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**Sunday, April 28, 2024 11:00 am**

### **WELCOME**

Welcome to Saint James, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Southeast Michigan Synod. Thank you for being part of this gathered assembly as we worship the Risen Lord and receive the sacrament. If this is your first time worshipping with Saint James, we extend a special greeting to you and invite you to introduce yourself to your neighbor in the pew. If you have questions about Saint James or are looking for a spiritual home, please reach out to Pastor Grant ([pastor@stjamesgp.org](mailto:pastor@stjamesgp.org)).

### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURES**

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

### **WORSHIP & HOLY EUCHARIST**

All of the materials needed for this liturgy can be found in this bulletin and in the cranberry red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW). The celebration of the sacrament, **Holy Eucharist** (also called the Lord's Supper and Holy Communion), is central to our worship. As host of the meal, Jesus extends a wide welcome for all to participate. Distribution information is found on page 14. If you would prefer to commune in the pew, please alert an usher prior to the start of worship.

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Cornet Voluntary*

Starling Goodwin

## GATHERING

STAND

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

ENTRANCE HYMN

*Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

ELW 452

*The ELW  
(Evangelical  
Lutheran Worship)  
is the red worship  
book in the pew  
rack. In the ELW,  
find hymns not  
printed in the  
bulletin and  
harmony to those  
printed.*

1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,  
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,  
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;  
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.

so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.  
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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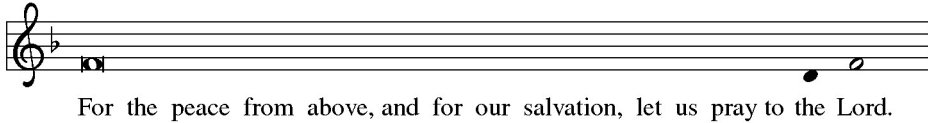
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# INVOCATION

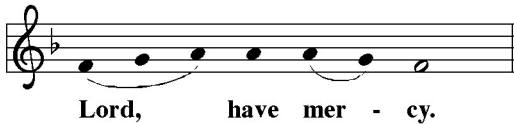
## KYRIE



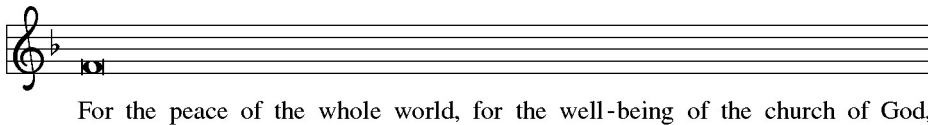
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



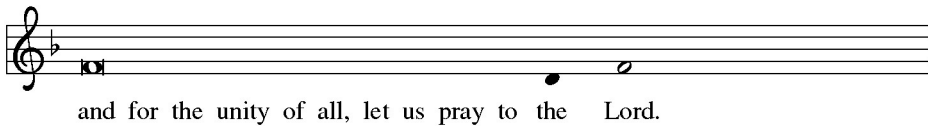
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



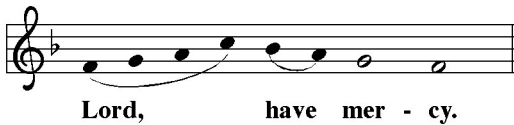
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



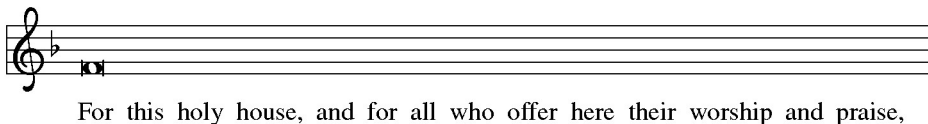
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



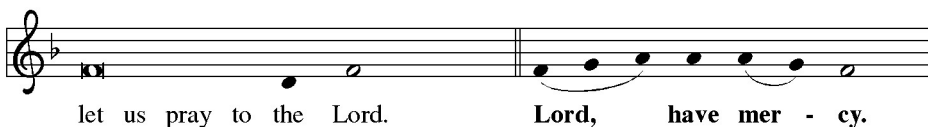
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



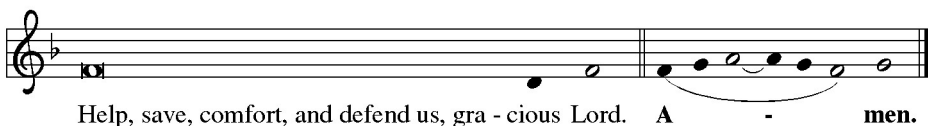
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

*Notice the use of the word 'us.' This indicates that the Kyrie is a corporate (common to everyone) prayer in which together we pray for God's mercy and peace to be upon us and all people: our community, the Church, and the world.*

## HYMN OF PRAISE


*Refrain*



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb




who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.


*Refrain*



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

Drawn from the hymns in the book of Revelation, the words of this hymn of praise joins Passover and Easter with a glimpse of the kingdom now, and reign of God yet to come.



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.


*Refrain*



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




al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



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



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

SIT

## WORD

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### FIRST LESSON

**Acts 8:26-40**

A reading from Acts.

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.*

## PSALM 22



*The cantor or choir  
sings the Refrain,  
the congregation  
repeats it.*

**Refrain:** *I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.*

My vows I will pay before those who fear God. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
Those who seek the LORD shall praise the LORD. May their hearts live forever and ever. **Refrain**

*The cantor or choir  
sings the verses.*

*ALL sing the Refrain.*

All the earth shall remember and return to the LORD, all families of the nations shall bow down in awe.  
They shall bow down in awe, all the mighty of the earth, all who must die and go down to the dust. **Refrain**

My soul shall live for God and my children too shall serve. They shall tell of the LORD to generations yet to come;  
Declare to those unborn, the faithfulness of God. "These things the LORD has done." **Refrain**

Psalms for the Revised Common Lectionary – Michel Guimont  
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*We love God and  
others because God  
first loved us. We  
cannot say we love  
God, whom we have  
not seen, while  
hating fellow  
Christians, whom we  
regularly see. Love  
toward God is to be  
matched by love  
toward others be-  
cause the essence of  
God is love.*

## SECOND LESSON

## 1 John 4:7-21

A reading from First John.

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Verse: I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit. (John15:5)*

### REPEAT ALLELUIA

### HOLY GOSPEL

**John 15:1-8**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are

STAND & SING  
*the Alleluia*

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.*

the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*The acclamation  
 is sung as the  
 procession returns  
 to the chancel.*

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!

Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!

Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!

Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!

*Refrain*  
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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SIT

**HOMILY**



## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.

*The Creed is a  
statement of  
what we believe  
as Christian  
people.*

The sign of peace is a greeting between believers that invites the peace of God to dwell within and between each person. This means that sharing the peace is much more than an act of hospitality or hello.

**INTERCESSIONS**

Lord, in your mercy.  
**Hear our prayer.**

**PEACE** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**TABLE SETTING Alleluia! Sing to Jesus ELW 392: 3, 4**

REMAIN STANDING  
 & SING

The ushers bring the gifts of bread and wine forward as the table is set.

3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -

food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your

you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you

sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 en - tered. robed in flesh. our great high priest. here on

songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

**PRAYER**

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

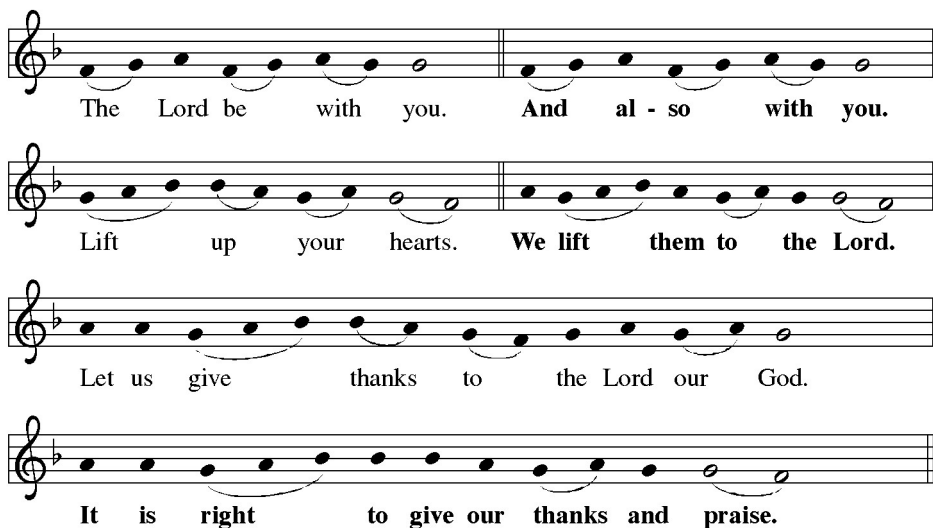


Instead of 'passing the plate,' Saint James receives offerings in the stationary offering plates near each sanctuary entrance. Offerings are also received via online giving at [stjamesgp.org](http://stjamesgp.org), and via Zelle app. Thank you for giving generously to support the ministry of this church and sharing in the proclamation of the good news of our Risen Lord Jesus.

## MEAL

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### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

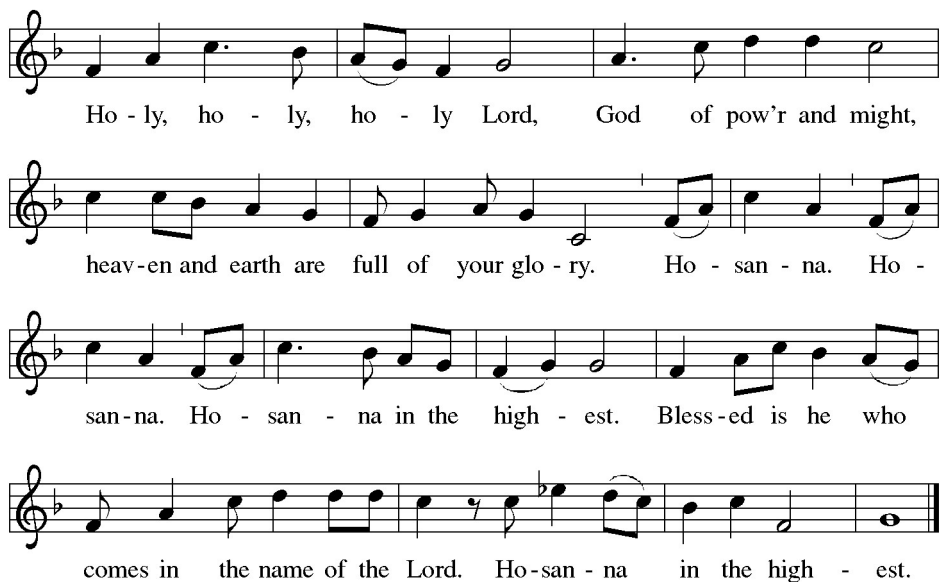


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The Great Thanksgiving is understood as an act of praise and thanksgiving. Following Jewish customs, the emerging Christian liturgies blessed God (that is, thanked God) for his kindness and love.*

### PREFACE

#### SANCTUS (Holy, Holy, Holy)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

*The Sanctus (sanctus, Latin, means holy) is a series of angelic acclamations which accompanied Isaiah's vision of God (Isaiah 6:3 also Psalm 118:26).*

*In the Eucharistic  
Prayer, the  
church  
gives thanks for  
God's mighty  
works in the past,  
in creation and  
redemption  
through  
Jesus Christ, and  
thereby  
proclaims its  
faith in the  
blessings that  
come in the  
future both in  
this life and in  
eternal life yet to  
come.*

## **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness;  
you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence.  
We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us.  
We thank you for the new world to come  
and for the love that will rule all in all.  
We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen,  
the people of your promise:  
the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land,  
the memory of the fathers, the homecoming from exile,  
and the prophets' words that will not be in vain.  
In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son,  
who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

### *The Words of Institution*

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

*Within the  
gathered  
assembly, at  
Jesus' invitation,  
we feast on his  
body and blood.  
Lutherans utilize  
the term  
'real presence'  
to talk about our  
Lord being truly  
present with us  
as we celebrate  
this holy meal.*

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup  
we remember the incarnation of your Son:  
his human birth and the covenant he made with us.  
We remember the sacrifice of his life:  
his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death.  
But chiefly this day we remember his rising from the tomb,  
his ascension to the seat of power,  
and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit.  
We cry out for the resurrection of our lives,  
when Christ will come again in beauty and power  
to share with us the great and promised feast.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;  
gather into one all who share this bread and wine,  
your body and blood,

fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,  
 that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ;  
 through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,  
 with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

*The sacrament of the altar is known by several names including Holy Communion, The Lord's Supper, and The Eucharist.*

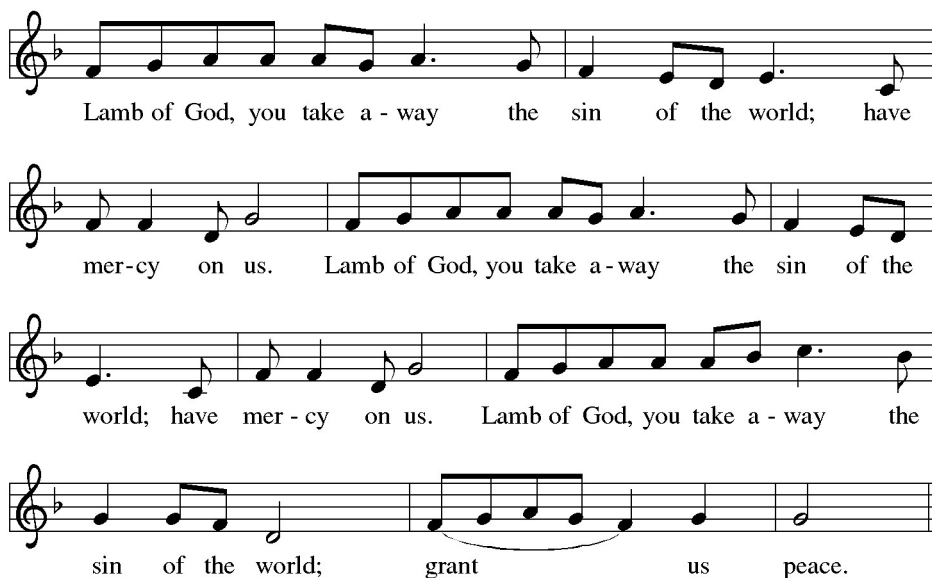


## LORD'S PRAYER

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia! The Lord has truly risen, and meets us in this holy meal.  
 Let us rejoice and be glad! Alleluia!

### LAMB OF GOD



*The word eucharist means 'thanksgiving.' When we use this term for the sacrament the emphasis is on the joy and celebration with which we thank the Risen Lord Jesus for his real presence as we receive his body and blood.*

## SAINT JAMES COMMUNION PRACTICE

- Welcome** Saint James practices an open table for Holy Communion, which means that all people are invited to participate in the sacrament. Jesus is the host of the meal and extends a wide welcome. Children are welcome to participate, but may also come forward with folded arms to receive a blessing.
- Benefit** What is the benefit of sharing in the meal? The words “given for you” and “shed for you” show us that the forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament. (Luther’s Small Catechism)
- Distribution** Come forward via the central aisle.
- Receive the host (bread/Jesus’ body) in the hand, then **dip it** into the cup with wine (Jesus’ blood). Or consume it and take an individual cup of wine (purple) or juice (golden).
- A gluten free host is offered by saying “gluten free” to the pastor.
- Return to your place via the outside aisles for private prayer.

SIT **DISTRIBUTION**

**HYMN** **There in God’s Garden** ELW 342

**HYMN** **Where Charity and Love Prevail** ELW 359

STAND **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

### **SENDING**

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#### **SENDING PRAYER**

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son’s resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

*The sign of the cross is made in remembrance of Holy Baptism*

#### **BENEDICTION**

## HYMN

*We Know that Christ is Raised*

ELW 449



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,  
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.  
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.  
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

## DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Risen Lord!  
 Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Our Lord sends  
 us into the world  
 to live out our  
 faith, and  
 proclaim the  
 good news of  
 Jesus' risen glory.*

## POSTLUDE

*Festive Trumpet Tune*

David German

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