

“Seven Stanzas at Easter” – Stanza 3

regathered  
out of enduring Might

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**May 5, 2019**

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## ***WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,

Mandi Diver – Choir/New Music Accompanist

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### ***WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS***

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

### ***HOLY COMMUNION***

The Lord's Supper is celebrated according to the Lutheran Confessions based on the teaching Jesus gave his disciples and us that he is truly present in this meal. Confident that our sins are forgiven, we experience our oneness with him and each other as he gathers us at his table. His true body and blood, given and shed for us, we share in this meal as he invites in Matthew 26:26-28, "Take and eat; this is My Body ... This is My Blood..." Baptized Christians sharing these beliefs are invited to receive Communion. All others are invited to the altar rail for a blessing. Wine can be taken by common chalice, individual cup, or by dipping your wafer into the chalice. Please address questions to the Elders or the Pastor. ***Non-alcoholic wine is in purple-colored cups.***

### ***NURSERY***

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

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### ***SERVING TODAY***

#### ***Sunday 8:00AM***

#### ***Sunday 10:45AM***

<b><i>Elders:</i></b>	Mike Bandman	Randy Gifford
<b><i>Comm/Asst. Elder:</i></b>	Al Diercks	Dave Ziegler
<b><i>Acolytes:</i></b>	Kelsi Mulley / Emma Megerle	Lily Freehling / Michaela Rosenthal
<b><i>Lay Readers:</i></b>	Claudine Rayos, Karla Stewart	Pat Rasmussen
<b><i>Ushers:</i></b>	Tony Young, Sam Squires	John Schultz, Lance Rasmussen
<b><i>Greeters:</i></b>	Megerle Family, Mulley Family	Kaiser Family, Kazarian Family
<b><i>Fellowship:</i></b>	The Blasko Family	
<b><i>May Altar Guild:</i></b>	Diane Mundrick	Debbie Wuethrick
<b><i>May Counters:</i></b>	Dave and Cheryl Ross	

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### ***TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:***

The Silasiri family in remembrance of Micah's birthday (5/1) and the Ams family in celebration of Ryan's college graduation.

# In Today's Prayers

*If you have something you'd like added,  
please go to one of the Prayer Stands,  
write down your request, & put in the plastic rack.*



In our weekly Worship Prayers, we lift up praises, thanksgivings, requests, and concerns to our Lord. In order to help us pray to God about the wholeness of our lives in the world, we have a schedule for when we will focus on specific areas for prayer. Any immediate needs will always take priority, but in general, we will follow this schedule. Please note that this means on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, Pastor will speak the names of everyone on our health concerns list, but on other Sundays, this will be lifted up only as a general prayer for health and healing.

## **Missionaries**

Pastor Nicholas Salifu and churches in Northern Ghana  
Chris, Heather, Moses & Micah  
Carlos & Suzanne Tejada, former preschool family, Costa Rica

## **Prayers for Justice**

Heal our communities, break systems of injustice, use us as Your people  
help us see others as children of God

## **Our local partners**

Love INC—serving churches to help Christians serve those in need  
COOL—food bank and transitional housing  
PADS—homeless advocacy and support  
A Safe Place—support for those affected by domestic violence  
Ricky Bueno & Frontline Street Intervention—local gang outreach & ministry  
Informed Choices—Pregnancy & Parenting centers, Grayslake & Crystal Lake

## **Congregation: Care in Community**

We will provide direct assistance and build supportive relationships

## CATECHISM SERVICE

Today's service uses words from Martin Luther's Small Catechism as it teaches us about the basic elements of the Christian faith.

### Opening Hymn

### "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

LSB 688



1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My  
2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly  
3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with  
4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your  
5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your - selves, the world for - sake,  
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;  
love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,  
soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,  
cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My  
From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.  
well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.  
strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.  
of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."  
bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

## **Invocation**

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: These words remind us of our baptism. What is Baptism?

C: **Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.**

P: What benefits does Baptism give?

C: **It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.**

P: What does God's Word in Romans 6 teach us about Baptism?

C: **"We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."**

## **Baptism Verse**

## **Baptized into Your Name Most Holy**

LSB 590 st. 1



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

## **Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)**

P: What is Confession and Absolution?

**C: Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

P: Confess and admit your sins to God the Father.

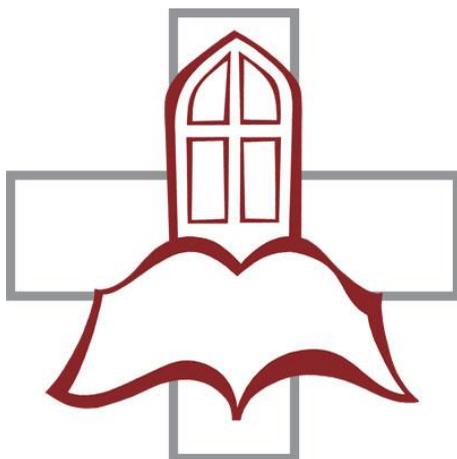
**C: I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let his love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I pray You, Almighty God, merciful Father, for the sake of the innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Do you believe that word of Christ's forgiveness I speak to you is from the Lord Himself?

**C: I do.**

P: Receive the forgiveness Christ won for you by His Passion, death, and resurrection. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**



## Absolution Response

## Great is the Lord



Great is the Lord, He is ho-ly and just, by His pow-er we trust in His love. \_\_\_\_\_



Great is the Lord, He is faith-ful and true by His mer-cy He proves He is love. \_\_\_\_\_



Great is the Lord, and wor-thy of glo-ry. Great is the Lord, and wor-thy of praise.  
Great are You, Lord, and wor-thy of glo-ry. Great are You, Lord, and wor-thy of praise.



Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great \_\_\_\_\_ is the  
Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:



Lord! \_\_\_\_\_ Great \_\_\_\_\_ is the Lord! \_\_\_\_\_

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## Greeting, Collect (Prayer of the Day), and Luther's Morning Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us pray together.

C: **I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

## **Anthem**

## **“Not too Far from Here”**

**Jeanine Hautzinger**

Somebody's down to their last dime. Somebody's running out of time, Not too far from here.  
Somebody's got nowhere else to go. Somebody needs a little hope, Not too far from here.

And we may not know their name, But we're prayin' just the same,  
That you'll use us Lord to wipe away a tear, 'Cause somebody's crying, Not too far from here.

Somebody's troubled and confused. Somebody's got nothing else to lose, Not too far from here.  
Somebody's forgotten how to trust. Somebody's dying for love, Not too far from here.

It may be a stranger's face. But we're prayin' for your grace,  
To move in us and take away the fear, 'Cause someone is hurting, Not too far from here.

Help us Lord, not to turn away from pain.  
Help us not to rest while those around us weep.  
Give us your strength and compassion,  
When somebody finds the road of life too steep.

Now we're letting down our guard, And we're opening our hearts.  
Help us speak your love to every needful ear, 'Cause Jesus is waiting.  
Not too far from here. Jesus is waiting not too far from here.

## **Psalm Reading**

## **Psalm 30 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up  
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

<sup>3</sup>O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;  
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

<sup>4</sup>Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

<sup>5</sup>For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

<sup>6</sup>As for me, I said in my prosperity, “I shall never be moved.”

<sup>7</sup>By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain stand strong;  
you hid your face; I was dismayed.

<sup>8</sup>To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:

<sup>9</sup>“What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup>Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!”

<sup>11</sup>You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

<sup>2</sup>that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle (New Testament Letter)**

**Revelation 5:8–14 (ESV)**

<sup>8</sup>And when [the Lamb] had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,  
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
<sup>10</sup>and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,  
and they shall reign on the earth.”

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” <sup>13</sup>And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

**“Jesus is Lord of All”**

**Adult Choir**

- Use the anthem’s music and words to help you to meditate on God’s Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

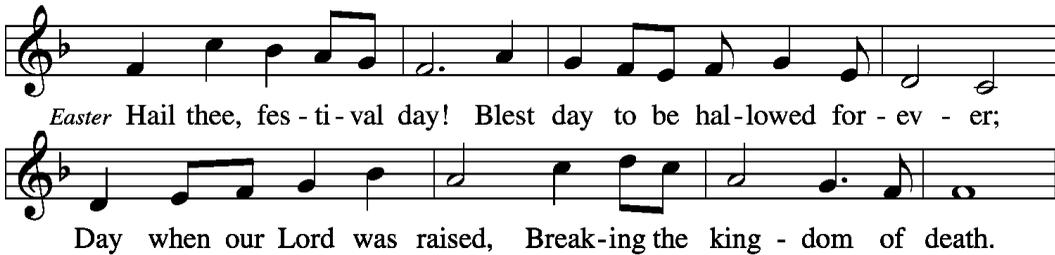
All my tomorrows, all my past, Jesus is Lord of all.  
I’ve quit my struggle, contentment at last, Jesus is Lord of all.  
King of kings, Lord of lords, Jesus is Lord of all;  
All my possessions, and all my life, Jesus is Lord of all.

All of my conflicts, all my thoughts, Jesus is Lord of all.  
His love wins the battles I could not have fought, Jesus is Lord of all.  
King of kings, Lord of lords, Jesus is Lord of all;  
All my possessions, and all my life, Jesus is Lord of all.

All of my longings, all my dreams, Jesus is Lord of all.  
All of my failures His power redeems, Jesus is Lord of all.  
King of kings, Lord of lords, Jesus is Lord of all;  
All my possessions, and all my life, Jesus is Lord of all.

**Gospel Preparation (sing twice) Hail Thee, Festival Day**

LSB 489 refrain



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The first staff contains the first line of the refrain, and the second staff contains the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*Easter* Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;  
Day when our Lord was raised, Break - ing the king - dom of death.

**Holy Gospel**

**John 21:1–14 (ESV)**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 21st chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. <sup>8</sup>The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Gospel Response (sing once) Hail Thee, Festival Day**

LSB 489 refrain



*Easter* Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;



Day when our Lord was raised, Break - ing the king - dom of death.

**Hymn of the Day**

**Long before the World Is Waking**

LSB 485



1 Long be - fore the world is wak - ing, Morn - ing mist on  
2 So they cast, and all their heav - ing Can - not haul their  
3 Char - coal em - bers bright - ly burn - ing, Bread and fish up -  
4 Christ is ris - en! Grief and sigh - ing, Sins and sor - rows,  
5 Morn - ing breaks, and Je - sus meets us, Feeds and com - forts,



Gal - i - lee, From the shore, as dawn is break - ing,  
catch a - board; John in won - der turns, per - ceiv - ing,  
on them laid: Je - sus stands at day's re - turn - ing  
fall be - hind; Fear and fail - ure, doubt, de - ny - ing,  
par - dons still; As His faith - ful friends He greets us,



Je - sus calls a - cross the sea; Hails the boat of  
Cries a - loud, "It is the Lord!" Pe - ter waits for  
In His ris - en life ar - rayed; As of old His  
Full and free for - give - ness find. All the soul's dark  
Part - ners of His work and will. All our days, on



wea - ry men, Bids them cast their net a - gain.  
noth - ing more, Plung - es in to swim a - shore.  
friends to greet, "Here is break - fast; come and eat."  
night is past, Morn - ing breaks in joy at last.  
ev - 'ry shore, Christ is ours for - ev - er - more!

**Sermon “Seven Stanzas at Easter: Stanza 3 – regathered out of enduring Might”**

The same hinged thumbs and toes,  
the same valved heart  
that-pierced-died, withered, paused, and then  
regathered out of enduring Might  
new strength to enclose.

Full poem on pages 19–20

**Confession of Faith 2<sup>nd</sup> Article of the Apostles’ Creed and Luther’s explanation**

P: Confess with your mouth what you believe in your heart: Romans 10:9  
that Jesus is Lord and that God raised him from the dead

**C: I believe 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.**

P: What does this mean?

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

## Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

### Offertory

### On My Heart Imprint Your Image

LSB 422



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,  
That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Nev - er may Your work e - rase;  
Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

### Prayers

P: The Lord invites us to pray saying:

**C: Our Father who art in heaven.**

P: What does this mean?

**C: With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.**

P: Therefore, we bring our prayers to You this day, Father. . .

### The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Supper: What We Believe**

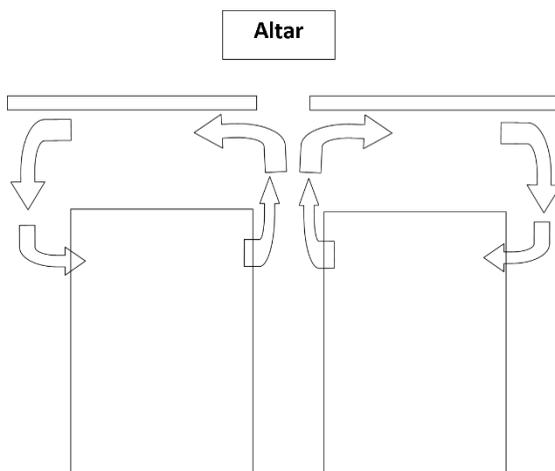
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



## **Communion Distribution**

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



## **Preparation for the Lord's Supper**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

**C: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.**

P: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

C: *These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” shows us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.*

P: Who receives this sacrament worthily?

C: *The person who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.*

### **Words of Institution**

#### ***Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)***

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *And also with you.*

(We greet one another in peace saying “God’s peace” or “The Lord be with you.”)

#### ***Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)***

LSB 163

☐ 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 sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

# First Distribution Hymn

LSB 856



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -  
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose  
3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And  
4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To  
5 O Christ, the a - pos - tles' Lord, The mar - tyrs' strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:  
words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:  
broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:  
serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:  
cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To whom the saints be - long:



Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,  
In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow'ring Word. True  
Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And  
Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where  
Though gen - er - a - tions pass, Our trib - ute still we bring, Our



bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.  
teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.  
help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied.  
love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.  
hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our lives an of - fer - ing.

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**Second Distribution Hymn At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing** LSB 633 sts. 1-4, 6



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His  
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread  
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal  
6 Now no more can death ap - pall, Now no



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phantly go  
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love  
more the grave en - thrall; You have o - pened par - a - dise,



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!  
And Your saints in You shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!

**Common Dismissal**

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord...

C: Amen.

**Post-Communion Prayer**

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this blessed gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## **Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

## **Closing Hymn**

### **At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing**

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7 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy! This a -  
△ 8 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give, Sav - ior,



lone can sin de - stroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
by whose death we live, Spir - it, guide through all our days:



New - born souls in You to be. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Three in One, Your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

## **Announcements**

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# “Seven Stanzas at Easter” by John Updike

Make no mistake: if He rose at all  
it was as His body;  
if the cells' dissolution did not reverse, the molecules  
reknit, the amino acids rekindle,  
the Church will fall.

It was not as the flowers,  
each soft Spring recurrent;  
it was not as His Spirit in the mouths and fuddled  
eyes of the eleven apostles;  
it was as His flesh: ours.

The same hinged thumbs and toes,  
the same valved heart  
that-pierced-died, withered, paused, and then  
regathered out of enduring Might  
new strength to enclose.

Let us not mock God with metaphor,  
analogy, sidestepping, transcendence;  
making of the event a parable, a sign painted in the  
faded credulity of earlier ages:  
let us walk through the door.

The stone is rolled back, not papier-mâché,  
not a stone in a story,  
but the vast rock of materiality that in the slow  
grinding of time will eclipse for each of us  
the wide light of day.

And if we will have an angel at the tomb,  
make it a real angel,  
weighty with Max Planck's quanta, vivid with hair,  
opaque in the dawn light, robed in real linen  
spun on a definite loom.

Let us not seek to make it less monstrous,  
for our own convenience, our own sense of beauty,  
lest, awakened in one unthinkable hour, we are  
embarrassed by the miracle,  
and crushed by remonstrance.



This poem was written by John Updike (1932-2009) for a religious arts festival sponsored by the Clifton Lutheran Church, of Marblehead, Massachusetts, in 1960. It can be found in Updike's poetry collection titled *Telephone Poles and Other Poems* (New York: Alfred A Knopp).