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WELCOME VISITORS! We are glad that you have joined us for worship this morning. We have come into God's presence to worship him as our Lord and Savior.

- ❖ Restrooms are located to the right of the main doors.
- ❖ There is a staffed nursery available outside of the worship area for children under 3.
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- ❖ Coffee and drinks are available after the service.
- ❖ Please sign the guest register in the fellowship area.

EASTER 3

APRIL 19, 2026

**WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?
HE LIVES TO RESTORE MY HOPE**



SERIES THEME:

Life is full of either/or moments. Some of them are of little long-term consequence. I will have either the chicken or the fish. Some of them matter more. I will accept the new job offer or keep my current job. One either/or moment is life-changing for every human being. Either Jesus is still dead, or Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus claimed he would rise from the dead. "The Son of Man must suffer many things. . . be killed and after three days rise again" (Mark 8:31). So if Jesus remains dead, he is both a failure and a fraud. If Christ has not been raised, we are still in our sin.

But Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! It makes all the difference! He lives! The season of Easter is a 50-day celebration of that fact.

THEME OF THE DAY:

Without the resurrection of Jesus, I would have little hope for the future. That's how the disciples felt after this death. "We hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel" (Luke 24:19). Their hope for a better life had died along with Jesus.

But he lives, and it makes a difference. My hope for the future is restored. I have victory over the feeling of hopelessness, because the one who heals me and gives me a better life is himself alive. He lives to restore my hope.

SERVICE OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

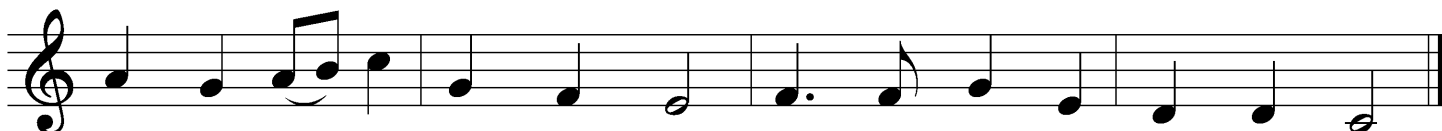
455 ALLELUIA! JESUS LIVES



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
2 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice; praise him, ran-somed ones of earth.
3 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and fre-quent sigh?



from the gloom-y house of death forth the con-quer - or has gone,
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth.
He who died our broth-er here lives our broth-er still on high,



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
Praise the Vic - tor-King, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his Church be - low.

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INVOCATION¹

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

C: Amen.

¹ The Invocation, which uses the words spoken over us at our baptisms, reminds us of who we are (children of God) and what we are members of—the church of God on earth.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS ²

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

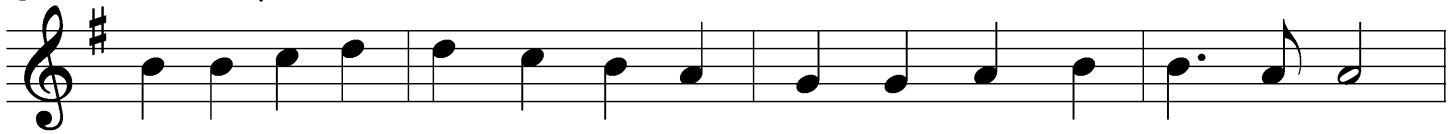
C: **Amen.**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

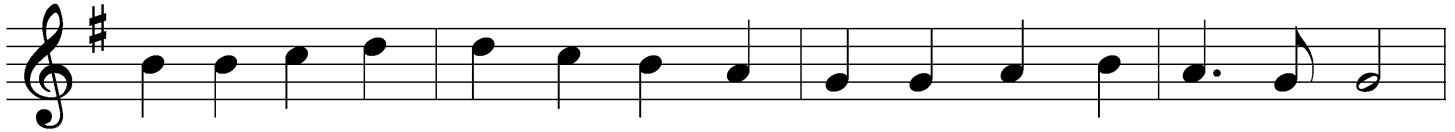


² We cannot approach God without having our sins forgiven. He is holy and we are not. Confession assures us of a clean slate before God and prepares us for worship, hearing God's Word, and receiving the Lord's Supper.

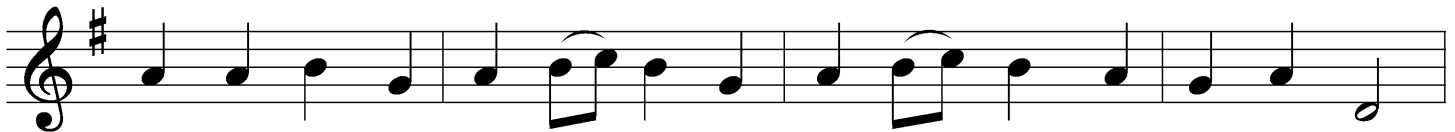
460 ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! HEARTS TO HEAVEN



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:



sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
see the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil in con - fu - sion and re - treat;



he who on the cross a vic - tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled—
once he died, and once was bur - ied: now he lives for - ev - er - more,



Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, whom we wor - ship and a - dore.

BAPTISMS OF CECILIA JOY NOVAK (8:30 SERVICE)

DALLAS MCKADE GRIFFITH (11:00 SERVICE)

PRAYER OF THE DAY³

P: O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

³This beautiful prayer reminds us that God's Son was chosen to be brought low that all of creation might be lifted up. The resurrection of Jesus will release creation from its bondage to decay and will give God's people hearts that burn with gladness and joys that never end. This prayer comes from the Gelasian Sacramentary (c.750 AD).

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON: ACTS 2:14A, 32-41 ⁴

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd...

³²God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. ³⁴For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

“The Lord said to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand

³⁵until I make your enemies

a footstool for your feet.”

³⁶“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

³⁷When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

³⁸Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

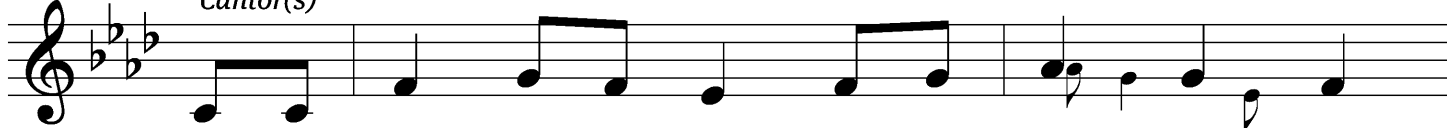
⁴⁰With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

⁴The message of Christ crucified and risen gives the certain hope of forgiveness to sinners.

PSALM 116 I WILL WALK IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD ⁵ (A soloist sings the first verse and refrain. The congregation joins in the parts marked "all" and "refrain.")

Verses

Cantor(s)



1 For the love of the One who has heard my cry:
2 In the cords of my death, I was tan - gled round:
3 God is mer - cy and grace and the sim - ple are blest:
4 God has raised up my soul from the gates of death:
5 What re - turn can I give for the gifts I claim?

All



I will walk in the pres - ence of God.

Cantor(s)



1 God has heard my dis - tress, and I shall not die:
2 Those who seek you in an - guish shall not be bound:
3 Raised me up in my pain, God my safe - ty and rest:
4 God has dried all my tears and re - newed my breath:
5 Lift the cup of sal - va - tion and praise your name:

All



I will walk in the pres - ence of God.

⁵ Martin Luther said, "Psalm 116 is a psalm of thanks. The psalmist is joyful, thanking God for hearing his prayer and rescuing him from the agonies of death and the anguish of hell. Enemies still threaten us and want us to drink from the cup of their wrath. But we take the cup of grace and salvation, and through preaching pour out that cup on anyone who will drink with us and draw their comfort from the word of grace."

Refrain

I will walk in the pres-ence of God
in the land, in the land of the liv - ing.
For the love of the One who has heard my cry:
I will walk in the pres-ence of God.

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SECOND LESSON: 1 PETER 1:17-21⁶

¹⁷Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

⁶ Our hope and expectation is joining our Savior in the glory of heaven. Until that day, we live as pilgrims heading toward home.

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us? Alleluia.

460 ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! HEARTS TO HEAVEN

3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:
 al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who has gained the vic - to - ry;
 al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia to the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 24:13-35

¹³Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶but they were kept from recognizing him.

⁷The "Alleluias," which were silent for the season of Lent, are now back in full force as we praise God for accomplishing the victory through the resurrection of Christ.

¹⁷He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

¹⁹"What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²²In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

²⁵He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³²They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

³³They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

783 ABIDE WITH ME



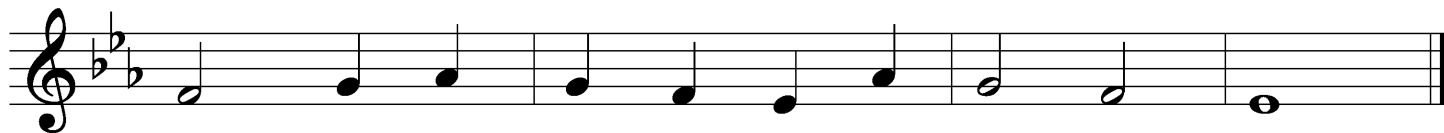
1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
 4 Thou on my head in ear - ly youth didst smile,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 but kind and good, with heal - ing in thy wings,
 and though re - bel - lious and per - verse mean - while,



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea;
 thou hast not left me oft as I left thee;



help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
 on to the close, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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The Risen Lord Walks with You

- I. Without him—no hope
- II. With him—perfect hope

NICENE CREED⁹

**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 fully 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,

⁸The Sermon is the Word of God, proclaiming the living voice of the Gospel to God's people. The preacher is the appointed representative who illuminates the Scripture for the congregation and applies it to our contemporary situation. He is neither lecturer nor entertainer, but a link through whom the Holy Spirit brings law and gospel to bear upon the hearts and minds of the worshiper and enlivens their faith and life.

⁹The Nicene Creed is the great Confession of the Christian faith professed by all Christians. The Creed originated at the First Council of Nicaea (c. A.D. 325) and was finalized at the First Council of Constantinople (c. A.D. 381), which are respectively known as the First and Second Ecumenical Councils of the Church. The Creed itself was crafted as a clear confession of Scripture – that the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit are God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

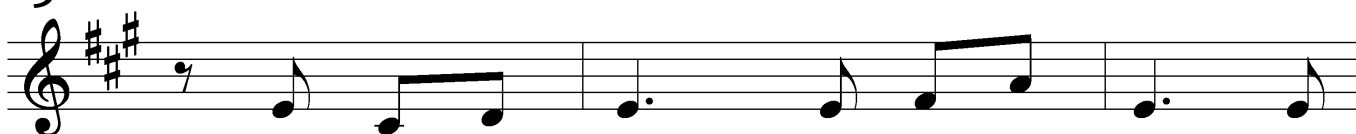
OFFERING

The members of Christ Our Savior have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. An offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary. We also offer an electronic giving option. If you would like to start giving your weekly offering electronically, please go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "Vanco Mobile" to download the App for free or use this QR Code:

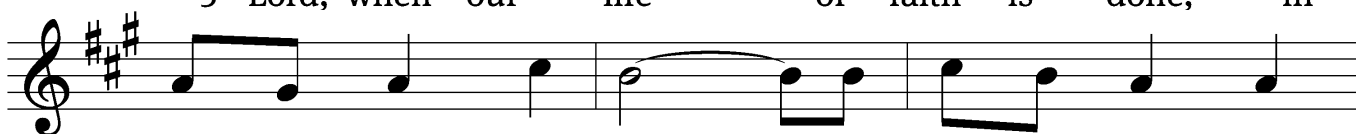


This offering is a joyful response of our faith; so, if you are visiting with us this morning, we do not want you to feel obligated. Please stand for the next hymn.

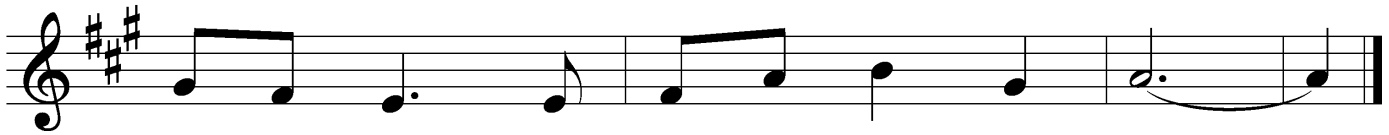
830 WE WALK BY FAITH



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, no
4 For you, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, are
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you



none e'er spoke, but we be - lieve him near.
and the Word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are with full and end - less sight.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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 LORD'S SUPPER

THE ORDER OF COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.


C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:


SANCTUS ¹⁰



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

¹⁰ *Sanctus* means "holy." The body and blood of our Lord are present in this Sacrament, and so we use the words of the angels from Isaiah 6 and of the Palm Sunday crowds from Matthew 21 to acknowledge the holy presence of God in this meal. Take note of the intense reverence of God's holiness in this song. We pray that we may daily show such reverence.

THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION ¹¹

P: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to them, and said: "Drink of it all of you. This is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. ¹²

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD ¹³

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves form the first line of the hymn, and the last two staves form the second line. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

¹¹ As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus (Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11) to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death, which is necessary for this Sacrament.

¹² "The peace of the Lord..." The resurrected Lord calmed the fears of his disciples with his peace. The resurrected Lord is present in the Supper, and so the pastor speaks to us on his behalf (John 20:19–21, 26).

¹³ With the words of John the Baptist, the *Agnus Dei* confesses the mercy and peace that we receive from the Lamb of God in his Supper. He gave of himself – body and blood – that we may receive forgiveness, life, and salvation through that very body and blood in this meal.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us your peace.
 A - men. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Christ Our Savior practices "close communion". This means that we ask that only members of Christ Our Savior or those who have spoken to the pastor in advance take communion. We do this out of love and concern for our fellow men and women, for the Scripture clearly says, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." (1 Corinthians 11:28-29) In communion we have a very close form of fellowship with our fellow Christians and we need to be sure that we stand together on the teachings of the Scripture. We read in 1 Timothy 4:16, "Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers."

PERSONAL PRAYER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON ¹⁴

In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser - vant
now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which
you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a
light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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LORD'S BLESSING ¹⁵

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

¹⁴ The *Nunc Dimittis*, which is Latin for, "Now you dismiss," is a song that uses the words of the priest, Simeon, found in Luke 2. The Lord promised Simeon that he would see the Savior with his own eyes before his death. When Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the temple, Simeon held the Son of God in his hands. Out of thanks for the fulfillment of his promise, Simeon praised God with these words.

¹⁵ The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them." (cf. Numbers 6:27) As we began the service with the Lord's name, so we are sent out in his name.

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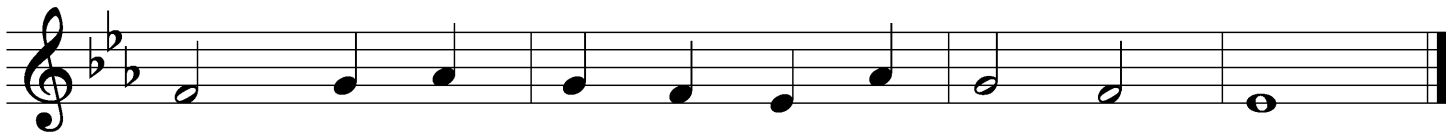
5 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 6 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
 7 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 ills have no weight and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.



Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me!
 I tri - umph still if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The altar flowers are given by Joe and Carol Eckhart in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

SERVING THEIR SAVIOR AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26:

Flowers: Gardei

Nursery: 8:30am—Melissa and Aubrey Moore

11:00am—Shelle and Ava Jones

Ushers: 8:30am—Austin and Adam Moore

11:00am—Sam Janda and Dean Vogus

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR:

Sunday Worship	8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
Sunday School, Adult and Teen Bible Study	9:45-10:45 AM
Thursday Night Worship	7:00 PM
Lord's Supper	1 st and 3 rd Sundays
Youth Grade Confirmation	Sundays, 6:00 PM
Men's/Women's Sunday Night Bible Study	Sundays, 6:00 PM
Bible 101	Mondays, 6:00 PM
Canvassing	Wednesdays, 6:00 PM (<i>begins 5/6</i>)
Women's Bible Study	Wednesday, April 29 th , 10 AM (<i>final</i>)
Choir	Wednesdays, 7:00 PM
Iron Sharpens Iron (<i>Men's group</i>)	April 25 th , 8:30 AM



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Adult Bible Study: It's no secret that the Christian church in the United States of America is undergoing seismic shifts. Over the past several weeks, we have reviewed God's desire for our stewardship of the time he has given us in this world. In the second part of this stewardship Bible study series, we will look "Beyond the Temple Walls: A Greater Vision for the Future Church." We will trace redemptive themes in the Bible to speak into today's shifting religious landscape, especially among younger generations. Over four weeks, we'll explore how God consistently calls his people to something greater than a physical temple. He calls us to a mission beyond the four walls of a church. Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45am in the sanctuary.

Week 1: "To a Greater Responsibility"—Exploring what church membership means today and the responsibility it involves—not to a building or institution, but to people.

Week 2: "To a Greater Community"—Focusing on mentoring and fellowship to foster authentic relationships within the church.

Week 3: "To a Greater Well-Being"—Reflecting on what it means that God dwells in our bodies and how that impacts our spiritual and physical lives.

Week 4: "To a Greater World"—Envisioning how the promise of a new creation shapes our view of stewardship and creation care.

Community Canvassing Training: On Sunday, May 3rd at 12:15 PM, we will begin our canvassing efforts for the summer with a training session. If you are interested in canvassing or would like to learn more about it please plan to attend. We would love to have many involved in our attempts to reach those who don't know Christ with the life-saving message of the gospel in the mission field right here in our community. We will meet at church at 6:00 PM each Wednesday night, beginning May 6th. If you are unsure, please note you will partner with an experienced canvasser and receive "on the job" training. Please consider giving canvassing a try!

Soccer Camp: Registration is now open for the 2026 COS Soccer Camp (June 1-4). Go to coslutheran.com to sign up. Also, if you would be willing to volunteer as a helper at soccer camp, please see the bulletin board sign-up sheet. Contact John Dale (john.dale@coslutheran.com) with any questions.

WELS Youth Night (Event 3 – Friday, 5/8):

Who: 6th - 12th Grade Youth

What: WELS Youth Night provides a series of youth-focused events, three times a year, not only for the youth of your congregation but also the youth from area congregations. Experience an inspiring evening of games, God's Word, small group discussion, food, and fun with fellow youth (6th–12th grade) from all over the area.

When: Event 3 will be held on Friday, 5/8/26, from 6 PM - 9 PM

Where: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (Columbia, TN)

How: Register online now at coslutheran.com

Blood Drive: There will be a blood drive at church on Tuesday, 5/5, from 2 PM – 7 PM. Please sign up at the bulletin board if you are willing and able to donate blood on this day. You can also sign up for a time online at RedCrossBlood.org. Additionally, if you are willing to help at the registration and snack stations during the drive please sign up on the bulletin board. Please see John Dale (john.dale@coslutheran.com) if you have any questions.

Camp South 2026

WHO: Students entering grades 4-9.

WHAT: Get ready for the most fun you'll have this summer at Camp South! With incredible activities like Tough Mudder, zip line, inflatables, and massive group competitions, you're sure to have a blast! The camp also features inspiring worship and the opportunity to make more new friends than you can count.

WHERE: Georgia FFA Camp, just outside of Atlanta.

WHEN: July 20-24, 2026

HOW: Register online now at coslutheran.com . The cost is \$365 per attendee and will be collected later.

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