

+ Quasimodo Geniti (2nd Sunday of Easter) +
Divine Service Setting Three ~ Pg 184
April 7, 2024

As We Gather: The Wounds of Christ Give Us Life

“For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood” (1 John 5:7). These three point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands side, from which blood and water flowed, saying *“Peace be with you.”* He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness and which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, *“Receive the Holy Spirit”* (John 20:23). His breath, His words are Spirit and life. They raise up our dry, dead bones and give us new and everlasting life (Ezek. 37:1–14). Christ now gives His ministers to speak His forgiving, Spirit-filled words to the penitent in His stead. Our Lord continues to come to His people, presenting His wounds to us in the Sacraments of water and blood. He bids us to touch His side at His table, to receive His risen body and blood in true faith, that believing we may have life in His name.

*(As the Cross, a symbol of our redemption, enters the sanctuary,
God’s people stand and fix our eyes upon it)*

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

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

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- 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.

Confession of Sins

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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.

Absolution

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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.

Opening Hymn 'We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight'

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1 We	walk	by	faith	and	not	by	sight,	No
2 We	may	not	touch	His	hands	and	side,	Nor
3 Help	then,	O	Lord,	our	un -	be -	lief;	And
4 For	You,	O	res -	ur -	rect -	ed	Lord,	Are
5 Lord,	when	our	life	of	faith	is	done,	In



gra -	cious	words	we	hear	From	Him	who	spoke	as
fol -	low	where	He	trod;	But	in	His	prom -	ise
may	our	faith	a -	bound	To	call	on	You	when
found	in	means	di -	vine:	Be -	neath	the	wa -	ter
realms	of	clear -	er	light	We	may	be -	hold	You



none	e'er	spoke,	But	we	be -	lieve	Him	near.
we	re -	joice	And	cry	"My	Lord	and	God!"
You	are	near	And	seek	where	You	are	found.
and	the	Word,	Be -	neath	the	bread	and	wine.
as	You	are,	With	full	and	end -	less	sight.

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Kyrie

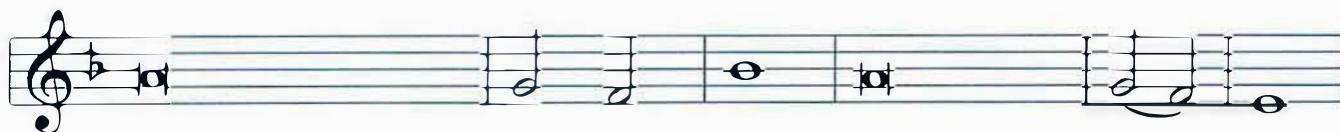
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C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

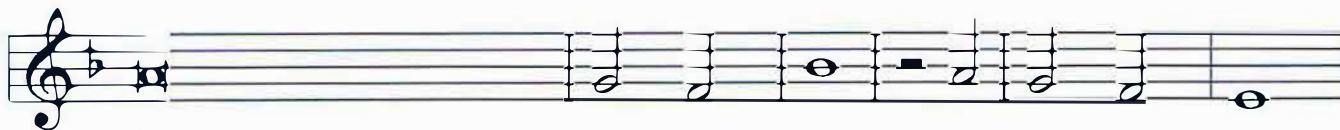
Gloria in Excelsis

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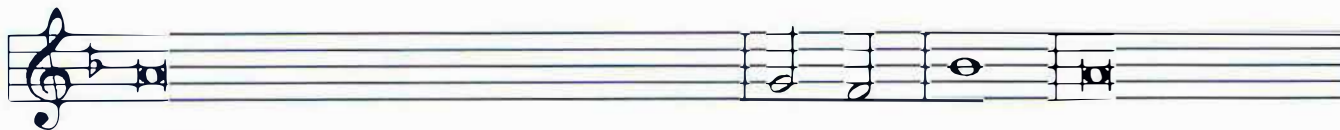
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



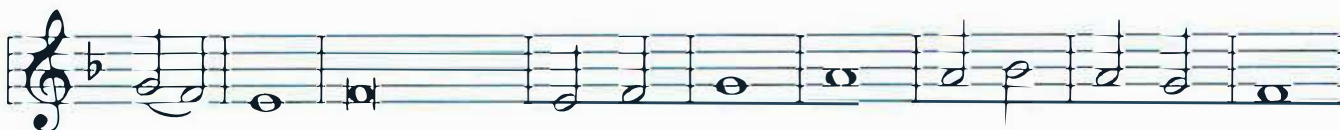
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



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



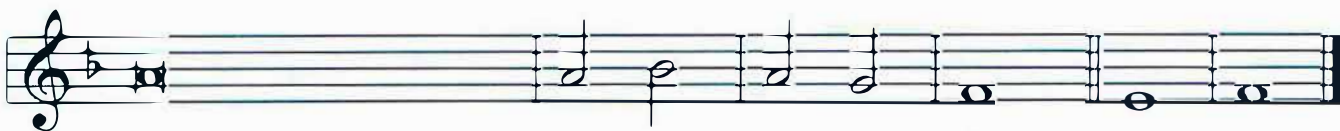
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



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

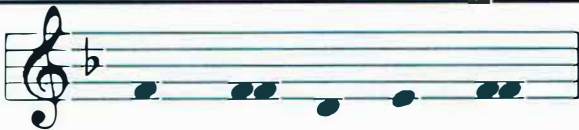


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



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

Salutation and Collect of the Day: Easter 2



P The Lord be with you.



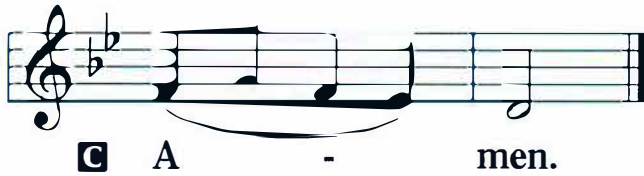
C And with thy spir-it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God;

through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’

¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Introit

Psalm 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2a

Like newborn infants, Alleluia,
long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alleluia.
**Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of Jacob!**
In distress you called, and I delivered you;
I answered you in the secret place of thunder.
**I am the LORD your God,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.**
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it;
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
Like newborn infants, Alleluia,
long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alleluia.

Epistle

1 John 5:4–10

⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son.

¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

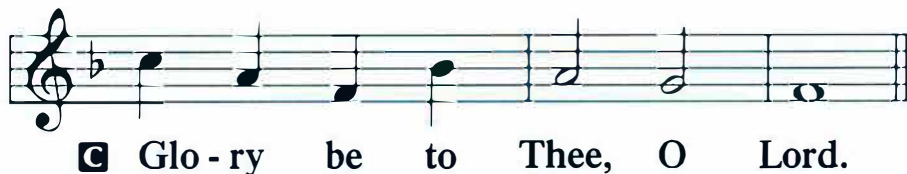
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C Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

Holy Gospel*John 20:19–31*

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



19On 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 to you.” 20When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” 22And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

24Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25So 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 jab my finger into the mark of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will absolutely never believe.”

26Eight 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 to you.” 27Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and thrust it in my side. Do not be unbelieving, but be believing.” 28Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 29Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

30Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31but 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 This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

C 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.

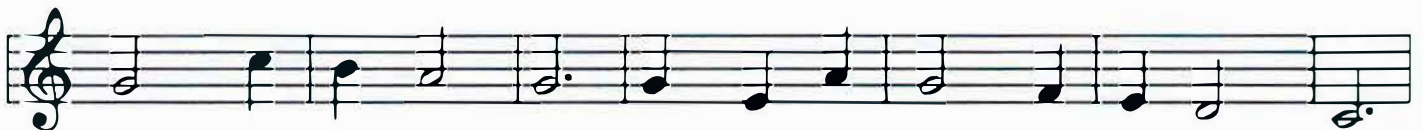
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Hymn 'O Sons and Daughters of the King'

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1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful
3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard
 That they had seen the risen Lord,
 He doubted the disciples' word.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
 And look upon My hands, My feet;
 Not faithless but believing be."
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
 He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen
 And yet whose faith has constant been,
 For they eternal life shall win.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days
 Be laud and jubilee and praise:
 To God your hearts and voices raise.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Sermon

"Hey, Guess What?"

John 20:19-31

Votum

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds
in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Please stand, as you are able.

Offertory

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C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For faith, patience, strength and joy, that born again to a living hope, we may trust our heavenly Father and proclaim the praises of His risen Son, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Church to receive again the Spirit of God and be renewed in faith and fellowship to stand as His holy army, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all pastors as they preach and teach the Word, that all who hear may believe and that, believing, they may live in righteousness and godliness before the world until Christ returns, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who have wandered from the household of faith, that faithful to His promises God would work all things in their lives to remind them of their need for His unending grace and steadfast love; and that they would return to the faith and delight in Christ, crucified and raised for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the authorities God has placed over us in federal, state and local governments, that He would give them the desire to serve with integrity and honor and to work for the benefit of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the troubled in our midst, that Christ's wounds would continue to bring His gladness, peace and comforting presence to His disciples [*especially* _____]; and for those who weep, [*especially* _____], that in the difficult night of this world they would confidently expect the blessed joy of Easter morning, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who come to the Holy Supper, that having received the testimony of God in the water of Baptism, they may also receive it in the body and blood of Jesus and so overcome the world by faith in Him, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Lord, give us all things good and beneficial to us and to our salvation, and keep us from all things harmful; through Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

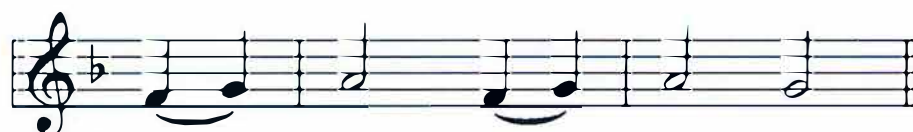
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Preface

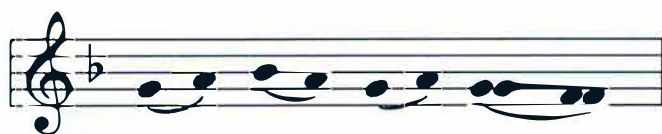
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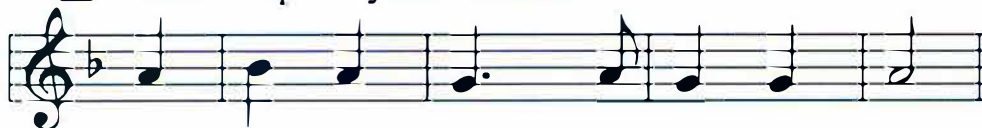
P The Lord be with you.



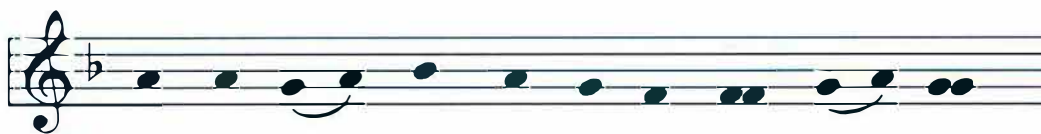
C And with thy spir - it.



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.

Proper Preface (Full)

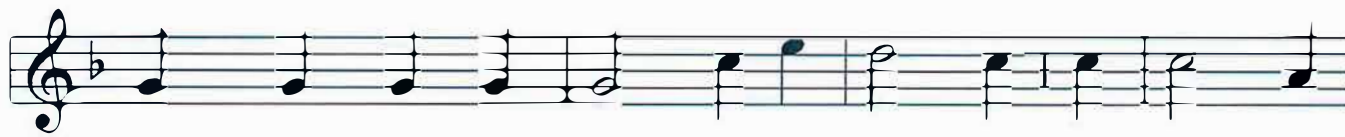
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed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

LSB 195



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



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



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



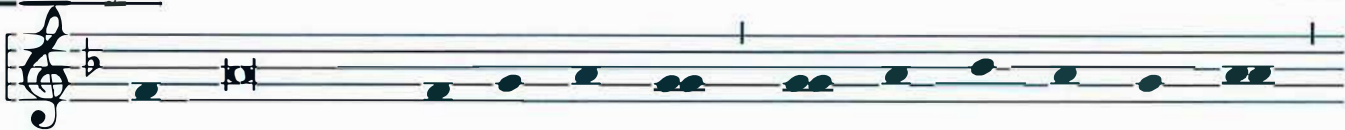
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



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Lord's Prayer

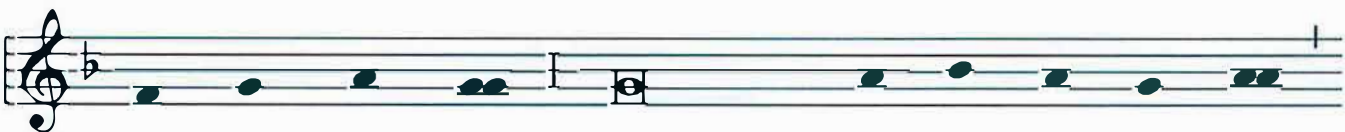
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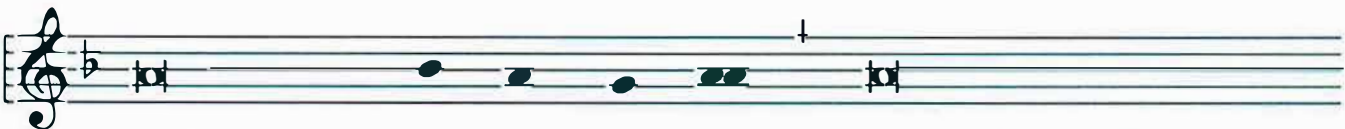
P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



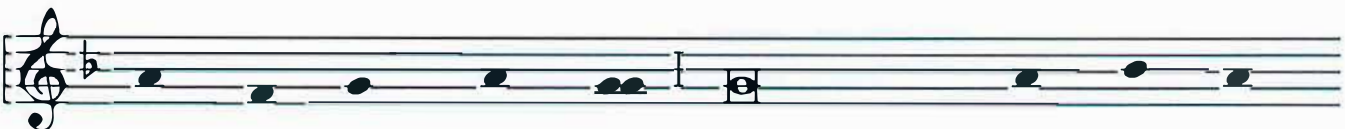
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



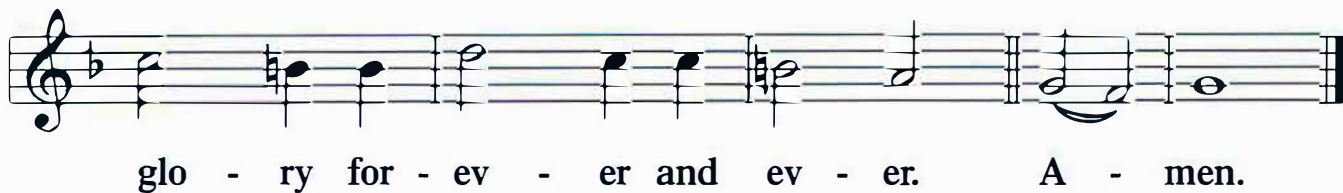
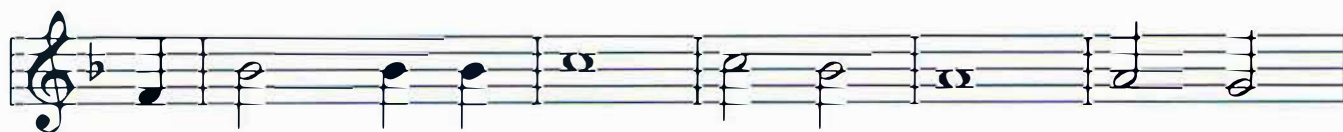
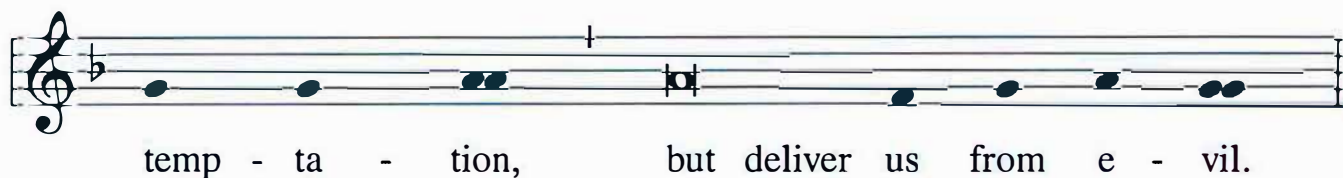
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



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

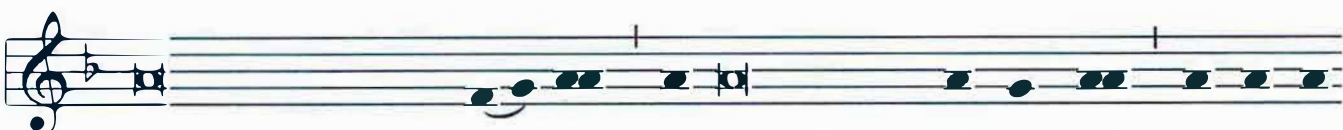
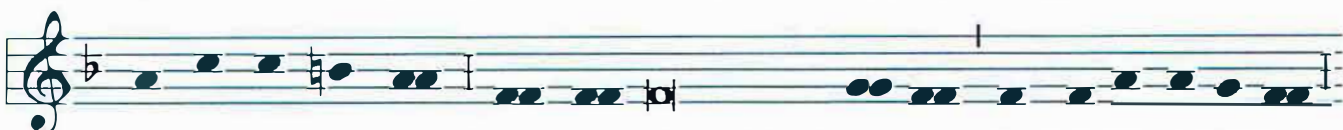
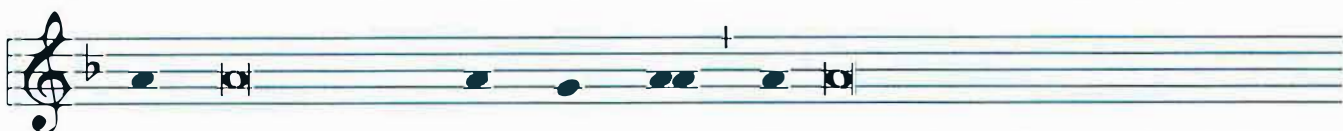


tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to

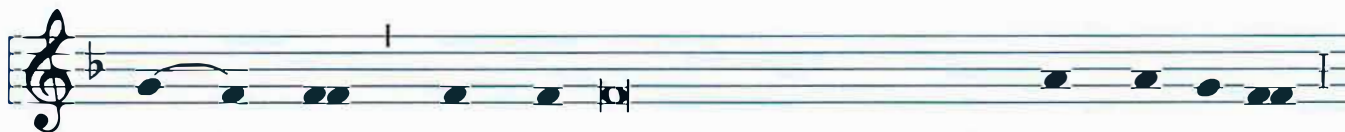


The Words of Our Lord

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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

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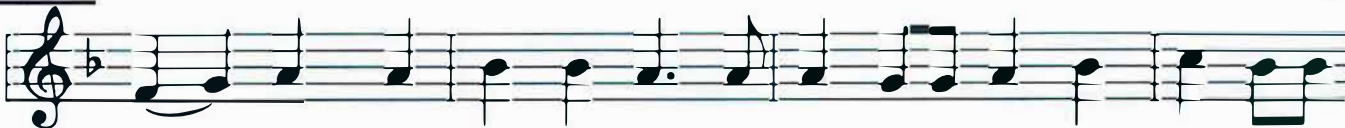
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



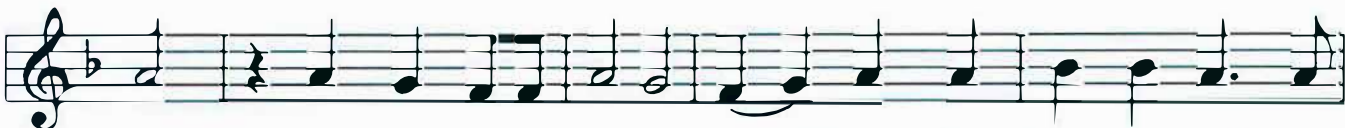
C A - men.

Agnus Dei

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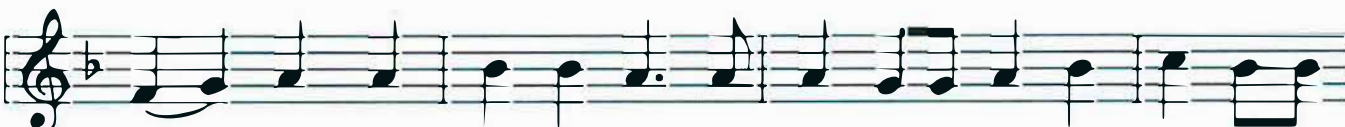
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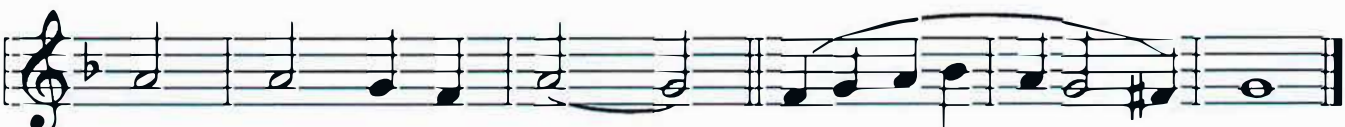
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



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.

Please be seated.

Distribution Hymn 'At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing'

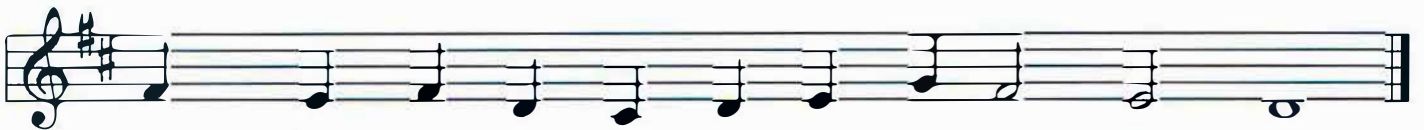
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1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



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!

*Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–68, alt.
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Distribution Hymn 'Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain'

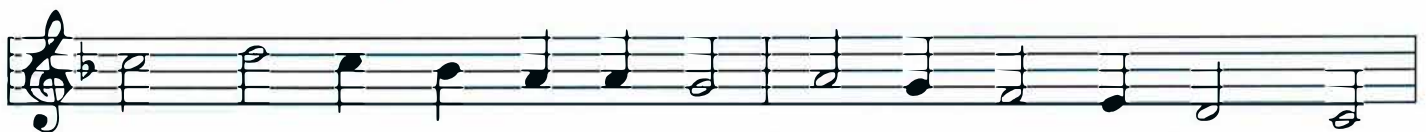
LSB 487



1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri - um-phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst His pris - on
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,
 4 For to - day a-mong His own Christ ap-peared, be - stow - ing
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry To our King im - mor - tal,



God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,
 And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;
 With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;
 His deep peace, which ev - er - more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.
 Who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark por - tal.



Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing
 Comes to glad - den faith-ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion
 Nei - ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal
 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!



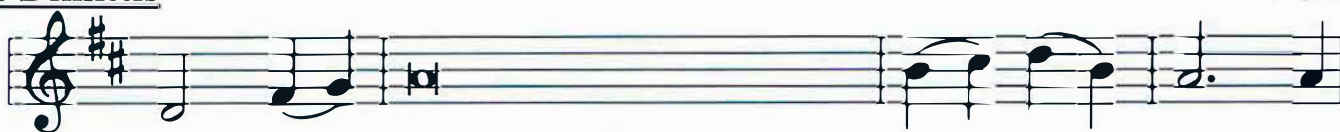
Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.
From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.
Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
Nor the watch - ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor - tal.
God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.
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Please stand, as you are able.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



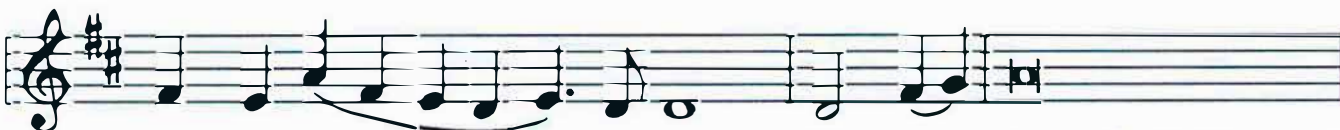
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,




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,



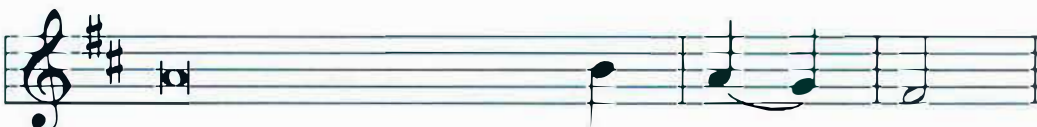
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200




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



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

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.

Salutation

LSB 201



P The Lord be with you.



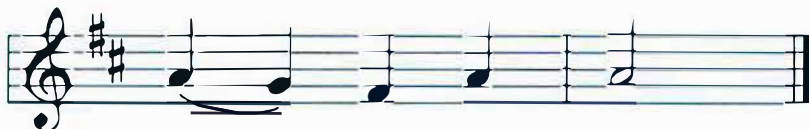
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202



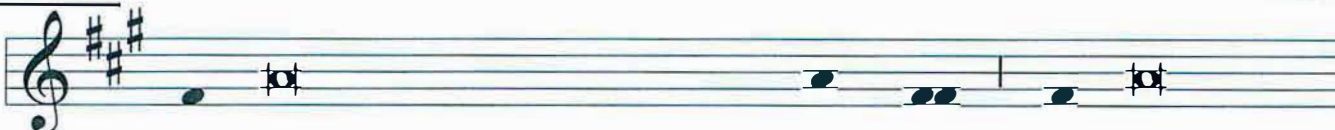
A Bless we the Lord.



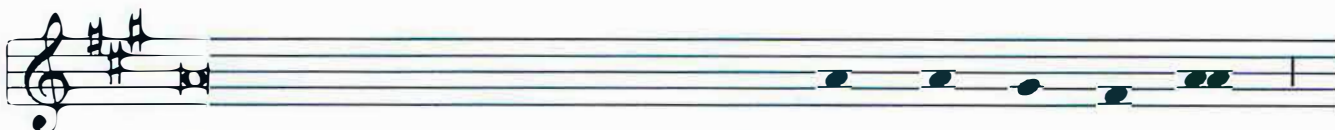
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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.



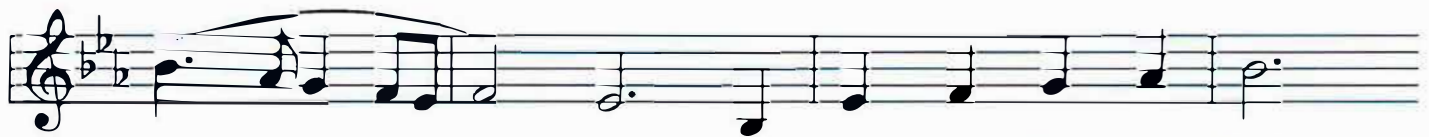
C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn 'This Joyful Eastertide'

LSB 482



1 This	joy - ful	Eas - ter - tide	A - way	with sin and
2 Death's	flood	has lost its chill	Since Je - sus	crossed the
3 My	flesh	in hope shall rest	And for	a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row:
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:
Shall wake the dead in num - ber:



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,



Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guests: Welcome! We are so glad to have you with us today! If you are visiting us for the first time, please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving. Please join us for fellowship after the service.

Communion Statement: As we learn from 1 Corinthians, when we commune together we make a confession of our oneness in doctrine & understanding of God's Word. Since those who show publicly that they agree with the teachings believed, taught, & confessed by the Pastor & congregation at which the Sacrament is distributed, we ask that those who are not members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or one of our sister churches to please refrain from partaking of the Sacrament. Instead, if you would like to receive a blessing, you are more than welcome to come to the altar rail & please indicate you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of your chest. A list of church bodies with whom we share Altar & Pulpit fellowship is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you would like to visit about this doctrine & practice, please talk to Pastor or an Elder. For further study on this matter see Matthew 5:23, 18:15-35, 26:26-39; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20 & 1 Cor. 11:17-34. Thank you.

Members of Immanuel, we will be having another question-and-answer time surrounding the crucifix discussion. It will be during Bible Study time today, April 7. To help with the discussion, questions can also be submitted to Pastor Koepp prior the meeting. When submitting questions, please indicate whether you would like it brought up publicly at the meeting or answered privately. Please note, any questions submitted for public discussion will not be attached to names. These will be the first questions addressed at the Q and A time before the floor is opened. As we continue to discuss, let us always keep in mind and practice the Eighth Commandment. We can disagree, but must not disrespect.

1st quarter giving statements are in your boxes.

Those who provided Easter Lilies for the altar, you are welcome to take those home with you.

Voters' Assembly Sunday, April 21 after the service.

Sunday School: Today's lesson, "The Praying King," tells the account of Hezekiah. When Hezekiah becomes king over Judah, he removes the altars and idols. Having conquered Israel, the king of Assyria attacks Judah, mocking Hezekiah and God. Reassured by the prophet Isaiah, Hezekiah appeals to God to uphold and protect His people. Isaiah responds by prophesying the defeat of Sennacherib's army. That night, the angel of the Lord strikes down 185,000 of the Assyrians.

Stewardship: John 10:14 – "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him, and in knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord's grace.

Building Healthy Families for April 7th: Husbands, listen up! Did you know that 90% of effective communication is listening, not talking? When your wife is talking to you, stop what you are doing, turn toward her, and look at her face. Communicate the message that you are interested in and care about what she is saying. This is respectful, courteous, and is one way to build a great relationship. Give it a try this week! ~ www.LutheranFamilyService.org.

Life Quote for April 7th: "In the resurrection we find solace in our mourning, in our uncertainty, and in our troubles. Our longing for escape finds its hope in the resurrection of Christ. It is God's approval upon the redemptive work of His Son. It is the assurance that as He was raised from the dead, so shall we, and all who have 'fallen asleep in Him' shall be raised to life eternal." Pastor Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources ~ **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org**

Lutheran Hour Ministries for April 14th: Hear "Breathe In, Breathe Out" based on Acts 2:42-47 by guest speaker Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez. The Holy Spirit breathes life into the Church and the Church breathes that life out to the world, with the love of Christ. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

A Life Thought in the Church Year for April 7th: How remarkable that our Lord's beloved Apostle St. John describes the Gospel of Jesus Christ as "the Word of Life" (1 John 1:2). He also declares all believers qualify as "little children" (2:1). And he proclaims that God has given His Son to redeem "the whole world" – every member of the human race, no matter what age, appearance, or ability. Even personal choice or political controversy can't keep us quiet about it!

LUTHERAN WORSHIP SERIES: The Kyrie, Sanctus, Pax Domini, Agnus Dei, Nunc Dimittis... Why do Lutherans worship the way they do? Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, recently completed a Classical Christian Worship series with Dr. Arthur Just, author of Heaven on Earth: The Gifts of Christ in the Divine Service. You can listen to this six-part series at issuesetc.org/classicalworship.

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Cleaning: Household(s) responsible for the week of 4/7—4/13 is **Smith/Thorpe**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 4/14—4/20 is **Stanek**. If you cannot clean the week you have been assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with others on the list. If it is your week to clean church and you have other obligations or you prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, a substitute is available for **\$75.00**. Please contact Amber at immanuelutheran@iowatelecom.net. Make payment to Amber Carnine and leave payment under her office door, in her box at church, or you can mail payment to the church. We do ask that you let Amber know ASAP but the deadline is by Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

Members of Immanuel – coming soon to your home mailboxes, you will find a copy of the Lutheran Witness (a publication of the LCMS). The church has taken on the cost for getting this monthly resource into your hands. You should receive one every month, except in the summer where there is a combined issue for June/July. If you need to update your address or have problems with your delivery, please let the church office know. What is the Lutheran Witness? In 1844, C.F.W. Walther founded the German magazine, Der Lutheraner, for the members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Walther set out of a fourfold purpose for the newsletter: First, to make known the doctrine, treasures and history of the Lutheran Church. Second, to show how the Evangelical Lutheran Church is the true church of Jesus Christ on earth. Third, to help Lutherans know how to believe, live and die in the faith. Fourth, and finally, to uncover the false doctrine afflicting Lutherans of his time. Today, That tradition continues today, as The Lutheran Witness seeks to help you interpret the world from a Lutheran perspective. The editors and designers work to craft articles and magazines that point readers to Christ and Him crucified for the sins of the world. In the end,²⁵ it's not about us and our crafted words and

refined designs, it's about Him and His life, suffering, and death for the sins of the world. May this resource serve to strengthen you in your life together with Christ and His Church.

SUMMER STAFF NEEDED: Looking for a summer job? Get that and more with a summer camp experience at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in Solon, IA is hiring for male and female camp counselors for the upcoming summer. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to spend your summer serving as a Christian role model for youth from Eastern Iowa and beyond! Employment begins May 29 and ends August 3. All summer staff go through training in early June to be fully trained in camp activities and safety, including CPR, AED, and first aid training. Candidates should be at least 18 years old. To get started, head on over to www.nloma.org and complete a summer service profile. Please contact Alec Deppe at 319-848-4187 or email programdirector@iodiseca.org if you have any questions or for more information, or check out Camp's website at www.campiodiseca.org.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

March 28, 2024 (Holy Thursday)

Attendance 27

March 29, 2024 (Good Friday)

Attendance	40
General Fund	\$2090.00
Marvin Honold Memorial	\$115.00
Richard Huedepohl Memorial	\$25.00

March 30, 2024 (Saturday Easter Vigil)

Attendance 13

March 31, 2024 (Easter Sunday)

Attendance	6:30am Service 39
Attendance	9:00am Service 41
General Fund	\$3925.00

WEEK AHEAD

Today	8:00am	Elders Meeting
	9:00am	Quasimodo Geniti (2nd Sunday of Easter)
		Missions: <i>Global Seminary Initiative</i>
		Greeter: Nolte
		Usher: Lucas B.
		Acolyte/Crucifer: Kaitlynn/Finn
		Elder: Joel M.
	10:30am	Cross Discussion
	10:30am	Sunday School
Monday	9:00am	Winkle: Pastor in Oskaloosa
Tuesday	9:00am	GMA
Thursday	11:00am	Bible Study
Friday	8-11pm	Pastor presenting to Pastors in Taiwan
Saturday		LINK Bowling: Bowladrome
Next Sunday	8:00am	Council Meeting
	9:00am	Misericordias Domini (3rd Sunday of Easter)
	10:30am	Sunday School/Bible Study
	11:30am	Board of Education Meeting
		Greeter: Routier
		Usher: Keith T.
		Servers: Melissa M./Diane S.
		Acolyte/Crucifer: Cole/Alivia
		Elder: Steve H.

LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) NEWS

From Helen Huedepohl, LWML IED VP of Communication:

What a JOYFUL message to receive on EASTER weekend!! Our mite goal has been reached!

Psalm 107 repeats the refrain *"Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!"*

Of course, our Convention theme verse is perfect for this occasion also. *"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth."* Shout it out! Praise the Lord! Share this news.

We made our mite goal and will have enough money to pay our Mission Grants for the 2022-2024 biennium with money raised in this biennium!

Checks have been written for all but one mission grant, and enough money has been received to cover it!

I stand amazed at the faithfulness of God and His LWML servants."

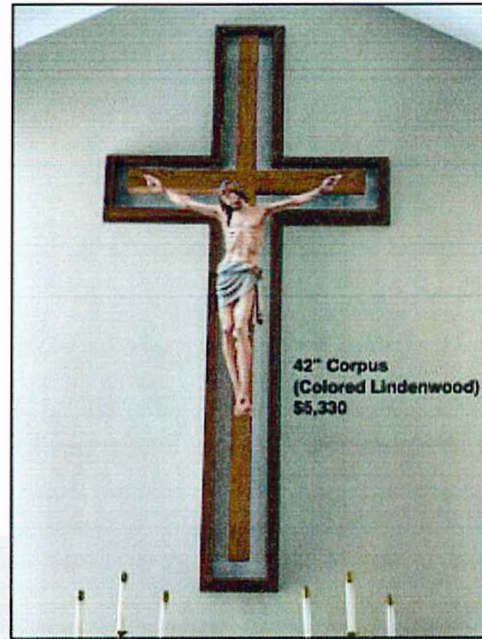
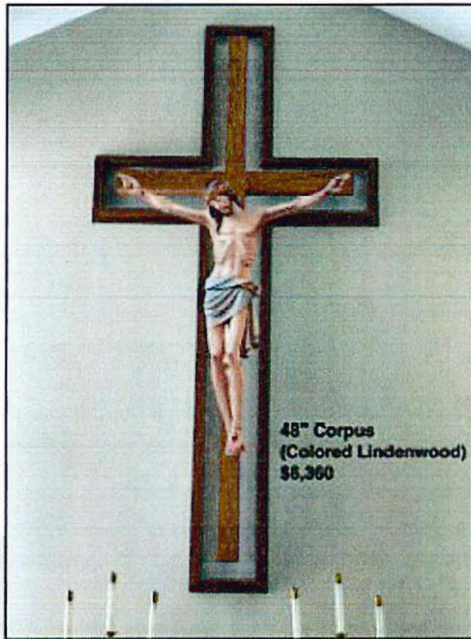
There is still time to sign up for the Marshalltown Zone Spring Rally on April 20, 2024. We can carpool from church – be at Immanuel by 8:25am, if you are willing to carpool or need a ride. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the Entryway before *Friday, April 12.*

Are you still pondering about attending the Iowa East LWML Convention to be held on June 21-22 at the Radisson Hotel in Cedar Rapids, IA? The deadline for Early Registration is

May 1, 2024. Grab a Registration Form from the table in the Entryway. I can promise you that you won't be disappointed you attended the Convention.

For more information, come to our LWML Meeting on Monday, April 15th at 11:30. :}

Proposed Corpus Project



Proposal

One of our younger congregational members has presented a proposal to turn our main cross into a crucifix by adding the Corpus of Christ onto our pre-existing cross.

Why: A cross can represent anything nowadays. Many people wear it just as something to match their outfit without really knowing what it is meant to represent.

By putting the Corpus on our church's cross, we could better represent our shared belief in Jesus's crucifixion, sacrifice and fulfillment of the covenant.

- Has been approved by Board of Elders
- Has been approved by Church Council
- Is under discussion by Church Voters
- Needs congregational consideration and approval
- Will be reviewed and voted upon by Church Voters at the next quarterly meeting in April 2024

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Pastor Koepp or a church elder.

