

Following the traumatic events of the crucifixion and a terrifying resurrection, the disciples in their confusion and grief had to be wondering, What's next?

The lectionary readings for the Easter season provide the road map ahead as the disciples discover a new post-resurrection life and reality:

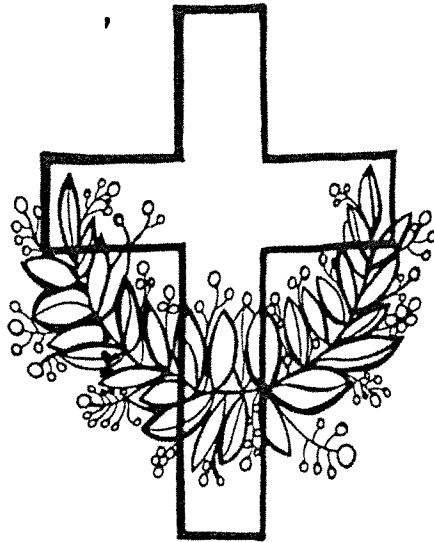
Christ is with us. Behind closed doors, in our doubt, on our journey, in water, bread, and wine, the Good Shepherd calls us to follow, going before us to prepare the way, bringing peace, breathing the Spirit on us, so that we may tell this story to people of every land and nation. Jesus' promise to be with us always is the game changer.

**Pastor: Rev. Gabriella Conklin**

**Music Director: Dr. Vivian Munn**

**Cantor: Claudio Esquivel**

**Organist: Marilyn Martin**



# 6th Sunday of Easter

May 10th, 2026  
10:30am

**Welcome to First Lutheran Church, Edinburg, Texas** during the

Season of Easter. We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us. First Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Southwestern Texas Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

As Lutherans, we confess our belief that the Holy Eucharist (also called the Lord's Supper and Holy Communion) is the place where Our Lord Jesus is truly present (*real presence*). All baptized people, who believe in Christ and share our beliefs concerning this sacrament, are invited and encouraged to participate in the Eucharist. This includes members of other Lutheran churches and members of other denominations. Young children are also invited to share in this celebration and may receive the sacrament if they, with their families, feel it is appropriate. Children who do not wish to receive their First Communion are invited to receive a blessing. Those unable to partake of the wine be assured that the Church affirms our Lord's presence in the bread alone.



**ALL WORSHIP GUESTS** — We hope that you worship with us again. If you have any questions about First Lutheran Church, please call the office at 956.383.2647.

**Mission Statement: Grace in Action, Mindful of a Changing World, We Seek ALL People.**

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Please remember to  
**TURN OFF OR SILENCE ELECTRONIC DEVICES**  
We appreciate your help in minimizing any distractions during the liturgy.

## + GATHERING +

### PRELUDE

#### STAND **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us (local waters may be named).

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

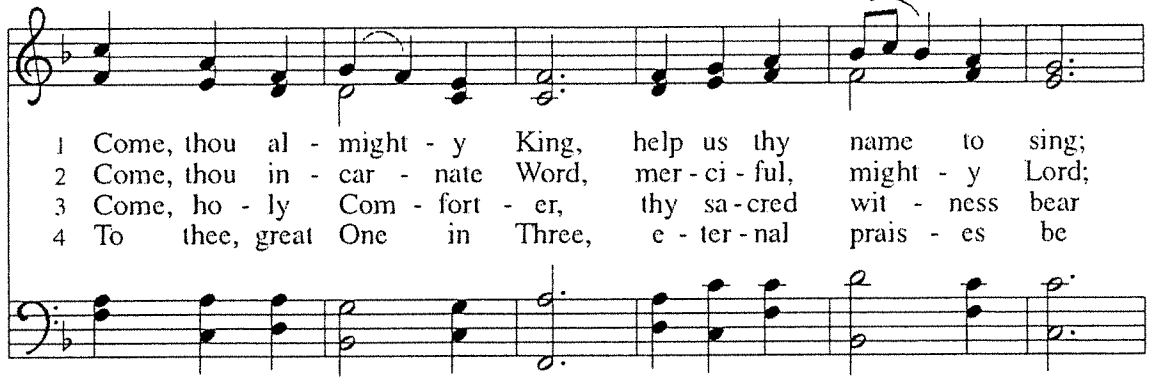
Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
now and forever.

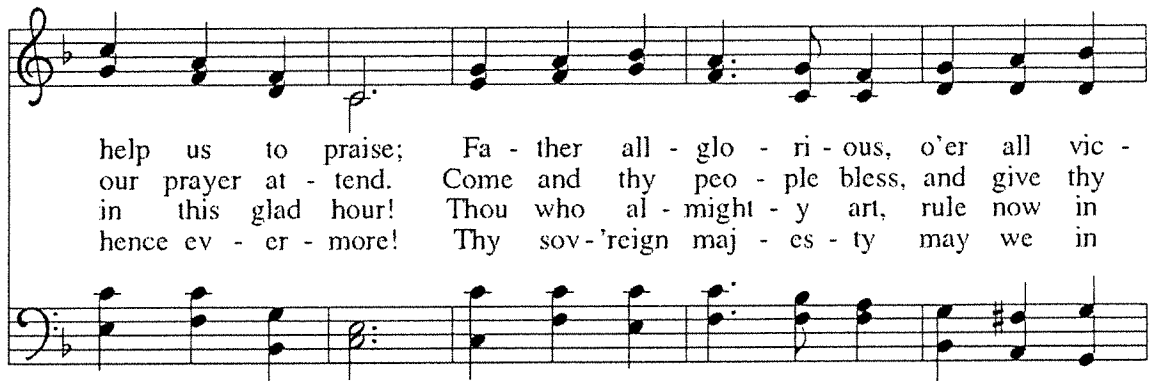
**Amen.**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW 408 *Come Thou Almighty King*

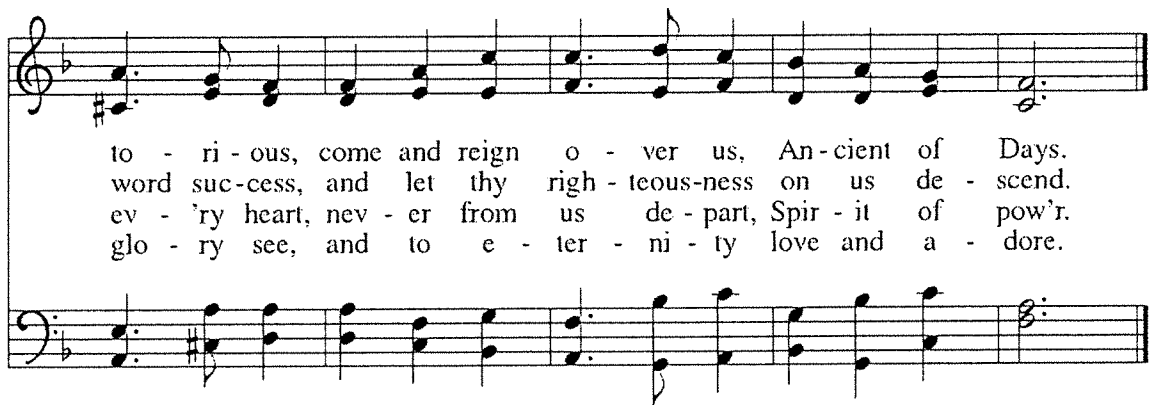
*Greek for 'LORD have mercy', 'Kyrie eleison' is a very old, even pre-Christian expression, used in the liturgies of the church as a penitential cry to God for mercy and forgiveness.*



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;  
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in  
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in

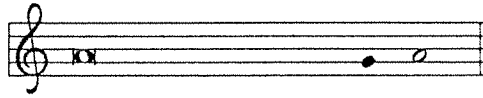


to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.  
ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

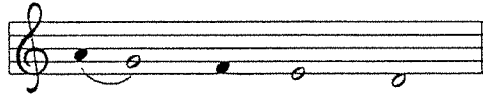
## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.**

# KYRIE



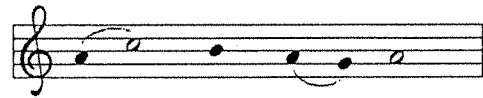
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



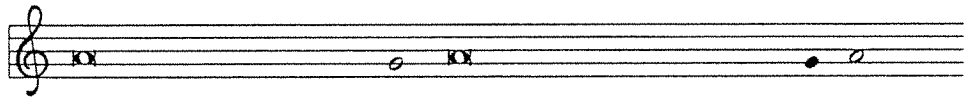
Lord, have mer - cy.



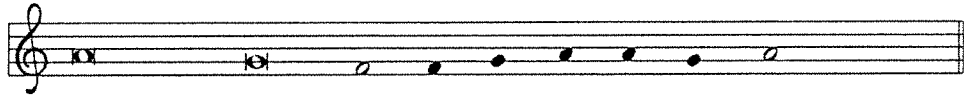
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



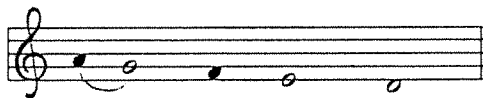
Lord, have mer - cy.



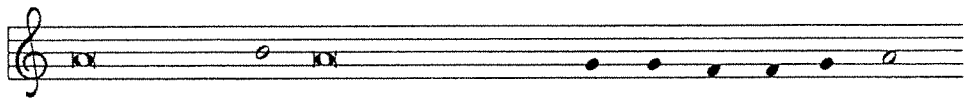
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



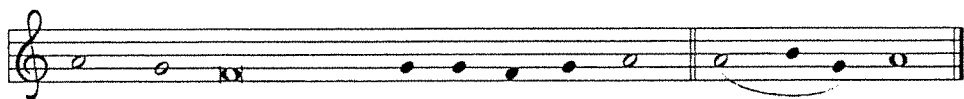
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*



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

2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

SIT

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *Children of the Heavenly Father — arr. Paul Sjulund*

## + LITURGY OF THE WORD +

### FIRST READING - Acts 17:22-31

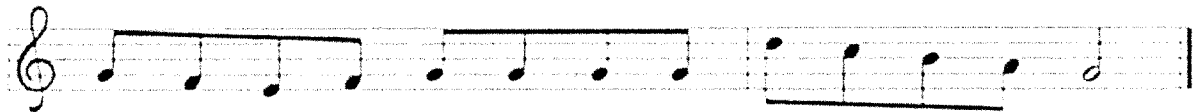
*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

<sup>22</sup> Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’ <sup>29</sup> “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### PSALM 66:8-20



Bless our God, you peo - ples; let the sound of praise be heard.

<sup>8</sup> Bless our | God, you peoples;

let the sound of | praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup> **Our God has kept us a- | mong the living  
and has not allowed our | feet to slip. R**

<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have | tested us;  
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

<sup>11</sup> **You brought us in- | to the net;  
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**

<sup>12</sup>You let people ride over our heads; we went through <sup>1</sup> fire and water, but you brought us out into a place <sup>1</sup> of refreshment.

<sup>13</sup>**I will enter your house <sup>1</sup> with burnt offerings and will pay <sup>1</sup> you my vows—**

<sup>14</sup>those that I promised <sup>1</sup> with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I <sup>1</sup> was in trouble.

<sup>15</sup>**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the <sup>1</sup> smoke of rams; I will give you ox- <sup>1</sup>en and goats. R**

<sup>16</sup>Come and listen, all you <sup>1</sup> who believe, and I will tell you what God has <sup>1</sup> done for me.

<sup>17</sup>**I called out to God <sup>1</sup> with my mouth, and praised the Lord <sup>1</sup> with my tongue.**

<sup>18</sup>If I had cherished evil <sup>1</sup> in my heart, the Lord would <sup>1</sup> not have heard me;

<sup>19</sup>**but in truth <sup>1</sup> God has heard me and has attended to the sound <sup>1</sup> of my prayer.**

<sup>20</sup>Blessed be God, who has not reject- <sup>1</sup>ed my prayer, nor withheld unfailing <sup>1</sup> love from me. **R**

## **SECOND READING - 1 Peter 3:13-22**

*The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.*

**STAND**

<sup>13</sup>Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL READING - John 14:15-21

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

SIT

**HOMILY**

STAND

**HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 863 My God, How Wonderful Thou Art**

## **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,  
was incarnate of the **Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary**  
and became truly human.

**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,  
who with the Father and the son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*Brief Silence.*

God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill (especially). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.  
**Amen.**

### **SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## + LITURGY OF THE MEAL +

### SIT OFFERING

STAND OFFERTORY *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven* ELW 865



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis - tress.



Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing.  
Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.

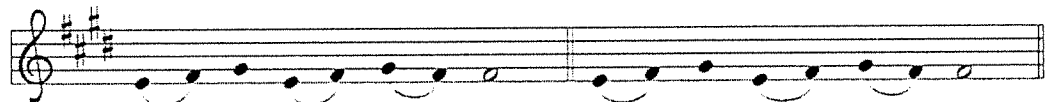


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!

### OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

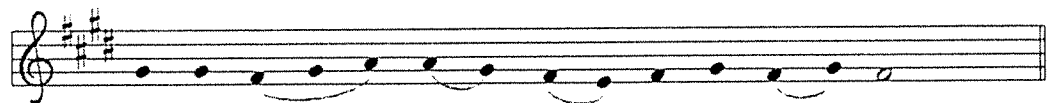
### GREAT THANKSGIVING



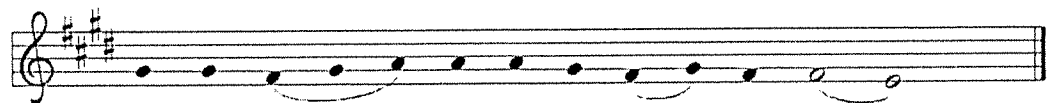
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

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

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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, give 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.

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

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

By water and the Holy Spirit we are children of God and thus we have the courage 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,**

**For ever and ever. Amen.**

### **FRACTION**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the table of new life.

Receive the risen Lord.

**SIT** **AGNUS DEI**

**Receiving Communion**  
The body of Christ given  
for you. The blood of  
Christ shed for you.  
Amen.



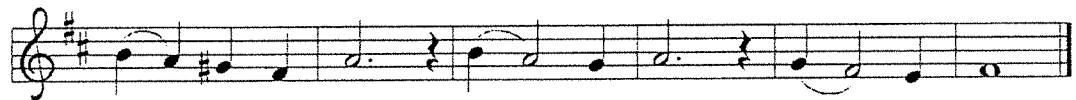
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION HYMNS** *ELW 398 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*  
*ELW 397 Loving Spirit*

**STAND**

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord keep and preserve you to life everlasting.  
Amen.

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (Nunc Dimittis)**



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,  
**Amen.**

## **+ SENDING +**

### **BLESSING**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## *SIT* **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*STAND* **RECESSIONAL HYMN ELW 392 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
Thanks be to **God. Alleluia!**

### **POSTLUDE**

## Those for Whom We Pray

Danny Garza, Irasema Garza, Gloria Trevino, Rene Guajardo, Javier Davila, Lolly Tangen, Veronica L. Esquivel, Amanda Vale, Sandra Flores, Letty Flores, Nicole Paredes, Victoria Trevino, Mary Flores, Belia Paez, Ryan Guajardo, Adela Bustos, Robert Moffitt, Kim LaFleur, Mike Salyers, Hiram Alanis, Amanda Norquest, Herb Nordmeyer & family, Brenda Flores Rodriguez, Blanca Garcia

Prayer request cards are located in the hymn rack. Let us know when God has met your prayer needs! Call the church office at 956.383.2647 or email at [flcedinburg@gmail.com](mailto:flcedinburg@gmail.com), so the requested name can be removed from the prayer list, and we may rejoice with you.

## Announcements

- ◆ We need a lector for next Sunday (May 17), if anyone would like to volunteer.
- ◆ Pastor Gabbi will be out of town Tuesday, May 12 to Friday, May 15. She will be back in time for Sunday Service.
- ◆ We are having our Graduation Celebration on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Please let the office know of any and all those that will be graduating or moving from one school to another. There is also a sign-up sheet in narthex on newsletter table. If there are any High school grads, please see Pastor about an application for a scholarship. Scholarship applications must be turned in by Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ El Valle Brass Band is having a concert here on Sunday, May 17 at 6:30 pm, if anyone would like to listen to some music. Flyer is on the newsletter board.

- ◆ We will be having a BBQ plate sale on Sat, June 6th from 11am-2pm. There are two sign-up sheets in the narthex, one to sign up to sell tickets as well as one to sign up to volunteer on the day of. We need everyone's help to make this a successful fundraiser for our church community.

