

The Fourth Sunday of

EASTER

May 11, 2025



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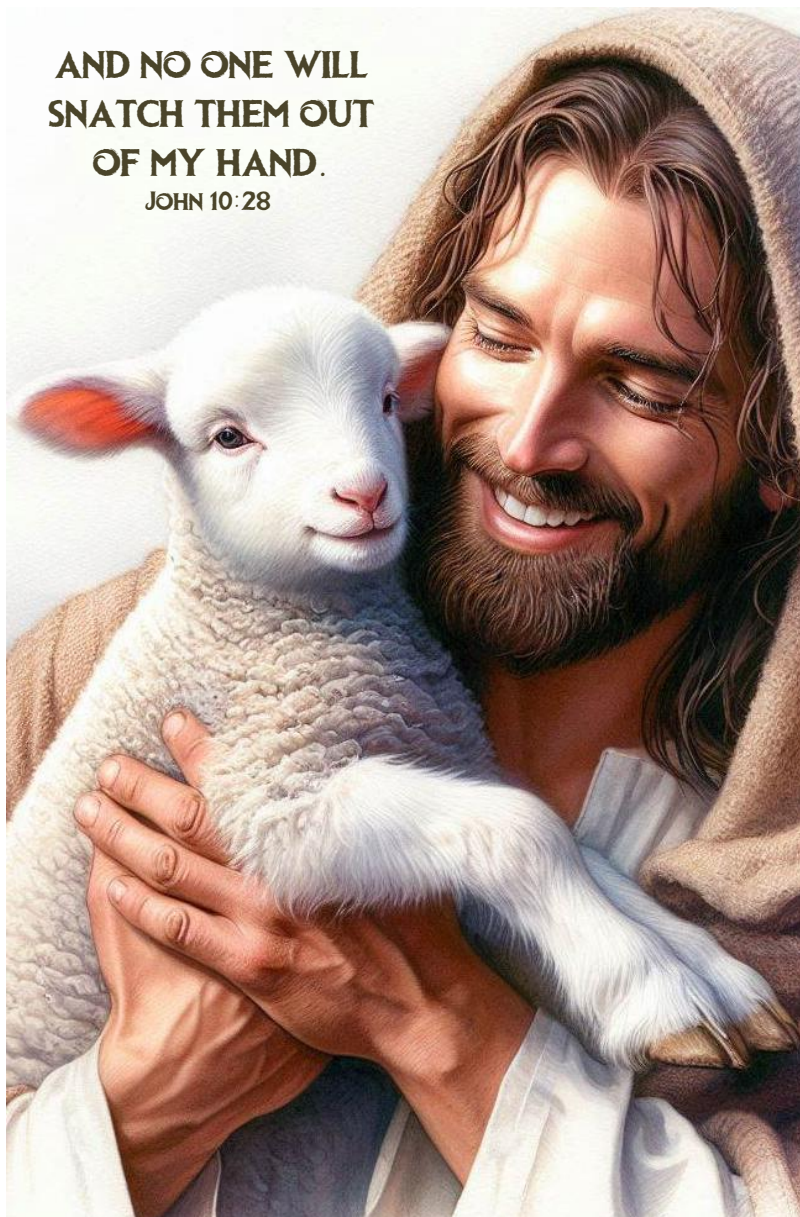
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AND NO ONE WILL
SNATCH THEM OUT
OF MY HAND.

JOHN 10:28



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PRELUDE

“Sheep May Safely Graze”

J. S. Bach

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Jerusalem the Golden”

LSB 672



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest—
2 With-in those walls of Zi - on Sounds forth the joy - ful song,
3 A - round the throne of Da - vid, The saints, from care re - leased,
△ 4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!



The prom - ise of sal - va - tion, The place of peace and rest—
As saints join with the an - gels And all the mar - tyr throng.
Raise loud their songs of tri - umph To cel - e - brate the feast.
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try That faith - ful hearts ex - pect!



We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there:
The Prince is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene;
They sing to Christ their lead - er, Who con - quered in the fight,
In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us To that e - ter - nal rest



The ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, The bliss be - yond com - pare!
The cit - y of the bless - ed Shines bright with glo - rious sheen.
Who won for them for - ev - er Their gleam - ing robes of white.
With You and God the Fa - ther And Spir - it, ev - er blest.

INVOCATION

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

People:  Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 23:1-2, 4, 6*

Pastor: The LORD is my shepherd;

People: **I shall not want.**

Pastor: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

People: **He leads me beside still waters.**

Pastor: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

People: **I will fear no evil,**

Pastor: for You are with me;
People: Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
Pastor: Surely good and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
People: and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: St. Paul warned, "I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock." *Acts 20:29*

People: We confess that we have sought to repel false teachers through the strength of our wisdom and willpower, rather than relying on the Good News of our Shepherd's obedience, even to His dying on the cross. Forgive us, heavenly Father.

Pastor: John was promised that in heaven, "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." *Revelation 7:17c*

People: We confess that we have allowed the sorrows of this world to overshadow the certain faith the Holy Spirit has given us, at times diminishing or even forgetting the gracious promises You have made for the sake of Christ. Forgive us, heavenly Father.

Pastor: Jesus said, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." *John 10:27*

People: We confess that too often we have been wandering sheep, listening to each other's bleating and the allures of our fallen world, instead of paying attention to our Shepherd's voice. Forgive us, heavenly Father.

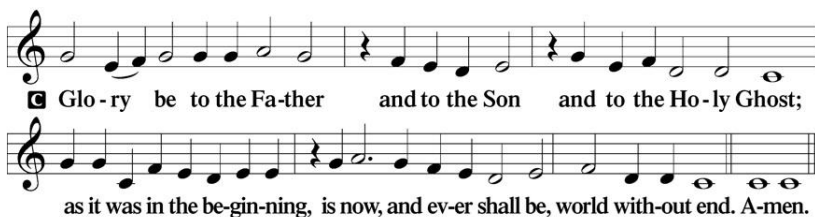
Pastor: Jesus conveys beautiful promises to all those whom the Father has given Him as His flock, "I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand." *Jn 10:28* As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ Amen.

THE INTROIT *Psalm 78:70, 73; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

Pastor/Choir: I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep. He chose David His servant and took him from the sheepfolds; With upright heart He shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand. But we Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.

THE GLORIA PATRI



G Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

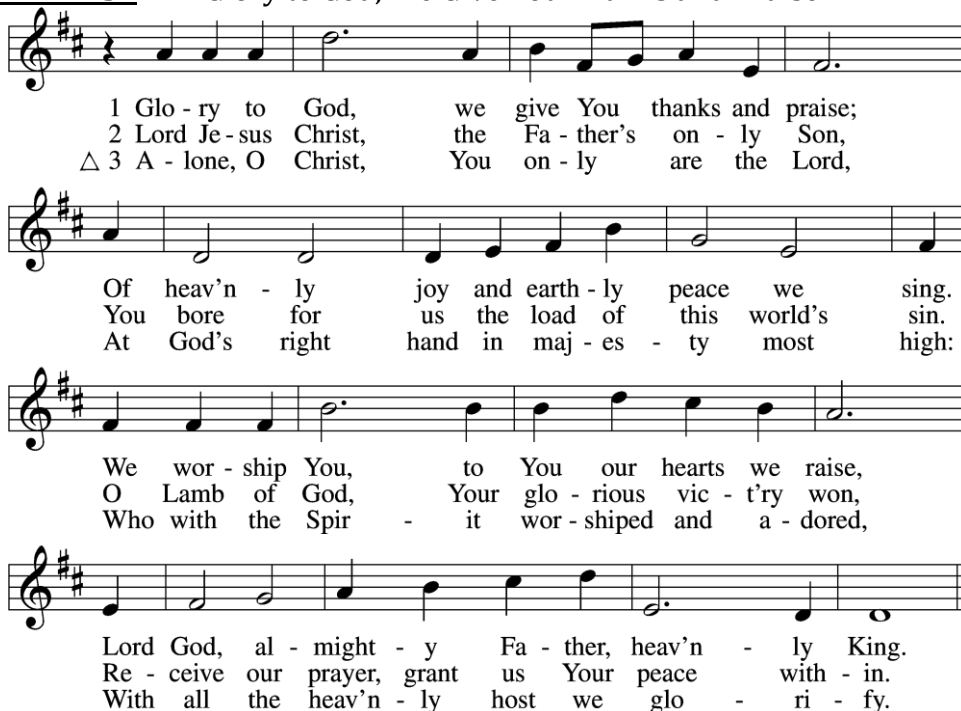
THE KYRIE Mt 9:27, 15:22

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

HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise"

LSB 946




1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
△ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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THE SALUTATION 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:



G And with thy spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, You are seated on the throne with the risen Lamb at Your right hand. Grant that as John beheld a vision of Your glory with the multitudes from all nations, we Your sheep might walk by faith today guided always by the Good Shepherd; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 20:17-35

(Paul warns the Ephesians about spiritual wolves.)

¹⁷ Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him.¹⁸ And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

²² And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

²⁵ And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears.

³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to

my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

(John sees the Lamb who was slain, now reigning on His throne.)

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat."

¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"There Will I Be"

Craig Courtney

The Cathedral Choir: Todd Schurig, Bass; David Webb, Tenor;

Norma Sander, Alto; Abigail Snow Beck, Soprano

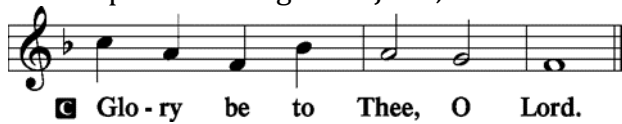
HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

(Jesus affirms that no one can snatch His flock from His care.)

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

People:



²² At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



CONFESSION OF FAITH

Martin Luther's Explanation to the First Article

Pastor: Shepherds provide for the needs of their flock. Our Creator God provides not only for our spiritual health, but also for all that we need for our physical, emotional, and social wellbeing. Believing in God the Father as Creator of all is the focus of the Small Catechism's explanation to the First Article of the Apostles' Creed, which we use now as our confession of faith.

People: **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

LSB 740

1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the

heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,

Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me

day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

SERMON

"These Are They"

Revelation 7:14

*Rev. D. Lee Andrzejewski, Head 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

"The Lord Is My Shepherd"

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.

10:30am continues with the Mother's Day Litany

† The Order of Holy Communion †

@9am

THE PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is good and right, our duty and our delight to give You thanks and praise, O Lord, holy and almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in His Son has redeemed us from sin and its death and risen in glory as the firstfruits of those who sleep and by the Holy Spirit through whom we are united with Christ by faith and live in this Easter hope. As Jesus was raised from death never to die again, bring us with Him through death to the life death cannot claim, where tears no more flow, sorrow no more stills the heart, suffering is banished, and joy is perfect. Therefore with angels, archangels, the apostles and martyrs, and all who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb, we give You thanks and praise and join in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS *Is 6:3*

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♪ 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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♪ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.

Amen.

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.

“Behold a Host Arrayed in White”

LSB 676



1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, Like thou - sand
2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; But now, how
3 O bless - ed saints in bright ar - ray Now safe - ly



snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; Who
glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, A
home in end - less day, Ex - tol the Lord, Who



is this band Be - fore the throne of light? These are the
priest - ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. On earth they
with His Word Sus - tained you on the way. The steep and



saints of glo - rious fame, Who from the great af -
wept through bit - ter years; Now God has wiped a -
nar - row path you trod; You toiled and sowed the



flic - tion came And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood
way their tears, Trans - formed their strife To heav'n - ly life,
Word a - broad; Re - joice and bring Your fruits and sing



Are cleansed from guilt and shame. They now serve God both
And freed them from their fears. They now en - joy the
Be - fore the throne of God. The myr - iad an - gels



day and night; They sing their songs in end - less light. Their
Sab - bath rest, The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; The
raise their song; O saints, sing with that hap - py throng! Lift

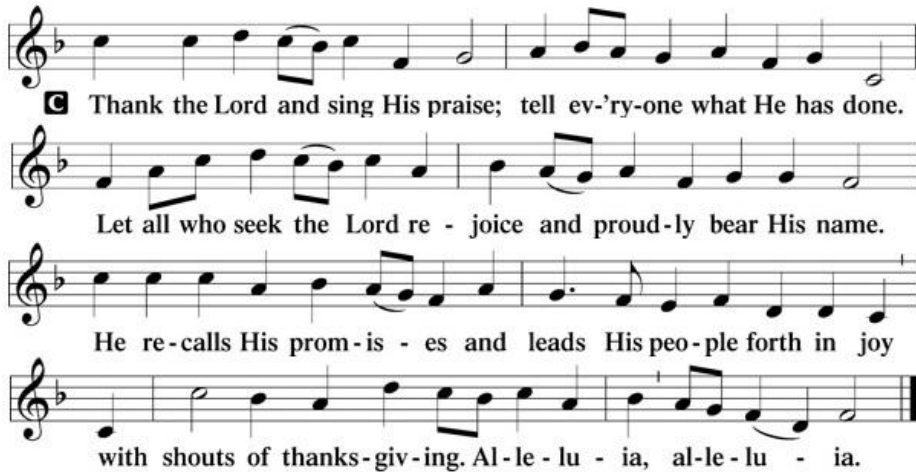


an - thems ring As they all sing With an - gels shin - ing bright.
Lamb, their Lord, At fes - tive board Him - self is host and guest.
up one voice; Let heav'n re - joice In our Re - deem - er's song!

DISMISSAL

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

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☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Lord our God, we give You thanks and praise for again nourishing us with Your Word and with the body and blood of our Savior. Strengthen us thereby to resist all who would lead us astray from our Shepherd. Keep us firm in the faith until we 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.

People: ♪ Amen.

A MOTHER'S DAY LITANY

from Proverbs 31

Pastor: A wife of noble character who can find?

People: **She is worth far more than rubies.**

Pastor: Her husband has full confidence in her

People: **She brings him good... all the days of her life.**

Pastor: She gets up while it is still dark;

People: **she provides food for her family**

Pastor: She sets about her work vigorously;

People: **her arms are strong for her tasks.**

Pastor: She is clothed with strength and dignity;

People: **she can laugh at the days to come.**

Pastor: She speaks with wisdom,

People: **and faithful instruction is on her tongue.**

Pastor: She watches over the affairs of her household
People: Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:
 Pastor: "Many women do noble things,
People: but you surpass them all."
 Pastor: Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
People: but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

BENEDICTION

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:



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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

LSB 895



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
 2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
 △ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;
 With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us
 The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav-en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way
 And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed
 The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Sigfrid Karg-Elert