

St. Martin Lutheran Church Christ the King Sunday November 23rd, 2025

The Day The religious leaders of the day, in trying to convince Pilate to kill Jesus, proclaim that they have but one king, the emperor. In mockery to

highlight a crown of thorns, an inscription was placed on the cross above him according to today's gospel which read, "This is the King of the Jews." We as believers also have but one king, the Lord Jesus Christ. His kingship is like no other, as we will hear in today's gospel. Most kings have coronations that uplift and honor the king. Jesus was crowned with thorns, and prayed to uplift and honor those around him even while they derided and mocked him. With amazing grace, his kingship is like no other.

PRELUDE

(Please use this time for silent reflection and prayer, silencing all electronic devices.)

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
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not

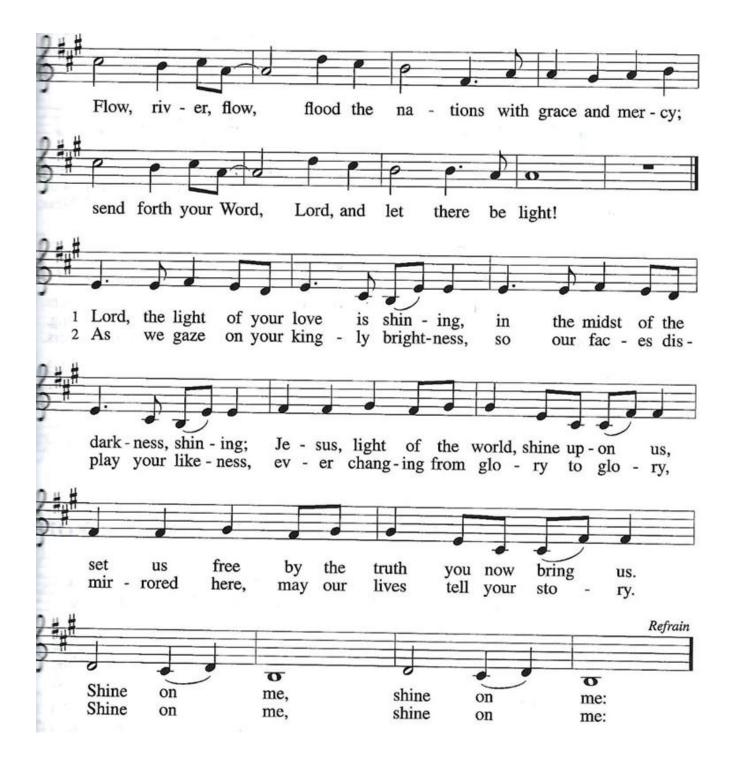
in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Most merciful God,
- 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.
- **G** Amen

The Procession Begins.

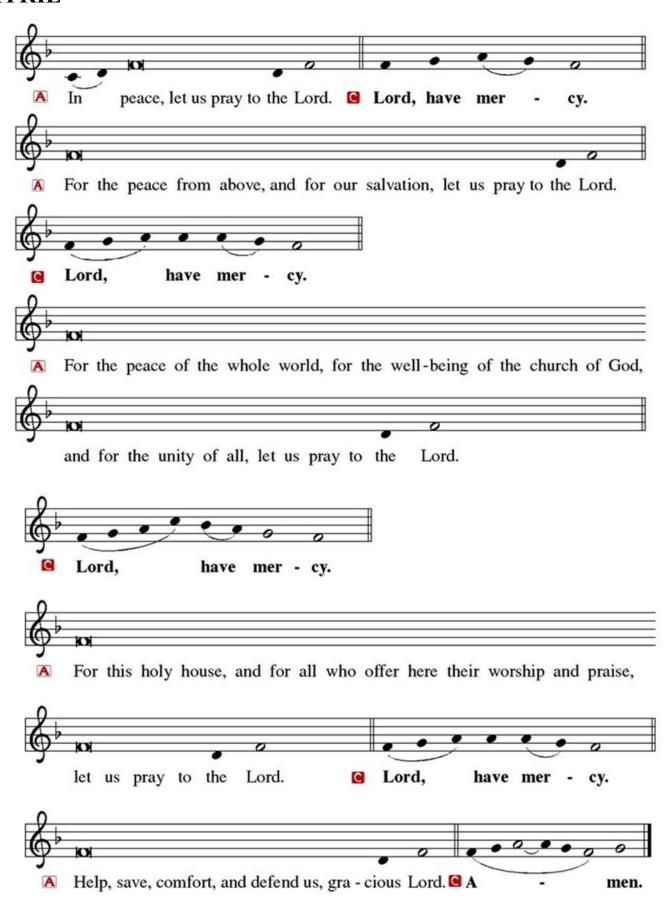




THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

KYRIE



CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW Pg 140-141





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you
- And also with you
- P Let us pray...

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen

SIT

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Beatty

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 23:1-6

■ A reading from the book of Jeremiah the 23rd chapter beginning at the 1st verse.

"Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" declares the Lord. 2 Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. 3 Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. 4 I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord.

5 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 46



- ¹ God is our ref- | uge and strength, a very present | help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;
- ³ though its waters | rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God, the holy habitation of | the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken; God shall help it at the | break of day.
- ⁶ The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth | melts away.
- ⁷ The Lord of | hosts is with us; the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
- ⁸ Come now, regard the works | of the Lord, what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;
- ⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ "Be still, then, and know that | I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."

11 The Lord of | hosts is with us; the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

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

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:11-20

L A reading from Colossian the 1st chapter beginning at the 11th verse.

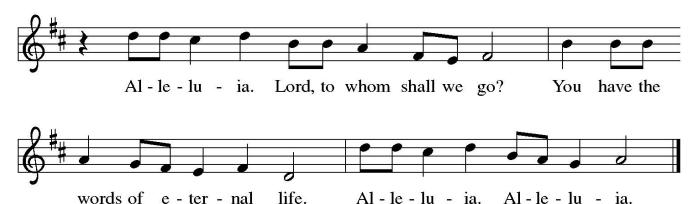
11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- **☑** Thanks be to God.

STAND

ALLELUIA VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23:33-43

- P The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke the 23rd chapter beginning at the 33rd verse.
- **Glory to you, O Lord.**
- 33 And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34 And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. 35 And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine 37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 38 There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."
- 39 One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

SIT

SERMON

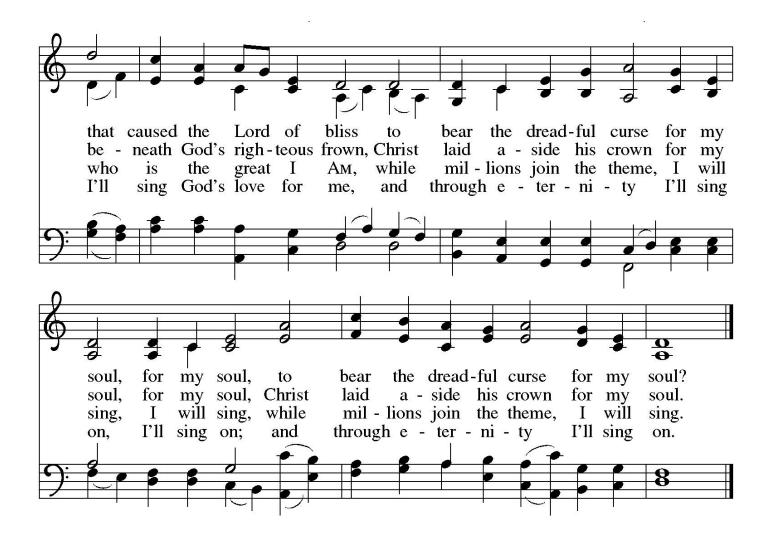
"The Coronation"

Pastor Beatty

STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS ELW #666





NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

INTERCESSIONS OF THE CHURCH

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

- P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
- A O Lord, grant that we may rejoice in Christ, who displays His kingly reign from the throne of the cross and in the revelation of all that is to come, that we may enter into His eternal reign through the merits of Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **e** hear our prayer.

- A O Lord, bless St. Martins and Your Holy, catholic and apostolic church with faithful pastors and church workers especially our own pastor Mark. May he and all who preach the Gospel and administer the sacraments do so without embarrassment or apology. Grant that we, as hearers of the Gospel, may respond with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,
- e hear our prayer.
- A O Lord, let the earth fear You and all the world's inhabitants stand in awe of Your Christ, for You alone with the Father and the Holy Spirit are King of kings and Lord of lords. Preserve those who fear and serve You in this fallen world especially our president Donald and our governor Brian. Maintain good government among us. Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus, for Your kingdom is not of this world and our citizenship is with You in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **l** hear our prayer.
- A O Lord, grant healing and peace to all those afflicted in body and mind. Relieve the suffering, give peace to the dying and comfort those who grieve, especially those who are named in our bulletin and those we name before you now, (after silence count to 10) that in their need You may be their strength and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- e hear our prayer.
- A O Lord, bring us to receive Your Son's body and blood that it may manifest in us the unity of faith and a strong witness before the world. By this communion, let our lives bear the good fruits of Your Spirit in holy words and works. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.

- A O Christ, our King, in Your blood the saints of all ages wash their robes and find entrance to paradise with You. Bring us also with them out of death and the grave and into resurrection and eternal life at the Last Day, where we will behold You crowned with glory; Lord, in Your mercy,
- **l** 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.
- **C** And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you.

Peace be with you.

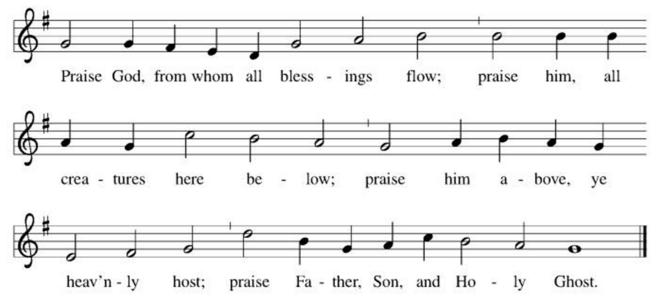
SIT

OFFERING

The gifts of tithes and offerings are collected, the ministers make ready the bread and wine.

STAND

OFFERTORY

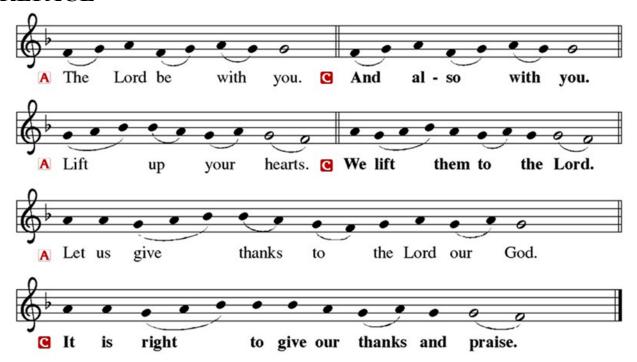


OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- 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.
- **C** Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PREFACE

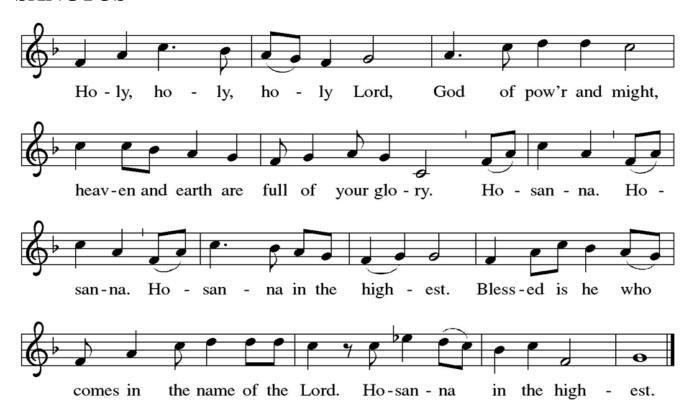


PROPER PREFACE



From Evangelical Latheran Worship copyright © 2006. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission of Augsburg Fortress under license #______

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

© Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

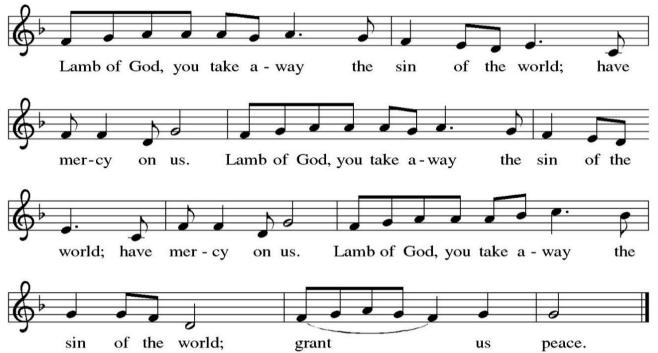
LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us together to pray.
- 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.

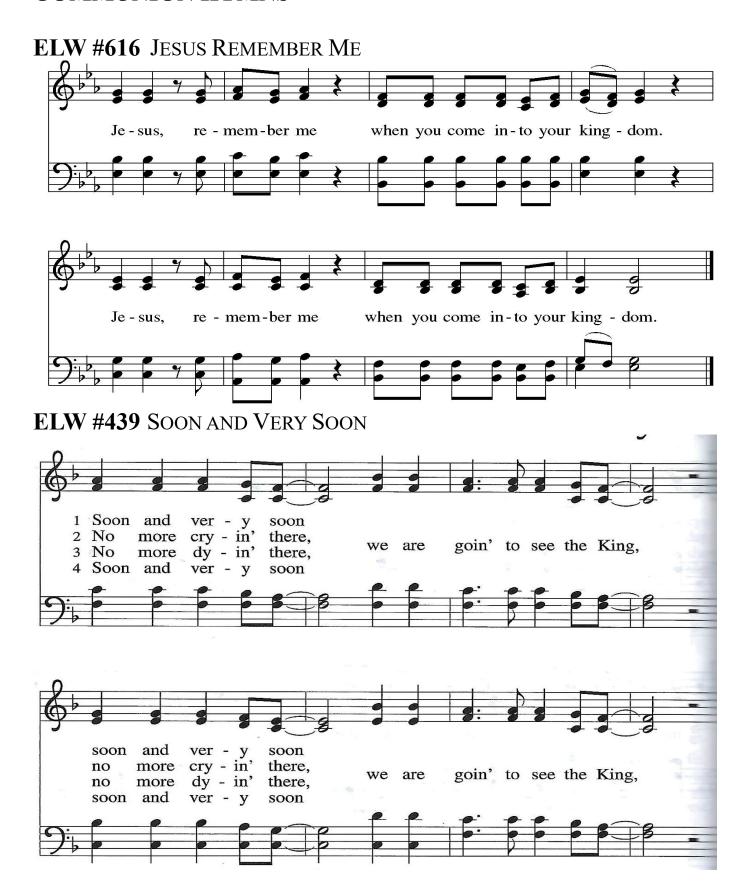
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

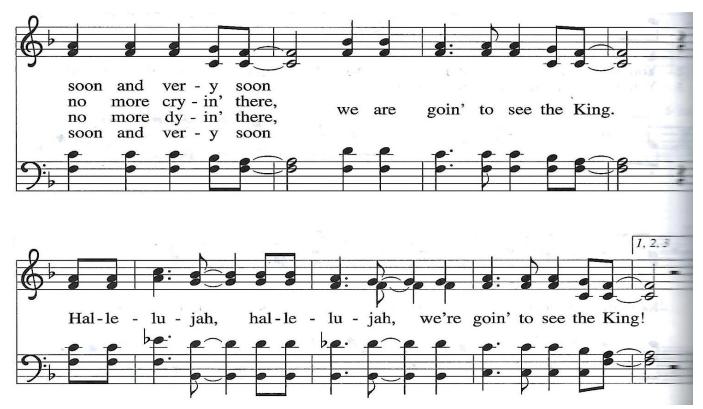
SIT

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION HYMNS





STAND

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

- **C** Amen

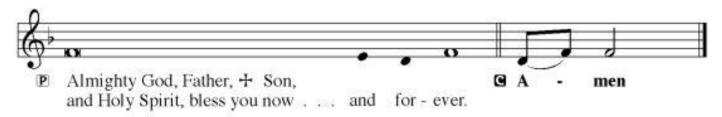
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **A** Let us pray:

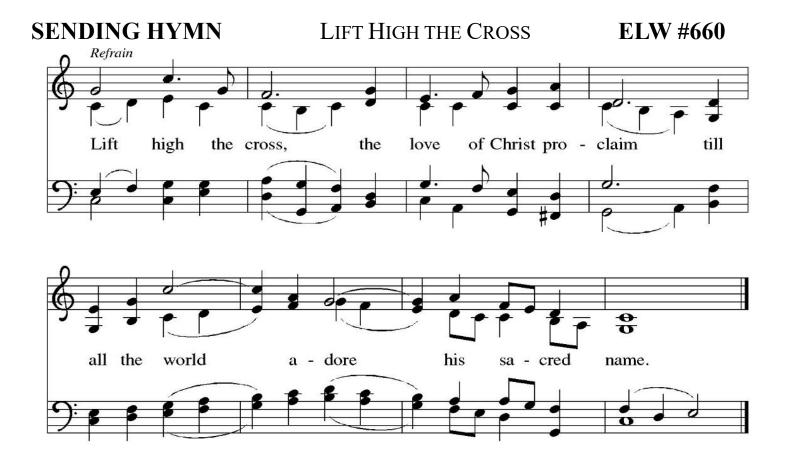
God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

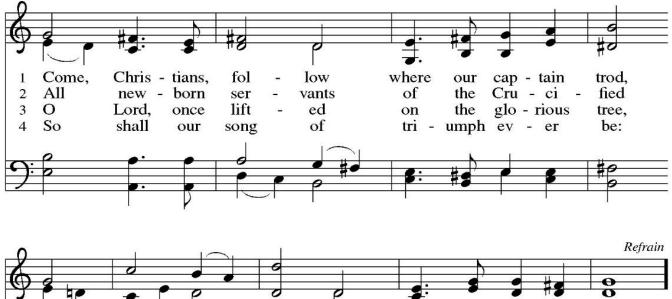
G Amen

BENEDICTION



ANNOUNCEMENTS







DISMISSAL

- **A** Love The Lord!
- **C** Live The Mission! Together!

POSTLUDE

From sundaysandseasons.com. Copyright © 2024 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License # SB155749