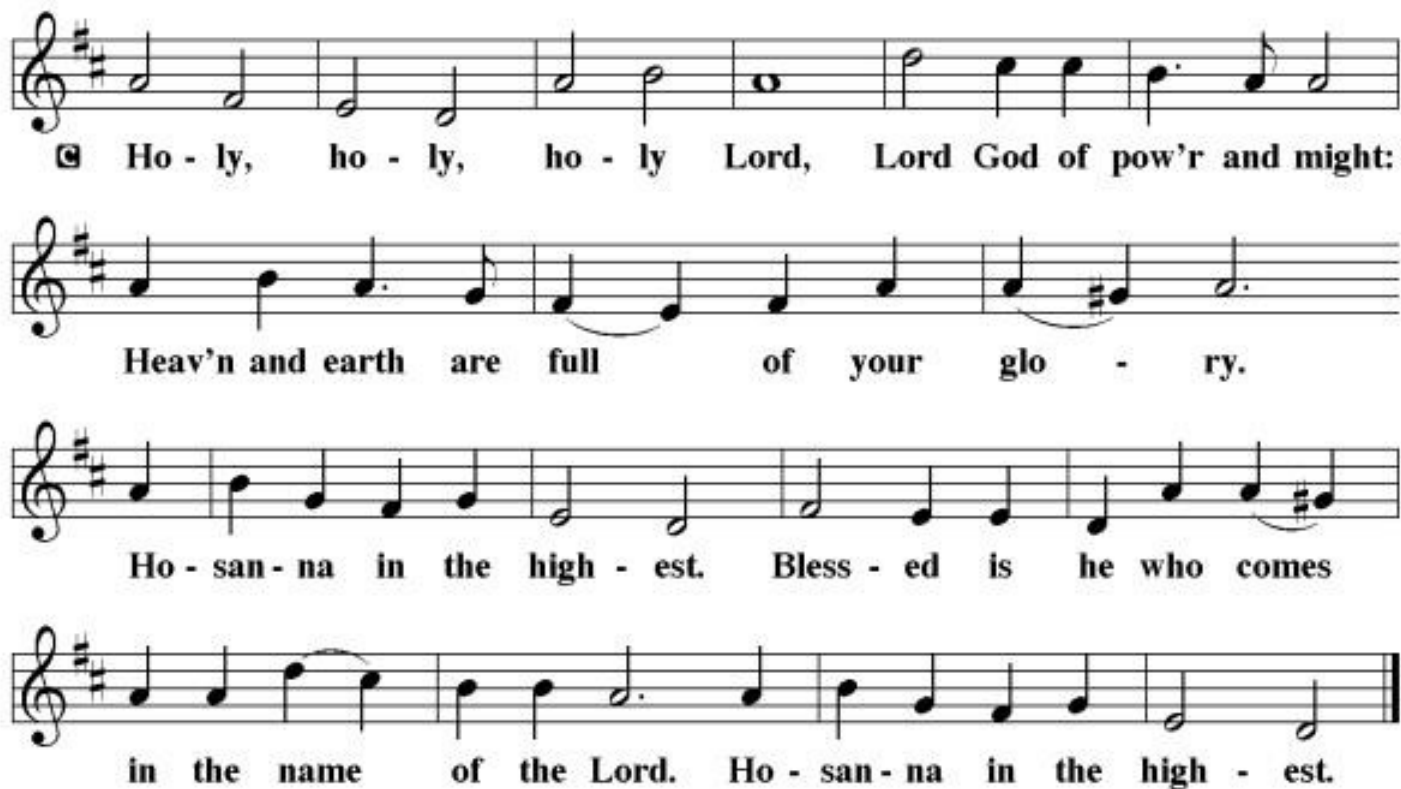
**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

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

**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## Preface/Sanctus

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all, that, where death began, there life might be restored, and that he, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree be overcome. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## Thanksgiving

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

## The Lord's Prayer

*C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

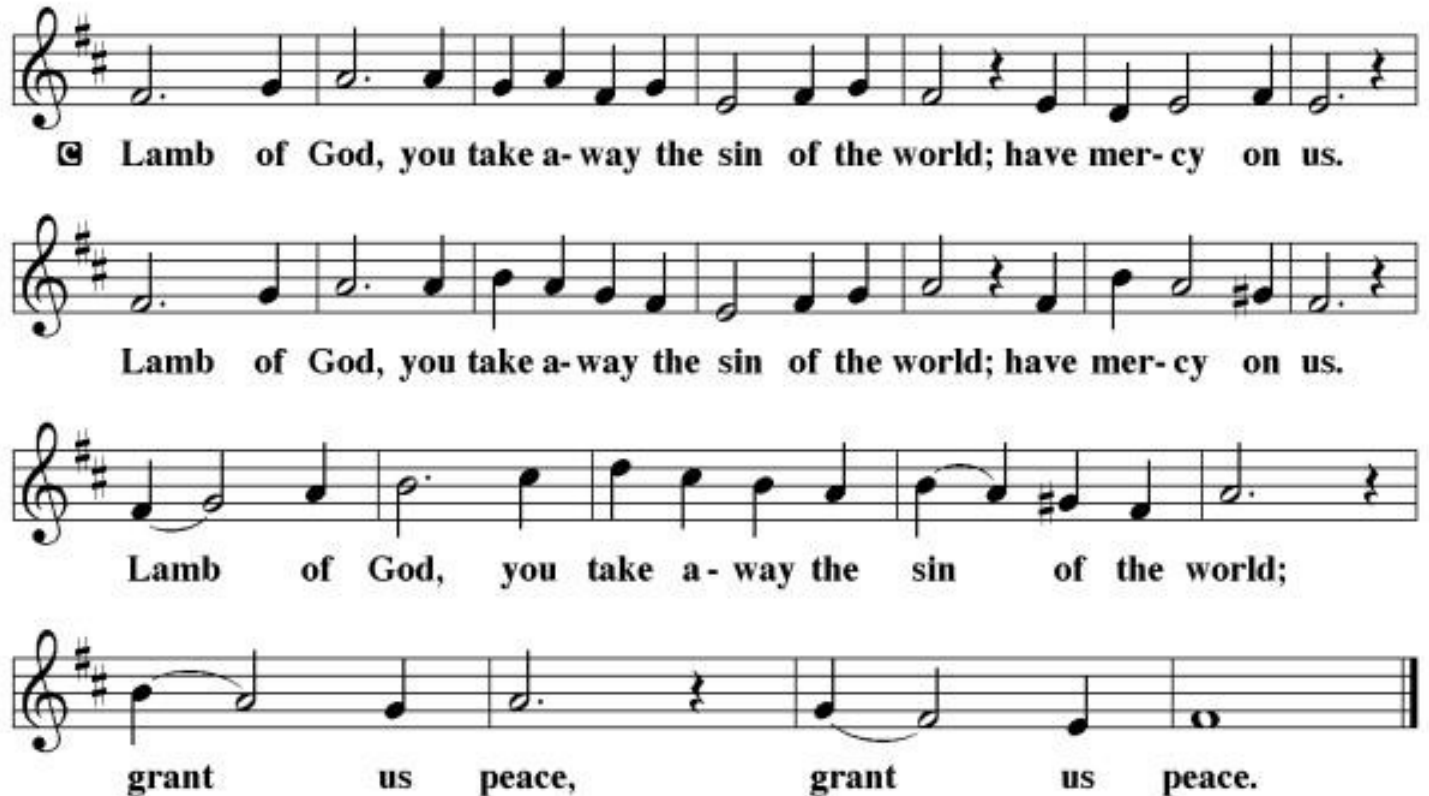


*For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen*

## **The Invitation**

P All who are hungry, come!  
The feast of grace is spread.

## **Lamb of God**



**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;**

**grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## **\*The Communion**

P The body of Christ, given for you.  
P The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## **Post Communion Blessing**

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

**C Amen**

## Post Communion Canticle



Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -  
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the  
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,  
and will be for - ev - er. A - men

## Post Communion Prayer

P Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*C Amen*

## Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

*C Amen*

## **Closing Hymn: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”**

LBW 117 vs 1,3&4

### **Dismissal**

A Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

*C Thanks be to God.*

### **Prayers and Postlude**

*\* Use of the (\*) Means: Please Be Seated*

### **Mission & Vision Statement**

The purpose and mission of St. Luke’s Evangelical Lutheran Church:

We are to be “Christ Centered Servants”.

### **Sharing Communion**

Our Communion Practices include all who have been baptized. We celebrate the free Gift of God’s forgiveness when we come to his table. No one is forced to receive the sacrament but all are invited. If you chose not to receive the sacrament, please remain seated and pray.

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***We Welcome You,  
Who Are Visitors To Our Worship!  
Please Join Us Regularly!***

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If you have an announcement you would like to share, please give it verbally during the announcement period at the beginning of the service.