FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH Palm Sunday April 13, 2025 Rev. Patrick Poock



The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory

The King of Israel comes into His royal glory by the path of humble obedience "to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Phil. 2:8). He "goes as it has been determined" (Luke 22:22), according to the Scriptures, willingly submitting to His Father's plan for the salvation of sinners. "Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name" (Phil. 2:9). His suffering and death open the way of repentance for the forgiveness of sins because He goes to the cross bearing the sins of the world. In His resurrection, God the Father vindicates His people and has compassion on His servants (Deut. 32:36). He kills to make alive; He wounds in order to heal. In remembrance of Him, we praise God, confessing "that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:11).

THE DIVINE SERVICE is celebrated each Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am and Wednesday at 5:00 pm. Bible Class is held on Sunday at 9:15 am and Wednesday at 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH is a Christological, Scriptural, Confessional and Liturgical member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. We believe that God has called us to believe, teach and confess that Christ was crucified for our sins and we receive salvation by faith, which is a gift of God through His grace given to us in our baptism, as is revealed in the Holy Bible which is the inspired and inerrant Word of God. In response to His gift of salvation we eagerly desire to do good works out of thanksgiving and praise to the Triune God.

COMMUNION STATEMENT

Because we take the Word of God seriously and we love our visitors, we ask that if you are not a member of Faith Lutheran or another LCMS church, please refrain from taking communion until you have talked with Pastor Poock. In the meantime, we would love to have you participate by coming forward and receiving a blessing.

Communion offers the immense blessing of forgiveness of our sins. However, it can be taken to one's judgment if not properly understood. 1 Cor 11:27,29 says, "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the LORD in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the LORD...For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."

We teach that a person receives the real Body and the real Blood of Jesus Christ "in, with and under the bread and wine." It is not symbolic or merely a spiritual presence.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We rejoice to have you with us today. The liturgy is found in the Lutheran Service Book in the rack in front of you. You may place this bulletin in the back of your hymnal to help you follow along with the order of service. The Propers for the day are printed within the bulletin. Please read the message in this bulletin concerning reception of Holy Communion at our church.

The second quarter of 2025 is designated by Pastor and the Elders for Agape Flights.

Agape Flights is a nonprofit Christian aviation ministry delivering cargo, mail and humanitarian aid to hundreds of mission partners serving in the Caribbean. Mission flights depart weekly from Agape's hangar in Venice, Florida to Haiti, the Bahamas, and the Dominican Republic and deliver humanitarian aid to Cuba as regulations allow. Agape also speeds relief response throughout the Caribbean. Missionaries who live and work in some of the most challenging mission fields in the world depend on Agape's service, stateside connection, and aircraft to transport the immediate provision they need.

Weekly Memory Verse

Romans 5:8

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 12th chapter.

Cong: Glory to you, O LORD!

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

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<sup>15</sup>"Fear not, daughter of Zion;behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"
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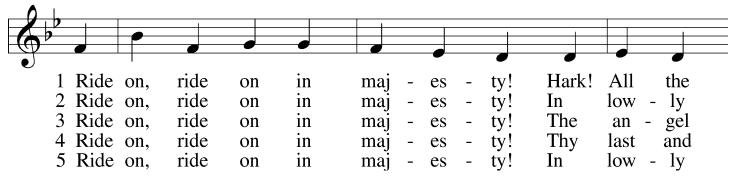
¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the LORD.

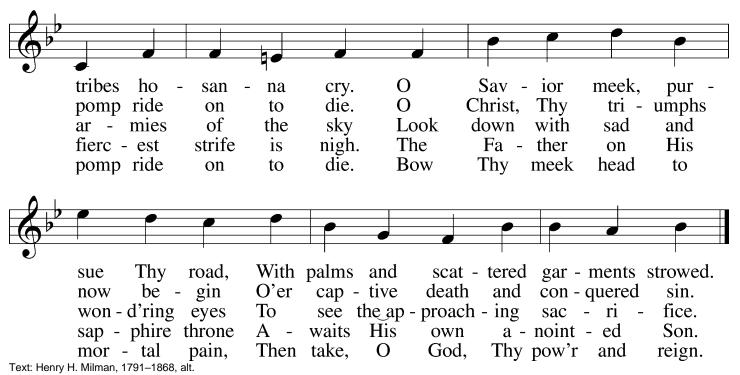
Cong.: Praise to You, O Christ.

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

Cong: Hosanna in the highest.



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+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

INVOCATION

- \blacksquare In the name of the Father and of the \dashv Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

EXHORTATION

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

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Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 203

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

- Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **C** Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

Pastor: Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

Cong: We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,

Cong: that the King of glory may come in.

Pastor: Who is this King of glory?

Cong: The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,

Cong: that the King of glory may come in.

Pastor: Who is this King of glory?

Cong: The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Pastor: Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

Cong: We bless you from the house of the LORD.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

³⁶ The LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants,
when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free.
³⁷Then he will say, "Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge,
³⁸who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering?
Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection!
³⁹"See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me;
I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Deuteronomy 32:36–39

EPISTLE

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

JOHN 12:20-43

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

G Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness

John 12:20–43

overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

³⁹Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart,
lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them."

⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴²Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

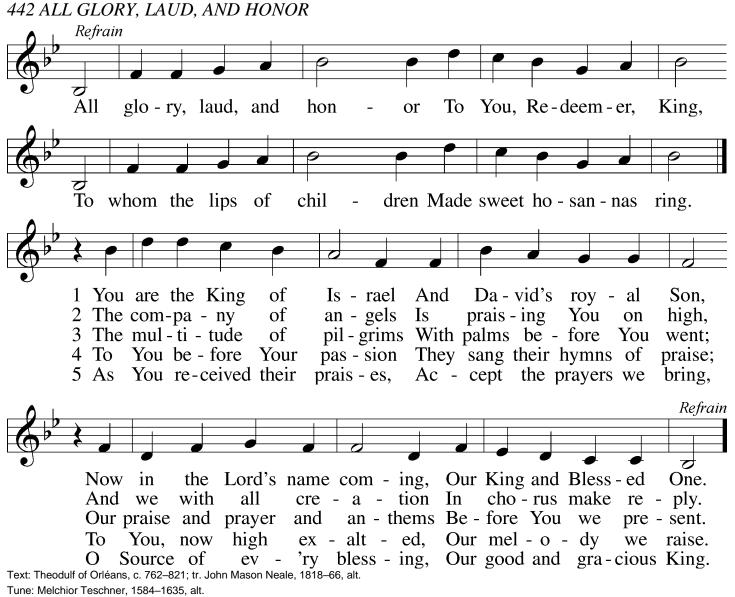
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C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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.

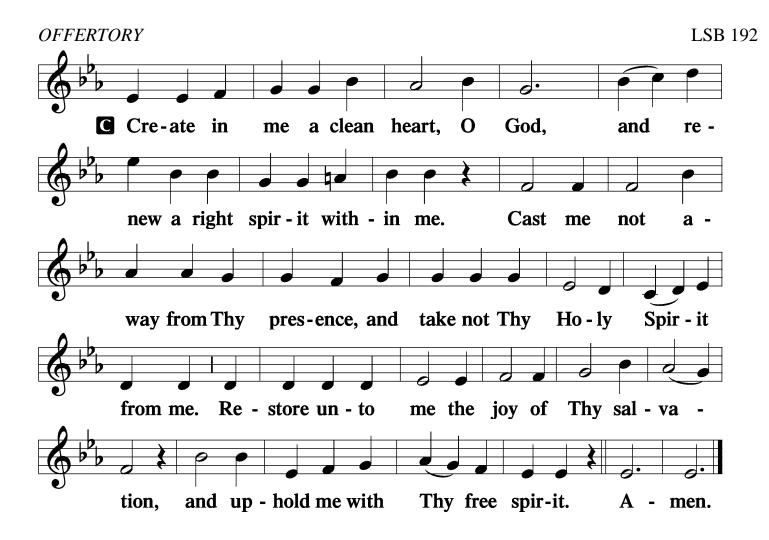


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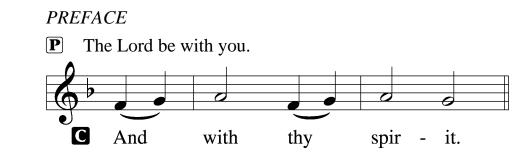
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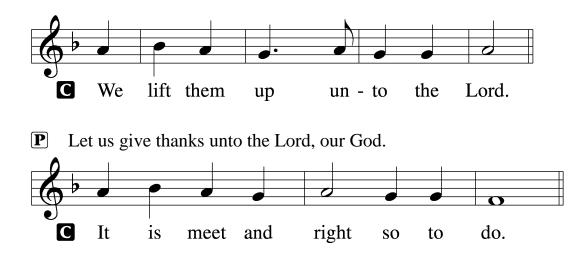
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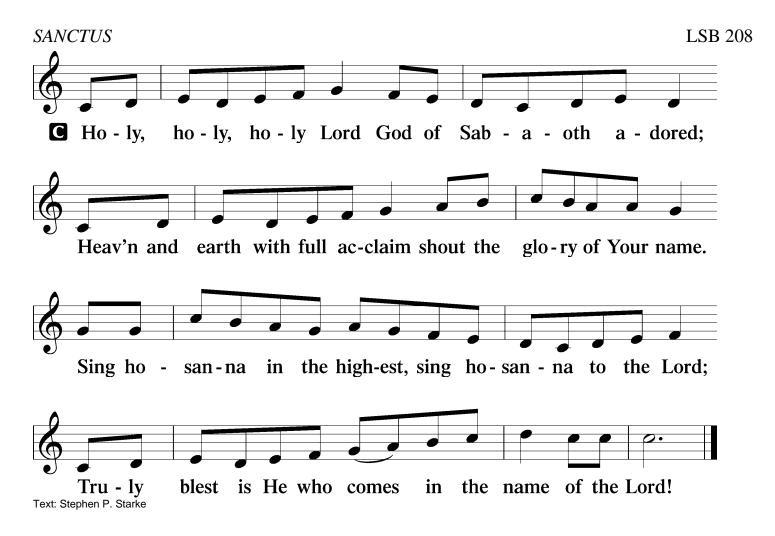


P Lift up your hearts.



PROPER PREFACE (ABBREVIATED)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

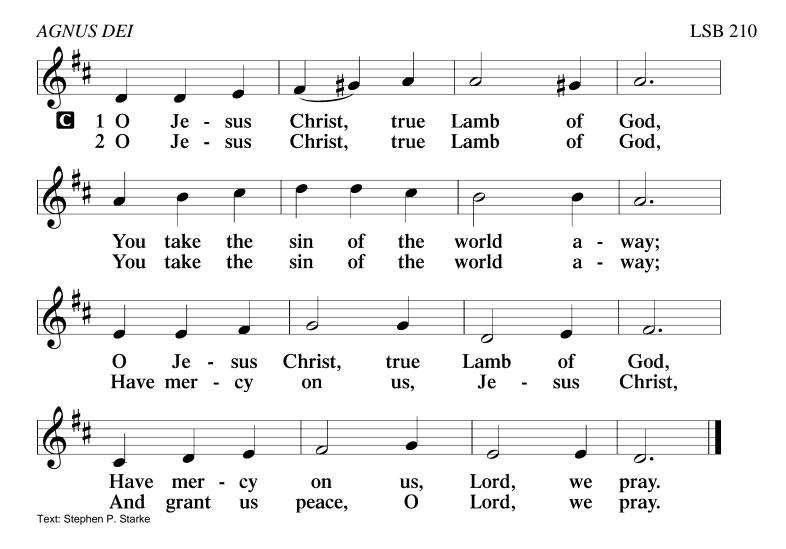
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My +

blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

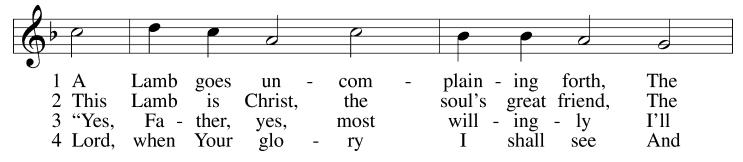
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- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** Amen.



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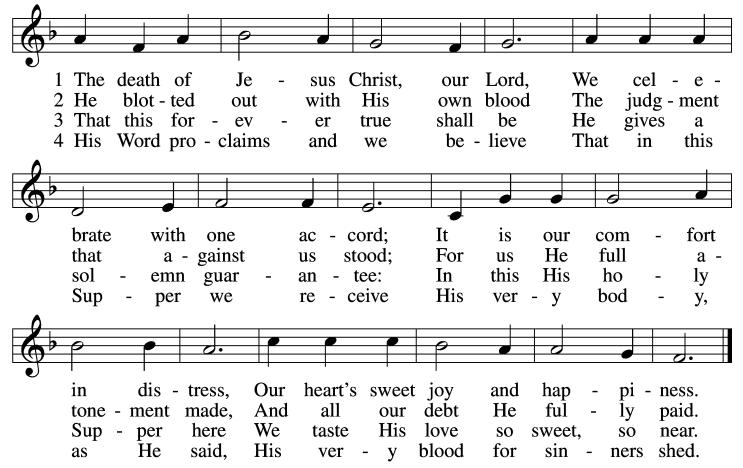
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634 THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD



- 5 We dare not ask how this can be,But simply hold the mysteryAnd trust this word where life begins:"Given and shed for all your sins."
- 6 They who this word do not believe
 This food unworthily receive,
 Salvation here will never find—
 May we this warning keep in mind!
- 7 But blest is each believing guest
 Who in these promises finds rest;
 For Jesus shall in love remain
 With all who here His grace obtain.

8 Help us sincerely to believe

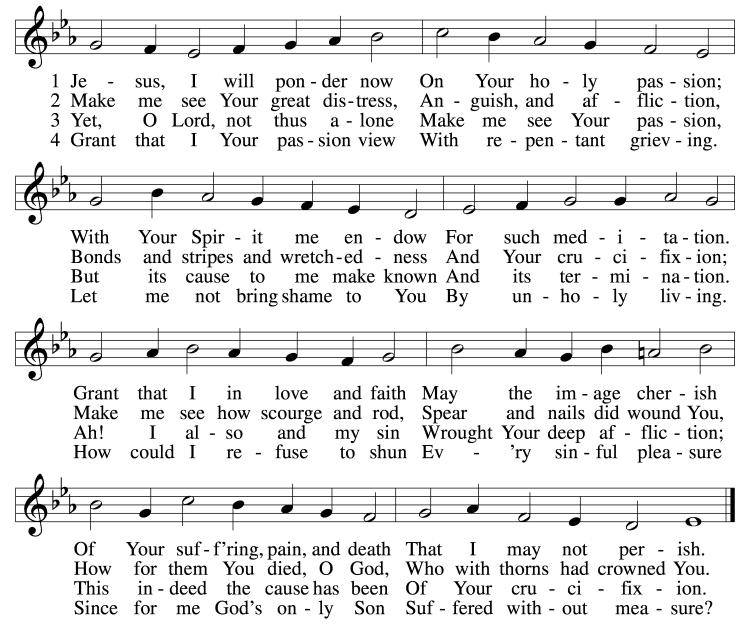
That we may worthily receive

Your Supper and in You find rest.

Amen! They who believe are blest.

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440 JESUS, I WILL PONDER NOW



5 If my sins give me alarm

And my conscience grieve me, Let Your cross my fear disarm; Peace of conscience give me. Help me see forgiveness won By Your holy passion. If for me He slays His Son, God must have compassion!

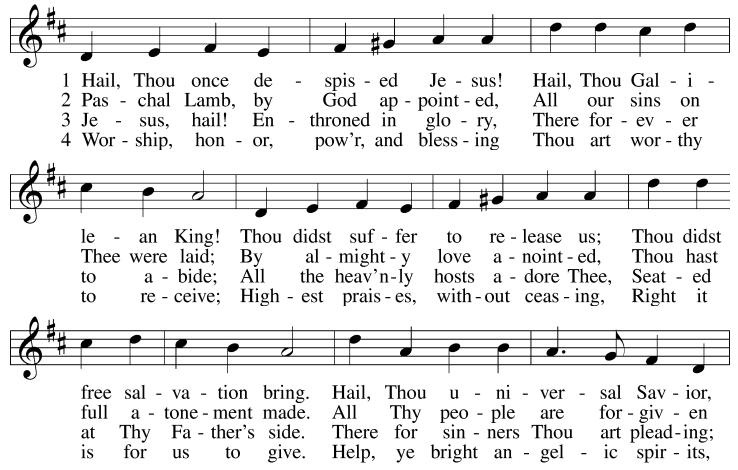
6 Graciously my faith renew; Help me bear my crosses, Learning humbleness from You, Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,

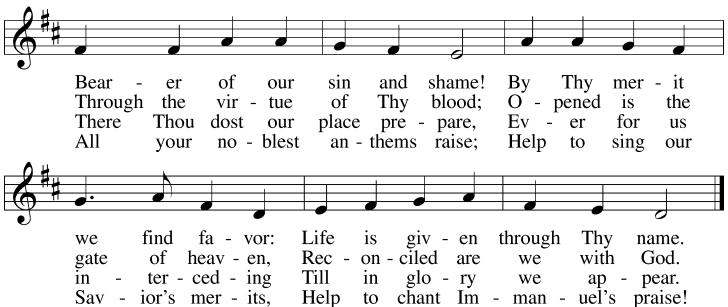
That I may in heav'n above

Sing Your praise forever.

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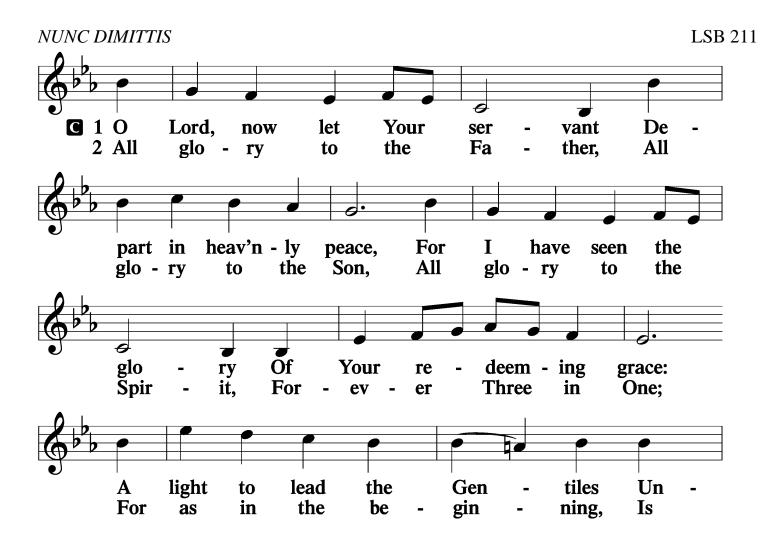


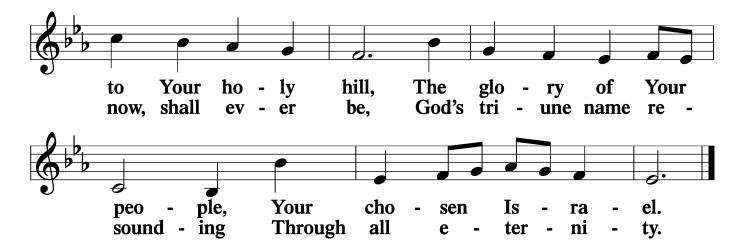




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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P 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 Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

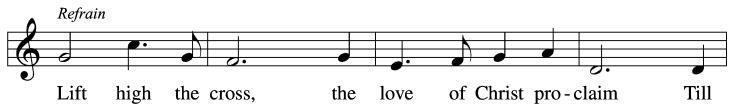
P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

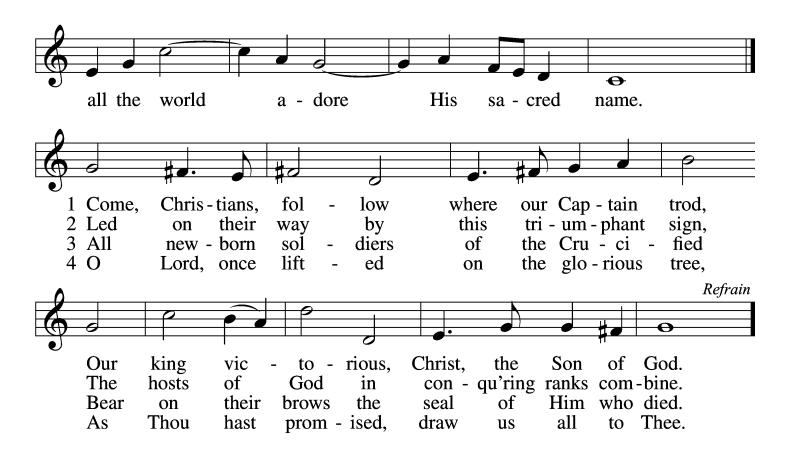
BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
 C Amen.

837 LIFT HIGH THE CROSS



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- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tellOf Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:

Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

Happy Birthday

Jeff Wright 13th Colby Poock 14th Rev. Lee Stisser 15th Richard Wormald 15th Lois Vanderbeck 16th Sarah Biebl 19th

Happy Anniversary

Richard & Barbara Wormald 16th (54 yrs)

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

Sunday, April 13th Palm Sunday

8:00 am Divine Service9:15 am Bible Class/Sunday School10:30 am Divine Service11:30 am School Brunch12:15 pm Adult Catechism

Tuesday, April 15th

6:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, April 16th

No Divine Service 3:30 pm Bible Study

Thursday, April 17th Holy Thursday

5:00 & 7:00 pm Holy Thursday Services

Friday, April 18th Good Friday

5:00 & 7:00 pm Good Friday Services

Sunday, April 20th Easter Sunday 8:00 am Divine Service

8:00 am Divine Service 9:15 am Bible Class/Sunday School 10:30 am Divine Service 11:30 am Coffee Bites 12:15 pm Adult Catechism

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, April 23rd Women of Faith 9:00 am Wednesday, April 23rd Bible Study 3:30 & 6:30 pm Wednesday, April 23rd Divine Service 5:00 pm