

# *Saint Martin Lutheran Church*



*Second Sunday of Easter  
April 12, 2026, 10:30 am*

*Welcome to the worship of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!*

***The Day:** In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.*

## **PRELUDE**

*Please silence electronic devices during this quiet time of preparing our hearts for worship.*

*Stand*

## **BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

*The assembly follows the ministers into the church. The Procession begins.*

# GATHERING HYMN

ELW #369

## CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY; ALLELUIA!

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

# THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

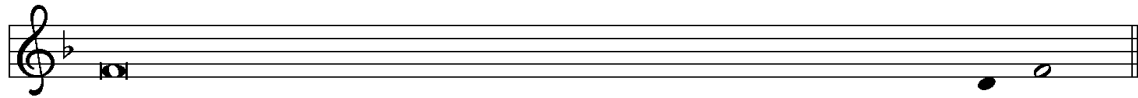
**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

## KYRIE



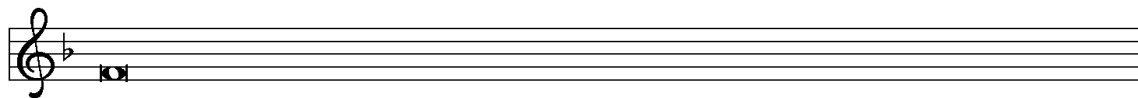
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



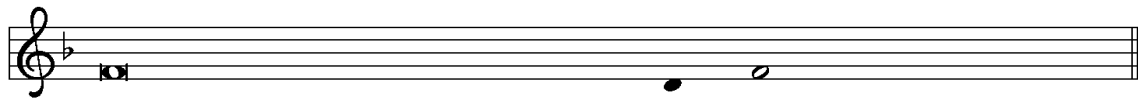
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



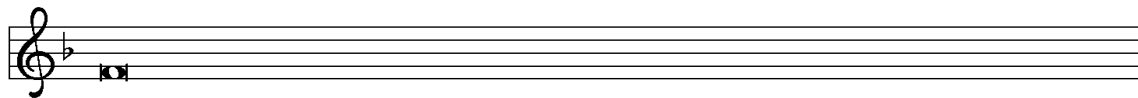
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



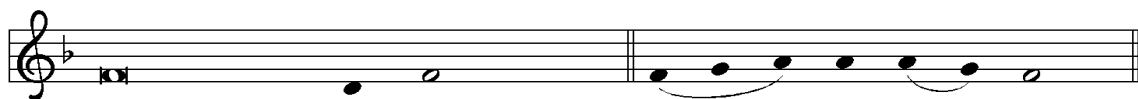
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



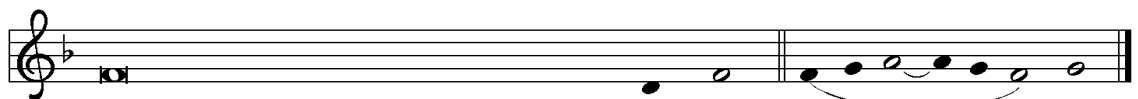
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



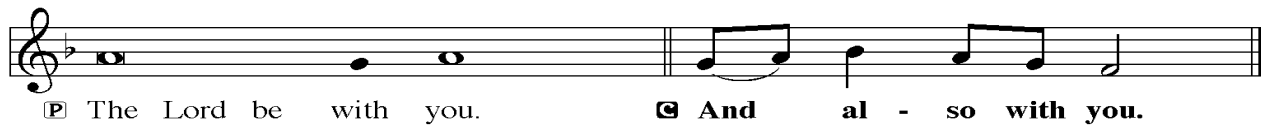
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. | Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb  
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY



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

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**A** Amen.

*Sit*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Bishop Eberhardt

## FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

*After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.*

**L** A reading from the book of Acts, the 2nd chapter, beginning at the 14th verse.

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: <sup>22</sup>“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know — <sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;  
<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
my flesh also will dwell in hope.  
<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see corruption.  
<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.  
<sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned



pleasures for- | evermore.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the | Holy Spir-it:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forev- | er. Amen.**

## **SECOND LESSON**

**1 Peter 1:3-9**

*This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.*

**L** A reading from 1st Peter, the 1st chapter, beginning at the 3rd verse. <sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## HOLY GOSPEL

**John 20:19-31**

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.*

**P** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, the 20th chapter, beginning at the 19th verse.

### **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the

nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

**SERMON**

**Bishop Eberhardt**

“The Death is Swallowed up in Victory!”

Stand

# HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #384

## THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

**P** With one voice let us confess our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C** 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.**

## INTERCESSIONS OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**P/A** *Lord in Your Mercy,*      **G** *hear our prayer.*

**A** Lord God, like Thomas, we wrestle with faith amid doubts and fears. Grant your Holy Spirit, to your whole church on earth that believing, we may see and seeing we may rejoice in your Son and the power of his resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Gracious Lord, give courage to all bishops, pastors, deacons, and church workers, that as they preach and teach the Word, all who hear may believe and that, believing, they may live in righteousness and godliness until the day Christ returns as Lord of all. Lord, in your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Give peace, Lord, to our homes and enliven them by Christ's resurrected life. Let the forgiveness of sins reign among all households. Assure those who live alone that they, too, are your children, upheld by your right hand. Lord, in your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Lord God of hosts, shepherd the nations, and bring all peoples to embrace the Gospel of the resurrected Christ. In every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation especially Ukraine, Israel, Iran, the Middle East, Africa, Venezuela and even in our own nation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders, our President Donald, our governor, Brian; and all citizens, to work for peace in their nations. Lord, in your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Gracious Father, as your Son's wounds brought gladness and peace to the troubled disciples, give your presence and comfort to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially those we name in our bulletin and those we name before you now. *(after silence count to 10)* Comfort also those who grieve with the blessed joy of Easter morning. Lord, in your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**A** O Lord, preserve your Holy Communion and your Son's blessed Supper among us. Unite us in the confession of your truth, and so bring us to eat and to drink Christ's body and blood for forgiveness and life. Lord, in your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Author of life eternal, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Lord, in your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**G** **Amen.**

## PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**G** **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Peace be with you.    **R** *Peace be with you.**

*Sit*

## OFFERING

*The ushers collect our gifts of tithes and offerings, the ministers make ready the bread and wine.*

*Stand as gifts are presented.*

## OFFERTORY



**C** Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score for 'GREAT THANKSGIVING' consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). The lyrics are:   
Staff 1: **P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.   
Staff 2: **P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.   
Staff 3: **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.   
Staff 4: **C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.   
The lyrics are written below the notes, with red 'P' and 'C' markers indicating the start of phrases. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

# PREFACE

The musical score for 'PREFACE' consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). The lyrics are:   
Staff 1: It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,   
Staff 2: that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,   
Staff 3: al - mighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection   
Staff 4: of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself   
The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes with slurs. There are some rests and fermatas in the score.

to take a - way our sin, who in dying has destroyed death,  
 and in ris - ing has brought us to e - ter - nal life.  
 And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the  
 res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,  
 and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

**P** Heavenly Father, you so loved the world that you gave your only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have everlasting life. We give you thanks for his glorious resurrection and ascension to fulfill your holy will and to accomplish all things for us and for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's dying and rising until he comes again.

**C** **Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**  
**Alleluia!**

## LORD'S PRAYER

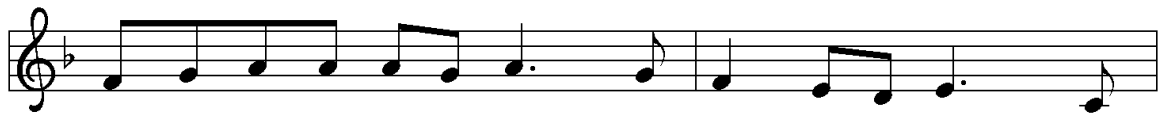
**P** Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

*Sit*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

# AGNUS DEI



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.

# COMMUNION HYMNS

## THINE THE AMEN

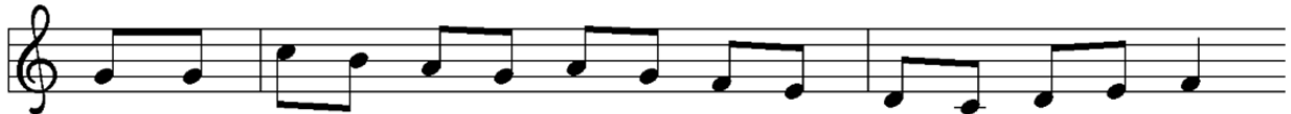
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1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise  
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be  
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest  
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise  
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread  
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee  
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be  
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways  
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup  
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry  
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war  
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least  
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.  
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.  
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.  
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.  
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

# LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

ELW #490



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;  
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,  
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;  
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,  
as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,  
veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.  
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.  
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

*Stand*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

- P** Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen ✝ you and keep you in God's grace.
- C** Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- A** Let us pray: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**P** May God the Father who raised Christ from the dead, open to you the gate of everlasting life.

**C** Alleluia!

**P** May God the Son who burst from the grave, give you joy as you celebrate his resurrection.

**C** Alleluia!

**P** May God the Holy Spirit who brought you to new birth in baptism, fill you with strength and peace.

**C** Amen. Alleluia!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SENDING HYMN

ELW #537

### ON OUR WAY REJOICING

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.  
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.  
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system has two vocal parts: a soprano part (1) and an alto part (2). The lyrics are: '1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go. 2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;'. The second system has two vocal parts: a soprano part and an alto part. The lyrics are: 'Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe. un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;'. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and moving lines.

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;  
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?  
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

*Refrain*  
On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,  
hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

## DISMISSAL

**A** Love The Lord!

**C** Live The Mission!  
Together!

## POSTLUDE

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