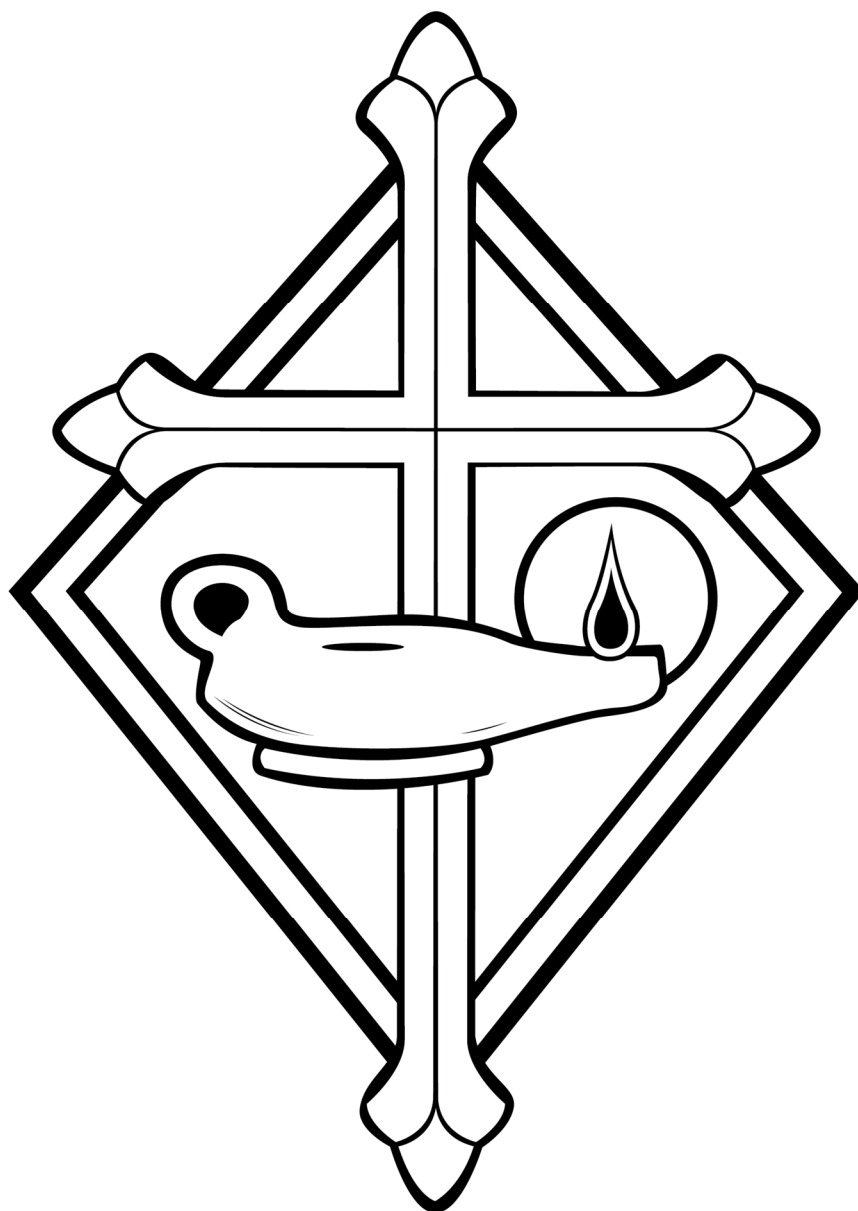


The Last Sunday of the Church Year

Sunday 22 November Anno Domini 2020



Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning.

—Luke 12:35

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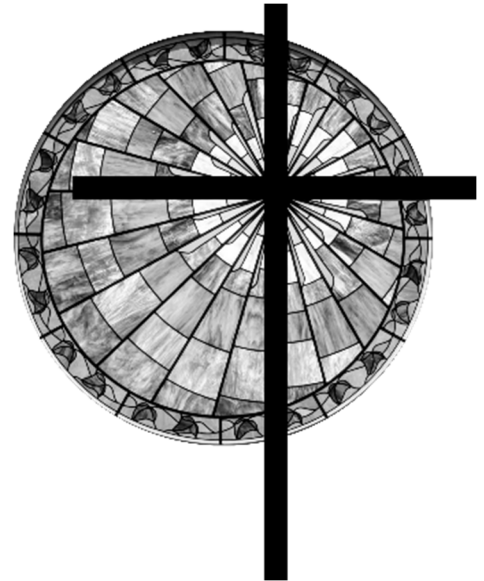
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Welcome to Epiphany Lutheran Church!

**Here is where Jesus answers His promise to be with us always,
by coming to us in His living and active Word and the
Blessed Sacrament of His Body and Blood.**

Welcome, visitors! We are glad to have you with us this morning as the Lord comes to us to give His gifts of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. The resources of Epiphany are at your disposal. If you need assistance, the ushers are glad to help. Please make sure to introduce yourself to our Pastor and congregation, and join us after the service for fellowship and Bible Study!

Parents of Small Children: We are very happy that you are here today, honoring Our Lord's Words: "Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Lk. 18:16). If you feel you must step out with a fussy child, please hurry back! Like Jesus, we want your children in the Divine Service, not out.

The Sacrament of the Altar is offered at Epiphany every Lord's Day and every Wednesday evening. The normal communicant is a confirmed member of a congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). Under no circumstances should an un-baptized person commune. **If you are not a member of an LCMS congregation, or have not communed at Epiphany before, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder before the service begins.**



If you need help hearing the service, the sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop, a special type of sound system that connects directly to hearing aids. Simply set your hearing aid to "T" (telecoil) to connect.

THE THEME OF TODAY'S LITURGY

As the Church Year comes to an end, we confess that Our Lord is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. The Church particularly focuses our attention not on the end, but on the ongoing feast (*Gospel*). That is where Our Lord's promise of a new heaven and earth meet, where we heed Our Lord's joyful call and sup with Him in the nuptial hall of the Lamb of God (*Chief Hymn*). So the Spirit and the Church rightly call out, "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

THE PREPARATION

Please **STAND**.

HYMN

"Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star," 872



1 Come, Thou bright and Morn - ing Star, Light of Light with -
2 Let Thy grace, like morn - ing dew Fall - ing soft on
3 May Thy fer - vent love de - stroy Our cold works, in
4 Ah! Thou Day - spring from on high, Grant that at Thy
5 Light us to those heav'n - ly spheres, Sun of grace, in



out be - gin - ning; Shine up - on us from a - far
bar - ren plac - es, Com - fort, quick - en, and re - new
us a - wak - ing Ar - dent zeal and ho - ly joy
next ap - pear - ing We who in the graves do lie
glo - ry shroud - ed; Lead us through this vale of tears



That we may be kept from sin - ning.
Our dry souls and dy - ing grac - es;
At the pur - ple morn's first break - ing.
May a - rise, Thy sum - mons hear - ing,
To the land where days un - cloud - ed,



Drive a - way by Thy clear light Our dark night.
Bless Thy flock from Thy rich store Ev - er - more.
Let us tru - ly rise ere yet Life has set.
And re - joice in our new life, Far from strife.
Pur - est joy, and per - fect peace Nev - er cease.

Text: Christian Knorr von Rosenroth (1636-89); tr. Richard Massie (1800-87)

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Tune: *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, Halle, 1704, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen

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INVOCATION; CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 85:1, 7, 9, 11; antiphon: Jeremiah 29:11a, 12



P I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for wholeness and not for | evil. *
Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will | hear you.

P Lord, You were favorable | to Your land; *
You restored the fortunes of | Jacob.

C Show us Your steadfast love, | O Lord, *
and grant us Your sal- | vation.

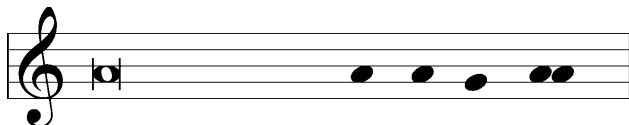
P Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear Him, *
that glory may dwell | in our land.

C Faithfulness springs up | from the ground, *
and righteousness looks down | from the sky.

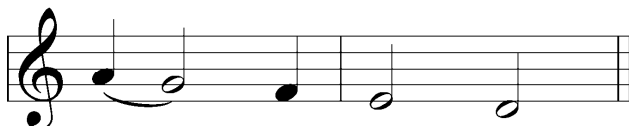
C Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P *The Antiphon is repeated.*

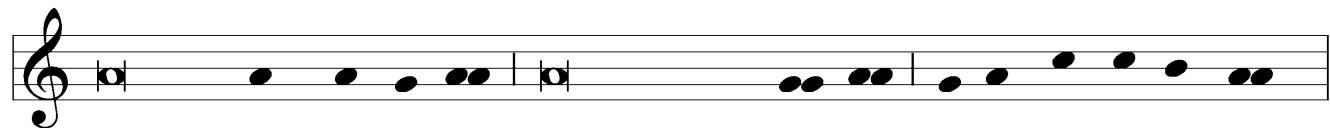
KYRIE



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



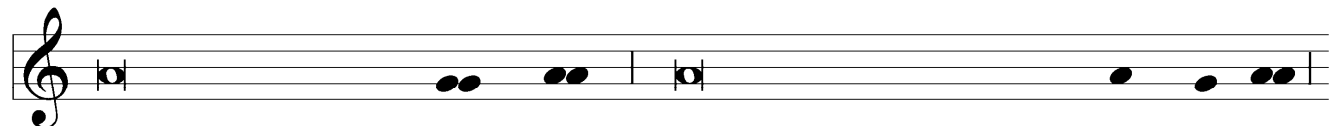
C Lord, have mer - cy.



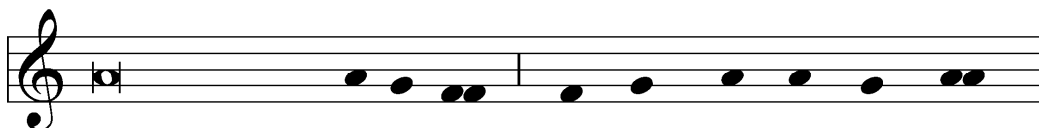
A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



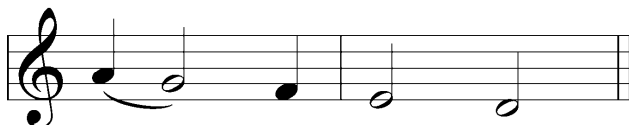
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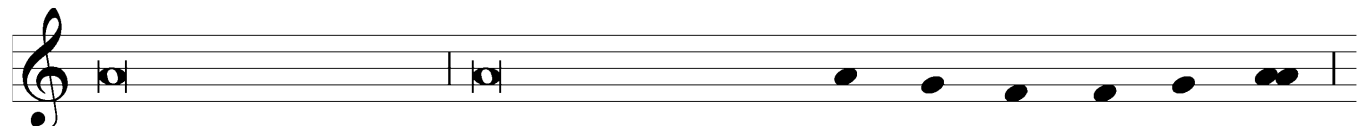
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



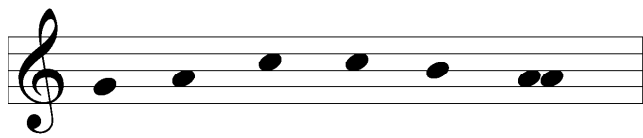
and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



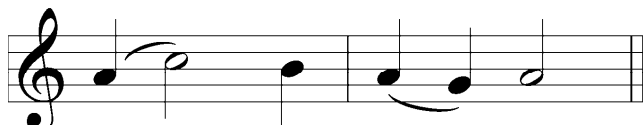
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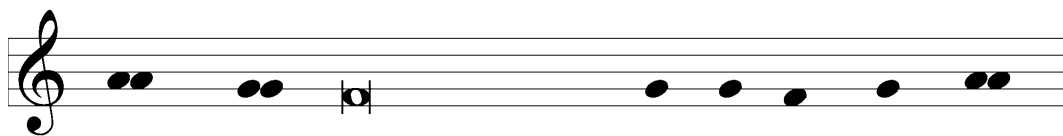
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

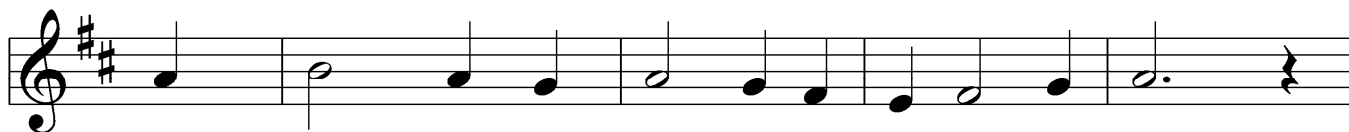
HYMN OF PRAISE - THIS IS THE FEAST



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



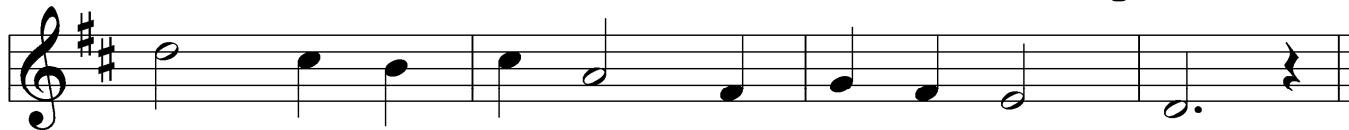
C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



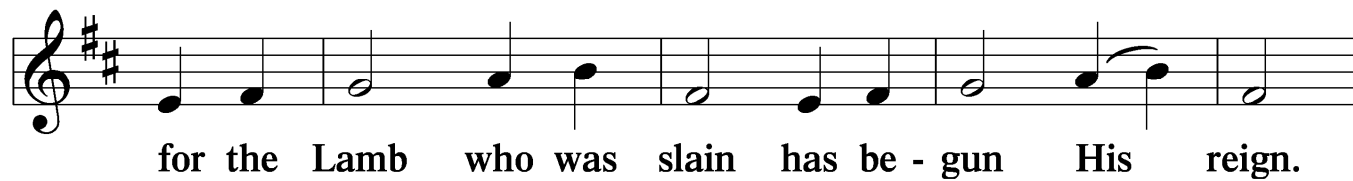
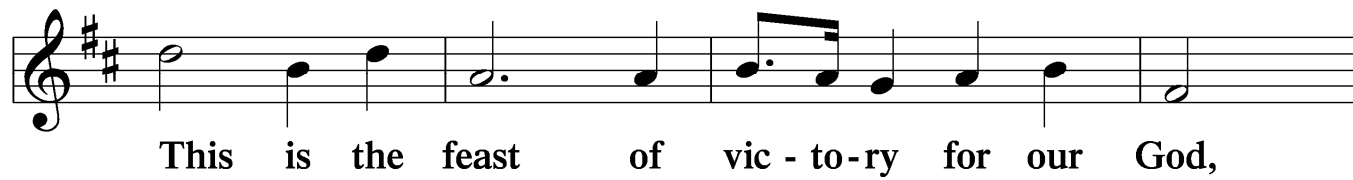
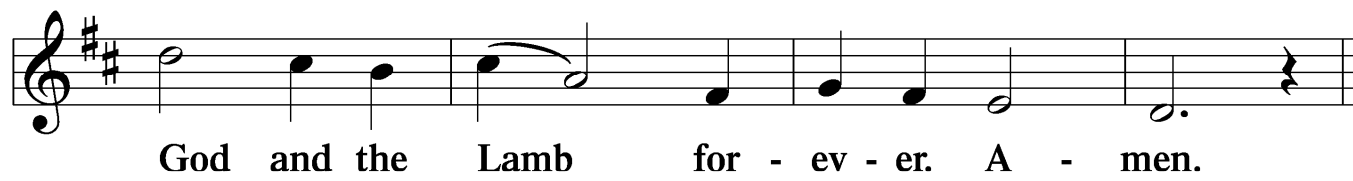
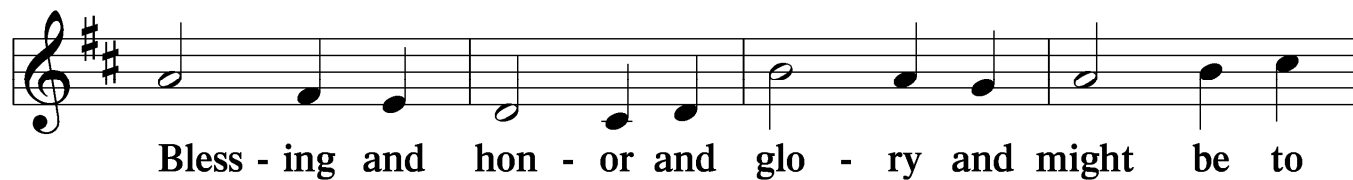
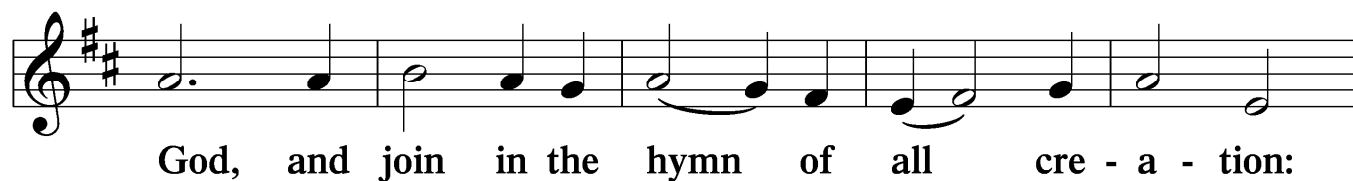
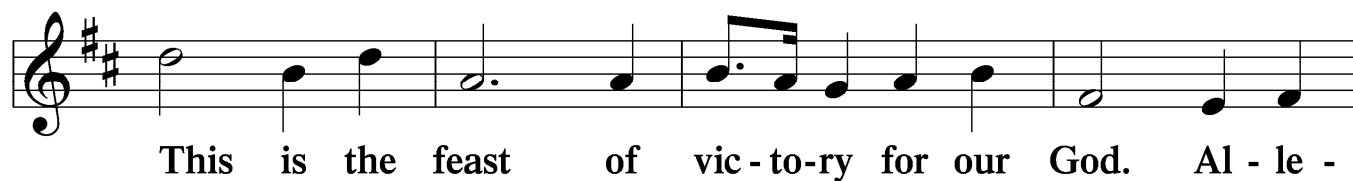
whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



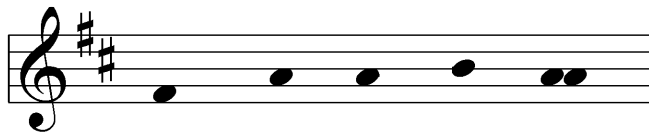
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hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

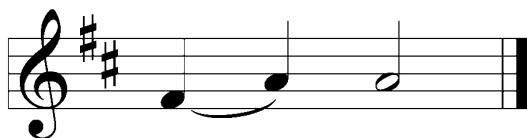


P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Absolve, we beseech You, O Lord, Your people from their offenses, that from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; 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.

Please **BE SEATED**.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

Thus says the Lord: "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of My people be, and My chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain," says the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 45:14-15

- P** In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led | to the king, *
with her virgin companions following be- | hind her.
- C** With joy and gladness they are | led along *
as they enter the palace | of the king.

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that Day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with Him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please **STAND**.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

St. Matthew 25"1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said to the disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took

flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please **BE SEATED**.

CHIEF HYMN

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying," 516



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with
3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



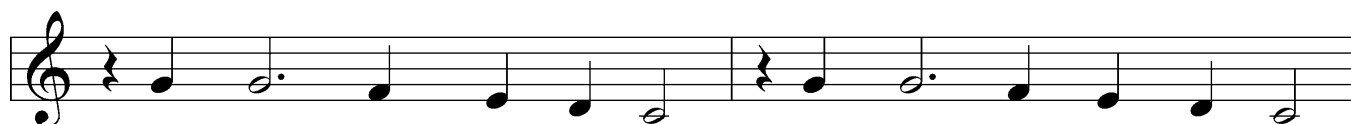
heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



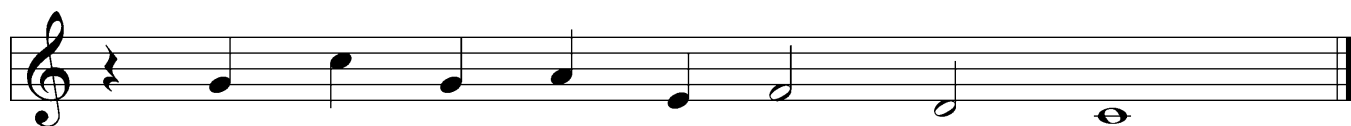
cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,
No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

Text: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78), alt.

Tune: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

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SERMON

Please **STAND.**

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C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

after each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,		<i>or</i>		P ...let us pray to the Lord.
C hear our prayer.				C Lord, have mercy.

the prayers conclude:

P ...one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

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VOLUNTARY

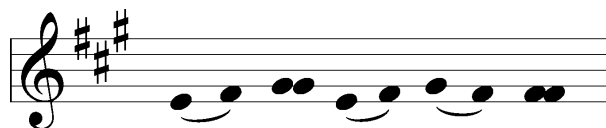
During the voluntary, the Celebrant prepares the Altar for the Supper. You are encouraged to prepare your heart and mind for Holy Communion. Psalms 34, 42, 84, and 116 are especially suitable.

Your offering may be deposited in the plate located near the Baptismal Font when you go to the Altar for Holy Communion.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Please **STAND**.

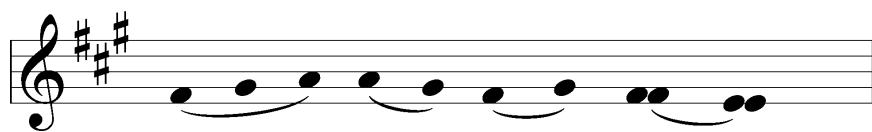
PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.



C And al-so 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 Him thanks and praise.

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

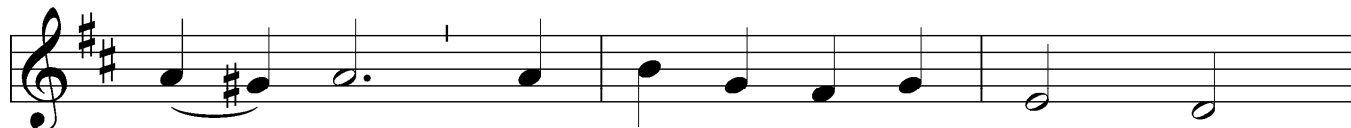
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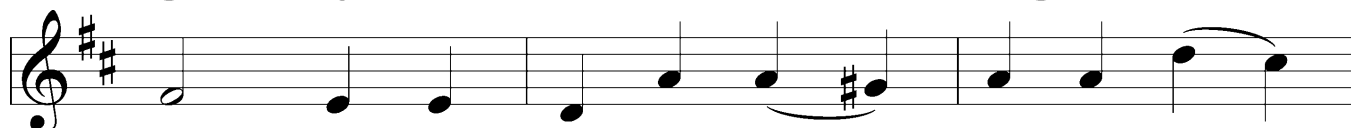
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His Body and drink His Blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

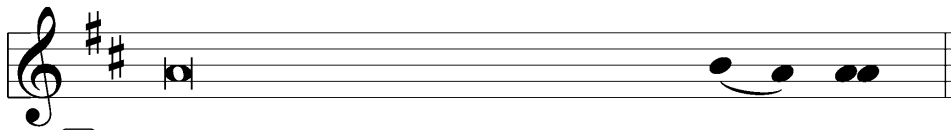
LORD'S PRAYER

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your Body and Blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

PAX DOMINI



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



C A - men.

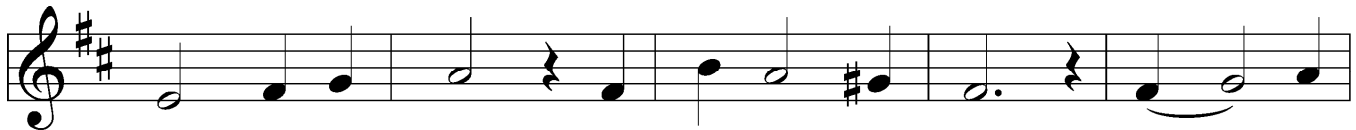
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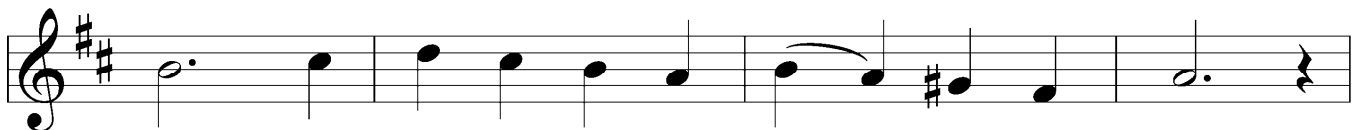
C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



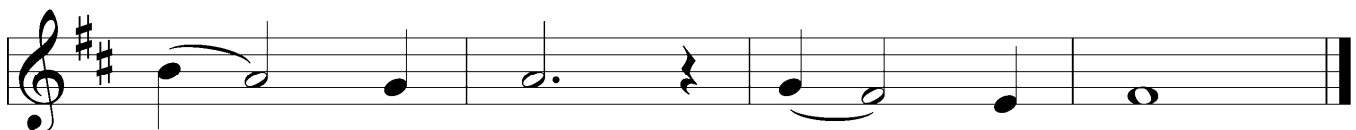
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



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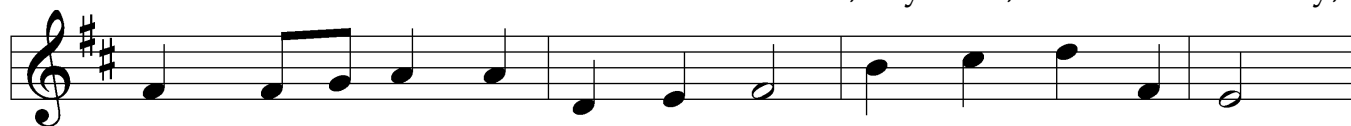
grant us peace, grant us peace.

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DISTRIBUTION OF OUR LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

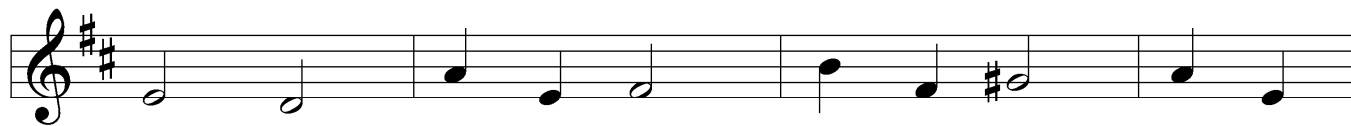
"Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray," 663



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -
 2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find
 3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat
 4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -
 5 But while watch - ing, al - so pray To the Lord un - ceas -



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -
 you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and
 you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and
 fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy
 ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and faith in -



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a
 blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -
 cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less
 sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your
 creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.
 cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.
 friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.
 hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.
 nite to serve Him And for - ev - er love Him.

Text: Johann Burkhard Freystein (1671-1718); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78), alt.

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Tune: *Hundert...geistlicher Arien*, Dresden, 1694, alt.

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"The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us," 514



1 The Bride - groom soon will call us, "Come to the wed - ding feast."
 2 There shall we see in glo - ry Our dear Re - deem - er's face;
 3 There God shall from all e - vil For - ev - er make us free,
 4 In that fair home shall nev - er Be si - lent mu - sic's voice;



May slum - ber not be - fall us Nor watch - ful - ness de - crease.
 The long - a - wait - ed sto - ry Of heav'n - ly joy takes place:
 From sin and from the dev - il, From all ad - ver - si - ty,
 With hearts and lips for - ev - er We shall in God re - joice,



May all our lamps be burn - ing With oil e - nough and more
 The pa - tri - archs shall meet us, The proph - ets' ho - ly band;
 From sick - ness, pain, and sad - ness, From trou - bles, cares, and fears,
 While an - gel hosts are rais - ing With saints from great to least



That we, with Him re - turn - ing, May find an o - pen door!
 A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs greet us In that ce - les - tial land.
 And grant us heav'n - ly glad - ness And wipe a - way our tears.
 A might - y hymn for prais - ing The Giv - er of the feast.

Text: Johann Walter (1496-1570); tr. F. Samuel Janzow (1913-2001), st. 1
 tr. Matthias Loy (1828-1915), sts. 2-4, alt.

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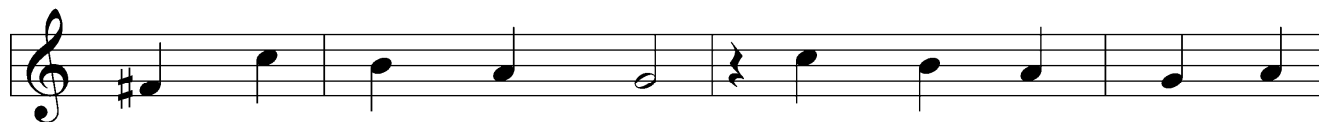
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"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table," 618



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in -
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Text: Friedrich Christian Heyder (1677-1754); tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941, abbr.

Tune: *Emskirchner Choral-Buch*, Leipzig, 1756

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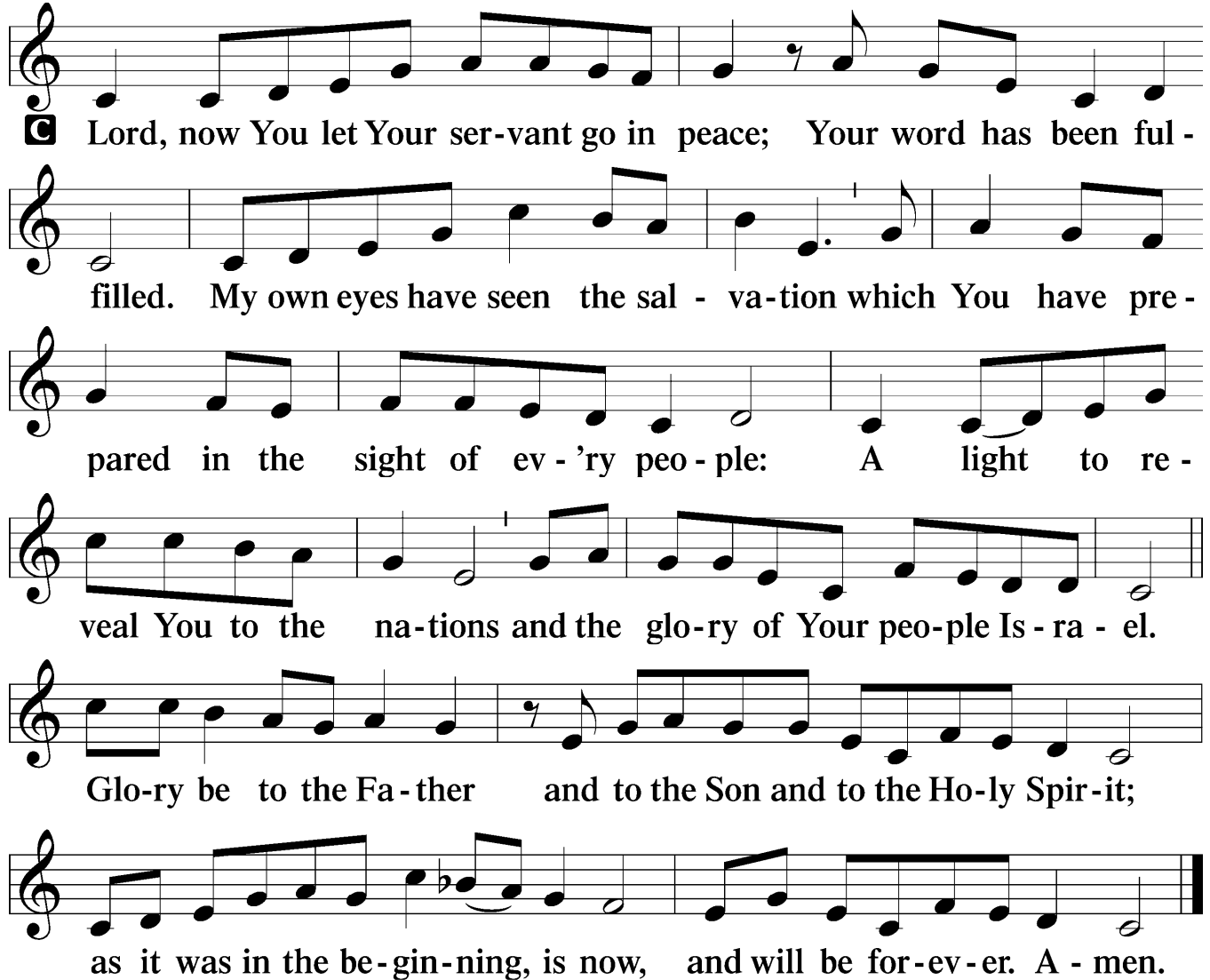
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Please **STAND**.

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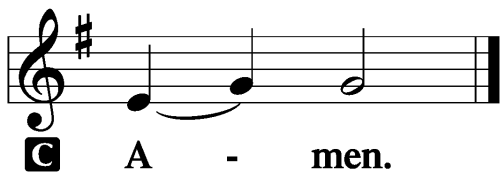


Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's Body and Blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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.

BENEDICTION

☐ The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

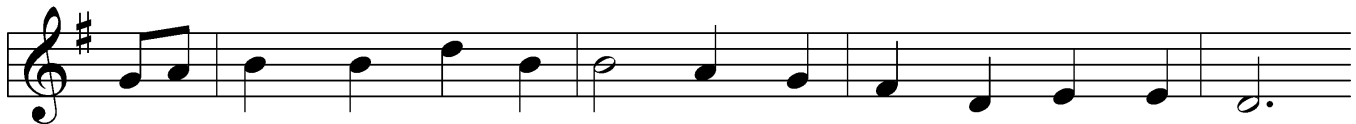
“Rejoice, Rejoice Believers,” 515



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride-groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride-groom is at hand.
In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.

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Tune: Swedish

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Announcements

THANKSGIVING EVE DIVINE SERVICE

This **Wednesday at 7:00 PM** is our Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service. Please join us as we give thanks to God for all His blessings and receive His greatest gift of forgiveness, life, and salvation!

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS

Our food pantry is looking for stuffing and gravy donations for Christmas dinners. We will collect through December 6.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

What says Christmas more than a beautiful poinsettia? Need a gift for a neighbor, teacher, or friend that may be unable to get out? You can bring Christmas into their home. Now is the time to place your poinsettia order. Order forms are available on the table in the Narthex. **The last day to order and pay for the flowers will be Sunday, December 6, 2020.** Your poinsettia will be available for you to pick up after the Christmas Eve and/or Christmas Day services, as we would like to use them to adorn the Sanctuary. Any questions, see Sheila Haskill.

HIGHER THINGS VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Are you interested in content from this summer's Higher Things conference? The youth group invites you to watch with them as they enjoy more of the videos from the virtual conference. The watch sessions will take place after Sunday School on **November 22** and **December 6**.

STEWARDSHIP LAST WEEK	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Communicants</i>	<i>Offerings</i>
Sunday (11/15)	46	31	\$1,733

Serving Today

Celebrant and Preacher Rev. Ryan Beffrey
Organist..... Diane Scott
Floor Elder Mark MacIntosh
Serving Elder David Steffens
Acolyte..... Owen Fulk
Counters Sandra Hoffbeck & Kim Harmsen
Altar Guild Teresa Fulk & Jen Moushegian
Flowers

Serving Next Sunday

Celebrant and Preacher Rev. Ryan Beffrey
Organist..... Diane Scott
Floor Elder Craig Baier
Serving Elder Paul Cook
Acolyte Wyatt Harmsen
Counters..... Rod Killips & Laurie Hiscock
Altar Guild..... Sheila Haskill
Flowers

In Our Prayers

Those with cancer

Keri Jastifer, Ted Mattingly, Darrell Dombrowski, Bill Miller, Todd Henderson, Bobby Vollman, Cameron Scott, Pam Peterman, Charlene Moore, Raquel Steffes

Those with health issues, difficulties, and challenges

Ken Zyk, Carol Powell, Norma Biggs, Shanda Brennan, Hannah Kelsey, Nathan Martin, Barb Schmidt, Kitty Young, Alvina Hoffbeck, Doris Uramkin, Karen Garlock, Jeri Barthel, Pam Ashley, Jill White, Lynn Hyatt, Connie Kaniewski

Our church work students

Zachariah and Claire Burgdorf, Timothy and Hanna Kern, Timothy and Chelsie Schmeisser.

Those serving in our Armed Forces

Hector and Natasha Brojas, Jordan Velie, Jacob Almaguer, Joshua Cipolla, Trent Beffrey, Lucas Golm, Brittany Warf, David Mills.

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week

(Missed from last week) Arlee Baier (11/14), Becky Steffens (11/22), Lynda Lueders (11/24)

Those celebrating Baptism birthdays this week

Cindy MacIntosh (11/22)