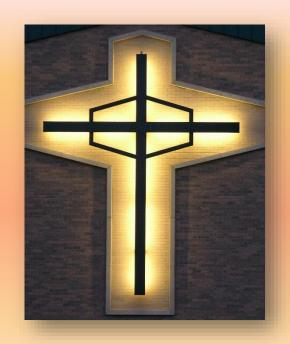
Welcome to Community of the Cross Lutheran Church



Sixth Sunday of Easter May 25, 2025

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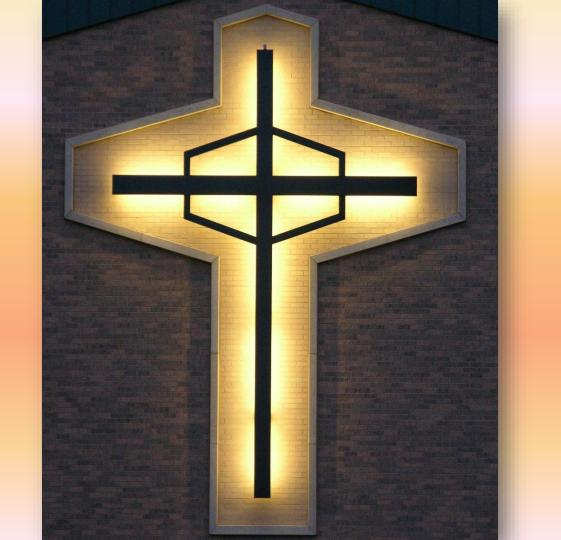
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Preludes

"Heaven Was Needing a Hero"

Marsha Gullickson and Jamie Manzi-Moore



Welcome and Announcements



Welcome to Community of the Cross Lutheran Church

Community of the Cross Lutheran Church



Touching Lives with the Love of God

- 1) Nurture the community within our congregation
- 2) Encourage the community within our neighborhood
- 3) Transform the various communities where our members live and work with the love of God

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is Risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the name of the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: Amen.



P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Thanksgiving for Baptism Responsive Reading

P: Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

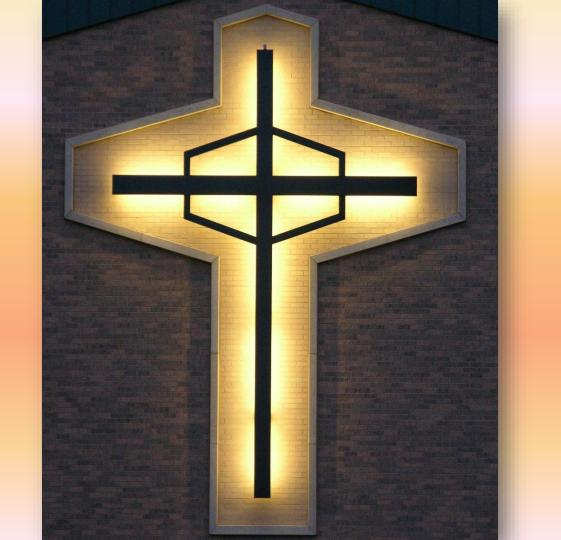
C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C: Amen.



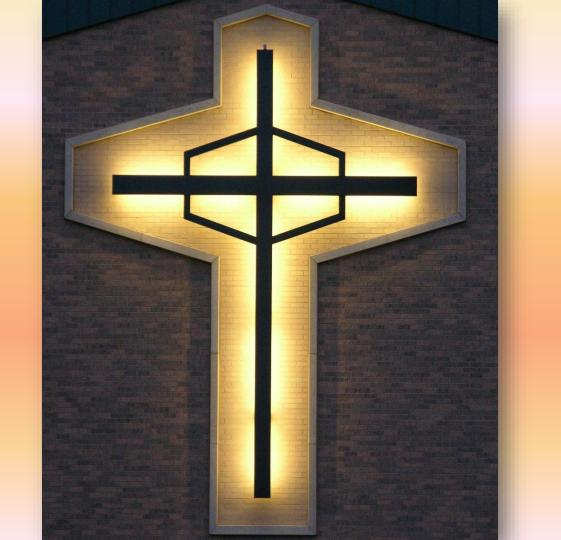
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ELW #834

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of
goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; In all life thou livest, The true life of all; We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee!

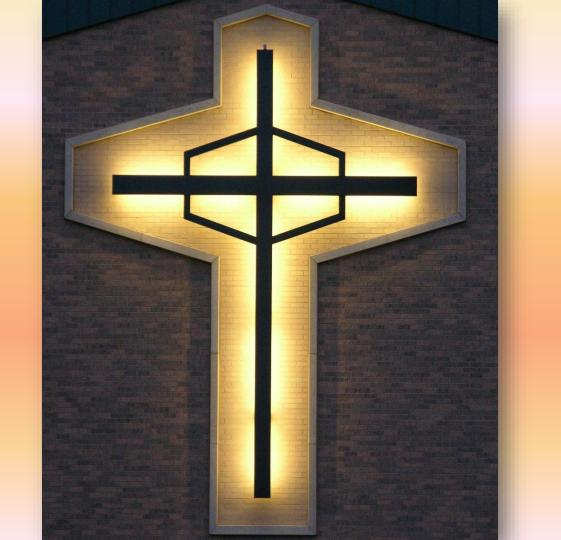
Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; All laud we would render; oh, help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!



Greeting

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

C: And also with you.



Kyrie ELW # 157

L: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

L: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

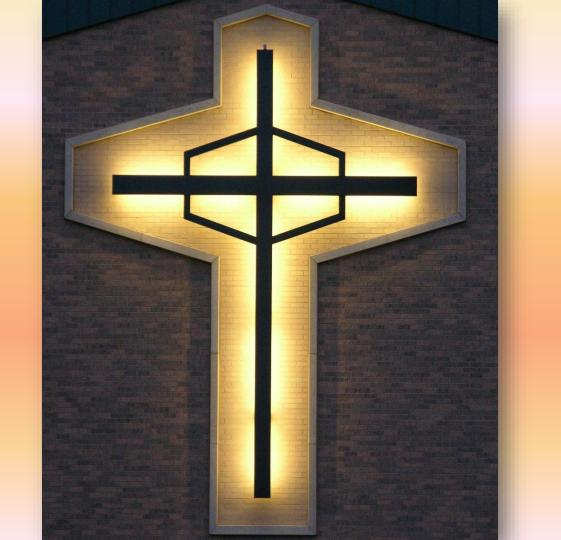
C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

L: For your people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

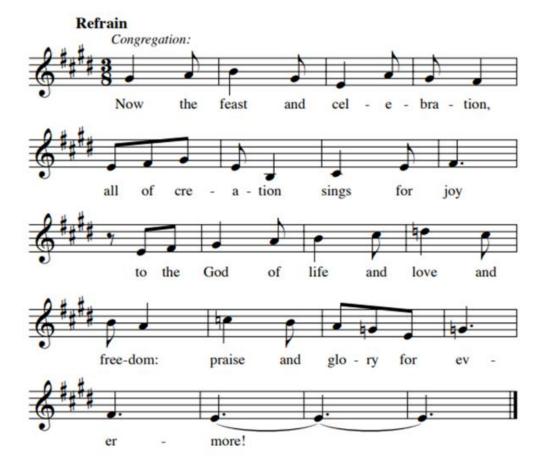
C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

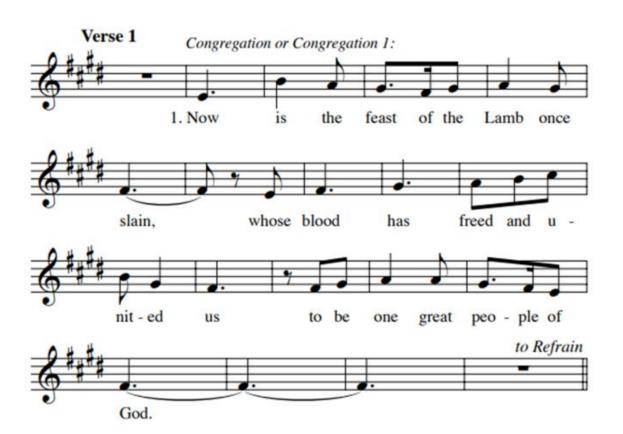
L: Help, save, and defend us, O God.

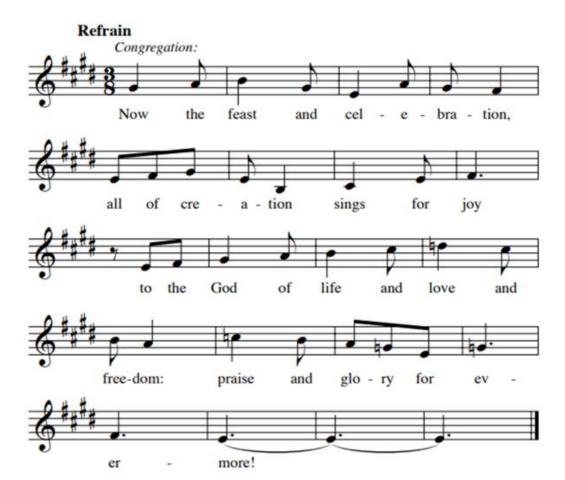
C: Amen.

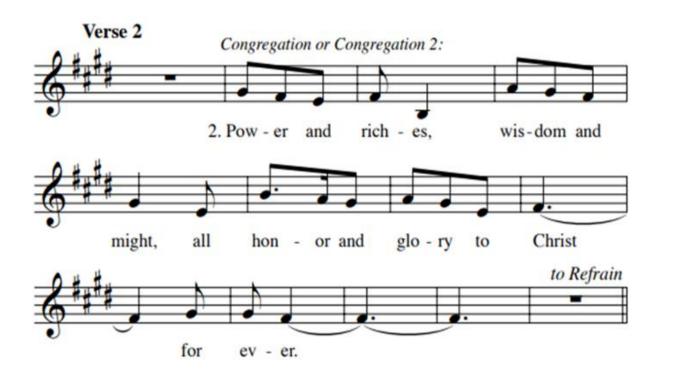


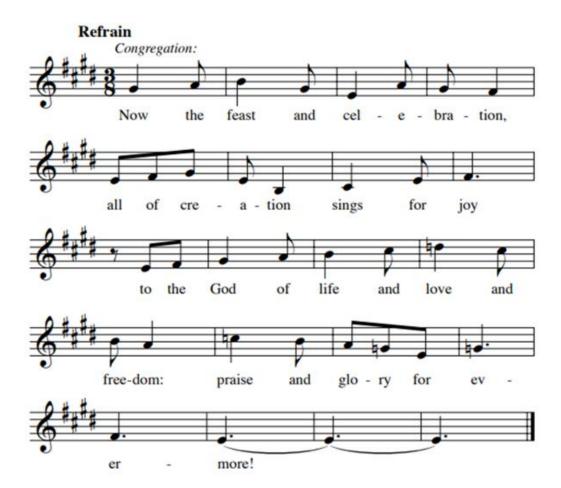
Now the Feast and Celebration

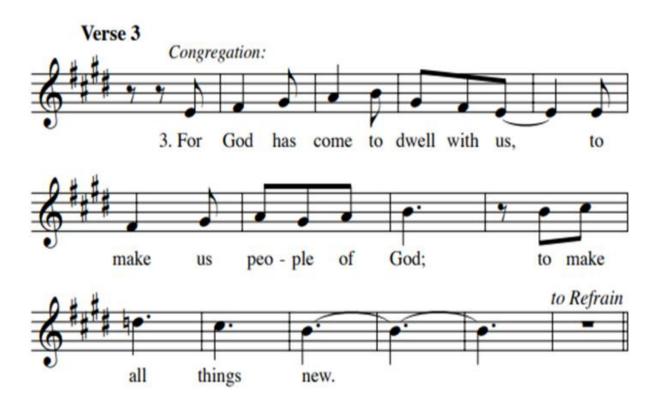


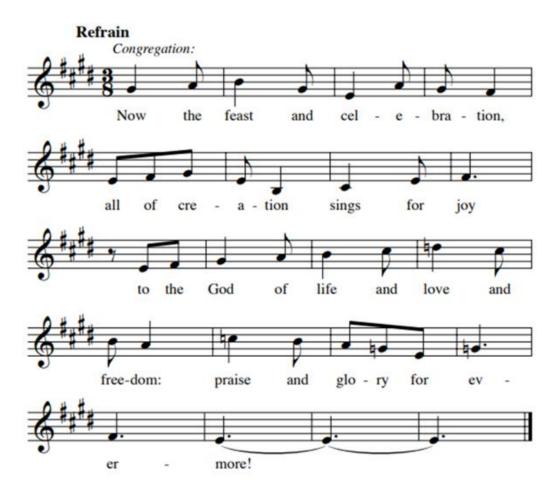




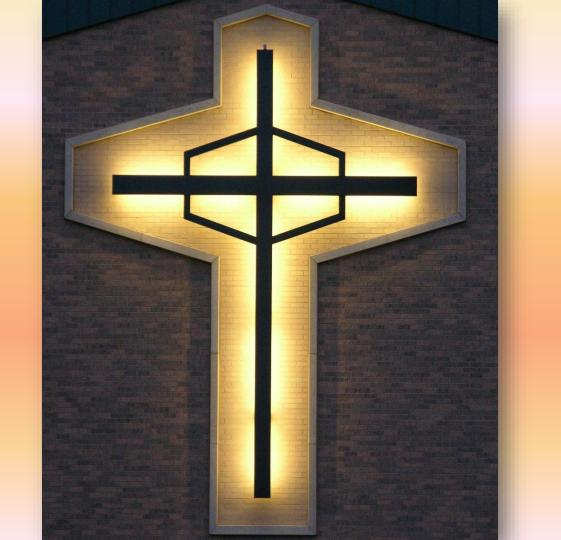








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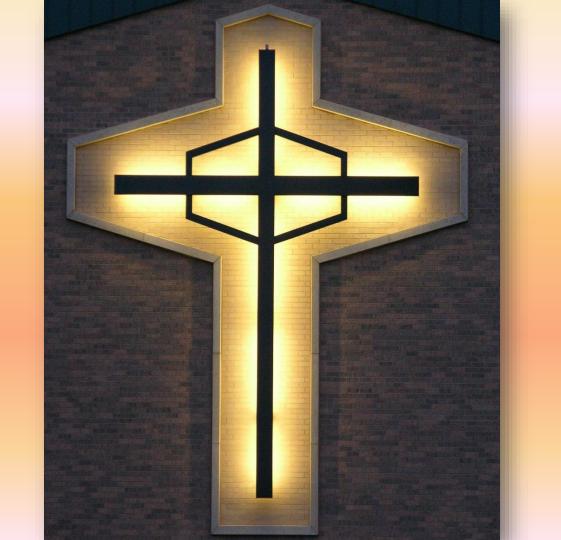
Prayer of the Day

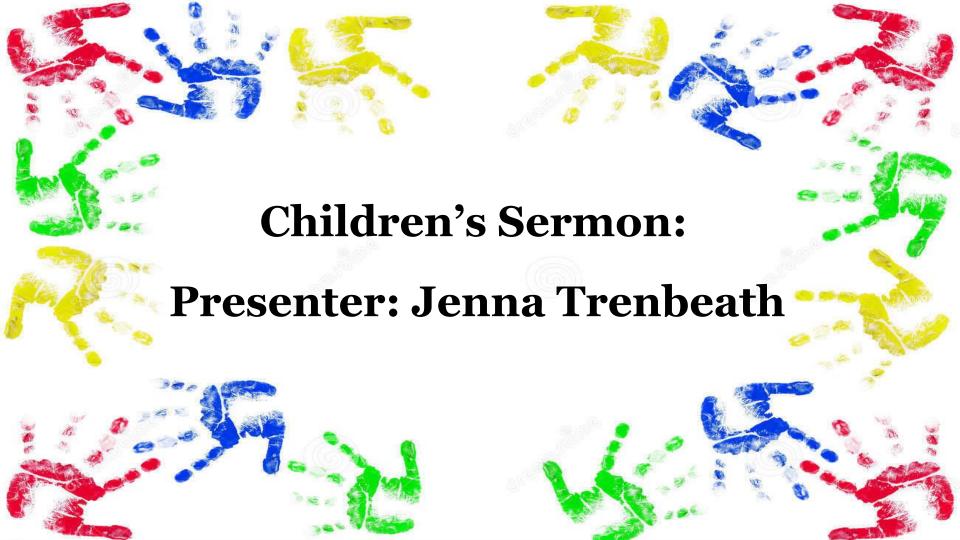
P: Let us pray,

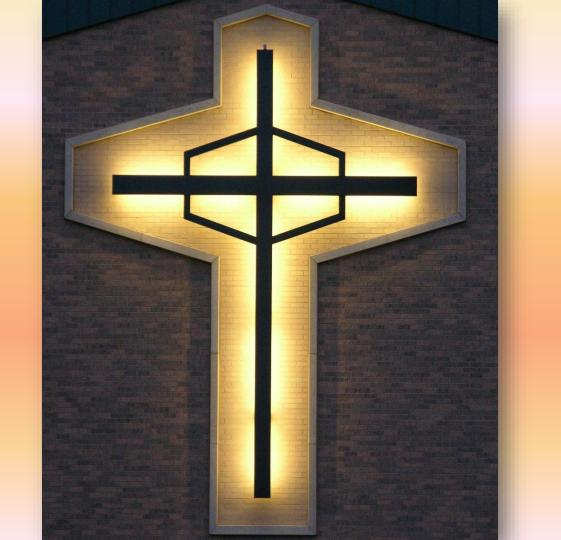
C: Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made,

Prayer Cont'd

C: through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.







First Reading

Acts 16:9-15



9 During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. 11 We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis,



12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. 13 On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.

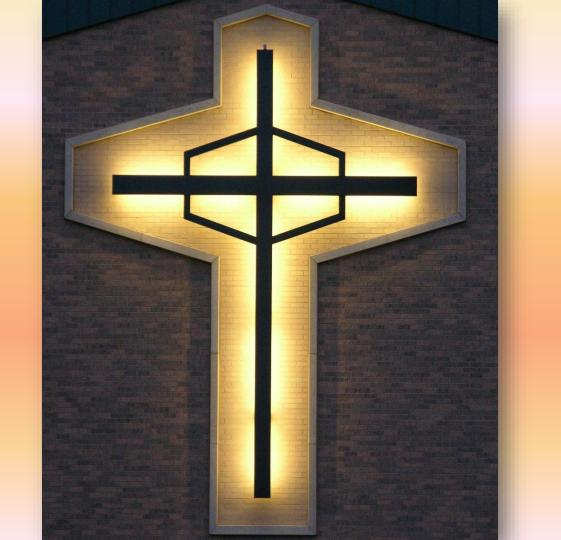


- 14 A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.
- 15 When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.



P: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Psalm

Psalm 67



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May God be merciful to | us and bless us; may the light of God's face | shine upon us.

Let your way be known | upon earth, your saving health a- | mong all nations.



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Let the peoples praise | you, O God; let all the | peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on earth



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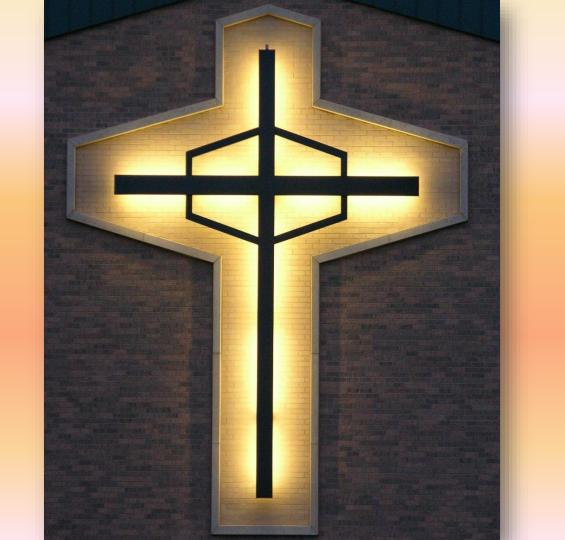
Let the peoples | praise you, O God; let all the | peoples praise you.

The earth has brought | forth its increase; God, our own | God, has blessed us.



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May God | give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe



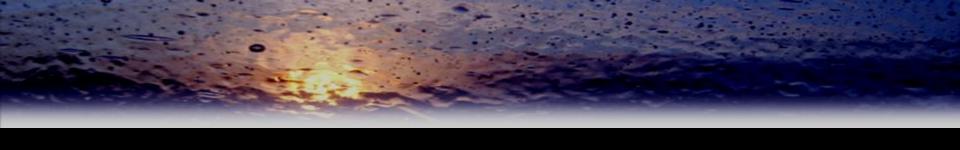
Second Reading

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

10 And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. 22 I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.



24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. 25 Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. 26 People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. 27 But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.



22:1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

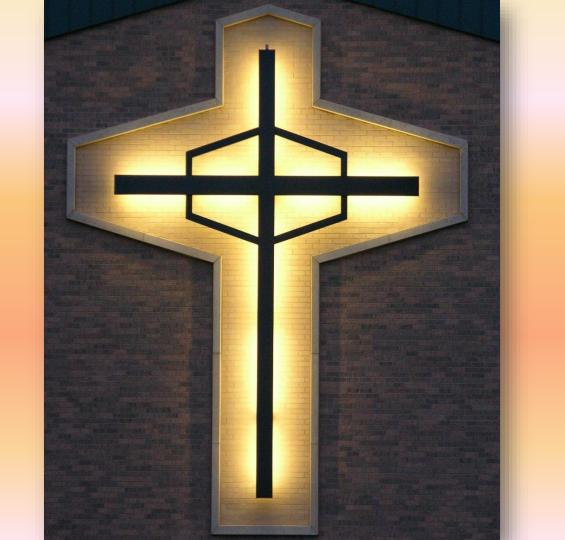


3 Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; 4 they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.



P: Word of God. Word of life.

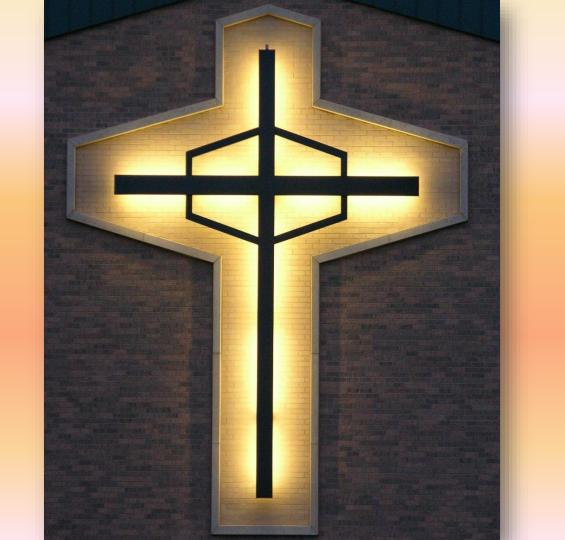
C: Thanks be to God.





Gospel Acclimation ELW # 172

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Gospel

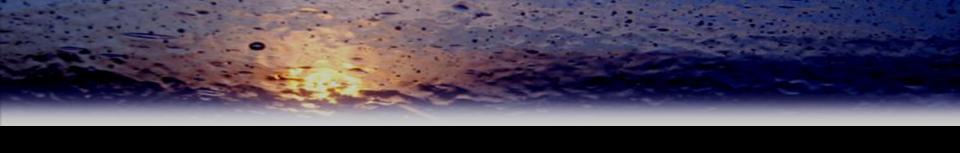
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

23 Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.



25 "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.



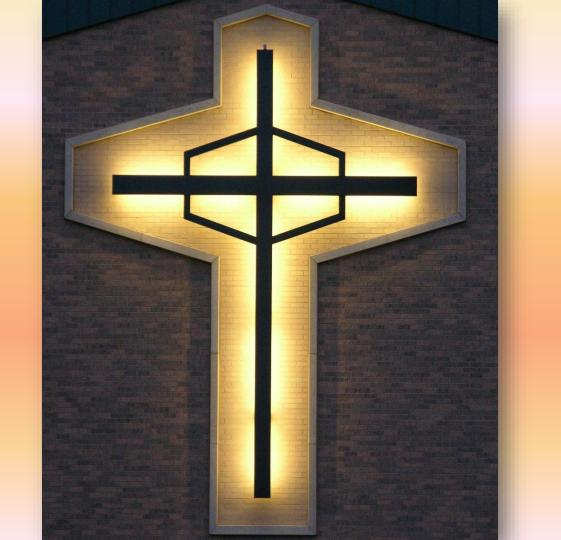
28 You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. 29 And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



Sermon:
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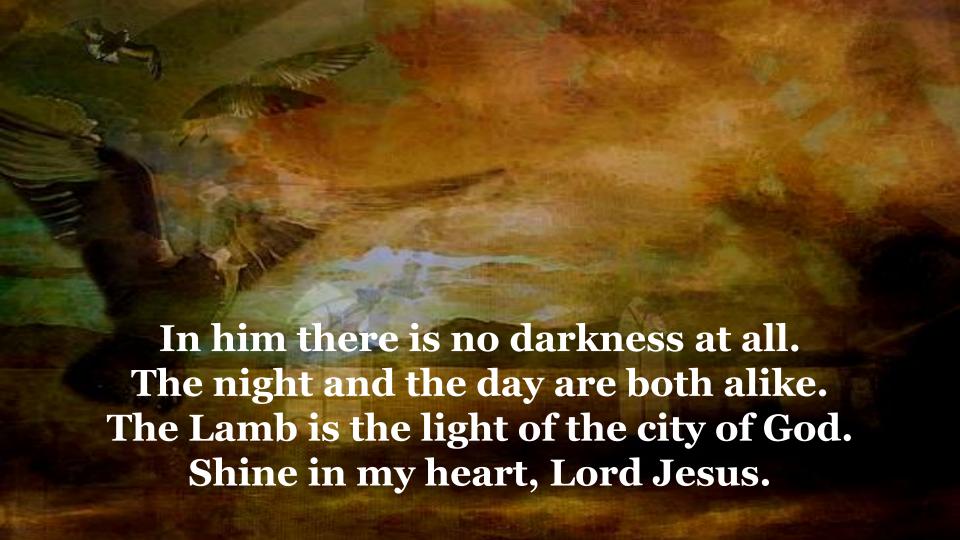
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light ELW #815

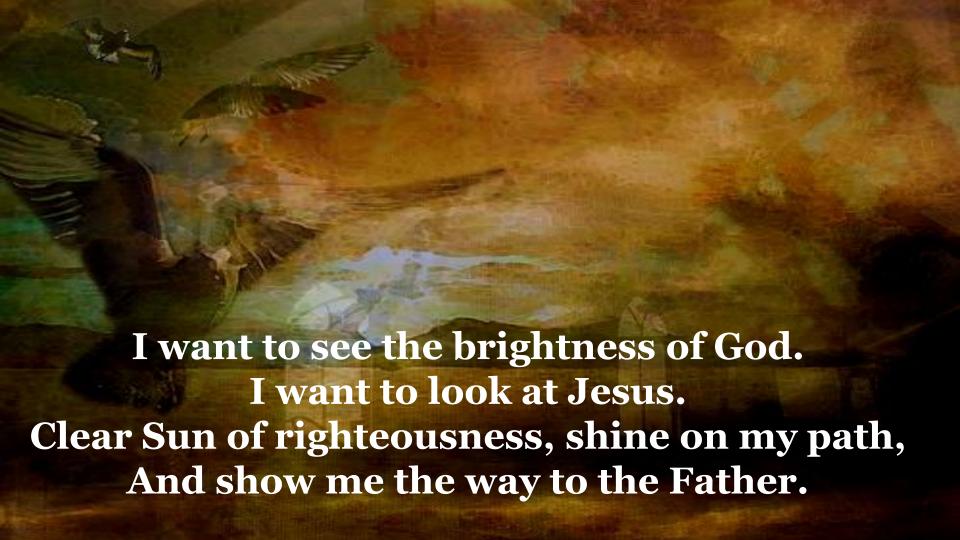
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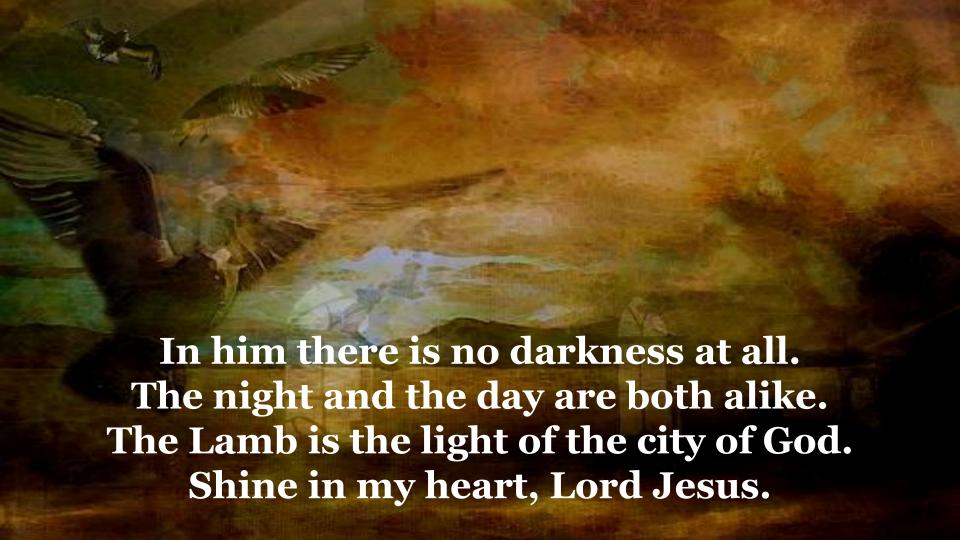
I want to follow Jesus.

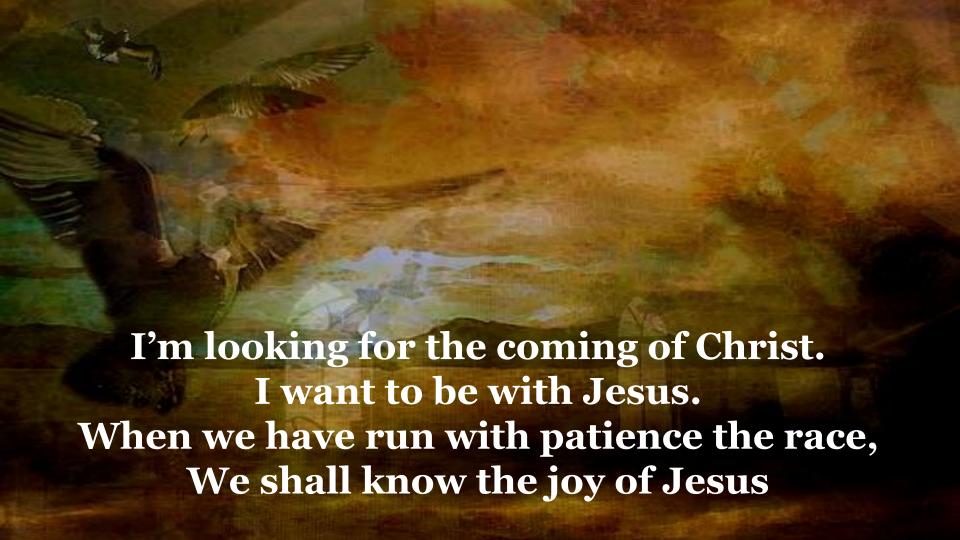
God set the stars to give light to the world.

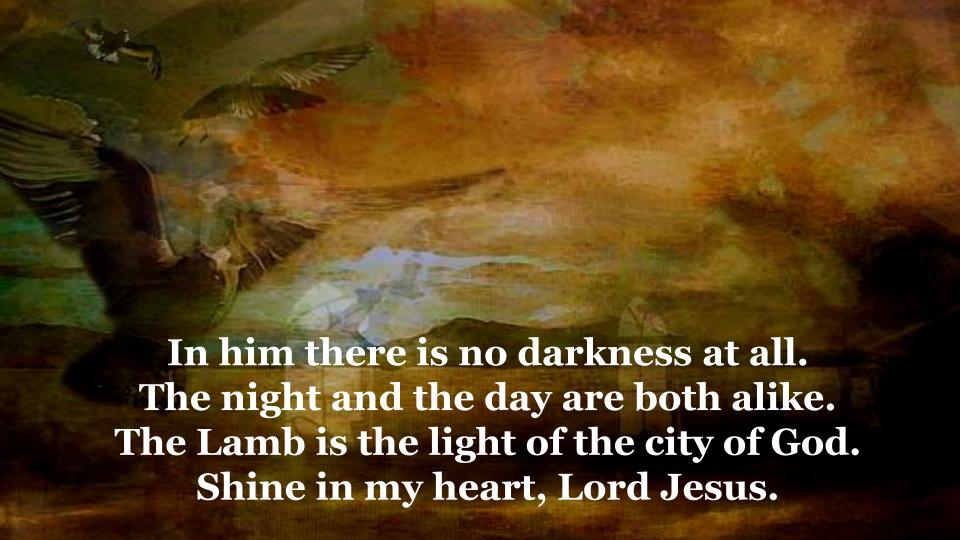
The star of my life is Jesus.

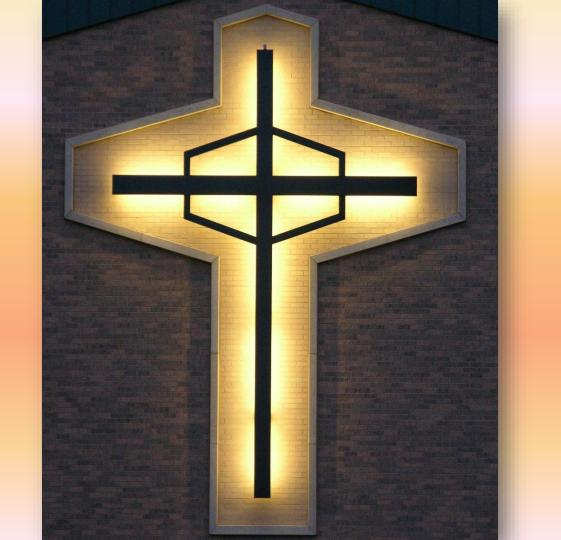












Prayers of Intercession

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

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

C: And also with you.

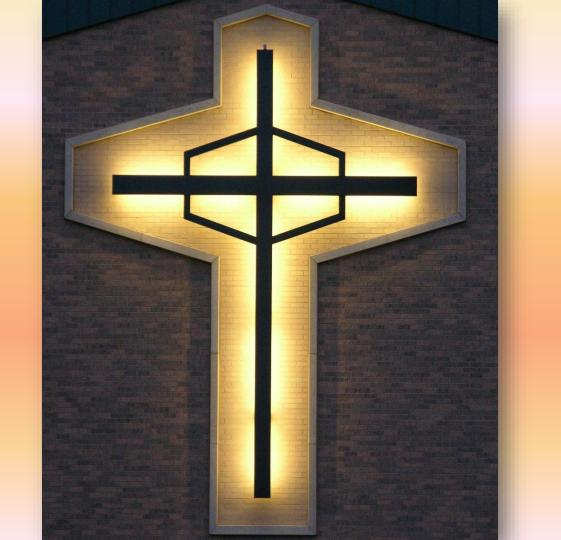
Offertory Anthem

"His Eye is On the Sparrow"

Sandy Knight and Jamie Manzi-Moore

Doxology ELW # 885

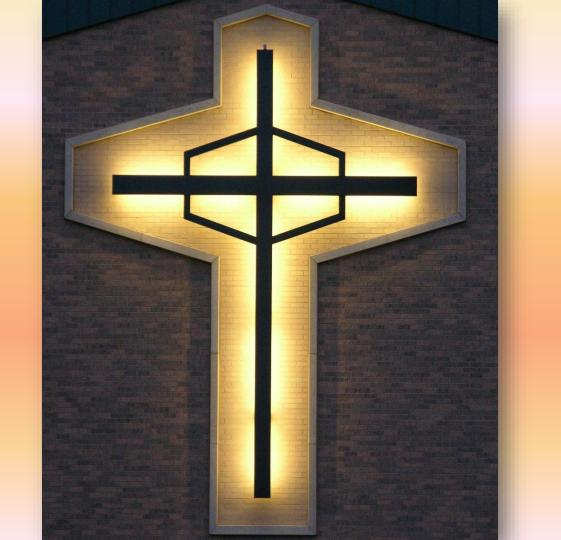
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



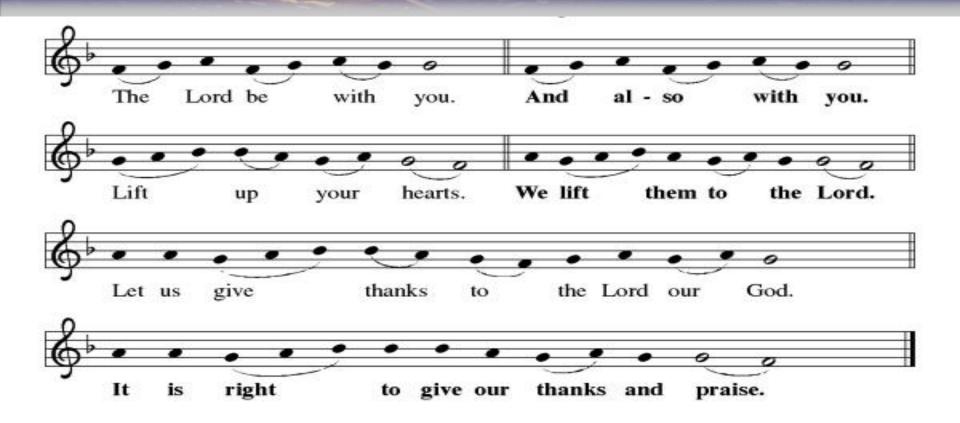
Offertory Prayer

P: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.



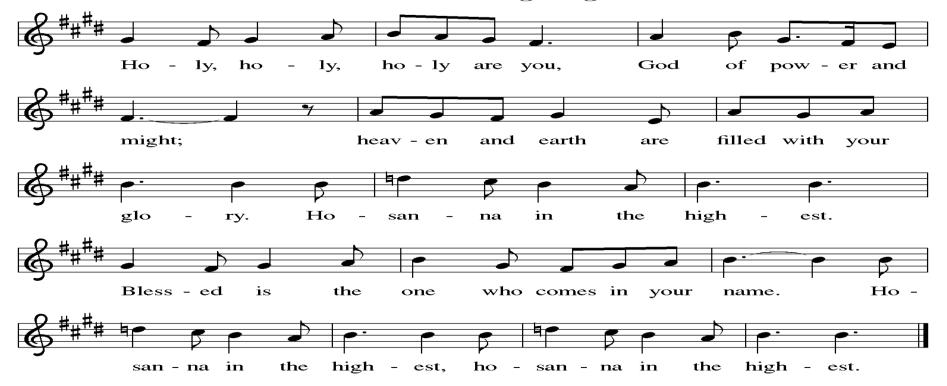
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The Thanksgiving continues.....

Holy, Holy, Holy Great Thanksgiving



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The Thanksgiving continues.....

Christ has Died ELW # 191

Acclamation *Great Thanksgiving*

The acclamation may be sung first by the presiding minister, then repeated by all.



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come, come a - gain.

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Great Amen ELW # 191

Amen Great Thanksgiving

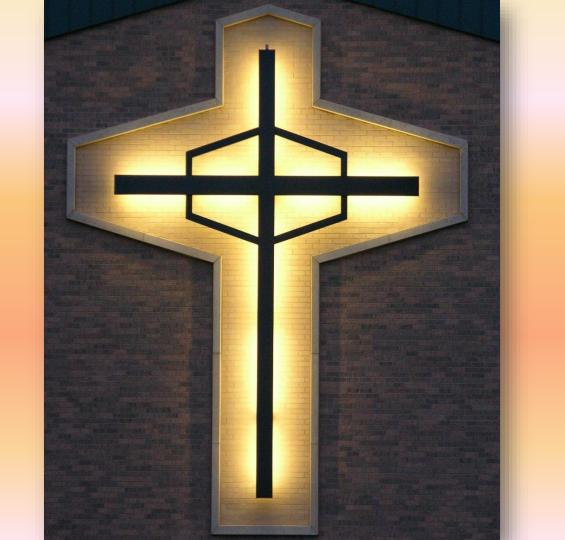


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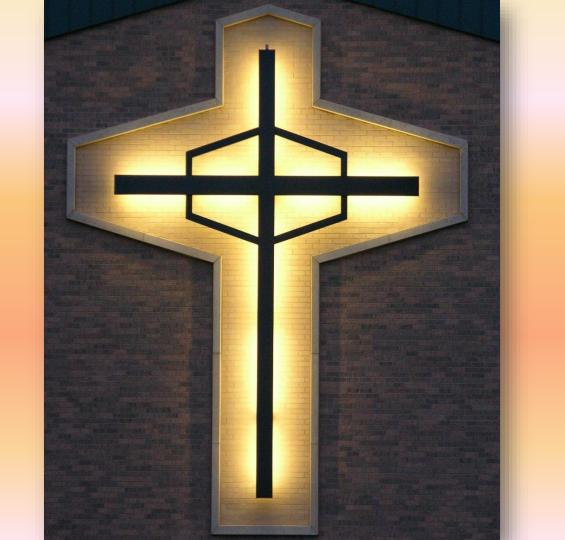
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The Lord's Prayer

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.

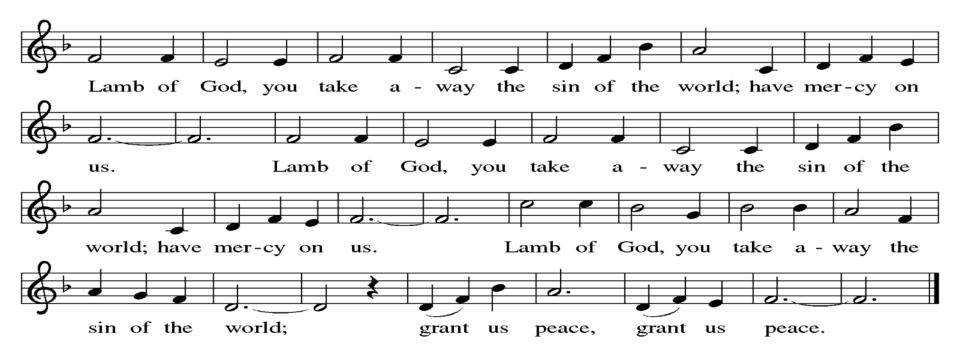


Communion Distribution

Gluten-free wafers are on the stand in front. White grape juice is available on the trays.

There are no outcasts, strangers, or unwelcome guests at Christ's table. All are welcome.

Lamb of God



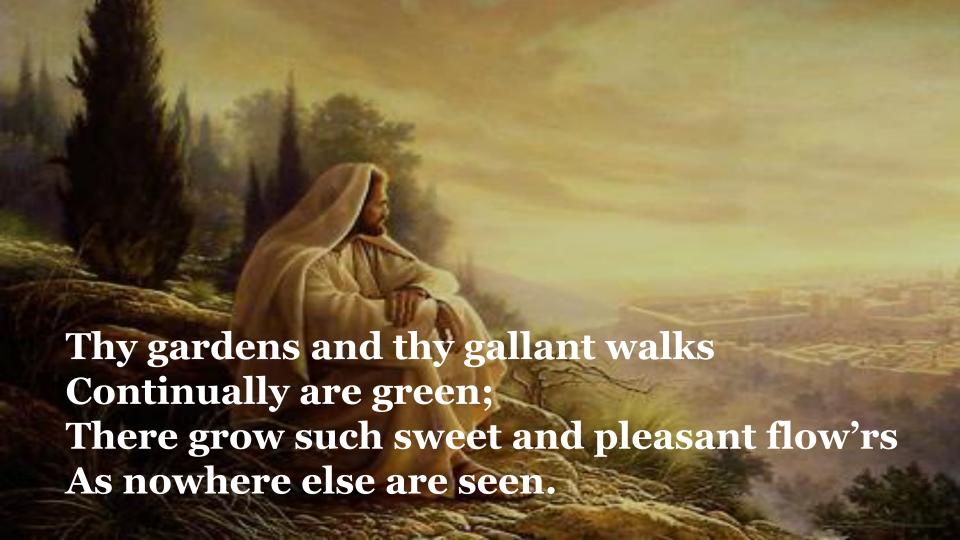
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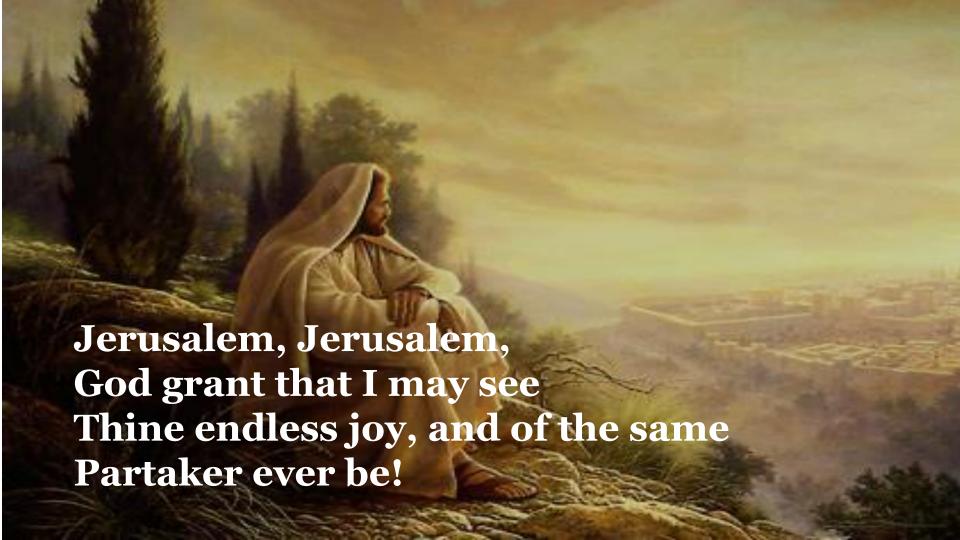
Jerusalem, My Happy Home ELW #628

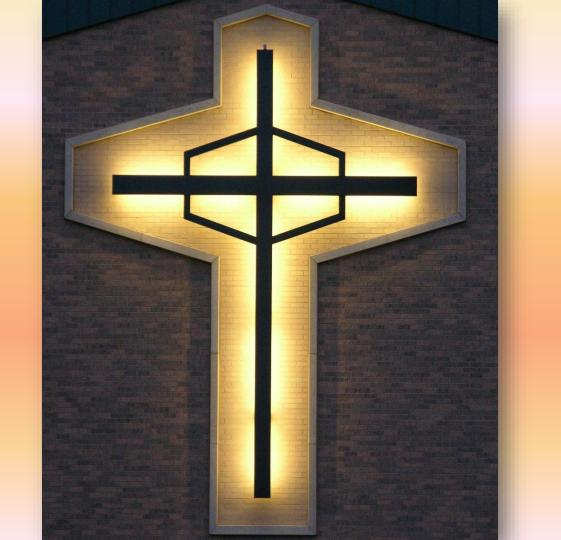
Jerusalem, my happy home, When shall I come to thee? When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?







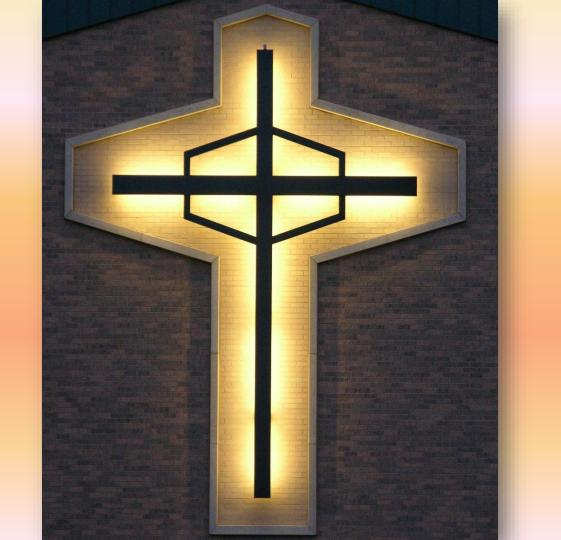




Post-Communion Prayer

P: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

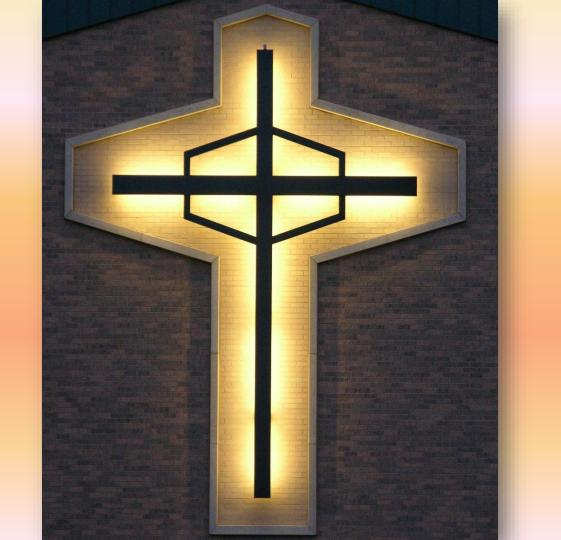
C: Amen.



Post Communion Canticle ELW # 208

Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever! Raising high the weak and lowly thanks be to you forever! Thanks be to you forever!

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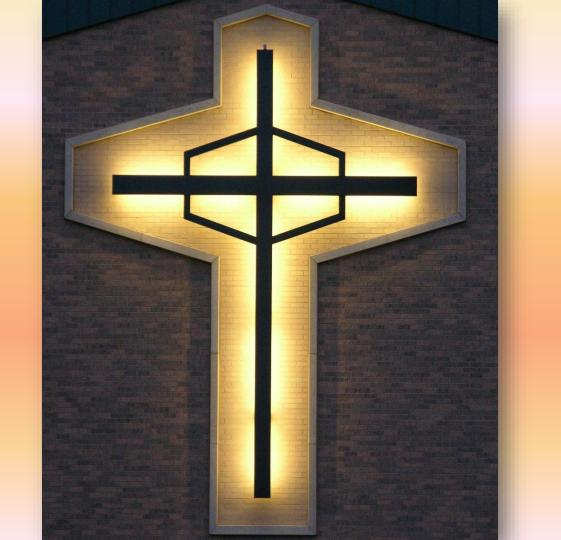
Blessing

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C: Amen.

CCLC Vision Statement:

C: We are all called to be ministers Welcomed by the love of Jesus Christ,
Nurtured in faith by the Holy Spirit,
Sent to share God's promises with others.



We Know That Christ Is Raised ELW # 449

We know that Christ is raised And dies no more. Embraced by death, He broke its fearful hold, And our despair He turned to blazing joy. Hallelujah!



We share by water In his saving death. Reborn, we share With him an Easter life, As living members Of our Savior Christ. Hallelujah!

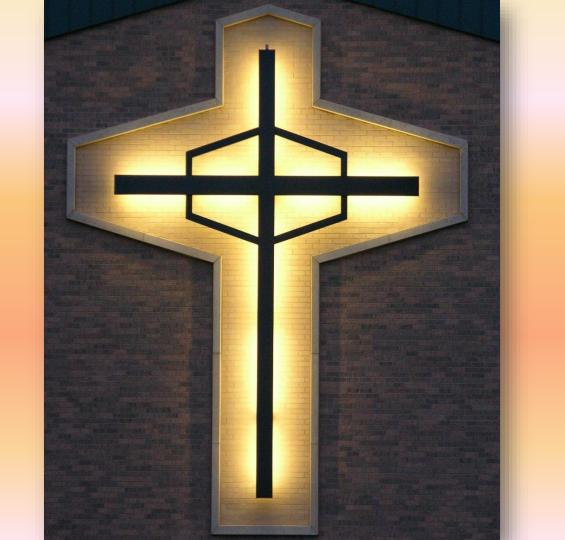


The Father's splendor Clothes the Son with life. The Spirit's fission Shakes the Church of God. Baptized, we live with God The Three in One. Hallelujah!



A new creation comes To life and grows As Christ's new body Takes on flesh and blood. The universe restored And whole will sing: Hallelujah!





Touching Lives with the Love of God

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

"Tribute to the Armed Forces"

Marsha Gullickson

