Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2025
9:00 a.m.

Welcome to Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word in worship in-person and online. We encourage you to follow along in this document.
If you are joining us online, please email the office at LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org, so we can welcome you within our midst.

May the Lord bless our worship this day.

As We Gather

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

As We Offer

We offer our contributions in-person or online at Tithe.ly through this link https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1438924 or with your phone by taking a picture of this QR Code.

+ Gathering +

PRELUDE ~ *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* Anne Krentz Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

℗ Alleluia! Christ is risen.

℃ **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

℗ In the name of ☩ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

℃ **Amen.**

℗ Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

℃ **make us one as you are one.**

℗ We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

℃ **make us one as you are one.**

℗ We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

℄ **make us one as you are one.**

℗ Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

℄ **Amen.**

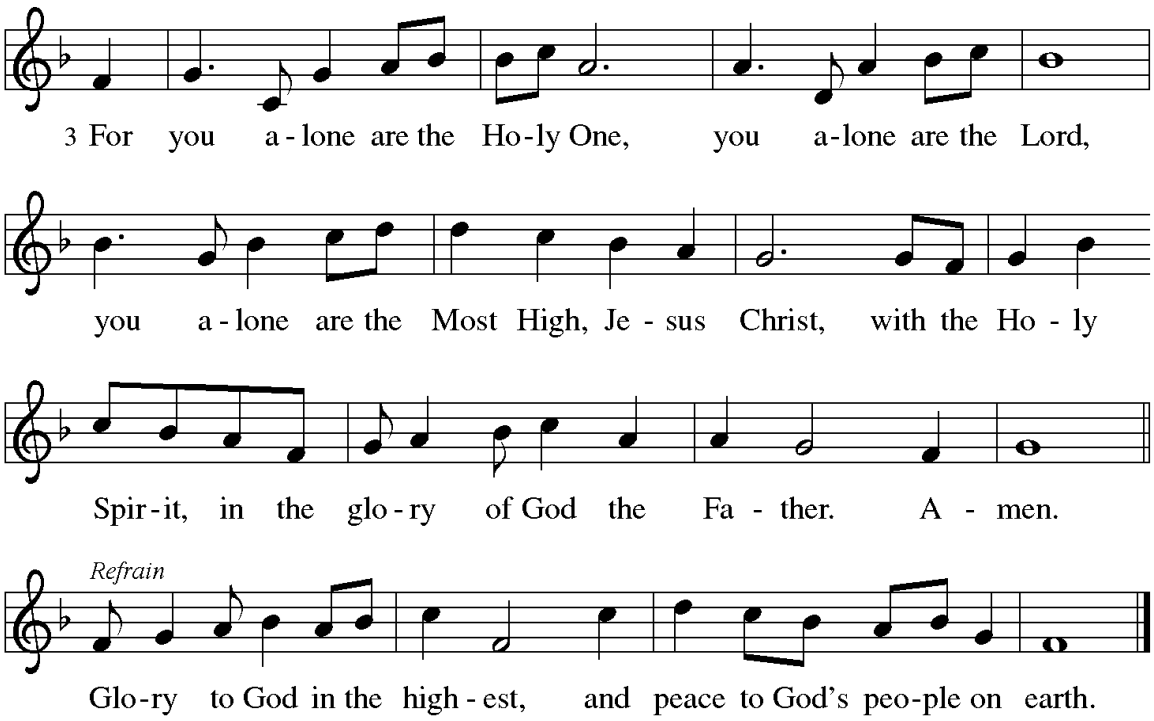
GATHERING HYMN ~ *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* **ELW 384**

GREETING

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

℟ **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ Word +

We sit.

FIRST READING — Acts 5:27-32

A A reading from Acts.

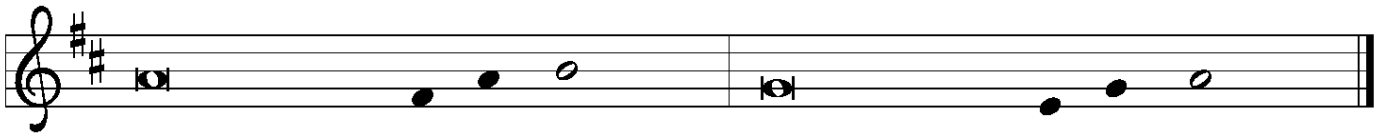
27 When they had brought the apostles, they had them stand before
the council. The high priest questioned them, 28 saying, "We gave you
strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled

Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." [29] But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. [30] The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. [31] God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. [32] And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:14-29



A [14] The LORD is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.

C [15] **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:**
"The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!

A [16] The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!
The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"

C [17] **I shall not | die, but live,**
and declare the works | of the LORD.

A [18] The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

C [19] **Open for me the | gates of righteousness;**
I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.

A [20] "This is the gate | of the LORD;
here the righ- | teous may enter."

C [21] **I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me**
and you have become | my salvation.

A [22] The stone that the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.

C [23] **By the LORD has | this been done;**
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

A [24] This is the day that the | LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

C [25] **Hosanna! | O LORD, save us!**
We pray to you, LORD, pros- | per our days!

A [26] Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of the LORD;
we bless you from the house | of the LORD.

C [27] **The LORD is God and has giv- | en us light.**
Form a procession with branches up to the corners | of the altar.

A [28] You are my God, and | I will thank you;
you are my God, and I | will exalt you.

C [29] **Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;**
God's mercy en- | dures forever.

SECOND READING — Revelation 1:4-8

A A reading from Revelation.

[4] John to the seven churches that are in Asia:
Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, [5] and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and

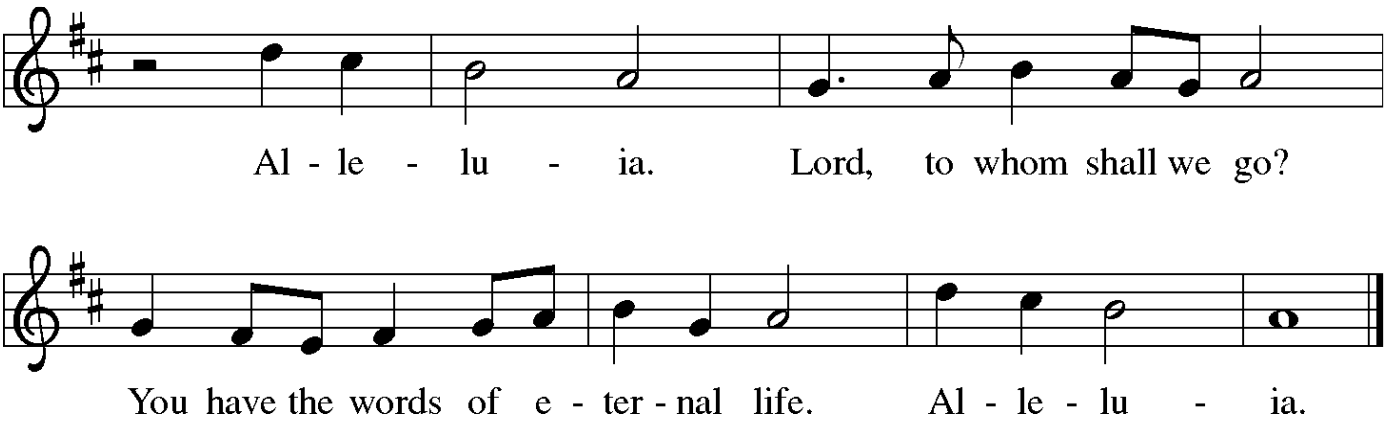
the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us
from our sins by his blood, [6] and made us to be a kingdom, priests
serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever
and ever. Amen. [7] Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will
see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the
tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. [8] "I am the Alpha
and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is
to come, the Almighty.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL **John 20:19-31**

P The holy gospel according to John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[19] When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the
doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear
of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be
with you." [20] After he said this, he showed them his hands and his

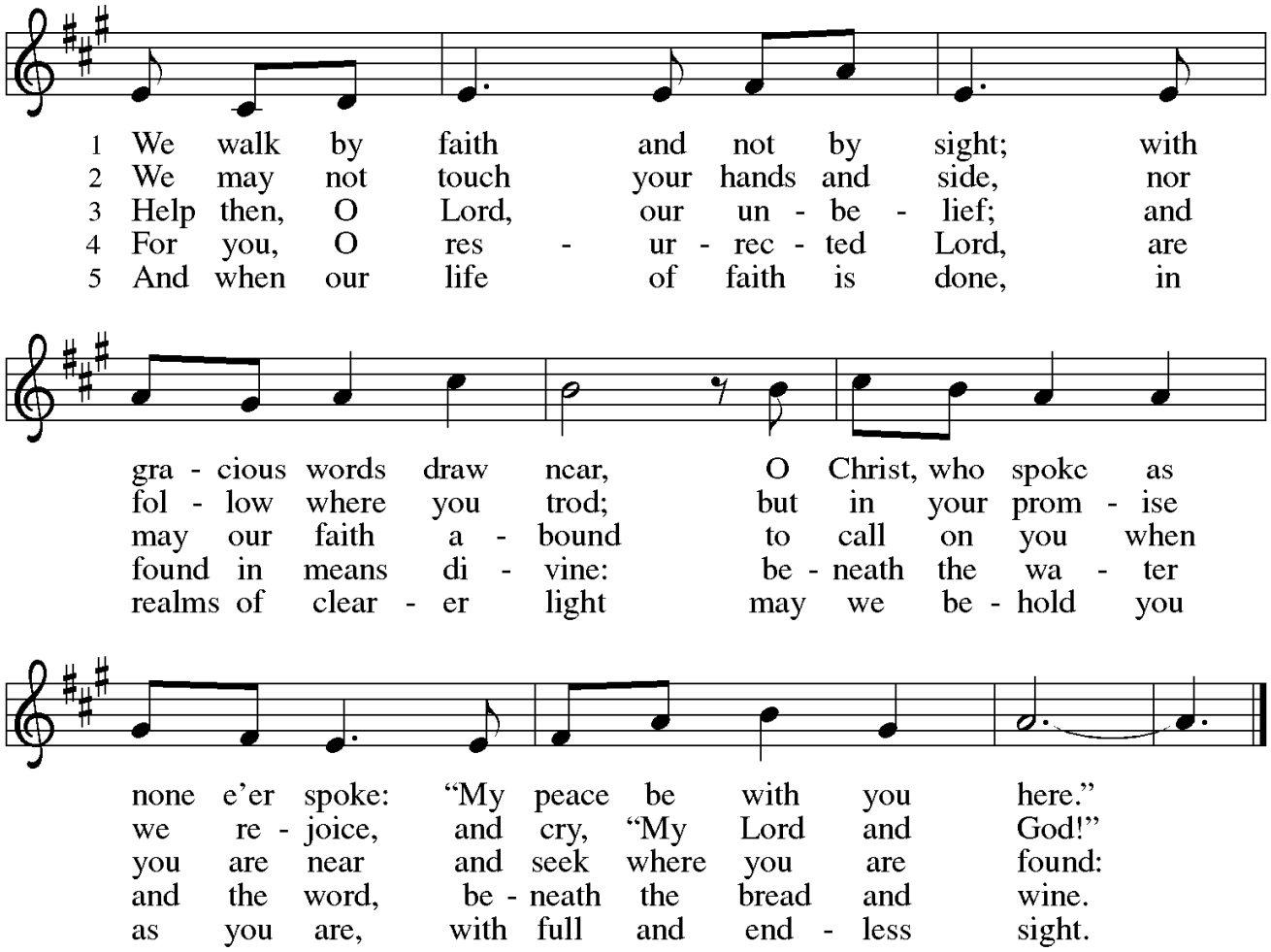
side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. [21] Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." [22] When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. [23] If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." [24] But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. [25] So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." [26] A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." [27] Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." [28] Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" [29] Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." [30] Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. [31] But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name

℗ The gospel of the Lord.

℄ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ *We Walk by Faith* ELW 635



We stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

A Let us confess the faith of the church with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Each petition ends:

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude:

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

+ Meal +

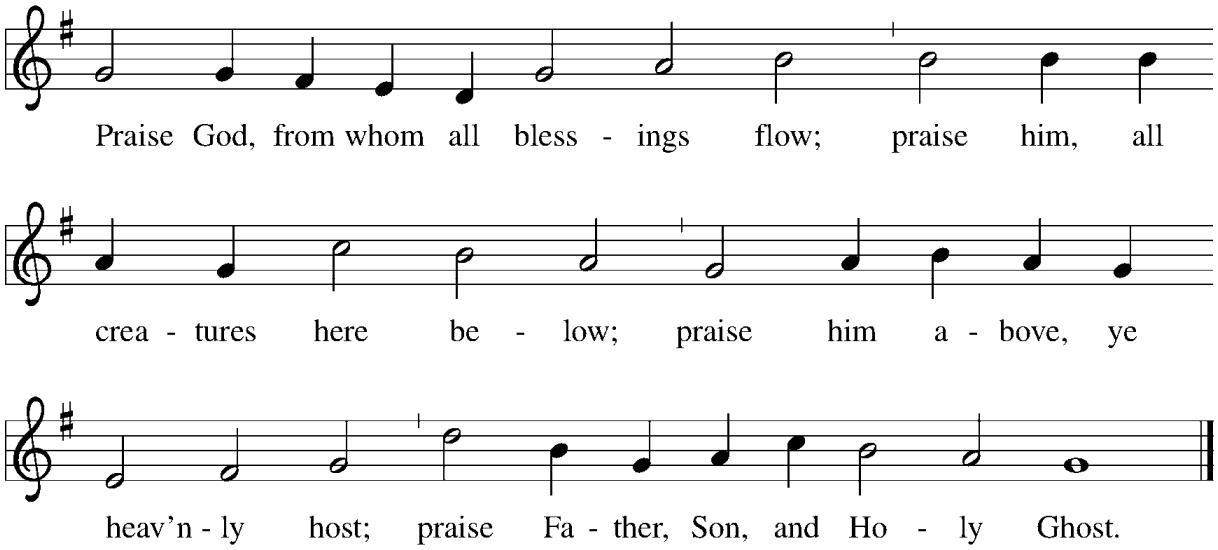
We sit.

OFFERING MUSIC ~ *Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound*

John Carter

We stand.

OFFERING SONG ~ *Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow*

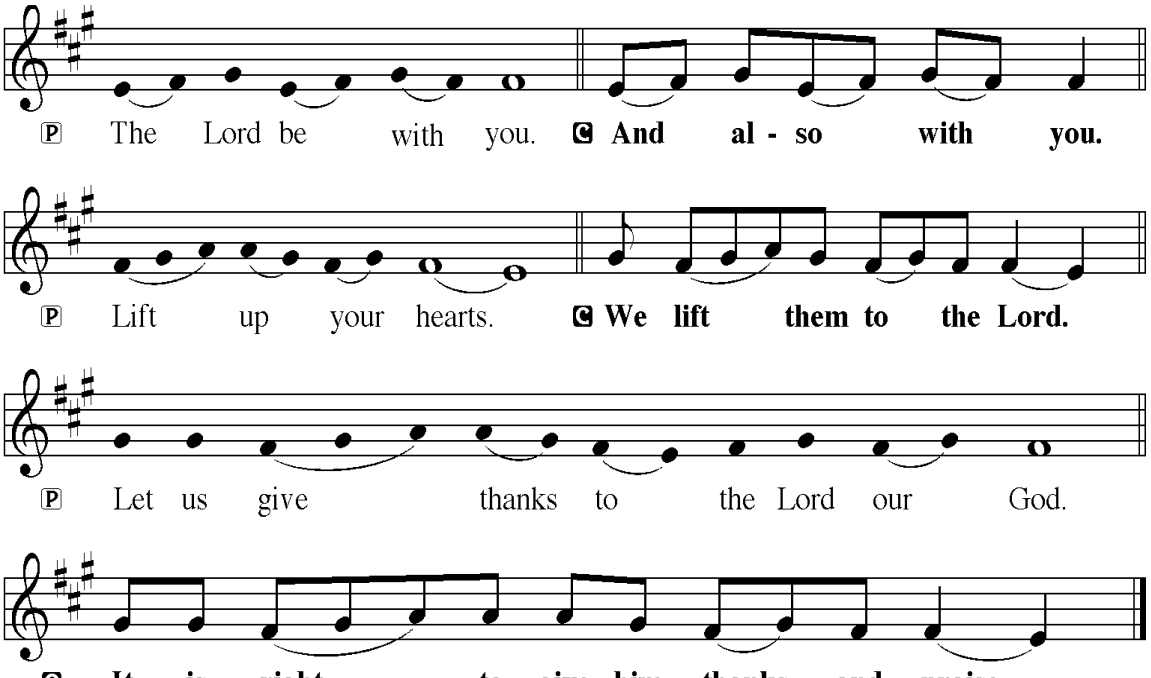


OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C **Amen.**

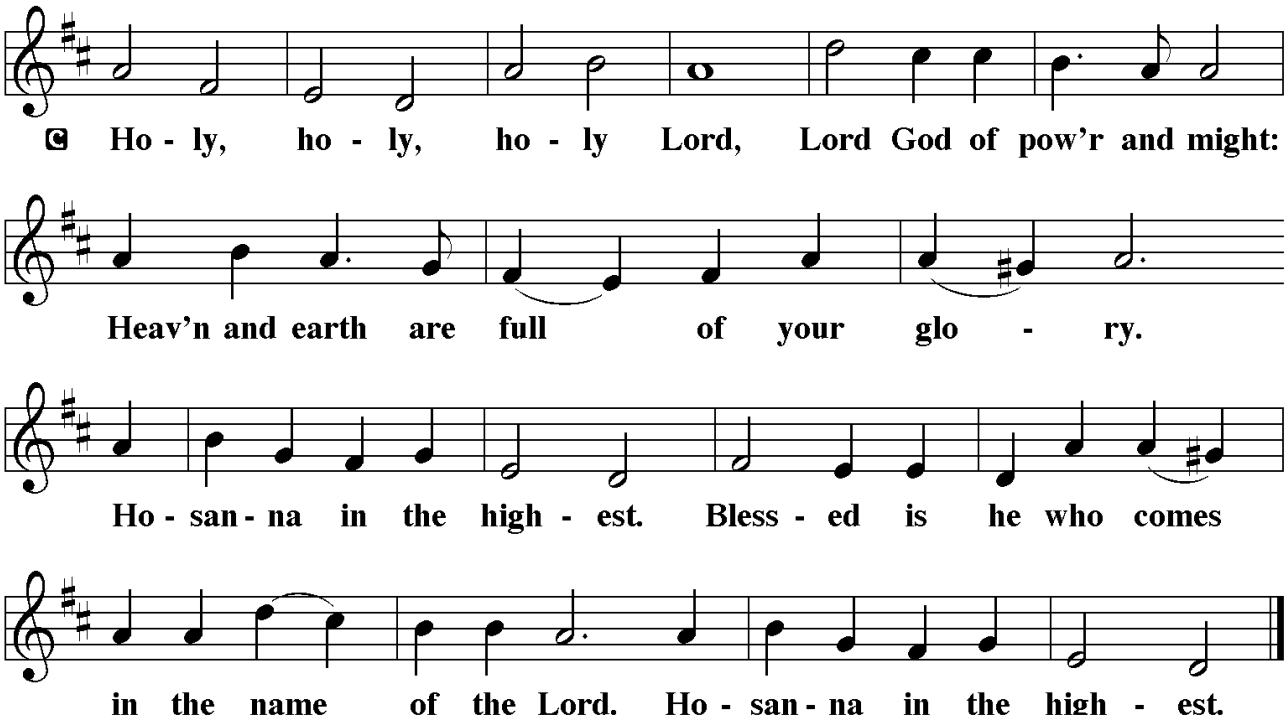
DIALOGUE



PREFACE

℗ It is indeed right and salutary…praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING

℗ Holy God, Almighty Father,
our merciful guide and redeemer, all creation sings your praise…

…Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

℄ **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

℗ Let us pray the words our Lord taught us.

℄ **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.

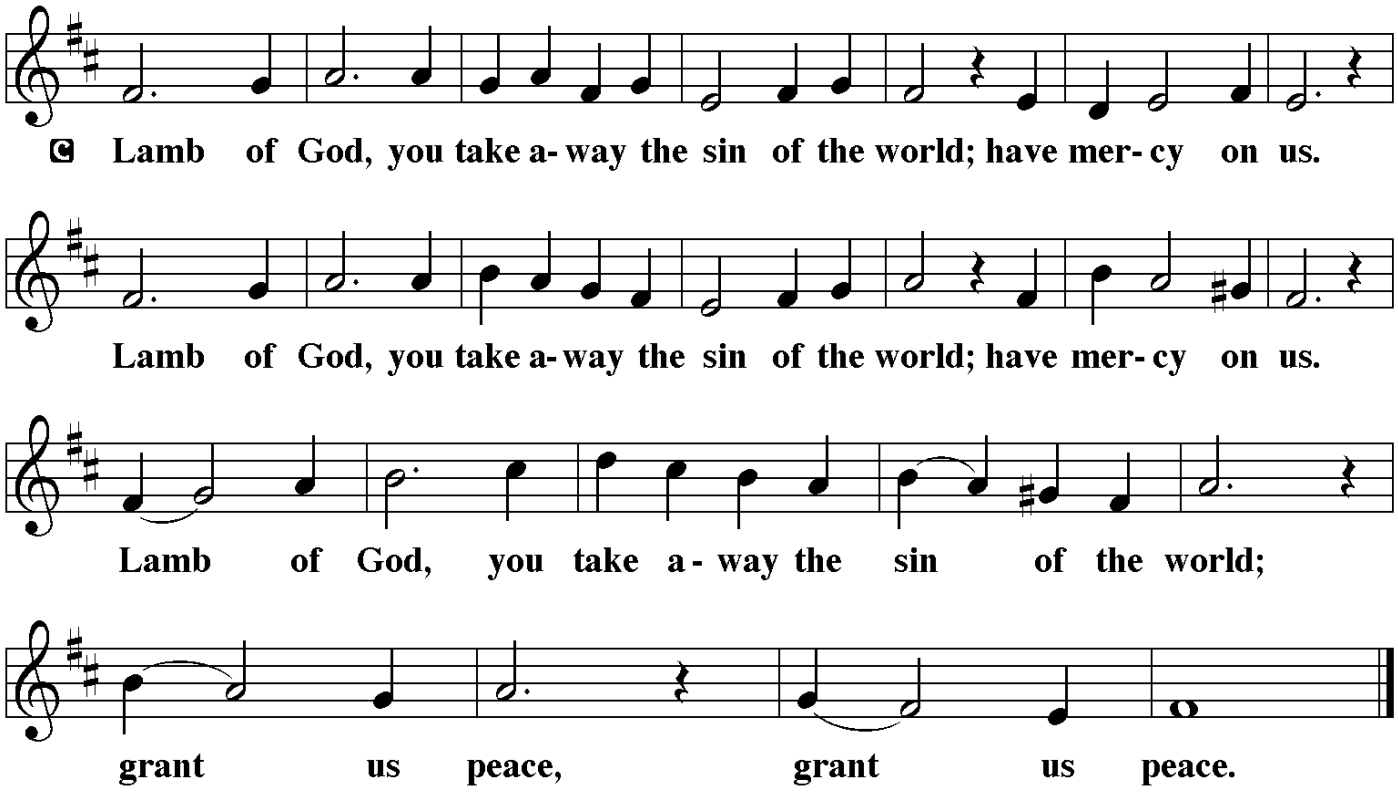
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

℗ Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

℣ **Amen.**

We sit.

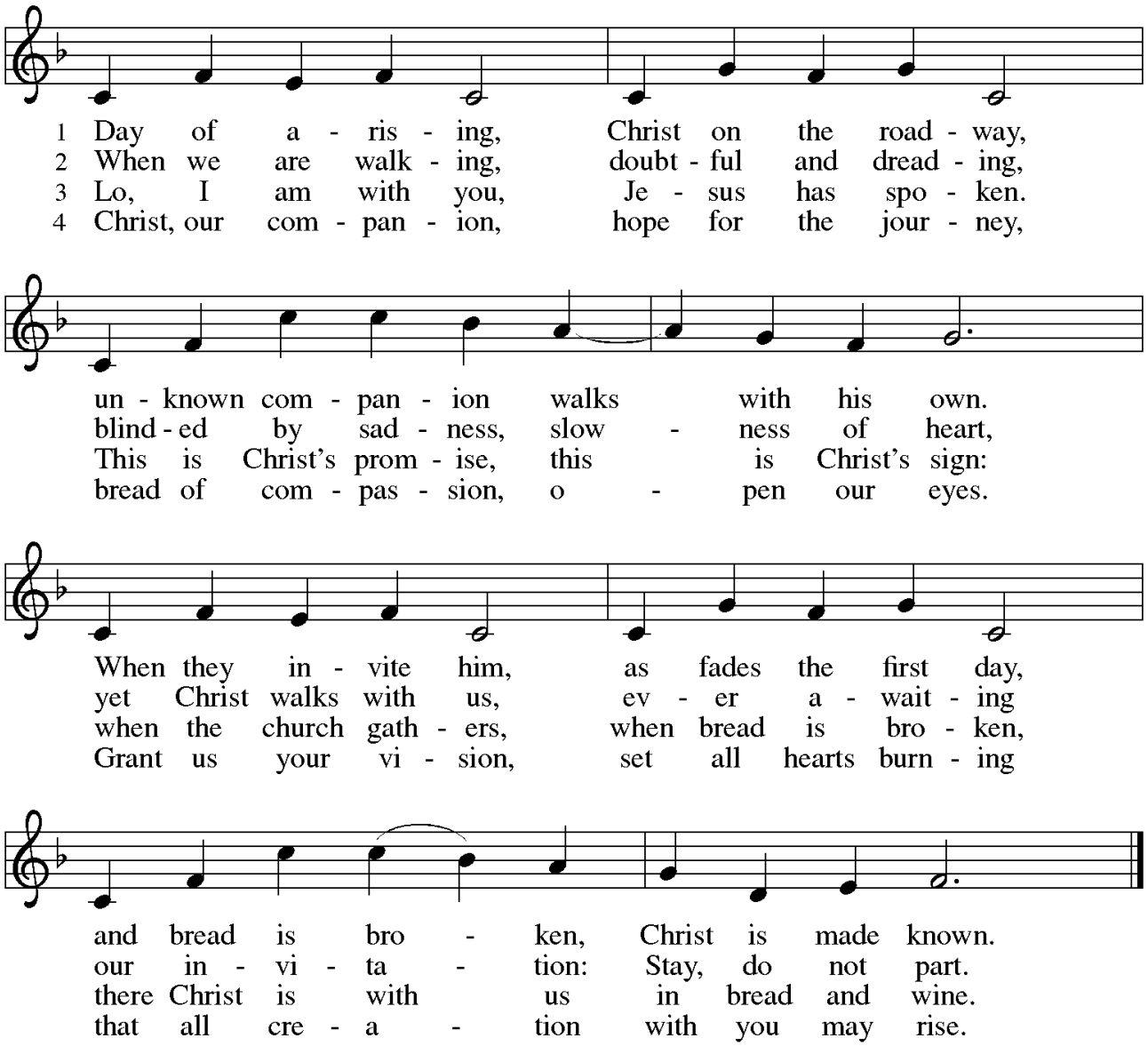
AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome *to the table of the Lord, who is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine.* ***We gather at the communion rail*** *and consume the elements,* ***by intinction****, taking the wafer and dipping it into the chalice, half of which is* ***red*** *wine, and the other half of which, is* ***light apple juice****.* ***Gluten free*** *wafers are available during distribution.* ***Children*** *who have yet to commune are welcome to receive a blessing.* ***Please inform the ushers*** *if you would like communion brought to you at* ***your place in the pew****.*

COMMUNION HYMN ~ *Day of Arising* **ELW 374**



We stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

℃ **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Ⓐ Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

℃ **Amen.**

+ Sending +

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN ~ *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name* ELW 534

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE ~ *With a Heart of Thanksgiving* Howard Helvey

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✢ WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS ✢

WORSHIP REGISTRATION SHEETS ~ All visitors & members please sign-in each Sunday on the worship attendance sheets located in the blue folder at the end of your pew. Please update any new contact information. We encourage visitors to provide contact information - - this helps us to get to know you!

<u>Please continue to sign-in each week.**</u>** This helps gauge church growth, plan events, maintain how many bulletins should be printed, and assist in setting up the communion meal for each week. Trying a new seat will also help you say hello to those who you do not know each week. Thank you for your assistance with this.**

<u>WELCOME</u> ~ IF YOU WATCH ON-LINE, PLEASE EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE DIRECTLY AT LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org or call the office and let us know you attended. Thank you!

<u>SPRING CLEAN-UP:</u> **Saturday, April 26 8am-1pm**

Come when you can, stay as long as you can, help where you can!! Lunch will be served. Please call Mark Puchalski for any questions. There is a sign-up in the narthex. Rain date is May 3. Thank you for your participation!!