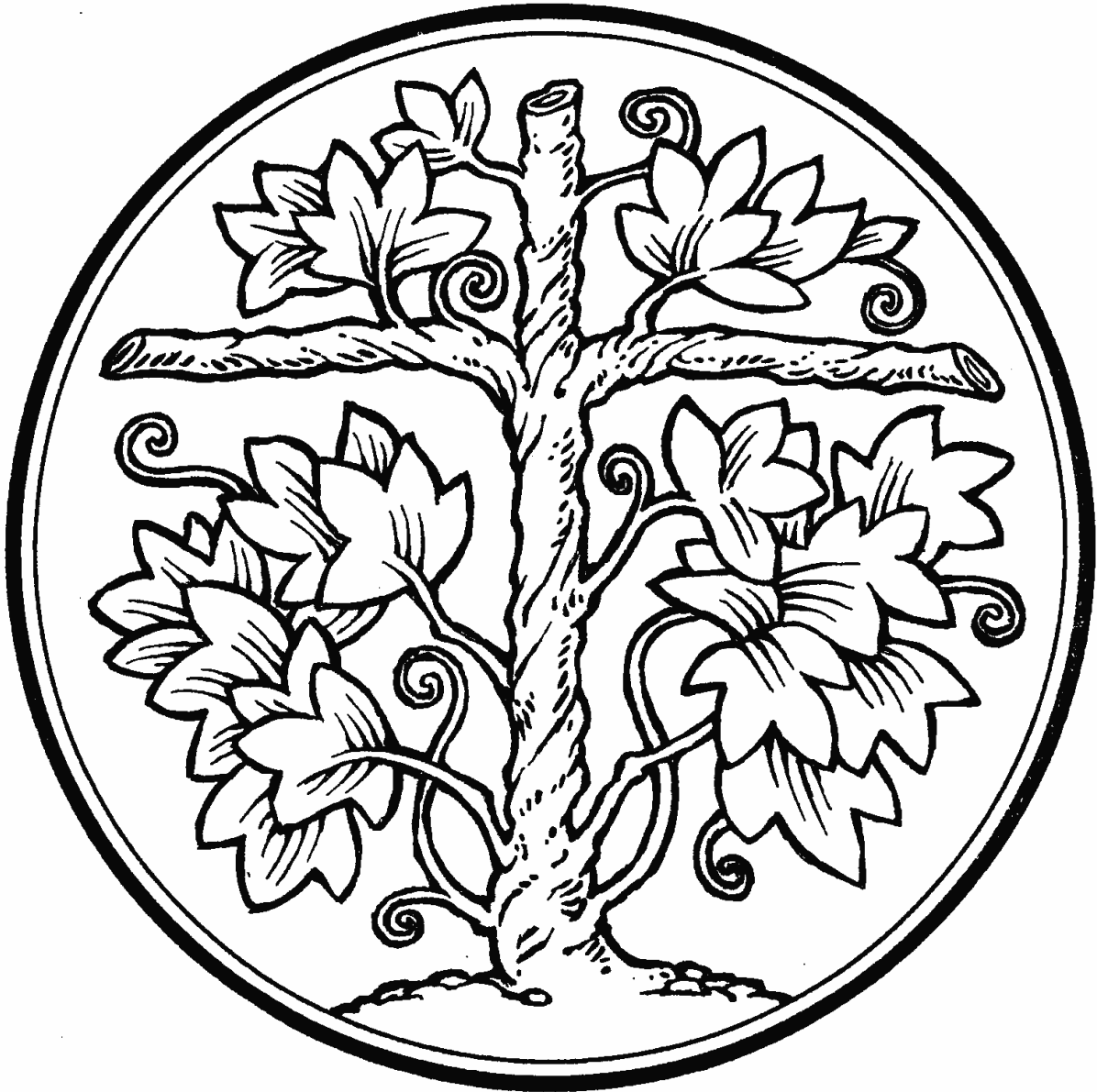


**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**April 28, 2024**



**Mt. Olive  
Lutheran  
Church**

**"Find Peace Here"**

## Serving Him this week as...

Worship Leader	Pastor Daniel Vang
Elders	<b>Roger Zittel</b> , Kyle Swan, Richard Manners, Andrew Tweet, Ricky Sullivan
Musician	Mela Mosqueda
Reader	Bruce Betts, Eric Baer, Norma Ceccardi, Kyle Swan, <b>Amy Swan</b> and Krista Hess
Ushers	LWML
Altar Guild	Karen Fontaine, Ann Leu

## Welcome

*What a joy it is to have you gather with us! If you have any questions about who we are and why we do what we do, feel free to ask the pastor or our elders. As Mount Olive, we're a group of people seeking the kingdom of God and the gifts He promises His people. We hope you experience here what our God has promised to give—His peace for you.*

## 803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

### Reception of Members by Transfer or Profession of Faith

- P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.
- P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R** *Yes, I do.*
- P** Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
- R** *Yes, I renounce them.*
- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?
- R** *Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*
- P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- R** *I do.*

**P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

**R** *I will, with the help of God.*

**P** Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are [*a member/members*] of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*The pastor may extend the right hand of fellowship, greeting each by name. The rite concludes with the following blessing:*

**P** The grace of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**C** Amen.

*The new members return to their places.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16*

A little while, and you will see me no longer;  
and again a little while, and you will see me.

**I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.**

Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.

**The LORD is gracious and merciful.  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
and all your saints shall bless you!

**My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,  
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

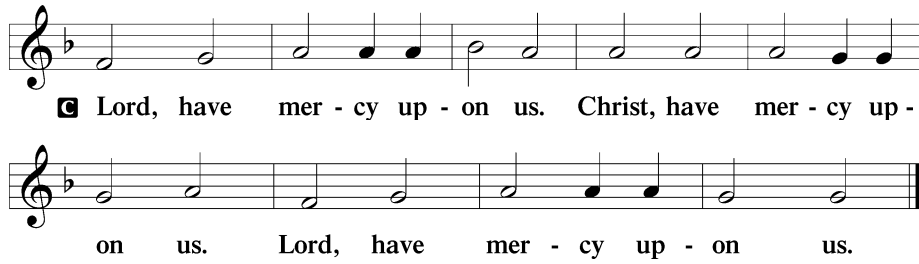


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

A little while, and you will see me no longer;  
and again a little while, and you will see me.

# Kyrie

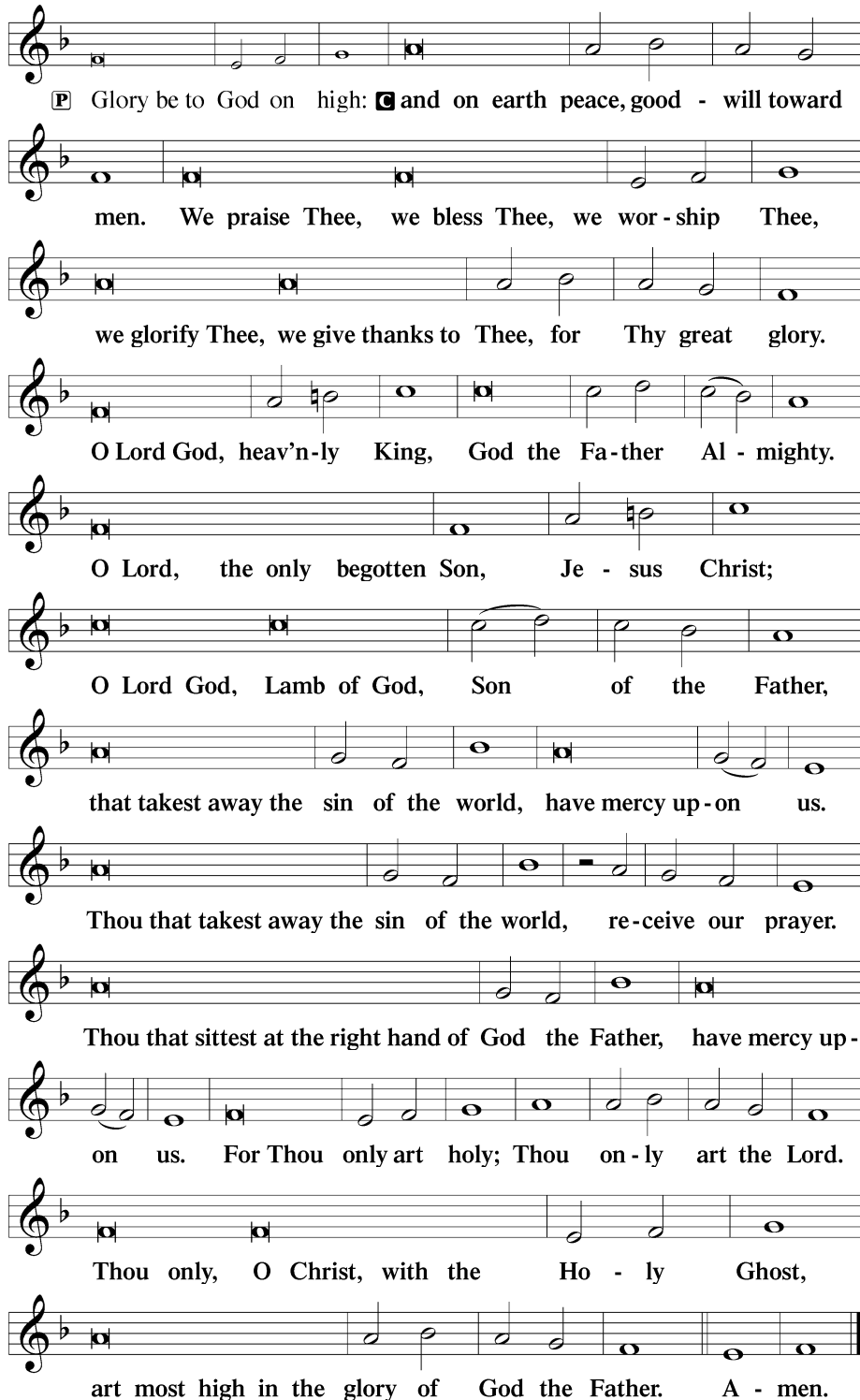
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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## First Reading

*Acts 8:26–40*

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup>And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he opens not his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup>And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>And as they were going along the road they

came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?”<sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.<sup>39</sup> And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.<sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 John 4:1–21*

<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. <sup>4</sup>Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that 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 have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides 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 testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup>By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also 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 been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup>And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Children's Message

*Preschool through 2nd grade children may be dismissed to the Sanctuary Classroom for Sunday School and will be returned before Communion*

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## Alleluia

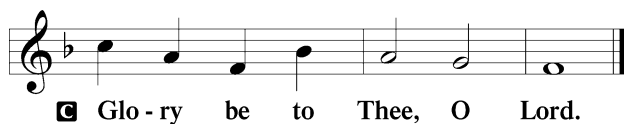
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## Holy Gospel

*John 15:1-8*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.



<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. 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 the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Sit*

## 700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

## Sermon - Fellowship: Test

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.



## Offertory

LSB 192

**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## Offering

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*LSB 195*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

*LSB 179*

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

**C** 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 Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,  
 and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the  
 dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My <sup>†</sup> bod - y, which is giv-en for you.  
 This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so  
 He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv - en thanks, He gave it  
 to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in  
 My <sup>†</sup> blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.  
 This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

## Pax Domini

LSB 197

The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.  
 A - men.

*Sit*

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Distribution of the Lord's Supper

*We confess that our Lord Jesus Christ has instituted the Lord's Supper to be a Sacrament, a means of grace. In, with, and under the elements of bread and wine are the true body and blood of Jesus as he has spoken. His body and blood are set aside for his baptized disciples to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. If this is your confession and you desire the gifts, come and receive what's meant for you.*

*If you hold to a different confession, are unsure of what this meal is, or are unbaptized, but desire the gifts, please talk with pastor after service about our formation process. In the meantime, we invite you to come up and cross your arms over your chest at the table in order to receive a blessing.*

## Distribution Anthem by Madisen Thompson

### 571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

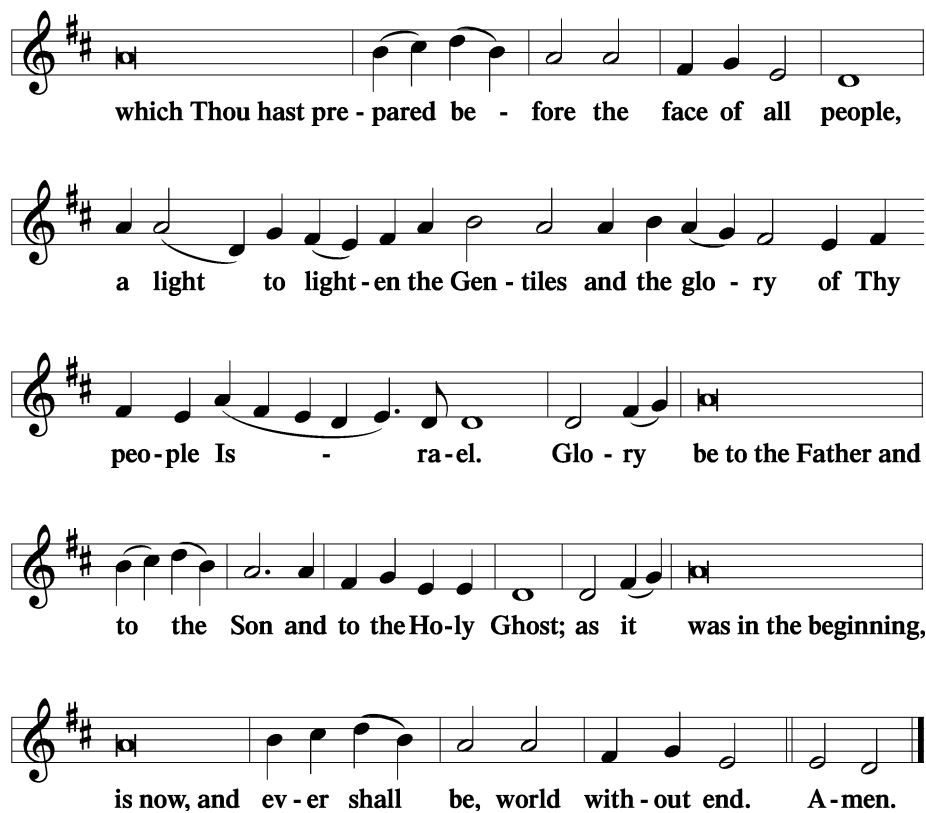
### 801 How Great Thou Art

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## Nunc Dimittis

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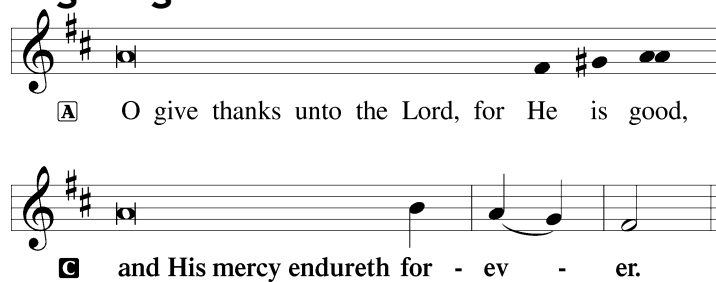
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-  
 cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

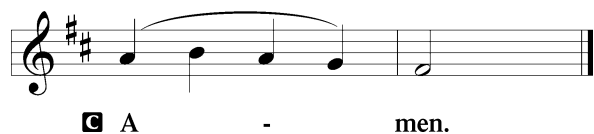
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**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**G** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary 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.



**G** A - men.



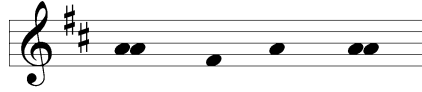
**P** The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

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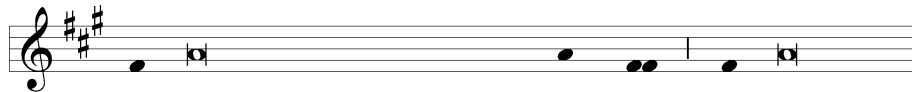
Bless we the Lord.



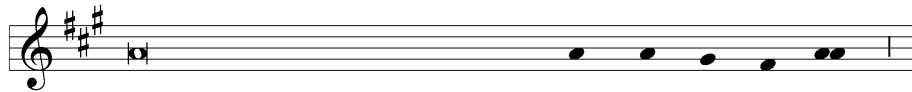
Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

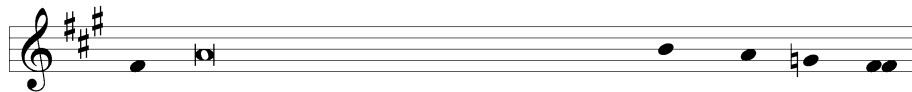
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The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



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

*sit*

## 922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

*sts. 1-4*

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## **CONNECT**

### **Sunday Service with Communion**

Please join us for Sunday service at 10am.

If you are not able to join us in person, our Sunday Services will be available on YouTube or Facebook. You can access the links on our website at [www.mountolivefolsom.com](http://www.mountolivefolsom.com).

### **Lutheran Basics Class**

#### **THERE WILL BE NO LUTHERAN BASICS CLASS UNTIL MAY 12**

Starting March 10th Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am, Pastor Dan is going to be holding a basics class that'll cover the Small Catechism, LCMS, and Mount Olive's history. This class is open to all: for those interested in becoming members of Mount Olive and for those interested in refreshing yourselves in what we believe, teach, and confess. We'll be meeting in the classroom behind the narthex.

### **NEW Women's Bible Study in May!**

Nicole Manners will be holding an evening Bible study exploring the Kingdom of Heaven in Matthew's Gospel. This five-session study will meet Wednesday evenings in the room behind the sanctuary from 6 to 7:30pm. The first half-hour will be fellowship and light refreshments,

followed by an hour of study in the Scriptures. Call Nicole at 559-967-2060 or email her at [questionablemanners@live.com](mailto:questionablemanners@live.com) with questions or to RSVP. Meeting dates are May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

## **CULTIVATE**

### **This Week at Mount Olive**

Men’s Bible Study – Men’s Bible Study meets Saturdays at 8am in the Annex.

Women’s Bible Study – Ladies' Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 9:30am at 110 Dyrell Way. Please contact Inge Rhodes with any questions.

All – Sunday at 9am in the Annex We offer Sunday School for 3rd through 8th grades at 9am and Preschool through 2nd grade during 10am Worship Service after the Children's Message.

Christian Fellowship Lunch – Third Thursdays at noon in the Annex. Please bring your own lunch and come join us on Thursday, May 23 at noon! Please contact Norma Ceccardi with any questions. 530-889-1763.

### **Sunday School**

Lesson 14 “The Unwise Wise King” is the title of our final lesson of the semester. Solomon gathers the supplies and artisans to begin the most important construction project of his reign—building a house for God. Using the very finest materials and most skilled craftsmen, Solomon builds a temple so glorious that none to come after it would ever compare. Later in his life, Solomon’s many wives and concubines lead him away from the true God. In His anger, God vows to take the kingdom away from Solomon’s descendants.

## **CONTRIBUTE**

### **LWML**

Please Put on your Calendar for May 11th

LWML Spring Rally at Messiah Lutheran “Sisters of the Heart” is the topic. Will be held on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 2pm. All Ladies are invited to attend. Don’t miss this get together with service, bible study, speaker, and lunch. The cost is 15 dollars. Carpool from Mt. Olive on day of event



at 8 am. Please call or speak with Lana Sullivan for more information. To learn more about the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. See [lwmlcnh.org](http://lwmlcnh.org) and or [lwml.org](http://lwml.org). Thank you,  
Lana Sullivan

### **Prayer Requests and Praises**

Please pray for Dennis as he continues his recovery. Please pray that he continues to regain his strength and heal completely.

Thank you for the healing prayers for Marilyn's sister, Peggy Colina. She has been healed of her thyroid cancer. Praise God! Let's celebrate with her!

*If you have a prayer request, please feel free to call the office to add it to the prayer chain as well as the Prayer Request/Praise section of the weekly announcements.*

### **Online Giving**

There are two convenient ways to give online. Either by using the "Joyful Response Giving" on the website at <https://www.mountolivefolsom.com/joyful-response-giving> or via Paypal. Simply log on to your Paypal Account, select "SEND" and type in Mount Olive Lutheran Church of Folsom California. We always accept checks, but we do have a limit as to how many we can deposit monthly, so if online giving is an option for you, rest assured, it is easy, safe and secure.