



## + Seventh Sunday of Easter +

*May 29, Year of our Lord 29 | DS3*

## + Confession and Absolution +

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

*Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5*

- 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.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### Confession of Sins

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

### Absolution

*[John 20:19–23]*

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## + Service of the Word +

### Introit

*Psalm 61:3, 5–8; antiphon: v. 1*



**P** Hear my cry, | O God,\*  
listen | to my prayer;

**C** for you have been my | refuge,\*  
a strong tower against the | enemy.

For you, O God, have | heard my vows;\*  
you have given me the heritage of those who | fear your name.

**Prolong the life | of the king;\***  
may his years endure to all gener- | ations!

May he be enthroned forever be- | fore God;\*  
appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch | over him!

**So will I ever sing praises | to your name,\***  
as I perform my vows day | after day.

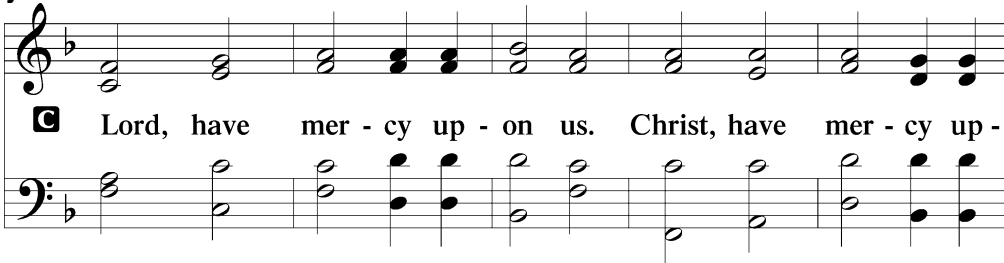
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

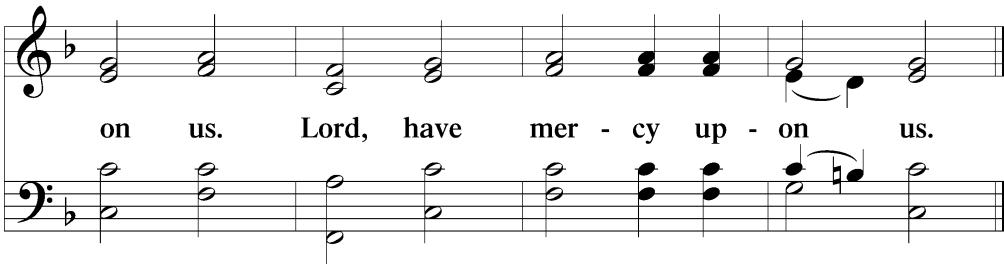
Hear my cry, | O God,\*  
listen | to my prayer.

### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



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



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

## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

**P** Glory be to God on high:

**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

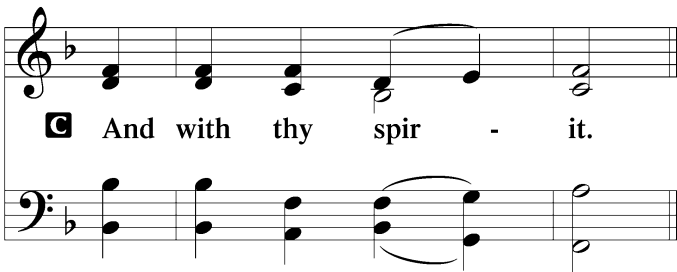
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



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



**P** Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## First Reading

Acts 1:12-26

Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the

upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) “For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; and “‘Let another take his office.’

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual**

*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

**C** **Christ has risen from the dead.**

**God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.  
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;  
he has put all things under his feet.**

### **Epistle**

*Revelation 22:1–20*

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 through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

“And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.”

And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.”

“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

**A** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Verse of the Day

*John 14:18*

**P** Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.

## Triple Alleluia

**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for a triple alleluia. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.' are written below the treble staff, with a 'C' time signature indicating common time. The music is a simple, repetitive melody with a steady rhythm.

## Holy Gospel

*John 17:20–26*

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

**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.



[Jesus said:] "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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

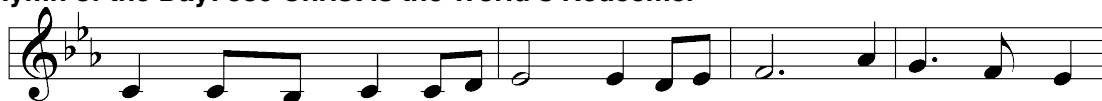
**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose

kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

### Hymn of the Day: 539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer



1 Christ is the world's Re - deem - er, The lov - er of the pure,  
 2 Christ has our host sur - round - ed With clouds of mar - tyrs bright,  
 3 Down through the realm of dark - ness He strode in vic - to - ry,  
 Δ 4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, The un - be - got - ten One,



The font of heav'n-ly wis - dom, Our trust and hope se - cure,  
 Who wave their palms in tri - umph And fire us for the fight.  
 And at the hour ap - point - ed He rose tri - um - phant-ly.  
 All hon - or be to Je - sus, His sole - be - got - ten Son,



The ar - mor of His sol - diers, The Lord of earth and sky,  
 Then Christ the cross as - cend - ed To save a world un - done  
 And now, to heav'n as - cend - ed, He sits up - on the throne  
 And to the Ho - ly Spir - it— The per - fect Trin - i - ty.



Our health while we are liv - ing, Our life when we shall die.  
 And, suf - f'ring for the sin - ful, Our full re - demp - tion won.  
 Whence He had ne'er de - part - ed, His Fa - ther's and His own.  
 Let all the worlds give an - swer: A - men! So let it be.

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**+ Sermon +**

Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12

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 -

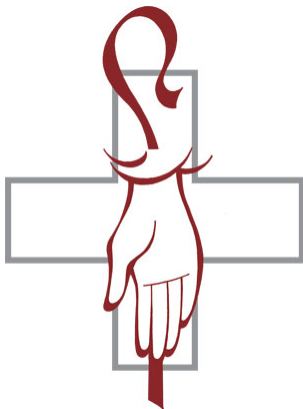
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.



## Announcement of Offering and Greetings of Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

## Prayers to God on Behalf of...



World: Praying for the end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia** (and preservation of life and land). Comfort for Buffalo shooting victims.

Community: Land and property restoration in Wears Valley and Pigeon Forge area after this past week's brush fires. **Pastor Larry & Jean Rockemann** lost their home in the fire.

Vocation: **Casey Lawson** (Airforce). Recent High School Graduates: **Carter Felt, Matthew Hebar, Rebecca Johnson, Colin Stout, Faith Uebelacker, and Camden Smolter.**

Mourning: Family of **Mary "Charlene" Millsap** (Cathy Wacker's mother who passed in Bonner Springs, KS). Family of **Casey Cheney**. Family of **Ron Smith** (Billye Raye's brother) who passed away 4/23. Family of **Janet Price**, friend of Sharon Felker, who passed away in Michigan on the 4/4 and also family of Sharon's sister-in-law, **Sharon Stubelt**, who passed away 4/12 from cancer. **Lowizer** family in Collierville, TN (friends of Judy Kalkitis). Family of **Hope Lurstema** (Rebecca Keyes's mother). Family of **Tamra DeHaven**.

Health: **Jeanne Lindenfelser** stg. 3 lung cancer treatment when she returns from WI. **Callie** (granddaughter of Tammy Clemmer) collapsed lung, **Lisa Gift** upcoming gallstone procedure, **Aurora Stevens** kidney stones, **Debbie Johnston** kidney health, **Tim Smith** (heart health, hospitalized this past week), **Ted Frazier** (recovering from car accident). Steve Kaiser's mother **Louise** (age 92) in Indiana (recovering from heart valve procedure). Mike Gould's friend **Jolene Cline** (stage 4 cancer). **Tom Williams** healing from heart procedure and awaiting ICD implant. **Bob Heckman** wound care for lower leg. **Theresa Lindsay** chemotherapy. **Cindy** (Laura's Bisconte's mom) upcoming eye procedure for macular hole. **Pastor John Schulz** (emeritus at First Lutheran) cancer treatments and **Gloria** (recent mini-stroke). **Brian Rose** (friend of Catherine Boute) health for kidney transplant donated from his wife. **Sharon Yoder** recovering from sub-cranial brain bleed. **Larry Wacker** (broken pelvis recovery, also for his lung condition); Jeanne Lindenfelser's friend Marge's cousin **Sandy** health (cancer in remission, but health suffering from therapy). Andrew Hebar's Aunt **Kara**

(struggling from cancer treatments). **Connie** (Andrew Hebar's friend) brain and lung cancer. Aurora's son **Stevie**. Kenna Chorney's mother: **Gail Rieman** (healing of wounds). **Dick Mohr** (lung condition improvement). **Bill** (Cathy Wacke's father) dementia, health. **Christy**, Kim Smolter's cousin, health and mourning. **Lee Schuck** (broken hip recovery). **Larry & Janeen Meier** (Maureen's sister and brother-in-law ) health. **Carolyn Gaugert** (sister-in-law to Sharon Yoder) health.

**Birthdays:** Maureen R 5/30, Vicky G 5/31, Jerald J 6/4, Lily N 6/4, June McD 6/10, William S 6/10, Joshua W 6/11, Lisa W 6/11

**Anniversaries:** George & Carole V 6/1, Eugene & Vicky G 6/5, Mark & Sharon Y 6/5, Jeff & Susan J 6/6, Larry & Phyllis B 6/11, Steven & Rosalyn L 6/14, Ted & Myrna F 6/15, Levi & Suzanne N 6/23, Al & Sally C 6/27, Tom & Corlis W 6/28

### Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**

**Benediction** for those worshipping via the livestream

## + **Service of the Sacrament** +

### **A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that

they may show forth His death and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those who come forward to eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord's Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

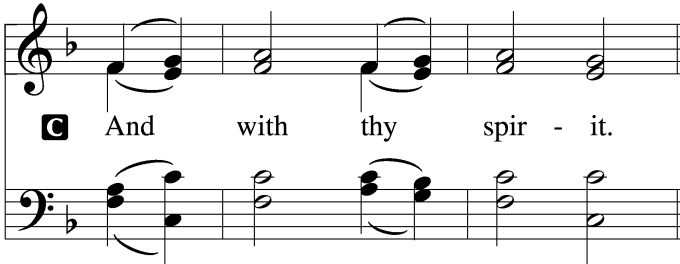


**Preface**

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*



**P** The Lord be with you.



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



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**G** 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.

### Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

### The Words of Our Lord

*Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:22-26; Lk 22:14-23; 1 Cor 11:23-25.*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

*John 20:19*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

*John 1:29*

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.



**Distribution**

Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church’s teachings prior to taking the Lord’s Supper (Communion) at Praise.

**Distribution Hymn: 821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

**Distribution Hymn 829 Christ the Eternal Lord**

**Distribution Hymn: 678 We Sing for All the Unsung Saints**

**Distribution Hymn: 652 Father, We Thank Thee**

**Nunc Dimittis**

*Luke 2:29–32*

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Thanksgiving**

*Psalms 107:1*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**Post-Communion Collect**

**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.

Musical notation for the word "Amen". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics "A - men." are written below the treble staff.

### Salutation

*2 Timothy 4:22*

Musical notation for the phrase "The Lord be with you." It consists of a single treble clef staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written in the treble clef. The lyrics "The Lord be with you." are written below the staff.

Musical notation for the phrase "And with thy spirit." It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics "And with thy spir - it." are written below the treble staff.

### Benedicamus

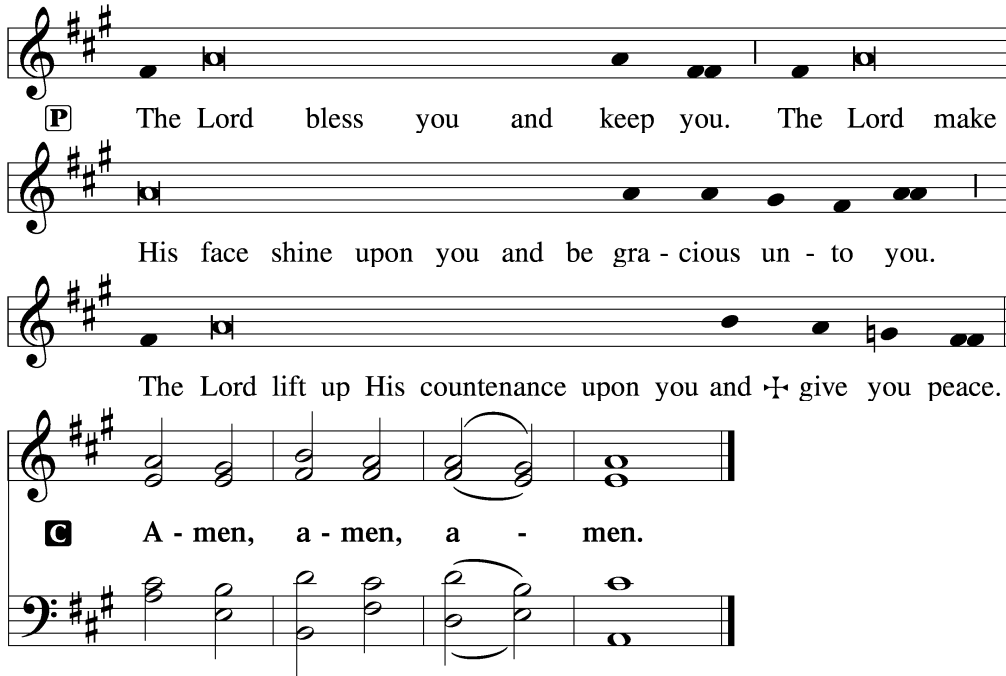
*Psalms 103:1*

Musical notation for the phrase "Bless we the Lord." It consists of a single treble clef staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written in the treble clef. The lyrics "Bless we the Lord." are written below the staff.

Musical notation for the phrase "Thanks be to God." It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics "Thanks be to God." are written below the treble staff.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*



**P** 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.

**C** A - men, a - men, a - men.

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## Announcements

**Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday** (wear red to match the liturgical color of the day) with Rites of Confirmation and First Communion. Examination of catechumens will take place during Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.

**Collecting Special Gifts for Members in Need:** specifically calling for help for Pastor Jasper and his family in Kenya.

**Mailboxes at Praise are ready!** Recently, additional mailboxes were made (thank you Steve Kaiser, Jim Roberts, and Mike Wales) and have been readied for service. Please take a look and notice where your box is located.

**Important Dates for VBS:** The next planning meeting for VBS will be held June 6 to discuss plans and supplies. VBS will be held from 7/18 through 7/21, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Road Trip?** Plans are being made for interested members of Praise to travel to the first Henkel Conference, a conference devoted to Christian Theology and Cultural Engagement, Mon-Tues, Aug. 22-24, at Ascension Lutheran Church in Madison, TN. Visit [www.asensionmadison.com/henkel](http://www.asensionmadison.com/henkel) to learn more. Stay tuned for details about travel (carpool) and places we could stay.

### *This week*

**Choir** this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

**Youth: Movie Night** on Wed, June 1 *The Jesus Film (DVD)*

**Ladies Bible Study** Thurs at 10:00 a.m. at Praise (pericope study led by Barbara Morsch)

**Men's Lunch** (weekly): Thurs. at 11:30 a.m. Location this week: *announced after church*

### *Next week and beyond*

**CPR and First Aid Training** (and/or recertification) will be offered at the church sometime in May or June. Please sign-up to indicate your interest.