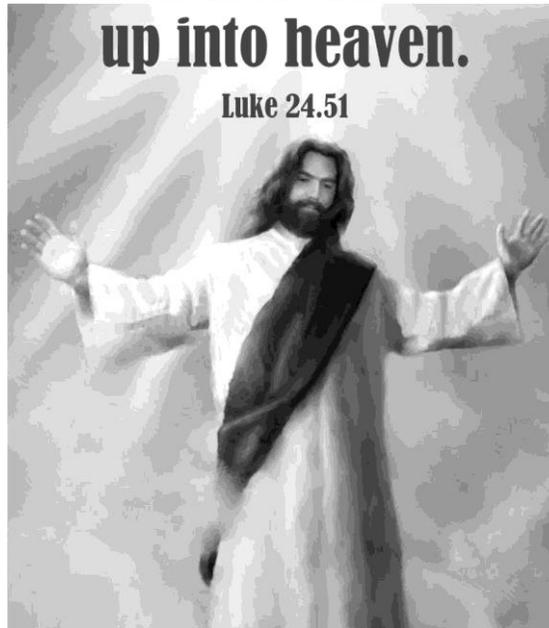


+ THE HOLY COMMUNION +

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

**While he was
blessing them,
he withdrew from them
and was carried
up into heaven.**

Luke 24.51



MAY 22, 2022

10:00 A.M.

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Mission Statement

Growing in Christ, loving our neighbor!

A cordial welcome to all!

Welcome to Cross of Christ! We invite you to sign our **guest book** in the narthex at the entrance of the church. Those who are able are encouraged to follow the directions for sitting, standing and turning as they appear in this bulletin. If you need any assistance during the service, the ushers are here to serve you.

Church facilities

Restrooms are available down the hallway on the left side. There is a baby changing table in each restroom.

Classrooms are located along the far side of the Fellowship Hall.

The Fellowship Hall is available for rental. For details, please call the church office.

A Large-print Bulletin is available from the usher.

Families

We believe that children of all ages belong in worship. They are a welcomed part of the assembly and we enjoy hearing them as well as seeing them. There are Children’s bulletins along with crayons at the back of the sanctuary. If you find it helpful, feel free to move around the sanctuary or stand in the back to help soothe your child. If you find it necessary to leave the worship space for a short time, the middle classroom off of the Fellowship Hall has a rocking chair. The service can be heard through a speaker system. Please return as soon as you feel comfortable. **Children and youth of all ages are also encouraged to participate in worship leadership roles when parents feel they are ready.** If you need assistance for any reason, please don’t hesitate to ask an Usher or the Council Person on duty.

+ THE HOLY COMMUNION +

In today's gospel the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

The Color for the Ascension of Our Lord is white, representing purity, light and joy in Christ.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

As you gather in the sanctuary, please be mindful of those around you that may be praying or preparing for worship by quieting their hearts and minds. During the prayers of intercession, you will have opportunity to voice your prayer concerns.

PRELUDE *"The Love of God"* by Marianne Kim

Tune: Love of God by Frederick M. Lehman © 2014 Lorenz Publishing Co.

Assembly stands.

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to new life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne; through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

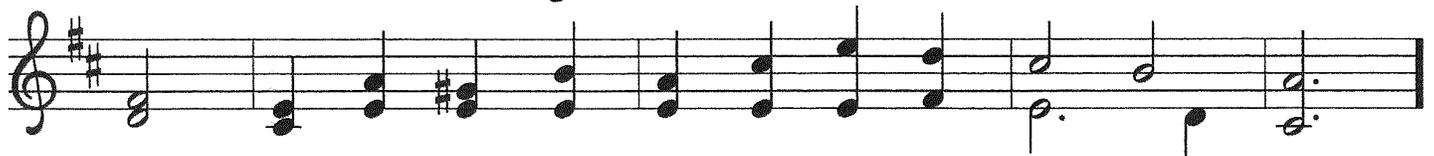
Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst, cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING Hymn “*Rejoice, for Christ is King!*” ELW #430 vs. 1, 2 & 4



1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
 4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit



re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
 and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -



joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

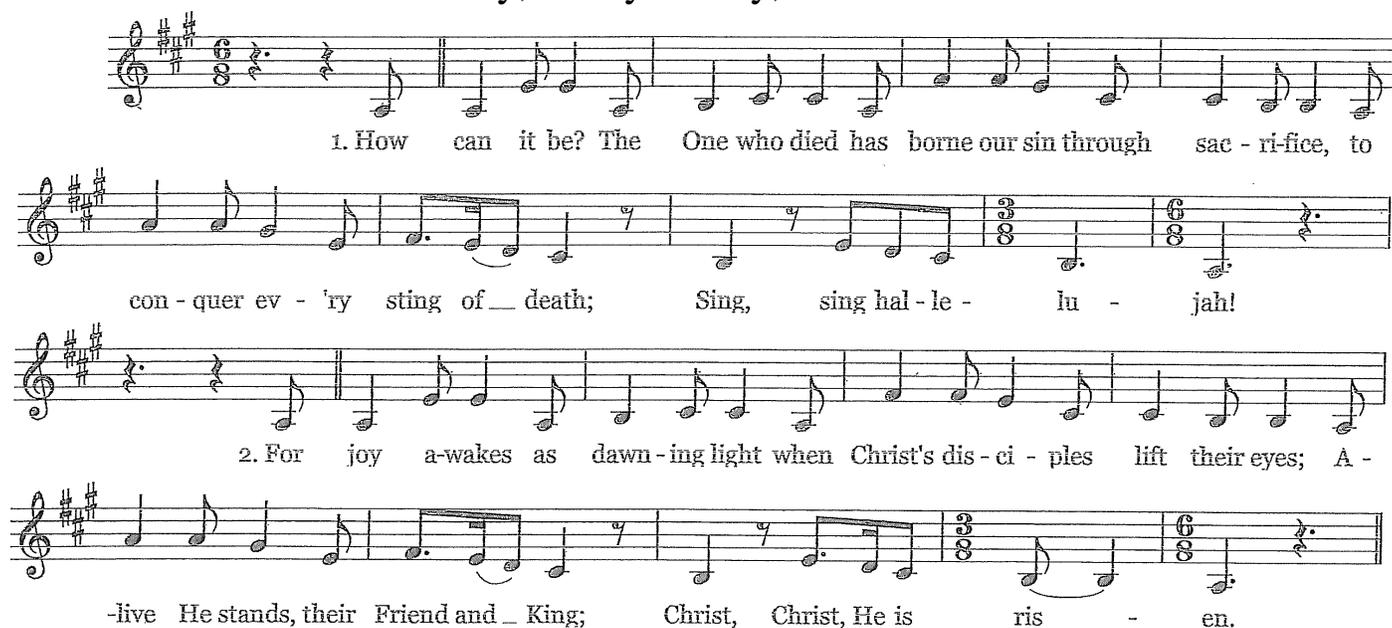
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

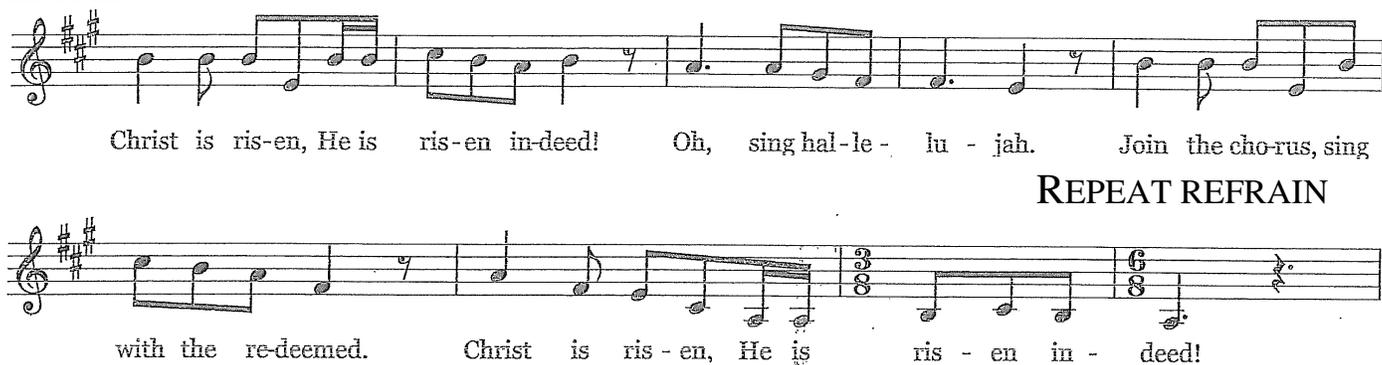
HYMN OF PRAISE “Christ Is Risen He Is Risen Indeed” words and music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Ed Cash



1. How can it be? The One who died has borne our sin through sac - ri - fice, to
con - quer ev - 'ry sting of death; Sing, sing hal - le - lu - jah!

2. For joy a-wakes as dawn - ing light when Christ's dis - ci - ples lift their eyes; A -
-live He stands, their Friend and King; Christ, Christ, He is ris - en.

REFRAIN



Christ is ris-en, He is ris-en in-deed! Oh, sing hal-le - lu - jah. Join the cho-rus, sing
REPEAT REFRAIN
with the re-deemed. Christ is ris - en, He is ris - en in - deed!

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Almighty God, **your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Assembly sits.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Exalted is the Lord” Arr. by John F. Wilson

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WORD

First Reading a reading from **Acts**.

(Acts 1:1-11)

Luke writes:

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand

looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;

the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.

He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

your throne is established from of old;

you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord,

the floods have lifted up their voice;

the floods lift up their roaring.

More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,

more majestic than the waves of the sea,

majestic on high is the Lord!

Your decrees are very sure;

holiness befits your house,

O Lord, for evermore.

Second Reading a reading from Ephesians.

(Ephesians 1:15-23)

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things

under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

HOLY GOSPEL

(Luke 24:44-53)

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus said to the eleven and those with them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with

power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

Assembly sits.

SERMON

Assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY “A Hymn of Glory” ELW #393 vs. 1, 4 & 5



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
 4 “You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the
 5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 sky.” Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! “Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
 cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
 see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty.” Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



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

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayers reflect the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world.

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Holy One, ruler of heaven and earth, wash us in your Holy Spirit and make us witnesses to your resurrected life in this community. Let our fellowship be a sign to others of the presence of Christ. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Through thundering, mighty waters reveal your creative power at work in creation. Cleanse the air, land, and waters with the movement of your Spirit and the participation of your people. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In faithful and diverse worship, turn all people toward you and your loving will for humankind. Bridge differences among traditions and across faiths. Unite us in mission for the sake of a world in need. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the suffering and death of Jesus, draw near to those who suffer and for whom death approaches. Hold them in the palm of your loving hand and give them rest. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Inspire us through the music, dance, and other arts ministries of this congregation. With clapping, shouting, singing, playing, and moving, let our bodies bear witness to the joy you alone can give. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of wisdom and might, we ask that you continue to watch over the members of this congregation, our families, and the members of our community. Please keep everyone safe and hear the prayers of all, as we continue to be part of you and the love you have for us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You may now offer the prayers of your heart, whether silently or spoken (*brief silence*). God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Rouse us to remember the faithful witness of the saints who have gone before us. By their lives and the life and death of Jesus, enlighten our hearts, give us hope, and lead us in wisdom. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

(All greet one another with a gesture of peace, using words such as, “Peace be with you.”)

Assembly sits.

MEAL

GATHERING OF GIFTS

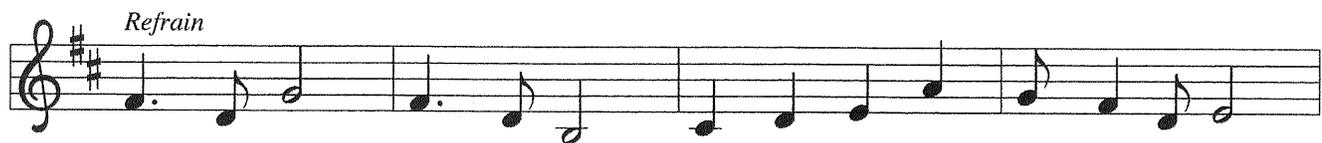
Gifts are gathered for those in need and for the mission and purpose of our congregation. You may place your offering in the offering plate, mail it in, or you can donate on-line at Givelify.com. There is a wheelbarrow for the collection of food in the Narthex. If anyone is in need of offering envelopes, they are available in the church office.

Visitors – your presence with us is gift enough. We expect members to support the mission and ministry of this congregation. Visitors are invited to just enjoy worship and fellowship.

OFFERING HYMN “Interlude II” by Mark Hayes

As the gifts of bread, wine, and money are brought forward, the people stand and sing.

OFFERTORY “Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup” ELW #492



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;



in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!

Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; *With One Voice*, stanzas, based on Ps. 34
Music: Jeremy Young
Text and music © 1995 Augsburg Fortress

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. (*Silence for reflection and meditation*)

Living God, **you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also 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 Him thanks and praise.

Glorious God, in Moses, the prophets, and the psalms you showed your purpose for your people and your love for your world. In Jesus you fulfilled your promises and opened to us your heart. In his passion and death we saw the consequences of our rejection and the depth of your yearning. Yet you raised Jesus from the tomb. In his resurrection you invite us into the company of your eternal joy, and in his ascension on high you seal as complete his work among us. So with angels and archangels and the company of heaven, we praise you forever, singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
 might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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Gracious God, your Son at his ascension promised the disciples they would be clothed with power from on high. Send now your Holy Spirit, that we may know the presence of your Son among us, and that bread broken, and wine outpoured, may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Generous God, your Son told his disciples to stay in the city until they were clothed by the Spirit. Give courage to those whom you call to stay in places of danger and confusion when their hearts are full of doubt and disillusion. Your Son withdrew from the disciples when they did not know what the future would hold. Be close to all who face an uncertain future and deeply know their need of you. Your Son's disciples were continually in the temple praising you. Give your church a fresh outpouring of your Spirit and make it a blessing to all the children of your earth; until the completion of your Son's ministry becomes the completion of your whole creation, and you are all in all, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The minister addresses the assembly:

The risen Christ dwells with us here.
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

THE AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
world:
fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Assembly sits.

COMMUNION

Our Lord's body and blood are truly present in the bread and wine to forgive and strengthen us. We practice open communion: all Baptized Christians are welcome to commune with us. White grape juice is available at communion for those who prefer it. It is located in the center ring of each tray of glasses. Gluten free wafers are available. Please indicate to the pastor during distribution if you would rather have gluten free wafers. If you prefer communion at your seat, please let one of our ushers know. In preparation for receiving the Sacrament, a simple prayer such as this or another appropriate prayer may be said "May the Blood of Christ bring me everlasting life."

COMMUNION HYMN "Let us Break Bread Together" by Mark Hayes

Tune: Break Bread Traditional Folk Song © 2015 Lorenz Publishing Co.

After all have communed, the assembly stands.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, **generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns" ELW #855 vs. 1, 4 & 5



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4
Music: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

DIADEMATA
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DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

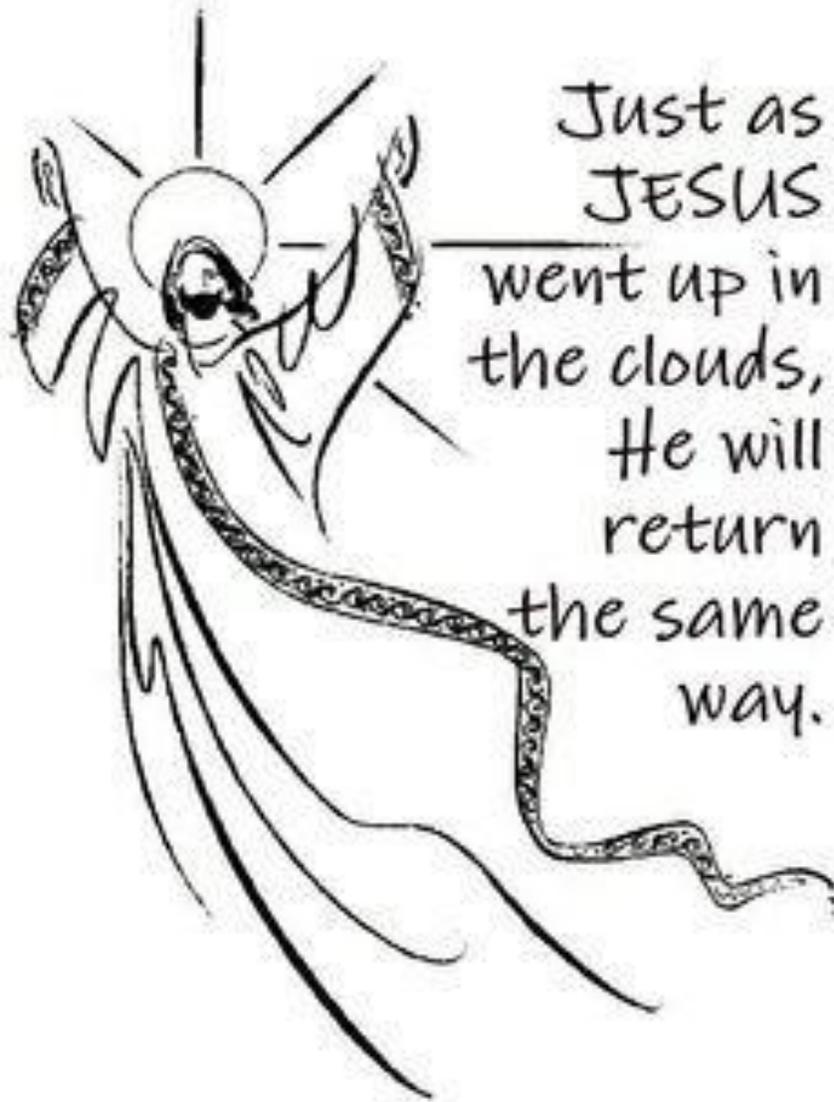
Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Growing in Christ, loving our neighbor! Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" by Erin Schwartz

Tune: Lobe Den Herren Ernewerten Gesangbuch 1665

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Just as
JESUS
went up in
the clouds,
He will
return
the same
way.

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