

*The Second Sunday of*

# EASTER

April 27, 2025



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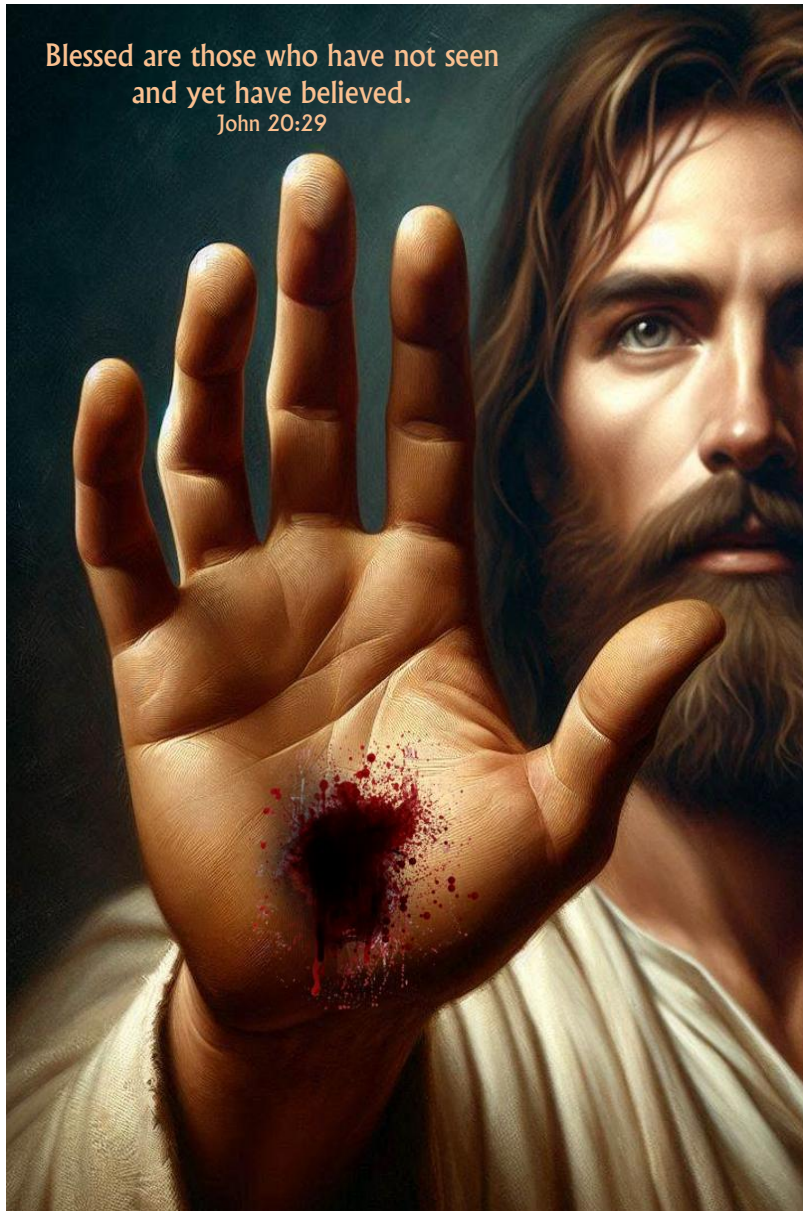
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Blessed are those who have not seen  
and yet have believed.

John 20:29



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## Lutheran Church

April 27, 2025

### PRELUDE

“Easter Morning”

*Otto Malling*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

LSB 469



1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n to - day!” Saints on earth and an - gels say;  
2 Love’s re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;  
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, re - ply.  
Lo! Our Sun’s e - clipse is o’er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.  
Death in vain for - bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led; Foll’wing our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n! Praise to Thee by both be giv’n!  
Thee we greet triumphant now: Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People:  Amen.

### EASTER GREETING AND OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Pastor: Through Him we are risen to new life!

People: **We are and will be risen indeed!**

Pastor: Because Jesus is alive forevermore,

People: **in Him we will live also!**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Romans 6:4; Revelation 1:17-18*

**Pastor:** As we gather together in the new life Christ has won for us, we confess our sins to God and ask His forgiveness. We do this regularly so that we might hear again the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul writes, "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." Let us confess our sins before God our heavenly Father.

**People:** **Most merciful God, we are unworthy of Your love because we have sinned by what we have done and left undone. We have at times abandoned the new life given to us through our Savior's work by sinning against You and others in thought, word, and deed. We lock up in ourselves feelings of guilt, shame, and doubt. We often seek peace for ourselves in ways outside of the peace for our souls that Christ has come to bring. Forgive us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

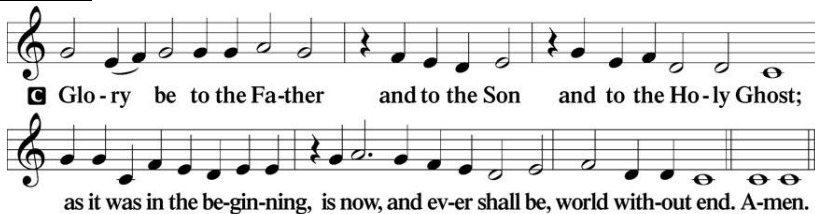
**Pastor:** Jesus says, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades." Upon your confession I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins. In the victory Christ has won for us, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** ♪ **Amen.**

## **THE INTROIT** *Psalm 105:1-3, 8*

**Pastor/Choir:** Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

## **THE GLORIA PATRI**



## **THE KYRIE** *Mt 9:27, 15:22*

**People:**     ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *Rev 5:12*

“This is the Feast”

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**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.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



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



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



lu - ia. 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.



### **THE SALUTATION** 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:



### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Dear Risen Lord, amid doubts and fears, Your gift of faith gives us the confidence that You are continually by our side because Jesus lives forevermore. As we wait until that day of unending glory with Him, teach us to live the lives you've given as a reflection of Your love, that we serve You and others in truth and give honor to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### **FIRST READING**

Acts 5:12-20

*(The apostles proclaim the resurrection.)*

<sup>12</sup> Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup> None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup> And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup> so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup> The people also gathered from the towns

around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

<sup>17</sup> But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy <sup>18</sup> they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup> But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup> "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

Revelation 1:4-18

*(John receives a vision on the Lord's Day.)*

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

<sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup> saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup> The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup> his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

<sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup> and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

"Voices of the Angels"

*Christopher Smith*  
*Abigail Snow Beck, solo*

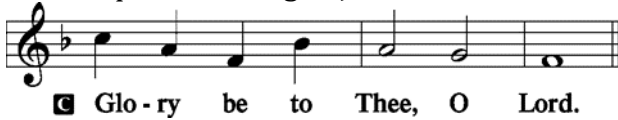
## GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

*(Thomas calls Jesus his Lord and his God.)*

Pastor: The Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

People:



<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

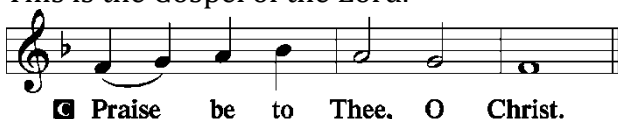
<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



## THE APOSTLES CREED

**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.**

## HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

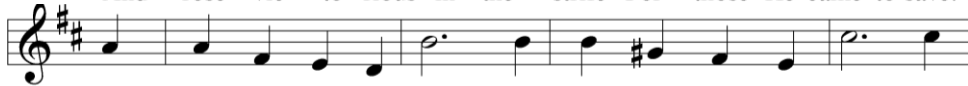
LSB 525 v. 1-4



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:  
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri-fied.  
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

## SERMON

“No Doubt About It”

John 20:29

*Rev. Peter Nickel, Cathedral Pastor  
Historic Trinity Lutheran Church*

## OFFERTORY Ps 51:10-12

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♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

## GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*We continue to gather offerings utilizing the offering receptacles (one at the back of the church and one at the Gratiot entrance in the parish hall), through the mail, and online.*



## VOLUNTARY

"Praise to the Lord"

*Karl Osterland*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### 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.

*10:30 continues with the benediction*

## † The Order of Holy Communion † @9am

### THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*

People:   
☐ And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Lam 3:41*

People:   
☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Ps 100:4*

People:   
☐ It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

**THE PAX DOMINI** *Jn 20:19*

Pastor: The peace of Lord be with you all.

People: ♪ Amen.

**THE AGNUS DEI** *Jn 1:29*

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1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*For those with health concerns, there are gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic white wine available.*

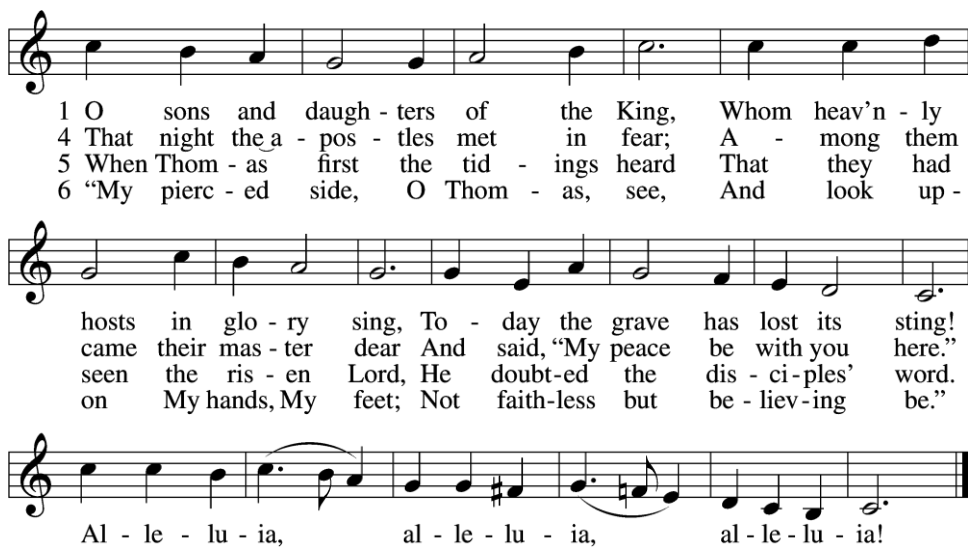
#### ***TWO STATION COMMUNION:***

*If you would like to receive communion at the altar, take the path to the left before the chancel step.*

*If you would like to receive communion in a continuous line, take the path to the right before the chancel step.*

“O Sons and Daughters of the King”

LSB 470 v. 1, 4-8



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly  
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them  
 5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had -  
 6 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see, And look up -

hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!  
 came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."  
 seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.  
 on My hands, My feet; Not faith - less but be - liev - ing be."

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

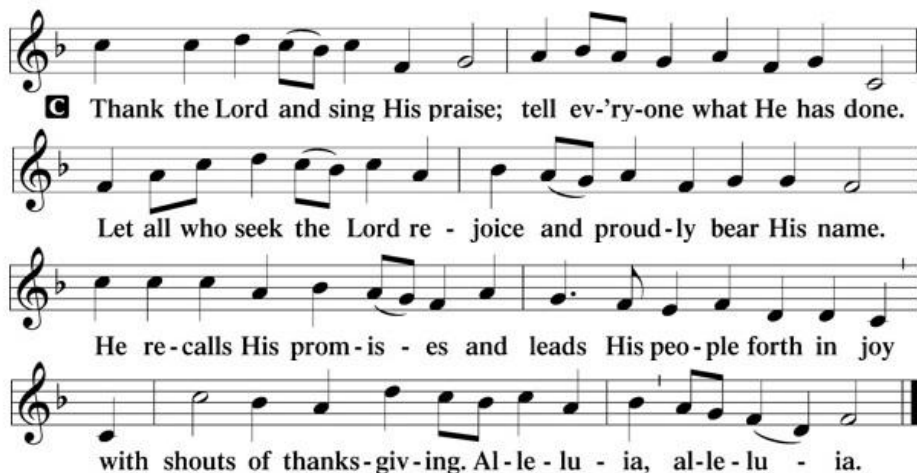
No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been,  
 For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## DISMISSAL

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

LSB p. 164



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek 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.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have again strengthened our faith through this sacrament. Accompany us now so that we may boldly proclaim the full message of life, found only in Your Son's sacrificial death for us and His victorious resurrection, leading us to heaven; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.


People:  Amen.

### **BENEDICTION** Num. 6:24-26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The † Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People:



 A-men, a-men, a - men.

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LSB 790 v. 1, 4-5



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -  
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your  
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall  
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His  
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -  
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.  
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

### **POSTLUDE**

“Praise to the Lord”

Paul Manz