



# OUR SAVIOR

## LUTHERAN CHURCH



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**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 3, 2026**

Confession and Absolution

**Opening Hymn: “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”** LSB 556

*sts. 1–5*

- 1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,  
    With exultation springing,  
And with united heart and voice  
    And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done,  
How His right arm the vict'ry won.  
    What price our ransom cost Him!
  
- 2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;  
    Death brooded darkly o'er me.  
Sin was my torment night and day;  
    In sin my mother bore me.  
But daily deeper still I fell;  
My life became a living hell,  
    So firmly sin possessed me.
  
- 3 My own good works all came to naught,  
    No grace or merit gaining;  
Free will against God's judgment fought,  
    Dead to all good remaining.  
My fears increased till sheer despair  
Left only death to be my share;  
    The pangs of hell I suffered.
  
- 4 But God had seen my wretched state  
    Before the world's foundation,  
And mindful of His mercies great,  
    He planned for my salvation.  
He turned to me a father's heart;  
He did not choose the easy part  
    But gave His dearest treasure.
  
- 5 God said to His beloved Son:  
    “It's time to have compassion.

Then go, bright jewel of My crown,  
And bring to all salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free;  
Slay bitter death for them that they  
May live with You forever.”

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*Stand*

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

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**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.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

**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**

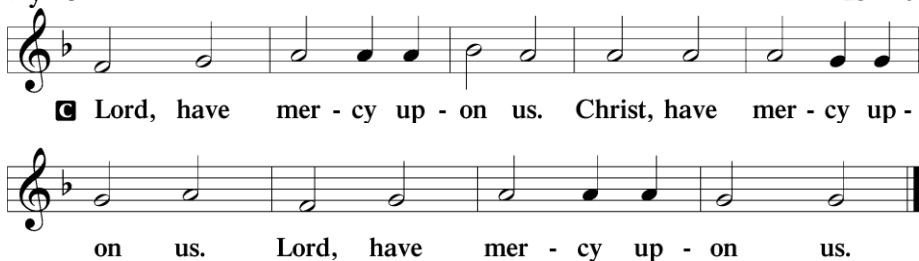
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*Stand*

Service of the Word

# Kyrie

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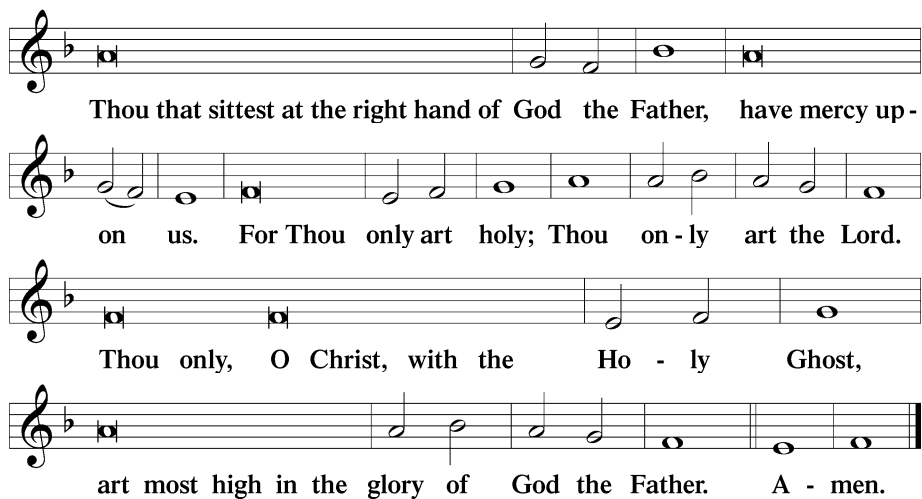
**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# Gloria in Excelsis

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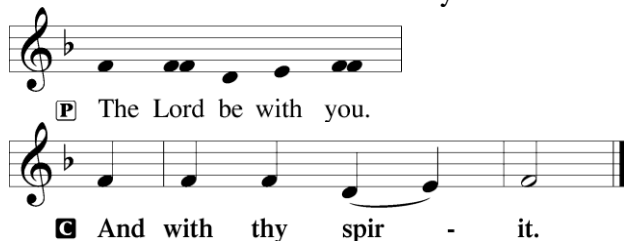


**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus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

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.  
 O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 12:1–6

<sup>1</sup>You will say in that day:  
“I will give thanks to you, O LORD,  
for though you were angry with me,  
your anger turned away,  
that you might comfort me.

<sup>2</sup>“Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.”

<sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the LORD,  
call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup>“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

Psalm 66:1–8

<sup>1</sup>Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;\*

<sup>2</sup>sing the glory of his name;  
give to him | glorious praise!

<sup>3</sup>Say to God, “How awesome | are your deeds!\*

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you.

<sup>4</sup>All the earth worships you  
and sings prais- | es to you;\*

they sing praises | to your name.”

<sup>5</sup>Come and see what | God has done:\*

he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.

<sup>6</sup>He turned the sea into | dry land;\*

they passed through the riv- | er on foot.

There did we rejoice in him,

<sup>7</sup>who rules by his might forever,

whose eyes keep watch on the | nations—\*  
let not the rebellious ex- | alt themselves.

<sup>8</sup>Bless our God, O | peoples;\*  
let the sound of his | praise be heard,

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

## Epistle

*James 1:16–21*

<sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness that God requires. <sup>21</sup>Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Anthem: “Celtic Alleluia”

Vocal Choir

*Stand*

### Alleluia

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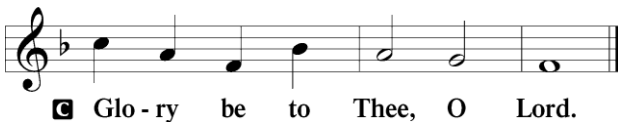


**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 16:5–15*

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



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus said:] “But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’” <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

**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.

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day: “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” LSB 556

*sts. 6–10*

- 6 The Son obeyed His Father’s will,  
Was born of virgin mother;  
And God’s good pleasure to fulfill,  
He came to be my brother.  
His royal pow’r disguised He bore;  
A servant’s form, like mine, He wore  
To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me He said: “Stay close to Me,  
I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I Myself will be;  
For you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, and you are Mine,  
And where I am you may remain;  
The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 “Though he will shed My precious blood,  
Me of My life bereaving,  
All this I suffer for your good;  
Be steadfast and believing.  
Life will from death the vict’ry win;  
My innocence shall bear your sin,  
And you are blest forever.
- 9 “Now to My Father I depart,  
From earth to heav’n ascending,  
And, heav’nly wisdom to impart,  
The Holy Spirit sending;  
In trouble He will comfort you  
And teach you always to be true  
And into truth shall guide you.
- 10 “What I on earth have done and taught  
Guide all your life and teaching;  
So shall the kingdom’s work be wrought  
And honored in your preaching.  
But watch lest foes with base alloy  
The heav’nly treasure should destroy;  
This final word I leave you.”

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# Sermon

Stand

## Offertory

LSB 192

**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.

[10:30] Confirmation [8:00 go to page 14, Prayer of the Church]

### Confirmands

### Parents

### Verse

<i>Endre Nolan Anderson</i>	<i>Michael &amp; Carrie Anderson</i>	<i>Proverbs 3:5-6</i>
<i>Laina Elizabeth Gangi</i>	<i>Joseph &amp; Suzanna Gangi</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 3:3</i>
<i>Levi Andrew Michael Kitzmann</i>	<i>John &amp; Sarah Kitzmann</i>	<i>John 3:16</i>
<i>Caleb Matthew Rottermond</i>	<i>Matthew &amp; Michelle Rottermond</i>	<i>John 1:5</i>
<i>Wesley Charles Whitmore</i>	<i>Hannah Sohre</i>	<i>Proverbs 24:14</i>

*The pastor addresses the catechumens.*

**P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said,

“Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

**P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

**R** *Yes, I do.*

**P** Do you renounce the devil?

**R** *Yes, I renounce him.*

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**R** *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

**R** *Yes, I believe 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.*

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**R** *Yes, 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.*

**P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**C** **Amen.**

*The catechumens kneel to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of each catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:*

**P** [Name], the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

**R** *Amen.*

*The pastor may read a text of Holy Scripture as a remembrance of confirmation. After all the catechumens have received the blessing, one or both of the following collects are prayed.*

**P** Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Peace † be with you.

**C** Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

*If you are an active participant at Our Savior or a sister congregation, we are glad to commune with you today. If you are not a part of the LCMS, we ask that you refrain from Communion. As a sign of our common Christian fellowship If you would like to receive a blessing, please come to the table and cross your arms over your chest.*

### Preface

LSB 194



**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.

**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,



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



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**P** 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.



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

### Pax Domini

LSB 197



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



☐ A - men.

### Agnus Dei

LSB 198



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, 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.

*Sit*

### Distribution Hymns:

#### “I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”

LSB 729

- 1 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,  
Trusting only Thee;  
Trusting Thee for full salvation,  
Great and free.

- 2 I am trusting Thee for pardon;  
 At Thy feet I bow,  
 For Thy grace and tender mercy  
 Trusting now.
- 3 I am trusting Thee for cleansing  
 In the crimson flood;  
 Trusting Thee to make me holy  
 By Thy blood.
- 4 I am trusting Thee to guide me;  
 Thou alone shalt lead,  
 Ev'ry day and hour supplying  
 All my need.
- 5 I am trusting Thee for power;  
 Thine can never fail.  
 Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me  
 Must prevail.
- 6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;  
 Never let me fall.  
 I am trusting Thee forever  
 And for all.

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## “The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace”

LSB 580

- 1 The Gospel shows the Father’s grace,  
 Who sent His Son to save our race,  
 Proclaims how Jesus lived and died  
 That we might thus be justified.
- 2 It sets the Lamb before our eyes,  
 Who made the\_ atoning sacrifice,  
 And calls the souls with guilt oppressed  
 To come and find eternal rest.
- 3 It brings the Savior’s righteousness  
 To robe our souls in royal dress;  
 From all our guilt it brings release  
 And gives the troubled conscience peace.
- 4 It is the pow’r of God to save  
 From sin and Satan and the grave;  
 It works the faith which firmly clings  
 To all the treasures which it brings.

5 It bears to all the tidings glad  
And bids their hearts no more be sad;  
The weary, burdened souls it cheers  
And banishes their guilty fears.

6 May we in faith its message learn  
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;  
May we in faith its truth confess  
And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

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### “Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ”

LSB 769

1 Eternal Spirit of the living Christ,  
I know not how to ask or what to say;  
I only know my need, as deep as life,  
And only You can teach me how to pray.

2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;  
Help me to see Your purpose and Your will—  
Where I have failed, what I have done amiss;  
Held in forgiving love, let me be still.

3 Come with the strength I lack, bring vision clear  
Of human need; O give me eyes to see  
Fulfillment of my life in love outpoured,  
My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.

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*Stand*

### Nunc Dimittis

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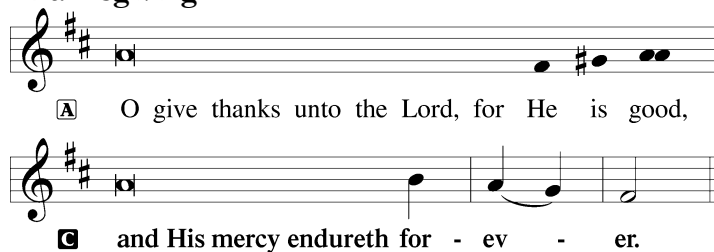
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy



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

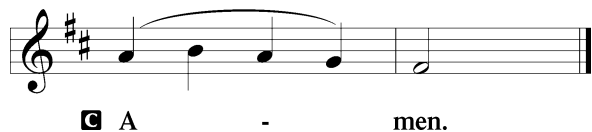
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**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

### **A** Let us pray.

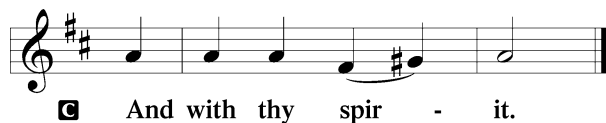
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.



**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 gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\dagger$  give you peace.



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

## Closing Hymn: “New Songs of Celebration Render”

LSB 792

- 1 New songs of celebration render  
To Him who has great wonders done;  
Love sits enthroned in ageless splendor;  
Come and adore the mighty One.  
He has made known His great salvation  
Which all His friends with joy confess.  
He has revealed to ev'ry nation  
His everlasting righteousness.
- 2 Joyfully, heartily resounding,  
Let ev'ry instrument and voice  
Peal out the praise of grace abounding,  
Calling the whole world to rejoice.  
Trumpets and organs, set in motion  
Such sounds as make the heavens ring;  
All things that live in earth and ocean,  
Make music for your mighty King.

3 Rivers and seas and torrents roaring,  
Honor the Lord with wild acclaim;  
Mountains and stones, look up adoring,  
And find a voice to praise His name.  
Righteous, commanding, ever glorious,  
Praises be His that never cease:  
Just is our God, whose truth victorious  
Establishes the world in peace.

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