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Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

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**Prelude** "*Jesus Paid It All*" by John T Grape
Arr for Piano Solo by Charles Szczepanek

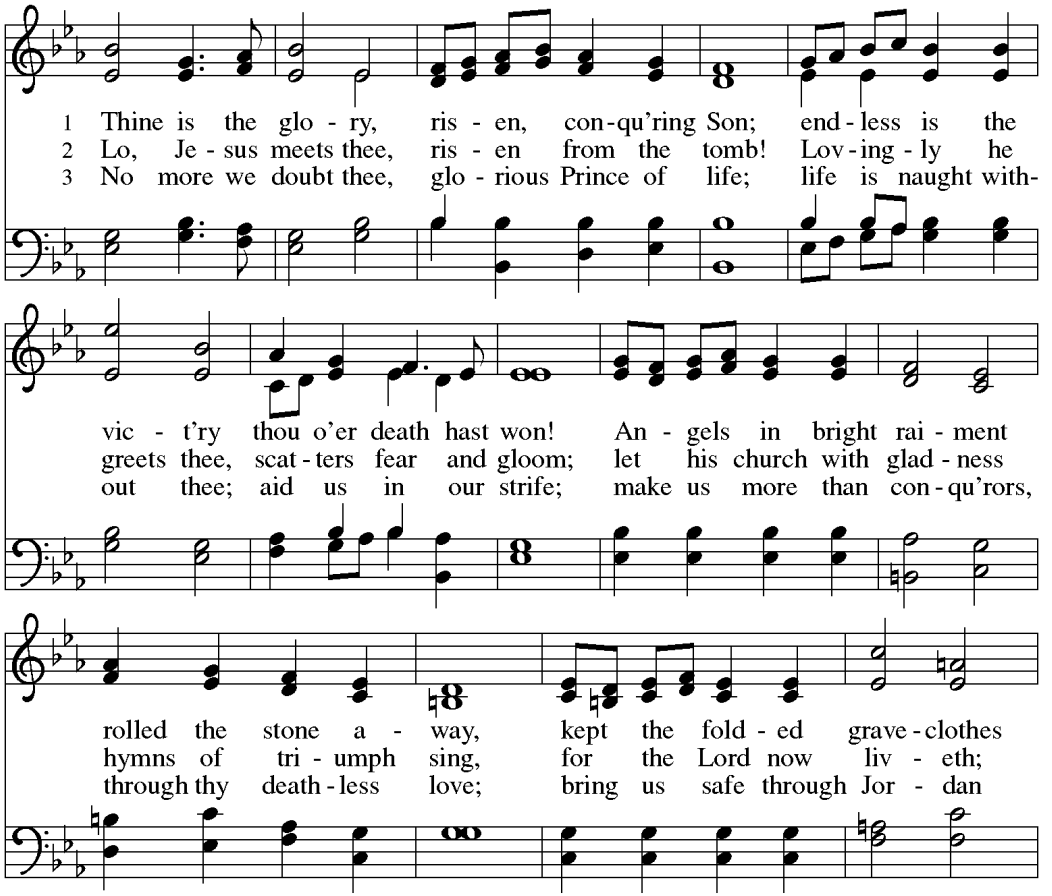
## Acclamation

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.
**C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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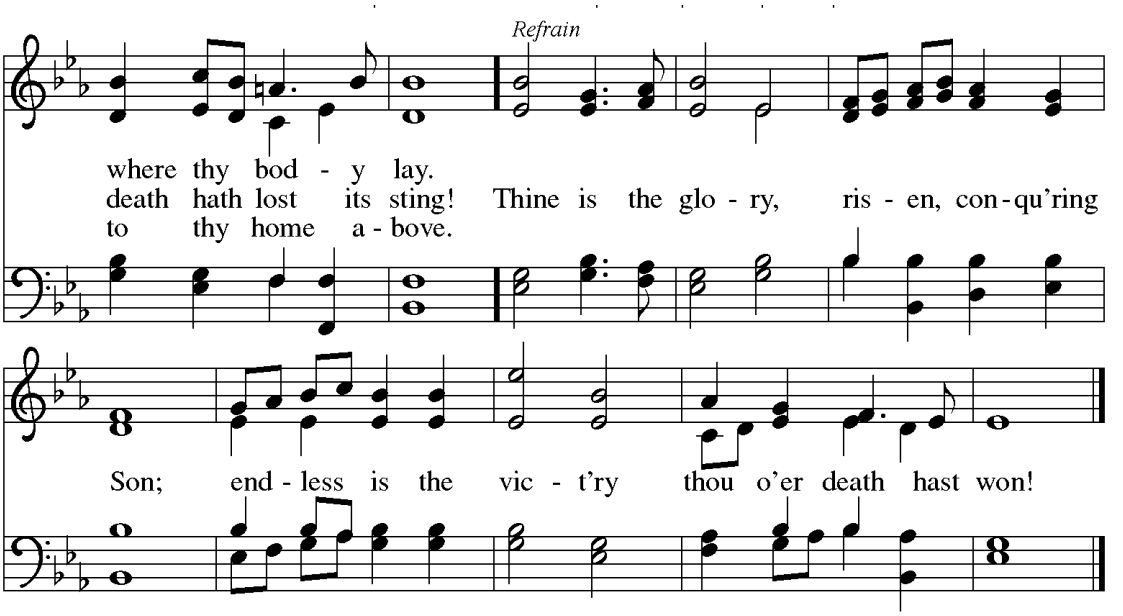
## Opening Hymn ELW #376 "*Thine is the Glory*"






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## Opening Hymn con't ELW #376 "*Thine is the Glory*"




P: The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
**C: And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

P: Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
**C: Amen.**

## First Reading Acts 9:1-16 [7-20]

[1] Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to
the high priest [2] and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that
if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them
bound to Jerusalem. [3] Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus,
suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. [4] He fell to the ground and heard
a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" [5] He asked, "Who are
you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. [6] But get up
and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [[7] The men who were
traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one.
[8] Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see
nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. [9] For three
days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

[10] Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him
in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." [11] The Lord said to him, "Get
up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of
Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, [12] and he has seen in a vision a
man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his
sight." [13] But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man,
how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; [14] and here he has
authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." [15] But the Lord
said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name
before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; [16] I myself will show him
how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." [17] So Ananias went and
entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord
Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain
your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." [18] And immediately something like
scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was
baptized, [19] and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Taize "*Raise a Song of Gladness*"

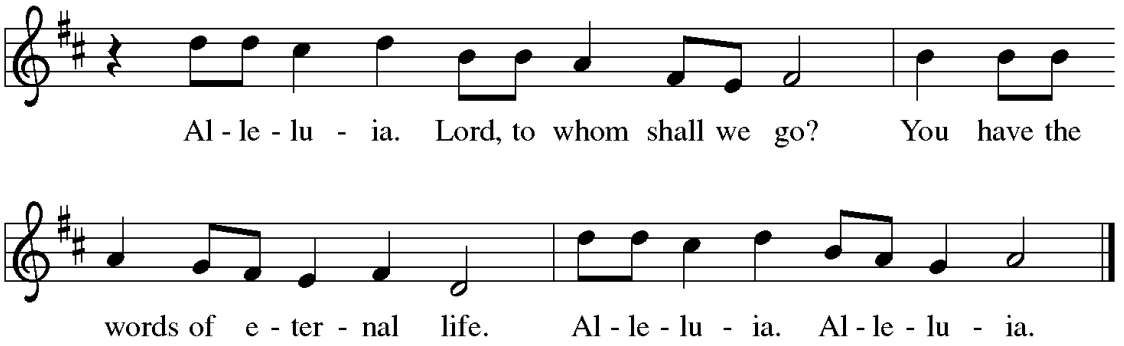



*May be sung as a canon.

## Second Reading — Revelation 5:11-14

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and
the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and
thousands of thousands, 12 singing with full voice,
"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"
13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in
the sea, and all that is in them, singing,
"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!"
14 And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and
worshiped.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



P: The Holy Gospel according to St John.
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel — John 21:1-19

[1] After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to
the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. [2] Gathered
there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in
Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. [3] Simon Peter said to
them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out
and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.
[4] Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know
that it was Jesus. [5] Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They
answered him, "No." [6] He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat,
and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in
because there were so many fish. [7] That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter,
"It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some
clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. [8] But the other disciples came
in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only
about a hundred yards off.
[9] When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and
bread. [10] Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." [11]
So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a
hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.
[12] Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared
to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. [13] Jesus came and
took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. [14] This was now
the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the
dead.

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**Gospel con't...** **John 21:1-19**

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of
John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I
love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16 A second time he said to him,
"Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I
love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17 He said to him the third time,
"Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the
third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you
know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. 18 Very truly, I tell you,
when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you
wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else
will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." 19 (He
said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he
said to him, "Follow me."
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Gospel Acclamation (repeat acclamation)**

**Sermon** **Christina Formeller**



## Hymn of the Day

## ELW #661 "*I Love to Tell the Story*"




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Hymn of the Day con't ELW #661 "*I Love to Tell the Story*"



## Apostle's 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.**

## Easter Prayers of Intercession

A: We are united to Christ in his death and resurrection through our baptism. As members of his risen body, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: Let us pray to the Lord.
**C: Hear us, risen Lord.**

A: Holy God, you raise up leaders in your church who preach salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ. Inspire us to go and tell this good news throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,
**C: Hear our prayer.**
A: Holy God, we pray for the resurrection of our world when Christ will rule and the establishment of your kingdom will bring an end to war, violence, injustice and death. Lord, in your mercy,
**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Holy God, as Christ's presence in our community, you call us to love and serve our neighbors. Bless the ministries of Concordia Church and Concordia Place with the spirit of our risen Lord that your saving grace may fill the lives of all we serve. Lord, in your mercy,
**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Holy God, you wipe away the tears of all who cry to you in distress. Bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort those who struggle and seek your presence, especially Lupe, Raymond, Donna, Pastor Don, Kenneth, Sherri, Pastor Dan, Pam, Ian, Pastor Deanna, and those whose names we speak silently or aloud [*pause for names*] ...Lord, in your mercy,
**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Holy God, you have swallowed up death forever through the resurrection of your Son. Speak to those who mourn with the promise of new life in Christ with those they love. Lord, in your mercy,
**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Receive our prayers and hopes, and fill us with the risen life of Jesus Christ, your Son.
**C: Amen.**

## The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
**C: And also with you.**

*You are invited to share the sign of peace with others.*

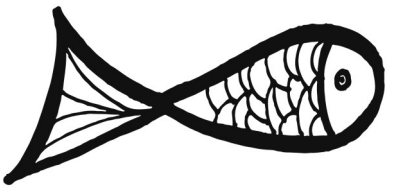
## Offertory Anthem

"*Because He Lives*" by Gloria & William Gaither
arr. for chorus by Travis Cottrell and Mason Brown

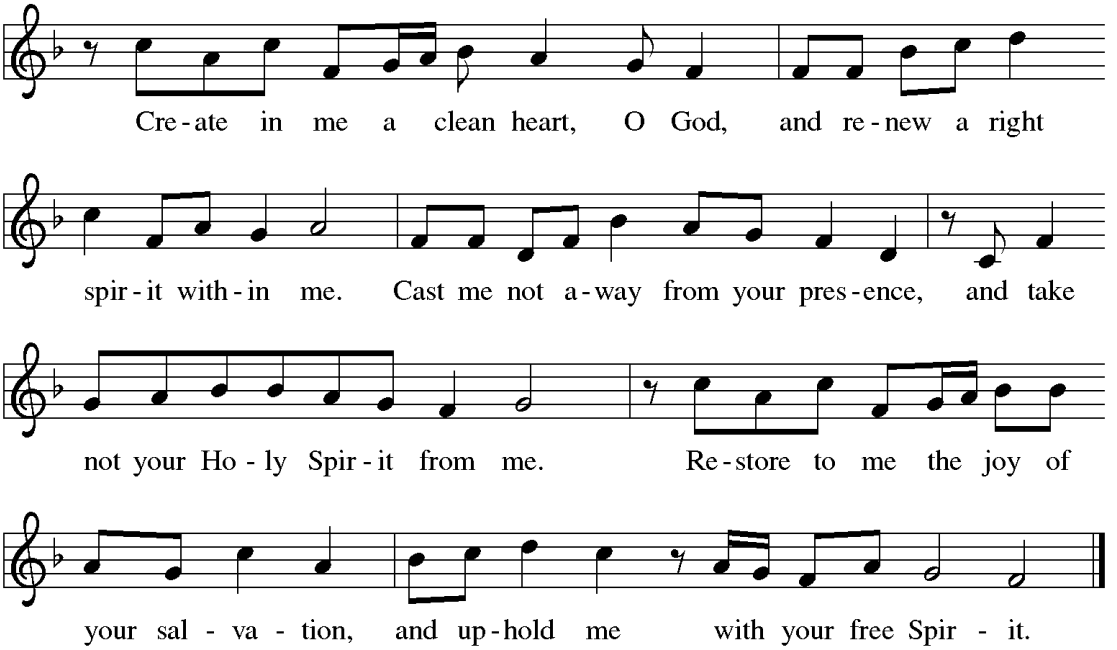
*We encourage you to use this time for reflection & gratitude as we prepare for communion.*

## The Offering

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## Offertory Hymn ELW #186 "*Create in Me a Clean Heart*"




## Offertory Prayer

A: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist

## The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.
**C: And also with you.**

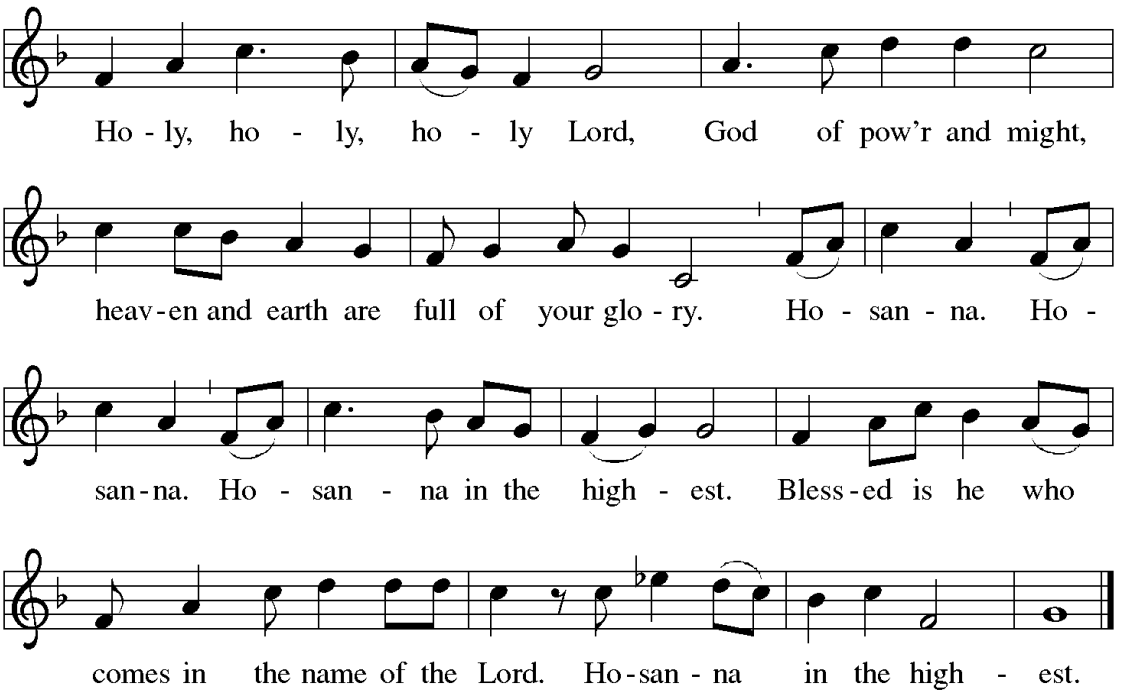
P: Lift up your hearts.
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should and at all times……. we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

### Sanctus



P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, 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.'

P: 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 With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C:**

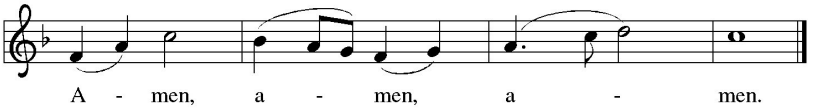



P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: We praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

**C:**



## The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

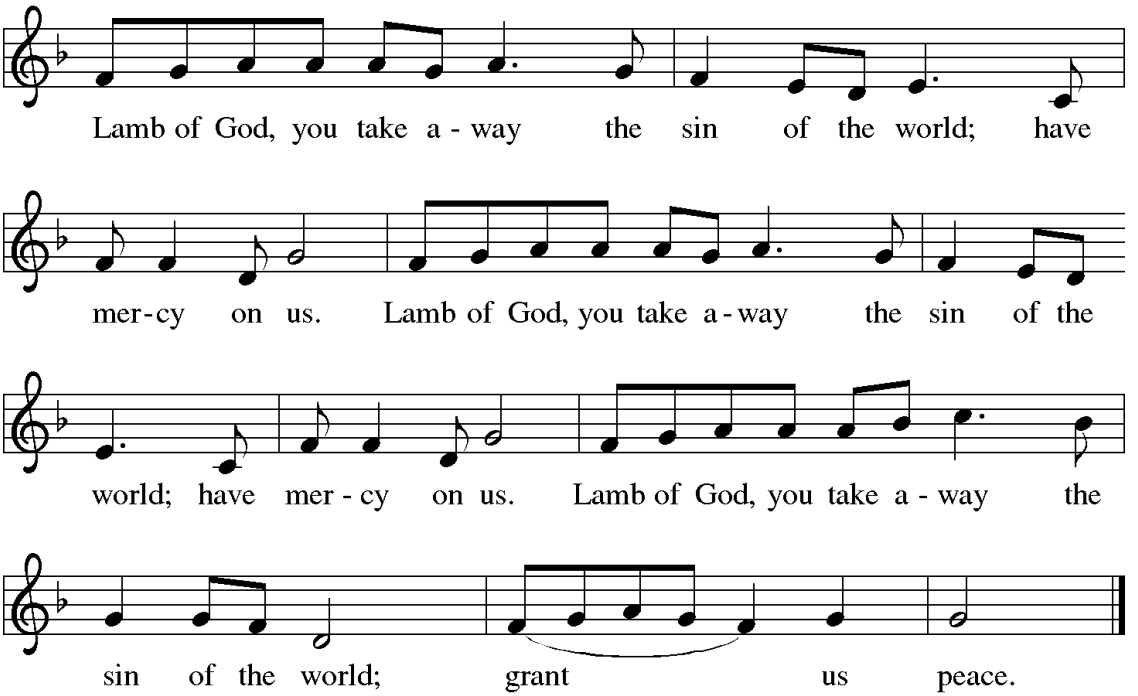
**C: Our Father in heaven,**
**hallowed be your name,**
**your kingdom come,**
**your will be done,**
**on earth as in heaven,**
**Give us today our daily bread,**
**Forgive us our sins**
**as we forgive those**
**who sin against us,**
**Save us from the time of trial**
**and deliver us from evil.**
**For the kingdom, the power,**
**and the glory are yours,**
**now and forever. Amen.**

## Communion Invitation

*We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.*

*Communion is served by continuous table around the altar, and you are asked to take a place as openings appear.*

## Communion Hymn *"Lamb of God"*




## 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 Prayer

A: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

## ELW #392 "*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*"

*verses 1, 3, 5*




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Closing Hymn con't ELW #392 "*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*"




## Announcements

## Dismissal

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
**C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A: Go in peace. Remember your baptism.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude "*Moderato on 'All People That on Earth Do Dwell'*"
Arr for Organ Solo by Paul Fey

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## Today's celebrants:

**Pastor:** Christina Formeller
**Celebrant:** Rev. Arnie Pierson
**Lector:** Marne Turner
**Greeter:** Jocelyn Lemish
**Soloists:** Marisa Buchheit, Jade Dasha, Benjamin Burney, Avery Sujkowski
**Choir:** Richard Gaul, Dan Lantvit, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck
**Organist & Choir Director:** Paul Dykstra

## Upcoming Events

**May 11th:** Executive Team meeting at 11am in church office
Second Sundays concert at 11:30am

**May 18th:** Council meeting at 11am in the gym

**June 8th:** Annual meeting of the church at 11am in the sanctuary

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**Browse Items: Saturday, May 10th from 10 am - 12 pm at Concordia on Whipple (3300 N Whipple St)**

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**Opening Hymn** **ELW #376 *"Thine is the Glory"***

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

**Taize** **"*Raise a Song of Gladness*"**

**Hymn of the Day** **ELW #661 "*I Love to Tell the Story*"**

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911
Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

**Offertory Hymn** **ELW #186 "*Create in Me a Clean Heart*"**

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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**Closing Hymn** **ELW #392 "*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*"**

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