

Ascension
May 17, 2026



**“Surely I am with you always, to the very end of
the age.”
-Matthew 28:20**

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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.
- ❖ There is a private area for nursing mothers located in the main preschool classroom.
- ❖ Coffee and drinks are available after the service.
- ❖ Please sign the guest register in the fellowship area.

ASCENSION

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**WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?
HE LIVES TO RULE ALL THINGS FOR THE CHURCH**



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, we would have to wonder who oversees the world. At times the world seems so chaotic. People claim to be in charge, but they have limited power and strange ideas. Many of the ideas are harmful for Christians. Leaders seem to lead without acknowledging Jesus.

But he lives, and it makes a difference. Jesus is head over everything for the Church. At the time of Ascension, he takes his proper place. The Festival of the Ascension is one of the oldest and most joyful celebrations in the Christian Church. It will be observed by Christians until Christ returns to take us to be with him.

SERVICE OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

PSALM 47 ALL PEOPLES, CLAP YOUR HANDS ¹



1 All peo - ples, clap your hands, and shout with joy and sing.
2 God has gone up on high, with shout and trum - pet voice;
3 No - bles from all the earth are joined with A - bram's seed;



The LORD Most High is to be feared; he is the earth's great King.
sing praise to God, our glo - rious King, sing praise to him, re - joice!
the rul - ers of the world are God's; he's lift - ed high in - deed!



He brings the na - tions down, sub - dues them in our sight;
For God is King of all. Sing praise with all your skill;
So to the Fa - ther raise, with his as - cend - ed Son,



he choos - es our in - her - it - ance; his love is Ja - cob's might.
he sits up - on his ho - ly throne and rules the na - tions still.
and Ho - ly Spir - it end - less praise, e - ter - nal Three in One.

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¹ The church sings Psalm 47 in services that commemorate the ascension of our Lord Jesus into heaven. The psalm emphasizes the totality of the empire of God. Martin Luther said "Psalm 47 is a prophecy of Christ. It foretold how he would ascend and become king over all the world, not with any blows of the sword, but simply with shouts, songs, and trumpet blasts, that is, with the joyful preaching of the gospel."

INVOCATION ²

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

C: **Amen.**

ASCENSION DIALOGUE

P: Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

C: **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

P: How majestic is the LORD'S name in all the earth!

C: **He has set his glory above the heavens**

P: For the LORD is the Most High over all the earth.

C: **He is exalted far above all gods.**

P: God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

C: **God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.**

P: The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble.

C: **He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.**

P: The throne of our God will last forever and ever.

C: **A scepter of justice will be the scepter of his kingdom.**

P: Praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted.

C: **His splendor is above the earth and the heavens.**

² 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.

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY ⁴

P: Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens, and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that, at your command and by your power, we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

⁴ In the early A.D. 700s lived an English churchman known to history as Bede the Venerable. He was the great teacher of the Middle Ages, the man who divided history into B.C. and A.D., the first great historian of the English language, and a devout man of God. On May 25, A.D. 735, on the great Ascension Vigil, Bede finished his translation of the Gospel of St. John into Old English. Then, on the day of the Ascension, he died. From his deathbed, the teacher of the Middle Ages spoke the words that have become the Prayer of the Day on Ascension. This beautiful prayer sets the tone for the day, beginning with a note of triumph and ending with a supplication for the Spirit and his work.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON: ACTS 1:1-11 ⁵

¹In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ²until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

⁵ Jesus ascends to rule over all things as his Church serves as his witnesses.

SECOND LESSON: EPHESIANS 1:15-23

¹⁵For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²²And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

VERSE OF THE DAY ⁶

MATTHEW 28:20

P: Alleluia. Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Alleluia.

606 ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

3 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -

⁶ The Verse of the Day, traditionally called the Alleluia (a Latinized form of the Hebrew word meaning "praise the Lord") highlights a text of particular relevance to the theme of the day.

lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?

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GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 24:44-52 ⁷

⁴⁴He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵²Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

⁷ Before he ascends, Jesus promises to send the disciples power from on high to carry out the mission of the Church.

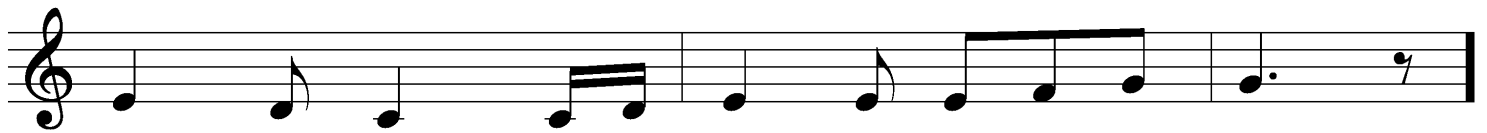
385 CHRIST BEGINS



1 We stand and we watch on the bank, wide-eyed.
 2 Mar - y's whis - per - ing, but it's not the time.
 3 See the sun out - shined on the hill and hide.
 4 We stand, gath - ered round on the moun - tain - side.

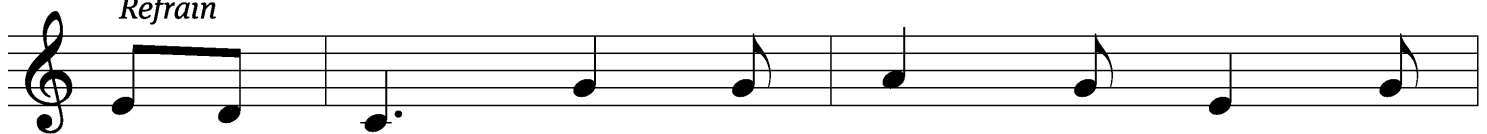


Wa - ter runs and all heav - en
 Yet six jars are filled with the
 Clothes like light - ning white, heav - en
 Watch the clos - ing clouds hide him



o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.
 fin - est wine. Tell me, who is this by our side?
 o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.
 from our eyes; with a voice u - nit - ed we cry:

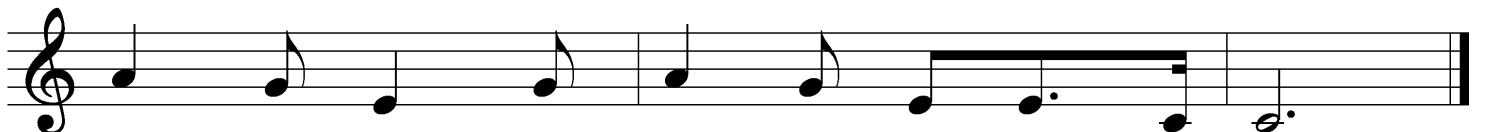
Refrain



Here's my Proph - et, my Priest, my King, a



light in the dark, Christ steps in; here's my Sav - ior, my



God, my King, the time has come, Christ be - gins.

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The Ascended Lord Reigns with Power

- I. For the Church
- II. Through the Church



⁸ The 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.

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,
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.

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.

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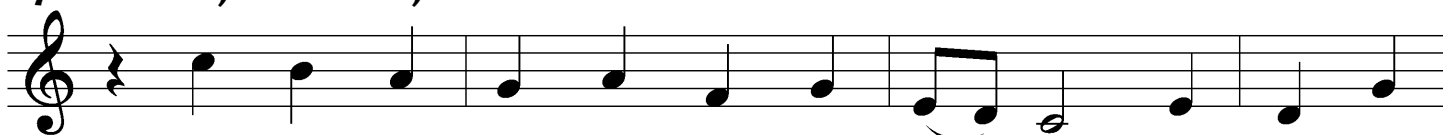
OFFERING

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:

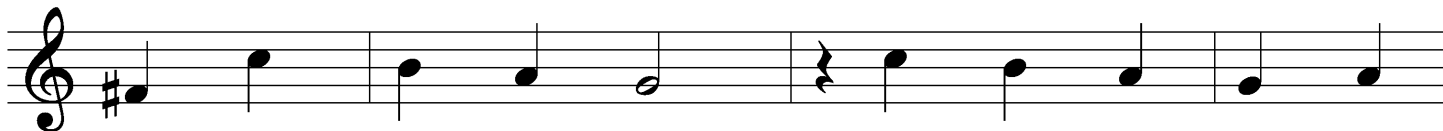


This offering is a joyful response of our faith; so, if you are visiting with us this morning, we do not want you to feel obligated. Please stand for the next hymn.

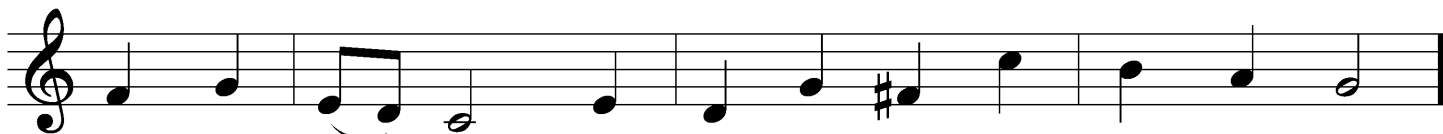
670 I COME, O SAVIOR, TO YOUR TABLE



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, for weak and
2 O grant that I in man - ner wor - thy may eat and
9 This meal with bless - ing is a - bound-ing: to poor ones



wea - ry is my soul; O Je - sus, you a -
drink and be re - stored, and, dwell - ing on your
wealth, to weak ones pow'r, to an - gels joy, to



lone are a - ble to sat - is - fy and make me whole.
bound - less mer - cy, look on - ly un - to you, O Lord.
hell con - found-ing, and life for me in death's dark hour.

Refrain



Lord, may your bod - y and your blood be for my soul the high - est good.

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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 first two staves form the first line of music, and the last two staves form the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of music has the lyrics: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the". The second line of music has the lyrics: "sin of the world; have mer - cy on us." The third line of music has the lyrics: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the". The fourth line of music has the lyrics: "sin of the world; have mer - cy on us." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests.

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.

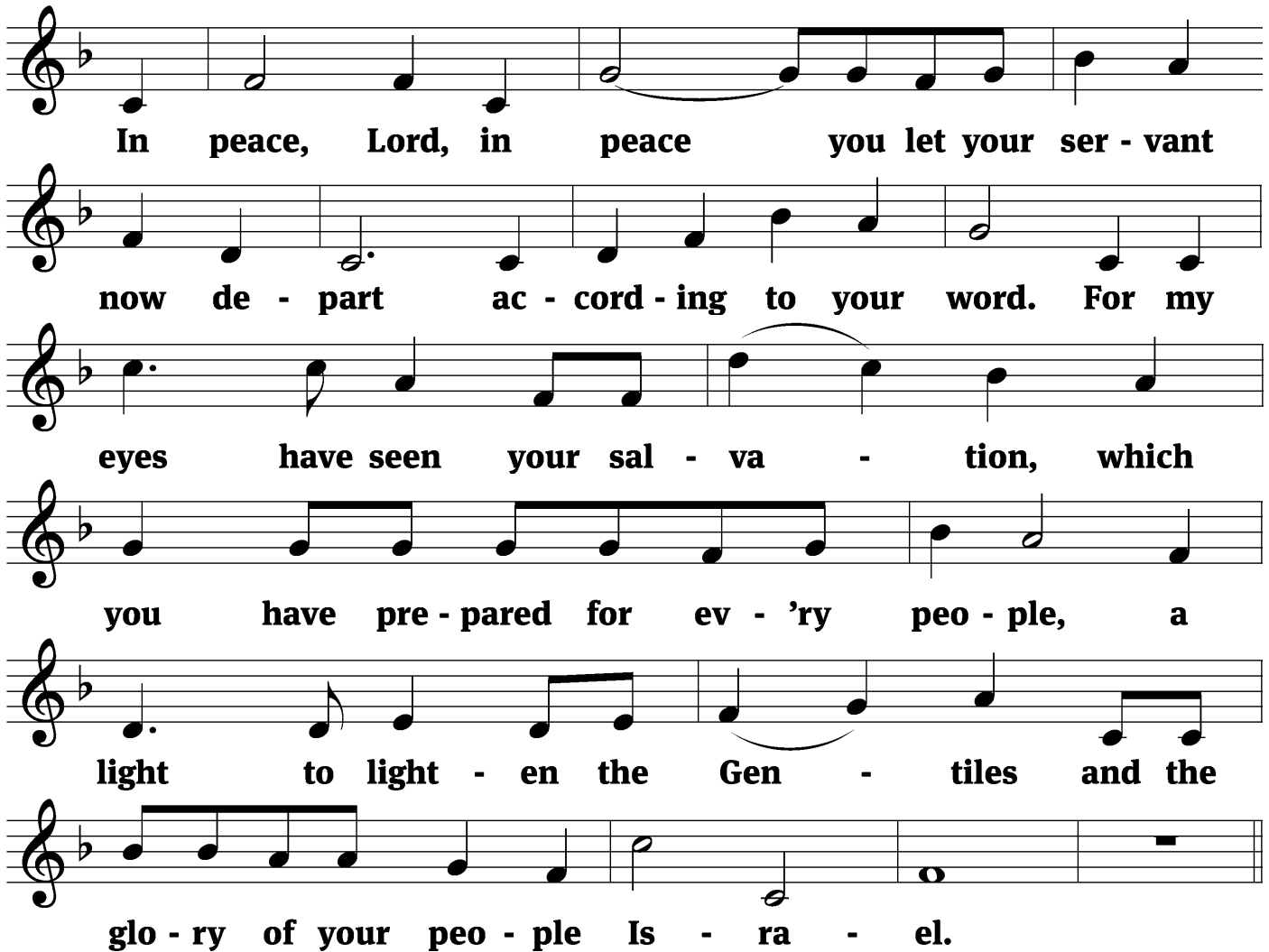
DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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



The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "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." The score consists of seven lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics.

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.

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.

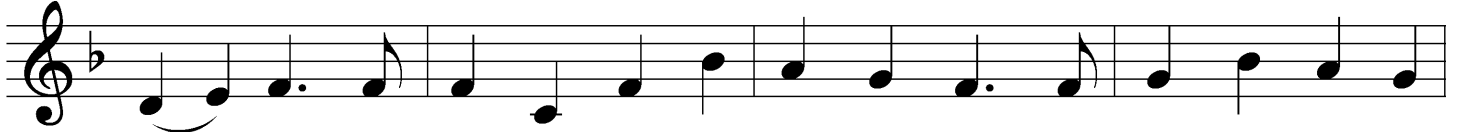
¹⁴ The *Nunc Dimittis*, which is Latin for, "Now you dismiss," is a song that uses the words of the priest, Simeon, found in Luke 2. The Lord promised Simeon that he would see the Savior with his own eyes before his death. When Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the temple, Simeon held the Son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

476 ON CHRIST'S ASCENSION I NOW BUILD



1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build the hope of my as -
2 Since Christ re - turned to claim his throne, great gifts for me ob -
3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, re - call - ing your as -



cen - sion. This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled all doubt and ap - pre -
tain - ing, my heart will rest in him a - lone, no oth - er rest re -
cen - sion, that I may serve you faith - ful - ly, in thanks for my re -



hen - sion, for where the head is, there as well I know his
main - ing, for where my trea - sure went be - fore, there all my
demp - tion; and then, when all my days will cease, let me de -



mem - bers are to dwell when Christ shall come and call them.
thoughts will ev - er soar to still their deep - est yearn - ing.
part in joy and peace in an - swer to my plead - ing.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The altar flowers are given by Tim and Kristin Lenart in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Acts 2:1-21 1 Corinthians 12:3-11 John 7:37-39

SERVING THEIR SAVIOR AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24:

Flowers: Daly
Nursery: 8:30am—Melissa and Aubrey Moore
 11:00am—Lisa Seltz and Sophie Pfund
Ushers: 8:30am—Matthew Turner and Aaron Jacobs
 11:00am—Duane Smith and Bob Betzelberger
Landscaping: Brent Hidde (5/23-6/05)

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
Canvassing	Wednesdays, 6:00 PM
Choir	Wednesdays, 7:00 PM
Iron Sharpens Iron (<i>Men's group</i>)	2 nd Saturday of each month, 8:30 AM
Open Forum	Sunday, May 17, 9:45 AM
Voters' Meeting	Sunday, May 17, 12:15 PM

Soccer Camp
VBS
WELS Youth Rally
Camp South

June 1-4
June 29-July 2
July 14-17
July 20-24



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New Bible Study: The Christian church can sometimes look like a mess. That has always been true. Paul's inspired first epistle to the Corinthian church is a very practical book of the Bible. The problems and difficulties of the Corinthian congregation are in many instances the same as we experience today. The apostle deals with them all in light of the cross and the atoning work of Christ. Join us during the Bible study hour (9:45am) on Sunday mornings, beginning May 24th, as we study 1 Corinthians to approach the practical matters of Christian living.

Open Forum and Voters' Meeting: Today there will be a congregational open forum during the Bible study hour (9:45am). The church council has put together plans of ministry for the coming year. Those plans will be available the week before the meeting. Please make plans to attend the open forum. There will also be a voters' meeting following the 2nd service.

Bible 101 Class: We are starting another round of our Bible 101 course soon. This 12-week course is a review of the primary teachings of the Bible. It is intended for all who want to learn more about the Bible. It serves as our membership class at Christ Our Savior, as well as a great review for all members. Please let a member of the pastoral staff know if you are interested in attending. We will choose a day and time that works for as many people as possible.

Canvass Efforts Begin: On Wednesday, May 13, we began our canvassing efforts for the summer. 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. We will meet at church at 6:00 pm each Wednesday night. 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! We would love for you to join the canvassing team this summer on Wednesday nights.

Vacation Bible School: VBS 2026 is scheduled for Monday, June 29th- Thursday, July 2nd from 9am – 12pm each day. All participants are required to pre-register. Please go to coslutheran.com to register your child. Also, please see the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board if you would like to volunteer to serve at this year's VBS.

Food Bag Donations: The Family Center in Columbia provides snack bags each day to people living on the streets or in their cars in the Columbia area and has requested assistance. They are specifically in need of granola bars and cereal bars for food bags distributed to those in need. Donations may be placed in the box outside the sanctuary and will be delivered to the Family Center.

Nashville Sounds Baseball Game: Join the fun and fellowship with your church family at the Nashville Sounds baseball game on Tuesday, June 30th @ 6:35 PM. The cost is \$25 per person. Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex by Sunday, June 14th. Contact John Dale (john.dale@coslutheran.com) with any questions.

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.

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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